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Dignitaries promoted three Scouts to Eagle, Sunday. Shown are, from left, State Representative Ron Clark, Eric Fisher, Eric Knabe, Michael Voth, and U. S. Congressman Ralph Hall. Photo by Dave Fette

Three make Eagle

by **Elfreda Fette**
Milestones in the lives of three Muenster Boy Scouts, members of Troop #664, and achievement of Eagle Rank in Boy Scouts of America occurred for them on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001. The Eagle Award, highest rank in Scouting, was presented in a formal Court of Honor held in Sacred Heart Church at 2:00 p.m.
Honored Scouts are Eric J. Fisher, Eric W. Knabe, and Michael H. Voth. Fisher is the son of Gary and Marlene Fisher; Knabe is the son of Pat and Shirley Knabe; Voth is the son of Danny and Janet Voth.
In attendance were several Scout dignitaries, a United States Congressman, a Texas State Representative, a number of other Eagle Scouts, the local Scoutmaster, two former Scoutmasters, fellow troop members of #664, parents, grandparents, relatives, and many friends.
The ceremony was

conducted in a setting of tradition and impressive dignity befitting the solemnity of their achievements.
A table placed just below the altar steps, held one lighted candle "The Spirit of Scouting," and three unlighted candles, one red, one white, one blue, representing each rank and point of the Scout Law.
Chuck Bartush, Scoutmaster and Master of Ceremonies for the program, issued the Call To Order. Shawn Moore, Senior Patrol Leader, called the Color Guard Daniel Bartush and Jack Biffle, to advance. Shawn Moore led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Karl Fisher, chaplain aide, led the opening prayer. As Karl lit the candles, Chuck Bartush explained the significance of a red candle, a white candle, and a blue candle and then stated, "As a representative of Longhorn Council and National Council, I declare this court of honor to

be duly convened.
Recognizing the Eagle candidates, Chuck Bartush called for the Honor Guard to escort them before the court of honor. Escorting Eric Fisher were Casey Walterscheid and Aaron Klement; escorting Eric Knabe were Rodney and Royce Knabe; escorting Michael Voth were Marty Farrell and Jeff Hartman. All members of the Honor Guard are Eagle Scouts.
The Eagle Scout presentation ceremony began with the "History Of The Eagle And Man." A muted melody of "On Eagles Wings" was played in the background. Former Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout David Fette was the "Voice Of The Eagle." He explained the symbolism of the eagle in history, stating that since the beginning of time, man used the eagle to indicate royalty, power, victory, authority, valor, strength, courage - from ancient Assyria; to India; to Babylon; to the golden age of Greece; to Rome; to the Middle Ages; to the rise of Christianity; to Napoleon; to the new United States of America; to the Apollo 11 Crew, who proclaimed triumphantly "The Eagle Has Landed!"
In 1911, the Boy Scouts of America chose the eagle to symbolize the very highest in achievement, a symbol of man's best, the symbol of Scouting's best.
As Voice Of The Eagle, Fette reminisced the first steps the three candidates took on the scouting trail. Karl Fisher was candlelighter. Represented were the first step; the Tenderfoot rank; the Second

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County opts for lower cost phone service

by **Janet Felderhoff**
Members of Commissioners Court liked what Rob Della Valle had to say about saving money on telephone expenses. He spoke at the Jan. 8 meeting of Commissioners Court as a representative of Ionex.
Della Valle said that Ionex works with Southwestern Bell to get organizations and small businesses discounts on their local and long distance (telephone) service. Ionex currently has 120,000 lines.
County Judge Bill Harris inquired as to why Southwestern Bell didn't just offer the service. Della Valle explained, that the company has an arrangement with Southwestern Bell and also with Verizon that's called a tariff. It was made possible in 1996 so that monopolies such as the Bells, Verizon, etc. could be reduced by allowing competitive companies to offer discounts.
Southwestern Bell would still supply the telephone service. Customers experience a shorter wait to have their calls answered, said Della Valle. Ionex receives about a 30 percent discount on its bill and passes about 20 percent on to its customers. The county's savings would amount to about \$1,000 a month.
After learning that the one year contract with Ionex would include a three month trial period, Commissioners Court unanimously voted to give Ionex a try.
Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace John Roane requested that the county do some renovations in the county owned JP office in Valley View.

"The way it's set up right now, if several people come in at a time, which they frequently do, there is often no place to sit unless they overflow into the court area," explained Judge Roane. "Of course, if I've got somebody in court at the time that causes problems."
Junior Durham the county maintenance supervisor, said that the rear door of the building was rusted out and had needed replacing for a long time. He gave an estimate from B. J. Company of \$1,202.00 to replace the door. For the carpet, 149 yards were required. There were two estimates, one for \$2,000.00 from Carpet Center and one for \$2,878.21 from Gibson's Carpet.
What Judge Roane suggested doing would reduce the size of his office space and enlarge the reception area. He noted that this change was needed immediately. There is room in the building to create a courtroom at a later date, if needed. Commissioners Court unanimously approved the requests.
Commissioners approved a resolution supporting an appropriation by the 77th session of the Texas Legislature for the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. The resolution urges the Governor and members of the 77th Texas Legislature to support and pass an appropriation in the amount of \$200 million for the continuation of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Letters urging support were also approved to be sent from

Commissioners Court to Senator Tom Haywood and Representatives Phil King and Ron Clark.
Another resolution adopted at the Jan. 8 meeting concerned an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). Under the provisions of Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Section 15.55(d), a local government can request waiver of the local match fund participation requirement on certain federal off-system bridge program projects. In return for the waiver the local government agrees to spend an equivalent dollar amount on structural improvement work on road projects such as deficient bridges or deficient mainlane cross-damage structures within the jurisdiction of the governing body.
Normally on bridges accepted in the Federal Off-Bridge Program Project, the federal government pays 80 percent of the project's engineering cost while the state pays 10 percent and the local government (in this case the county) pays the other 10 percent. With the TXDOT agreement the county will be able to put that 10 percent back into other improvements to county roads.
Estimated costs for the county's part of bridges is \$146,273.40. Included in this resolution and the estimated amount that the county would pay without the waiver are the nine bridge projects as follows:
County Road 420 at Buck Creek - \$8,253.00;
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Lindsay FFA members, from left, Andy Zimmerer, Marcus Dennis, Matt Baugh, and Patrick Zimmerer, took first place in the State Hay Judging Contest. Competition was held Dec. 7 in Huntville. A second team of Ryan Kasperek, Phillip Bayer, Dominic Fuhrmann, and Kody Endres, placed sixth at State. Photo by Janie Hartman

City promotes sales tax vote

While many in the local community are still suffering a post election hangover, the City of Muenster would like to remind all of our citizens about another important election. On Saturday January 20, 2001, registered voters will be asked to consider Ordinance #253 Adoption of an Economic Development Sales Tax.
This resolution seeks to continue the existing 0.5% sales tax created in 1997. Funding from the existing sales tax ordinance has been used to finance Muenster's new water tower. With its successful completion, the city seeks to redirect this revenue source to improvements in our sewer system. These improvements will not only

enhance our infrastructure for economic development, but more importantly, bring Muenster into compliance with the stringent regulations of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).
Currently, the City of Muenster operates a sewage treatment facility that was put into operation in 1938 and upgraded in 1969. This system was based on treatment technologies that were sufficient for that time. However, today, the state standards require much more from cities. With our current facility, the City of Muenster regularly exceeds the state maximum of 9.0ph level for its effluent release. This level is a

measure of the effectiveness of the treatment facility. To correct these levels, we must make improvements that are projected to cost the city at least \$325,000.
As you personally evaluate your vote, please consider the following:
1. A sales tax is an effective way to distribute the tax burden beyond the City of Muenster. As people come to shop in Muenster and buy goods, their money helps meet our infrastructure needs.
2. Other options to fund our infrastructure needs could require increases in property taxes. The burden of property taxes will only fall on property owners.
3. The 0.5% tax brings the

total sales tax level to 8.25%, which has become common throughout much of Texas.
4. Once the waste treatment issue is addressed, this revenue stream can be used for other economic development projects, such as street and road improvements, improvement to municipal-owned facilities, public parks improvements, sidewalk construction and most any other project that can be tied to the promotion of Muenster's economic development.
5. Finally, a separate economic development board administers all funds collected. This separation prevents the city from using any of the monies collected for general
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GMH tax rollback argued

by **Dave Fette**
The Gainesville Memorial Hospital tax rollback election was in the spotlight Tuesday morning as the topic for the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast. Rod Tyler and Roger Martin represented those favoring rollback of the recent increase in Gainesville Hospital District taxes and against construction of a new hospital. Dave Sanders and Jerry Parr spoke in favor of the tax increase and new hospital. Each side was given 10 minutes to state their case. Then a question period was followed by a short rebuttal.
Tyler spoke first for the rollback. He stated that Gainesville has the second highest tax rate in this area at \$2.83. Most recent improvements in Gainesville have been made at taxpayers expense one way or another. "At what point will taxes put us out of business or prevent new businesses from coming to town?" Tyler asked. He felt that building a new Gainesville Hospital would not be a good idea but a money pit that he said would not be paid off for 100 years. Tyler stated that Muenster is a key player in this plan and, "they are pulling out of this merger. Let's fix the

problems we have, pay the staff and employees competitive salaries and use the hospital we have."
Jerry Parr spoke next for the tax increase and new hospital. He briefly described the long planning process and the professional facilitators employed. There is a serious need for a new emergency room. Sixty percent of current hospital business is outpatient services and the current hospital is not designed for outpatient services. "We need new doctors and new services," said Parr, "the hospital is a big economic impact on this area and it's either going to go

forward or backward."
Speaking of the Muenster Hospital Parr said, "Muenster won't last four years and their board and administration know it."
Parr said they couldn't make major repairs on the hospital and have it open for use at the same time. A new one would be much easier to facilitate and add on to. Currently the Gainesville Hospital has 88 beds of which only 46 are used. The new hospital has 66 beds proposed. Also, the new location will have lots of wellness center features.
The tax increase would raise
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Chamber sponsors Feb. 14 dinner theater

by **Janet Felderhoff**
Dinner theater fans are invited to enjoy a murder mystery evening as Americas Productions of Gainesville presents "Murder on the High Seas." The event is sponsored by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce and is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the Community Center. Happy Hour is at 6 p.m. with show time at 6:45 p.m. and the meal served at 7 p.m.
The evening's tale is woven around the wayward staff of a barely sea worthy ship. "In the best circumstances the employees of this ship waiver in reality, but tonight however, one of them truly goes off the

deep end," said Americas Productions.
Players in this entertaining tale include Captain Jonas Ahab a.k.a. John Ross the captain of the vessel; Poopdeck Harry a sailor who imagines that he is a suave French sailor/lover/gourmet chef with a girl in every port; Windy Wenchell a fanciful girl full of great expectations in the romance department; Brandy Portsmouth the owner and operator of her own tour business; and Albert Ross a millionaire tuna magnet.
Tickets are \$15 per person and may be obtained from the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, 759-2227.

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Muenster Hornets receiving the honor of being named to the Texas High School Coaches Association's Academic All-State Football Team, Class A, were from left, Chris Grewing, Greg Johnson, and Brett Howell. Photo by Janie Hartman



Lindsay Knights earning a place on the Class A Academic All State Football team were, from left, Michael Kendall, Nicholas Fuhrmann, and Jonathan Bengfort. The award was given by the Texas High School Coaches Association. Photo by Janie Hartman



Gary Fisher, Eric Fisher, Marlene Fisher and Congressman Ralph Hall. Dave Fette photo



Congressman Ralph Hall, Eric Knabe, Shirley Knabe and Pat Knabe. Photo by Dave Fette



Darny Voth, Michael Voth, Janet Voth, and Congressman Ralph Hall. Photo by Dave Fette

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Class Scout; the First Class Scout; the Star Scout; the Life Rank; the Rank of Eagle Scout. As Karl Fisher lit each of the twelve candles, Scoutmaster Chuck Bartush read the Scout Law, with full elaborations on Leadership and Character.

Scoutmaster Bartush conferred the Rank of Eagle Scout upon the three candidates.

The Honorable Ralph Hall, United States Congressman, District 4, assisted by Rodney Knabe, pinned the Eagle Award on the uniform of each new Eagle Scout. Congressman Hall also presented each with a U.S. Flag that has flown over the capitol of the United States.

Ron Clark, Texas State Representative of District 62, and himself an Eagle Scout, presented each with his Eagle neckerchief and slide.

LaQuita Moore presented each with a miniature Mother's Pin that they in turn presented to their mothers. Rodney Knabe presented each with the Father's Pin, a tie tac, to give to their fathers. Chuck Bartush read letters to each from President-Elect George Bush written from the governor's mansion in Austin; and from Phil King, Texas State Representative District 61.

Former Scoutmaster Ernie Martin delivered the Eagle Charge, which was followed by a closing prayer and blessing led by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor of Sacred Heart Church.

The formal ceremony closed with the singing of "America, The Beautiful" led by Chuck Bartush and David Fette, and accompanied by Rita Bayer.

A reception followed in the Knights of Columbus Hall, hosted by parents of the new Eagle Scouts.

Reception assistants included Debra Voth, Doreen Taylor, Rita Bayer, Carla Truebenbach, Lana Fisher, and Mary Cannon.

Many photos and Scout memorabilia belonging to the three new Eagle Scouts were displayed during the reception.

Eric Fisher's record in Scouting
Eric is now 19 years old and attending Texas A&M at College Station majoring in Computer Engineering. Eric received his Eagle Rank in

June of 1999, however was lost in red tape until Spring of 2000. Eric delayed his ceremony to hold a joint ceremony with his fellow scouts Eric Knabe and Michael Voth.

Eric began his scouting in the Cub Scouts. Eric served in numerous leadership positions within the Boy Scouts, preparing him to organize his patrol, campouts, and special functions. Eric was chosen by his fellow scouts to be a candidate for the Order of the Arrow, which is a special service brotherhood for Scouting, founded to serve others cheerfully. Eric performed many ceremonies with fellow brothers.

During Eric's scouting career he camped over 122 nights, had countless hours of service projects, and participated in multiple high adventure camping trips. For the year 1999 Troop 664 was invited to Philmont, which holds several hundred thousand mountain acres for scout exploration. The preparations for this trip took 2 years, with numerous backpacking expeditions to demonstrate readiness. One of these was a trip in 1998 with a large group of scouts from troop 664 who went 17 miles into the wilderness area of Colorado. This trip took them to 12,500 elevations, and to many rarely viewed streams and lakes. The preparations were for Philmont, which was a 76 mile hike in ten days across rugged mountains in New Mexico. In 2000 Eric and two other scouts again visited the Rockies on a 15 mile trip into the wilderness area of Southern Colorado.

Eric earned skills in CPR, Emergency Preparedness, Lifesaving, First Aid, and numerous other areas, and these scouting skills have allowed Eric to confidently plan and take part in any outdoor activity from rock climbing to back-country survival. These scouting skills also prepared Eric to tackle his Eagle Scout Project.

Eric's Eagle Scout Project was to install a decorative sidewalk border along the front entrance porch of the new Muenster Museum. In addition he was to replace a decaying sidewalk for the rear entrance. During this time

Eric was working at the Center Restaurant on all weekends, as well as completing his Senior year at Muenster High. An Eagle candidate's responsibility is to not do the work himself, but to have the leadership skills to bring together both fellow scouts, as well as members of the community. Being able to handle an Eagle project is a test, not unlike the many challenges and projects required by a citizen in a community, or an employee working for a company.

Eric managed his fellow scouts in the task of removing soil, setting forms, tying steel for the base, mixing the base, and mixing mortar and laying the flat stones into the mortar base. These stones were collected by various people from farmers and ranchers in the area. For the rear sidewalk Eric counted on fellow scouts to tear out the existing concrete, set forms, and tie steel. Because the rear sidewalk had to be laid in one pour, cement was to be delivered by a contractor, rather than being hand mixed at the site. Because cement is delivered in early morning, Eric was either in class during the week, or at his job on weekend mornings. This required assigning the supervisory task to a fellow scout, Michael Voth.

The skills learned during Eric's scouting career have played an important role in copying the many life-challenging events presented in a large university like Texas A&M. Eric is now contemplating the many choices his areas of study will allow him for job opportunities which will be both challenging and involve him in outdoor activities, in order to use the outdoor skills learned in scouting.

Eric Knabe's record in Scouting
Eric Knabe's scouting career began in 1988 when he became a Tiger Cub in Pack 664. As a Cub Scout he earned the Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webeles ranks along with the Arrow of Light award. As a Cub Scout he also earned the

Parvulei Dei religious emblem. On Apr. 19, 1993, Eric became a member of Boy Scout Troop 664 with Ernest Martin as Scoutmaster. As a Scout, Eric has held several leadership positions within the troop including Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Scribe, Librarian, Den Chief, Senior Patrol Leader and Troop and Varsity Team Order of Arrow Representative.

During his tenure in Scouting, Eric has earned 50 merit badges, served as staff member of several Cub Scout Day Camps and District Camporees and completed Junior Leader Training.

In June of 1996, his peers called Eric into the Order of the Arrow, an honorary camping organization. As a member of the Order of the Arrow, he sealed his membership in 1997 by attaining Brotherhood. He has served the Order as the Ordeal Lead and has served as Allowat Sakima on an award winning ceremony team, which conducted many OA ceremonies for Tapout, Ordeal and Arrow of Light. Eric has also participated as a member of the Brotherhood ceremony team.

In 1997, Eric attended the National Boys Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, as a member of Troop 1650, Longhorn Council. Eric has also hiked the rugged trails of the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, New Mexico, as a member of the Training Center Contingent in 1994, and was able to enjoy the experience again as a member of the Troop 664 contingent in July of 1999.

As a Boy Scout Eric has earned the Ad Altare Dei religious award under the guidance of Ronnie Felderhoff and Rick Walterscheid. He also earned the World Conservation Award, 50 mile award, Philmont Award, 100 Days and Nights National Camping award, Gulf Coast Historical Trails Award, Mile Swim, Historic Trails Award, Polar Bear award and is a certified United States Soccer Federation Linesman.

His main Community Service project, one of the requirements of achieving Eagle Scout status, was to plan and work with several groups to refurbish the outside of the Ben and Aggie Seyler home which was donated by the family to house the Muenster Museum. Eric's project involved removing the old paint from the house, minor repair work, priming and repainting the house and clearing brush and debris from the grounds. His project involved many helpers and took 10 months to complete.

Michael Voth's record in Scouting
Michael Henry Voth is a sophomore at Sacred Heart High School, where he enjoys both academics and sports as well as other extracurricular activities. He is also a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Michael joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger Cub in the first grade. During his early years in scouting, he advanced through the ranks as a Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webeles. He enjoyed participating in all of the scouting activities which included the numerous Turkey Shoots, Pinewood Derby's and Day Camps. As a Webeles, Michael enjoyed several campouts. One of the more memorable trips was a snowy campout at the Ronnie Felderhoff farm, where many of the scouts saw a bald eagle for the first time. While a Cub Scout, Michael earned two religious awards, the "Light of Christ Award" and the "Parvuli Dei Award."

On Feb. 4, 1996, a Bridgeover Ceremony was held and Michael was welcomed into Boy Scout Troop 664. As a Boy Scout, Michael held various offices within the troop including librarian, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader. He also assisted at several Cooke County Day Camps as a staff member. Michael also completed the Junior Leadership Training program. To date, Michael has earned 31 merit badges along with the Ad Altare Dei Religious Award. Michael is a Brotherhood member of the Order Of The Arrow. Michael officially achieved the rank of Eagle Scout following his board of review on Sept. 6, 2000.

As a Boy Scout, Michael has enjoyed many campouts, including hiking trips to the Bartush Farm and the Voth Farm, trips to Sid Richardson Scout Ranch for tower climbing, trips to the Wichita Mountains for rock climbing

and repelling. While at the Wichita Mountains, Michael, his dad, and Chuck and Daniel Bartush climbed up Eagle Peak. Michael also enjoyed a canoeing trip on the Colorado River in Central Texas, where they also enjoyed exploring caves and the surrounding wilderness. In the summer of 1998, Michael was fortunate enough to be a part of the group of Boy Scouts and leaders that went on a ten day hiking trip to the Weminuche Mountains in Colorado. The boys were required to hike with backpacks that held all of the necessary supplies needed for the trip. This trip was not only great fun but also great preparation for the trip to Philmont the next summer.

The weeks of July 13-26, 1999 were most memorable for Michael. During these two weeks, Michael joined twenty other Scouts and leaders on a hiking trip to Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico. While at Philmont, Michael was able to experience an approximate 65 mile hiking trek. The trek took him to such memorable landmarks as "Tooth of Time" and Mt. Phillips. On this trip, Michael earned his 50 mile afoot-afloat award. Michael's personal web page, dedicated to his trip to Philmont, can be found at http://www.geocities.com/mike_voth. The site includes personal photos from the trip and other hiking information.

As his Eagle project, Michael chose to inventory and move the garaged items from the Muenster Museum's old location to the Museum's new location. This included cleaning both locations and labeling the items once they were moved. One of the more interesting items handled in the move was Muenster's first traffic light. Scouts assisting Michael on his project included Marty Farrell, Karl Fisher, Mitch Felderhoff, Dustin Felderhoff, and Stephen LaChance.

Those serving as Scoutmaster during Michael's scouting years were Ernie Martin, Tom Bayer, David Fette, Gary Fisher, and Chuck Bartush. These leaders are to be credited with making Michael's scouting career extremely memorable and successful.

Special guests at Michael's Eagle Scout Ceremony, in addition to his parents, included his sister, Debra Voth, and his grandparents Ray and Lou Voth and Regina Pels. Numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends were also present to help make this a very special day for Michael.

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operations. Therefore, every penny will go directly to improvements in Muenster. Taxation is never a popular topic; however, at the local level the sales tax has proven to be a cost-effective and responsible means of supporting the common good. Muenster's leaders have a long history of cautious and sensible tax policy. This resolution is consistent with the past and builds Muenster for the future.

If you have questions about the adoption of this sales tax, please contact either Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, or one of Muenster's City Council: John Pagel, Jewel Otto, Stan Endres, Troy Sicking or Joey Anderson.

Don't forget to vote. And we assure everyone involved that this election will be completed without extensive recounts, street marches, nor unending legal maneuverings. Voting will be held Saturday at City Hall from 7 am to 7 pm.

Submitted by the Muenster City Council

CORRECTION
Oops! On last week's calendar of events a typo occurred and a movie was listed for Saturday, Jan. 13 at the First Baptist Church. This was an error. The movie was a past event. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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- County Road 450 at Timber Creek - \$8,101.80;
 - County Road 262 at Clear Creek - \$29,282.40;
 - County Road 559 (CR 326) at Draw - \$18,207.00;
 - County Road 226 at Duck Creek - \$14,868.00;
 - County Road 281 at Flat Creek - \$14,868.00;
 - County Road 291 at Draw - \$14,868.00;
 - County Road 420 at Timber Creek - \$8,454.60;
 - County Road 242 at Elm Creek - \$29,370.60.
- It was announced that a representative from TXDOT

would be at the Courthouse later in the week to answer questions from the Commissioners about the project.

- In other business Commissioner Court:
 - Tabled a request of vacation of NBC Properties Subdivision on County Road 113, south of Country Road 122, in Precinct #1.
 - Approved minutes of last meeting.
 - Approved monthly bills and monthly reports as submitted.

Novella Rosson, Office Manager
Thanks for 17 years of service to our clients. I appreciate very much your assistance, advice and regular reminding of all I forget.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14, 2001 Muenster Museum Open, 1 PM to 4 PM	Monday, January 15, 2001 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8 PM Sacred Heart School - NO SCHOOL	Tuesday, January 16, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Home Hospice Grief Support Seminar, 6-8 PM	Wednesday, January 17, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Class, 7 PM	Thursday, January 18, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1 PM to 4 PM 4-H Workshop, 6-8 PM, Cooke County Fairgrounds	Friday, January 19, 2001 Muenster Museum Open, 1 PM to 4 PM	Saturday, January 20, 2001 Muenster Sales Tax Election GMH Tax Rollback Election
Sunday, January 21, 2001 Muenster Museum Open, 1 PM to 4 PM	Monday, January 22, 2001 Sacred Heart School Advisory Council meeting, 7:30 PM Commissioners Court meeting, 10 AM, Courthouse	Tuesday, January 23, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Home Hospice Grief Support Seminar, 6-8 PM MMH Board meeting, 7 PM	Wednesday, January 24, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Class, 7 PM	Thursday, January 25, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1 PM to 4 PM	Friday, January 26, 2001 Muenster Museum Open, 1 PM to 4 PM	Saturday, January 27, 2001

John David Meurer retires from MSB

OBITUARIES

John D. Meurer, Senior Vice President and Cashier of Muenster State Bank announced his retirement effective Dec. 31, 2000. John began his banking career in 1961 when he was employed by Texas Bank & Trust in Dallas. In 1964 John joined Muenster State Bank as a teller, and was quickly promoted to Assistant Cashier.



John Dave Meurer ordering of foreign currency when necessary and

Throughout the years, John rose through the ranks and had a variety of responsibilities including that of loan officer, in which he was always patient with his customers. As Cashier, John's duties included handling correspondent bank account reconciliation, wire transfers,

preparation of Statements of Condition and Federal Call Reports. John has also been a longtime member of the Muenster State Bank Board of Directors, of which he was secretary and will continue to serve on the board. John also had a special interest in rare and commemorative coins, which he handled for the customers of Muenster State Bank.

Besides his long tenure at the Bank, John proudly served his country with active duty in the United States Marine Corps from 1954-1957. In our local community, John served as a trustee on the MISD School Board, has been involved with the Muenster

Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, and VFW.

With John's retirement comes the end of a legacy. Muenster State Bank was in part found by John's grandfather, J. W. Meurer, who also served as President from 1923 to 1941. Herbert Meurer, John's father served the bank as President from 1969 to 1980.

All the employees of Muenster State Bank will miss John's quick wit, and the ability to make any moment light hearted. The staff welcomes the public to stop by Muenster State Bank on Friday, Jan. 12, to wish John well in his retirement.

submitted by Christine Weinzapfel

Neva (Morris) McElreath 1922 - 2000

Neva (Morris) McElreath of Gainesville died at her residence on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000 at age 78. She was born July 30, 1922 in Perryton, Texas to Ollie and Nannie Woods Morris. On Feb. 16, 1947 she married Rafe McElreath in Shamrock. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Gainesville.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law Becky and Floyd White, Jr. of Gainesville; one grandson Chad White of Gainesville; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Rafe McElreath who died on Apr. 6, 1996; her parents; a brother Amos Morris; two sisters Julie Hawkins and Geddes McLaughlin.

Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at Temple Baptist Church in Gainesville officiated by Rev. Ted Short, Baptist minister and Dr. Eddie Chennault of Temple Baptist Church. Burial in Fairview



Neva (Morris) McElreath

Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Ricky Lemons, Gary Martin, Teddy Goldsmith, Larry Hawkins, Mark McElreath, and Noble McElreath.

The family has suggested memorials made to Temple Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 640, Gainesville, TX 76240.

Hall congratulates Bush on appointment of energy secretary

In a phone call last week from President-elect George W. Bush, Rep. Ralph Hall (D/TX) congratulated the President-elect on his Cabinet appointments, including his choice for Secretary of the Department of Energy - a position for which Hall also had been considered.

"I commended President-elect Bush on his appointments and expressed my appreciation for being on the list for a Cabinet position," Hall said. "I also expressed my belief that I could be of greater help to him, to my district, and to the country by continuing my work in the Congress on

the Science and Commerce Committees and as a member of the Blue Dog Democrats."

"I hope to be instrumental in helping promote a national energy strategy that puts us on a course for greater energy independence," Hall said. "I assured the President-elect of my willingness to work with him, and his Administration, to develop and implement policies that move us in this direction."

"My first loyalty has always been to the Fourth District of Texas," Hall added. "I have been honored to have won the support of a majority of voters for eleven terms in office.

Many of these have consistently voted for me regardless of their party affiliation, and I feel an obligation to fulfill the job to which they elected me."

"I congratulate Spencer Abraham on his appointment as Secretary of Energy. Given

his prior experience in the Executive branch and in Congress, he should be effective in promoting the President's energy initiatives," Hall said. "I am willing to assist him in any capacity that he might need."

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the current nine cent rate to 18 cents and raise about \$1 million for a \$30 million business. "New growth and new doctors will come and then we should be able to decrease the tax," said Parr.

Dave Sanders added, "We are asking for less than three percent of the total taxes you pay, to bring us up to the level of other hospital communities." He compared the local tax rate to the total of over \$3.00 rate paid in the Alliance Airport area.

A question from the audience asked how the new hospital would improve area health care. Jerry Parr said the improvements would come with more doctors, more

surgeons, and more kinds of health services.

Another question asked what would be done with the old hospital. That would be unsure. Estimates are at \$15 million to bring it up to code for hospital use.

During rebuttals, Jerry Parr asked the people to consider the increase average of \$7.00 per month to the \$500-\$600 cost of an emergency vehicle trip.

Roger Martin finished rebuttals talking about the predatory nature of the big for-profit hospitals in Denton. "We need to work on the three to five year survival, not building a new hospital," said Martin.

Gladys Browning Dowd 1913 - 2001

Gladys (Browning) Dowd of Saint Jo died on Jan. 8, 2001 at 7:15 a.m. in Nocona General Hospital, at age 87. She was born on Aug. 21, 1913 in Montague County to W.H. Browning and Fannie Whaley Browning. On Mar. 25, 1938 she married Maxey Dowd in Nocona. She lived most of her life in the Saint Jo area; was a member of the Saint Jo Church of Christ; she was a nurse, worked as an L.V.N. in the Hereford and Nocona Hospitals, and at local nursing homes. She was, along with her husband Maxey, a farmer/rancher, continuing this after his death. Her special interests included gardening, quilting and reading. She dearly loved her family.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Johnny

and Judy Dowd of Saint Jo; one granddaughter Johnna Jean (J.J.) Dowd of Saint Jo; one sister Lorene Ivins of Tullahoma, Tennessee, and one brother, W.H. Browning of Clarendon, Texas.

Preceding her in death were her husband, who died on Sept. 3, 1979; her parents; two sisters Vera Dodgin and Ethel Pinkert; and one brother Henry Browning.

Services were held in Saint Jo Church of Christ on Jan. 10 at 2:00 p.m. officiated by C.E. Cole and Chester Cullum. Burial in Illinois Bend Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Doug Gaston, David Gaston, Wendell Thompson, Craig McCrary, Bill Dowd, and Gary Brewer.

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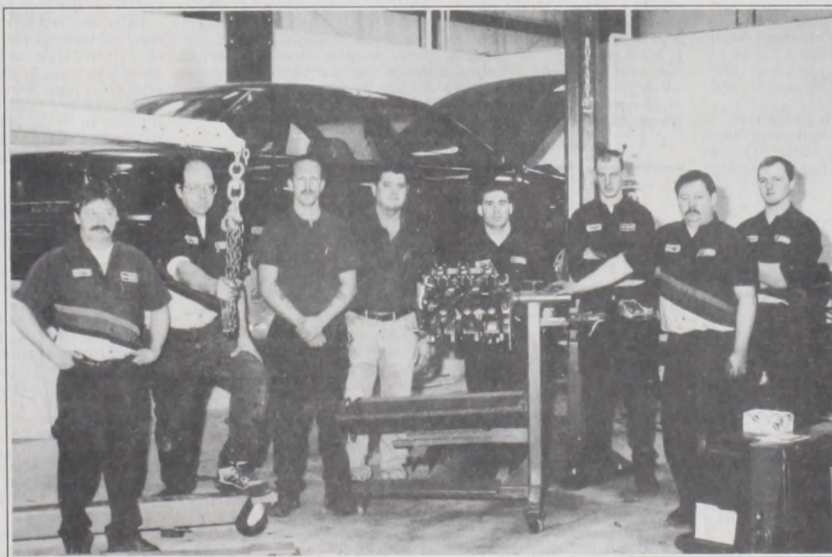
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
 WOW! Our so-called hospital supporters sure have been busy. I hardly know where to begin. Unfortunately, while they've obviously worked hard to increase the volume of their letters, they've done nothing to increase the accuracy of their statements.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt: The Board of Directors and I have considered and implemented many ideas and options to stabilize the Hospital since 1992. Although we were approached by Gainesville in 1995 to discuss the possibility of a merger, there was certainly no agreement then to merge with Gainesville. As President Flusche, has repeatedly pointed out we were pursuing several options at that time. I find it hard to believe that you could argue we should put patients at risk by not replacing obsolete equipment while we consider options available for the Hospital. It is the function of the Board to look ahead and prepare for the future, but the Hospital must continue to operate, equip itself and provide the best care possible each and every day.

With regard to St. Richard's Villa, Mr. Wes Fuson, the former owner and current administrator, has already written a letter to the editor discussing the operation of the nursing home and the state of the nursing home industry in general. Perhaps you didn't have an opportunity to read it. If so, I'd encourage you to call or go by St. Richard's personally to discuss the matter with him. The truth is usually a lot more boring than idle gossip and wild rumors. As to the deception regarding the hospital losses I do not have a clue as to what you're talking about and apparently neither do you. As a governmental entity and a state and federal government contractor, the hospital district is undoubtedly one of the most scrutinized entities you'll ever encounter. Our audited financial statements accurately reflect not only our income and losses, but our exact cash balances as well.

Mr. Aytes: What can I say? Your letters have more fantasy than Disneyland. Perhaps you should talk to Gainesville voters other than Roger Martin or Rod Tyler. The idea that only Gainesville hospital staff and spouses voted for the pro-hospital candidates is really a stretch, even for you. Why don't we let the rollback election take place and see what happens.

As to the tax rate in the Gainesville hospital district, Mr. Aytes is well aware from our numerous town hall and board meetings that the financial projections used by Gainesville for their bonds did not contemplate any tax money from the Muenster hospital district. This was further confirmed in writing (in this very column) by the CPA who helped develop these projections. The Gainesville hospital district tax rate necessary for Gainesville to build a new hospital is and always has been projected at \$0.18 regardless of what the residents of the Muenster hospital district decide. These projections have been closely examined and accepted by the bond underwriters who I believe have a little more expertise and understanding of these matters than Mr. Aytes. Mr. Aytes states that we over in this district are opting out of any merger. Maybe I missed something, but I thought our residents were going to vote on the issue. I don't believe Mr. Aytes speaks for all the residents of our district. With respect to our physicians, Mr. Aytes we have five physicians in this community. Why don't you try talking to the other four?

I understand that Mr. Aytes is now giving private seminars to any group who will listen. Apparently, the only condition is that no Hospital representative be present so he can't be interrupted with the truth. Has anyone noticed that every time Mr. Aytes or Hospital or merger and I or Hospital Board members correct them, they have never yet come back and proved us wrong. Not once.

Ms. Julie Rohmer Collins: I suppose I should appreciate Ms. Collins attempt to be helpful, but it's hard not to resent the patronizing attitude that seems to suggest either we don't know what we're doing or that maybe I have hidden programs or ideas from the Board to further my secret agenda. I guess I should give you the benefit of the doubt in that your source of information as to the Board's efforts may be somewhat biased. Rest assured, our goal is to keep physicians in the community. The Hospital is not locking its doors (although Mayor Weinzapfel has told me he would rather see the doors padlocked than us merge with Gainesville), it will convert to a comprehensive outpatient clinic. The nursing home will continue to operate as it does now.

Contrary to Ms. Collins' assertion, the effective tax rate imposed by the Muenster Hospital District has increased each year since the tax was re-established. Furthermore, the Hospital has not had a true profit from operations in many years. A total net profit is shown on the last four years' audited financial statements only because property taxes collected by the District have been added to Hospital revenue. From 1997 to 2000, the Hospital (excluding St. Richard's) had net losses from operations before property taxes of \$168,321, \$110,022, \$119,697 and \$272,964, respectively. It is easy to see that losses have accelerated since 1998 and the Hospital's 2001 fiscal year to date financials show that the acceleration in losses is increasing. Ms. Collins does make a good point about local support of our physicians, almost eight years after I did so in this column when I warned our residents about the consequences of failing to support our local Hospital and physicians.

With respect to the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, I believe the Board and I are fairly familiar with their programs since we have been awarded three Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program scholarships and a Rural Health Facility

Capital Improvement grant through the CRHI. I have worked with CRHI Program Administrators and Executive Administrators such as Claudia Segal, Laura Jordan, William Lydon, Carol Peters, Susan Kollopoulos, Sam Tessen and David Pearson, the current acting Executive Administrator of CRHI. Just for the record, I have served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH), a statewide association representing small hospitals, since 1996. I am currently Vice-Chairman of TORCH and serve on its Executive Committee. As an officer and director of TORCH, I have been actively engaged in lobbying for rural hospitals on both the state and national level. TORCH has been instrumental in the establishment of many of the programs now available to rural hospitals.

Regarding the Critical Access Hospital designation, this was something we looked at some time ago. Although it is a worthwhile program, it is not a magic bullet suitable for every hospital. In fact, our accounting firm (which specializes in representing rural hospitals) has found that this designation helps only about half of the hospitals that qualify for it. After running an analysis of the Hospital, our auditors noted that this designation would not help our Hospital as it is currently structured. We continue to monitor changes in this program in the hope that eventually it may be worthwhile for our Hospital.

With respect to recruiting physicians, I suggest you get a different source of information. Neither I nor any of my Board members have ever gone to Harris Hospital to recruit physicians. On the contrary, your advice is again many years late as the Board has already unsuccessfully attempted to recruit physicians through the CRHI HealthFind program. With respect to our latest recruit, Dr. Audrey Morrill, we did investigate the State Matching Incentive Program, but unfortunately did not qualify. You should note that our problem now is not the inability to recruit more primary care physicians. We frankly don't need any more. Dr. Advincula's and Dr. Morrill's practices are not yet full (although they are growing each year) and another primary care physician would simply dilute their practices. What our Hospital needs most from a financial standpoint is a surgeon. Unfortunately, we do not have anywhere near the volume necessary to recruit or to support a full-time surgeon. Thus, the AHEC programs would be of little use for us.

With respect to grants, as noted above we have received several. I was happy to see that you noted our TIF grant for Internet connectivity, but in fact we have been awarded three TIF grants, not just one. Finally, the state of Texas has little to do with our hospital revenue other than through the Medicaid program (it matches federal funding for the program) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Most of the financial distress imposed on the Hospital is from a reduction in Medicare funding, in which the state has little involvement.

Peggy Growing: Ms. Growing seems to be arguing that the businesses that closed over the past ten years did so because we (or they) lacked the requisite amount of Muenster spirit. I think more likely it had something to do with competition and economic reality. Nevertheless, I believe there is an equally long list of businesses which have opened or expanded in Muenster and flourished over the last ten years. Ms. Growing also seems to be under the mistaken impression that the Hospital facilities are going to be padlocked and all the employees will have to find employment elsewhere. Again, that is simply not true. Most outpatient services will continue to be provided right here in Muenster. Many of our current employees will remain here to provide those services. The remaining Hospital employees will be working at the new hospital if they choose to do so. The main services being given up in Muenster are those least used by residents of the Muenster Hospital District, i.e. inpatient services.

It is not the responsibility of the Board to conduct a study to see how their actions will affect local businesses. Their responsibility is to oversee the operation of the District to the best of their ability and to act in the best interests of all of the residents of the District, not just those with businesses on Main street. This was not an easy decision by the Board. They didn't just get tired of running the Hospital or lose their Muenster spirit. The real question is do we want to stick our head in the sand and wind up closing the entire facility because we can't meet payroll some day or do we want to downsize on our own terms and keep a strong healthcare presence in Muenster. You assume all the physicians are leaving Muenster. Perhaps you should talk to them first Ms. Growing.

Finally, you twice state you want to vote on the merger issue. That is exactly what your Hospital Board is working diligently to arrange. Legislation has been submitted in Austin that when passed will allow us to call an election to decide this issue. We have stated in every town hall meeting and every Board meeting in which the subject has come up that there will be two votes on this issue. The first vote will be whether to dissolve the Muenster Hospital District and the second will be whether to create a Cooke County Hospital District. Both votes must be in the affirmative for the merger to take place. The same election will be held for residents of the Gainesville Hospital District.

It's a simple question really. Do we want to come together in this county to build a truly comprehensive healthcare system to allow us to provide more care close to home or do we want to continue chasing the helicopter or ambulance to Denton or Sherman.

Jack R. Endres,
 Administrator Muenster Memorial Hospital

What IF??

By Janie Hartman

A lot of things go on in Muenster that we, the rural folks have no voice in, putting a landfill in the next pasture, taking our land to build a lake, sucking us into a taxable water district. It's all part of progress and growth for the city. But when it comes to the life or death of "our" hospital district, we will have a voice.

Administrators are hired and boards elected to make sure a city, hospital or school flourish and grow. That tax money is well spent and improvements made when needed.

Let's do a "what-if." What if the principal hired at the Catholic School decided the school is losing money and will not be able to survive? Would the supporters of that school allow him and the board to shut down the school, send the students and teachers (if needed) to the Catholic school in Gainesville?? I would think he wouldn't have a job and the families would do everything in their power to keep the school open.

Another what if - the hired Public School administrator and elected board of trustees decided it was going to cost too much money to continue the school district's operation. So why not give the school district - the land, the students, the tax revenue - to the county, form one big school in Gainesville and bus our kids over there. Does anyone like the ideal of closing our schools? I think not!

The same "what-if" could pertain to the city, fire department, the county precinct, or even to me.

What if, as a board member of the city library, we decided the money to build the new library could not be raised, so we didn't even make an attempt, we just gave all our library belongings to the county library. That way Muenster citizens could just drive that short trip to Gainesville to use a library.

The people of the Muenster community have always fought for a better lifestyle. To grow and prosper. To give our future generations a great place to live, a place to be proud of, a place to call home.

The creation of the hospital district was a hard thought out plan in the 1960's. It grew and has served the community beyond its expectations. Do we, as a community really want to lose such an important part of our heritage? Show your support - use the Muenster Hospital, prove its value, keep it alive.

Patronize your local school, fire department, library, museum, city, church and hospital. They all make Muenster what it is today and they can only exist with the communities support. Don't wait until it's too late and someone decides to close them down!

Dear Editor,

When our hospital was being built and furnished, Sister Mildred, the first administrator, asked everyone here, as well as the nuns in Jonesboro, and others, to pray that we would get some good doctors to serve in our hospital.

We were very blessed to get Dr. Hejduk, an excellent surgeon, Dr. Knight an outstanding orthopedic surgeon and general practitioners that were good for our hospital. Dr. Knight wanted relief from the hectic work and life in Dallas, and he and the other doctors were happy here. There are other doctors, at least a few, who have similar feelings.

We have some good doctors here now that we want to keep, but we also need a

surgeon and an anesthetist.

The Good Lord tells us in Scripture "Keep my commandments, and ask what you will and it will be given to you."

The hospital affair is of major importance to the future of our community. Only God really knows what lies ahead. If we all ask for His direction, work hard together under His guidance, obey His commandment to love one another, appreciating the good intent of people, then we know that the solution whatever it is, will again be one for which we can all praise the Lord for years to come.

So let's all do what we are capable of doing.

Thank you,
 Imelda Rohmer
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Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to what I believe to be an accusation made by Joe & Carolyn Hoyt in the Jan. 5, 2001 letter to the editor of the *Muenster Enterprise*. I do not appreciate a comment that questions my integrity. Especially when it comes from someone I do not believe I have ever met. I have always been taught that we should not judge others. Also, to my knowledge, there has been no "deception regarding hospital losses." CPAs do have a Code of Ethics and must take Continuing Education on this topic. As far as accepting just what I am told I must say that I am a professional who can think for himself. As for the Board not studying reports I also must disagree. Every member of the Board has shown that (s)he is willing to devote time & effort to MMH by serving a term(s) in a volunteer position. I am not aware of any Board member that has a personal stake in the proposed hospital. Personally, I am serving because I believe one should share their God given talents with his fellow men. (If this comment offends anyone because of their beliefs, I apologize but this is my opinion).

Since I felt I was almost required to write this letter to respond to the allegations

stated above, I will also share a couple of my opinions with you readers. First, I do not believe that letters to the editor are a place to settle arguments. Public forums or discussions seem more practical for this in most cases. However, letters to the editor can be a good place to voice an opinion or state facts that can be proven. As a board member, I welcome new ideas or facts in whatever way they are communicated. But, I do not appreciate attacks or the misrepresentation of opinions as facts.

Secondly, I believe that as a voter in a general election, I (as well as you) am free to vote as I wish. However, as a member of the Hospital board, I am to vote in the best interest of the majority of the Hospital District members. And, the majority that I have heard from are in favor of the merger and I do not mind saying I am personally in favor based on the facts in the matter. These facts include but are not limited to medical reimbursements and sole community provider status. The facts have been and can be again discussed in a public forum. As a CPA I have been trained to base my decisions on facts and not on emotions, although I am not emotionless.

Duane Knabe, CPA
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Letter to the Editor,

I would like to express sincere thanks to everyone at Cooke County Electric Co-op for their work in restoring power to those of us in rural areas following the ice storm which hit us all just after Christmas. Those of us who enjoy the rural life know there is no way to prepare for that kind of natural event and we generally expect to be without power for a short time when forecasts call for ice. It is an

inconvenience but it is just a part of country life. When the damage is as wide spread, and major, as it was with this last storm the time to make repairs is considerable and the work is not only difficult but also dangerous. So thanks guys, you got us going as quickly as you could and we do appreciate it.

Jack Schoppa and family
 North of Muenster
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Letter to the Editor,

I just received an e-mail that recalled back to my attention of information that I feel should be brought to everyone attention. The *Edwardsville Intelligencer*, (Edwardsville, Illinois) on December 21, 1999 ran an article titled, "Be Careful with Calling Cards," the writer said...

I want to warn consumers of telephone service about rates on calling cards. I recently had a problem with AT&T when my son, away from home for the first time, called his girlfriend using our calling card. He called her every three days and talked for 90 minutes each time. He was unaware of the rates charged by AT&T, approximately \$1 per minute with a \$4.99 connection fee for each call. The first bill was \$860. This, however, was not the total damage. By the time you receive the first bill, the second billing period is half over. The second bill was \$540 for a grand total of \$1,400 for the two months. When I addressed this issue with AT&T's customer service center, I was informed that this was a "domestic problem." They refused to reduce this bill even though they offer a rate of 25 cents per minute to other customers.

I urge all consumers of telephone service to call your phone company and request the lowest rates. They are not automatically given. I urge all parents to make their children aware of the rates on these cards so other families do not experience the financial crisis we have.

What a story!
 That reminds me of the ridiculous charges that AT&T made to a relative of ours. She had a pink rotary telephone for more than thirty years that her husband had given to her. She said there was a charge on the bill that she didn't understand. She advised that

she called several times to AT&T but they never did anything about it. I called AT&T and discovered they were charging her rental charges of \$5.00 per month. That is \$60.00 per year x 30 = \$1,800.00! They advised that it had to be taken during the hours of 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday to a certain location in far East Dallas. We took the phone and our relative as required to the store. I asked the manager if she could keep the telephone for sentimental reasons, and they could disable it so it couldn't be used any longer. The man said he could not do that because the company could fire him as that would be against company policy. I asked the clerk what they would do with the phone. He said the company would destroy it, but since it was such an antique he would keep it for himself!

I called Nortex to discuss this with them, and was told that they still have some customers with the original rotary phones and they are charging \$1.50 per month rent for them. Joey Anderson, their public relation man, said he appreciated my bringing it to his attention. He said he would be enclosing a slip in the coming monthly telephone bill calling to their customer's attention how they could replace the rental phone with their own purchased phone. Their monthly charge for a dial tone telephone is \$2.00 per month. He didn't have the prices available for me for the charge for this particular telephone. I called several stores in the area and they stated they have available regularly a digital dial telephone for \$15.00 and at times, have them on sale for less than \$10.00

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FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

by Ed Cler

Sometime in the late 60s while enroute to Washington State to visit our son Gary and wife, Mary, Aileen and I decided to visit Mary's maternal grandmother who lived in the small town (very small) of Beaver Crossing, Nebraska.

We had spent the night somewhere in northern Kansas and Beaver Crossing was not very far north and east from there, so we drove into the little place about 7:45 a.m., hungry and ready for breakfast.

A small cafe beside the road looked like a likely place, so we stopped and entered the building. We soon felt the eyes of the locals, mostly ladies drinking coffee before going to work, checking out the two strangers in town.

After ordering, we sat for sometime while our food was being prepared, and it soon became obvious that we were being eye-balled from head to foot.

Some of the ladies held their

hands over their mouths as they whispered their concerns about us to one another, and one soon left her table and exited the cafe to examine our license plate. She soon returned to her table to pass on the information that the two strangers were from Texas.

Aileen and I came to the conclusion that if we didn't leave soon, they would begin to throw peanuts to us.

Well, we thought we had caused quite a stir, but when we asked our hostess if she could tell us how to find Phoebe Hoffman's residence, the excitement seemed to grow, and as we left, almost all of the ladies came out to watch us drive over to Mrs. Hoffman's house.

Well, as we drove away, I told Aileen that our coming and going had more than likely given those ladies more excitement and food for conversation than anything that had happened in Beaver Crossing in quite some time.

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Sixtieth Anniversary celebrated by Klements



Walt and Eleonore Klement

by Elfreda Fette
Celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary, blessed with good health, surrounded by their children, spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a large assembly of friends, neighbors and relatives, all combined to become points of joy to surround Walt and Eleonore Klement with a rewarding aura of a perfect day on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001.

Sunday Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 10:30 a.m. was offered by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor. Beautiful music and sacred songs were dedicated to the family, and Father John gave a special blessing to the honor couple after Mass.

At noon, the family gathered again for dinner in the home of Mark and Carol Klement, catered by Rohmer's Restaurant for 60 guests, with joyous reunions, tender memories, total delight in

reminiscing, an afternoon of table games, and viewing old and new pictures.

Eleonore Henscheid wore the treasured gold rhinestone cross and chain she wore on her wedding day 60 years ago, that belonged to her mother, the late Mrs. Bill Henscheid.

The family consists of two daughters and four sons, including Jeanette and Michael Fitzpatrick; Sharon Wolf; Wayne and Doris Klement; Claude and Deb Klement; Doyle and Carla Klement; Mark and Carol Klement. There are 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. All were present for the celebration.

Included at the dinner were special guests Clara (Mrs. Ed) Endres who was bridesmaid at the wedding 60 years ago. (The late Rody Klement was best man). Others present were Frank and Angela Haverkamp, Ed and Ginny Schneider, Pat and Carl Walterscheid, Carl

and Cecilia Schilling, and Father John Ohner OSA.

Also Ashley Klement of Muenster; Stevie, Jackie and Hunter Klement of Muenster; Taylor, Shelby, and Bailey Klement of Muenster; also Dearth and Donna Holley of Powderly, Texas; Kevin Wolf and children of Woodbine; Amber Wolf of Lindsay; Susan and Brent Pressley of Fort Worth; Aaron Klement of Denton; Jeff Klement of Lubbock; Chris Klement of Denton; Jeanette and Michael Fitzpatrick of Arlington; Nolan Slagle of Dallas; Bryant Strickland of Wichita Falls; Eddie and Maryanne Fleitman, Wilfred and Polly Reiter, Viola Rohmer, Brian Rohmer, Polly Fette and Kerri Felderhoffer, Amber Wolf, Nathan Hess, David Bell, Tony and Misty Hartman.

During the afternoon a surprise telephone call came from Laverna Henscheid of

Marshfield, Missouri.

Unable to attend, but sending greetings were two grandchildren, Brenda Jones of Houston and Darren Jones of Lubbock.

Recalled during the Sunday afternoon was the wedding day of Walt and Eleonore Klement, on Jan. 7, 1941 in Sacred Heart Church. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Klement; she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henscheid. Their first home was on Wolf Ridge, north of Muenster. With the approach of Camp Howze, they were forced to move. In 1942 they began their career in dairying and built the dairy up through the years. Walt and Eleonore are retired now, and still reside on their farm. They still raise cattle, chickens, have a great garden in season, and take great pleasure in helping where and when they can in their families.

Red Cross announces disaster Helpline

The American Red Cross has established a disaster Helpline for people who have disaster needs related to the December Winter Storms, as its disaster relief efforts continue throughout Texas.

Any family needing information about possible Red Cross assistance for immediate emergency needs is encouraged to call the toll-free line at 1-800-272-6563. (Oklahoma residents should call 1-800-998-9828). The Helpline will be answered from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

With the latest ice storms at Christmas, the local Red Cross assisted in opening 3 shelters in the Grayson County area. Three volunteers and one staff member from Cooke County assisted in these operations; they are Margie Baugh, Bob and Jerrie Dumas and branch manager Susie McDonald. A total of 42 staff and volunteers have worked to assist residents of Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson County.

Areas east of these three counties continue to feel the brunt of the storm's fury. While the local shelters have closed, multiple shelters remain open in and around Texarkana.

Each family needing assistance will be interviewed on an individual basis to determine the impact of the disaster on them how Red Cross can assist.

All American Red Cross disaster relief is free, a gift from the American people. Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be called in at 1-800-HELP-NOW or mailed to the Cooke County Branch, 100 S. Dixon, Courthouse, Gainesville, TX 76240.

Community C.P.R. and First Aid classes are held each month in Gainesville, or can be arranged at your worksite, or church.

To sign up for these classes, or for information on becoming a local volunteer for the American Red Cross, call Susie McDonald at 940-465-4365.

Texas bird species count grows to 620; 2 new added

Two new species have been added to the list of birds found in Texas, bringing the nation-leading total to 620 bird species. A pair of buff-breasted flycatchers was found nesting in Jeff Davis County and a single blue mockingbird was sighted in Hidalgo County.

The buff-breasted flycatcher and blue mockingbird, along

with all other current and historic birds from Texas can be found in the fifth edition of "A Checklist of Texas Birds" from Texas Parks and Wildlife. The check list is available by mail for a \$200 donation sent to Wildlife Diversity Branch, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

New Arrivals

Yaeger

With pride and joy, David and Jean Yaeger are announcing the birth of a son, Samuel Lawrence Yaeger, in St. John Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at 9:42 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. He joins a sister, Caroline, age 20 months. Their grandparents are John and JoAnn Pagel of Muenster and Edwin and Joanne Yaeger of Marshall, Missouri. Great-grandfather is Jerome Pagel of Muenster.

Fleitman

Chad and Debbie Fleitman of Lindsay announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter, Ashley Marie Fleitman, in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Dec. 29, 2000 at 5:54 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 8 oz. and measuring 20 1/4 inches long. She joins two sisters Jordan Rose Fleitman, age 7, and Nicole Renae Fleitman, age 3. Grandparents are Winston and Rose Mary Fangman of Gainesville and James and Nita Fleitman of Muenster. The great-grandmothers are Anne Fleitman and Augusta Walterscheid both of Muenster.

New Year's baby born at Muenster Memorial Hospital on January 4, 2001

Tiffany Hill of Bowie announces the birth of a son, Caleb Jon Hill at Muenster Memorial Hospital on Jan. 4, 2001 at 1:18 a.m., weighing 8 lb. 9 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. He is the New Year's Baby born at MMH, and joins a sister, Jordan Yvonne Hill, age 3. Their grandparents are Pauline Allison of Bowie, Albert Hill of Crystal Falls, Michigan, Gene and Jane Wise of Perrin, Texas. The great-grandmother is Wanda Allison of Bowie.

The New Year's Baby and its mother received many gifts, including: Lora's Flowers & Gifts, flowers; Muenster State Bank, Commemorative Christmas Coin; Sylvia's Creations, picture frame; Matthews Photography of Gainesville, gift certificate for photos; Hess Furniture, piggy bank; Sister's, baby basket of gifts; Crafty Olde German, DreamSicle; Center Restaurant, \$15 gift certificate; Christi's, blue laced frame of kissing angels; Rohmer's Restaurant, \$10 gift certificate; DI One Stop, 12 pack 7-Up and 12 pack Dr. Pepper; Bayer's Kolonialwaren, 2 strudels; Cooke County Appliance, cassette/clock radio; Fisher's

Meat Market, \$20 gift certificate; Edelweiss Teahaus, \$20 gift certificate; Jan Cain, \$50 Mary Kay gift certificate; Muenster Chamber of Commerce, \$50 in Muenster Marks; Muenster Memorial Hospital, diaper Genie and refill; Muenster Memorial

Hospital nurses, monogrammed silver spoon; Muenster Pharmacy, \$15 gift certificate; Dr. Graham D.D.S., electric toothbrush; Rumber Materials, baby blanket and outfit; Muenster Memorial Hospital Family Health Clinic, baby clothes and gifts.



Caleb Jon Hill, the New Year's Baby at Muenster Memorial Hospital, is shown with his mother, Tiffany Hill of Bowie, and with his sister Jordan Yvonne Hill, age 3. Janie Hartman photo

Green Tips

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Thanks again to all the people who encourage me to continue with the positive outlook of the merger. As I represent everyone in the hospital district with their health in mind. The Board of Directors and I are not fighting to close the Muenster Hospital. We are striving for superior health care in Cooke County.

Call me if you want to discuss the merger or any of your health care facility questions or comments. Alternatively, attend a board meeting and I will make time for you to make your viewpoints known.

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The Texoma Retired and Senior Volunteer Program donates canned goods and socks

The Texoma Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties came together in one place this year to celebrate Christmas. The tables were decorated from January through December and each person sat at their birthday month. The rest of the room was decorated with the Christmas theme. Lyndon Lee, President of the Cooke County Advisory Council, and Dan Schores, President of the Grayson County Advisory Council welcomed their counties to the event. Director Betty Boone welcomed Fannin County guests in the absence

of President Pat Broiles who was out of town. Over 350 RSVP volunteers and guests were served at tables arranged with sandwiches, snacks, chips, etc. Each of these volunteers came with canned goods which were distributed to each county's needy and over 500 white socks were taken to the Sam Rayburn Veterans Administration in Bonham to be distributed to the veterans. Cooke County food was given to V.I.S.T.O. Fannin County food was given to Bonham Community Ministries and the Police Department, who in turn helps

the Crisis Center, CASA, and other needy families in the area. Grayson County food was given to Key Care Missions, Denison Helping Hands, and Sherman Senior Center. RSVP volunteers not only give of their time, knowledge and love but are pleased to be able to help with the food drives at holiday times.

Special guests recognized included Robin McCoy from Senator Tom Haywood's office; Judy Rowton and Bob Hughes from Congressman Ralph Hall's office; and Hilda Ramsay, AARP National Representative.



Senior Sales Director Jan Cain, at left, and consultants, from left, Amy Boyd, Dianna Felderhoff, Tammy Breeden, Beth Richardson, Suzanne Murray, and Cindy Hanks with Jan's new Mary Kay signature pink Cadillac. Photo by Dave Fette

Dominic Xavier Nervo celebrates first birthday!

Dominic Xavier Nervo celebrated his first birthday with a party on Dec. 17 in the home of his grandmother, Rachel Hennigan of Muenster. His actual birthday was Dec. 12.

A nursery rhyme theme, highlighted with the characters "The Cow Jumped Over the Moon," and "Humpty Dumpty" was carried out. Pastel colors of lilac, yellow, blue, pink, and green were emphasized through streamers, cutouts, and a "Happy Birthday" banner. A cluster of blue balloons, lettered with "It's the Big One!" was the ceiling centerpiece.

A large white sheet cake was decorated with "Happy First

Birthday, Dominic" and a "Cow Jumped Over the Moon" ceramic figurine. A hanging baby coverlet and glass snowball of the same theme added to the decor. Party favors, gifts, and videos complemented a happy day.

Attending were the honoree's parents Donna and Nicolas Nervo, and brother Alexander Nicolas of Arlington; his grandmother Rachel Hennigan; great-aunt and uncle Linda and Robert Coursey of Gainesville; godparents and aunt and uncle Lisa and Darrell Hess and children Jordan, Brandon, and Brittany of North Richland Hills; and great-grandmother Odilia Lutkenhaus of Muenster.



Dominic Xavier Nervo

Love Fund established

The Social Concerns Committee of Muenster has opened a Love Fund for Laura Taylor at Muenster State Bank, First National Bank of Saint Jo - Muenster Branch, and Guaranty National Bank - Muenster. Laura Taylor is awaiting a liver transplant. All those who wish to do so may make a deposit at any of the banks in her name.

Diabetes Support Group meets Jan. 16

The Cooke County Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital Conference Room. A program on "Arm Yourself for the Cold and Flu Season" will be presented by Joan Walterscheid. For more information, call 940-759-2395.

Free composting seminar

Keep Muenster Beautiful and Keep Gainesville Beautiful are sponsoring a free composting seminar in Gainesville at 6:00pm on Thursday, February 22. The composting educator will be Johanna Lange, a Texas Certified Master Compositor and a Texas Certified Master Gardener.

Attendance is limited to 50 participants. Each participant will receive a free compost turner and booklet. Pre-registration is required by contacting MaryLee Alford at 759-2368 or email: maryleext@aol.com.



Nicole Rains

Nicole Rains turns three

Nicole Rains, daughter of Mitch and Linda Rains, turned three on Jan. 1, and celebrated her birthday on Jan. 7. A lunch of hamburgers and all the trimmings with chips and dips was served. The "Thomas, the Tank Engine" birthday cake was served with ice cream.

Guests at her party included her brother Chris Rains; her grandma Theresa Grewing; and Bill, Katrina, Ashley, and Brooke Grewing; Anita and Chris Luttmer; Mark, Carol, Rebecca and Blake Grewing; and a friend of the family Kim McClain.

Gifts were opened and displayed and pictures were made.

Thank You

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who were so kind and gracious to us during the recent loss of our loved one.

For all the food, flowers, contributions for memorials and other charities, help and offers of help, visits, cards, prayers and any other acts of kindness that were done for us, we are truly grateful.

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Fight colds naturally

We can't cure the common cold, but can we prevent it? The so-called "common" cold is actually a complex problem. It is caused by a number of viruses, and those viruses keep changing, so it's almost impossible to vaccinate against it or fight it once you've caught it. All you can do is fight the symptoms — the sneezing, coughing, runny nose, and sore throat.

You may have heard a lot lately about herbal remedies that help prevent colds. One popular one is echinacea, an herbal remedy made from the purple coneflower. This herb is believed to help boost the immune system to help people stave off colds. There may be scientific proof of this power. Florida researchers tested echinacea and found that it appears to boost the disease-fighting ability of white blood cells.

Researchers caution that you probably should not take echinacea every day — only when you feel a cold coming on. It could be bad for your body to have your immune system boosted like that all the time. More research is needed on the best way to use echinacea to fight disease.

Doctors say another way to prevent colds is to wash your hands frequently. Cold viruses are often transmitted by hands when your hands come in contact with the germs, then you touch your face. Wash with soap and warm water several times a day.

Information from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Saint Jo Opry dismissed in Jan. and Feb.

Sponsors of the Saint Jo Opry announce that they will not be having a show in the months of January and February. The Country Cut Ups, who have sponsored the Opry for 14 years, say that due to the pattern of bad weather and illness of some of the group, these two shows have been canceled.

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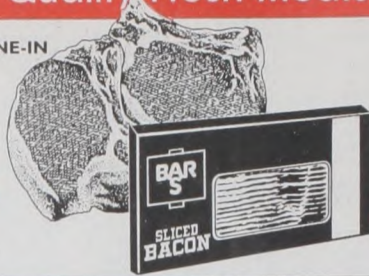
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School News

Muenster ISD School Board holds meetings

The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees held a public meeting on Dec. 13 to share the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report. The public meeting was attended only by the school board and the superintendent.

The regular monthly meeting followed, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Clyde Steelman's superintendent's report included:

- Bids are being sought for football field dirt repairs.

- Maintenance staff is working to address problems on the grounds. Weather permitting, the city is to stripe the parking and elementary lanes.

- Sidell ISD has shown interest in joining the special education co-op, possibly next school year.

- The district's telephone plan has been revised.

The board heard the annual performance report and the school district's report card, to be sent home with student report cards.

A meeting date was set for Jan. 3 with Huckabee and Associates to discuss the district's master plan. The board also approved the

agreement on dual credit courses offered by North Central Texas College (NCTC). Muenster should have 15-17 students signed up for spring classes at NCTC. Mr. Steelman hopes to be able to offer the classes on the Muenster campus next school year.

The district is seeking applications for an elementary accelerated reading and title one teacher.

At the Jan. 3 called meeting, Mike King, an architect from Huckabee and Associates of Fort Worth met with the board to discuss the district's Master Plan. Mr. Steelman reported that King's report was not as "degrading" as an earlier report and gave positive comments and suggestions.

The four major concerns discussed were: cafeteria space, drainage problem, roof replacement and renovation of older buildings to pass ADA inspection, and the field house.

The architect will bring a proposal for a 5-10 year master plan to the board when prepared.

Note: Due to weather conditions and the holidays, the regular school board meeting of December was delayed in being reported.

Area Hay Judging Contest



Lindsay FFA senior division first place team, from left, Kody Endres, Ryan Kasperek, and Patrick Zimmerer. Janie Hartman photo



Third place team, from left, Andy Zimmerer, Dominic Fuhrmann, Marcus Dennis, and Adam Anderle. Janie Hartman photo



Area fifth place team from Lindsay, left to right, John Bayer, Matt Baugh, Phillip Bayer, and Jeff Kendall. Janie Hartman photo

January is school board recognition month

In one of his last acts as Texas governor, President-Elect George W. Bush proclaimed January 2001 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation and bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their communities and schools.

"In towns and cities throughout Texas, locally elected school board members govern and guide schools in accordance with the will of the people. They also ensure that control of and accountability for the schools stay where they belong—with the residents of that community," Bush said.

"Texas has more than 7,000

school board members, representing the largest group of elected officials in the state. Most school boards consist of seven locally elected trustees who serve three-year terms without pay. These dedicated men and women make policy, set budgets, and work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers and administrators," Bush added.

"I encourage all Texans to recognize school board members for their service to communities throughout the Lone Star State. Their commitment to quality and excellence helps give students the opportunity to reach their full potential," Bush concluded.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JAN. 15-19 MÜNSTER ISD

Mon. - Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, ranch style beans, pears, pumpkin bread.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Sub sandwiches (ham and cheese), lettuce and tomatoes, carrot sticks, chips, apples, cookies.

Thurs. - Fried chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/cheese slices, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, French fries, applesauce, ice cream.

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Mon. - No School.

Tues. - Ham and cheese on a bun, baked beans, lettuce, pineapple.

Wed. - Spaghetti and meat, corn, lettuce, mixed fruit, hot rolls.

Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, green beans, lettuce, fruit, bread.

Fri. - Pizza pockets, ranch style beans, salad, fruit.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - No School.
Tues. - Beef tips and noodles, cole slaw, corn, peaches, bread.

Wed. - Enchiladas w/chili sauce, ranch style beans, vegetable sticks, cinnamon apples, bread.

Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, mixed fruit, bread.

Fri. - Crisitos, pinto beans, oranges, bread.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Turkey pot pie or barbecue wieners, tossed salad, sliced pears, broccoli and cheese, graham crackers.

Tues. - Country fried pork steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, mixed fruit, hot roll.

Wed. - Combo burritos, green beans, tossed salad, peaches, Missouri cookie.

Thurs. - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, applesauce, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, curly fries, pickle spears, ice cream.

Lindsay ISD seeks committee volunteers

Lindsay ISD is in the process of organizing two new site-based committees. The two committees will serve the campuses of Lindsay ISD. The elementary committee serves the K-6 campus, while the high school committee serves the 7-12 campus. Each committee consists of faculty, administration, parents,

community members, and business volunteers.

Community members are those who live in the district, but do not have students on the campus the committee serves. Business members are those who own/operate or work at a business. This business does not have to be in the Lindsay ISD district.

Anyone interested in serving as a community, business and/or parent volunteer for either committee may contact the school office. Anyone seeking further information may contact the school office. Any inquiries may be made to Jerry Metzler at 668-8923. Deadline for responses is Jan. 26.

Ten free flowering trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2001.

The ten trees are 2 each of White Flowering Dogwoods, Flowering Crabapples, Flowering pears, Washington Hawthorns, and American redbuds.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, buy January 31, 2001.

Green Tips

Fact: You can save about \$55 a year by hanging clothes outside when it's sunny instead of using a clothes dryer.
Tip: If you do use a dryer, don't overload it, clean the lint screen after every load, and make sure the vent flapper opens and closes freely. Don't open the dryer until the load is dry, since it uses more energy to reheat each time the dryer is stopped.



CONGRATULATIONS

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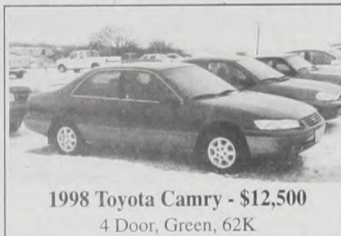
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5.4, Green, 25K

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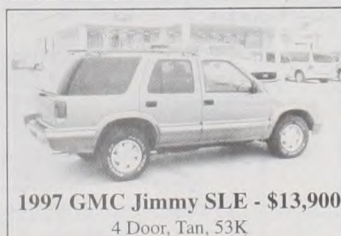


1999 Ford F150 Lariat - \$19,900
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1998 Ford F150 XL - \$14,995
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Koesler wins FFA contest

Muenster FFA and Muenster High School would like to recognize Kristian Koesler as one of the outstanding members of the Muenster Future Farmers of America Organization for her participation and interest in Agriculture Science and the FFA. Kristian, the daughter of Rudy and Martha Koesler, is enrolled in the ninth grade Agriculture Science Class and a member of Muenster FFA.

Kristian participated in the District FFA Leadership contest held at NCTC on Nov. 11 in Gainesville. She won second place in Creed speaking which advanced her to the area contest held at Texas A&M University in Commerce. Kristian represented Muenster

FFA well and should be commended for her hard work and participating in FFA activities.

Kristian's plans for the second semester as a Muenster FFA member will focus on participation in showing market lambs. She has plans to participate in several area jackpot lamb shows. The last livestock show of the season will be the Cooke County Youth Fair, to be held in Gainesville on March 8 - 10. Muenster FFA members would like to encourage all Muenster residents to attend and support all the Muenster FFA and 4-H members at the Cooke County Youth Fair and Show.

Submitted by Muenster FFA



Kristian Koesler

Agriculture scholarship enters third year

Monsanto Company and the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has announced the details behind the third annual Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program.

The competitive scholarship program is open to high school seniors from all 50 states. To be eligible, the students must come from farm families and plan to pursue careers in agriculture. One-time awards of \$1,500 will be made to 100 high school seniors chosen by an impartial selection committee of agricultural educators and industry leaders.

Applicants will be evaluated on their high school records, standardized test results, extracurricular activities, and personal essays submitted as a part of the application process. Applications became available in mid-December from Monsanto dealers, county Farm Bureau offices and on the following Web sites:

<http://www.farmsource.com>

<http://www.agfoundation.org>
Application forms must be completed and postmarked by Feb. 15, 2001. Applicants will be notified of the competition results by May 1, 2001.

Lindsay ISD Honor Roll

Third Six Weeks ALL "A" HONOR ROLL
Grade 1: Taylor Atkins, Megan Caillier, Caroline Dieter, Jordan Fleitman, Alexandra Fogle, Connor Fuhrmann, Amelia Haverkamp, Alicia Hellingner, Mandy Hess, Lauren Hicks, Caitlin Huston, Cole Kirk, Lucinda Krahl, Taylor Krebs, Nicholas Lewis, Chelsie Morrison, Rane Morrison, McKenzie Neu, Taylor Stringfellow, A.J. Summerlin, Benjamin Zimmerman, Stephanie Zwigg.

Grade 2: Robert Arend, Todd Bezner, Jessica Block, Emily Conaway, Carolyn Dickerson, Bethani Eberhart, Kailyn Gum, Levi Hardin, Austin Hermes, Kelsey Hermes, Vanessa Hess, Troy Kirby, Allison Metzler, Katie Nortman, Madison Parkhill, Thomas Rohmer, Jason Schumacher, Savannah Stoffels, Amelia Wyrick.

Grade 3: Zohaib Anwar, John Block, Dianne Brown, Franklin Cornett, Matt Dieter, Dillon Hanson, Brett Hermes, Colton Hermes, Shirley Hess, Haley Hughes, Adam Krebs, Greg Luttmer, Wes Morrison, Katie Neu, Austin Reiter, Conner Skinner.

Grade 4: Nicholas Bezner, Derek Hundt, Kelly Laux, Nichole Metzler, Amber Nortman, Poja Patel.

Grade 5: Krystal Arend, Ashley Caillier, Elizabeth Dieter, Jen Rauschuber, Kimberly Schumacher.

Grade 6: Sanaa Anwar, Jillian Bezner, Levi Hermes, Amanda Hess, Chandni Patel, Karissa Reiter, Jenny Schroeder, Laura Zimmerman, Rachel Zimmerman.

Grade 7: Bradley Arend, Mallory Block, Allison Hundt, Stephanie Metzler, Michelle Rauschuber.

Grade 8: Rameez Anwar, Jessica Bezner, Joni Erwin, Jacob Geray, Danny Kendall, Cheryl Knabe, Travis Reiter, Kelsey Tucker.

Grade 9: Lori Kasparek,

Whitney Neu, Lindsey Williams.

Grade 10: Genevieve Knauf, Sara Luttmer, Emmy Trammell, Patrick Zimmerman, Alexandra Hellingner, Renee Sandmann, Rahim Noorani, Jami Hamilton, Corrie Crosby.

Grade 11: Sophia Rahman, Jennifer Wilson, Faith Skinner, Nabeel Anwar, Jeff Kendall.

Grade 12: Jonathan Bengfort, Rachel Lively, Michael Kendall, Nicholas Fuhrmann, Maggie Luttmer, Deanna Meurer, Jennifer Bengfort, Ashlie Privett, Paul Metzler, John Bayer, Courtney Miller, Melissa Carpenter, Jeffrey Williams, Stacie Sandmann, Angela Kirby, Adrienne Sandmann.

ALL "A&B" HONOR ROLL
Grade 1: Kelsey Barba, Dean Fleitman, Amber Hess, Michelle LaSalle, Blake Meek, Matt Reed.

Grade 2: Justin Anderle,

Logan Cheaney, Rebecca Fuhrmann, Regan Gore, Geren Horn, Tyler Hundt, Jonathan Husman, Greg Knauf, Alicia Meek, Macy Perry, Josh Timmins.

Grade 3: Danielle Boren,

Katie Dieter, Mitch Dieter, Dax Fleitman, Haley Haverkamp, Ross Jones, James Kelley, Ryan Kendall, Jessica Luttmer, Cammi Neu, Kelli Reed, Gage Turner.

Grade 4: Jacob Biffle, Crystal Dickerson, Kelsey Hawkins, Rose Hermes, Kayla Hess, Kristan Hoberer, Laura Kelley, Beverly Knabe, Kendall Neu, Natalie Rose, Ryan Sicking, Sam Sparkman, Jon Michael Sweeney, Jacob Truitt, Ky Leigh Zimmerman.

Grade 5: Mary Bayer, Garrett Block, Joey Block, Madisen Burrows, Lauren Creed, Rhea-Claire Galubenski, Chelsea Hermes, Jessica Hermes, Keith Hermes, Hillary Hoelker, Taylor Horn, Michelle Husman, Neil Jones, Preston Mendez, Dillon Ott, Jaden Perry, Jayden Root, Clayton Starnes, Sarah Stoffels,

Morgan Webster.

Grade 6: Jordan Alexander, Brittany Anderle, Sabrina Bezner, Michael Conaway, Christopher Dieter, Travis Endres, Julie Hanson, Jeff Hess, Kaileigh Hess, Paul Jones, Nichole Krebs, Madison Montgomery, Dustin Neu, Liz Neu, Amy Nortman, Heather Odell, Joe Otto, Brian Sandmann, Ben Wyrick.

Grade 7: Patrick Bayer, Megan Benton, Matthew Eberhart, Olivia Erwin, Jacob Guiling, Leanna Gustine, Jonathan Hall, Dustin Hughes, Adam Kasparek, Mary Klement, Diane Knauf, Ethan Reiter, Jacob Root, Clint Williams, Erin Wyrick.

Grade 8: Bradley Anderle, Cody Anderle, Ryan Dickerson, Nathan Hermes, Dana Huchton, Emily McAbee, Trinity Otto, Kevin Patrick, Amy Folk, Ryan Zimmerman.

Grade 9: Philip Bayer, Keith Dieter, Stephanie English, Daniel Fuhrmann, Sam Hellingner, Cody Hess, Katie Hoberer, Ashley McPherson, Kendyl Odell, Rebecca Reiter, Amber Wolf.

Grade 10: Joey Arendt, Kyle Endres, Josh Franklin, Elaine Hess, Zachary Hoelker, Jamie Price, Alex Shauf, Jalynn Wilson, Stacie Yosten.

Grade 11: Adam Anderle, Megan Anderson, Nabeel Anwar, Tommy Arendt, Jaque Bezner, Chelsea Brewer, Laura English, Dominic Fuhrmann, Jeff Grindle, Alexandria Haayen, Taren Hall, Jason Hermes, Cathy Lusk, Robin Neu, Christina Otto, Chad Stoffels, Hannah Trammell, Kristan Tucker, Megan Ward.

Grade 12: Travis Alfrey, Michael Almon, Ellen Bezner, Melanie Brown, Anna Beth Calhoun, Brent Connett, Marcus Dennis, Dee Ann Fuhrmann, Cassie Gunter, Kim Hazle, Jonathan Klement, Brad Minnix, Karah O'Dell, Kenneth Reiter, Jordan Root, Brandon Schroeder, Justin Sicking, Andy Zimmerman.

MISD Honor Rolls

Third Six Weeks "A" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade - Malcom Martin, Leah Vinson.

8th Grade - Sean Fuhrmann, Adam Vinson.

9th Grade - Kristi McAden, Daniel Russell, Melinda Walterscheid.

10th Grade - Megan Lippe.

11th Grade - Laura Drachenberg, Grant Hartman, Ashley Hess, Chris Jackson, Pamela Lutkenhaus.

12th Grade - Kacie Garcia, Chris Grewing, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Mary Skinner.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade - Noah Barnhill, Danielle Bindel, Michael Eckart, Jennifer Endres, Katie Endres, Kelly Endres, Travis Felderhoff, Brianna Fleitman, Karen Flusche, Crystal Fuhrmann, Ryan Fuhrmann, Tiffanie Klement, Jacé Koelzer, Jordan Walterscheid, Keith Walterscheid, Dustin Wimmer.

8th Grade - Eric Endres, James Fanning, Derek

Felderhoff, JoAnna Felderhoff, Lana Fisher, August Fleitman, John Fredrick, Shannon Grewing, Kristen Hess, Shelbi Jolliff, Stevie Klement, Candice McCrary, Clint Miller, Tara Swirczynski, Whitney Watson.

9th Grade - Rachel Clark,

Kyle Endres, Kristian Koesler.

10th Grade - Richard Endres, Amanda Felderhoff, Mitchell Felderhoff, Jacob Freeman, Kelly Grewing, Brady Howell, Kami Klement, Kenna Mask, Cindy Tempel.

11th Grade - Chisam Cain, Mitchell Endres, Krystal Hale, Ashley Klement, Crystal Lutkenhaus, Kay Lee Price, Shanelle Spakes, Toby Walterscheid.

12th Grade - Diane Britain, Keri Felderhoff, Bobby Fisher, Joshua Freeman, Gladys Guerrero, Megan Hennigan, Jennifer Hermes, Brett Howell, Greg Johnson, Elliot Klement, Dillon Sicking, Kristin Smith, Lauren Dangelmayr.

Green Tips

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MUENSTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2000

Data Control Codes		Governmental		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
		100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	98 August 31, 2000	97 August 31, 1999
REVENUES:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,120,535	\$ 58,765	\$ 1,179,300	\$ 1,139,970
5800	State Program Revenues	1,558,128	28,352	1,586,480	1,555,780
5900	Federal Program Revenues	--	140,321	140,321	97,692
5020	Total Revenues	2,678,663	227,438	2,906,101	2,233,442
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction & Instructional Related Services	1,746,059	117,106	1,863,165	1,662,784
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	153,706	--	153,706	133,070
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	263,906	104,188	368,094	323,428
0040	Administrative Support Services	176,805	--	176,805	164,467
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	313,764	--	313,764	275,528
0070	Debt Service	15,422	--	15,422	--
0080	Capital Outlay	56,149	--	56,149	--
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	56,128	--	56,128	48,952
6030	Total Expenditures	2,781,939	221,294	2,999,122	2,617,064
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(103,276)	6,144	(97,132)	6,144
7020	Other Resources	--	--	--	--
8030	Other (Uses)	(2,901)	--	(2,901)	--
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(106,177)	6,144	(100,033)	6,144
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	258,150	1,842	259,992	1,842
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 151,973	\$ 7,986	\$ 159,959	\$ 7,986
Fund Types					
500-599 Debt Service Fund		600-699 Capital Projects Fund	800-829 Expensible Trust Fund	98 August 31, 2000	97 August 31, 1999
\$	75,603	\$ 2,587	\$ 16	\$ 1,257,506	\$ 1,333,387
	63,357	--	--	1,649,837	1,569,280
	--	--	--	140,321	97,692
	138,960	2,587	16	3,047,664	3,000,359
--	--	--	--	1,863,165	1,662,784
--	--	--	--	153,706	133,070
--	--	--	--	368,094	323,428
--	--	--	--	176,805	164,467
--	--	170,847	--	484,611	1,821,956
137,447	--	--	--	152,869	152,539
--	--	--	--	56,149	--
--	--	--	--	56,128	48,952
137,447	--	--	--	3,311,527	4,307,196
1,513	(168,260)	16	--	(263,863)	(1,306,837)
2,901	30,353	--	--	33,254	158,473
(30,353)	--	--	--	(33,254)	(158,473)
(25,939)	(137,907)	16	--	(263,863)	(1,306,837)
31,466	138,000	634	--	430,092	1,736,930
\$ 5,527	\$ 93	\$ 650	\$ 166,229	\$ 430,093	\$ 430,093

Scooter injuries on the rise

Many young children woke up Christmas morning to find a nice shiny new scooter under the tree as a present. Parents need to be aware that injuries are on the rise due to the "new scooter craze." The Centers for Disease Control, the CDC, released a report on the 14th of December which stated the injuries related to scooters has increased dramatically since May of 2000. One group estimated that 5 million scooters would be sold in the year of 2000.

Most injuries have been shown to be bruises, strains and sprains, but many fractures have also occurred. Dr. James Welch, President of the Texas Chiropractic Association gives this advice to parents; The recent scooter craze has a lot of young children riding these things. Used properly scooters can provide hours of fun and some physical recreation to young kids." He recommends the following:

1. As with roller blades and skateboards make sure kids use proper equipment. This should include helmets, elbowpads, and kneepads at a minimum.
2. Make sure that the pavement is smooth and level when your child rides his or her scooter. Watch for large cracks in concrete or asphalt, because a small wheel could get stuck and children could fly over the handle bar seriously injuring themselves.
3. Always watch out for cars and other motor vehicles when riding on a scooter.

Dewhurst announces Treasures of the Texas Coast 2001 Children's Art Contest

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst invites Texas schoolchildren to submit drawings and paintings to the sixth annual *Treasures of the Texas Coast 2001 Children's Art Contest*. The competition is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade; the deadline for entries is Feb. 2.

Two winners will be chosen from each of the 24 planning regions of the state. From these 48 winners, one grand prize winner will be chosen. The grand prize winner will receive two round-trip tickets from Continental Airlines to the 48 contiguous United States and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort in New Braunfels.

All 48 winners will receive two tickets to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn, a certificate of recognition from Commissioner Dewhurst, and a calendar displaying the winning artwork. The grand prize winner's teacher will also receive two round-trip tickets from Continental Airlines.

Student artwork must be on a plain sheet of white 8 1/2x11-inch paper and can be in any medium except computer-generated. Three-dimensional art is ineligible. Artwork should be based on the theme "Treasures of the Texas Coast" and should depict why the Texas coast is special to the student.

All entries must have an official parental release form taped to the back; winners and parents agree to let the Land Office use their drawings and names to promote the Adopt-A-Beach Program. Artist credit will be given. All posters submitted become the property of the Land Office.

Damaged, late, or previously entered drawings are not eligible. Entries should be sent to the Texas General Land Office, Adopt-A-Beach Program: Children's Art Contest 2001, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, Feb. 2.

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Sports

Tigerettes get easy wins

The Tigerettes out-scored their last two opponents 172 to 23 to improve their record to 16-6 and undefeated, 6-0 in district.

Monday night's rout with Fairfield was a one-sided slaughter as the Sacred Heart girls jumped into a 34-0 first quarter score and continued to pound their host to an 86-8 final.

Five Tigerettes hit double digit scores, led by Rane Bauer's 19 points. Andrea Bauer added 15, Karen Gehrig 11, Jayna Biffle and Kristen Zimmerer 10 apiece.

Audrey Barnhill put in 7, with Mary Jane Callahan and Jana Truabenbach each getting

4. Courtney Hartman put in 3, Jennifer Hoedebeck 2, and Kristen Yosten 1.

Tuesday night, Sacred Heart again was not challenged when they handed their visitors from Dallas Lakehill an 86-15 beating.

The Bauer sisters again controlled the boards with Andrea scoring 27 and Rane Bauer 19. Gehrig dropped in 14, Biffle 7, Callahan and Hoedebeck 6 each. Truabenbach hit a 3, with Barnhill and Zimmerer getting 2 apiece.

SH 30 15 23 18 86
L 5 8 2 0 15



Jared Zimmerer moves in under the basket in the Tigers' convincing district victory. Photo by Dave Fette

Muenster teams win over Collinsville, 51-45; 63-53

The Lady Hornets started district play Friday night with a 51-45 victory over Collinsville.

The Lady Pirates had a 2 point lead after the first quarter, but Muenster took it away and stretched it to a 6 point victory.

Three Muenster girls hit double digit baskets. Ashley Hess led with 14, Melinda Walterscheid added 12, and Kristie Lutkenhaus 10.

Robyn Hermes dropped in 6, Megan Lippe 4, Lisa Felderhoff 3, and Ashley Klement 2 points.

M 9 15 12 15 51
C 11 10 11 13 45
A 24 point fourth quarter

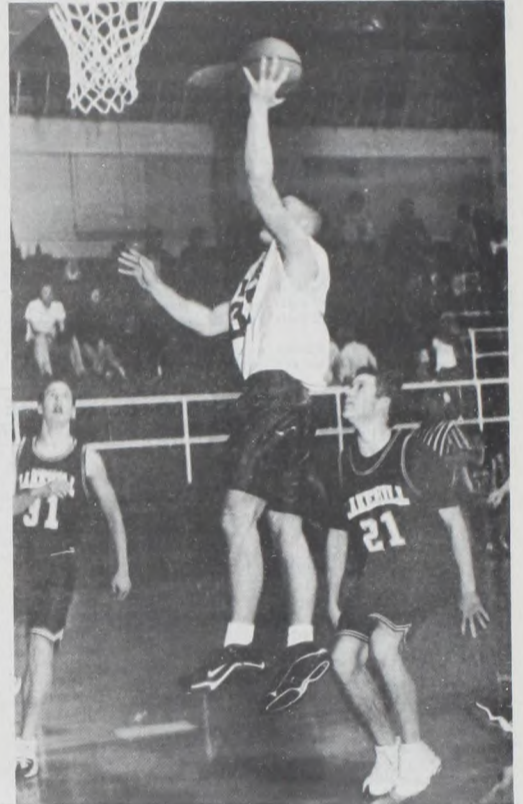
gave Muenster a 63-53 victory over the Pirates.

The scoring had just a point or two spread throughout the first half, then Collinsville took a 7 point lead going into the final period, before the Hornets out-scored the Pirates 17 points to take the win.

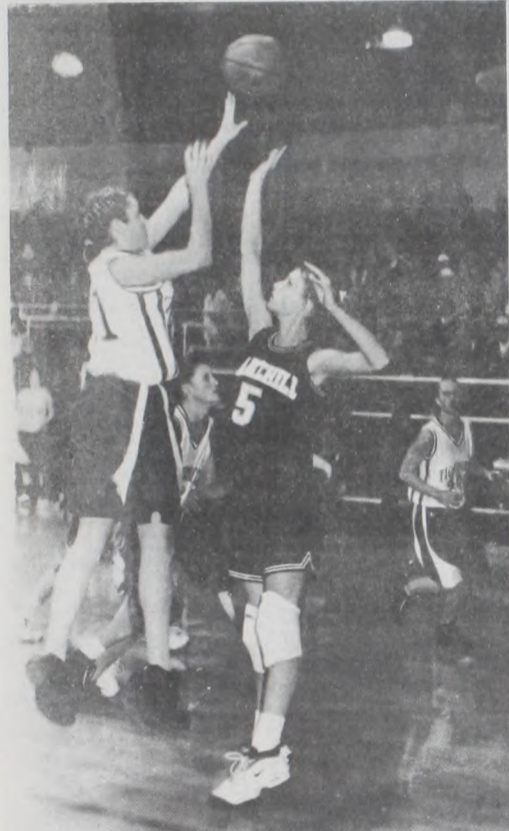
Four Hornets scored in double digits led by Brett Howell with 14 points. Greg Johnson added 13, Chisam Cain 12, and Elliot Klement 11.

Colby Newton put in 6 points, Mitch Endres 5, and Blake Garrison 2.

M 16 17 6 24 63
C 17 17 12 7 53



Jeff Hartman adds two points to the Tigers' win over Lakehill Tuesday night. Photo by Dave Fette



Mary Jane Callahan contributed points toward the Tigerettes' district stomping of Lakehill 86-15. Dave Fette photo

Tigers get district win

The Sacred Heart Tigers out-scored Masonic Home 96-51 on Jan. 2 to get their first district victory for a 1-1 record.

Ten Tigers put points on the board, led by Johnny Yosten with 22 points. Luke Endres added 17, with Jared Zimmerer and Marty Farrell each scoring 12. Jeff Hartman put in 8 points, with Keith Felderhoff and Jack Biffle each adding 7. Chris Fuhrmann got 5, Matthew Grewing 4, and Clint Fuhrmann 2.

After a closer first half, the Tigers dominated the Mites 60-25 the second half to claim a commanding victory.

SH 17 19 27 33 96
MH 11 15 14 11 51

In a pre-holiday contest, Sacred Heart fell to the Slidell

Greyhounds 59-100. Jack Biffle was high scorer for the Tigers with 26 points. Luke Endres added 12, Chris Fuhrmann 5, and 4 apiece from Marty Farrell, Matthew Grewing, and Johnny Yosten. Keith Felderhoff and Jared Zimmerer each added 2 points.

SH 10 14 20 15 59
S 26 16 25 33 100

In Holiday Classic action, the Tigers won their first game over Nocona 47-40. Points were spread out among seven players, with Yosten leading with 9 points.

Game two saw Callisburg defeat Sacred Heart 34-61. Farrell led the Tigers scoring with 8 points.

The Tigers final tournament game was a 91-58 defeat by Pilot Point.

Muenster teams defeated by Hounds: 70-56, 105-64

The Lady Hornets and Hornets traveled to Slidell Tuesday night and were both handed losses by the Greyhound teams.

The Muenster girls played a close first half, then allowed the Lady Hounds to out-score them 39-26 the second half and take a 70-56 district win.

Melinda Walterscheid led the Lady Hornet scoring with 21 points. Ashley Klement added 9, Ashley Hess 8, Megan Lippe 6, and Brittany Haverkamp and Lisa Felderhoff 4 apiece.

Kristie Lutkenhaus put in 3,

and Krystal Hale 1.

M 10 20 14 12 56
S 11 20 22 17 70

The hot-shooting Greyhounds pumped 105 points against the Hornets 64 points, handing Muenster a district loss.

Brett Howell put in 20 points to be the high scoring Hornet. Greg Johnson and Elliot Klement each added 11, and Mitch Endres 10. Chisam Cain scored 5, Derek Elliott 4, and Chris Grewing 3.

M 15 13 14 22 64
S 23 28 33 21 105

Sacred Heart teams get district wins at Bethesda

The Tigers and Tigerettes both brought home district victories last Thursday.

The Tigerettes dominated the girls game, taking a 28-2 first quarter lead, led by Andrea Bauer's 14 first period points. "We needed a win," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. The victory improves the Tigerettes records to 4-0 in district and 14-6 for the season.

Bauer was the game's high scorer with 24 points. Courtney Hartman and Jayna Biffle each added a dozen, with Mary Jane Callahan scoring 10. Jana Truabenbach put in 6, Audrey Barnhill and Kristen Zimmerer 5 apiece, Jennifer Hoedebeck 4,

Karen Gehrig 2, and Kristen Yosten 1.

SH 28 16 16 21 81
B 2 2 11 11 26

The Tigers improved their district record to 2-1 with a 76-45 win over Bethesda. Ten Tigers scored, led by Johnny Yosten's 19 points. Marty Farrell dropped in 16, Clint Fuhrmann 9, and 7 apiece from Luke Endres and Jack Biffle. Jared Zimmerer added 5, and Chris Fuhrmann, Keith Felderhoff, and Jeff Hartman each scored 4. Daniel Bartush hit a free throw.

SH 13 19 28 16 76
B 9 9 15 12 45

AMENDMENT CITY ORDINANCE CODE #8-3-1 THROUGH 8-3-5 - SIGNS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Muenster desires to restrict off-premise sign (billboards) placement within the city limits of Muenster,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to protect and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the general public of Muenster,

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Muenster, Texas, that the following amendment be made to City Ordinance Code 8-3-1 through 8-3-5 - Signs:

"An off-premise sign is defined as any outdoor advertising device directing attention to any business, product, or service or activity not offered, sold or conducted upon the same premises where such advertising is located.

It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, build, maintain, and display any off-premise sign within the limits of the city without first obtaining a permit therefor from the City Council. All such permit requests submitted to the City Secretary shall be set for consideration by the Muenster City Council at a regularly scheduled council meeting after the following requirements have been met: Notice of meeting to be published in newspaper fourteen days before council meeting, as well as written notice to all adjoining property owners within 200 feet of the requested sign location. Each application shall be considered on an individual basis.

A fee of \$35 is required for off-premise sign applications. All other sign permits require a fee of \$10."

All other provisions of City Ordinance Code 8-3-1 through 8-3-5 shall remain in effect."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Muenster on the 2nd day of January, 2001.

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Lady Knights fall to Era
In a low scoring contest at Lindsay last Friday, the Lady Knights allowed the Lady Hornets of Era to get a three point victory, 28-31.
Lindsay led by one the first period, then Era tied the game at half-time, taking a one point lead going into the final quarter, where the Lady Hornets out-scored the Lady Knights 2-4 for the win.
Only three Lindsay players put points on the board. Karah O'Dell, the game's high scorer, put on 15 points. Elaine Hess added 8 and Jacque Bezner 5.
High scorer for Era was K. Boyd with 14 points.
L 12 6 8 2 28
E 11 7 9 4 31

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Junior High Action

Muenster 7th 34
Lindsay TB* 10

The young Lady Stingers took a big win from Lindsay on Dec. 11. Danielle Bindel was high scorer with 10 points. Jenna Felderhoff added 6, and Jacé Koelzer and Kelly Endres 4 apiece. Katie Endres, Tiffani Klement, Megan Dangelmayr, Haylee Hess, and Brianna Fleitman all scored 2 points.

Scoring for the Lady Squires were Kelsey Tucker and Allison Conaway with 3 points each and Stephanie Hermes and Mackenzie Webster getting 2 apiece.

M	4	8	10	12	34
L	1	4	2	3	10

Haylee Hess with 2 points each.

MW	5	11	9	11	36
MR	0	6	0	6	12

Muenster 14 Era 20

The 7th grade Stingers fell to Era in the boys first game. Jordan Walterscheid put in 6 points, with Travis Felderhoff, Michael Eckart, Derek Endres, and Malcom Martin getting 2 points apiece.

M	4	4	2	4	14
E	0	4	10	6	20

Muenster Red 18 Collinsville 24

The Red Lady Stingers gave Collinsville the consolation trophy in the third quarter. Cassie Sicking led Muenster with 6 points. Haylee Hess and Christine Eanes each scored 4 points, with Tiffani Klement and Stephanie Hoinig getting 2 points piece.

M	6	4	2	6	18
C	4	4	10	6	24

Muenster 28 Sacred Heart 20

The Stingers had 8 players score against the Cubs. Malcom Martin led the point makers with 8. Michael Eckart added 7, Jordan Walterscheid 4, and 2 apiece from Casey McAden, Dustin Wimmer, Chris Steelman and Ryan Hennigan. Travis Felderhoff got a free throw.

Five Cubs played for Sacred Heart, with Adam Dangelmayr scoring 14 points, Mark Gehrig 4, and Neil Bayer 2.

M	2	8	12	6	28
SH	11	2	2	5	20

Muenster White 22 Sacred Heart 35

The Lady Cubs, with strong 2nd and 3rd quarters, took the tournament championship, letting Muenster settle for 2nd place. "We had a great momentum to start the game, but got into foul trouble late in the first quarter. After half-time confidence dropped as they jumped us with their

press," stated Coach Binder.

Only four Muenster girls put points on the board, led by Jacé Koelzer's 8 points. Kelly Endres added 7, Danielle Bindel 4, and Jenna Felderhoff 3.

Shannon Hartman was the game's high scorer with 12 points. Also scoring for Sacred Heart were Whitney Wimmer with 7 points and Hannah Hess, Nicole Bayer, and Joelle Fuhrmann 4 apiece. Debra Yosten and Diana Knabe had 2 points each.

M	3	4	8	22	
SH	4	11	12	8	35

Sacred Heart 11 Collinsville 49

The 7th grade Cubs were out hustled by the Pirates.

Adam Dangelmayr led Sacred Heart with 9 points with Mark Gehrig getting 2.

SH	0	4	7	0	11
C	9	11	12	17	49

Sacred Heart 35 Collinsville 13

The Lady Cubs blew the Lady Pirates out of the water with eight Sacred Heart girls scoring.

Hannah Hess led all scorers with 10 points. Dianna Knabe and Whitney Wimmer each added 6 with Nicole Bayer getting 4 and Shanna Hartman 3. Joelle Fuhrmann, Angie Cox, and Jacqueline Fluusche added 2 apiece.

SH	7	10	12	6	35
C	2	1	4	6	13

Muenster Red 6 Lindsay 7th 10

Monday evening Muenster hosted the Lindsay junior high. "The girls did a super job on defense the entire game," noted Coach Amy Binder. "We showed confidence in driving to the lane, but we just couldn't get the ball to fall in our favor."

Christine Eanes scored 4 and Tiffani Klement 2 for the Lady Stingers.

Malloy Block put in 4 for the Lady Squires with Allison Handt, Shelly Rauschhuber, and Stephanie Metzler 2 apiece.

M	0	2	2	2	6
L	2	0	6	2	10



Sara Sepanski was high scorer in Sacred Heart's Junior Varsity victory Tuesday night with Liberty Christian. Dave Fette photo.

Junior Varsity

Muenster 18 Collinsville 14

The junior varsity Lady Hornets improved their record to 2-5 with a district win last Friday.

The game was played in two 20 minute halves, with the clock continuously ticking. The Lady Pirates had a small lead at half-time, but a 2-8 score in the second period turned the victory to Muenster.

Tamie Gerstberger was high scorer with 6. Pamela Lutkenhaus and Rachel Clark each added 4, with Deann Dangelmayr and Kristian Koelzer scoring 2 apiece.

M	10	8	18
C	12	2	14

Muenster Collinsville

The JV Hornets took a loss last Friday when the Pirates tied the score late in the game, then took the lead with just seconds on the clock. Muenster had the chances to take the win, but couldn't get the needed points.

Sacred Heart 43 Liberty 37

The JV Tigerettes put another win under their belt Tuesday night, three in a row for a 5-3 record. Sara Sepanski led all scorers with 17 points. Elizabeth Fette added 7, Lilly Nasche 6, Kristen Yosten and Kate Sepanski 4 apiece. Ashley Walterscheid and Catherine Bartush put in 2 points each, and Cindy Hartman a free shot.

SH	8	18	15	2	43
L	9	10	12	6	37

Muenster 49 Slidell 24

The JV Lady Hornets improved their record Tuesday night at Slidell. Lacy Endres was high scorer with 19 points. Jami Gerstberger added 14, and Pamela Lutkenhaus 6. Scoring 2 points each were Rachel Clark, Diana Felderhoff, Kristian Koelzer, Deann Dangelmayr and Chelsea Felderhoff.

M	10	10	21	8	49
S	5	4	6	9	24

Muenster 51 Slidell 81

The Greyhounds had a strong first period on their way to victory over the Hornets. Tyler Walterscheid put in 15 points for Muenster, with Michael Endres getting 12, and Dustin Walterscheid and Kyle Endres 8 points each. Dustin Hiser and Karl Fisher each added 3, and Brady Howell 2.

M	10	19	8	14	51
S	23	22	19	17	81

MUENSTER 7TH GRADE TOURNAMENT

The Muenster White (7th grade) girls team defeated the Red (combined 7-8th) team. "All the girls put out a great effort. It's tough playing against your own teammates, but they put that aside for 24 minutes and gave each other a good challenge," commented Coach Amy Binder. "Despite that this was their first game together, the Red team worked hard and hustled the entire game."

Jenna Felderhoff was high scorer for the white team with 9 points. Danielle Bindel added 8, Jacé Koelzer 7, Kelly Endres 6, Karen Fluusche 4, and Katie Endres 2.

Scoring for the Reds were Kristen Hess with 8, and Cassie Sicking and

CROSS TIMBERS WILDLIFE NEWS

by Jim Dillard, Wildlife Biologist, TP&WD

POSSUM-ON-A-HALF-SHELL

I'll never forget the first time I tried to pull an armadillo out of a hole by its tail. This particular "dillo-fellow" had just dived headfirst into the first hole he came to in direct response to the ground shaking sounds of my footsteps as I followed in hot pursuit. Unfortunately for him it was a shallow hole which left part of his posterior exposed, but just deep enough for him to dig into the sides with his claws and hang on for dear life. Despite my repeated attempts to extricate him from his lair he wouldn't budge and before I knew it, he had dug his way deeper down and out of my reach. I was reluctant to stick my hand down that hole not knowing what other vermin might have gone in ahead of him and might be looking for some relief by this time from this crazed armored digging machine. And I suspect many a coyote has had this same experience trying to dig out a nine-banded armadillo for supper.

In ancient Aztec lingo they were called Azotochli which meant "turtle-rabbit", but here in the Cross Timbers a lot of folks call 'em "possum-on-a-half-shell." I think I'll stick to armadillo, a name given them by the Spanish conquistadors when they were in Mexico which means "little armored thing."

Armadillos are thought to have evolved about 50 million years ago in Central and South America. Up until about 5 to 10 thousand years ago there were several species of them in North America living as far north as the Ohio Valley, but for unknown reasons they became extinct. Today twenty species remain including the giant, totouary, six-banded, three-banded, hairy, and the pink fairy armadillo (it's in the book!), the nine-banded armadillo (*Dasypos novemcinctus*) is the only species found here in the United States. It's a relatively recent arrival in Texas since 1850 when it re-established itself north of the Rio Grande River.

Today they're found from Florida and North Carolina to New Mexico and north to Oklahoma and Kansas. In Texas they're found just about everywhere except in the Trans Pecos country of West Texas and are common here in the Cross Timbers of North Texas. I even know of a couple that were taken as trading material on an antelope trapping expedition up in Colorado a few years back, but I can't remember what we swapped them for. Texans have taken such a serious liking to the armadillo that now it's the official State Mammal of Texas (go figure!).

The physical adaptations of the armadillo truly exemplify the term "survival of the fittest." Their exterior covering of bony plates on the head, tail, back, and side body surfaces serve to protect them from predators, although they are not totally immune from predation. There are 9 bands

of flexible plates between the shoulder area and flank. Front feet have four toes with the middle two longest and back feet have five toes with the middle three longer, all with long claws for digging.

Although their eyesight is poor, their sense of hearing and smell are good. You can easily approach an armadillo in the open if you are careful not to make a sound or any quick movements. If you startle one it's likely to jump straight up in the air and hit the ground running. That's one reason so many are run over on the highway even when you successfully straddle one at 60 miles per hour. I once had a female armadillo with four young walking around my feet in a roadside ditch for several minutes before she figured out something big and ominous was about to pounce on her and her litter and left with the familiar grunt-grunt-grunt sound they make when agitated.

One of their unique adaptations for survival is called "delayed implantation," meaning that once the egg is fertilized it goes into a type of suspended animation for about 14 weeks before it begins to grow. Armadillos always have four young and they're always of the same sex. (Maybe this "cloning" thing isn't so new after all). During this process the single egg divides into four embryonic growth centers (called polyembryony for you science types) and then it takes about 4 months for the four identical quadruplets to develop from a common placenta to the uterus. Most armadillos breed during July and young are born in March which coincides with the period of abundant food supplies.

Young are born with their eyes open and nurse for about 2 months before beginning to travel and forage with mom. They have 30-32 peg-like unenameled teeth that they use to crush the soft foods they eat and a sticky tongue that insects easily stick to. Insects and other invertebrates make up about 93% of their diet which also includes beetles, grubs, caterpillars, earthworms, millipedes, centipedes, ants, fruits, berries, small reptiles and amphibians, crayfish, carrion, and an occasional bird egg. Their reputation for eating copious numbers of quail eggs is unfounded. On a positive note, I have seen many fire ant mounds destroyed by armadillos with an appetite for a warm meal.

Armadillos are good swimmers and can either walk across the bottom or gulp air to inflate their intestines and swim on top of the water. Cold weather is hard on armadillos because they don't build up fat reserves and must feed almost daily to survive. During the winter you'll see them actively feeding during the warm part of the day, but in summer they're out and about during late afternoon and night. They can be a nuisance in your yard where they dig for grubs and worms, and about the only way

to get rid of them is to move to North Dakota. You can also try fencing, mothballs, or pepper sprays.

Armadillos are used in research and development of a vaccine for leprosy because their core body temperature is lower than any other mammal, which allows the virulent form of the disease (lepromatous leprosy) to grow in their tissues. No reported cases of transmission of leprosy to humans has been reported and it is uncommon in wild dillos. And they're not bad eating. The meat is white and tastes sorta like pork if you use your imagination.

TPW press unveils official guide to Texas WMAs

The Texas wildlife management areas (WMAs) comprise more than 750,000 acres of public lands, yet most Texans are unaware of them. To help bring WMAs to the attention of the public, Texas Parks and Wildlife Press has published the "Official Guide to Texas Wildlife Management Areas". Accessible yet unspoiled, the WMAs contrast sharply with the more familiar national, state, and local parks. Parks exist for people; wildlife comes first in WMAs. Parks emphasize facilities; WMAs offer the opportunity to enjoy

TEXAS WILDLIFE

by Thompson Temple

Busted In My Stand!

I was sitting in my stand when a nice ten point buck came out. I raised my camera when his head was down. Suddenly he threw his head up and stared straight at me. I remained motionless.

It seemed like an eternity for me. The buck continued to stare and I did not move a muscle. If he snorts and runs, then my afternoon could become fruitless.

The buck started to walk to my stand. He was coming right to me. He knew he had seen something and he was going to check me out. I stayed still. The buck almost got close enough to stick his head in the window! I knew I was going to get busted at this distance so I shot my picture at point blank range!



A Big Eight Point Buck!

I recently photographed the biggest eight point buck I ever saw! When the buck came into view my heart sped up. I shot the buck - with my camera! Many game managers call an eight point buck a management buck. Bucks with ten or more points are called trophy bucks.

I have been told that it frequently takes six years for a buck to start developing non-typical antlers. Maybe I need to let the bucks get older to get twelve points. We did take a real nice twelve point buck about three years ago.

Take Note

Life is more fun when you don't keep score.

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Success is getting up one more time than you fall down.

the outdoors in a more natural setting.

The "Official Guide to Texas Wildlife Management Areas" is published by Texas Parks and Wildlife Press, 3000 S. L-35, Suite 120, Austin, TX 78704. There are 274 pages, color photographs, 8 1/2 x 11 inches, paperback for \$29.95. ISBN 1-885696-35-3. Books are available at local bookstores or by calling (800)747-1726.

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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wichita Falls District Office Training Facility at 1601 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls, Texas.

The purpose of the public meeting is to allow public input into the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) preparation process. A list will be provided of upcoming state projects selected in the UTP and STIP. Maps and drawings will be on display.

Mr. John Barton, P.E., Director of Transportation, Planning and Development with the Texas Department of Transportation in Wichita Falls, will be in charge of the meeting.

The meeting will be informal, and all interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views on the programs. Utility companies are also invited so that we may inform them of the upcoming state projects in the Wichita Falls District.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille are requested to contact Tammy Marlow at (940) 720-7741 two (2) weeks prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, 1601 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls, Texas 76302-4906, but must be received no later than 10 days after the public meeting.

If you are not able to attend this meeting additional meetings are scheduled for the Wichita Falls District on: February 13, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the Vernon Area Office located at 4031 S. Main, February 15, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Area Office located at 2615 W. Hwy. 82, and on February 20, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the Graham Area Office located on US 380 1.3 miles north of SH 16.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: ALISAVET LANDEROS, and to whom it may concern.
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The petition of MIGUEL ANGEL LANDEROS, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Cooke County, Texas, on the 3rd day of January, 2001, against ALISAVET LANDEROS, Respondent, numbered 01-005, and entitled "In the Matter of Marriage of MIGUEL ANGEL LANDEROS and ALISAVET LANDEROS."

The suit requests that the Court grant a divorce and such other relief requested in this petition.
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Haywood named chairman on agricultural committee

State Senator Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, received his committee assignments for the 77th Legislative Session. Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff announced Haywood will be serving on the Finance, Nominations, and Natural Resources Committees. In addition, Haywood has been re-named the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, within Natural Resources.

Haywood served on Nominations, Natural Resources and State Affairs during the last Legislative Session. The Finance Committee will be an opportunity for Haywood to help draft the next state budget.

Kris Parker will serve as committee clerk for the Subcommittee on Agriculture, which is made up of Haywood, Sen. David Bernsen, D-Beaumont, and Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

"As the chairman of the subcommittee on agriculture, I predict a busy session for us as we address the state's water plans, as well as the volatilities of the oil and gas industry," Haywood said. "I look forward to working with the other committee members to do what's best for rural Texas and our agriculture industry."

Think Texas

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Monsanto to restrict biotech corn planting

Monsanto Company will restrict plantings next year of one type of gene-altered corn and delay sale of another until 2002 to avoid upsetting export markets.

A variety resistant to Roundup will be distributed for sale next year only in areas where grain is seldom sold for export. The second is toxic to the corn root worm. It is not yet approved in Japan or Europe.

Texas Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau Publishes land management guide

The American Farm Bureau Federation has teamed up with two respected land management specialists to produce an authoritative guide for landowners considering the sale of conservation easements on their land.

"The Landowner's Guide To Conservation Easements," authored by Dr. Steven Bick and Dr. Harry L. Haney, covers all the issues related to the sale of conservation easements so landowners can be fully informed before making a final decision. According to AFBF President Bob Stallman, the book is "a must read" for landowners considering conservation easements as part of their land management plan.

An easement is a less-than-full ownership interest in a parcel of land. It is generally a voluntary but binding legal contract that directs land management.

Topics in the book include:
• An in-depth explanation of conservation easements and whether they are appropriate for an owner's land.

• Income, estate and property tax aspects.

• Designing easement deeds and reserving rights.

• Results of easement arrangements.

• A process for informed decision-making.

For more information about conservation easements, contact AFBF's Don Parrish at 847-685-8742. Credit card orders for the book (\$24.95) may be placed by calling Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company at 1-800-228-0810.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas Tidbits

According to a 1997 fact sheet published by National Agriculture Week, Texas produces enough:

- peanuts each year to make almost 9 billion peanut butter sandwiches.
- wheat to make more than 8 billion loaves of bread.
- corn for more than 4 billion pounds of corn flakes.
- cotton to make almost 1.3 billion pairs of denim jeans.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us) and National Agriculture Week.

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

WEATHER-DAMAGED PLANTS NEED SPECIAL CARE

The western section of Cooke County was recently hit by one of those occasional ice storms that can move through leaving considerable damage in its wake. The most frequent damage is caused by freezing rain leaving an accumulation of ice on trees and shrubs. These ice storms can create havoc with landscape trees. Little can be done to prevent ice or wind storms. However, with careful pruning and good cultural practices many can be saved, and within a year or two the damage is hardly visible.

First decide whether it is practical to attempt to save a damaged tree. A tree can usually be considered damaged beyond repair if more than 30 to 50 percent of its trunk or main branches are severely split, broken or mutilated.

On the other hand, there may be some good reasons for wanting to save a certain tree, especially if it is one of the more desirable species, such as oaks, most maples, sweet gums, pecans, most pines, magnolias or hollies.

Tree repair time is also a good time to consider correcting landscape errors. A tree too close to a power line or building might better be removed rather than repaired. Also, consider age when deciding whether to remove or repair a tree. A lack of vigor might affect its recovery.

In case of special values such as rarity, historical or sentimental meanings, extra consideration might be given to a damaged tree.

Carefully survey the damage and plan needed corrective pruning. Remove damaged limbs at the point of origin or just above a good side branch. Don't allow stubs to remain unless absolutely necessary.

Sometimes, because of extremely severe damage, it may be necessary to stub back a branch or main trunk. If this becomes necessary, paint the wound with a good tree wound dressing. Continual selective pruning and attention to detail are necessary at the end of the stub. Corrective pruning over a period of years will overcome this problem.

If the trunk or main scaffold branch has split from excessive weight of the ice or high winds, it is usually best to remove the portion of the trunk that has broken away. Use cables and bolts to pull the damaged trunk together. Unless this is done by a professional tree

man, results are seldom satisfactory and may do more harm than good.

If the bark has pulled loose along the side of a trunk because of a broken limb, smooth the torn area with a sharp knife or chisel. Do not use house paint or similar materials to cover the wounded area as the oils can damage growing tissue. In fact, recent research shows that wound dressing is not necessary but may actually hinder healing. A clean, smooth wound heals with no dressing. If wound dressing is used, be sure it is one especially prepared for this purpose.

On rare occasions a mild fall and early winter is disturbed by a fast-moving Canadian cold front dropping temperatures well below freezing. Under these conditions plants aren't completely dormant and severe cold injury occurs. The extent of injury depends on the duration of the cold temperature as well as the amount of wind accompanying the low temperatures. This happened with the freeze back in the early 80's. However the recent cold snap only produced ice to weight limbs and break them.

Whether damaged by ice storm or cold temperature, fertilize affected trees and shrubs in late February or early March to help promote new growth and healing of damaged tissue. Broadcast a high nitrogen-type fertilizer beneath the branch spread of the plant and 3 to 6 feet beyond. Apply at the rate of 2 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet and water thoroughly.

USING SILAGE IN BEEF RATINGS

Many beef producers in the county have incorporated silage into their beef cattle feeding program over the last several years. Silage can be a good feed alternative. Dr. Ron Gill, Extension beef cattle specialist will present a workshop on Wednesday, January 17, at 7:00 P.M. at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. Ron will cover nutritional requirements of heifers, stockers, and cows, and meeting those requirements with warm season silages.

4-H FITTING AND SHOWING WORKSHOP

4-H leaders will work with the youth on fine tuning their showmanship techniques. Time will be allotted for questions and answers. A session on Character Building with Livestock Projects will also be held.

4-H members planning to exhibit beef, goat, sheep, swine, or rabbit projects at the upcoming livestock shows will want to attend the workshop on fitting and showing on Thursday, January 18, 2001 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the Cooke County Fairgrounds located on Hwy. 82 near Gainesville.

If you plan to attend, call and pre-register at the county Extension office, (940) 668-5412.

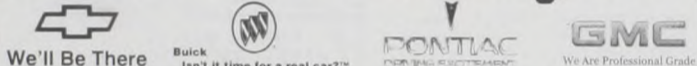
Figure your crop disaster payment

Crop insurance market price elections will be used to determine payment rates for the federal crop disaster program. Based on the formula used in recent years, you can assume the payment rate for qualifying 2000-crop disaster payments will be 65 percent of the crop insurance market price election. The payment rate for those without crop insurance will be 60 percent of the market price. Crop disaster payments will most likely be based on yield losses in excess of 35 percent of the normal yield.

To figure your payment, multiply the payment rate by your qualifying yield losses times the number of acres in the farm unit. USDA is still working on final rules for the 2000-crop disaster program, so the formula is not yet set in concrete.

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Ag Briefs

Exports to grow
World economic growth should push US ag exports up \$1 billion, to \$51.5 billion in 2001, USDA projects. Increases are projected for cotton and horticultural products. Corn and wheat exports are also expected to rise.

Antifreeze from corn
Corn hulls, separated from corn kernels during wet milling, now make a low value by-product, corn gluten mill. But a \$2.5 million venture is working to develop new products from corn fiber. Fiber-derived chemicals can be used in a long list of products from antifreeze to cosmetics.

Don't look for big farm law changes

No major changes in farm policy are likely in 2002. The Republicans retained a narrow majority in Congress, so the current farm law probably won't be written until 2002. Congress is likely to approve another round of emergency payments next year to supplement the regular AMTA payments.

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Sold at Friday's sale were 802 head of cattle compared to 730 head of cattle the last sale. Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 444 goats, 65 sheep and 141 hogs. The numbers for last week were NA, NA and NA. Results follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.27; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.05-1.20; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.28; Nos. 2 & 3, .95-1.15; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.17; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-1.05; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-1.00; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .84-89; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.84; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .78-.85; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.78 Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.08-1.17; Nos. 2 & 3, .95-1.08; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.13; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.05; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .90-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, .82-90; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .88-95; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.88; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .79-.89; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.79; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .72-.82; Nos. 2 & 3, .60-.72 Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., 48-5950. Slaughter cows: #1-3, 35-45; Cutter, 20-35	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$650; medium frame, \$500-\$600 Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$700-\$760; medium frame, \$600-\$700. Holstein baby calves, \$15-\$65; Crossbreds, \$90-\$190 Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 38-42; US #2, 220-280, 36-38 Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs., \$25-\$45; 25-90 lbs., \$10-\$25 Stoks: Feeder, 400 or less, 28-32; Light wt., 400-500, 32-33; Med. wt., 500-600, 33-34; Heavy wt., 600-up, NT. Boys: 300 lb. up, .09-11; 200-300 lbs., .15-20; Light wt. NT. Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 1.00-1.10; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 90-1.00; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 80-90	Ewes: Stocker, 50-60; Thin, .30-.35; Fat, 45-50 Bucks: Thin: NT, Fat, NT Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$25-\$50; Ewes: \$40-\$50; Bucks: \$50-\$65 Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$25-\$40; 35-55 lbs., \$40-\$60; 55-75 lbs., \$60-\$90; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$90-\$120 Nannies (per head) Stocker, \$50-\$70; Milk Type, \$50-\$70; Slaughter: Thin \$35-\$40, Fat, \$50-\$60 Billies (per head) 120 lbs.-up Breeders - \$90-\$130; Slaughterers, \$90-\$130 Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, NT, 3/4 Nanny, \$90-\$100; Full Nanny, \$140-\$160 Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT, Full Billy, \$125-\$205.
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