

Voters favor incumbent Tanya Davis for County Attorney

by Janet Felderhoff
Only one race was contested at the local level in the primary elections held March 4. Incumbent County Attorney Tanya Davis was challenged in the Republican primary by Lanhon Odom. Voters picked Davis by 59.59 percent. Davis received 1789 votes to Odom's 983. With no opponent from the Democratic Party, Davis will keep her job as county attorney for another four years.

Cooke County had a low voter participation rate. Only about 19 percent of the registered voters bothered to take part. According to County Clerk Evelyn Walterscheid, there are roughly 20,000 registered voters in the county. Only 3,749 took part in the primary elections. There were 3,002 Republican voters and 747 Democratic voters.

"I think it was partly due to people thinking that the Presidential candidates were already decided," remarked Mrs. Walterscheid on the low turnout. "One thing that did bring out voters was the referendum on the Republican ticket." It asked voter opinion on student initiated prayer being allowed at sporting events. She said that many voters asked why it wasn't on the Democratic ballot. Some even crossed party lines to vote on the issue.

In Cooke County the vote was 2714 for prayer and 67 against. That meant it would have passed by 97.5 percent.

Muenster Precincts #17 and #18 had a total of 74 and 273 voters, respectively. In #17 there were 68 Republican voters and 6 Democrat while #18 had 259 Republican voters and 14 Democratic voters.

Republican Presidential nominee contender George W. Bush swept the county taking

91.60 percent of his Party's votes. John McCain received 4.13 percent and Alan Keyes took 2.63 percent. Al Gore led the list of Democratic nominees taking 82.96 percent of his Party's votes in Cooke County. The other votes were divided with Bill Bradley receiving 14.96 percent and Lyndon LaRouche Jr. taking 2.07 percent. Bush and Gore have received enough votes to be assured of their respective party's nomination to run for the office of President.

Republican Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison was unopposed. She received a show of support in Cooke County of 90 Percent. Her opponent on the Democratic ticket will be Gene Kelly. In the county Democrats supported Kelly with 126 votes; Don Clark with 306; Charles Gandy with 110 votes.

US Rep. Ralph Hall, Dist. #4 was unopposed on the Democratic ticket. County Democrats gave him 619 votes or 86.69 percent of the votes. His Republican counterparts Mark Peterman received 856 votes or 28.85 percent of the county party votes and Jon Newton received 1417 or 47.75 percent. Newton won his party's nomination and will face Hall this November.

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton took 2,405 of his Party's votes. To keep his job Compton must defeat Democrat Johnny Koonce who received 574 of his Party's votes.

The race is on for Commissioner Precinct #3. Incumbent Jerry Lewis received 196 Democratic votes (92.45 percent). Frank Rust of Era tallied 456 Republican votes (70.37 percent).

These totals are unofficial as of press time. They haven't yet been canvassed.

Body identified

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #4 John Roane said that the body found in northwestern Cooke County on March 5 has been positively identified as that of Bridgette Powers. Powers, age 44, had been reported missing since late November.

Several attempts by the Cooke County Sheriff's Dept. to find Powers on her property in northwestern Cooke County had failed. On March 5 Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton and his deputies were joined

by a professional volunteer Search and Rescue Team. The Team quickly located the body on the property.

Powers was born in Wichita Falls, Texas. Her family later moved to Wisconsin. Bridgette became a university graduate, worked in Wisconsin several years, then moved to Texas.

Judge Roane said that apparently there was no trauma or foul play involved in Powers' death, but final results will not be available for several weeks or more.

ABBA fundraiser set for March 25

ABBA Women's Center, a crisis pregnancy center serving Cooke County and surrounding areas, will host David Barton and Karen McKearan for their annual fundraising dinner, Saturday, Mar. 25 at Saint Peter's Centennial Hall in Lindsay at 6 p.m.

David Barton is the founder and president of Wallbuilders, a national pro-family organization which distributes historical, legal and statistical information, and helps citizens become active in their local school and communities. Wallbuilders seeks to energize the grassroots today to rebuild that which makes America strong - its constitutional moral and religious foundations.

Vocalist Karen McKearan will entertain. She has performed in numerous musicals in the North Texas area. McKearan has also written several songs and has various co-written and individual projects in progress, including an album made up of original material consisting of pop, light rock, and progressive country music.



David Barton

In addition to a guest speaker and entertainment, there will be a dinner, door prizes and a silent auction.

Tickets are on sale now and seating is limited. Call ABBA at 940-668-6391, or 668-7626 or 726-3582 for ticket information. Tickets will also be sold this weekend outside of Sacred Heart Church after every Mass.

Champs named at Youth Fair

The annual Cooke County Youth Fair was climaxed Saturday, March 11 with the selling of 250 projects.

Hundreds of youth from across Cooke County and adult supporters converged in The Cooke County Fairgrounds show barn for the three day event which began Thursday, March 9.

Judging began at noon Thursday and continued till late Friday evening. A good size crowd watched the judging throughout the two days.

The show was open to Cooke County 4-H, FHA, FFA, and

Home Ec members and included breeding and market poultry, equine, sheep, cattle, goats, rabbits, swine, and a wide variety of creative arts, food, metal, and wood projects.

The concluding auction Saturday afternoon began with the sale of the champions, by auctioneers Milton Ward and Ken Pearse.

Results were as follows: The grand champion steer, shown by Dustin Bryant was purchased by Martindale Feed Mill for \$3000. Muenster Milling bought Jared Anderson's reserve champion

steer for \$2300.

Matthew Grewing's grand champion county bred steer was purchased by James Wood for \$1600. Brad Felderhoff's reserve champion county bred steer was also bought by James Wood for \$1100.

The grand champion barrow, shown by Hal Ray Spears of Era FFA, was purchased by Red River Farm Co-op and Wolf Equine Products for \$1100. Future Equipment bought Lindsay Hughes' reserve barrow for \$1300.

Courtney Haverkamp's champion meat goat went to

Friends of Muenster for \$700. Jennifer Alcorn's reserve champion meat goat was purchased by James Wood for \$500.

Grand champion rabbit shown by Brandy Dangelmayr was purchased by Karl Klement Ford of Muenster for \$350. Flusche Enterprises bought Megan Dangelmayr's reserve champion for \$300.

Bullard Construction took Kacey Stobaugh's grand champion lamb for \$2000, while Alan Ritchey purchased Dustin Rucks' reserve for \$1500.

Mark Lutkenhaus sold his grand champion broiler to Lindsay Youth and Gainesville Livestock for \$300. Mosman Trucking purchased the reserve broiler, shown by Paul Jones, for \$300.

Joseph Davis' champion food was purchased by Muenster Friends for \$250, and reserve champion food shown by Debra Dangelmayr was sold to James Wood for \$250.

Ellen Bezner's champion clothing went to Lindsay Youth Supporters for \$250. Reserve clothing shown by Jennie Stiles was sold to First American Bank for \$300.

Tiffany Eurick's grand champion creative art project was purchased by Cooke County Farm Bureau for \$225. Reserve champ clothing shown by Kristin Smith was sold to Muenster Friends for \$200.

Lindsay Youth Supporters paid \$250 for Adam Anderle's grand metal shop project, and also purchased the reserve champion from Anna Calhoun for \$225.

Klement Ford of Muenster purchased Elliot Klement's See YOUTH FAIR, pg 8



John and Erin Wyrick, Lindsay 4-H exhibitors, groom their dairy calf Friday in preparation of showing in the Cooke County Youth Fair. More show pictures can be found on pages 8 and 9. Photo by Janie Hartman

Building boom cuts into Precinct #2's budget

by Janet Felderhoff

Southeastern Cooke County has been developing at a rapid rate over the past several years. According to Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox, there are currently plans to build about 300 new homes in subdivisions in his precinct. These are outside of any city limits and therefore come under the county's jurisdiction.

"It's killing me," said Cox of the financial and time investments required by his precinct to meet the needs of these subdivisions. All culverts and signs required by home owners and subdivisions up until this time have been provided by and installed by the county. "It's been our policy for the county to put in culverts for driveways to homes," he noted. "It (culvert) is sold at cost to the homeowner."

Cox said it takes two men an average of five hours to install a culvert. His employees deliver it to the location, put it in place, bring in a backhoe and put in any necessary fill gravel. He estimated that the gravel costs an average of \$60 per culvert. Also to be considered is the wear and tear on equipment.

A committee headed by County Judge Bill Harris studied the subdivision regulations and new state requirements. Their findings were used to develop some new regulations and to make improvements to some already existing ones. At the March 13 meetings Commissioners Court unanimously adopted the regulations as submitted and they become effective immediately for all future subdivisions.

Some of the new regulations include:

- Cost and installation of culverts in subdivisions are the responsibility of the developers, subdividers, or home owner. The county must be consulted and approve of the culvert before it is installed.

- Street sign installation and expense is the responsibility of the subdivider. This doesn't include STOP signs, but does include one such as CATTLE Xing. These must also be preapproved by the county.

- The radius turn around minimum for a cul de sac is now 60 feet, not 50 feet.

- TNRC must approve the availability and quality of

water for a subdivision before it is approved.

A complete list of the new regulations is available at the Commissioners office in the courthouse. Cox said that the county will still provide culverts for individual property owners who have lived in the county as in the past.

Commissioners voted 5-0 to contribute \$2,500 as Cooke County's share of the expense of the Third Annual Hazardous Waste Collection event. "This is a good deal," endorsed Commissioner Jerry Lewis. "It gets rid of paints, poisons, pesticides, car tires, and other hazardous materials. It's a good place to get rid of your poisons and stuff that are really bad and they don't ask any questions." The collection site will again be behind the MidWay Mall in Sherman.

The date of the collection is April 29. Those interested should watch area newspapers for more information.

Two new speed zones were approved for Precinct #2. They were requested by residents at the suggestion of the Texas Department of Transportation. Approved was a 45 mph

starting at FM 372, heading south on Prairie Grove Road and ending at Shady Lane Road. Also set at 45 mph is a zone starting at Shady Lane Road, heading south on North Shore Land and ending at FM 922.

Judge Harris informed the Court that he'd received a letter from the Comptroller of Public Accounts asking if the county wished to participate in the sales tax free day in August which was designed to help with back to school shopping expenses. If the county chooses not to participate, a Public Hearing must be held. The deadline is March 31. No decision could be voted since this wasn't an agenda item. It will be placed on the March 27 agenda if the Court feels action is required.

Gilbert Hermes is in charge of the testing of potential Census employees in Cooke County. He reported that he'd tested 355, but that his quota had been upped and he needs 120 more. Those who are interested in working between 20 and 40 hours a week for the next two months should contact Hermes at 665-4617 See CENSUS, pg 3

Knight's collections balloon didn't float

by Janet Felderhoff

At the February regular meeting of Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) board member Marvin Knight suggested that CCAD no longer serve as a tax collections service for entities. It would do only appraisals, as do many county appraisal districts.

Concerned about the proposed change, area independent school district superintendents Travis Winn of Lindsay, Bill Alcorn of Era, and Terry Lopic of Callisburg attended the March 9 CCAD meeting.

"I felt like it was to be brought up," Knight said of his proposal to discontinue the collection service. "I really did not get any positive response back and so... I would like to withdraw and let us continue the collections. I floated a balloon and it didn't fly." He

questioned the superintendents on their feelings. "I don't have any problems with the system as it is now," replied Winn. "I've kind of got one stop shopping here." Alcorn said, "You're saving tax dollars that can be used towards education. It would cost me considerable more money to try to collect my own taxes." Lopic echoed the sentiments of the other two superintendents.

Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson informed the Board that he'd finally been able to locate someone who acts as a consultant for evaluation of office efficiency and equipment adequacy. Smithson noted that the man seemed very knowledgeable. Consulting work he's done has included Collin County. No action was taken and the matter will be considered at the next meeting.

Smithson and several employees visited various sites to check out different computer systems during the past week. The CPS Software Company currently serving CCAD filed for bankruptcy and a new company must be found.

Smithson said that he'd like enough information in the next two weeks to be able to go out for bids on a new computer system. "We're getting on a timeline with this thing because there are eight other CPS clients out there looking for the same thing," remarked Smithson. "What happens is first come, first serve and it's a line to get the conversion."

The Board voted 5-0 to have Smithson go out for bids for a new company when comfortable (with the perimeters) and then present the bids to the Board. Smithson and five other employees, the head of each

department, visit the offices of the different computer company. They evaluate the pros and cons of each one and will make a joint decision about what is best to recommend for CCAD.

"I'm looking at both collections and appraisals to be sure that they integrate and work well together," noted Smithson.

During the segment set aside for board comments, discussion centered on the CCAD's performance in accord with suggested deadline dates for certain services. "So many of the dates are where it says by such and such or as soon as is practicable thereafter," noted Charlie McHorse. "Some of the entities are taking those dates as the law as the date." Fellow board member Marvin Knight stated that they needed to get as close to that see APPRAISALS, pg 3

College of the State Bar of Texas honors two local attorneys



ISSUE UPDATE

with *Mac Thornberry*

Mac

Increasing Our Energy Independence Will Help Reduce the Pain We're Feeling at the Pump

If you've filled up your gas tank in the last couple weeks, you've noticed the price increase at the pump.

A gallon of gas is expected to cost over \$1.60 by summer. It's hard to believe that little over a year ago that same gallon cost less than 80 cents.

Now, a lot of people are blaming OPEC and the other major oil-producing nations for cutting production and driving prices up. While they clearly are the reason for this increase, our own government is also somewhat responsible because it has failed to make oil production here at home a higher national priority.

The facts speak for themselves. The United States is now producing less oil than at any time since World War II. Since the start of the Clinton Administration in 1993, U.S. oil production has gone

down 17 percent while consumption has increased 14 percent. We now import around 57 percent of the oil we use. In 1973, we imported just 35 percent.

The U.S. may not be as "oil-rich" as some other countries, but we do have enough to make a difference and cut our dependence on foreign oil. Marginal wells in the U.S. alone would produce as much oil as we import from Saudi Arabia each year.

We need to provide producers incentives to keep these wells open. We also need to do more to encourage domestic exploration and cut federal regulations.

The bottom line is that producing more oil at home will strengthen our economic and national security.

It will also help reduce some of the ups and downs we see at the pump.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 131 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515, or through his website at www.house.gov/thornberry/

Judge Jerry Wayne Woodlock of Gainesville and Phillip S. King of Weatherford were included among 4,100 attorneys recognized as members of the College of the State Bar of Texas, during its Annual Awards Luncheon in Austin on Feb. 5, 2000.

The College was created in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year. To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a three-year period, or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete at least 30 hours of CLE, each year, twice the number of hours required of all lawyers in Texas.

Use caution about living trusts, annuities, and L.T. care insurance

There are many local luncheon promotions being provided by agents selling three products in the Texoma region. Our citizens need to know that these products are not necessarily the best solutions for them and they need to meet personally with their own attorney and accountant before buying in to either: (1) Living Trusts (2) Long-term Care Insurance (3) Annuities. Do not be convinced by scare tactics and not always correct or applicable information when considering any purchase.

All of the above could be beneficial, but could also be very damaging, depending upon your individual situation. Examples of problems potentially incurred would be (1) being denied Medicaid when a sudden need may arise, (2) spending many thousands of dollars when not necessary, (3) tying up funds which may be

needed more often or in different amounts than allowed. There is no guarantee that a Living Trust cannot be challenged just as a Will could be challenged, and the tax laws are changing involving trusts. There is no guarantee that you will ever require long term care and, if you should, you may qualify for Medicaid or may be able to fund your care without depleting your estate. There are more profitable interests available than the interest from some annuities, and you are not restricted to access of your funds. This is common sense, not legal counsel. These products are big investments and can affect your future.

To avoid being put into a jeopardizing situation, meet with a reputable local attorney when considering estate planning rather than taking the word of someone selling the products. It is better to have direct communication and

accessibility with your attorney than with some out of town sponsoring attorney. According to local estate planning attorneys, there may also be an issue under the ethics codes of the State Bar of Texas and American Bar with a "sponsoring" attorney who lends his name to sell products which require legal counsel and that attorney never meets with the individuals to provide counsel. If a selling promoter/agent who is not an attorney provides you counseling on living trusts, they are practicing law without a license. Research the items you have an interest in before making purchases. Make sure all your questions are satisfactorily answered and that the product really does meet your needs. Every person has unique concerns and situations which are not always met by massively sold products.

Lone Star Federal Association Land Bank declares \$1,000,000 patronage refund

Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association's strong financial performance permitted the Board and management to authorize a \$1 million patronage distribution to the stockholders. Providing the best service at the lowest possible cost is how the association strives to provide value to the association membership.

On Dec. 16, 1999 the Board Directors of Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association declared the patronage refund to be distributed to individuals who have loans with the association. Annualized on a 12 month basis, this would effectively lower the interest rate, paid by borrowers by approximately .31%.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

This letter is for the concern of the future of our community. They, referring to the administrators and boards of the two hospitals, say a new hospital will attract and maintain business and industry. Where? The eastern part of the county, that's where. The optometrist's office here in town is in the process of moving her practice to the east. I called and confirmed that myself. Which business in Muenster will be next? We, the people of Muenster, are making this all so convenient for Gainesville and their economy while we lose. They say reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid for the sole provider of healthcare in a county is set at a higher rate than for separate facilities but in the same breath they wouldn't guarantee that this will ever happen with the new county facility. We are a self sufficient people here in Muenster for the most part. I propose that we stop depending on the federal government to support us. The people of this community, who the community supports, need to support the community. By that I mean use your local hospital every opportunity you can, and employers, purchase health insurance for your employees that can be used in this community. Let's be self sufficient. I believe our hospital is still viable.

Our administrator speaks as if our 30 year old building is useless. Give me a break. It may need repairs but is it not going to have to be repaired and brought up to code if they

are going to keep it operating in some capacity like they say they are? They are making this merger sound like a real sweet deal, but what's really under all that sugar? I heard a whole bunch of 20 million dollar "possibly," "maybe," and "ifs" at the Muenster town hall meeting and not many hard facts.

Our hospital administrator and board of directors say they have known this was going to happen for approximately 5 years. Why weren't the people of this community let in on this secret? You know, us, the people who pay the taxes and the administrator's salary. Did the thought of a vote for this action ever come to mind or is your mind closed and your decision made without our concern. Oh, I know, that's the reason for these town meetings, right, now that the cat's out of the bag. You say now there will be a vote sometime in May 2000 if I understood you correctly. It's not too late to reject this merger!

They guarantee employees of both hospitals jobs at the new facility. They promise that their jobs are safe. For how long? I'd be getting that in writing, now. How and why would they want to pay all those salaries and wages in a brand new operation? Sounds like too many chiefs and not enough Indians when you combine all department heads. They say patients will receive the same care they have received at Muenster Memorial Hospital. I think not. I have had the unfortunate experience of "bigger and better."

Finally, I have worked for Dr. Currier for almost 6 years and I'm here to tell you that he supports our community. Before Muenster Memorial Hospital had their OI department opened he delivered in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. He was never so happy when our OI department opened. The mileage he put on his vehicle was unbelievable, not mention the wear and tear on himself personally. Seeing patients in his clinic, taking care of patients in several nursing homes, pulling emergency room call in Muenster, seeing patients at the health department in Gainesville and delivering in Gainesville, became too much. He is the type of doctor, unlike any doctor I ever experienced in labor, who stayed with his patient from the time she arrived at the hospital in labor to after delivery until he knew mom and baby were safe. Dr. Currier is a very caring, conscientious, and compassionate physician who genuinely cares for his patients and gives the best care anyone could ask for. I'm proud to be his employee and will follow him. If merging the two hospital districts becomes a reality, God forbid, he will have little choice but to move east. It's the last thing he and his office staff want. Muenster will lose jobs, businesses will lose revenue, tax dollars will be lost, incentives to live here are being depleted. We will all be affected. Speak now or forever hold your peace.

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Letter to the Editor:

Congratulations to all Muenster High School students who participated in the local spring youth shows supported by MISD teachers. These included the F.F.A. Stock Show, the P.T.O.-sponsored Arts and Crafts Show, and the

Cooke County Youth Fair which highlighted the students of Mr. Glenn Debnam, Mrs. Joni Sturm, Mrs. Mary Dangelmayr, and Mr. Rudy Koelsch. All projects required planning and hours of work both inside and outside the classroom by both students and

teachers. It is a pleasure to work with students who put forth that extra effort in every class, every day.

Sincerely
Martha Koelsch
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Letter To The Editor,

Well actually some people have inquired what happened with my LTE's? This came mostly when visiting in different cities. They say they enjoy hearing of the old HOMETOWN. The usual comment is that their most read article is by my friend Ed Cler's column. Many also mention dear Rosa Driever, and her early morning radio program "Rambling with Rosa."

The computer and the web have taken up a lot of my time, and here is a composite of thinking of my friends collected from all over the U.S. via the web.

An Englishman among the 13 colonies by the name of Alexander Tyler wrote the following over 200 years ago:

A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves generous bounties from the treasury. From that moment on, the majority will always vote for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over the loose fiscal policy and is always followed by a dictatorship.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from great courage to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency

to apathy, from apathy to dependency, from dependency back again into bondage.

Aren't we in the "from apathy to dependency stage" now? The federal government is controlling the economy (and inflation) by controlling the price of oil, transportation and therefore the price of everything you buy.

The conservative Cal Thomas predicts the price of gasoline will decline substantially just before the November elections, so that the administration can take credit for it and the news media will forget that the administration was the cause of it increasing in the first place (by dictating supply and demand).

The next problem that needs to be addressed by this generation (before the government regulates and

taxes it) is our water resources. The ancient philosopher Thales, reasoned that the material cause of everything is water. Others said air and fire. You environmentalist geologist, lawyers, hydrologist etc. better get your head together before the government tackles this problem at our expense. Tell me what you think.

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P.S. A thought for you. The Federal Reserve is owned by private corporation, not by the Federal Government. The U.S. Treasury Department print the THE FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The question: "what does the U.S. Treasury charge the Federal Reserve for the notes?"

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

The following story making the rounds these days, is attributed to Mr. Rush Limbaugh.

It seems that after a particularly bad day for Sen. John McCain, he was walking through the mall, and was approached by Maria Shriver, a news reporter, and also the wife of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Ms. Shriver plied McCain with several questions, and the angry and frustrated Senator snapped, "Why don't you just get out of here and go home?" Stung by the Senator's

response, she left and went home.

Later Mr. McCain was confronted by Mr. Schwarzenegger, "How could you do that?" he asked in his thick German brogue.

"Oh, I'm sorry," McCain answered, "I've had a bad day!"

"How could you do that?" the big man repeated, "You insulted her - she was speechless, she didn't speak all night. I can't believe you could do that. Can you teach me to do that?"

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 19, 2000 Cooke County Democratic Club Rib Cook Spectacular, 11:30-2, Gainesville VFW	Monday, March 20, 2000 Sacred Heart School Advisory Council meeting, 7:30 PM, SH Library VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8 PM Poison Control Week	Tuesday, March 21, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Lindsay ISD Kindergarten meeting, 8:30-9:30 PM / Relay For Life Team Captains meeting, 5:30 pm, GMH Culwell Conference Center / Cooke County Diabetic Support Group meeting, 7 PM, MMH	Wednesday, March 22, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Education Program, 8-9 PM, SHHS Library/Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 PM, Old Muenster Gym/C of C Breakfast 7:30 AM, The Center/Rel Ed. Mass. 6:30 PM, Class following / Last Day to sign-up for MISD Board (Recertification Course for Pesticide Applicators 6-9pm, NCTC Lyceum)	Thursday, March 23, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM/Cooke County BPW meeting, 6 PM / Gainesville C of C - Dress Barn to present Spring Style Show	Friday, March 24, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM	Saturday, March 25, 2000 ABBA Fund Raiser - Lindsay Centennial Hall, 6 PM Sacred Heart Ranch Rodeo, 7 PM
Sunday, March 26, 2000 Lindsay 4-H Spaghetti Dinner - Conrad Hall, Lindsay, 11-1PM Sacred Heart Buckaroo & Ranch Rodeo, 2 PM, Austin Arena	Monday, March 27, 2000 Sacred Heart Preschool Parents meeting, 7 PM	Tuesday, March 28, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board meeting, 7:30 PM, MMH	Wednesday, March 29, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Education Program, 8-9 PM, SHHS Library/Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 PM, Old Muenster Gym Religious Ed. Class, 7 PM	Thursday, March 30, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, March 31, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM	Saturday, April 1, 2000

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Wes Wade checks the weight of a show rabbit before competition Friday in the Cooke County Youth Fair. Sissy Dangelmayr records the numbers as Jack Flusche assists with the weigh-in. Photo by Janie Hartman

Concerns of bus route changes discussed at board meeting

Several parents discussed concern about the changes in bus routes at the March meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees.

Terry Walterscheid commented that the last 12 years have had the same bus route, then with just 12 weeks left, his children, who live a mile from town, have to ride the bus for over an hour. "Why can't you change at mid-term? Then we (the parents) can adjust and make changes."

Superintendent Steve Cooper noted that a mother contacted him and asked for a change in the route because her kids were getting off late.

"Do you change a route just because one parent wants it changed?" Dianne Walterscheid asked, questioning if she came back next week and wanted it changed, would the school change it again?

"I forgot to do it at mid-term - that was my intent. Someone has to be last," Cooper answered.

"If you live farther from school, you will get home later, that's normal," Walterscheid added.

Rhonda Silmon noted that she took her child off the bus after their route changed. "It took 70 minutes to go a mile from school." She also expressed concern when her child did not come home at the regular time when the route was first changed. When he did arrive later, the note about the bus route change was in his hand. Apparently, notes were handed out on the bus, and Silmon did not ride the bus that day and did not receive prior notice.

The question of some sort of possible communication with the buses was also asked, but routes north of town would be hard to keep in touch. Board president Clifford Sicking ended the discussion. "We will try to be as fair as we can."

Steve Cooper reported that

so far three candidates had signed up for the school board elections, with the deadline Mar. 22. Tom Hartman, Jim Endres, and Neil Huchton terms are to expire.

The board discussed trading in the 4-year old Scag mower.

"The new mowers mow twice as fast have better bushings and bigger motors," commented Rick Walterscheid of Maintenance. "The one we have is obsolete. We should try to trade it in while we can get something for it." The board will make a decision at the next meeting after a mower is put out for bids.

The 2000-2001 school calendar was corrected from the last meeting and is basically the same as last year. Tim Felderhoff questioned why there are long Christmas and spring breaks. "People complain we are starting too early. Are these days mandated?" Cooper answered that the times off are driven by tradition.

Discussion continued on the maintenance shed and field house. Cooper recommended that the district build the 40x30 maintenance building and put the field house on the back burner till later. It was discovered that the funds are not available. The board decided to bid out construction of maintenance building and decide next month if it will be built.

Other action taken included:

- Approved continuing with the Region 10 co-operative program for cafeteria food. The co-op puts Muenster in a pool that cuts prices.

- The board voted to get a BlueBird bus that seats 78

passengers after only one bid was received. The bus includes a white roof and tinted windows. It was decided to exclude seat belts, which are not mandatory. Studies show that seat belts in buses are not safer.

- New reading and science books were approved by the board for the upcoming year. The state decides which books need to be replaced, then a teacher committee checks out samples and chooses new books.

- Construction, by Flusche Enterprises has begun on the handicap ramp at the football stadium. Cost was estimated between \$8,000 - \$10,000, depending on labor.

In executive session, the board accepted the resignation of Coach Jeff Teague and Teresa Walterscheid and rehired all other teachers. Gordon Martin was named athletic director, effective immediately.

Muenster ISD's School Board has selected 6 finalists to be interviewed for the superintendent opening. After approximately four months of receiving resumes (approximately 60 were received) and going over each one individually and as a board, the following individuals were chosen: James Hopper, Principal Muenster High School; Clyde Steelman, Superintendent Bluff Dale ISD; Jack Thompson, Superintendent Cumby ISD; Gene Franklin, Superintendent Shidell ISD; Tommy Hancock, Superintendent Westbrook ISD; Jim Marshall, Superintendent Marietta Schools.

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ite as possible. "It doesn't mean that you can be a month to off of that," he said.

Board Chair Jane Carlton noted, "We have another problem because there are some things that Doug (Smithson) cannot do without x rates. If the entities don't give him the tax rates he has to control over that. It behooves us to say to some of these entities, 'Okay folks if you're not happy with this when you jump on this school district and tell them if they'd cut their tax rate in then the rest of us could get our bill paid.'"

McHorse pointed out there is one entity in particular that is historically late and that apparently the CCAD has no power over them. "They're holding up the entire county," he noted.

Leon Klement added, "A lot of people think the entity gets their tax rate in and then they're CCAD going to figure it then they don't they wait until they get them all in and then they figure it. I didn't know that until I got on this Board. I didn't realize that everything had to be there. I thought once when an entity got their tax rate in it was figured up. They don't do it that way. Smithson declared that it couldn't be one that way."

Knight said that what could be done is to advertise that X entity hadn't done their job. Instead of us taking the heat, we want somebody else to take the heat," he noted. "So next year if you don't give whatever, I'll put it in the paper."

McHorse said that he found it strange that the law reads that the appraisal district is required by law to have some information available by a certain date, but that same law doesn't require the entities to do anything by a certain date.

Smithson said that the law has changed somewhat for 2000. If the entity doesn't have their numbers out by a certain time, they have to use last year's rates.

Klement said that he wanted to be sure everybody understood the issues. "When we (the board installed in 2000) met for the first time there were a lot of issues laid on the table," recalled Klement. "You talk about taking the heat! There was a hell of a lot of heat dealt out that day. I want everybody to understand where the heat needs to be. I want this Board to understand that we (previous Board) weren't a bunch of incompetent fools. We weren't derelict in our duty. We weren't incompetent. We weren't messing up. We weren't sitting around not doing anything."

Knight responded that it could be done better and the way to do it better is to communicate. He noted that he felt they were now communicating well.

McHorse said that he'd like it known that some of the entities weren't getting the information to the CCAD until Christmas. There are 16 entities.

The three year contract CCAD made at the February

meeting with Mathis, West, Huffines & Co. had to be rescinded. It was then voted to sign a two year contract. A Board cannot legally contract for a longer period than they are elected to serve.

In other business the Board:

- Extended the amount required on a check requiring the co-signature of a Board member be raised from \$5,000 to \$6,000. This is due to a regular check in an amount just over \$5,000.

- No action was taken as the result of an Executive Session.

- Set the next regular meeting at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 13.

- Announced that the joint auction by several county entities is now April 1.

USA commends Rep. Thornberry for 1999 voting record

The President of the 685,000 member United Seniors Association (USA) has commended Representative William "Mac" Thornberry for his voting record during 1999 on issues concerning senior citizens.

"Rep. Thornberry earned a 100% rating during 1999 on seniors' issues. Seniors really appreciate his support. He voted right on the big issues of

interest to seniors," USA President Sandra Butler said.

USA rated seven votes in the House of Representatives and 10 votes in the Senate, including preserving Social Security surpluses, tax limitation, Social Security Lock Box legislation, tax cuts affecting seniors, the rights of grassroots organizations to communicate with the public, and health care reform.

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for information on testing times.

Other business conducted during the March 13 regular meeting of Commissioners Court included:

- Approval for Sprint/United Telephone Company to install a buried communications cable along the right of way of CR 429 in Precinct #4 with the stipulation that the minimum burial depth be 36 inches.

- Approved public official bond for Wesley Wood, deputy sheriff.

- Amended William's Communications original Indemnity contract to reflect a re-route of their fiber optic line due to one home owner's refusal to allow it to cross her property.

- Approved monthly bills, minutes of last meeting, and monthly reports which were submitted.

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The military service held for Arnold "Freck" Schilling at Sacred Heart Cemetery on Monday, March 6 was most impressive, and will be forever treasured by his family.

Taking part were members of VFW Post 6205, and Andy Stelzer, past State Commander of the VFW, and the Rifle Squad led by Arthur Bayer, as follows: Willie Fisher, Ben Hesse, Virgil Henschied, Melvin Luke and Johnny Rohmer; Colors and Color Guard Pat Knabe, James Hess and Don Hess. Taps was played beautifully by Chris York. The flag was presented to the widow by Andy Stelzer.

Guests, family and many relatives from out-of-town have commented most favorably on the impressive ceremony. My family and I will keep the memory of your courtesy and kindness in our hearts.

Josephine "Jake" Schilling

Lifestyle

Stewart weds Hesse in Sacred Heart Community Center

by **Elfreda Fette**
 Kimberly Stewart, daughter of Rick and Darlene Stewart of Muenster, and Laura and George Gould of Mustang, Oklahoma, was married to Michael Hesse, son of Tom and Lucille Hesse of Muenster on Jan. 22, 2000.
 The 5:00 p.m. double ring ceremony was officiated by Judge Dorothy Lewis in Sacred Heart Community Center.
 The bride is a graduate of Muenster High School and North Central Texas College. She is a licensed Vocational Nurse employed by Frederick P. Cummings and Associates. The groom is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is employed as HVAC Service Technician by Hesse-Schniederjan Heating and Air Conditioning.
 Presented in marriage by her father, Rick Stewart, the bride

was wearing a candlelight ivory, A-line, satin Alfred-Angelo dress designed with sweet-heart sequined neckline and long slim sleeves overlaid with lace appliques. The skirt swept into a chapel length train. Her illusion veil of finger-tip length was held by a crown headpiece. She carried a bridal bouquet of roses, stephanotis and greenery.
 In keeping with tradition and sentiment she carried her grandmother's rosary and borrowed necklace and earrings from a friend, Peggy Earbette.
ATTENDANTS
 Sabrina Truelsenbach of Muenster, bride's sister was maid of honor. Rhonda Rhoads bride's sister, of Whitesboro was matron of honor.
 Bridesmaids were Shirley Stewart, bride's sister-in-law of Denton and Cristal Ward,

bride's cousin of Little Elm. They wore deep blue formal gowns and carried fresh, long-stemmed yellow roses.
 Kenny Hartman of Muenster, friend of the groom was best man.
 Curtis Hesse of Muenster, groom's brother, Mark Nasche of Overland Park, Kansas, and Craig Walterscheid of Muenster, friends of the groom were groomsmen.
 Ushers were Ray Stewart of Denton, and Kody Truelsenbach of Gainesville, brothers of the bride.
 Assistants for the special ceremony were Rhonda Hartman, Doris Koesler and Donna Walterscheid.
RECEPTION
 A reception, dinner and dance followed in the Sacred Heart Community Center.
 Noelle Henry, groom's sister and Jennifer Hesse, groom's

sister-in-law secured guest signatures in the bride's book.
 The three tiered ivory wedding cake was decorated with fresh roses. The chocolate groom's cake was decorated with a golf theme. Reception assistants were Holly Hartman, Jessica Koesler, Kristina Koesler, Kendy Reed, Courtney Hartman, Tony Koesler, Clayton Truebenbach, and Jayna Biffle.
 Guests danced to music by Tommy Huchton with The Entertainer.
 The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Tom and Lucille Hesse in their home. A champagne toast was given by the groom.
 Since returning from a wedding trip to Runaway Bay, Jamaica, at Breezes Golf and Beach Resort, the couple is residing in Muenster.

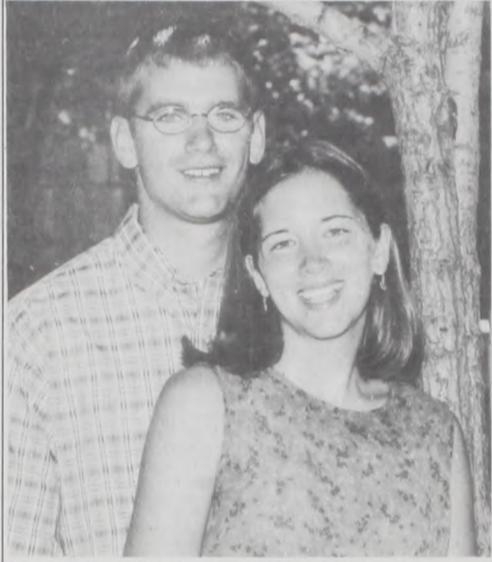


Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hesse
 ...nee Kimberly Stewart

Jason and Felicia Gehrig on Maryknoll assignment in Bolivia

Maryknoll Lay Missioners Jason and Felicia Gehrig of St. John the Apostle Parish in North Richland Hills, received their mission crosses and formal assignments to Bolivia during a mission-sending ceremony at Queen of Apostles Chapel at the Maryknoll Center of Ossining, New York. Jason and Felicia are two of 14 lay missioners newly assigned to working in developing regions of Asia, Africa and Latin America.
 Jason Gehrig, age 28, plans to assist in several community development projects in El Alto, outside of La Paz. Felicia, age 27, will teach and work with children in schools and orphanages. The Gehrigs were married in June, 1997. They met at Texas A&M University in College Station and earned bachelor's degrees in 1994. Jason is in Civil Engineering and Felicia in Interdisciplinary Studies.
 Before joining the Maryknoll Missionary Association of the Faithful last August, Jason worked as a municipal waterworks engineer at the Kimley-Horn and Associates in

Fort Worth for five years. He also worked very closely with the Muenster City Council as a consultant representing Kimley-Horn, as the engineer for the new city water tank, for the new 12-inch water mains installed last summer, and he assisted in the water analysis for the city of Muenster, and for the sewer analysis for the city.
 Felicia, with her degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, taught sixth grade at Katy ISD for two years, fourth and fifth grades at Birdville ISD two years. The couple's awareness of mission work gathered interest through a trip to Guatemala, sponsored by Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, based in Kansas City.
 Maryknoll, based in the U.S., includes three distinct organizations, the Maryknoll Society of Priests and Brothers, the Maryknoll Congregation of Sisters, and the Maryknoll Mission Association of the Faithful. Maryknollers serve in 37 countries worldwide. There are 40 affiliate chapters in the United States.



Billie Jean Sandoval of Amarillo and Michael Becker of Muenster have chosen May 20, 2000 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents Ms. Connie White and Mr. Steve Sandoval, both of Amarillo. Michael is the son of Werner and Linda Becker of Muenster. The wedding will be held in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Amarillo and officiated by Father Ken Keller. The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Tascosa High School of Amarillo and is in her junior year attending West Texas A&M University at Canyon. The future-groom is a 1996 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and will graduate from West Texas A&M University in May, 2000.

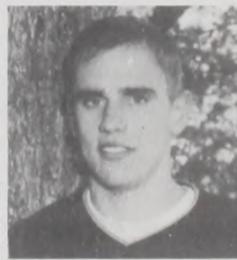


Jason and Felicia Gehrig

Lucien Gehrig on Dean's List at Texas A&M University

Lucien Gehrig, son of Jim and Cindy Gehrig and grandson of Josephine "Jake" Schilling and Herman Stoffels, and graduate of Sacred Heart High School has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Texas A&M University in College Station. He is majoring in Civil Engineering, and has maintained an almost perfect grade point average of 3.92 in a 4.0 ratio. Lucien has recently

received notice from Texas A&M that he has been awarded a \$2000 scholarship.



Lucien Gehrig

Thirteen prepare for sacraments of initiation at Easter at Sacred Heart

On Sunday, Mar. 5 at the 10:30 Mass there was a special "Rite of Sending" at Sacred Heart Church for those persons preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil Service. After the service they ate lunch provided by members of the Catholic Daughters and left for Wichita Falls for the "Call to the Easter Sacraments" with Bishop Joseph Delaney.
 Catechumens preparing for baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter are Amie McCourry, Tomia Evans, Billy Cantrell, Samantha Barnett, and Adriana Finney. Their godparents acknowledged their readiness for the sacraments.
 Candidates who have already been baptized will prepare for a profession of faith in the Catholic Church and the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. They are David

Cantrell and Ann Dennison. Their sponsors testified to their readiness as well.
 A highlight of the service at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Wichita Falls for the catechumens and candidate was being introduced to Bishop Delaney. The service there was followed by a reception and entertainment by Spanish dancers.
 Others preparing for sacraments include Wayne Muller (Confirmation and Eucharist), Rene Cantrell (Confirmation), Angela and Sarah Cantrell (Eucharist), and Samantha Cantrell (Baptism). Preparing for profession of faith in the Catholic Church is Ruth-Ani Chrustawka. All the candidates now begin an intense preparation for the sacraments during the season of Lent.

Family Council meeting held at St. Richard's Villa

A Family Council meeting was held at St. Richard's Villa on Friday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. to elect a president.
 Attending were Christine Fleitman and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fernighough, family members; Ombudsman Ethylene Fort; Activity Director Mickey Sullivan. At the meeting Bill Fernighough was elected president.

Families of all residents are urged to attend the next meeting which will be held on Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
 Also, there will be a St. Patrick's Day Party. Cookies decorated with green icing and green punch will be served. All residents are looking forward to being joined by family and friends to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Christian Women's Club to host meeting at Holiday Inn

A "Yesterday, Today, Forever" Luncheon on Thursday, Mar. 23, at the Holiday Inn, Gainesville will be hosted by Christian Women's Club, from 11:30 - 1:00. Special feature this month will be Virgil Musick of Lake Kiowa. He will share his collection of Antique Bibles. Enjoy the beautiful voice of Pam Horn from Gainesville. Billie Coburn

of Irving is a former insurance executive. She currently owns Health Connection. "What's Nice Girl Like Me Doing in a Place Like This" will be the theme. For reservations call Rosemary (940) 665-2876 or Joyce (940) 612-2162. The cost is \$8.50 inclusive. Complimentary childcare is available with reservations.



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Zimmerer, Boyd marry in Austin

by **Elfreda Fette**
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed Boyd are at home in Austin, Texas since returning from a wedding trip to Ruidoso and Santa Fe, New Mexico. They were married in a traditional Christian ceremony on Jan. 8, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. with Father Jeffrey Allison officiating the double ring vows in St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church of Austin.

The bride is the former Jessica Lynn Zimmerer of Austin, daughter of Robert and Carol Zimmerer of Denton, and granddaughter of Mary E. (Girly) Felderhoff of Gainesville and the late A.J. Felderhoff, and Dorothy Zimmerer of Lindsay and the late Bruno Zimmerer.

Jessica is a 1996 graduate of Billy Ryan High School in Denton. She attends Southwest Texas State University and will graduate in Aug. 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration.

The groom is the son of Barbara Boyd of Austin, and R. Charles Boyd of Austin, and grandson of Opal Keeling of Austin. He is attending St. Edward's University of Austin.

Presented at the altar by her

father, Robert Zimmerer, the bride was wearing an elegant, sleeveless, white satin gown, with a full, floor-length skirt with back pleats sweeping into a four-foot train. The scooped lace covered fitted bodice was accented with pearl trim around arms and neck and at the low waistline.

She carried a bridal bouquet of fresh white tulips. The unity candle emphasized sentiment, and her blue garter, made by her godmother Donna Felderhoff, her petticoat borrowed from the matron of honor, and her rosary that was also her mother's wedding rosary, were in keeping with tradition.

ATTENDANTS

Kristin Zimmerer of Denton, bride's sister was maid of honor. Desiree Zabloski of Austin, friend of the bride was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Ashley Kallus of Austin, friend of the bride, Beth Jennings of Austin friend of the groom, and Traci Jones of Denton, cousin of the bride.

They were identically gowned in formal, two-piece emerald green satin dresses designed with low back neckline and A-line skirts with

back pleats. Each carried a bouquet of red, yellow and purple tulips.

Ring bearers were Anthony Felderhoff, bride's cousin of Hutto, Texas and Derrick Bellomy, friend of the groom of Odessa, Texas.

Robert Bellomy of Odessa and Ram Beck of Austin, best friends of the groom, stood with him as his best men.

Groomsmen were Chris Barron and Justin Zabloski both of Austin and friends of the groom, and Russell

of the best men and by the brother of the bride.

The four layer, traditional white satellite wedding cake was decorated with garland icing edging, and jeweltone flowers centering each layer. The round, chocolate groom's cake was decorated with a picture of a deer and the legend "I'd rather be hunting."

Reception assistants were Shandee Richey of Sherman and Amber DeMeulenaere of Austin, both friends of the bride.



Lacy Alexander and Murlin Evans, both of San Marcos, will be married on March 25, 2000 at The Island at Rio Vista Park of San Marcos. The bride-elect is the daughter of Ray Cantwell of Houston and the late Judy Kibble. The future-groom is the son of Lupe Evans of Muenster and the late Murlin Joe Evans. He is also the grandson of Pearl Evans of Muenster and the late Ray Evans. Officiating the wedding service will be Barbara Coeyman, Divinity student and future Unitarian Universalist Minister. Taylor Alexander, bride's cousin, will be maid of honor and Douglas Evans, brother of the future-groom will be the best man. The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Woman's University with a BA in English. She will pursue a Master's degree in Theatre history this fall at Southwest Texas State University. Evans is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's Degree in Radio, T.V. and film and is employed at the San Marcos Daily Record.

Sacred Heart plans Buckaroo and Ranch Rodeos, March 29

If you are not familiar with the term ranch rodeo, Webster's dictionary defines a cowboy as a ranch worker who rides horseback on his job of herding cattle while a rodeo is defined as a public exhibition of the skills of cowboys, so a ranch rodeo is the sport of working cowboys. Ranch rodeo is a sport where team work is everything. Each team consists of eight members, four cowboys and four horses. There is no rough or bucking stock used in ranch rodeo, only pasture fresh cattle.

Sacred Heart would like to invite you to see the true working of the American Quarter horse in his surroundings, in three weeks, is the Sacred Heart Alumni and Supporters will kick off its fifth Annual Ranch Rodeo. Gates will open at the Austin Indoor Arena, FM 373 north of Muenster, an hour before Saturday's 7 p.m. and Sunday's 2 p.m. performances.

Rules are taken from the NRCA. Prizes are awarded to the top overall team, second place overall team, third place overall team, and fourth place overall team. Also prizes will be given to first place in each event which will be determined over the two-day event.

In addition to the Saturday competition, there will be a Buckaroo Ranch Rodeo for children ages 5-10 and ages 11-13. Each team will consist of two members and will be assisted by two adults. Cost will be \$10 per team.

Events for ages 5-10 include Chicken Sorting, Pony Express, Goat Milking, Brandin', and Bronco Riding. Events for ages 11-13 are Chicken Sorting, Brandin', Goat Milking, and Slicker Suit Race.

Goodie bags are awarded to all participants and in addition the top winners receive cash awards. Rules are similar to that of the ranch rodeo. Entry forms may be picked up and turned in to the school office. Deadline is March 23. This will be held on Saturday, March 29, with the National Anthem opening the events.

Also featured at the ranch rodeo are hay rides, face painting, poetry, music, and home-made food at the concession stand.

All proceeds from the Ranch Rodeos benefit Sacred Heart School. For more information, contact Charlotte Dangelmayr (940)759-2960, Stacie Miller (940)759-4932, or Mary Bayer (940)759-4121.

Take Note

The Cooke County Diabetic Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Mar. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of Muenster Memorial Hospital. A program on Dental Health will be given by Dr. Elaine Schilling, DDS. It is an open meeting and everyone interested is welcome to attend.

New Arrivals

Tharp

David and Deana Tharp of Lindsay joyfully announce the birth of their daughter Jenna Frances Tharp on Thursday, March 2, 2000 at 4:32 p.m. in Denton Regional Medical Center. Jenna weighed 6 lb. 5 oz. at birth and measured 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Harold and LaVern Nortman of Lindsay and Bobby and MaryAnn Tharp of Gainesville.

Miller

Bert and Debi Miller announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter, Victoria Rose Miller, in Methodist Hospital in San Antonio on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 4:00 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 19 1/4 inches in length. Her three brothers Ryan, Travis, and Derek, are happy and excited about having a sister. Grandparents are Herbert and Dolores Miller of Muenster and Carl and Norma Anderson of San Antonio. Great-grandparents are Willie and Mary Anne Simpson of San Antonio.

Boynnton

Danny and Denise Boynnton of Lewisville announce with pride and joy the birth of their first child, a daughter Taylan Faye Boynnton at Lewisville Medical Center on Mar. 8, 2000 at 8:05 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 20 1/8 inches long. Grandparents are

Robert and Rita Russell of Muenster, now counting their fourth grandchild, and Kenny and Debbie Boynton of Sanger, who are first-time grandparents. Great-grandmothers are Marie Herr of Gainesville and Thelma Russell of Woodbine.

Kendrick

Lance and Julie Kendrick of Lake Dallas proudly announce the birth of a son, Nathan Glenn Kendrick, born at Denton Community Hospital Mar. 9, 2000 at 10:22 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Sandy and Jayne Kendrick of Odessa, Judi Worthington of Edom and Dennis and Kathy Hess of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Antonia Hess and Clara Walterscheid also of Muenster.

Eddleman

Coy and Leslie Eddleman of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of their third baby boy, Tanner Ford Eddleman on Mar. 6, 2000 at Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton. He weighed 9 lb. and joins two brothers, Cooper age 3 years and Hudson age 16 months. Their grandparents are Frankie and Dyan Hess of Muenster, Archie Eddleman of Justin and Judy Eddleman of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Lawrence and Irene Wimmer and Gary and Caroline Hess all of Muenster and Madeline Eddleman of Graham, Texas.



Mrs. Charles Reed Boyd
...nee Jessica Lynn Zimmerer...

Zimmerer, brother of the bride. Ushers were Melvin Stahl and Daniel Mireles both friends of the groom, of Austin, Kenny Jones bride's cousin of Lewisville, and Steve Felderhoff godfather and uncle of the bride.

Liturgical Readers were Ashley Acker, bride's friend of Denton, Kerri Felderhoff, bride's cousin of The Colony.

Wedding music included "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" for lighting of the candles; Schubert's "Ave Maria" at seating of the mothers; Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary" for the processional; Wagner's Wedding March for presentation of the bride; Handel's "Water Music" for the recessional.

A reception, seated dinner, and dance followed in Omni Southpark Hotel in Austin for 225 guests, hosted by parents of the bride.

Toasts were offered by both

Candle pillars were centerpieces on each table. Rose petals were scattered. A memory table displayed the bride's portrait, an arrangement of a dozen yellow roses, and photos of the bride and groom from childhood to the engagement.

Out-of-town guests, friends and family members attended from Texas, New York, and Connecticut.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's mother at El Gallo Mexican Food Restaurant. A tribute was given by father of the bride Robert Zimmerer and a toast by the maid of honor, Kristin Zimmerer. Special guests were grandmothers of the bride, Dorothy Zimmerer of Lindsay and Mary E. Felderhoff of Gainesville, and grandmother of the groom Opal Keeling of Austin.

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Jim Luke transferred to Australia from Singapore

Jim Luke and his wife, Beth Ann have been transferred to Australia by Oceaneering International Inc. (NYSE:OII) after he was employed by the company for the past three and a half years in Singapore, and in Houston for a number of years before that. Announcement was made of his appointment as Managing Director of Oceaneering's Australia Pty. Limited.

Jim Luke now carries responsibility for all of Oceaneering's marine oilfield services and offshore field development activities in Australia. He also retains responsibility for Oceaneering's other field development activities throughout the Eastern Hemisphere. He will have direct responsibility for the operation of the jackup production system that Oceaneering will provide to Woodside Energy Ltd. and its WA-1-P joint venturers for production of the Legendre fields.

Coinciding with Luke's appointment, Oceaneering is

moving its principal Australian office to Perth, Western Australia, from Sale, Victoria, near Melbourne.

T. Jay Collins, President stated, "These moves recognize the importance to the Company of both the Legendre project and the expanding scope of Western Australian offshore activity. Moving our main office to Perth will enhance our ability to support our Customers' field development and marine oilfield services needs in this important market area. Jim Luke's experience will prove valuable in securing Oceaneering's role as a field development contractor in Australia. We believe there is considerable opportunity to expand our presence in both Australia and New Zealand."

Jim Luke is a native of Muenster, and the son of W.J. (Bill) and Eileen Luke. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Green Tips

Fact: Disposable diapers make up 1% of America's landfills. They take 200 to 500 years or longer to break down. Tip: Use your own reusable cloth diapers or those of a diaper service. Perhaps the use of disposables can be limited to when you are away from home with your child.

School News



Showing their projects are, standing, John Rohmer, Rickey Grewing and Brittany Pagel. Sitting are Daniel Lutkenhaus and Dillon Bayer.



Above - Cody Cory, John Reed, Brandon Klement, Craig Hartman, Eric Bayer. At right, Danny Felderhoff and Lisa Felderhoff. Below artists Kristian Smith, Jackie Henscheid, Grant Hartman, Karen Cler and Greg Johnson.

Best of Show

photos by Janie Hartman



Muenster ISD announces Arts & Crafts Show winners

by Janie Hartman

In conjunction with the Public School Week celebration, Muenster ISD held its Annual Arts and Crafts Show last Tuesday during campus open house. More than 400 entries were displayed in the old gym for visitors to view. Best of Show awards were given to the top project in each grade and in several different categories.

Grade winners included Brittany Pagel, pre-k, Daniel Lutkenhaus, kindergarten; Dillon Bayer, 1st; Tyler Pagel,

2nd; John Rohmer, 3rd; Rickey Grewing, 4th; Chad Temple, 5th; Crystal Fuhrmann, 6th; Stevie Klement, 7th; Eric Bayer, 10th.

In High School Art, Karen Cler took the Best of Show in Pencil Drawing and Acrylic Paint. Jackie Henscheid was first with a Color Drawing. Kristin Smith in Pen and Ink, and Grant Hartman's entry took Best of Show in Water Colors.

A scrapbook by Shanna Jones earned a Best of Show.

Also earning Best of Show honors were a sewing project by Lisa Felderhoff; pillows by Toby Chapman; and Melinda Walterscheid in Food.

Wood projects were won by Brandon Klement and John Reed. Danny Felderhoff took the Interior Design award; Craig Hartman Mechanical Drawing; Eric Bayer Landscaping; and Industrial Art by Cody Cory.

Computer Programming's Best of Show was won by Greg Johnson.

NOTICE!

Lindsay ISD kindergarten registration will be Tuesday, March 21 from 8:00-3:30 in the high school principal's office. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, shot records and social security card. If you have any questions please call Brenda Fuhrmann at 668-8474.

Sacred Heart sophomore qualifies for state finals in Citizen Bee

Sara Sepanski, sophomore at Sacred Heart School, placed fifth in the *Dallas Morning News* Citizen Bee Competition held at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster on Saturday, March 4. The Citizen Bee is a written and oral competition that tests students in U.S. History, Current Events, Geography, Civics, and Economics. Sacred Heart School competed with eight other schools in the North Texas regional including Garland High School, Plano East, and Naiman Forest.

Sara will go to the State Finals to be held at Las Colinas in April. There the top five from the North Texas region will compete against finalists from the Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, and El Paso regions.

Also competing in the regional finals were Keith Felderhoff who was 2nd alternate to state, and Kelly Fetsch. Citizen Bee coordinator is Joe Caserta.



Sara Sepanski

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAR. 20-24
MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs, chili and cheese, French fries, beans, fruit, banana bread.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, fruit, hot rolls.

Wed. - Chicken patty on a bun, chips, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, carrot sticks, animal cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes and gravy, corn, hot rolls, fruit.

Fri. - Fish sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, French fries, fruit, ice cream.

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Mon. - Hot pockets, corn, salad, fruit.

Tues. - Oven-fried chicken, rice, gravy, peas, cinnamon apples, bread.

Wed. - Fiesta salad, ranch style beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, corn chips, onions, bread.

Thurs. - Barbecue ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello, bread.

Fri. - Cheese pizza, black-eyed peas, lettuce, fruit salad.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Hamburger helper, beef and noodles, corn, salad, pears, bread.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, green beans, peaches, bread.

Wed. - Chili dogs, rice, ranch style beans, carrot and celery sticks, pears.

Thurs. - Crisпитos, pinto beans, Mexican rice, apple crisp, bread.

Fri. - Fish, black-eyed peas, fried okra, cole slaw, pineapple, bread.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets or country fried pork steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.

Tues. - Burrito w/cheese sauce, corn, tossed salad, fruit salad, sugar cookie.

Wed. - Chicken fajitas, shredded cheese, trimmings, pinto beans, cornbread, apple brown Betty.

Thurs. - Barbecue wieners or chicken nuggets, green beans, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, wacky cake.

Fri. - Chicken fried steak sandwich, sliced cheese, trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.



Tyler Pagel and Chad Tempel



Toby Chapman, Shanna Jones, Melinda Walterscheid



Stevie Klement, Eric Bayer and Crystal Fuhrmann

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Public Service Announcement by Muenster Enterprise

Sports

Junior High meet held at Alvord

The Sacred Heart Lady Cubs took home the first place trophy last week, winning the 7th grade meet with 158 points. The Lady Stingers of Muenster were in second with 136, while the Alvord team settled for third at 91.

Also competing in the 8th grade girls division were the Northshore, Chico, Perrin, and Alvord teams. The 7th grade Muenster Stingers won their division with 152 points. The 8th graders settled for fourth place with their class with 99 points. Local results were as follows:

7TH GRADE BOYS

Long Jump

John Fredrick M 15' 1/2"

Triple Jump

Clint Miller M 30' 2 1/2"

D. Felderhoff M 25' 10"

High Jump

Craig Hopper M 4' 4"

Shot

Jared Britain M 36' 11"

Craig Hopper M 34' 1"

Chase Cain M 26' 3 1/2"

Discus

Justin Wolf M 80' 7"

J. Fanning M 62' 11"

800m Run

S. Fuhrmann M 2:36.90

D. Felderhoff M 2:58.75

110m Hurdles

S. Fuhrmann M 23.52

100m Run

5 Clint Miller M 14.22

400m Run

1 Jared Britain M 1:03.40

3 A.J. Fleitman M 1:07.79

300m Hurdles

1 John Fredrick M 53.25

4 S. Fuhrmann M 57.47

200m Run

1 Craig Hopper M 26.35

1600m Run

1 A.J. Fleitman M 5:56.55

400m Relay - 1st, Muenster, Clint Miller, Jared Britain, Craig Hopper, John Fredrick, 53.05.

1600m Relay - 1st, Muenster, Clint Miller, John Fredrick, Jared Britain, Craig Hopper, 4:22.31.

8TH GRADE GIRLS

Long Jump

1 C. Hartman SH 15' 4"

3 Walterscheid M 14' 1"

2 R. Hermes M 14' 7 1/2"

6 K. Sepanski SH 13' 2"

Triple Jump

1 J. Bauer SH 30'

2 C. Felderhoff M 29' 11 3/4"

4 Walterscheid M 29' 3 1/2"

High Jump

1 Felderhoff M 48"

2 J. Bauer SH 46"

3 Walterscheid M 44"

Shot

3 D.Dangelmayr M 23' 5"

6 C. McCrary M 21' 11"

Discus

4 C. McCrary M 63' 1/2"

5 D.Dangelmayr M 61' 7"

6 Jayna Biffle SH 57' 8 1/2"

2400m Run

1 J.Gerstberger M 9:53.14

2 R. Bartush SH 9:54.64

3 K. Gehrig SH 10:03.59

4 C. Felderhoff M 10:44.91

800m Run

1 K. Sepanski SH 2:35.13

3 J.Gerstberger M 2:57.92

4 W. Watson M 2:59.30

100m Hurdles

3 Rachel Clark M 20.07

4 Lisa Endres SH 20.57

5 W. Watson M 21.31

100m Run

1 Rachel Clark M 14.17

2 Lisa Endres SH 14.47

400m Run

1 K. Flusche SH 1:07.99

6 C.Weinzapfel SH 1:13.91

300m Hurdles

1 C. Felderhoff M 55.64

2 J. Bauer SH 55.98

6 W. Watson M 1:01.47

200m Run

1 C. Hartman SH 29.30

1600m Run

2 R. Bartush SH 6:23.02

3 K. Gehrig SH 6:25.03

4 S. Honscheid SH 6:25.65

400m Relay - 1st, Muenster, 57.34, 2nd, Sacred Heart, 59.5.

800m Relay - 1st, Sacred Heart, 1:58.91; 2nd, Muenster, 1:59.65.

1600m Relay - 1st, Sacred Heart, 4:30.73; 2nd, Muenster, 4:38.30.

8TH GRADE BOYS

Shot

3 J. Ledbetter M 34' 8"

6 K. Hartman M 32' 11 1/2"

Discus

2 Walterscheid M 105' 3"

800m Run

5 Kyle Endres M 2:49.20

400m Run

2 K. Hartman M 1:04.15

200m Run

6 M. Yosten M 29.71

1600m Run

2 D. Russell M 5:53.65

400m Relay - 3rd, Muenster, Daniel Russell, Kirk Hartman, Kyle Endres, Cole Ferguson, 53.67.

1600m Relay - 2nd, Muenster, Daniel Russell, Kirk Hartman, Matthew Yosten, Cole Ferguson, 4:22.75.

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Muenster IV 28 Kaler Oil 18

The final game of the season for Coach Bill Ledbetter's Muenster IV team was an exciting 28-18 victory. Diana Knabe hit the double digits with 16 points. Jenna Felderhoff scored 8, and Jessica Schilling and Karen Flusche each tossed in 2. Others contributing to the final outcome of the game were Jordan Ledbetter, Meredith Hennigan and Stephanie Berman.

LOOSE PETS

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requirement and receives a warning. Future violations may result in the issuance of a police citation.

The City Code also requires pet owners to confine female pets "in heat" so that other pets cannot come into contact with it, except for controlled breeding purposes.

In addition, the City Code requires pet owners to maintain pens, enclosures, or other pet areas in a sanitary manner. It is unlawful for a pet owner to maintain these areas in unsanitary, offensive, or disagreeable manners. The owner of the pen is responsible for the pickup and disposal of all feces found in such pens.

Finally, the City Code states that the owner of any pet that bites, scratches, or attacks any person when the person was not trespassing upon the property of the owner shall be guilty of the code. A warning may be issued the first time. If the attack results in injury, then a police citation may be issued and the dog may be impounded if it is a dangerous dog.

The penalty for a pet owner who receives a police citation for any of the above violations of the City Code may be subject to a fine up to \$500.00 for each occurrence and found guilty of a misdemeanor.

Thus, owners are responsible for their pet and their pet's actions. Please keep your pet confined or on a leash.

submitted by Steve Broyles

TAPPS 2-2A all-district Girls basketball teams

Most valuable player: Kayla Felderhoff-SH
Newcomers: Lea Tapp-H, Shonnon O'Shea -HI
Coach of the Year: Jon LeBrasseur - SH

First team
Kayla Felderhoff-SH, Joanna Gehrig-SH, Andrea Bauer-SH, Sarah Hess-SH, Ebony Warren-A, Kate Poss-L. Lea Tapp-H

Second team
Dawn Atkins-H, Tyneshia Rainey-A, Shannon O'Shea-HI, Karlay Lewis-F, Jennifer Hess-SH, Anne Flusche-SH, Audrey Barnhill-SH, Chyna Hobbs-A, Christine Booth-L.

Boys basketball teams
Most Valuable Player: Tyler Strow - H
Newcomer of the Year: Marty Farrell-SH
Coach of the Year: Kevin Mosley - H

First team
Tyler Strow-H, Jason Johnson-H, Ken Scruggs-L, Jonathan Horton-A, Jawebb Thomas-A, Allen Pediclie-L, Doug Greene-A

Second Team
Bryan Thomas-A, Josh Roark-H, Marty Farrell-SH, Ryan Conklin-HI, Aaron McGregor-H, Michael Austin-H, John Yosten-SH

Honorable Mention
Matthew Nasche, Stephen Hofbauer, Luke Endres, Sacred Heart
SH - Sacred Heart, A - Ambassadors, L - Lakehill, H -Harvest, HI - Highlands, F -Fairhill



Muenster art students have completed the painting of the Hornet mascot in the front hallway of the high school. Assisting in the project were, from left, Jackie Henscheid, Jeff Klement, Karen Cler and Reagan Koesler. Photo by Janie Hartman

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Youth Fair

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grand champion wood shop project for \$350. Reserve champion project by Angel Hernandez was bought by Muenster Friends for \$300.

Cooke County Youth Fair's floor bids on the animals were awarded to: Steers, Muenster Livestock, .69; Hogs, Gainesville Livestock, 3610; lambs, Muenster Livestock, .92; and goats, Muenster Livestock, 1.04.

Grand, reserve showmanship and local winning show results are as follows:

POULTRY, Grand, Jeff West, Woodbine 4-H; **Reserve,** Rachel Lively, Lindsay 4-H; **Class Winners,** Jeff West, Woodbine 4-H; Rachel Lively, Jess Trowbridge, and Paul Jones, Lindsay 4-H. **Others,** Wes Trowbridge, Erin Wyrick, Ben Wyrick, John Wyrick, Lindsay 4-H.

MARKET POULTRY, Grand, Mark Lutkenhaus, Lindsay 4-H; **Reserve,** Paul Jones, Lindsay 4-H; **Jr. Showmanship,** Jess Trowbridge, Lindsay 4-H; **Sr. Showmanship,** Rachel Lively, Lindsay 4-H. **Others,** Kevin Lutkenhaus, Lindsay 4-H.

SHOP - WOOD, Grand, Elliot Klement, Muenster FFA; **Reserve,** Angel Hernandez, Muenster FFA. **Class Winners,** Justin Walterscheid, Muenster FFA; Elliot Klement, Muenster FFA; Angel Hernandez, Muenster FFA. **Others,** Blake Garrison, Brandon Klement, Toby Johnson, Matt Parson, Brady Howell, Steven Boaz, Mitch Felderhoff, Jon Reed, Jeff Klement, Toby Chapman, Jason Lutkenhaus, Heather Hess, Bob Fisher, Muenster FFA; Jacque Beznar, Chad Stoffels, Dominic Fuhrmann, Brandon Ferguson, and Matt Baugh, Lindsay FFA.

SHOP - METAL, Grand, Adam Anderle, Lindsay FFA; **Reserve,** Anna Calhoun, Lindsay FFA. **Class Winners,** Justin Walterscheid, Muenster FFA; Adam Anderle, Lindsay FFA. **Others,** Mitch Felderhoff, Cody Cory, Jon Reed, Muenster FFA; Anna Calhoun, Robert Ghyers, Lindsay FFA.

CREATIVE ARTS, Grand, Tiffany Eurick, Red River 4-H; **Reserve,** Kristen Smith, Muenster. **Class Winners,** Tammy Johns, Valley View; Jennie Stiles, Callisburg; Misty Leverett, Callisburg; Jeffery Zimmerer, Lindsay 4-H; Kylee Noggler, Valley View; Lisa Rohmer, Sacred Heart; Lisa Felderhoff, Muenster; Jack Biffle, Sacred Heart; Kristen Smith, Muenster; Jeffrey Zimmerer, Lindsay 4-H; Jeff West, Woodbine 4-H; Travis Reiter, Lindsay 4-H; Tiffany Eurick, Red River 4-H; Adrienne Bartel, Sacred Heart; Savannah Bower, Valley View; Karissa Reiter, Lindsay 4-H. **Others,** Lisa Felderhoff, Jackie Henscheid, Karen Cler, Lisa Felderhoff, Megan Grewing, Shanelle Spakes, Eric Bayer, Amanda Felderhoff, Kami Klement, Kenna Mash, Andy Tempel, Jackie Henscheid, Angel Hernandez, Karen Cler, Jeff Klement, Raegan Koesler, Bryan Miller, Keri Felderhoff, Muenster; Jana Truabenbach, Dana Miller, Kristin Zimmerer, Grace Cochran, Charlie Switzer, Michelle Bayer, Sayaka Kawataki, Travis Bayer, Jessica Koesler, Mattie Sicking, Kristin Zimmerer, Michelle Bayer, Jessica Davies, Marty Farrell, Michael Voth, Adrienne Bartel, Kayla Felderhoff, Lee Skinner, Jana Truabenbach, Sacred Heart, Rachel Lively, Paul Jones, Kevin Lutkenhaus, Kristen Tucker, Jeffery Zimmerer, Mary Bayer, Johnathan Zimmerer, Randi Reed, Karissa Reed, Rachel Lively, Sarah Collis, Elizabeth Klement, Kelly Laux, Randi Reed, Erin Wyrick, John Wyrick, Karissa Reiter, Travis Reiter, Cathy Lusk, Pat Bayer, Johnathan Zimmerer, Mark Lutkenhaus, John Mosman, Ben Wyrick, Jeffery Zimmerer, Kevin Neu, Lindsay.

FOODS, Grand, Joseph Davis, Sacred Heart; **Reserve,** Debra Dangelmayr, Sacred Heart. **Class Winners,** Jamie Gerstberger, Muenster; Brandon Schroeder, Lindsay 4-H; Daniel Bartush, Sacred Heart; Christine Jordan, Lindsay; Joseph Davis, Sacred Heart; Travis Bayer, Sacred Heart; Kelli Steed, Callisburg; Dana Miller, Sacred Heart; Jessica Berres, Sacred Heart; Debra Dangelmayr, Sacred Heart; Jenny Schroeder, Lindsay; Debra Dangelmayr, Sacred Heart; Travis Bayer, Sacred Heart. **Others,** Michael Voth, Jessica Davies, Joseph Davis, Jana Truabenbach, Michelle Fuhrmann, Dana Miller, Sarah Hess, Debra Dangelmayr, Adrienne Bartel, Lisa Rohmer, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Jessica Koesler, Clint Fuhrmann, Michelle



The grand champion county bred steers were shown by Matthew Grewing of Archery 4-H at left, and Brad Felderhoff, Muenster FFA, reserve champion. Both steers were



purchased by James Wood Motors.

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Fuhrmann, Joseph Davis, Dana Miller, Mary Jane Callahan, Jack Biffle, Daniel Bartush, Raney Bauer, Mary Jane Callahan, Sayaka Kawataki, Marty Farrell, Chris Fuhrmann, Pat Knapp, Oliver McLeroy, Haley Rogers, J.T. Taylor, Thomas Whitecotton, Michelle Fuhrmann, Travis Fuhrmann, Holly Hartman, Sarah Hess, Jessica Koesler, Mattie Sicking, Jessica Davies, Michelle Bayer, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Pat Knapp, Joseph Skotnik, Melanie Bartush, Jack Biffle, Joseph Davis, Charlie Switzer, Andrea Bartush, Kayla Felderhoff, Debra Dangelmayr, Clint Fuhrmann, Kristin Zimmerer, Jana Truabenbach, Adrienne Bartel, Mikey Bayer, Jessica Berres, Lisa Rohmer, Michael Voth, Tanya Hess, Daniel Bartush, Holly Hartman, Sacred Heart, Raegan Koesler, Amanda Felderhoff, Muenster; Jenny Schroeder, Mary Bayer, Russell Fleitman, Kenna Krebs, Mark Neu, Angela Schad, Jess Trowbridge, Clay Gouard, Jonathan Zimmerer, Daniella Porter, Pat Bayer, Karissa Reiter, Travis Reiter, Jared Schroeder, Jeff Zimmerer, Paul Jones, Rachel Lively, Wes Trowbridge, Lindsay.

CLOTHING, Grand, Ellen Beznar, Lindsay; **Reserve,** Jennie Stiles, Callisburg. **Class Winners,** Lisa Felderhoff, Muenster; Ellen Beznar, Lindsay; Karissa Reiter, Lindsay 4-H; Jennie Stiles, Callisburg. **Others,** Sarah Hess, Travis Bayer, Grace Cochran, Travis Fuhrmann, Holly Hartman, Tanya Hess, Sayaka Kawataki, Lisa Rohmer, Mattie Sicking, Kristen Zimmerer, Sarah Hess, Sacred Heart; Amanda Felderhoff, Muenster; Rachel Lively, Mary Bayer, Johnathan Zimmerer, Randi Reed, Erin Wyrick, Mary Bayer, Lindsay.

EQUINE GELDINGS, Grand, Jared Sikes, Callisburg FFA; **Reserve,** Whitney Proffitt, Callisburg FFA. **Other,** Kenna Mask, Muenster FFA.

EQUINE MARES, Grand, Christopher O'Dell, Mustang 4-H; **Reserve,** Joseph Dangelmayr, Muenster FFA. **Jr. Showmanship Overall,** Christine Sahliyah; **Sr. Showmanship Overall,** Christopher O'Dell. **Others,** Lauren Dangelmayr, Archery 4-H; Sarah Reed, Lindsay 4-H.

BREEDING SHEEP, Grand, Kevin Neu, Lindsay 4-H; **Reserve,** Marcus Dennis, Lindsay 4-H; **Jr. Showmanship,** Toni Leverett; **Sr. Showmanship,** Marcus Dennis. **Others,** Kevin Neu, Lindsay 4-H; Toby Walterscheid, Muenster FFA.

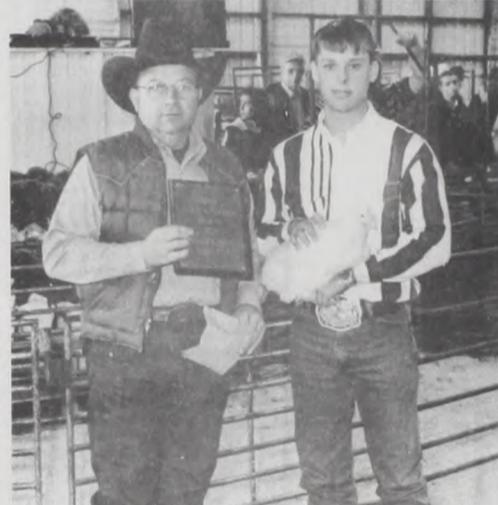
MARKET SHEEP, Grand, Kacey Stobaugh, Valley View 4-H; **Reserve,** Dustin Rucks, Valley View FFA. **Others,** Toby Walterscheid, Kimberly Klement, Polly Fette, Wesley Koelzer, Kristian Koesler, Elliot Klement, Bridgette Klement, Muenster; Kevin Neu, Marcus Dennis, Levi Hermes, Tyler Rohmer, Josey Kyle, Clinton Kyle, Lindsay.

BREEDING HEIFER, Grand, Sarah Glascock, Valley View FFA; **Reserve,** Casey Bell, Archery 4-H. **Others,** Casey Bell, Arlie Bayer, Sunni Jo Bayer, Justin Walterscheid, Muenster; Kevin Lutkenhaus, Mark Lutkenhaus, Ben Wyrick, John Mosman, Lindsay.

MARKET STEERS, Grand, Dustin Bryant, Valley View FFA; **Reserve,** Jared Anderson, Callisburg FFA. **Jr. Showmanship,** Kayley Bell; **Sr. Showmanship,** Casey Bell. **Class Winners,** Brad Felderhoff, Muenster FFA; Jessica Anderson, Muenster FFA; Dustin Bryant, Valley View FFA. **Others,** Lauren Dangelmayr, Joseph Dangelmayr, Mitch Felderhoff, Sunni Jo Bayer, Dustin Felderhoff, Cassie Sicking, Arlie Bayer, Nathan Sicking, Justin Walterscheid, Dillon Sicking, Jack Biffle, Arlie Bayer, Brandon Klement, Muenster; John Mosman, Mason Ward, Mitchell Ward,



Brandy Dangelmayr's grand champion rabbit was purchased by Kirk Klement of Klement Ford of Muenster.



Lindsay 4-Her Mark Lutkenhaus' top broiler went to the Lindsay Supporters, by Kenny Fleitman



Jack Flusche, representing Muenster Friends, bought the grand champion meat goat from Courtney Haverkamp.

Lindsay.

COUNTY BRED STEER, Grand, Matthew Grewing, Archery 4-H; **Reserve,** Brad Felderhoff, Muenster 4-H.

DAIRY GOATS, Grand, Maegan Manning, Woodbine 4-H; **Reserve,** Katherine Parkhill, Mustang 4-H; **Jr. Showmanship,** Crissy Ward; **Sr. Showmanship,** Cindy Ward.

MEAT GOAT, Grand, Courtney Haverkamp, Muenster FFA; **Reserve,** Jennifer Alcorn, Era 4-H. **Class Winners,** Chris Luttmir, Muenster FFA; Crissy Ward, Callisburg FFA. **Others,** Matt Parsons, Krystal Sparkman, Muenster; Heidi Hess, Dustin Reed, Sarah Reid, Jeff Kendall, Lindsay.

DAIRY CATTLE, Grand, Kevin Neu, Lindsay 4-H; **Reserve,** Zach Kupper, Valley View FFA; **Jr. Showmanship,**

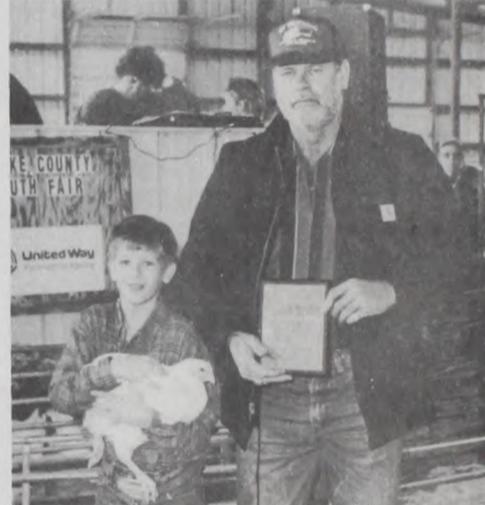
Erin Wyrick; **Sr. Showmanship,** Zach Kupper. **Others,** Ben Wyrick, John Wyrick, Lindsay.

BREEDING RABBITS, Grand, Mark Brooks, Woodbine 4-H; **Reserve,** Chris Aitchison, Woodbine 4-H; **Jr. Showmanship,** Megan Dangelmayr; **Sr. Showmanship,** Deann Dangelmayr. **Class Winners,** Chris Aitchison, Woodbine 4-H; Garin Taylor, Red River 4-H; Mark Brooks, Woodbine 4-H; Debra Aitchison, Woodbine 4-H. **Others,** Deann Dangelmayr, Brandy Dangelmayr, Megan Dangelmayr, Brittany Haverkamp, Billy Haverkamp, Archery 4-H; Jonathan Zimmerer, Lindsay.

MARKET SWINE, Grand, Hal Ray Spears, Era FFA; **Reserve,** Lindsay Hughes, Callisburg FFA; **Jr. Showmanship,** Lenzi Barthold, Era 4-H; **Sr. Showmanship,** Shel Andrew, Valley View FFA. **Class Winners,** Ty Tower Valley View; Marlye How Callisburg; Hal Ray Spear Era; Amos Davidson, Valle View; Quay DePriest, Valle View; Danny West, Valle View. **Others,** Derek Endre Kyle Endres, Justin Hess Mark Fleitman, Muenster.



Jack Flusche of Flusche Enterprises got the bid on Megan Dangelmayr's reserve rabbit.



Ronald Mosman Trucking purchased Paul Jones' reserve broiler.



The grand champion winner in the clothing division, Ellen Beznar sold her project to the Lindsay Supporters, represented by Kathleen Schroeder.

FFA. **Others,** Deann Dangelmayr, Brittany Haverkamp, Billy Haverkamp, Muenster; Ethan Reiter, Rebecca Reiter, Jonathan Zimmerer, Lindsay.

MARKET SWINE, Grand, Hal Ray Spears, Era FFA; **Reserve,** Lindsay Hughes, Callisburg FFA; **Jr. Showmanship,** Lenzi Barthold, Era 4-H; **Sr. Showmanship,** Shel Andrew, Valley View FFA. **Class Winners,** Ty Tower Valley View; Marlye How Callisburg; Hal Ray Spear Era; Amos Davidson, Valle View; Quay DePriest, Valle View; Danny West, Valle View. **Others,** Derek Endre Kyle Endres, Justin Hess Mark Fleitman, Muenster.

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Elliott Klement took top honors in the wood shop division. His project was bought by Kirk Klement of Klement Ford of Muenster.



Muenster Friends, represented by Ronnie Felderhoff, purchased Angel Hernandez's reserve champion wood shop project.



Joseph Davis, Sacred Heart High School Home Ec student won grand champion in the food division. Mary Dangelmayr, representing Muenster Friends, bought the project.



Greg Wilde of James Wood Motors purchased Debra Dangelmayr's reserve champion food.



Lindsay Supporters purchased Adam Anderle's grand champion metal project. Anderle is pictured with Kenny Fleitman.



Anna Calhoun's reserve metal shop project was purchased by Larry Schumacher of the Lindsay Supporters.

Rumber Materials sponsors poster contest

Did you know that Texans dump enough trash every two weeks to fill the Astrodome? or, that every day, American businesses generate enough paper to circulate the earth 20 times? That's why we should think before we throw things away. Remember to reduce, reuse and recycle at school, work, and home.

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Entries must be received by Rumber Materials by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29 for judging. Winners will be announced on Saturday, April 1 at the Keep Muenster Beautiful Park dedication at 8:30 a.m. at the park located at 709 N. Main Street, across for Sacred Heart Church.

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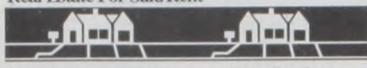
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The petition of Ronda Gayle Colunga, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Cooke County, Texas, on the 4th day of January A.D. 2000, against Vicente Huerta Colunga, Respondent, numbered 00-003 and entitled "In the Matter of Marriage of Ronda Gayle Colunga and Vicente Huerta Colunga". The suit requests to grant a divorce and such other and further relief requested.
The Court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.
Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Gainesville, Texas, this 8th day of March, A.D. 2000.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Muenster Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 30, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., in the City Hall meeting room, 400 North Main Street. The hearing is being held to review 2 requests for a zoning variance. The requested variances are for the following:
1) Property owner on Park Lane is asking to build a storage building on a residential lot to be placed closer to the property line than is set out by the zoning ordinance guidelines.
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The petition of Stella Manning, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Cooke County, Texas, on the 6th day of March, 2000, against Tammy Rene Sloan and the unknown father, Respondents, numbered 99-132 and entitled "In the Interest of Francheska Leshay Adams, a child."
The suit requests that the Court make orders for conservatorship of the child.
The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit: Francheska Leshay Adams, Birthplace: Madill, OK, Birthdate: 01-08-85.
The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.
Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Gainesville, Texas, this 7th day of March, A.D. 2000.
Attest:
Pat Payne, District Clerk of the 235th District Court, Cooke County, Texas
/s/ Sue Comer, Deputy

Invitation for Bids
BID INVITATION FOR CONCRETE CURBING
The City of Muenster invites your bid on concrete curbing several locations throughout the city, and on constructing a wing on East 9th Street. City will stake elevations and provide backfill. Specifications may be obtained by contacting City Hall, P.O. Box 208, Muenster TX 76252-0208, or by calling (940) 759-2236. Bids include all labor and material. Bids are to be submitted in sealed envelopes with the words "CURBING BID" written on the outside of the envelopes and are to be received at City Hall, 400 North Main Street, P.O. Box 208, Muenster TX 76252-0208 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2000. Steve Broyles may be contacted for additional information. The City reserves the right to refuse all bids.

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County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

Farm & Ranch

Combs says National Agriculture Week is a time to honor our farmers and ranchers

Agriculture Commissioner Jan Combs announced that March 19-25 is National Agriculture Week in Texas, the nation's second leading state in agricultural production. Texas counts for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural come.

"Agriculture is important to Texas 52 weeks a year, but National Agriculture Week is a time to set aside each spring to honor the hardworking individuals in our nation's food and fiber industry," Combs said. "It's also the time to recognize the impact agriculture has on our daily lives."

"The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the wood for the houses we live in, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in one industry - agriculture."

Agriculture is the second-largest industry in Texas generating \$80 billion throughout the state's economy. Texas is the nation's leading producer of cattle, sheep, goats, horses, wool, mohair and cotton. The state is also one of the top producers of vegetables, citrus, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, rice, sugarcane and wheat.

"From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most diverse state in the nation in agricultural production," Combs said.

The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, and approximately 80 percent of the land is involved in some form of agricultural production.

Although agriculture provides a job for one out of every five working Texans, less

than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

"It's incredible when you think that only a small number of people produce our food and fiber," Combs said. "And many times they do it against difficult odds."

"This year producers are facing another drought and some of the lowest commodity prices in the past 20 years. But because of their commitment and their love of agriculture, Texas farmers and ranchers will continue to do what they do best - produce food and fiber to meet a growing global demand," Combs said.

"We all depend on agriculture. National Agriculture Week gives us an opportunity to recognize those producers who help enrich our lives."

State climatologist: 60 percent chance of drought continuing for a couple of months

Some East Texas old-timers are already saying the current drought is worse than the drought of 1955-56, but from historical records, it's not quite that bad. At least, not yet.

The current drought does have some features in common with the drought of 1955-56. Here as the rainless months

of most droughts fall during the late spring and summer, both the 1955-56 drought and the current drought have been characterized by a dry fall and winter.

Though East Texas could receive substantial rains this spring, the odds are slightly in favor of the drought

continuing. Based on the strength of La Nina, chances the drought will continue are at 60/40; that is, 60 percent for the drought to continue for at least another couple of months.

Climatologists refer to abnormally cold sea-surface temperatures stretching from the coast of South America across the eastern tropical Pacific as a "La Nina episode." There has been a strong "La Nina episode" present since the summer of 1998.

While the strength of this La Nina has varied since that year, the pool of cold water has recently re-intensified. Climatologists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecast it to remain in place until at least spring 2000.

The colder than normal water of La Nina reduces the number and strength of tropical thunderstorms in its area. The reduced tropical thunderstorms in turn affect circulation patterns over the United States. The path of the jet stream across North America is altered, giving differing parts of the country more or less storms than usual.

Not only is it more likely the drought will continue through the spring of 2000, new research indicates Texas producers might do well to plan for drought rather than to plan against it.

Today is a gift from God. Tell him thanks.

Farm Credit Bank posts record year-end loan volume

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) and its affiliated lending institutions ended 1999 with the largest year-end loan volume in the 83-year history of the rural lending cooperative.

The Austin-based bank and 3 Federal Land Bank associations, three Federal and Credit Associations and 2 Production Credit associations comprise the ninth Farm Credit District. The district provides rural mortgage financing and agricultural loans in Alabama,

Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas.

In its 1999 year-end financial report, the bank announced record loan volume of \$4.8 billion at Dec. 31, 1999. This is an increase of \$272.6 million, or 6 percent, from year-end 1998 loan volume of \$4.5 billion. It was the eighth consecutive year that the bank reported loan volume growth.

"As a customer-owned cooperative, we're especially pleased that our associations were able to pay or declare for payment approximately \$36 million in patronage distributions to their borrowers in 1999," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer.

"Looking at the year ahead, we remain concerned about the effect that low commodity prices and lack of adequate rainfall could have on our customers. However, we remain committed to financing the agricultural industry through good times and bad," he said.

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GRAIN SORGHUM SEEDING RATE

Each year we get into the old debate of how much seed should we plant for best production. Jim Swart, Extension Entomologist, has done some good research on this issue in the blacklands.

Over the five-year period from 1987 through 1991, Swart evaluated plant populations ranging from 25,000 plants per acre to 200,000 plants per acre. He planted a total of 8 population experiments in Hunt, Collin, and Rockwall counties. Three tests were planted in March, four in April, and one in May. Most of this work was conducted with cooperators on Leson clay loam and Houston black clay soils, much like our soils here in Cooke county. Yields over that period ranged from a low of 3023 pounds per acre to a high of 5270 pounds. Most of the work was done with medium-early hybrids. The following table represents an average of the results of those studies:

Plant Population	Mean Yield (lb/A)
25,000	2780
50,000	3760
75,000	3916
100,000	4024

Over that five-year period, it appears that around 75,000 plants per acre was the optimum population for this region. Swart usually produced a few more pounds with 100,000, but not enough to offset the additional seed cost. There was not a sizable penalty for 50,000 plants. The grain sorghum plant can tiller to compensate for less than optimum stands. Tilling is more productive in early-planted sorghum. However, since tillering extends the pollination period (the tillers bloom later than the main stems), a thinner stand of sorghum may be more susceptible to midge damage. It would have to be protected from sorghum midge for a longer period of time.

REGION C PUBLIC MEETING

Water Planning

We received the following information from Mr. Terrace W. Stewart, Chair, Region C Water Planning Group:

The purpose of the meeting is to present information concerning the projected water supply needs as well as existing and potential water supply sources for Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties.

SPRING RECERTIFICATION SHORTCOURSE

A two-night Spring Recertification Shortcourse for Pesticide Applicators will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 22 and 23, from 6 to 9 P.M. in the Lyceum by the Library at North Central Texas College.

Each night producers will be offered three Continuing Education Units toward recertification of their pesticide license. This will give producers an opportunity to get a total of six CEU's if they attend both nights.

A variety of topics will be covered including Beneficial Insects, IPM, Result Demonstration Work, Pasture Management and Herbicides, Laws and Regulations, and Right to Know.

NEED A PESTICIDE APPLICATOR LICENSE?

Agriculture producers who currently need the training and testing for a Private Applicator

In 1997, the 75th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill One, legislation designed to address Texas water issues. With the passage of Senate Bill One, the legislature put into place a grass-roots regional planning process to plan for the water needs of all Texans for the next fifty years. The State of Texas was divided into 16 planning regions, each responsible for preparing a regional water plan. Planning for this part of the state is being carried out by the Region C Water Planning Group, under regulations established by the Texas Water Development Board.

On Thursday, March 23, 2000, the Region C Water Planning Group will be hosting a public meeting to discuss water supply planning through 2050 for Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. The meeting will be held at Grayson College Auditorium, 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison, Texas. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. and should conclude around 4:00 P.M.

License through the Texas Department of Agriculture will have the opportunity to complete the required training on Monday, March 20, or Tuesday, March 21. The training will be held at the County Extension Office at 5 P.M. March 20, or 8:30 A.M. March 21.

The test will be given by Tyson Barnett, with the Texas Department of Agriculture, at 5 P.M., on March 22, at North Central Texas College. Contact the County Extension Office at 940-668-5412 to enroll in the training and testing session.

Ag in the News

A more cost-effective farm safety net is the centerpiece of the Clinton administration's proposed 2001 budget for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Secretary Dan Glickman said Feb. 7. He said the new safety net proposal will enhance farm income support, increase environmental benefits, improve risk management and expand economic opportunities for farms and rural areas. Key initiatives include a program to provide supplemental income assistance payments to eligible producers of wheat, feed grains, rice, upland cotton and oilseeds if their projected nationwide gross income for the crop falls below 92 percent of the preceding five year average; extending the premium discount for farmers who purchase buy-up coverage for crop insurance; \$100 million to establish coverage for multi-year losses; \$100 million to provide livestock producers with price protection; and \$80 million to provide capital equity for new livestock and other processing cooperatives.

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 15 Ton Air Condition Compressor (3) - Air Handers (2)
 Asst. Steel Trays

• DR. PEPPER MACHINE - Wall Mount Brackets
 Window Air Conditioners (2)
 Glass Top Dining Table - Chair
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 Office Lights - Office Supplies
 Electric Commercial Stove
 Wall Oven - Microwave
 Computer Monitors - Keyboards
 Trash Compactor - 20 DUMP POSTER BEDS
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 Vacuum Pumps - File Cabinet - Baby-Jod - Strollers
 Changing - Room Dividers - Steel Desks - Wood Desks
 Credenzas - Lawn Chairs - Recliner - Pots & Pans
 OLD SEWING MACHINES - Asst. Doors, all sizes
 Solid Oak Doors - Patio Furniture - Gola - Loveseat
 Lennox Air Conditioner - File Cabinets, some w/locks
 Metal Storage Closets - File Drawers - Shop Vacuums
 4 Drilling Tables - Ceiling Fan Blades - Clock
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 180 Lg. Galvanized Pipe (10) 4.5" md-1/2 in. walls
 Staircase Steel Sinks, new & used - Porcelain Sinks - Tubs
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Feeder Steers (per lb.)
 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.41; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-120; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-115; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.22; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-100; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 90-118; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-90; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 85-107; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-85; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 78-91; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-78.

Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.27; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-100; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 95-120; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-95; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 90-105; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-90; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 85-103; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-85; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 85-120; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-95; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 76-84; Nos. 2 & 3, 59-76.

Slaughter bulls, yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 44-55 Slaughter cows:
 utility 1-3, 26-35; cutter, 35-46.
Stockers Cows (per head)
 Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$750; medium frame, \$450-\$600.
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 Holstein baby calves, \$25-\$75; Crossbreds, \$125-\$200.
Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 36-40; US #2, 220-280, 34-36.
Feeders (per head)
 100-175 lbs., \$50-\$60; 25-90 lbs., \$15-\$30.
Sows:
 Feeder, 400 or less, 30-32; Light wt., 400-500, 34-36; Med. wt., 500-600, 38-42; Heavy wt., 600-up, NT.
Boars:
 300 lb. up, 06-10; 200-300 lbs., 10-15; Light wt., NT.
Sheep (per lb.)
 Feeder lambs 40-60 lbs., 95-104; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 80-90; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 70-77.
Ewes:
 Stocker, NT; Thin, NT; Fat, 35-50.
Bucks:
 Thin, NT; Fat, 40-45.
Barbados (per head)
 Lambs: \$20-\$40; Ewes: \$40-\$50; Bucks: \$40-\$130.
Goats (per head)
 Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$35-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$70; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$70-\$100.
Nannies (per head)
 Stocker, \$60-\$70; Milk Type, \$75-\$120; Slaughter, Thin, \$30-\$40; Fat, \$50-\$60.
Billies (per head)
 120 lbs-up
 Breeders: \$75-\$90;
 Slaughter, \$75-\$85.
Boer Goats (per head)
 1/2 Nanny, \$50-\$75; 3/4 Nanny, \$75-\$100; Full Nanny, \$100-\$150.
Boer Goats (per head)
 1/2 Billy, NT; 3/4 Billy, \$125-\$175; Full Billy, \$200-\$230.

Ag in the News

Mexico extends ban on U.S. and Mexico officials worked on the issue. At press time, Mexico was expected to present a document outlining their concerns with the plants. FSIS says the problems with the plants are not major and FSIS will address all issues. The United States has three months to reply. The ban disrupted trade flows between the United States and Mexico, which is the second-largest importer of U.S. beef.

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