

MMH directors voice individual support of merger

by Janet Felderhoff

At the April 4 Town Hall meeting focusing on the proposed merger of the Muenster (MMH) and Gainesville (GMH) hospital districts, several citizens attending were adamant that members of the Muenster Hospital Board individually voice their opinion and reasons. All members were present except Margie Starke and Duane Knabe.

A question was raised as to how the \$20 million cost for a new facility was determined. Endres related that they felt comfortable with these estimates. He said that he's just attended a conference in Dallas attended by rural hospital administrators from five states. There were also a number of architectural firms present. He spoke with them about square footage and the approximate cost.

"Every one that I talked to agree that a \$150 a square foot would get us a very nice facility and will leave us the breathing room there for the equipment on top of that," he remarked. "We're fairly comfortable with these estimates that we have. We now that they are rough estimates." They have yet to it down with architects, medical staff, and department heads to determine what is needed.

GMH Administrator Andy Anderson explained the possible methods of paying for the new facility. Revenue bonds are based on the operations of the facility, he explained. "You can issue revenue bonds based on your ability to generate revenue and certainly we are a revenue generating business," Anderson said. As revenue is generated, some of that money can be used to pay on the bonds. An operating and maintenance tax will ensure a good bond rating.

General obligation bonds must be approved by the voters. That type of bond has taxes affixed to it and will always be fixed to that bond issue, he said. "There's not really an incentive for the facility to try to become more profitable to pay off those taxes because they're already affixed to taxes," Anderson explained. "This way it's just based on the more we can make the hospital profitable, the less we will need taxes. Our goal is to drive down that taxes to the point where the only taxes we will collect are indigent care taxes which you have to collect."

According to Anderson the revenue bonds would not necessarily be the best and most secure for the hospital, but would be the best for the community.

Earl Fisher remarked that in a small town you like to retain all of the local payroll that you can. He said it becomes a question of which is more important, retaining payroll or quality of health care. "Which is the most important? When you get my age, I know what's most important because I've gone through it," Fisher said.

Fisher also wondered which services would be retained locally. Endres said that lab, x-ray, clinical staff, St. Richard's Villa staff would remain in Muenster. He doubted that the emergency room would be allowed to remain open here in Muenster.

MMH employee Betty Miller said that their administrator had assured them that they would have jobs after the merger. She asked for the same assurance from the Gainesville administration. Anderson responded, "Think about motivation. ... Our desire is to give you the best quality health care. Contrary to what some people may think, we do know our jobs and we really want to do what is

expand into more areas in order to succeed. Muenster people don't keep the hospital open, he said. The hospital draws on a larger area and Gainesville wouldn't want to give that up.

Janie Monday commented that she wasn't necessarily opposed to the merger, but had been a part of the community for a long time and had helped to raise money for the facility, putting a lot of time and effort into it. "Yea, it's hard for me to let go of it," she admitted. "I hate to have to close the Muenster Hospital. I realize though that at times things have to close. I've seen Valentine leave. I've seen my own business shut down, so I know it's a struggle in today's

could say that down the road they would no longer support the operation and again become an independent hospital. "As long as we are getting good care and feel like we are getting our share, we want to renew this Evergreen contract, we want to stay in this good deal. But we're not locked in, we didn't give away the farm for a promise," said Fenton.

Endres asked what would happen with the district if it was decided to not renew the contract. Fenton replied that the people would have to decide whether they wanted to tax and operate the hospital locally or have an outside operation come in.

Taxes would have to be

keeping our nose above water and we have no overhead. We have no debt owed. There's no way we can slap a \$10 million dollar replacement facility on top of that and operate."

Fenton said that nobody was talking about building a new hospital in Muenster. If Gainesville decides that it is no longer feasible to keep the clinic in Muenster open and we don't agree, there's nothing we can do about, he noted. According to Endres it could be written into the Legislation which he prefers over a contract. Contracts are made to be broken, he feels.

A request from the audience was that each MMH board member state his or her feelings on the merger. Five

employees would be there. Gainesville Hospital right now is full of Muenster people working there. I see nothing but better if we go with them.

"Yes, we'd lose our hospital. Yes, it's sad for the amount of money and hard work that's gone into that over the last 35 years."

Janie Monday remarked, "I think that people would almost find it easier to lose the hospital by it absolutely just going out of business than to say, 'Okay, let's just give it up.' I think there are lots of people who'd find that easier."

Werner Becker Jr. has served on the board for many years. He stated, "Something I don't want to do is keep raising taxes, not even a few cents. That's a dirty word with me." Becker said that the hospital district has taxes since 1993, about seven years.

"One of the reasons this place is still going on is because we do have some surgeries and we've had a lot of activity here in the hospital over the last five to 10 years," Becker commented. "Also we've had a good administrator. He's close with the money. He buys his things at a real decent rate and he doesn't spend our tax dollars just because they're there. He makes sure he gets the best deal possible. I can't work without equipment."

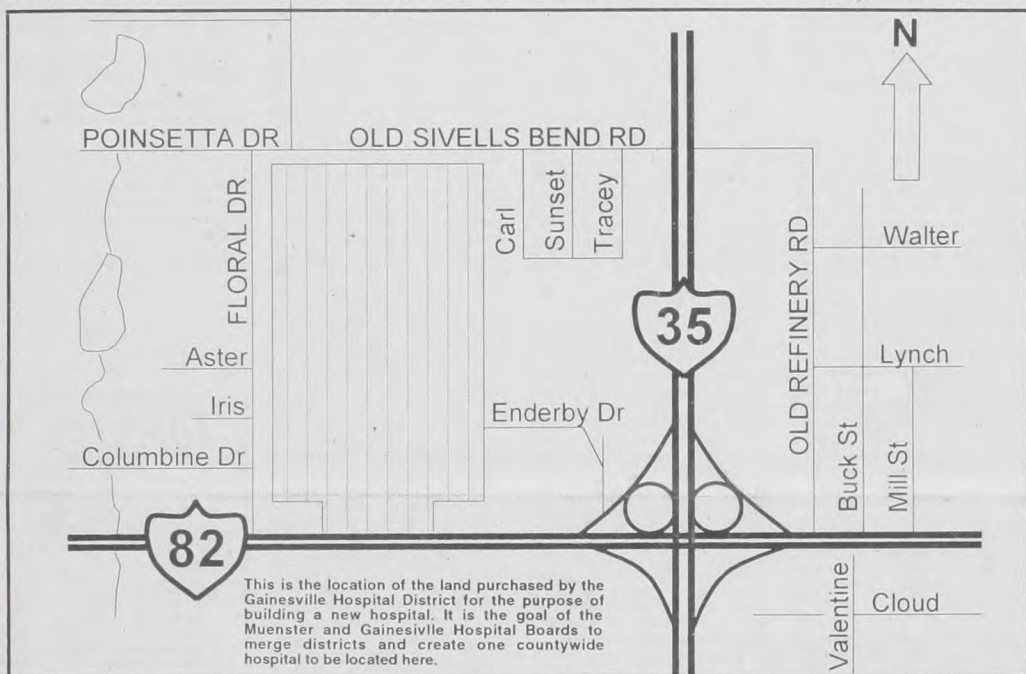
"We're at a crossroads now with an opportunity to go forward with health care. If we don't take advantage of this when it's available, chances are it won't be able to later," he urged people to work together with a good attitude to make the merger work.

MMH Office Manager Doris Muller confirmed Becker's statement that Endres was close with money. She said that the employees have learned to make do with certain equipment and doing without some things at times.

Addressing the Board Adeline Sicking said that the whole deal was being pushed on cheaper taxes. Endres said it wasn't driven on taxes, but on providing better health care in the county. After listening to his ideas on the benefits of countywide health care, Sicking told Endres, "You're selling out Muenster. What will we have? Nothing." Endres said that we would still have the services that the people use the hospital for right now. The hospital is mainly used for its outpatient facilities, he explained. The part that we aren't using that is dragging us down is what we're going to step away from, he said.

Asked about how space in the hospital would be used if the district merged with Gainesville, Endres said it would be no problem to fill. "The front office is going to be there, medical records is still going to be there, lab and x-ray is still going to be there and then the physicians, the providers and the other personnel will all take up office space," expounded Endres.

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best for this community and to supply the best health care. The only way to do that really effectively is to be one health care in the county together. I don't use we or they. We've got to stop doing that. ... As far as the employees go, the employees are our best assets. The Board has taken the stand that if there's going to be a merger, there will be no one losing their job because of the merger. That's how important you are to us. It's not about losing jobs." He added that the new facility might start out top heavy in regard to the number of employees, but that it was felt things would level out.

Jerry Walterscheid questioned the length of time Muenster would be guaranteed services such as the lab, x-ray and physicians' clinics. Endres said that the MMH board has discussed having that guarantee included in the language of the Legislation. He pointed out that common sense would say to keep them since no hospital is reducing their service. All are trying to

world. I'm very reluctant just because I care. The people in Muenster care. It's not that we don't want to be part of a Cooke County hospital, it's just that we hate giving up so much pride."

Endres agreed that was how the Board and the employees felt. Closing MMH isn't something that we've gone into lightly, he said.

Joe Fenton said, "My personal feeling is that you have a great plan. I respect the fact that it is a plan. You can't guarantee anything, but it looks like progress. The only thing I find difficult to swallow is dissolving the Muenster Hospital District. You hinted at something that I wonder why it can't happen. Why can't the Muenster Hospital District enter into an Evergreen contract interlocal agreement with the Gainesville Hospital District?" It could always be renewed, but if at sometime in the future Muenster should grow and weren't satisfied with the care given out of a county-wide operation they

collected all during the time of the contract noted Endres. Fenton said, "At least you'd be electing a board within your own population. If you don't like what's happening you can replace them each time. If somebody comes up with a bad idea within the time of that 10 year contract, you can put a different board in there. If each board says they don't want to continue, then it must be like they said not a good deal. If another board says things have changed let's go back and stay with the Gainesville district, you've got time to make an intelligent decision. But you're not giving away the farm."

Endres said that the farm would already be gone as far as providing hospital care. He said, "The hospital is closed. We're working with Gainesville, it's the end of the 10 year contract, the hospital is gone. We will not re-open nothing can make it re-open other than maybe spending \$10 or \$20 million on it."

"Right now we're barely

year Board member Phil Endres expressed gratitude for the work done by board members in the early 60s and 70s. "The cold hard facts are that we just can't survive," he said. "We've got to do what's best for the district and for our people, just the same as the people in 1960 did - what's best for the people. At that time what was best for the people was to build the Muenster Hospital. Right now what's best is to join in this merger. We have to look at the two options. Stay like we are and let Gainesville go on without us and what's going to happen? We're going to close down. Then how much say do we are going to have in our hospital? We'd have no input."

"Or we can jump right in here with this, go at it wholeheartedly with good effort, not try to hang on to this district that makes it look like we're not going with full effort, and we'd have something. We'd have a county-wide hospital with good representation. Our

Muenster Telephone / North Texas Communications become Nortex Communications

On April 14, 2000 Muenster Telephone Corporation and North Texas Communications announced the combining of operations under a new name - Nortex Communications. The merging of company names brings together operations that include a wide range of telecommunication services that have served Muenster and other small communities across North Texas since 1909.

When the company began in 1909, Muenster Telephone provided local telephone service to the City of Muenster alone. Over time, its operations have grown to serve several other communities including Forestburg, Myra, Rosston, Valley View and Valley View East. Several new services were added such as cable

television, Internet service, long distance, and wireless services. Many of these services operated under its related company, North Texas Communications. This company expanded operations into Gainesville, Lake Kiowa, Lindsay, Collinsville, and beyond.

While Nortex has simplified its identity, its local ownership, local presence, and commitment to the local area remained unchanged. Gene Fuhrman, Director of Operations, states, "We have been here for a long time and we are committed to maintaining local control of the community's telecommunication services. Many independent telephone

companies like ours have gone away. We have taken the opposite approach of adding new services and going into new places." He further adds "We see a strong future in growing locally."

In the next few weeks, Nortex customers will begin to see the new name in the community and in the company's regular business activities. The name, Nortex Communications, will appear on everything from their building and vehicle signage to the new telephone directory and bills.

Nortex Communications encourages any customers that have questions or comments to contact them at 759-2251.

submitted by Joey Anderson



The Sacred Heart High School Music and Drama departments will fill the stage with singing, dancing, and the famous tunes of Charles Strouse's hit musical "Bye Bye Birdie" this weekend. Tonight's production is sold out while a few remain for Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. See the advertisement on page 3 for more information. Photo by Janie Hartman

Lindsay Education Association to hold school board forum

The Lindsay Education Association, an affiliate of the Texas State Teachers Association, is holding a forum for the upcoming school board elections in Lindsay ISD. The forum will provide an opportunity for residents to listen to candidates for the Lindsay School Board and to ask questions of the candidates.

The forum will be held in the Cafeteria of the Lindsay Schools on Tuesday, Apr. 18, and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Voter league will host forum

Cooke County League of Women Voters hosts a Voters Forum on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Christian Church. Candidates participating are those seeking election to the Gainesville Memorial Hospital Board of Directors. There are nine candidates for four open positions. Incumbents are Doug Lewis, M.D., Khawaja Anwar, M.D., Larry Sears, M.D., and Jerry Parr. Challenging them are Roger Martin, Rod Tyler, William Abbott, David Eurich, D.D.S., and Bill Wellman, D.V.M.

The public is invited to attend. There will be an opportunity for the audience to have their questions answered.

Hall named hero of the taxpayers

Americans for Tax Reform presented Rep. Ralph Hall (D-TX) with its Hero of the Taxpayer Award for 1999 last week during a ceremony on Capitol Hill. Hall was one of only 103 Representatives and 44 Senators to receive the award - and the only Democratic Member of the House.

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) chose twenty key votes to rate Members of Congress on their commitment to tax reform. These included support of the Tax Limitation Amendment, tax cuts, bankruptcy overhaul, Social Security Lockbox, banking privacy, free trade and school choice, among other issues. Members scoring a composite score of 85 or higher were named Heroes of the taxpayer.

Hall is the lead Democratic cosponsor of legislation that would sunset the current tax code, and he is a cosponsor of bills that would replace the current tax system with either a flat tax, a national sales tax, or some combination of the two. He is the lead Democratic cosponsor of legislation that would require a two-thirds "supermajority" vote to raise taxes, and he is a long-time supporter of legislation to eliminate the estate and capital gains taxes, as well as other provisions that would reduce the tax burden on the American people.



The National Street Rod Association, North Texas Chapter, brought about 60 vintage customized cars to the Muenster City Park for their Appreciation Day and Safety Run Saturday. State Representative Tony Jones of Denton said a car must be a 1948 or older model to qualify for NSRA. The updated and customized rods are subjected to a rigorous safety inspection at an event like this. Safety Inspector Bobby Jefferson said he was proud that for the first time at one of these runs, all cars voluntarily submitted to and passed the inspection. Jones, who is also president of the Top Tin Street Rod Club of Denton said, "All our members like coming to Muenster, everyone treats us so well." Top Tin will return to Muenster in November for their annual run and meeting. The visits to Muenster are coordinated by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce.

Dave Fette photo

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

From here and into the future, Muenster's quality and quantity of healthcare facilities will be decided by our relative strength within the county. It is imperative that we retain our Muenster Hospital District. Many in this community want to know what we can accomplish if we "SAVE THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT," but continue forging ahead with plans to join Gainesville. Believe me, we accomplish a great deal immediately, and even more in the future. But the legal manner in which we join with Gainesville is most crucial to our interest. And that is the task we members of the Hospital District Support Group have undertaken: To convince our local Hospital Board to preserve the interest of our Hospital District. This can best be accomplished by substituting a CONTRACT as basis for agreement between the two districts as opposed to the MERGER concept. We know that Gainesville Board is ready to work in this manner. Quoting from this paper's article of Feb. 25, 2000: "Gainesville Administrator Anderson, when asked 'What if the districts don't unite?' said 'Gainesville Hospital District will go ahead (with the new hospital). If Muenster doesn't dissolve their district they may want to CONTRACT for some services.'"

In reference to the MH

Board, I personally feel they did this community a great service with their surprise announcement a few months ago regarding the closing of our Hospital and joining with the Gainesville District. I say great service, because they accomplished two things they would have been unable to accomplish by continuing to inch along toward bankruptcy. First, it was a wake up call. It jolted the community into realization that there is no government relief in sight, and that we must take action to generate our own relief. Secondly, they've worked long and hard to establish a working relationship with the Gainesville Board, and helped that Board to realize the need for a new and improved facility, centralized in the county.

Yes, we as a community have a natural resistance to closing down our Hospital and going to a lesser level of healthcare here in Muenster. Not only resistance is involved but also the step carries legal consequences, because when we give up our ER and in-bed status, we give up the Hospital license. So another point begging attention is that we must hold off as long as possible the sacrificing of our license. The reason is, the Hospital District Support Group is currently pursuing ideas which may save our license. This requires time, and

most importantly, cooperation of our MH Board.

Now here's why the Support Group insist that a CONTRACT AGREEMENT is preferable to a MERGER: Muenster Hospital represents in size and revenue approximately one third that of Gainesville Hospital. That gives us a strong, though not a majority, voice so long as we speak on basis of district to district. We cannot expect the same strength if we MERGE, as we drop to only 3,000 votes out of 20,000 countywide. That's right, the western 1/3 of Cooke County has only 15% of the vote. We will lose our strength through MERGER!

We must keep our District and speak with the authority that we currently have. DO NOT MERGE, but enter into the joint effort via a CONTRACT between the two districts. This way we preserve our interest and maintain a strong voice in matters of our healthcare. If we were to MERGE our voice would become even weaker over time due to changes in demographics as the Metroplex advances from the south.

There are two positive steps the Support Group has initiated in trying to convince our Board to turn to the CONTRACT concept: There is currently in circulation throughout our community a very simple Petition that needs your signature..... It states: To Board Members of Muenster Hospital..... PLEASE SAVE OUR HOSPITAL DISTRICT..... Signed

It has no legal status. It is not binding. But enough signatures cannot help but sway individuals we wish to convince.

Also, Carol Grewing, one of our Support Members, has agreed to run for a position on the MH Board. A strong showing of votes for our candidate will help our cause. There are three positions to be filled at this Hospital election, which is to be held Saturday, May 6. Be certain that you cast one vote in Support of our Hospital District..... VOTE FOR CAROL GREWING.

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From My Side Of The Fence by Ed Cler

The Persian Gulf War we fought nine years ago, was to secure a good supply of oil, in great part.

Well, there are a number of reasons why we are now paying considerably more for gasoline than we were a couple months ago.

For one thing, according to papers I read, our country now imports 56% of the oil we use, and if current trends continue, the percentage will rise to 65% in a few more years.

America likely has great supplies of oil here in our own country, but it has been effectively sealed off by our present Administration, by putting exploration off limits in a number of very promising areas.

Most of the reasons given are for environmental concerns, but the oil industry has learned to work well with the Environmental Protection Agency.

The areas so considered are only a very small part of the whole area that has been put off limits to oil exploration.

Then there are thousands of

marginal wells that were shut in due to the low price of oil.

Considering the fact that these many wells produced no tax income while they were not producing, it seems to me that the powers that be could see fit not to tax the production from these marginal wells.

Under these circumstances, I wonder, if the owners might see fit, with better prices and no taxes, to clean up those wells that, together, would add many thousands of barrels of oil to domestic production. As O.P.E.C. cut their production, the price of a barrel of oil quickly rose to as much as \$32.00, but has since gone down a bit.

Since O.P.E.C. has seen fit to produce less oil, we are either going to get used to paying much higher prices for fuel, or America will have to make some changes in our energy policy, which at present is in a shambles or non-existent.

I have just learned that America is buying oil from Saddam Hussein who is using the income to build his war machine even larger.

Proclamation by Mayor Henry Weinzapfel on The Week of the Young Child

Whereas, Sacred Heart School in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, is celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 9-15, 2000 and

Whereas, by calling attention to the need for high-quality early childhood services for all children and families within Muenster, Texas, this group hopes to improve the quality and availability of such services, and

Whereas, the future of Muenster, Texas depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today, and

Whereas, high-quality early childhood services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future.

I, Henry Weinzapfel, Mayor of the city of Muenster, Texas do hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2000 as The Week of the Young Child in Muenster, Texas and urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in Muenster, Texas.

Proclamation #4-11-200, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Day

Whereas, there are currently more than 96,000 Texans living in nursing homes and many of these residents have no family or visitors, and

Whereas, last year in the Texoma area, 52 men and women volunteered their time as nursing home ombudsman through the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program sponsored by the Texas Department of Aging, and

Whereas, these volunteers are certified after completing 36 hours of training, a three month internship, and 12 hours of continuing education each year, and

Whereas, a volunteer ombudsman is a special person who advocates for quality of life and quality of care for nursing home residents; helps identify, investigate, and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of nursing home residents, and

Whereas, an ombudsman also provides information to the public regarding facilities available in the local community, as well as tips for selecting a nursing home facility.

Now, therefore, I, Henry Weinzapfel, Mayor of the City of Muenster, Texas, by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2000

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Day

In the City of Muenster and encourage all citizens to recognize these ombudsmen who give their time and energy to enhance the quality of life for nursing home residents. I encourage citizens to follow their example and remember our senior residents who have given so much to our community.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 16, 2000	Monday, April 17, 2000	Tuesday, April 18, 2000	Wednesday, April 19, 2000	Thursday, April 20, 2000	Friday, April 21, 2000	Saturday, April 22, 2000
Registration for SH students K-12 after all Masses SHHS Musical 3:30 pm, SH Community Center Muenster Golf Association Scramble, 2 pm, Turtle Hill	VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8 pm MISD Preschool Registration begins SHS Advisory Council meeting, 7:30 pm, Library	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Recovery Seminar, 6-8 pm, Home Hospice Office MISD Kindergarten Registration 3:45 pm in K-3 elementary building Cooke Co Diabetic Support Group, 7 pm, MMH	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm NO Religious Ed Class Tuesday, 18th, cont'd Lindsay Education Assoc. School Board Forum, 7 pm, cafeteria Muenster Baseball Coaches meeting, 7:30 pm, The Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Red Cross Blood Drive, KC Hall, Noon-8 pm Last day to register for MISD Preschool NO SCHOOL Sacred Heart	Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL MISD or SHS	
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Sacred Heart Preschool Parents meeting, 7 pm NO SCHOOL MISD Relay For Life Team Captain meeting, 5:30 pm, Cooke County Electric	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board meeting, 7:30 pm Grief Recovery Seminar, 6-8 pm, Home Hospice office	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Mass, 6:30 pm followed by Religious Ed Classes Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Home Hospice Bereavement Teleconference, 12:30-3:30 pm	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm	Texoma Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9 am-3pm, Sherman-Dennison Mall, Sherman

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ard member Chas Bayer d, "There's been a lot of discussions, but there are a few facts that we have to face that we can't change. The hardest one to live with is that the hospital is going to close. We can't keep the doors open. We've lived on over \$320,000 worth of taxes in the last seven years. The biggest part of this ward was seated. That was one of the toughest things that we've ever done, to vote ourselves a tax. That's hard to do. Right now we tax just to keep our roads above water. I don't think anybody wants to pay 70, or 80 cents in tax. We don't plan to do that. Personally I feel that my duty to this Board is to furnish any way we can the best health care that we can find." Bayer said he agreed with Phil Adres that the new hospital with more facilities and more doctors was the best avenue. "The biggest problem that we're having isn't we and they," continued Bayer. "The biggest problem is the fact that Muenster doesn't want to give up the district. Still there's not one suggestion, one bit of information on why. Why do we want to keep the district?" Bayer said that after the new facility opens, there won't be a hospital in Muenster. It will be made into a clinic. "We don't have a hospital left," he stated. "We'll have a clinic. It won't be a hospital again. It's possible. I don't see how it's a solution. What is the gumption to keep the district? That's what's holding us up, someone please come up with a solution. I don't think anybody here knows, do they?" One member of the crowd said that he had some information that he had a good reason to keep the district. He declined to reveal it at the Town Hall meeting, but offered it to Board members at another time. Bayer concluded his remarks by saying that he didn't get on the Board to close the hospital, but to save it. "We haven't done one very good job of it," he said. "It's no one's fault." Bayer said he'd served on the Board before and that he'd helped raise money to build the hospital and that it is notional to have to close the hospital but that was the best way they knew to go. GMH Board member Doug Lewis, M.D. empathized with the people in the Muenster Hospital District. He said he'd often to know the people and the nurses at Muenster when he'd filled in to care for newborns for one of the local doctors. Lewis noted that he came from a small town similar to Muenster that couldn't keep its hospital open. "I know what it's like for my own town to lose my hospital," commented Lewis. "I know the ride that the people of Muenster have in this facility and I know the blood, sweat, and tears that were poured and the sacrifice the people of Muenster made. I know what that's like I've been through it myself."

Dr. Lewis observed that the Muenster people are looking for assurance that the new hospital district will keep facilities in Muenster. "I have to ask myself why would we throw away the good will, the equity, the support the people of Muenster have always given the hospital. Why would we just throw that away?" According to Lewis, the people of Valley View asked GMH to put a clinic there. "It's costing us money but we're out there because it establishes good will with the people of Valley View," he remarked. "It's not any bigger than Muenster, doesn't have a hospital and traditionally sends all its people to Denton for support and we're going to have Muenster that has this support thrown away? Say we don't care about you, we're going to close your facility? Gainesville Board wouldn't do that with no representation from Muenster." He said a Board with representation from Muenster surely wouldn't do that. He pointed out that the Legislature should define the level of care that is to be provided at Muenster. "Even if it didn't it'd be stupid to throw away the good will the people of Muenster have for their facility," continued Lewis. As Medical Director for the ambulance service of Cooke County, Lewis said that with all of the ambulances stationed in Gainesville it takes 25 to 30 minutes in good weather to respond when something happens at Bulcher or at Turtle Hill. He wouldn't want to accept that kind of transport time for everybody, he said. "I'm going to throw away the station that I have here? No. As director of the ambulance service I'm going to fight that as hard as I can," Dr. Lewis declared. "I still fight with Jack about it. He doesn't even see it as a (24 hour) urgent care center here because it costs money to have 24 hours staffing. To me either you put an ambulance in Muenster or you have 24 hour staffing even if it's an expense and will never break even. It's something that's necessary to this end of the county. As long as I'm on the Board, I'm going to be fighting for 24 hour staffing in Muenster with an emergency room or something close to it so we can stabilize patients while we get them into the ambulance to get them to the hospital. I cannot see Muenster losing anything that they have now other than the ability to give inpatient care which is a loss, but not much of a loss." Imelda Rohmer asked how the Board planned to keep doctors in Muenster. She also expressed concern for the women in the Montague area who come to Muenster to deliver their babies. Why couldn't we keep the birthing center here? she wondered. One time she had a hard time making it from her house to the hospital a few blocks away, she recalled.

Endres said that Dr. Morrill and Advincula had already agreed to stay in Muenster, but he couldn't speak for Dr. Currier. As far as keeping the OB services that wouldn't be possible because support services such as surgery which might be required at a moments notice for an emergency C section. "I'm not making it. Every time I make a decision on that Board, I have to think of how it will affect every one of you. If I don't vote for them to merge and we close, you'll say, 'What did you do to help us?'" "My flower shop would be better off with Muenster Hospital. But that is not the best for all the people." Another Board member, Jerry Hess, said that he was the chairman of the fund raiser for the OB wing. They'd just raised enough money and he was feeling good about things. "It was about three meetings later when they brought this on us," revealed Hess. "I wanted to throw up. How are we going to tell these people? It made me sick." After looking at everything Hess said he feels that they are heading in the right direction with the merger. "I want to commend Dr. Currier," stated Board member Jack Murdock. "I believe that without his practice the Muenster Hospital probably would have closed three years ago. I applaud and admire his emotions. He's fighting to the last ounce to keep it open. The last thing that I want to have happen is for that hospital to close. I don't get on boards to see things close. I get on board to build things. We have 120 employees. The hospital is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We average four (inpatient) people in that hospital. Four people cannot support 120 people." Murdock applauded Jack Endres for his conservative use of money saying that without some his techniques the hospital might have already closed. "The bottom line is that we need the best health care that we can get close to our community," he noted. Cathy Kubis asked for some hard facts on what Muenster would have with the merger. Endres said that they would be getting back to the community with facts as soon as possible before the elections. An architect must be selected before work can begin on the plans, he explained. Muenster resident of 12 years Steve Cone offered his agreement with many facts

stated by Dr. Tom Currier. He said, "I must come down squarely with Dr. Currier. I think that closing the hospital is an unfortunate and bad choice. I can't find anything that is in my best interest or that I can foresee in the best interest of western Cooke County. I think that it is a tragedy for Muenster." Looking at it from a businessman's perspective, Cone said that he could see the facility being kept open until the new hospital is opened for business. Then the financially responsible thing to do would be to close this one up and put the money into the new facility, he said. "What's going to happen over there (Gainesville) is going to happen whether we give up the hospital district or not," Cone remarked. "They're going to build that hospital with or without us. I just believe this hospital has potential. This hospital was a cash cow once and we're still operating off the remainder of the money." He feels that if things are done differently the hospital might be kept open. GMH Administrator Anderson countered that what Cone suggested is just what a businessman would do. "Hospital services shouldn't be a business, said Anderson. "We don't want to sell you health care, we want to provide you health care. It's not about making profits and when profits don't come, closing. It's about providing health care." Many of those attending had already seen the slide presentation so Endres offered a scaled down version.



Members of the first grade class of Sacred Heart School take cover from Wednesday morning showers after a tour of the Muenster State Bank. The mini field trip was part of the Week of the Young Child celebration. Photo by Janie Hartman

Burwell speaks on job as parole commissioner

by Janet Felderhoff
Members of the Cooke County Republican Women's Club got an inside perspective on the job of a Texas Pardons and Parole commissioner at their April 4 meeting. Commissioner Paddy Land Burwell who was appointed to the commissioner in February

of 1999 by Gov. George Bush, spoke to the group about his job. There are six members of the Commission. Since being appointed, Burwell has reviewed and ruled on 9,202 cases. When clemency is requested on executions, the commission must make a ruling. Burwell served when the Stanley Falder and Betty Lou Beets cases were decided. Burwell told members that there are 151,000 people in Texas prisons which are currently at 98 percent capacity. Prison population is 45 percent black, 12 percent Anglo, and 26 percent Hispanic, he said. There is a bad gang problem in Texas prisons. At times when these gang members are released they will fight each other over things that occurred in prison. The gang problem originated in California prisons according to Burwell.

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Burwell told the Cooke County Republican Women that he has a deep respect for Gov. Bush and the job he's done to decrease crime in Texas. The Commissioner also told the group that he feels that he is a spokesman for victims and works for the people of Texas.

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Lifestyle

Hacker Fisher wed March 18 in Sacred Heart Church

by **Elfreda Fette**
Mr. and Mrs. Maurus John Hacker, Jr. have returned from a wedding cruise on the Eastern Caribbean and are at home in Muenster. They were married on Mar. 18, 2000 in a Nuptial Mass with double ring vows in Sacred Heart Church officiated by Father Thomas Craig at 2:00 p.m.

The bride is the former Sally Ann Fisher of Muenster, daughter of Chuck and Vicky Fisher. She is a 1995 graduate of Muenster High school and a 1998 graduate of Midwestern State University and is employed by Muenster Memorial Hospital as a Radiologic Technologist.

The groom is the son of Maurus and Lynn Hacker of Myra. He is a 1995 graduate of Muenster High School and is co-owner of H&W Cabinet Shop and is a machinist employed by Superior Machining and Fabrication.

Presented at the altar by her father, Chuck Fisher, the bride wore a formal wedding gown designed by Demetrios of candlelight silk satin, fashionably styled with classic, wide soutach lace detail on the A-line silhouette. The empire waistline was adorned with soutach lace, and the gown had a delicate jewel neckline and sleeveless bodice. Attached to the fitted bodice

was the elegant semi-cathedral length train.

Her elbow-length layered illusion veil was held by a silk band. To accentuate her gown she wore elbow length gloves. She carried a bridal bouquet of traditional cluster of fresh white bianca and porcelaina roses, with lavender freesia.

ATTENDANTS

Michelle Hennigan of Denton, friend of the bride was maid of honor.

Lisa Lippe of Wichita Falls, bride's cousin, Kelly McCoy of Corinth, Shelley Klement of Muenster, and April Walterscheid of Muenster, bride's friends were bridesmaids. Jessica Fisher, bride's sister was junior bridesmaid.

They wore plum crepe, sleeveless straight line dresses, designed with empire bodices, and carried flowers similar to the bride's bouquet.

Flower girls were Michelle Fisher, Olivia Haverkamp, Madison Walford, and Ann Marie Kelson, all cousins of the bride.

Ring bearer was Drew Fisher, cousin of the bride.

Michael Hacker of Myra, groom's brother was best man.

Groomsmen were Darren Bindel, Jason Huchton, Jimmy Hacker, and Jeff Walterscheid all of Muenster, friends of the groom.



Mrs. Maurus John Hacker ...nee Sally Ann Fisher ...

Ushers were Jay Hennigan of Lubbock, Jason Sicking, Chris Kubis, and Robert McDaniel all of Muenster and Scott Debnam of Wichita Falls, friends of the groom.

Altar servers were Patrick Lutkenhaus and Mark Fleitman, cousins of the groom.

Wedding music was presented by Stephen Bonin on the organ, Kelly Growing on

the flute, and Christy Hesse and Roger Dieter, vocalists.

The special liturgy included the First Reading by Ginnie Kelson, bride's aunt, and the Second Reading by Karl Kelson, bride's uncle. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Jennifer Hesse, bride's cousin. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Dan Haverkamp, bride's godfather and Donald and JoAnn Pelzel, groom's godparents. Eucharistic Ministers were Peggy Walterscheid, Ben and Carol Fleitman, Annette Bayer, Rudy Koessler, and Annette Anderle.

Church decorations included a pair of tall, floor-standing spiral candelabra with lighted candles in the space beside the altar, and pew markers of lighted hurricane globes and ivory satin bows.

RECEPTION

A reception followed in the Sacred Heart Community Center, hosted by the couple and their parents. Dinner was catered by Rohmer's Restaurant. Guests danced to music by DJ Dave Muller.

Diane Endres and Shirley Stewart, friends of the bride, secured signatures in the guest book, at a table covered with lace and edged with greenery, and lilies of the valley. The

couple's engagement photo unity candle and a bouquet of roses, a gift from the groom, the bride were placed on the guest registry table.

The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. The first layer of the bride's cake with three additional tiers supported by a single central pillar. All layers were accented with fresh flowers, including ivory roses, larkspur, alstroemeria and button mums. On the sides, the cakes were decorated in a simple, elegant scroll design. Fresh flowers accented the top of the cakes.

The chocolate groom's cake was designed to look like a basket complete with handle and lid. Miniature vines and strawberries covered the handle. The "basket" was filled to overflowing with chocolate dipped strawberries. Gumpaste honey bees were "attracted" to the strawberries. Basketweave icing decorated the sides of the basket.

Reception assistants were Kelly Schumacher, Laura Haverkamp, Leah Smith, Brook Walford, and Shell Herr.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at The Center Restaurant.

Easter Pageant extols "Jesus, The Servant Savior"

The timeless triumph of Easter, rooted in the age of Old Testament patriarchs and reaching to this fast-paced cyber world, unfolds Apr. 21 and 22 in the 10th Anniversary Gainesville Easter Pageant, "Jesus, the Servant Savior."

Hosted by First Baptist Church Gainesville, the dramatic musical presentation tells the old, old story of Christ through prophecy and the eyewitness accounts of those who knew Him as a child and followed Him during His ministry.

"We are reminded again and again that Christ calls us to humble ourselves, to put others before us, to be servants to each other - and to the world," notes the Rev. Lee Deeds, Minister of Music at First Baptist and director of the presentation.

The fully staged and costumed production opens with reflection on legacy of the Children of Israel, the prophecy of the Messiah's birth, and the miraculous fulfillment of that long-awaited promise. In portraying the

ministry years, "Jesus, the Servant Savior" shines light on the heart of Jesus' ministry. His love of children, respect for women, compassion for the down-trodden, and continuous emphasis on the call to servanthood.

The program begins at 8:30 each evening, and is free and open to the public. Nursery facilities are provided for children 3 and younger. For more information, contact the church at 940-665-4347, or consult the church website at www.fbc-gainesville.com



"Flying Into the Thirties" at Morton Museum

The fifth session in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Spring Series "Flying Into the Thirties" will take place at noon on Monday, Apr. 17 at the Morton Museum of Cooke County in Gainesville.

"Gone With the Wind" premiered; the Dionne quintuplets were born; Shirley Temple danced her way into our hearts; and Franklin Roosevelt tried to lead the country through devastation of the Great Depression. It was the 1930s - a watershed period in our history. So, grab your Monopoly game (invented in 1939), your tickets to the local dance marathons (which were very popular in the 1930s) and stroll down memory lane in the first part of this session.

Numerous artifacts from the 1930s will be on display.

In the second part of the program Amelia Earhart (in the person of a costumed interpreter) will drop in. Amelia Earhart actually visited Gainesville many years ago. Look for the automobile from the 1930s which will be parked outside. Handouts will be provided. Refreshments will be served - samples of food first manufactured during that decade.

Seating is limited. For members of the Cooke County Heritage Society, the cost to attend is \$3 and for non-members the cost is \$4. To reserve a seat or for more information, please call the museum at 940-668-8900.

Area Meetings

Team captain meeting is scheduled for Monday, Apr. 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cooke County Electric Co-op meeting room. A team captain or team representative should attend. Call 759-2271, Ext. 36 for more information.

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The Cooke County Diabetes Support Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Muenster Memorial Hospital conference room. Bayer Diabetes Specialist Sharon Corso will demonstrate the Dex and Glucometer Elite, which you can obtain free by trading in your old meter. Jerry Meece, RPh, CDE will present "Update in Diabetes Care." Snacks will be served. All persons with diabetes and family members are encouraged to attend. For more information call Joan Walterscheid, RN, CDE at 940-759-2395. Please see ad in this week's Muenster Enterprise.

Baptisms

Rohmer
Eric Michael Rohmer received the Sacrament of Baptism on Mar. 18, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mark Catholic Church of Plano, administered by Father Matthew Bagert. He is the son of Curtis and Pat Rohmer of Plano. His baptismal sponsors were Ed and Martha Blohm of Tucson, Arizona.

Also attending with the above were the infant's brother Thomas, his paternal grandmother Viola Rohmer, and Alan, Rhonda and Tyler Rohmer of Muenster; maternal grandparents Sergio and Isela Macias, Jr. and Chuy and Laura Moya and children Isaac and Nicholas of El Paso. Also the godparents Ed and Martha Blohm and children Jonathan and Tyler of Tucson, Arizona, Kathy Rohmer of Dallas, Brian Rohmer of Ben Wheeler, Texas.

Gary and Robin Rohmer are children Lauren, Drew, and Sean of Southlake.

Also Sara Valencia, Lup Valencia and daughter Amanda Brown of Katy, Texas. And friends John and Cheryl Still and Matthew and Ryan Sachse, Pauline Creighton, Stacie Courtney, Nancy Ribb of Dallas, Sandy McCarthy, Carrollton, Betty Morrison and John Hamilton and Sylvio Cordova of Plano.

Eric wore the same christening garment as worn by his brother Thomas that was a gift from the maternal grandparents, who also presented the special baptismal candle and the decorative shell used to pour the baptismal water.

A christening cake bake and decorated by Betty Ros Walterscheid, was served at reception following the service

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Home Hospice to host "Living with Grief: Children, Adolescents, and Loss"

On Wednesday, Apr. 26 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Home Hospice, Cooke County will join 400 organizations across the United States and Canada as a local host for the Hospice Foundation of America's 15th annual National Bereavement Teleconference. "Living with Grief: Children, Adolescents, and Loss," a live-satellite video teleconference, will focus on ways to help children and adolescents cope with loss. The program will offer insight and practical suggestions for those assisting young people with issues that include death, serious illness, divorce, and other traumatic incidents. This teleconference is one of many ways Home Hospice, Cooke County helps the grieving of the community. Its bereavement team brings grief support groups, grief recovery seminars, memorial services and access to grief literature to the community throughout the year. There is never a charge for any of these services. The "Living with Grief"

Teleconference was also hosted by Home Hospice last year and was very successful. "This teleconference will address a very important topic that I believe goes unnoticed at times and that is how children and adolescents cope with loss," states Kelly Lamkin, L.S.W., Home Hospice Social Worker and Bereavement Coordinator. "Everyone who attends this teleconference will benefit from the information that will be provided." This teleconference can help the community learn more about children and adolescents and how to help them cope with grief. Beneficial information and strategies could be gained by all including all health care workers, social workers, nurses, mental health practitioners, teachers, counselors, clergy, funeral directors, nursing home administrators, and staff, students, and anyone in the community at large. Ms. Cokie Roberts will moderate the two-and-one-half hour panel discussion. The

panel will include Nancy Boyd Webb, DSW, BCD, RPT-S, a social worker and expert on play therapy for bereaved children; Charles Corr, PhD, professor and author who has written extensively on children, adolescents, and grief; Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, Lutheran minister and professor of gerontology at the College of New Rochelle; Margarita Suarez, RN, PNP, MA, a pediatric nurse, former school teacher and Executive Director of AVANTA in Washington state. Dottie Ward-Wimmer, a pediatric nurse and children's bereavement counselor with the Wendt Center for Loss and Healing in Washington, DC, and Sheila Holt, a counselor with the DC Public School System, will join the panel for a discussion on intervention. Home Hospice will provide a professional panel of experts in the field of bereavement to lead a 30 minute local panel discussion immediately after the program. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss

these issues with the expert panel. Professions from the area participating will be Chris Haberstroh, PhD from A Better Tomorrow; Michael Ann Rigler, LPC, LSW from Cooke County Friends of the Family; Kelly Lamkin, LSW from Cooke County Home Hospice; Rev. Reid Fade from Whaley United Methodist Church and Glenna Metzler, school counselor at Valley View.

The teleconference will be held at North Central Texas College Library Lyceum in Gainesville. There is no charge for attending the teleconference. However, Continuing Education Units are being offered for most disciplines. If CEUs are desired, there is a \$20.00 processing fee payable to the Hospice Foundation of America for the 3 contact hours of continuing education.

For more information or to register, limited seating, call Kelly Lamkin, LSW at Home Hospice, Cooke County at 940-665-9891.



The announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Jamie Park and Jay Hennigan, both of Lubbock, by their parents Joel and Debbie Park of Lamesa and Donald and Sandra Hennigan of Muenster. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Lamesa High School, 1998 graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor's degree in Spanish and English. She will finish her Master's degree in Higher Education in June at Texas Tech University and will begin her doctorate in August. Miss Park is currently employed by Texas Tech University Graduate School. The future groom is a 1994 graduate of Muenster High School, 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's degree in Food Technology. He is currently employed as a supervisor for Dean Food in Lubbock. The couple plan to wed at 2:30 p.m. on May 20, 2000, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Father Tom Craig officiating. After a wedding trip, they will reside in Lubbock.

St. Anne's collects pennies as their money making project

The St. Anne's Society of Sacred Heart met in the Community Center S.N.A.P. room at 7:00 p.m. on Apr. 2, resident Toni Hess led penning prayers. St. Anne's Society is still collecting pennies for their money making project this year. A jar for the pennies has been placed at the Muenster State Bank, but contributions are also given to Tillie Otto. Members would prefer not to collect pennies, \$5 can be added to their usual dues instead. The minutes from the last meeting were read by Nancy

Nystrom and approved as written. Tillie Otto gave the treasurer's report for March and noted that a package of books was sent to St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. All members who have not paid their yearly dues are asked to pay them immediately. Nancy Nystrom won the door prize. The meeting ended with prayer. The next St. Anne's Society meeting will be May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center S.N.A.P. Room. Please note the time change and join them for prayer.

Anna Rose is four

Anna Rose Rohmer, daughter of Neil and Donna Rohmer of Lindsay, turned four years old on Sunday, Mar. 12. He celebrated in the home of her maternal grandparents, Rudy and AnnaBelle Dieter of Lindsay. A noon meal was served along with a Barbie chocolate cake and ice cream. Gifts were opened and videos were made. Guests included her parents, brothers Thomas and John, grandparents, and several uncles, aunts, and cousins. Anna Rose enjoyed a special treat on Monday, Mar. 13, the day after her birthday. She and her brother Thomas, along with her parents, rode the Amtrak train to Fort Worth. Everyone enjoyed walking through downtown, visiting shops, eating out, and ice skating at the Tandy Center.

Anna Rose also shared cookies and punch with the children in the home of her daycare provider, Donna Reed, of Lindsay. On Tuesday, Mar. 21, Anna Rose celebrated with all of her friends at Terry and Lisa's Preschool. Chocolate chip cookies and treat bags were distributed to all the kids.



Anna Rose Rohmer

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New Arrivals

Waterhouse

Darl Waterhouse and Portia McKinnon of Savoy announce the birth of their son, Chase Dale Waterhouse, in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Sunday, April 9, 2000, at 11:14 p.m. He weighed 6 lb. 9 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. Grandparents are Jim and Carolyn McKinnon of Gainesville and Edith Waterhouse and Monty Carlton of Valley View and Bob and Ginette Waterhouse of Rocklin, Georgia.

Bell

Jack R. and Michelle Marie Bell of Weatherford announce with pride the birth of their daughter, Rachel Marie Bell on Feb. 4, 2000 at 2:42 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 22 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jack and Bernida Bell of the Lufketa Oklahoma Community. Maternal grandparents are Ewald and Irma Fuhrmann. Rachel is another great-grandchild for Helen Hofbauer of St. Richard's Villa. The late great-grandpa was Clem Hofbauer.

Westbrook

Larry and Tracy Westbrook of Collinsville announce with joy the birth of their first child, a son, Collin James in Wilson N. Jones Medical Center on Mar. 27, 2000 at 5:16 p.m. He weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Grandparents are James and Linda Vogel of Muenster and Larry and Althea Westbrook of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Theresa Vogel of Muenster and the late Ray Vogel; and James and Bobbie Westbrook of Callisburg. Great-grandmother is Maria Tolbert of Gainesville and great-great-grandmother is

Bessie Cannaday of Gainesville.

Vogel

Rodney and Julie Vogel of Romona, California announce the birth of a daughter, Carlee Rae on Mar. 18, 2000 weighing 8 lb. 1 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Larry and Kathy Vogel of Myra and Carl and Miriam Chappell of Saint Jo. Great-grandparents are James and the late Wioma Strong of Adrian, Missouri and Glen and the late Winnie Chappell of Nocona, Paul Sicking and Bernice Sicking of Myra and the late Lawrence and Philomena Vogel of Muenster.

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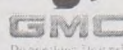
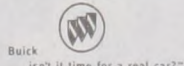
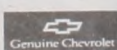
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School News

Muenster FHA hears sports nutrition program

The Muenster High School Future Homemakers of America organization recently hosted Lucy Krahl, Registered Dietitian from Gainesville Memorial Hospital as a guest speaker for their March meeting. The main topic of Mrs. Krahl's program focused on nutrition for athletes. The very informative program helped the students to become aware of the importance of eating a variety of foods, and reviewed what nutrients do for your body and what their sources are.

After this basic nutrition information was discussed, Mrs. Krahl helped students plan their day to day diets, and what and how to eat and drink, before, during and after competition. Mrs. Krahl then showed the students the amount of fat in certain foods commonly consumed by teens, such as fast foods. The amount of fat for each food was visually displayed in test tubes.

The last part of the program was a video presentation of a television ad featuring Mrs. Krahl promoting a dairy product's store chain (Braun's). Mrs. Krahl was

asked to represent their company after she contacted them for educational brochures about their product. She then emphasized to the students the importance of getting enough calcium in their diets. All the FHA members received printouts and brochures of the nutrition information they received from her program.

Muenster ISD Preschool registration set

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Flag Day poster contest announced

Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring a poster contest to commemorate the 223rd birthday of our nation's flag. The theme of this year's contest is: "What does the U.S. Flag mean to me?"

Elementary school students in grades kindergarten through fifth may submit one original poster no larger than 20" x 20". Judges will evaluate posters based on eye appeal, originality and theme. Winners will receive cash awards.

To receive an entry form and a complete rules for the contest, contact Sadie D. Wilks in the communication department at (800) 262-2548. The deadline to submit entries to the contest is May 15. All entries will become the property of Catholic Life Insurance.



Sacred Heart High School's Economic Class works on their stock market investments. Janie Hartman photo

Sacred Heart stock market teams near the top of Cal State Fullerton Investment Challenge

After six weeks of the Cal State Fullerton Investment Challenge, three Sacred Heart High School Economics teams rank in the top 11 teams out of 320 teams in the competition.

As of Apr. 4, ranking 2nd overall was team 51006, made up of Josh Walterscheid, Matt Bayer, and Barbara Nussbaum. Despite major

market gyrations, the team has shown a \$19,000 profit through judicious buying and selling and short-selling of Chemdex.

Ranking 9th was team 51005 consisting of Jessica Berres, Adam Klement, and Kristen Knauf making a \$13,000 profit so far. Their best move was short-selling Estee Lauder, and buying Charles Schwab.

Also ranking high was team 51003, made up of Jenni Hess, Sarah Hess, and Joanna Gehrig.

Each team in the competition begins with a \$100,000

portfolio and can buy and sell and short-sell another \$100,000 on margin.

While the students still have 4 weeks in the competition, each Sacred Heart team has been hedging their bets with a major short-sell; it looks promising for 3 or 4 teams to finish among the top 10%.

Sacred Heart stock advisors are Joe Caserta and Ele Felderhoff. Participation in a National Stock Market Competition is a requirement of the Economics program at Sacred Heart School.

Sacred Heart Honor Roll

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Adrienne Bartel, Debra Dangelmayr, Kayla Felderhoff, Michelle Fuhrmann, Jennifer Hess, Sarah Hess, Kristen Knauf, Gina Yosten. Grade 11: Jacqueline Bartush, Melanie Bartush, Keith Felderhoff, Dana Miller, Kendal Sellers. Grade 10: Kelly Fetsch, Elizabeth Fette, Sara Sepanski, Aaron Walterscheid. Grade 9: Mary Jane Callahan, Joseph Davis, Michael Voth. Grade 8: Lisa Endres, Cindy Hartman, Kate Sepanski. Grade 7: Dylan Connell, Andrew Davis. Grade 6: Diana Knabe. Grade 5: Micah Flusche. Grade 4: Stephen Davis.

Walterscheid, Christina Weinzapfel, Wes Wimmer. Grade 7: Paul Bartush, Rose Bartush, Jacqueline Bauer, Sarah Brundage, Christine Fetsch, Katie Flusche. Grade 6: Adam Dangelmayr, Abby Endres, Joelle Fuhrmann, David Walterscheid, Debra Yosten. Grade 5: Mitch Sellers, Jessica Walterscheid. Grade 4: Kara Felderhoff, Colby Richey, Laura Sepanski, Joshua Yosten.

"B" HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Andrea Bartush, Jessica Berres, Sarah Kelley, Melissa McCarty, Barbara Nussbaum, Josh Walterscheid. Grade 11: Travis Bayer, Grace Cochran, Charlie Moster, Nicholas Taylor, Jonathan Yosten. Grade 10: Lisa Rohmer, Sara Rogers, Mattie Sicking. Grade 9: Raney Bauer, Jack Biffle, Katie Cox, Jessica Davies, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Anna McGowen McMurrey, Tiffany Richey. Grade 8: Andrea Bonin, Tony Moster, Adam Taylor, Laura Taylor. Grade 7: Stephanie Henschel, Stephan LaChance, Thomas Otto, Jordan Smith, Jeff Walterscheid. Grade 6: Karen Flusche, Mark Gehrig, Shannon Hartman, Hannah Hess, Sarah Whitecotton. Grade 5: Zachary Bartush, Kristen Miller. Grade 4: Sunni Bayer, Nicholas Flusche, Nolan Hartman, Kristina Koesler, Tyler Rohmer.

"A" HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Anne Flusche, Joanna Gehrig, Glenn Gleason, Matthew Nasche. Grade 11: Diane Becker, Holly Hartman, Jeff Hartman, Jessica Koesler. Grade 10: Audrey Barnhill, Andrea Bauer, Kristen Yosten, Kristen Zimmerman. Grade 9: Catherine Bartush, Daniel Bartush, Alicia Cochran, Matthew Donahue, Martin Farrell, Christopher Fuhrmann, Clint Fuhrmann, Crystal Hess, Jonathan Krahl, Liliana Nasche, Haley Rogers, Jana Truenebach, Thomas Whitecotton. Grade 8: Jayna Biffle, Karen Gehrig, Lynn Sicking, Amy Trevino, Kevin

Lunch Menu

WEEK OF APR. 17-21 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corny dogs, French fries, beans, fruit, sunshine square.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls.

Wed. - Sub sandwiches, chips, lettuce and tomatoes, carrot sticks, fruit, cookies.

Thurs. - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, and onions, French fries, fruit, ice cream.

Fri. - No School. SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENUS

Mon. - Cook's choice, vegetables, dessert, bread. Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, corn, lettuce, applesauce, garlic toast.

Wed. - Stew w/vegetables, cheese sticks, cole slaw, peaches, cornbread, syrup.

Holy Thursday and Good Friday - No School. LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Burritos, refried beans, applesauce, mixed fruit, bread.

Tues. - Barbecue sandwich, baked beans, French fries, pineapple.

Wed. - Lasagna, mixed veggies, lettuce salad, pears, bread.

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

Fri. - No School. ERA ISD

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

Tues. - Burritos w/cheese sauce, corn, tossed salad or Mexican salad, sugar cookies.

Wed. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, breadsticks, Missouri cookie.

Thurs. - Turkey fried steak, tator tots, trimmings, wacky cake.

Fri. - No school.

Kindergarten registration at Muenster ISD set for Apr. 18

Kindergarten registration for Muenster ISD will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 18 at 3:45 p.m. in the K-3 elementary building.

Parents registering children for the 2000-2001 school year must complete a registration card and language survey. A copy of the child's immunization records, social security card and official birth certificate must be filed with the school secretary, Patsy Fleitman, or the kindergarten teachers.

Parents who wish to transfer

their children into the Muenster Independent School District must complete a transfer request in addition to the registration card. The Muenster ISD School Board must approve all transfer requests. For more information about transfer requests call Gwyn Truenebach, Principal, at 759-2281, ext. 620.

If you are unable to attend on Apr. 18, please contact the school for a convenient time to register.

SHS enrollment set for this weekend

Enrollment for the 2000/2001 school year for Sacred Heart K-12 will be held on the weekend of Apr. 15 and 16 after all Masses. The Masses are Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Enrollment will be for all new and returning students. Those families interested but not sure about enrolling yet are invited to come and ask questions.

Sacred Heart's Elementary and High School have both received the National Blue Ribbon Award. They are accredited by SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Private Schools) and the TC (Texas Catholic Conference). The school is over a hundred years old.

The enrollment will be held in the High School Library.



Muenster High School students competing at the regional UIL academic meet in Abilene this weekend, after taking the district championship. Janie Hartman photo

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First, second and third grade Sacred Heart students who placed in the district academic meet. Janie Hartman photo



Sacred Heart's fourth, fifth and sixth grade winners at district. Janie Hartman photo



Members of the seventh and eighth grades who placed in the District academic meet. Janie Hartman photo

SH Elementary wins district academic meet

Sacred Heart Elementary students earned a total of 1394 points to win the Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) district academic competition at SMU. The second place school had 938 points. Sacred Heart has 47 students advancing to state competition which will be April 29 at Baylor University in Waco. Many also placed as alternates.

An award's ceremony held April 10 in the Sacred Heart Community Center recognized all who participated in District competition. Those who placed first or second advance to State. Third place is a first alternate and fourth place is second alternate. First through sixth place earned points for the school.

Those students who placed at District included:

First Grade
Creative Writing - Ryan Felderhoff first, Rebekah Hesse second, Victoria Endres third; Story Telling - Matt Hesse second, Alex Turner fourth.

Second Grade
Creative Writing - Kristin LeBrasseur first; Mary

NCTC schedules Lambda Epsilon Chi banquet

The 17th Annual North Central Texas College Lambda Epsilon Chi Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. on Apr. 28 at the Gainesville Civic Center.

Tickets for the event, which will be catered by Metzler's of Denton, will be \$10 at the door for non-members. There is no cost for Lambda Epsilon Chi members.

Various awards will be presented during the banquet. In addition, a drawing will be conducted to select the winners for a variety of raffle prizes.

Captain Paul Abbott, a tenured police officer and member of the NCTC criminal justice faculty, will serve as the keynote speaker for the event.

Those planning to attend should R.S.V.P. by Apr. 14 to 940-668-4212 or 940-498-6204.

Cochran second, John Nystrum third; Story Telling - Issac Davis first, Samantha Barnett second, Ginger Bartush third; Spelling - Adriana Finney fourth, Amanda Dangelmayr fifth.

Third Grade
Ready Writing - Joe Hesse fourth; Spelling - Kalyssa Pollard first, Mackenzie Herr fourth, Natalie Endres fifth; Story Telling - Joe Hesse first, Mitchell Hesse second, Samantha Wimmer fourth.

Fourth Grade
Mathematics - Kara Felderhoff second, Stephen Davis fourth, Nolan Hartman sixth; Number Sense - Lauren Sepanski second, Kara Felderhoff fourth, Nicholas Flusche fifth; Ready Writing - Stephen Davis third, Nolan Hartman sixth; Spelling - Lauren Sepanski second, Paige Rigsby sixth.

Fifth Grade
Mathematics - Jessica Walterscheid fifth; Number Sense - Mica Flusche first, Theodore Otto third, John Cochran fourth; Ready Writing - Becky Brundage first, Kristen Miller second, Mitchell Sellars third; Dictionary Skills - Jessica Walterscheid first, Mitchell Sellars second, Kristen Miller third; Art Contest - Micah Flusche fourth, Dainah Hartman and Theodore Otto tied for second; Poetry Interpretation - Jessica Bartel first, Jessica Walterscheid third, Charlotte Bartush fifth; Listening Skills - Micah Flusche first, Zachary Bartush and Theodore Otto tie for sixth; Maps, Graphs and Charts - Kristen Miller second, Becky Brundage third.

Sixth Grade
Maps, Graphs, and Charts - Sara Whitecotton sixth; Poetry Interpretation - Jacqueline Flusche first, Karen Flusche third, Debra Yosten sixth; Ready Writing - Diana Knabe second, Carter McElroy third; Science - Adam Dangelmayr fifth, Mark Gehrig sixth; Dictionary Skills - Diana Knabe second, David

Walterscheid fourth, Shannon Hartman sixth; Listening Skills - Nicole Bayer third, Angela Cox and Abby Endres 4th; Calculator Applications - Debra Yosten first, Diana Knabe second, David Walterscheid fifth; Mathematics - Joelle Fuhrmann 4th, Mark Gehrig fifth; Number Sense - Joelle Fuhrmann first, Mark Gehrig fourth, Shannon Hartman fifth.

Seventh Grade
Listening Skills - Sarah Brundage first, Katie Flusche second, Rose Bartush third; Maps, Graphs, and Charts - Andy Davis first, Thomas Otto second, Stephen LaChance third; Mathematics - Andy Davis fifth; Poetry Interpretation - Paul Bartush first, Stephen LaChance third; Number Sense - Thomas Otto third; Ready Writing - Rose Bartush fourth, Dillan Connell fifth, Jacqueline Bauer sixth.

Eighth Grade
Impromptu Speaking - Kate Sepanski first, Jake Figallo third, Laura Taylor fourth; Modern Oratory - Kate Sepanski first, Kimberly Hess second; Poetry Interpretation - Amy Trevino second, Jake Figallo third, Lynn Sicking fourth; Ready Writing - Jayna Biffle second, Andrea Bonin third, Kate Sepanski fifth; Science - Jayna Biffle second, Kevin Walterscheid fourth, Adam Taylor sixth; Spelling - Lynn Sicking third; Listening Skills - Amy Trevino first, Andrea Bonin third, Christina Weinzapfel fourth; Dictionary Skills - John McCoy second, Tony Koessler third; Calculator Applications - Cindy Hartman first, Tony Moster second, Karen Gehrig third; Mathematics - Cindy Hartman third, Lisa Endres fifth, Karen Gehrig sixth; Number Sense - Cindy Hartman first, Lisa Endres second, Kevin Walterscheid fourth; Maps, Graphs, and Charts - Lisa Endres first, Tony Koessler second; Science - Dillon Connell fourth.

Lindsay snags 2A District high school academic title

Lindsay High School students earned 643 points during the 2A District 10, Region 2 Academic meet held Mar. 31 at Weatherford College. This captured the 999-2000 Championship title for them. They will now advance to State competition. Wallisburg was second with 349 points and Nocona third with 300.

Students taking first through third place in any event will compete at State in that event. Places fourth, fifth, and sixth are on standby as alternates and will compete should someone be unable.

Lindsay ISD students earning one of the top six places and earning points for their school are as follows:

Accounting - 3, Trent Endres; 4, Sarah Trammell; 6, Karen Hall. **Accounting Team** - 2, Lindsay, Trent Endres, Sarah Trammell, Karen Hall.

Calculator Applications - Jonathan Bengfort; 3, Jennifer Bengfort; 5, Genevieve

Calculator Applications Team - 1, Lindsay, Jonathan Bengfort, Jennifer Bengfort, Genevieve Knauf.

Computer Applications - 1, Leah Hermes; 2, Abbas Ravjani; 4, Leslie Schumacher.

Computer Science - 1, Michael Kendall; 2, Jonathan Whitaker; 3, Michael Almon. **Computer Science Team** - 1, Lindsay, Michael Kendall, Jonathan Whitaker, Michael Almon.

Current Issues & Events - 1, Tommy Arendt; 2, Joey Arendt; 4, Scott Metzler. **Current Issues & Events Team** - 1, Tommy Arendt, Joey Arendt, Scott Metzler.

Literary Criticism - 1, Courtney Miller; 4, Ashley Privett; 5, Maggie Luttmier; 6, Faith Skinner. **Literary Criticism Team** - 1, Lindsay, Courtney Miller, Ashley Privett, Maggie Luttmier.

Mathematics - 1, Daniel Hellinger; 2, Michael Kendall; 3, Abbas Ravjani; 4, Michael Almon. **Mathematics Team** -

1, Lindsay, Daniel Hellinger, Michael Kendall, Abbas Ravjani.

Number Sense - 1, Daniel Hellinger; 2, Michael Kendall; 4, Nick Fuhrmann; 5, Michael Almon. **Number Sense Team** - 1, Lindsay, Daniel Hellinger, Michael Kendall, Nick Fuhrmann.

Ready Writing - 2, James Thomson; 4, Alexandra Hellinger.

Spelling & Vocabulary - 1, Alexandra Hellinger; 2, Patrick Zimmerer; 3, Sophia Rahman; 4, Deana Meurer. **Spelling & Vocabulary Team** - 1, Lindsay, Alexandra Hellinger, Patrick Zimmerer, Sophia Rahman.

SPEECH EVENTS:
Lincoln-Douglas Debate - 1, Brent Connett; 2, Alex Haayen; 4, Clint Metzler. **Informative Speaking** - 1, Brent Connett; 2, Abbas Ravjani; 4, Tommy Arendt. **Persuasive Speaking** - 1, Scott Metzler; 2, Alex Haayen; 3, Christina Otto. **Poetry Interpretation** - 1, Kristan Tucker; 6, Laura English. **Prose Interpretation** - 2, Rachel Lively.

JOURNALISM EVENTS:
News Writing - 1, Leslie Schumacher; 3, Melanie Brown; 4, Melissa Carpenter. **Feature Writing** - 3, Melissa Carpenter; 4, Melanie Brown. **Editorial Writing** - 2, Megan Ward; 4, Melissa Carpenter. **Headline Writing** - 4, Megan Ward; 5, Melissa Carpenter.

Nine Muenster Junior High students travel to San Antonio

Nine Muenster Junior High students traveled to San Antonio on Friday, Apr. 7 and Saturday, Apr. 8 to compete in the state level of Texas Math and Science Coaches Association middle school academic competition.

In sixth grade Number Sense, Michael Eckart placed 8th and Travis Felderhoff placed 11th. In seventh grade Number Sense, Derek Felderhoff placed 6th, Adam Vinson placed 18th, and Clint Miller tied for 20th place. The Number Sense team placed 7th.

In sixth grade Science, Malcom Martin placed 2nd, Nathan Privett 3rd, Travis Felderhoff tied for 5th, but was awarded 6th place after the tie breaker, Michael Eckart tied for 10th place and received 11th after breaking the tie, and Keith Walterscheid placed 17th. In seventh grade, Clint Miller placed 9th. The Science team placed 5th.

In sixth grade Calculator, Travis Felderhoff placed 7th, Ryan Fuhrmann placed 13th, and Nathan Privett placed 14th.

In sixth grade Mathematics, Michael Eckart placed 7th, Travis Felderhoff placed 8th, and Keith Walterscheid placed

10th. In seventh grade, Derek Felderhoff placed 4th, Clint Miller placed 7th, and Adam Vinson placed 14th. The team placed 5th.

The top 10 places in each event were awarded a trophy. The next 10 places were awarded a medal. The top 5 teams in each event were awarded a team trophy and team medals for the top four scores. Ties were broken by calculating the percentage of accuracy for the contestants involved in the tie, with the higher percentage receiving the higher place.

Team scores for each event were calculated using the top four scores per school, using any combination of scores from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. Muenster Junior High sent 6 sixth grade and 3 seventh grade students to the meet.

Jerry Eckart, Gordon and Cindy Martin and Elizabeth, and Roger and Dawn Wann and Jace accompanied the math and science students to San Antonio for the competition. The students toured the state capitol building in Austin enroute to San Antonio. They also visited the historic Alamo in San Antonio.

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La inscripción para la escuela preescolar del distrito independiente de Muenster sera del 17 al 20 de abril del 2000. Carpetas de inscripción se pueden recoger y regresar en la oficina de la escuela primaria. Los niños deben tener 4 años de edad para el primero de septiembre del 2000 para poder inscribirse en el programa. Si usted tiene preguntas por favor llame a Jill Reiter al 759-2282, extensión 621.

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April is National Skin Cancer Awareness month. Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers and most often occurs among older, more fair-skinned people. The two slowest growing and most common skin cancers I are basal cell mid-squamous cell. Both of these types are curable with simple surgery nearly 92% of the time. The good news is that even the more serious melanoma skin cancer, when detected and treated early, has a 92% survival rate. Nearly 82% of all melanomas are diagnosed in an early stage.

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*Change in the size or color of a mole or other darkly pigmented growth or spot
*Scaliness oozing, bleeding, or change in the appearance of a bump or nodule
*Spread of pigmentation beyond the border of a mole
*Change in sensation itching, tenderness or pain in an area of the skin.

The MMH Lindsay Health Clinic is offering free skin cancer screening each Wednesday during the month of April.

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Sports

Muenster Hornets and Alvord girls win district track championships

The Muenster Hornets tallied 131 points at the district 14-A Track and Field Meet last weekend in Chico, to earn the championship trophy. Era followed with 109.

The Lady Bulldogs of Alvord took top honors in the girls division, with Muenster settling for 4th place.

The Hornets earned 8 gold medals. Jim Stoffels opened the meet, winning both the shot and the discus. Justin Fleitman took the gold in the 110 hurdles and Bryan Miller won the 400m dash. The Hornets also came from behind in the 1600m relay to win the final race of the meet. Earning the gold in the relay were Chris York, Justin Fleitman, Casey Walterscheid, and Bryan Miller.

Also earning medals were Justin Walterscheid, Grant Hartman, Greg Johnson, Josh Freeman, Jeff Klement, and Danny Felderhoff.

Brittany Haverkamp and the 1600m relay of Haverkamp, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Kelly Felderhoff, and Keri Felderhoff earned silver medals for the Lady Hornets. The 800 relay of Lutkenhaus, Megan Lippe, Pamela Lutkenhaus and Kelly Felderhoff brought home bronze medals.

The top four finishers in each varsity event advance to area competition on Apr. 20 at Graham. Regional track and field will be Apr. 28 and 29 in Abilene.

The top four places and Muenster finalists are as follows:

VARSITY GIRLS		
Shot		
1 Sanders	C	32' 4.5"
2 Newton	W	31' 0"
3 Osterman	W	30' 2.5"
4 Purvz	SJ	28' 11.5"
Triple Jump		
1 Ward	PT	35' 2.5"
2 Veitenheimer	W	33' 9.5"
3 Andrews	PR	33' 3.25"
4 Hays	PT	32' 10.5"
High Jump		
1 Schreiber	W	5' 6"
2 Schroeder	W	4' 10"
3 Metcalf	A	4' 6"
4 Bradford	A	4' 6"
100m Hurdles		
1 Veitenheimer	W	15.79
2 Bradford	A	16.26
3 Cotton	PR	16.63
4 Lisa Felderhoff	M	18.45
Discus		
1 Schroeder	W	95' 4"
2 Robison	F	92' 1/2"
3 Berend	W	91' 11.5"
4 Hoff	W	91' 3"
Long Jump		
1 Schreiber	W	17' 10.5"
2 Ward	PT	17' 1/2"
3 Veitenheimer	W	16' 10.25"
4 Andrews	PR	16' 7.5"
6 Kelly Felderhoff	M	15' 9.5"
3200m Run		
1 Skelton	E	12:14.9
2 Williams	A	12:24.26
3 Vargas	A	12:42.7
4 Hoff	W	12:50.68
800m Run		
1 Gillespie	A	2:31.2
2 Foreman	A	2:33.31
3 Skelton	E	2:33.33
4 Kelly Felderhoff	M	2:33.91
100m Dash		
1 Cotton	PR	12.81
2 Morris	C	12.91
3 Andrews	PR	13.09
4 King	A	13.1
300m Hurdles		
1 Gillespie	A	48.2
2 Veitenheimer	W	49.89
3 Foreman	A	52.29
4 Bradford	A	53.46
6 Lisa Felderhoff	M	55.79
1600m Run		
1 Williams	A	5:45.72
2 Skelton	E	5:53.04
3 Vargas	A	5:58.86
4 Molas	PR	6:01.69
400m Dash		
1 Endres	A	62.64
2 Brit. Haverkamp	M	63.25
3 Puckett	E	64.43
4 Webb	A	65.03

200m Dash		
1 Cotton	PR	27.07
2 Bowyer	C	27.43
3 Endres	A	27.59
4 Andrews	PR	28.21
5 Megan Lippe	M	28.39
400m Relay		
1, Chico, 53.99; 2, Petrolia, 54.02; 3, Windthorst, 54.03; 4, Muenster, Jessica Anderson, Megan Lippe, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Brittany Haverkamp, 55.48.		
800m Relay		
1, Alvord, 1:52.73; 2, Chico, 1:55.51; 3, Muenster, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Megan Lippe, Kelly Felderhoff, Pamela Lutkenhaus, 1:56.13; 4, Windthorst, 1:58.77.		
1600m Relay		
1, Alvord, 4:20.98; 2, Muenster, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Kelly Felderhoff, Keri Felderhoff, Brittany Haverkamp, 4:26.84; 3, Era, 4:34.58; 4, Windthorst, 4:54.24.		
TEAM TOTALS		
1, Alvord, 163; 2, Windthorst, 132; 3, Chico, 71; 4, Muenster, 57; 5, Perrin-Whitt, 53; 6, Era, 51; 7, Petrolia, 50; 8, Saint Jo 13; 9, Ponder, 0; 10, Graford, 0		

300 Hurdles		
1 Crenshaw	E	43.14
2 Newton	W	43.89
3 Harris	SJ	44.63
4 McLean	C	45.1
1600m Run		
1 Boxell	PO	5:04.8
2 Hicks	PR	5:11.73
3 Jeff Klement	M	5:16.21
4 Skelton	E	5:18.93
400m Dash		
1 Bryan Miller	M	53.96
2 Aljoe	E	54.46
3 Arizpe	E	55.68
4 Croyer	PT	55.76
6 Chris York	M	57.42
200m Dash		
1 Plyant	A	22.35
2 Twiner	E	22.7
3 Cas. Walterscheid	M	23.24
4 McMahan	SJ	23.54
400m Relay		
1, Alvord, 45.66; 2, Chico, 46.25; 3, Muenster, Casey Walterscheid, Danny Felderhoff, Justin Fleitman, Bryan Miller, 46.58; 4, Era, 46.69.		



Meagan Lippe takes off after receiving the hand-off from Kristi Lutkenhaus. The Muenster girls finish third place in the 800m relay race in last week's district meet. Photo by Janie Hartman



Hornet senior Casey Walterscheid shoots out of the blocks for a third place finish in the 200m dash. Photo by Janie Hartman

VARSITY BOYS		
Shot		
1 Jim Stoffels	M	44' 6"
2 McCann	SJ	41' 7.25"
3 Just. Walterscheid	M	40' 1/2"
4 Ivins	A	37' 10.5"
6 Elliot Klement	M	37' 8"
Triple Jump		
1 Hartfield	A	42' 7"
2 Hilton	C	40' 5.5"
3 Pitts	A	40' 4.5"
4 Crenshaw	E	40' 1/2"
6 Greg Johnson	M	38' 8"
High Jump		
1 Crenshaw	E	5' 10"
2 Tuggle	E	5' 10"
3 Aljoe	E	5' 10"
4 Gonzenbach	PT	5' 4"
3200m Run		
1 Boxell	PO	10:30.71
2 Hilton	PR	11:00.11
3 Hardin	PR	11:03.70
4 Skelton	E	11:20.76
800m Run		
1 Cramer	PT	2:13.5
2 Hartfield	A	2:13.83
3 Jeff Klement	M	2:13.85
4 Hardin	PR	2:14.16
Discus		
1 Jim Stoffels	M	126'
2 Simmons	C	115' 8"
3 Grant Hartman	M	109' 6.5"
4 Raymond	SJ	105' 11.5"
5 Just. Walterscheid	M	102' 3"
Long Jump		
1 Hartfield	A	20' 7"
2 Greg Johnson	M	19' 10.25"
3 Gee	PT	19' 9.5"
4 Hilton	C	19' 6"
Pole Vault		
1 Nunnally	SJ	10' 5"
2 Josh Freeman	M	10' 0"
3 Jeff Klement	M	9' 0"
4 Tiller	C	8' 6"
110m Hurdles		
1 Justin Fleitman	M	15.18
2 Foreman	A	16.18
3 Tuggle	E	16.25
4 Berend	W	17.04
5 Greg Johnson	M	17.27
100m Dash		
1 Pitts	A	11.2
2 Hilton	C	11.3
3 Wright	C	11.58
4 Trueblood	E	11.67
6 Danny Felderhoff	M	11.79



Bryan Miller races for the gold in the district 400m run. Photo by Janie Hartman

Fun Run packet available now

Coordinator Ted Heers has announced that Germanes Fun Run Packets are available to local runners who would like to register. Packets can be purchased at Lora's Flower and Gifts on North Mai Street for \$15. The 25th Annual German Fun Run takes place at noon on Sunday April 30. Sponsors are the Muenster Knights of Columbus.



Michael Endres in the 400m junior varsity race. Photo by Janie Hartman

NOTICE! BASEBALL COACHES MEETING

There will be a Coaches Meeting at the Center Restaurant Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. All those interested in helping with baseball in Muenster are urged to come, and will be most welcome.

NOTICE

The Muenster Golf Association Scramble will be held Sunday, Apr. 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Call 759-4896 to register no later than 12 noon on the 16th. Teams will be picked at that time.



Pamela Lutkenhaus joins the celebration of the Lady Hornets' silver 1600m relay race. Also pictured are Keri Felderhoff, Brittany Haverkamp and Kelly Felderhoff. Photo by Janie Hartman

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Tigerettes shut out Saints in five innings

Monday evening, the Sacred Heart Tigerettes baseball team hosted Harvest Christian in conference action, shutting out the Saints 19-0 in five innings and improving their district record to 2-0.

Freshman pitcher Mary Jane Callahan pitched a no-hitter, facing 15 batters, throwing 13 strike outs.

The two defensive plays in the game were by third baseman Sarah Hess and Anne Flusche at first.

Sacred Heart had a total of 18 hits. Getting home runs were Callahan, Jana Truebenbach, Sarah Hess, and Sarah Kelly.

Callahan and Truebenbach also hit doubles and Hess a triple, along with Kayla

Felderhoff, Jana Coker, Anne Flusche and Jennifer Hoedebeck also got doubles.

Others seeing action and some getting on base were Audrey Barnhill, Raney Bauer, Michelle Bayer, Charlie Sue Switzer, Crystal Hess, Tiffany Richey, Andrea Bartush and Alicia Cochran. Catherine Bartush did not play due to injury.

This Saturday, Apr. 15, Sacred Heart will host a double hitter with playoff bound Tom Bean and Howe. Games are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and at noon.



In Tigerette action against Harvest, above Michelle Bayer hits a grounder, but was unable to beat the ball to first base; at left, Jana Truebenbach cuts across 1st base in her home run trip around the diamond; below - Sarah Kelly slides safely to 3rd, then got up after the ball was dropped and ran home.
Photo by Janie Hartman



Hole in one for the Gainesville Hospital

The Gainesville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Gainesville Memorial Hospital Foundation are teaming up once again to solicit support for their annual golf tournament. The event is scheduled for May 2.

The tournament will feature a two-man scramble format, two flights, with a 52 team limit. The event will be held at the Gainesville Municipal Golf Course, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top team in each flight, with the second place finishers taking home pro shop gift certificates. The third place teams in each flight will receive a pair of putters. Players also have a chance to win 2000 model pickups byacing Hole 3 or Hole 10 on the course.

Entry fee is \$60 per player, which includes a round of golf, cart rental, putting contest, a meal after the tournament, prizes and refreshments on the course.

For information on the GMH Golf Tournament - sponsorship or entry - 940-665-8619.

New Texas birds checklist available

Texas boasts the most diverse bird watching of any state in the nation with 618 species, many of which can be seen in the spring migration of neotropical songbirds. To help birding enthusiasts track their observations, the fifth edition of "A Checklist of Texas Birds" is now available from Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW).

"This checklist serves as an accurate listing of the birds that have been documented in Texas," said Mark Lockwood, co-author of the book. "In addition to the 618 species that occur or have occurred in Texas, there is a short list of seven hypothetical species for which more information is needed."

The booklet is available at all Texas state park stores. To receive a copy of the "A Checklist of Texas Birds" booklet, send a self-addressed, stamped 6 inch by 9-inch envelope with a 77-cent stamp to Mark Klym, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

Tigerette golfers advance to state

The TAPPS AAA-AA-A North Regional Golf Tournament was held at Turtle Hill Golf Course on Tuesday, Apr. 10.

The Tigerette team of Audrey Barnhill, Sarah Hess, Sara Rogers, and Kendal Sellers finished in second place and will advance to the State finals on Apr. 17 and 18 at Cottonwood Golf Course. Sellers was also the third top

individual finisher with a score of 82. Two golfers from All Saints took first and second with 75 and 80 strokes.

Barnhill scored a 102, Hess 103, and Rogers 109 for the Tigerettes.

All Saints won the tournament with a team total of 369. The Tigerettes finished at 396, and Trinity Fellowship 404.

Heart attack survivors wanted

The American Heart Association requests that survivors of heart attack, heart failure, or any cardiac event attend the American Heart Walk on Saturday, May 6.

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PARENTAL PERMISSION (please read carefully)

I give my child permission to participate in the summer Girl's Softball program and I will assist in observing the rules and regulations set up for the league and I will stress to my child that she also observe the same rules and regulations. I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of my child and I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of sickness or accident. In case of sickness or accident, I authorize the calling of a doctor and/or providing the other necessary first aid or medical services at my own expense. I also will not hold the Muenster KC Chapter responsible for any accidents afflicted to my child while playing or practicing the sport of Girls' Softball.

Applications are due April 28, 2000

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian must sign

Please turn your application in to D I One Stop

Leagues: Going into grades:
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T-Ball Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Sex: M ____ F ____

What grade will you be in next year? _____

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Fill in your child's T-shirt size

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Applications are due April 28, 2000

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian must sign

WILL HELP COACH: YES ____ NO ____

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Muenster Jaycees' 2000 Little League Baseball Application

Any child who will attain the age of 10 years old before September 1, 2000 and will not attain the age of 13 before September 1, 2000, shall be eligible to compete in Little League Baseball.

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1/8 Sue Comer, Deputy

CITY OF MUENSTER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Muenster intends to prepare a grant application requesting grant funds from the 2001-2002 Texas Community Development Program as administered by the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs. The city is seeking to contract with an engineering consultant, registered to practice in the State of Texas, to assist in the preparation of the grant application and provide a preliminary cost estimate for the project. If the project is ultimately funded, the engineering consultant selected will be required to complete all preliminary and final design plans and specifications and to conduct all needed inspections, including the final inspection. Any registered professional engineer interested in submitting a proposal must contact Southwest Consultants (Grant Consultants) by calling 972-680-3717 to request a copy of the "Request for Engineering Services Proposal". All proposals must be in writing and received at the City Hall at the address below by no later than the deadline imposed below. All sealed proposals must be submitted to:
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PUBLIC HEARING ON GRANT APPLICATION

A public hearing on a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant application will be held at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2000 in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 North Main Street, Muenster, TX. The hearing will cover information on the Texas Community Development Program, eligible program activities, the opportunity to participate in the development of the City of Muenster's community development and housing needs, the opportunity to participate in the development of the TCDP application, and the proposed uses for the funds. People with disabilities who plan to attend this hearing and who may need assistance should contact Micallee Matson at (940) 759-2236 no later than noon on April 14, 2000 so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Questions concerning the TCDP grant application may be directed to Steve Broyles, (940) 759-2236.

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Farm & Ranch

Cattle market predicted to continue steady pace

Strong beef demand, cheap grain, and a small calf crop will continue to be the keys to the recent rise in the beef market, the predictions that high prices will continue on into 2001.

Calf prices will stay strong because we've got a small calf crop and we haven't been buying any heifers to rebuild the herd," said Dr. Ernie Davis, a beef economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Prices for 2000 on into 2001 should be strong."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture projects in its latest livestock outlook report that feeder cattle prices will remain in the mid-\$80s per hundred weight for much of 2000, though prices will be increasingly sensitive to forage crop developments this year. Continued strong demand for beef and declining feeder cattle supplies will support prices.

Rising feeder cattle prices and break-even prices on feed will be marketed through the summer will hold down the price increases until fall, according to the report.

Fed cattle prices are projected to average \$67 to \$68 per cwt this winter with heavy weights and large slaughter potential placing cattle feeders in a weaker bargaining position. The report indicates a strong economy and continued high consumer confidence helping to support beef prices, particularly higher quality beef at the hotel-restaurant market.

Fed cattle prices are likely to move into the low \$70s this fall as the impact of reduced feedlot replacements beginning in late winter begin to verify the impact of four years of declining inventories.

Curtis Burlin, owner of the Navasota Livestock Auction Co., said it "all hinges on farming and having a good corn crop. The secret to the whole thing has been cheap feed."

The USDA report indicates that grain stocks remain large, with the farm price of corn expected to range from \$1.75 to \$2.05 a bushel - unchanged from \$1.94 a bushel during 1998 and 1999. The price for corn per bushel was \$2.43 during 1997 and 1998.

While corn and other commodities continue a price decrease, a steady increase in cattle prices is welcomed relief

to many ranchers who have had to battle drought four out of the past five years.

"We're looking at the best cattle market we've seen in 20 years," Burlin said. "If we can get these calves sold for what we're getting now, it will sure help out a lot. I sold 27 calves here Saturday that averaged \$511 a head net. It's a pleasure to hand a man a check now and he looks back and smiles. In years past, you could almost see tears coming out of their eyes."

Retail prices for Choice beef averaged \$2.88 a pound in 1999 - up 11 cents from a year earlier and the strongest since 1993 when it reached \$2.93. Prices peaked in December at \$3.02 a pound as the purchases for New Year's events appeared to peak.

The report projects that prices will likely return to a more typical supply-demand trend established in 1999 and averaged nearly \$3 a pound in 2000. Prices for Choice beef at the retail level declined to \$2.95 in January, but are likely to remain at the \$2.90 mark until fall when they are predicted to rise above \$3 a pound.

Warning signs of pesticide poisoning

Certain pesticides have the ability to inhibit cholinesterase activity in the body, which can result in illness and in some cases death.

Cholinesterase is an enzyme everyone has in their body that is necessary for normal nerve transmission.

Following are some of the signs that pesticides may be affecting your level of this critical enzyme.

- Mild poisoning:** fatigue, headache, dizziness, blurred vision, excessive sweating and salivation, nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps, or diarrhea.
- Moderate poisoning:** inability to walk, weakness, chest discomfort, muscle twitches, and constriction of the pupil of the eye. The mild symptoms listed above also become more severe.
- Severe poisoning:** unconsciousness, severe constriction of the eye pupil, muscle twitches and breathing difficulties. Death will result if not treated.

If an over-exposure occurs, your levels of cholinesterase will gradually build back to normal levels if you avoid further exposure.

Consider all symptoms that you experience within 12 hours of a pesticide exposure to be related to that pesticide. If you become ill quickly or after a few hours, seek medical treatment.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

ASSESSING FREEZE DAMAGE

Boot: Recently we had several freezes in the county that varied in duration. Most of our wheat was in the boot or early heading stage. Freeze damage can occur at both these stages.

Wheat is vulnerable to severe injury at temperatures of 28 degrees Fahrenheit during boot. Temperatures at the threshold where injury occurs will cause little if any injury to the stem or vegetative parts, but can cause infertility of the anthers, or male floral parts. Sterility of anthers is detected fairly easily, as normal color prior to bloom is light green to yellow green, while frozen anthers are shriveled and may be brown or white. As wheat is largely self-pollinating, this sterility can cause severe loss of yield. Colder temperatures at this time can also cause mechanical injury to the nodes. Injury to the nodes is not significant, as the anthers are more susceptible to injury. Injury to the glumes is readily apparent after head exertion, as they attain a premature straw color. This early manifestation of white or straw color usually suggests that the spike was sterilized by a freeze. Head trapping frequently results from a freeze at boot as the ligule of the flag leaf lock down on protruding awns. Trapped heads are not necessarily sterile.

Heading: The period between boot to bloom usually lasts about 5 to 7 days. Wheat at heading is more susceptible to freeze than at boot, but slightly less than at bloom. Temperatures of 30 degrees Fahrenheit can damage the anthers or pollen sacs. A somewhat rare symptom of freeze at heading can be a white "frost ring" that develops around the stem or peduncle where it was surrounded by the ligule of the flag leaf. Wheat with a frost ring can develop normally, but may tend to break off or lodge later.

Frozen tissue in wheat is difficult to recognize for approximately 7 days. Immediately after freeze, injured tissue assumes a slightly darker coloration. Level of injury cannot be determined until damaged tissue has time to deteriorate. Early symptoms look water soaked, followed by a brown, mushy appearance. As tissue has time to dry, frozen tissue becomes white. If the head is killed in earlier growth stage, growth of that tiller ceases, whereas younger tillers not as developed may continue to grow.

Hopefully, we had little to no damage.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household Hazardous Waste 2000 will be held Saturday, April 29, 2000 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Sher-Den Mall, Texoma Parkway, Sherman, Texas on the south end of the east side parking lot.

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Limits will be: paints-15 gallons or less; oil-10 gallons or less; other liquids-10 gallons or less; tires-8 or less. No drums!

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Texas screwworm watch

After 14 months of keen surveillance and the elimination of nearly 340 maggots, Texas has a "clean bill of health" when it comes to flesh eating screwworms. Nevertheless, animal owners should continue collecting maggots from animal wounds and submit them to the Texas Animal Health Commission for identification.

The stepped-up watch for possible screwworm cases began in late 1998, after a sick thinking rancher in Edwards County collected several larvae from a shearing wound on an Angora goat and submitted the maggots for identification, to confirm that one of the nine maggots sent in as a screwworm larvae.

Since then samples have been submitted from more than 105 of Texas' 254 counties.

Screwworm eradication was possible when USDA researchers zapped screwworm pupae with low-level radiation to sterilize the pest. This "birth control" method worked wonders, as the female screwworm fly mates only once, laying infertile eggs. Millions of sterile flies were raised and ir-dropped over affected areas.

Farm plan submitted to Congress to ensure competition

With the accelerated pace of agricultural consolidations, mergers and acquisitions, farmers and ranchers are increasingly concerned about concentration in agriculture, according to Cooke County Farm Bureau president Ed Knight.

"Congress should consider a Farm Bureau action plan to ensure competition remains in the agriculture sector," Mr. Knight said. "Such a plan includes an expanded and more active role by the Agriculture Department, in consultation with the Justice Department, regarding the approval of agriculture mergers and acquisitions."

According to Mr. Knight, the Farm Bureau plan also calls for:

- The appointment of a

Senate-confirmed assistant attorney general with agricultural experience to analyze agriculture mergers and acquisitions.

- Increased Justice Department staff dedicated to review merger impacts on farmers.
- A prohibition of the enforcement of confidentiality clauses in livestock and grain production contracts.
- Require USDA to gather information about the business practices of agribusiness entities with sales in excess of \$100 million annually.
- Reparations to producers when meatpackers are found to be engaged in predatory or unfair business practices.
- USDA assistance for farmer-owned projects that add value to commodities.

Swine programs progress report by TAHC

Since October 1998, surveillance by the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has stepped up two swine regulatory diseases, pseudorabies and swine brucellosis. Blood samples for testing have been collected from adult breeding swine moving through livestock markets. More than 14,400 samples were collected from October 1998 through February 2000. During this time 12 brucellosis-infected swine herds were disclosed, nine of them through market testing.

In the same time period, 10 Texas swine herds were found to have pseudorabies. This viral disease can cause flu-like signs in older hogs, while killing piglets. Five infected herds were found through market testing, three detected by slaughter testing, and two by testing neighboring swine to infected herds.

To avoid undue stress on the animals, the sampling of swine at livestock markets is optional during May through September.

Farm Market Report

Poor pastures moved cattle into feedlots early this winter. The result was a 15% boost in the number of cattle going on feed in January. This bulge in placement will take some luster off of summer fed cattle prices.

This will also decrease cattle later this year to meet the growing demand for beef, pointing to stronger prices the second half of the year.

It is expected that hog slaughter will be 4% below the

year ago level. If the demand for pork continues, prices should gain through spring.

Dry fields could force an acreage shift from corn to more drought tolerant soybeans if the drought continues. Rarely has a winter ended with the majority of the corn belt in the drought mode. If the dry pattern of La Niña does not end soon, look for new-crop corn future prices to break the \$2.50 barrier.

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Muenster Memorial Hospital, 605 N. Maple St., Muenster, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2000 and ending on May 2, 2000.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Jack R. Endres, Administrator, Muenster Memorial Hospital, PO Box 370, Muenster, TX 76252.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.32-1.42; No. 2 & 3, 90-1.32;
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.32; No. 2 & 3, 90-1.20;
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.19; No. 2 & 3, 85-1.00;
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 95-1.00; No. 2 & 3, 80-95;
600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 88-1.09; No. 2 & 3, 70-88;
700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 78-95;
Nos. 2 & 3, 70-78.

Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.35; No. 2 & 3, 80-1.15;
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.03-1.21; No. 2 & 3, 80-1.03;
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 97-1.12; No. 2 & 3, 75-97;
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 89-1.00; No. 2 & 3, 70-89;
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Nos. 2 & 3, 65-78; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 76-85; No. 2 & 3, 59-76.

Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter bulls, yield grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs.,

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Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$750; medium frame, \$450-\$600.

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Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs.,

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Ewes:
Stocker, 50-58; Thin, NT, Fat, 45-50.

Bucks:
Thin, 35-45; Fat, 60-70.

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Lambs: \$30-\$35; Ewes: \$35-\$45; Bucks: \$55-\$70.

Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$35-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$60; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$75-\$90.

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