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Hospital meeting updates merger issue

Who's delaying the vote?

by Dave Fette

Approximately 200 people attended the town hall meeting held Monday evening, February 26 at the Muenster ISD Auditorium. Organized by the Muenster Hospital District Board of Directors, the purpose was to explain why the board and administration of the hospital are committed to merging with the Gainesville Hospital District. The meeting started out peacefully with a prayer. Some familiar information was re-visited with current updates on conditions regarding rural hospitals in Texas and how Muenster compares. The subsequent questions and answers turned into more heated exchanges at times becoming arguments. At one point, hospital board member Chas. Bayer urged merger opposition leader John Aytes to take the microphone. Aytes did so but was not prepared to answer most of the questions.

The ensuing argument centered mostly around the Aytes organized petition calling for an election on the issue of dissolving the Muenster district and the state legislation and election favored by the hospital board on the issue of merging the Muenster and Gainesville districts. The Muenster board, led by president Don Flusche and administrator Jack Endres, is seeking a bill in the Texas legislature which will call for an election for or against dissolving the Muenster district and for or against merging with the Gainesville district. Endres and some of Muenster board members have gone to Austin to talk with our Senator Tom Haywood and Congressman Phil King to facilitate the bill. Normally bills of this type move quickly to adoption unless there is organized resistance at home.

The group of Muenster residents supporting the hospital in its current form and opposing merger with

Gainesville at this time have presented a petition to the Muenster board calling for an election concerning the question of dissolving the district. They say the purpose is to show support for keeping the Muenster Hospital. The board claims this call for election would have conflicted with the election they favor, thus they altered the bill to avoid conflict. Now both elections are possible, if the opposition election proves legally binding and if the board election passes the legislature by the end of session in May, which it should.

The opposition said they are pushing for their election because they feared the board's bill would get tied up and delayed for more than a year and the hospital would languish needlessly in the mean time. The board said their election would come in May and certainly no later than August. Both sides accused the other of intentionally trying to delay the process and cloud the issue. Both sides claimed that their prime objection is to clearly place the question of merger with the Gainesville district before the voters of this hospital district as soon as possible.

Though tension was high, there seemed to be an understanding emerging

Postmaster will be sworn in

Amy Beall will be honored by the U.S. Postal Service with a swearing in ceremony as Muenster's new postmaster on Friday, March 9, at 2:00 P.M. in the Muenster Post Office at 221 North Walnut Street.

Guest speaker will be Ray Kester, post office operations manager from Fort Worth. Refreshments will be served. This will be an opportunity to become acquainted with the new postmaster.

and Aytes conceded that they seemed to be working to the same goal, although he stopped short of agreeing to circulate a letter supporting the board's plan or recalling the petition. Someone spoke up from the audience saying the petition was confusing and did not address the issue. Another said her sister wanted to have her name removed from the petition after understanding the situation more.

Don Flusche said, "I guarantee you, if we voted on your petition today, everyone of this board would vote to keep the district." Several in the audience scoffed at this but Endres insisted that they certainly don't want to close the district down. "Then we'll have the election for or against the merger in May?" Aytes questioned, "In May or certainly no later than August," said Endres and legal counsel Kevin Reed, who attended the meeting to help explain the hospital's position, agreed. More will follow about Reed's presentation and qualifications.

Board president Flusche put Aytes on the hot seat and pressed him hard, along with several of the audience, to explain the opposition plans for the hospital. Aytes said he was not prepared to explain seven months worth of work and compilation at that time.

Everyone in the district can hope at least one agreement was reached at the meeting. As Aytes said then and reiterated afterward, "let's all work together to get the merger vote, the whole question, to the people as soon as possible."

Watch for the story next week about other points and questions from many people at the meeting like: comparison with other rural hospitals; what do our congressman and senator say? ambulances and emergency rooms; where are the patients?; insurance and HMOs; jobs and more.



Sacred Heart's three juniors step up to accept the TAPPS state championship basketball trophy from officials at the Temple College gym in Temple Saturday. From left, the Tigerettes are Kristen Zimmerer, Andrea Bauer and Audrey Barnhill. Photo by Dave Fette

Tigerettes take state

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes battled a come-from-behind State final victory Saturday afternoon in Temple, winning their 4th consecutive State Championship.

The 54-46 win over Jesus Chapel of El Paso put the icing on the cake after Sacred Heart came-from-behind to defeat The Waldorf School of Austin 49-40 Friday afternoon in semifinal action and Trinity Fellowship Christian of Amarillo the previous week. "This has been a very rewarding season. I am so proud of these young ladies as they worked so hard to accomplish their goal of a State Championship," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "It has been a complete team

effort all season, and championship weekend was no exception."

LeBrasseur added, "With no seniors the expectation will remain high, and hopefully with a good summer of work the Tigerettes will continue to improve and go for a fifth consecutive title."

The 2001 TAPPS Class 2A State Champion Tigerettes consists of three juniors Audrey Barnhill, Kristen Zimmerer, and Andrea Bauer; four sophomores, Mary Jane Callahan, Jana Truebenbach, Raney Bauer, and Jennifer Hoedebeck; and three freshmen Karen Gehrig, Courtney Hartman, and Jayna Biffle.

"Our fans had the patience to stick with us, and then on Saturday they could smell another title. They were a major reason for the win on Saturday, as it was so hard to communicate to the players on the floor and even in the huddles. They were very, very loud," concluded the Tigerette coach.

Three Tigerettes were named to the State All-Tournament Team, Jayna Biffle, Raney Bauer, and Andrea Bauer. Jesus Chapel also earned three places with Hannah Edwards, Casey Culver, and Briana Duran. Waldorf placed two players, Ginny Hermann and Ani Hanelius, and Trinity Christian Academy also earned two positions.

Peale questions feasibility of County Court at Law

by Janet Felderhoff

At the Feb. 26 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court, Pat Peale voiced concerns about the County Court at Law which Commissioners Court passed a resolution to seek legislation to form on Nov. 27 of last year. It was hoped that the County Court could be formed by January of 2002.

Peale noted that she was out of town working on the Bush campaign in Florida

when the resolution was considered and approved. She said that she had been in favor of a county court at Law several years ago when Paul Hesse was the county judge. Studies had been made on county courts at law at that time she noted.

When Peale heard that Cooke County has passed the resolution, she contacted her precinct commissioner, Bill Cox asking him what kind of feasibility studies had been done this time and

what is known about it. She said Cox told her it was presented at Commissioners Court that day and his question was could the county financially afford it. He was told it could. He told her that was all the information he received.

"Gentlemen, that concerns me because I think you all know I am a fiscal conservative," remarked Peale. "There are so many things in this county that we need right now." Peale

said that when she and her husband look at things they want to do, they put it in order. They look at whether they can afford it, is it something they really want, and if they really want it, how can they make it affordable in their budget.

Peale wondered if there had been a feasibility study done. County Judge Bill Harris said that there was one done about five years ago when Paul Hesse was county judge. Hesse highly recommended it, said Judge Harris.

Peale admitted that she was a part of that effort because of her concern and Hesse's concern about his not being a legal expert. She said that a study of five or six years ago was too out of date to use now.

"I believe that when you are looking at something this auspicious, this large, that you need studies to say whether it's feasible," Peale said. She said that in the short time she had before this meeting she contacted the County Association, she called legal, and contacted a number of people to get information. She looked at counties similar to Cooke County with populations of 21,000 to 49,000 and found that there were 50 of them. Only 18 of that 50 had county court at laws, she said.

Before she learned which of the 50 had county court at laws, she began calling and made five contacts, three of which had a county court at law. One county judge told her, "You want to sink a lot of money, you've got to sink it, go ahead." She said his county's population was

about 42,000. From that judge and three others she spoke with she was told that the cost would be around \$250,000 to \$350,000. She said it is her understanding that Cooke County is projecting about \$150,000. Peale continued, "They said that some of the things that you are not considering is the legal for the lawyers to represent. Talking to one of the county judges, he said that you get the legal fees, but how do you collect them? Then you have to get someone else to go out and collect them because you cannot collect the fees."

"I would love to be able to say we can take care of the backlog of cases. These are hearing 100 to 200 cases a month and one county judge who did not have a county court at law, and he was in a 42,000 also range, said he is hearing 2000 cases a year. He said if you have a full time county judge and a county attorney that are aggressive, you can take care of that and then some."

Peale noted that all five county judges she contacted and also Wichita which is larger said that a county court at law does not support itself financially.

Judge Harris asked Peale if the reason she was for the county court at law several years ago was just because Paul Hesse was for it. She said no, there were several lawyers whom she respected who were for it. She said she hadn't had any part of the feasibility study, but understood that Richard Brown had done a study that showed it wasn't feasible and that it turned two of the commissioners

against it since it wasn't profitable.

Judge Harris said, "Courts are not created to make money. If you start creating courts to make money that sort of makes the judge instrumental in trying to get money off people who are charged with crimes. That court is not created to make money."

Judge Harris assured Mrs. Peale that the action wouldn't have been taken if it hadn't been needed.

Peale stressed that her main concern was the lack of a feasibility study since the county is in dire need of so many things. Judge Harris told her if it was feasible five years ago it was feasible now. She disagreed.

Commissioner Virgil Hess who said he'd worked on the study as much as Richard Brown explained, "There's two things that made that change. There were three things in there that made that thing unfeasible at that time. The first one was that if we put it in we were going to have to pay the judge. The other was that we would have to increase the salary of the county attorney. Now the state pays the county attorney so that eliminates that cost."

Peale countered that the state only pays the judge \$30,000.00 (a portion of his salary) and of that amount \$5,000.00 goes back to the state. Also the county attorney stated that she would need one more assistant attorney. She wondered how the county would produce the number of cases to pay for another attorney, more money for a county judge, and the legal See COURT, pg 2



Wind damage to the old Gehrig home south of Muenster included the removal of the porch and south side roofs, which were flipped over the house and dropped below the hill (shown at right). See related story on page 2.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Freak wind brings widespread damage to "Gehrig Hill"

by **Elfreda Fette**
 A well-known landmark, "Gehrig Hill," about three and a half miles straight south of Muenster, took the force of a damaging wind Saturday morning, Feb. 24 sometime shortly before noon. Immediate residents of the area described it as a "small tornado" because of the circulating pattern of the damage indicated and the debris left in its wake.
 Yvonne and Bob Ambrose have a fairly new home on the crest of the hill; Josephine "Jake" Schilling owns a rent house down the hill, to the east, and Jim and Cindy Gehrig have the third, fairly new home continuing to the east, and down the hill.
 No one was at home, but

all expressed shock and surprise when viewing the damage. At "Jake" Schilling's rent house, the wind tore away the roof, the front porch, the TV antennae, and the old brick chimney. Landing about a quarter mile away, most of this was stacked up in a pile of rubbish with what was left of the channel drain roofing (except what was in the trees!!). Around that house, live power lines were on the ground.
 Anticipating the serious implications of downed live power lines if the renters returned home during the fast-approaching night, Jake Schilling and Yvonne Ambrose notified Cooke County Electric Co-op. They sent a crew as soon as

possible, although all of their repair crews were at Callisburg, where storm damage was also extensive.
 Before the wind took its toll on Jake's rent house, it had first hit the Ambrose home, twisting and crumbling metal and wood porch furniture into shambles; breaking several support posts; and moving the dog's house. The wind skipped the swimming pool; left not a scratch; jumped the wooden fence and hit a storage building outside, moving it six or seven feet.
 Farther down the hill (its a long drive down) Jim and Cindy Gehrig's home lost some roof shingles. They said they found strange pieces of debris from the damaged house up the hill,

scattered in their yard.
 The family renting Jake Schilling's house returned home about 5:00 p.m. One redeeming feature of the storm was that it was not accompanied by rain. The attic insulation in the house was hardly dampened. Carpenters are there now making repairs.

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fees on the attorney (\$65,000 to \$100,000), and someone to collect the fees which aren't being collected.

Bill Sullivan, a Gainesville attorney remarked that in the past the county had been able to get along with a county judge doing all of the work, but he'd watched the last three county judges and said that it is now a full time job. "It's a full time job to work as you commissioners do and the county judge does that same job of running the county," Sullivan expounded. "In addition to that he's expected to be a probate judge, that means he's got to know the probate code. He's expected to handle juvenile amateurs, that means he's got to know something about the family code. He's expected to handle criminal cases, he's got to know the criminal code. He's also got to know the code of criminal procedure to handle that. He's got to know the code civil procedure because he's must try civil cases. It is a man killing job and we need a county court of law in this county in the worst way in my judgment."

Sullivan predicted that all probability there would be more laymen as county judges. He said a businessman could run the county as well as a lawyer and maybe better at the financial affairs, but he could handle the judicial affairs.

Angelo Nasche echoed some of Peale's concerns on the county court at law. He also said that he favored more jails and more incarcerations. This causes the crime rate to drop he said. "If we have a need to spend money, I would say we ought to build more jails because we have an increased population and we ought to put more policemen on the streets to protect the private property owners and business people. I think that would be a far more better way of servicing our community than trying to have a court to go out and try to get warrants on people who have been on a ticket for a long, long time and we don't know where they are."


Former Cooke County District Attorney Phil Adams, said that the number one criminal offense committed in this county is driving while intoxicated (DWI). "One of the reasons we have a problem with it is not the lack of arresting these people, not the lack of building larger jails," said Adams. "We have plenty of police officers in this county, they do an excellent job. Our jail facility is crowded with one of the problems we always had with it when I was a prosecutor and the problem has just magnified

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High winds last weekend are blamed for the destruction of a garage/shed located on the old Trubenbach farm south of Muenster. The straight winds leveled the building, spreading tin, lumber and other debris in a north easterly line through the barn yard.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday, March 4, 2001	Monday, March 5, 2001	Tuesday, March 6, 2001	Wednesday, March 7, 2001	Thursday, March 8, 2001	Friday, March 9, 2001	Saturday, March 10, 2001
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	St. Peter's First Reconciliation, 7 PM / Bereaved Parent/Grandparent Support Group, 7 PM, Home Hospice / City Council meeting, 7:30 PM, Cattlewomen's meeting, 7 PM, Grayson County Farm Bureau	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Open House and Arts & Crafts Show, 6-8 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 AM, Cooke Cty. Electric Co-op Rel. Ed. Class, 7 PM C of C Board meeting, 5 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Museum Open 1-4 PM / Cooke County Youth Fair / BPW meeting, noon at The Wooden Spoon, Lindsay / MISD Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL / DIALOGUE Support Group meeting, 7pm, Home Hospice office	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Cooke County Youth Fair NO SCHOOL MISD Teacher In-Service ABBA Fund Raiser, 7 PM, Christian Life Center, Gainesville	Cooke Cty. Youth Fair Sale Austin Red River Event - American Quarterhorse Association - Austin Arena
P U B L I C S C H O O L W E E K						
Sunday, March 11, 2001	Monday, March 12, 2001	Tuesday, March 13, 2001	Wednesday, March 14, 2001	Thursday, March 15, 2001	Friday, March 16, 2001	Saturday, March 17, 2001
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Austin-Red River/American Quarterhorse Association, Austin Arena	VFW meeting, 8 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center SH Preschool parents meeting, 7 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center / SH Alumni meeting, 7:30 PM / NO Rel. Ed. Class / MISD School Board meeting, 7:30 PM / C of C Breakfast, 7:30 AM, The Center Restaurant / Pesticide Applicators Short Course, 6-9 PM, NCTC Lyceum	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Pesticide Applicators Short Course, 6-9 PM, NCTC Lyceum	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Call Roping Breakaway / American Quarterhorse Association Event - Austin Arena
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Obituaries

Rose Marie Shrodes 1930 - 2001

The funeral of Rose Marie Shrodes was held in Dallas on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001. A native of Muenster, she was born in 1930 to Henry P. and Sophie Stoffels. She died at age 70 on Feb. 24, 2001 after a courageous battle with cancer. Her 71st birthday would have been Mar. 1, 2001.



Rose Marie Shrodes

After 28 years of service, she retired from Texas Instruments, Inc. She was a member of Deaf Action Center.

Survivors are the family she cherished; daughter Judy Reed and son-in-law Ken Reed; son Glynn Shrodes; beloved grandchildren who were a special part of her life, Bryan, Marcus, Rocky, and Stephen; brothers and sisters Billy Stoffels, Sarah DeFrance, Clara Fuhrmann, Pete Stoffels, Emma White, Lucy Westbrook, Charles Stoffels, and Henry N. Stoffels.

Preceding her in death were her husband Hubert

Shrodes, and brother Henry J. Stoffels.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in Grove Hill Funeral Home Chapel; interment followed in the cemetery. A large number of local friends and relatives attended.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials made to Deaf Action Center, 3115 Crestview Drive, Dallas, TX 75235.

John Blankenship 1924 - 2001

John C. Blankenship passed from this life on Feb. 10, 2001, at his home in Lindsay, Oklahoma at the age of 76 years and seven months. He was born July 9, 1924 to William Luther (Bud) and Regina DeGraffenreid Blankenship on the family farm east of Forestburg, Texas.

John served in the United States Army during World War II where he received many medals; among them the Purple Heart from wounds received on Okinawa. After his discharge from the service, he returned to Forestburg High School and received his high school diploma.

John married Nelda Ann Shults on Mar. 15, 1952 in Rosston, Texas. They moved to Lindsay, Oklahoma in August 1953 where he was employed as yard manager for Chris-Welltech Well Servicing for over 30 years. John retired in 1986 due to health problems.

John is survived by his wife, Nelda, of the home; one daughter and her husband, Denise and Dan Nifong of Harrah, Oklahoma; three sons, Craig Blankenship and wife Tammy, of Oklahoma City; Russ Blankenship and wife Lexa, of California; and Rick Blankenship and wife Judy, of Singapore. He is also survived by four grandsons and two granddaughters, and one great-grandson. Also, one sister, Laura Nell Rose and husband John of Del City, Oklahoma, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by both parents, three brothers, Luther, A.C., and Calvin Blankenship, and two sisters, Regina Scott and Alta Hukill, and one grandson, John Knapp.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Lindsay where he was a long-time member.

Rev. Bill Baxter and Rev. Ron Blankenship officiated. Arrangements were with B.G. Boydston Funeral Home with military honors by Lindsay American Legion Post #23. He was laid to rest in Green Hill Cemetery, Lindsay, Oklahoma.



Lightning struck an oil tank on the Walterscheid lease along County Road 431, northwest of Muenster, sometime before 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Muenster Volunteer Fire Department responded. After shutting off wells that were still pumping crude oil to the tank, firemen used a foam inductor to douse the blaze. The tank had two or three feet of oil in it when it was hit. According to MVFD Chief Herbie Knabe, the tank was blown 150 yards. Two other oil tanks and a knockout in the same location were unharmed.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Ron Clark addresses issues at public meeting

On Thursday, March 1 the Cooke County Republican Women held a meeting at 7 p.m. at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, 100 Culberson Street. The meeting addressed a number of concerns in the community.

State Representative Ron Clark addressed important legislative issues pertaining to schools, insurance programs, budget items, county concerns, and voting

guidelines as well as redistricting and what the 2001 Legislature looks like. Also addressed was the Cooke County Court at Law - does the county need it and what are the ramifications? A video of a "Salute to the Troops" and the Florida recount were shown.

The public was invited to come and be informed, a question and answer session took place.

MMH calls election for three board places

by Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors ordered an election for three places on the Board. The terms of Phil Endres, Lora Hennigan, and Jack Murdock expire this spring. The election will be held on Saturday, May 5.

Early voting by personal appearance will take place from April 18 to May 1. Hospital Administrator Jack Endres said that he will act as the early election judge. Application for early voting by mail must be received by April 27.

Anyone wishing to run for the open seats on the Board may file by getting the application from the administrator's office. They are available now and the deadline to file is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21.

Joyce Abney, RN who is the head of the OB department gave a report on a fetal pulse oxymeter. Dr. Tom Currier had requested the purchase of the piece of equipment. It has been shown to cut the C-section rate down by 50%, she said.

According to Abney it is a fairly new item and is in use at this time by only about 100 hospitals. It is attached to the baby's head and measures the infant's actual oxygen saturation rate. It is a lot more accurate than

other means in use. It can be plugged into other monitors being used on the OB patients, but is not compatible with the units being used at Muenster Memorial. The nurses would have to chart the readings from the fetal pulse oxymeter since the monitor isn't compatible.

Asked by the Board what her recommendation would be, Abney said that if she had permission she would get the oxymeter today, but she felt it would be easier if they waited and purchased a monitor that was compatible with the piece of equipment. The monitors now in use may need replacing soon, she noted.

The Board noted that purchase wasn't in the current budget and unanimously agreed to reconsider it at budget time for purchase in the next year's budget.

Endres announced that Parrish, Moody & Fikes are studying the recently passed Balanced Budget Act relief to see how it will apply to Muenster Memorial Hospital. Some increase in reimbursement is anticipated.

Werner Becker Jr., Carol Grewing and Endres are going to Austin for a meeting on Feb. 27 and 28.

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CAREERS TO CLASSROOMS

As Texas continues to debate a course of action for finding alternative ways to certify teachers, I have been working to pass legislation that would assist states to develop new teacher training programs that are flexible enough to meet changing state and local needs.

It goes without saying that first-rate teachers are a key element in providing our children with a good education. Texas, like many other states, is facing a critical shortage of qualified teachers. Some rural school district superintendents in Texas have told me that they have had teacher vacancies remain unfilled for a year or more, particularly in hard-to-fill subject areas. The National Council on Education Statistics estimates that an additional two million teachers will be needed in America's public schools over the next decade.

Some school districts are coping with this growing crisis of teacher shortages by relying on substitute and temporary teachers; others have raised salaries, but with only limited success at improving recruitment. At the same time, I repeatedly hear stories of mid-career or retired professionals eager to go into the public schools and share their knowledge and skills with young people, but who are discouraged by the many hurdles they must clear to achieve traditional teacher certification.

A true story: there is a small school district in East Texas that is unable to offer a French language class because there are no certified teachers of that language in town. Yet living in that same community is a retiree who majored in French in college, taught French in private school and would love to teach the language to young people and share with them her love of French literature. But...she can't unless she gets a teaching certificate, which would take her two years commuting to the nearest college to obtain.

It just makes sense to smooth the way for skilled professionals with college degrees who want to become teachers, rather than to put obstacles across their path to the classroom.

So I have introduced legislation, the Careers-to-Classrooms Act, to provide additional federal funding for states such as Texas that have been in the forefront of the promotion of alternative certification programs.

This bill will help states and local school districts to target mid-career professionals and outstanding recent college graduates, and to encourage them to become teachers under state-approved alternative certification programs. My bill's program will offer stipends of up to \$5,000 to help qualified individuals obtain their teaching certificates under a streamlined program if they will agree to teach in rural and other school districts in dire need of teachers. Matching grants would go to schools facing the most severe teacher shortages.

My Careers-to-Classrooms program actually is modeled after a highly successful Defense Department program, called "Troops to Teachers," that encourages career military service men and women with specialized knowledge and skills to enter the classroom and teach. This program already has placed more than 500 new teachers in Texas, and more than 3,000 nationwide.

Similarly, my proposal would help states to tap into the burgeoning high-tech and related fields to encourage those individuals to share their cutting-edge knowledge with our public school students.

I am a product of the public schools, first in my hometown of La Marque and then at the University of Texas in Austin. You will find no greater fan of strong public schools, and good teachers are what make them strong. The better they are, the better chance all children in America will have to reach their full potential.

Proclamation from Mayor Weinzapfel

Whereas, the students of this state's public schools hold the promise of a bright and successful future in their very capable hands; and

Whereas, the Muenster Independent School District provides an important foundation for these bright futures through quality educational experiences; and

Whereas, the collaborative partnership of parents, educators, business representatives, civic leaders and the community as a whole will provide the framework to support and strengthen our schools; and

Whereas, Texas' Lone Star shines brighter due to its commitment to excellence and its focus on continued improvement; and

Whereas, the observance of Texas Public Schools Week, for more than 50 years, has demonstrated the significant impact of education on our future and on our communities; then

Therefore, I, the Mayor of the City of Muenster do hereby proclaim March 5-9, 2001, as Texas Public Schools Week and urge all citizens to reaffirm their commitment to our schools, taking time during this week to visit the local public schools or to find ways to contribute their time and talents to make a difference for the future of our young people.

Signed this 16th day of February, 2001
Henry G. Weinzapfel

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Folks, the weather deserves some attention from time to time.

Most of last summer was a long dry spell, with rain something of a novelty. It made me think of a story that made the rounds in West Texas during one of their prolonged dry spells.

It seems that rain began to fall with little warning, so the father asked the mother to send some of the children out in the rain.

"Well," she asked, "why would you want the little ones to get wet?"

"Because the older ones have seen it rain!" he replied.

It really wasn't that bad here, but close.

Now we are looking at the complete opposite, and the farmers are taking it on the chin.

Some have been fortunate in getting some small grains planted, while the prolonged wet weather is keeping others out of their fields.

One person who is a partner in a rather large

operation told me they had only gotten a minimal acreage sowed in wheat, while they had intended to sow hundreds of acres.

At this time they and their equipment are on the ready, but the mud and water have kept them out of the fields until it is too late for small grains.

"Well," I asked, "what are you going to do with all the land?"

He said they had hoped to prepare much of the land for corn and maize and likely some sesame, but the acreage for corn and maize should have already been worked up. Since most corn and maize is planted by the middle of March, the time for that is coming up fast.

Sesame is a hot weather plant and can be seeded much later in the year, but it is usually a small acreage plant.

We can only hope for dry days ahead so that the folks who supply most of our food supply can do what they do best - farm their land.

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

As a resident of Muenster, I've seen an increase in people driving faster and faster down our neighborhood streets. I as well as others have seen people driving well in excess of 30 miles per hour, especially on the North end of Pecan Street.

While warming my vehicle one morning before work, I witnessed a neighborhood pet get hit by someone speeding down the street. It was a pitiful and unnecessary sight. There are children playing outside, people walking for exercise or walking a pet, and still we are not slowing down while driving through the neighborhood.

The local law enforcement should be doing something other than patrolling the streets because this only keeps the honest people honest. The real offenders are not being warned or apprehended, etc. and this is where the problem exists. I have attended City Hall meetings with other citizens to voice this problem, with no positive results. It seems as though the

solution to this problem is going to be up to the citizens. Check yourself. Slow down while driving. It could save a life or prevent someone from being seriously hurt.

It may not seem like a "big deal" to you, but what if it's your child who is killed. Think about that for awhile. Parents should be taking action and keep their children off the streets. It's YOUR responsibility to know where they are.

A concerned resident

Editor's note:
Our letter policy is to not allow unsigned letters. But once in a while I receive one that is important enough, obvious enough, and non-political enough to allow the writer to hide behind their anonymity for whatever reason they think. I guess they fear retribution somehow.

Except in very rare instances, all letters must be signed. Please don't anticipate seeing more unsigned letters in the Muenster Enterprise. As you've seen recently, lots of people have the guts to stand up for what they believe.

To The Editor

The Muenster and Gainesville Hospital Board's Legal and Accounting team came to the Muenster town hall meeting Monday night and painted a rosy picture for our county medical future. The formula goes like this: Muenster Memorial Hospital which is debt free but can hardly afford to keep its doors open should join with Gainesville Hospital which has

\$675,000 in debt. The two should now take on a \$20 million dollar debt for a new county hospital. This is somehow supposed to make things financially better. This caused one Muenster taxpayer to remark "I wouldn't want to bite the tail of that 20 million dollar skunk for anything."

Angelo Nasche
PO Box 427
Muenster, TX 76252

Letter to the Editor,

Wise County Messenger sports editor Mitch Word recently wrote a letter to the editor in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram concerning the need for sportsmanship in today's society.

As a high school and college basketball official with 14 years of experience, I have witnessed the unfortunate decline of sportsmanship and basic civility at athletic events. Mr. Word correctly pointed out that any soapbox time on this subject sadly falls on deaf ears. The overall behavior of the fans, coaches, and players

continues to get worse each year.

I don't know what the exact solution is, but something must be done to address this serious problem. It is one of the main reasons for a nationwide shortage of sports officials. Parents, school administrators, coaches, players, and officials need to somehow work together to change the attitude and behavior of all persons involved in sporting events.

Richard Connert
Box 162
Lindsay, TX 76250

Editor,

We expect state and federal elected officials to conduct themselves in an honorable and responsible manner. Our expectations aren't always met, however, as exemplified by the Clinton Administration. Should the citizens of Muenster expect responsible behavior from our local elected officials?

The behavior of the Hospital Board President at the Town Hall meeting on Feb. 27 was an embarrassment and a disgrace, not only to the Board, but for the community. Mr. Flusche's sarcastic comments about John Aytes physical

condition is deplorable. His complete and utter irresponsible conduct is not acceptable, especially at an official public meeting. The people of Muenster deserve responsible and mature behavior from our elected officials.

Don Flusche's performance provides the proof that he is not qualified to serve the MMH district. It's time for the other Board members and city leaders to have the courage to ask Mr. Flusche to resign, before he further embarrasses the Board and the community.

Doug Hellman
Postal Route
Saint Jo, TX

Have you been in a school lately?

If not, this week is the perfect time to stop by your nearest school and take a look into the future - through the eyes of our Texas schoolchildren.

This week marks more than 160 years of a free public education in Texas and it marks more than 50 years of celebrating that fact through Texas Public Schools Week - a tradition begun by the Masonic Lodges of Texas in 1950.

When you stop and think about it, what has more impact on our future than education? What institution has more opportunity to influence the lives of young people, the very young people who will someday be the leaders of this great state and the nation? What "business" has more ability to attract new families and businesses to an area, giving stability to local economies and contributing greatly to quality of life? What collective group of people give more of their time, energy and expertise to make sure that every child has access to the tools they need to learn, to dream and to work toward their goals for a happy, successful life?

The theme for this year's celebration of Texas Public Schools is Bright Eyes, Bright Minds, Bright Futures. Ask any teacher what the rewards of their profession are, or what gives them inspiration to be a teacher, and most will mention the light a child get in his/her eyes when they finally "get it." Whether it is the first time they realize they can read or the first time they understand a math concept, teachers say they can literally see that "light bulb of understanding" shining in their eyes. That is powerful stuff! And that energy the teacher sees in their eyes reflects the brightness of their minds and their futures.

A successful future means different things to different people, but no matter their goals, more than 4 million young Texans are in our schools today celebrating their educational journey. Whether college or medical school is part of our students' futures, or they are focused on a trade or technical skills, schools are working hard to prepare students so that their dreams can become a reality.

Texas Public Schools Week is more than just a celebration - it's a splendid opportunity for us to show commitment to public education and to the children who will someday be the leaders of our community, country, and world. We encourage you to stop by for a visit and see just how our schools measure up.

The Muenster ISD Administration

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, March 5, 2001.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on February 5, 2001, and workshop meeting of February 21, 2001.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on closing of East Eighth Street and Walnut Street.
2. Consider and act on removal of old water storage tank.
3. Consider and act on tax abatement agreement with Universal Machining Services, Inc.
4. Consider and act on nomination of member to zoning Board of Adjustments.
5. Consider and act on tax abatement request from Klement Ford of Muenster.
6. Open sealed bids for Fire Department building extension. Consider and act on awarding bids to lowest bid of a qualified bidder for each of the following bid proposals: Earthwork, Rough Plumbing, Concrete, and Metal Building.
7. Open sealed bids for 3061 street work. Consider and act on awarding bids to lowest bid of a qualified bidder for each of the following projects: Curbing, Paving, and Washed Pea Gravel Stone.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive presentation from United States Postal Service.
2. Receive Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Audit report from Stephen Gilliland, CPA. Consider and act on approving audit report.
3. Consider and act on closing Maple Street between Highway 82 and Cross Street for Germanfest.
4. Consider and act on approving sale of alcohol at City Park, Block 59, during Germanfest - April 27, 28, 29, 2001.
5. Consider and act on approval of Mary Endree serving as election judge for May 3, 2001, City election, and approving election judge to appoint alternate judge and clerk.
6. Consider and act on Library Board recommendation to appoint Lisa Herlioz to Library Board replacing Jerry Eckert.
7. Consider and act on plans for property at 133 North Main Street after Library moves to new building.
8. Discuss disposition of Willow Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets.
9. Receive information update on city projects.
10. Information review of budget summary.
11. Review and act on monthly bills.

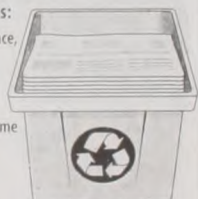
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Talking trash

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Lifestyle

Kyle Walterscheid becomes candidate for Roman Catholic Priesthood

On the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 11, at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Kyle Walterscheid was admitted to Candidacy for Ordination as a deacon and priest along with five other seminarians at a Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio, Patrick Zurek. Joining Kyle for this celebration were his parents Julian and Carrie Walterscheid, and his sister

Elaine and her husband Dale Schilling.

Admission to Candidacy takes place when it is clear that the seminarian is committed to the completion of his studies for Holy Orders. The rite includes a public statement, similar to the announcement of the bans of marriage, in which the seminarian presents himself as a candidate for the Holy Orders within the community where the

individual shares his Christian faith life. At the time of Candidacy, the church, represented by the rector and faculty of the seminary, makes a judgment that the individual has manifested positive signs of an authentic vocation to the ordained ministry. The seminarian submits a letter of petition to the bishop, who grants approval of the petition, affirming that he

has no reservations in the candidate.

After completing this Spring semester, Kyle plans, with God's grace and with continued prayers, to complete his final year of theological studies and formation at Assumption Seminary in order to serve the people of God as an ordained deacon late this Fall and as a priest in the late Spring of 2002 in the Diocese of Fort Worth.



The Most Reverend Patrick Zurek, DD, and Kyle Walterscheid

Six prepare to join the Catholic church

Five children and one adult entered the final stage of their preparation to join the Catholic church in special ceremonies both here and in Wichita Falls on Sunday, Feb. 25. The five children include Johnny and Michael Green, sons of Rhonda and Johnny Green. Their godparent is James Fleitman. Another is Casey Bayer, son of Cathy Kubis. His godparent is Roberta Dickerson. Another is Danielle Lewis, daughter of LeAnn Lewis. Her godparent is Cathy Dangelmayr. Another is Stephanie Buhrmann, daughter of Erica Monday. Her godparent is Jane Monday. All the children are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The adult candidate is Jason Brogdon.

He is preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist. His sponsor is Jeff Dudley.

At a special ceremony at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the godparents of the five children answered questions as to their readiness for the sacraments; Jason's sponsor affirmed his readiness as well. The children, because they are preparing for baptism, signed the Book of the Elect as a sign that they have been "elected" or chosen by God and the community to receive these sacraments. After Mass, Catholic Daughters Dorothy Fisher and Carrie Walterscheid provided lunch for the candidates, sponsors, family members, and team members in the KC Hall.

The group then traveled

to Wichita Falls for the "Call to the Easter Sacraments" with Bishop Joseph Delaney. At this ceremony, which included the Liturgy of the Hours, the five children who were catechumens were presented to the Bishop as well as the adult candidate. After godparents answered questions about the catechumens the Bishop welcomed them as the "elect" and signed the Book of the Elect from each parish represented. Then the sponsors answered questions about the candidates who were already baptized. They too were welcomed to continue their preparation. At this point each person was introduced individually to the Bishop. Now all six begin an intense period of preparation during Lent in order to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil service.

submitted by Barbara Rohmer

VFW Auxiliary hears reports of January activities

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 6205 held their regular meeting Feb. 19 in the Post Home. President Frances Bayer presided. Chaplain Ethel Hesse led the opening prayer assisted by Conductress Linda Knabe and Patriotic Instructor Eleanor Felderhoff followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call, minutes of the previous meeting, and communications were read by Secretary Ida Bindel.

Lucille Hesse gave the treasurer's report. Ethel Hesse reported on projects done last month. Flags were given to all class rooms, valentine baskets were

delivered to 11 households, members hold Bingo at St. Richard's every month, and VFW put new flags at the cemetery veterans section.

Linda Knabe reported handing out Home and Fire Safety pamphlets to Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and first graders. Members voted on bringing canned goods, toiletries, t-shirts, videos, and new Readers Digests to the next meeting for the Bonham VA.

Frances Bayer reported on the mid-winter roundup in Jan. and the District 1 meeting Feb. 4 in Denton. Juanita Knabe served lunch to 13 members. Frances Bayer won the door prize.

Webelos of Muenster Pack 664 visit Klement Ford

The Webelos of Muenster Pack 664 went to Klement Ford of Muenster Feb. 20 to work on their Handyman Activity Badge. The boys were under the supervision of their Den Leader Ben Bindel, Service Manager of Klement Ford Jeff Parsons, and Service Advisor Hutch Hutchins.

The Webelo Scouts learned to change a tire on a car. They took the spare tire out of the trunk, and replaced the "flat tire." They also learned to replace a

headlight and check the oil level on a car.

Karl Klement and Kirk Klement, owners of Klement Ford, greeted the Scouts who were given a tour of the new dealership.

The Cub Scouts were working on a Ford Taurus car - the same type of car used to race in Nascar. Den leader Ben Bindel gave the boys a collector poster of Ford Nascar Drivers and a picture of Ford's Big Foot Truck.

New Arrivals

Klement

Cory and Brenda Klement of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of their first child, a son, on Feb. 19, 2001 in Denton Community Hospital, weighing 7 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length. They have named him Cade Justin Klement. His grandparents are Wallace and Doris Stephenson of Era and Marcie Klement of Muenster and the late Roman Klement. The great-grandfather is Joe Wimmer of Muenster.

Smith

Charles and Pamela Smith of Gainesville are parents of a son, Austin Charles Smith born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 20, 2001 at 8:51 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 1/2 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. He joins four brothers, Aaron age 3 years, Dakota age 15 months, Andrew age

13 years, and Patrick age 18 years. Grandparents are Ruby Smith of Cooke County and Roxie Stevens.

Watts

Stephanie Bauler and Mikel Watts of Sanger are parents of a son, Mikel Cole Watts, Jr. born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 21, 2001 at 8:11 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length. His grandparents are Sherry Dever of Sherman, Mikel Gene Watts of Nocona, Mary Cole of Gainesville, and George A. Bauler of Lewisville.

Bits of Wisdom

To be successful, you have to keep moving. After all no one stumbles on something sitting down.

Trades Days planned by Southmayd VFD

Southmayd Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring Trades Day for the first full weekend each month for the rest of 2001. Trades Days begin at 7 a.m. and go until dark each Saturday and Sunday for March 3-4, April 7-8, May 5-6, June 2-3, July 7-8, August 4-5, Sept. 1-2, Oct. 6-7, Nov. 3-4, and Dec. 1-2.

Rental spaces are available by the day or weekend. Prices for booths are \$7.50 for one day or \$10 for Saturday and Sunday. Rental space fee goes to benefit the Southmayd Volunteer Fire Department.

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College Student News

Students earn honors at Texas A&M

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2000 fall semester, recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period. Four Muenster students earned this designation:

Jackie Henscheid
Jaclynn Rose Henscheid (Jackie) has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M University, where she is a freshman. She is majoring in Bio-Medical Science, planning to pursue a degree in Optometry. Jackie is a graduate of Muenster High School and has maintained a 3.8 GPR in a possible 4.0 ratio.

John Flusche
John Paul Flusche, son of Jack and Linda Flusche and a graduate of Muenster High School, has been named to the Dean's Honor

Roll at Texas A&M University for the 2000 fall semester. He is a freshman, in General Studies. John maintained a 4.0 GPR, a perfect A grade.

Allison Endres
Allison Dawn Endres, daughter of Jim and Shirley Endres and a graduate of Muenster High School, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M University, where she is a freshman. For the 2000 fall semester she maintained a 4.0 GPR in a possible 4.0 ratio. She is majoring in Business Finance.

Jennifer Hess
Jennifer Rose Hess, daughter of Tony and Stella Hess and a graduate of Sacred Heart High School, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M University. She has maintained a 4.0 GPR in a possible 4.0 ratio, which is a perfect A. She plans to major in Business Law. Currently, she is a freshman in General Academics.

Debra Dangelmayr makes President's List
Debra Dangelmayr recently received notification that she had achieved a perfect grade point average of 4.0 on a

course load of 12 or more hours for the 2000 Fall semester. This achievement earned her a place on the President's List of the University of North Texas where she is a freshman. During this semester Debra completed a course load of 16 semester hours toward a Business Economics degree.

Recently Debra was also notified that she has been awarded a Multicultural Scholarship at UNT and she is participating in the mentoring program.

The daughter of Joe and Pam Dangelmayr of Muenster, Debra is a 2000 graduate of Sacred Heart High School.

Coker named to Dean's List

Jana L. Coker, daughter of J.D. and Gloria Coker, and granddaughter of Gary and Caroline Hess of Muenster and Jessie Mae Coker and the late Don Coker of Como, Texas, student at Benedictine College of Atchison, Kansas, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2000. She is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a freshman pursuing General Studies, preparatory to declaring her major. She carried a full student load and maintained a 3.9 gpa in a 4.0 ratio.

Kimber is three



Kimber Walterscheid

Kimber Louise Walterscheid celebrated her third birthday on Saturday, Feb. 17. Kimber chose to have a Barbie Princess Party. When each guest arrived to celebrate with her, they were given a tiara or a crown to wear. Guests enjoyed dips, chips, ice cream, and a special red-headed princess cake.

Attending her party were her parents Jennifer and Darren; her baby sister Sterling Grace; grandparents Jim and Judy Verner of Arlington and Boobie and Pat Walterscheid of Muenster; aunts, uncles, and cousins: Jill, Jimmy, Jamie, and Jacqueline Verner of Arlington; Staci and Tim Bartel, and Carla, Stevie, Jackie, and Hunter Klement

all of Muenster; also friends Tammy and Garrett Truebenbach, Juline and Emily Brogdon, Kristi, Chloe and Claire Schneider all from Muenster; Dawn and Claire Sladek, Shannon and Madison Carney, and Jay and Faith Mollenkopf.

Unable to attend but sending birthday wishes were Jeffrey, Christy, and Lilly Verner of San Antonio, and Franklin, Brenda, Alicia, and Frankie Leon of the Dominican Republic.

Kimber enjoyed many special gifts and truly enjoyed her special day. On her actual birthday, Feb. 19, she was treated to a day of shopping and ice skating at the Stonbriar Mall in Frisco with her mother, sister, and Aunt Staci.

MHMRS needs exercise equipment

The consumers at the Mental Retardation Community Support Services located in Denison have new classrooms and new services that will help persons with mental retardation lead happier, healthier, more productive lives. One of the classes will feature exercise and healthy food choices.

"We have a need for exercise equipment for these classes. We would like to have three stationary bicycles, a treadmill, and some small bar bells of ten pounds and less. Everyone needs moderate exercise to help keep fit and to stay healthy. We want to provide the learning opportunities for the consumers here. We know there are individuals with exercise equipment who would like to donate it to a good cause. We would use this equipment several times weekly," states Kelli Brown, Program Manager for Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma.

Persons wanting to donate exercise equipment in good condition should contact, Paula Cawthon at 903-786-4804. Donations are tax deductible.

Tennessee, will be awarded to the first prize winning recipe.

The second prize winner takes home \$500 and the third prize winner receives a cash prize of \$300. The remaining seven semifinalists each win \$100 and all will be awarded special gifts from Martha White and Lodge Cast Iron. The ten semifinalists will be required to provide their own ingredients and cooking equipment for the competition.

Bits of Wisdom

Practice is the best of all instructions. *Publius Syrus*

National Cornbread Cook Off 2001 means cash

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Smoking can devastate young lives

March is proclaimed as Mental Retardation Month. Some kinds of mental retardation can be prevented by eliminating factors during pregnancy. Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma is working on prevention through education.

Smoking during pregnancy can lead to numerous problems with a developing fetus; however, it is estimated that as many as 61 percent of women who are regular smokers do not stop prior to pregnancy or when they discover a baby is on the way.

The effects of smoking can include:

- Mental retardation - Women who smoke during pregnancy are 50 percent more likely than non-smokers to have child with mental retardation - an IQ of approximately 70 or

below (The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center statistics).

- Miscarriage, premature birth, or small birth weight - Each year, some 141,000 miscarriages by American women are linked to smoking. Babies born early and/or with small birth weight (less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds) are more prone to lung difficulty, learning disabilities, hyperactivity, and behavioral problems.

- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) - SIDS connected to maternal smoking is estimated to claim the lives of 2,000 babies annually in the United States.

- Increased risk of cancer - Women who smoke during pregnancy can pass on the carcinogens in tobacco to their newborns. These chemicals, which can cause cancer of the lung, skin,

bladder and liver, are 10 to 12 times higher in babies of mothers who smoke than in babies of mothers who do not smoke.

- Nicotine addiction in newborns - Recent studies have shown that babies born to mothers who smoke have the same nicotine level as grown-up smokers. Urine tests for cotinine, the substance remaining after nicotine breaks down in the body, showed that cotinine levels in the babies were the same as that found in adult smokers, indicating that the babies spent their first couple of days of life going through nicotine withdrawal.

"Smoking is extremely dangerous for pregnant women and their babies," said Steven Shon, M.D., Medical Director of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. "Not only is nicotine exposure one of the more than 200 known causes of mental retardation in babies and young children, it also poses countless other obstacles to good health and proper growth."

Smoking is not just hazardous during pregnancy. Babies exposed to nicotine through breast milk also suffer ill effects. In addition, secondhand smoke presents its own dangers, and it isn't just the mother's smoking that is harmful. Non-smoking pregnant women who breathe in secondhand smoke have been shown to have more difficult deliveries and babies who are smaller and more prone to illness. When

exposed to secondhand smoke, babies and children whose lungs and other organs are still developing are more often victims of SIDS. They also are more likely to have mental retardation, learning disabilities, asthma, sore throats, colds and infections of the lower respiratory tract and middle ear. Carcinogen levels in young children exposed to secondhand smoke are four to five times higher than in children not exposed.

"Whether babies are exposed to nicotine prior to birth, during breastfeeding, or through secondhand smoke, the effects can be devastating. This is a threat to the health of babies that is avoidable. With the promise of a new, thriving child, what greater incentive does a person need to get help to stop smoking? Mothers, fathers, and families should do everything they can to minimize the effects of nicotine on their loved ones who are just beginning their lives," says Tony Maddox, MHMRST Executive Director.

State Bar recognizes county attorneys

The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized 3,900 attorneys as members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon in Austin on Feb. 3. This distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than eight percent of the total number of attorneys in Texas.

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

Cooke County attorneys who were recognized as new or maintaining members of the State Bar College were Ms. Tanya McDaniel Davis of Lake Kiowa and Judge Jerry Wayne Woodlock of Gainesville.

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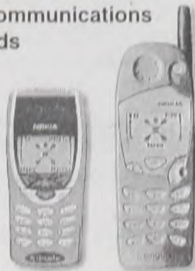
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Heidi Ellis named NCTC Vice President

Heidi Ellis is North Central Texas College's newest vice president, receiving the promotion in official action by the NCTC Board of Regents for what President Ronnie Glasscock termed "absolutely exceptional performance" in helping manage the college's financial affairs in recent years.

Her performance has been so outstanding, in fact, that Dr. Glasscock cited it as the key factor in earning NCTC a special commendation from a Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS) committee which visited the campus recently as part of the process involved in reaffirming NCTC's accreditation.

The commendation was for "improvements made in the control over financial resources" since the last reaffirmation of accreditation 10 years ago.

"We cannot overstate the significance of such commendations because of their extreme rarity," Dr. Glasscock said. "They are given only for exceptionally noteworthy achievements, and we are so proud of the distinction this honor has brought our college."

Ellis joined the NCTC administrative staff in December 1991, earning a promotion in 1994 from "business manager" to dean of financial services.

"Of course, I'm very thankful for the promotion," Ellis said, "but I am so profoundly gratified by this SACS commendation because I look at it as an expression of appreciation for the outstanding work of our entire financial services staff. It has definitely been a team effort, and I thank every one of them for the great work they do every day."

Turning to other action items at the regular February meeting, the NCTC Regents voted to:

- Approve the proposed academic calendar for 2001-2002.

- Reject all bids received for livestock feed, due to failure of vendors to meet all bid specifications, with instructions to re-bid.

- Approve a resolution, at the request of Corinth Baptist Church of Gainesville, authorizing execution of a quitclaim deed conveying all college interests to the church on a piece of property described as "Lots 6, 7 and 8 in block 16 of the Williams Addition to the City of Gainesville."

- Approve renewal of the employment contract of Wayne Moore, building supervisor for the Corinth Campus.

- Approve an extension for one additional year of the contract with Sunshine Company for custodial services at the Corinth Campus.

- Accept low bids from Adirondack Direct Company and from Covermaster for equipment and accessories for the recently air conditioned NCTC gymnasium to increase its usefulness as a multi-purpose events center. Adirondack will supply folding chairs and tables, chair dollies, table trucks, table and platform skirting, platform caddy, carpeted stage steps and related accessories. Covermaster will supply roll-up, heavy duty protective floor mats and racks to cover the gym floor during non-sports events. Total cost is \$59,724, with backdrop drapes and frames and aisle carpets still to be purchased.



Amy Renee Sturm of San Diego, California and Yancy Lawrence Culp of San Diego will be married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on July 7, 2001. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by parents of the bride—elect, Mike and Joni Sturm of Muenster. Parents of the future—groom are Bill and Charlotte Culp of Muenster and Glenn and Judy Denny of Dallas. Amy is a 1994 graduate of Muenster High School, attended Texas Tech University 1994 to 1996, graduated in 1999 from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition. She is presently serving an internship in dietetics at V.A. San Diego Medical Center. Mr. Culp is a 1990 graduate of Muenster High School; attended the University of North Texas in 1990-91; served in the U. S. Navy in 1992-1996; attended Naval Petroleum Engineering School in 1999. He is the Southern California Director of Operations for Texas Based TRAJEN Flight Support. Father John Ohner O.S.A. will officiate the wedding. Attendants will be Kimberly Sturm, maid of honor; April Aduddell, matron of honor; Cindy Friedrich, Christin Cain, Ashley Weldon, Amy Binder, Mikah Felago, bridesmaids; Jason Biffle, best man; P. J. Vilosai, John Sturm, Shawnee Nunley, and Rich Felago, groomsmen.



Icicles hang from the flowered blooms of a peach tree Wednesday afternoon. Below right, heavy showers Tuesday and Wednesday flooded many pastures as the official rainfall total for February measured 9.06 inches as of 6pm Feb. 28.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Bats aren't meant to pet

Look but don't touch. That's the advice from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) about bats.

"Bats are fascinating, beneficial animals, but they also carry a high risk for spreading rabies. Of the five human deaths in Texas due to rabies since 1990, three are attributed to infected bats," said Pamela Wilson of TDH's Zoonosis Control Division.

Most bats eat large numbers of insects, making them a help in controlling pests that may carry diseases or devastate plants.

In recent years, giant colonies of bats have become popular tourists attractions, as people gather on spring and summer evenings to watch the bat masses take flight from caves, rocks, and even city bridges. Cuddly stuffed animals in the shape of bats are now common companions for children. The image of a bat has even been translated into a mascot for a sports team.

"Bats are wild animals," Wilson said. "If someone finds an injured, sick, or dead bat, I can't stress enough that the person shouldn't touch it. The bat could have rabies."

Rabies is a deadly viral illness. People become infected with the rabies virus if they are bitten by an animal that has the disease. Only a series of shots will keep an exposed person from getting rabies.

Wilson said that if people find a sick or dead bat, they should call their local animals control agency or health department. "Any wild animal such as a bat, raccoon, skunk, coyote, or fox may be sick if it acts unnaturally, especially if it shows no fear of humans," she said.

"Bat bites are not always visible," Wilson said. "If a bat is present and there is a possibility of the person being exposed, the bat should be captured and tested for rabies. If rabies can't be ruled out, the person may need treatment."

Wilson said that problems can occur in the following situations:

- A child touches a live or dead bat;
- An adult touches a bat without seeing which part of the bat's body they touched;
- A bat flies at a person and touches bare skin;
- A barefooted person steps on a bat;
- A person wakes up to find a bat in the room;
- A bat is found near an infant, toddler, or a person who is sensory or mentally challenged;
- A person feels pain after putting his or her hand in a wood pile, brush, a crevice or dark area, then sees a bat in the same area.

"It is important to teach children not to handle bats, especially those that are on the ground or cannot fly," Wilson said. "Bats shouldn't be a show-and-tell object."

Call the local animal control agency to have a trained officer capture the bat. If you must trap a bat indoors yourself, first move children and pets to another room. Wear leather gloves and avoid direct contact with the bat. Close the windows and doors and turn on the lights. Wait for the bat to land then cover it with a container such as a coffee can. Slide a cardboard under the can, then tape the cardboard to the can.

If you are bitten by any animal see a doctor as soon as possible. The doctor will decide if you need treatment for rabies. Tell children if they are bitten by any animal to get help right away from an adult.

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in the last eight years that I have not been here, is drunk driving. The only way that you are going to solve this problem from a law enforcement point of view is to have a full time county court at law where these people have to come before it. This county attorney's office is overloaded with cases because you do not have a full time active county court at law to move these cases, make the people come to court, make them enter their pleas or be tried and have a punishment assessed. Until one of you here goes to a crime scene where there's a child killed or a relative of your own or a friend who's killed by a drunk driver, then you'll really probably feel the impact of it."

Adams said that a county court of law was needed in 1981 when he became district attorney and it was needed in when he left in 1992. "It's needed from the criminal side of the docket," he remarked. "You have plenty of jails, you have plenty of police officers arresting them. These cases then go on the docket, they bond out, they get an attorney, certainly nothing disrespectful to any attorney in this regard. Everybody knows that justice delayed is justice denied. One of the reasons justice is delayed is that we haven't committed the resources to prosecuting and hearing these cases. The job that any county judge has had since 1981 is a part time half commitment, out of necessity, to handling this court. We've needed this for a long time. We've always had a lot of politics involved in this, but this should truly be a bipartisan effort on all the commissioners,

Fleitman reunion scheduled for June 10

On Sunday, June 10, 2001 the descendants of Henry and Mary Hessel Fleitman will hold a reunion at the Pavilion in Muenster Park from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Family members are reminded to bring covered dishes for the noon meal and drinks for their family. Also bring lawn chairs for comfortable seating.

everyone in this county."

Another Gainesville attorney Jim Hatcher said that he feels more policemen and a larger jail are needed. Hatcher commented, "As an attorney I get a DWI, I'm not about to plead one because it's going to be three years to four years before they're going to bring it to trial, or any county court case I never plead it, because by that time witnesses are going to forget, policemen are going to get fired, things are going to happen so my deal is to delays. If I can stall it as long as I can stall it, I'm going to win that case."

Hatcher said that as defense lawyer he likes it like it is. When cases come to the court they get settled. He said that he is now trying some cases from the 1990's. He said that a county court at law would be more efficient and is needed even though it probably won't pay for itself.

Former County Judge Russell Duncan spoke in favor of the legislation, "No one knows exactly what the

county judge does except the county judge. I think the county attorney would like to move a lot more of their case work, but actually couldn't because of our schedule." Russell said that at times he would group seven or eight cases together and take pleas from each one if they were all check cases or if they were all DWI. "That's not a good way to handle it, but we couldn't handle the load," recalled Russell. "You just have to do something to speed it up."

"All of the things the county judge is involved in outside the courtroom, I think these need to be two

separate and distinct positions." Russell noted that he could have easily spent all of his time on all of the other issues at the time.

Stephen Harlow suggested that the county commissioners handle more of the judge's administrative duties and that a visiting judge help until the backlog of cases are caught up. Judge Harris explained, "The backlog is just part of the problem. The number of cases is the main problem. There's 150 cases a month filed, roughly. Just criminal cases that doesn't include the civil and the probate and the mental and the juvenile."

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Tigerettes victorious over Chargers

The Tigerettes of Sacred Heart were matched against the Chargers of El Paso Jesus Chapel in the final game of the TAPPS 2A State Play-offs. Jesus Chapel defeated Trinity Christian Academy, and Sacred Heart defeated the Waldorf School of Austin in Friday's semi-final round action to earn the right to battle for the State Championship.

"Chapel was a very experienced team and their top two seniors hit for 33 of their team's 46 points," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We got into some foul trouble early and the Chapel defensive plan was successful, as they were able to shut down the Bauer girls." The Tigerette coach noted that Audrey Barnhill came up big for the team as she hit for 11 second period points to push Sacred Heart to a 28-25 half-time lead. "She really stepped up," noted LeBrasseur.

El Paso controlled the opening jump, but a steal by Sacred Heart turned the ball over before the Crusaders got a shot. The first score of the game was by Tigerette Mary Jane Callahan from the free throw line, but break-away plays quickly put Jesus Chapel ahead 1-4.

The Chargers controlled the ball as the Tigerettes had a hard time getting the ball across mid-court, turning the ball over 8 times before Courtney Hartman hit a 3 to tie the game with 3:51 on the first period clock. El Paso took a 7 point lead, then a 3 pointer by Raney Bauer closed the score to 7-11 as the first quarter ended.

R. Bauer hit a 3 to begin the second quarter for a 10-11 score, but break-away plays quickly put the Chargers ahead by 5.

Audrey Barnhill kept the Tigerettes in the game with 5 straight points, tying the game 15-15 with 5:26 on the clock. The Chargers added another 3, then Jayna Biffle got 2. Two more by El Paso made the score 17-20, but a Barnhill basket tied the score again, 20-20. A free shot by Biffle gave Sacred Heart their first lead of the game 21-20 with 3:50 remaining in the first half.

Two free throws by the Chargers, a 3 pointer by Barnhill, an El Paso basket, and a Biffle shot zig-zagged the lead between the teams. Bauer added another 2 points for a 28-25 half-time score.

Barnhill and Biffle stepped in for the Tigerettes the first half when Jesus Chapel shut out the Bauer sisters.

The third quarter saw few balls go through the baskets. Andrea Bauer scored 4 and Biffle 2 as the Tigerettes held the Chargers to 6 points.

The Chargers quickly closed the point spread to 3 points, but baskets by A.

Bauer and Biffle moved the Tigerettes to an 8 point lead. As the clock continued to tick away, El Paso scored 5, and Biffle 4 for a 42-36 score with 4:22 on the fourth quarter clock.

A. Bauer and Biffle each got a basket, but the Chargers scored 7 points to cut the Tigerette lead to 3 points. Biffle added another 2 with 1:50 on the score board, then Sacred Heart slowed things down, working on the clock. At 49 seconds, Karen Gehrig was fouled, hitting both shots to extend the Tigerette lead to 50-43.

The Chargers tried for 3, missed, and Sacred Heart rebounded. A. Bauer was fouled with 32 seconds remaining. The first shot was good, then El Paso rebounded and shot a 3 for a 51-46 score and 19 seconds. Gehrig was immediately fouled, hit one, and the Chargers rebounded.

Barnhill stole in the back field, tied the ball, but was called for a foul. The free shot missed, Sacred Heart rebounded, went down court where a buzzer shot by Gehrig dropped in for the final 54-46 score.

It was a defensive battle in the third period, then Biffle took over the 4th quarter hitting 10 points. Biffle finished the game with 17 points, 14 rebounds and 5 blocks.

Barnhill added 11 points, all scored in the 2nd period, and had a career high 10 rebounds. R. Bauer added 8, A. Bauer 7, Gehrig 5, Hartman 3, Hoedebeck 2, and Callahan 1. Coach LeBrasseur credited Kristen Zimmerman with an outstanding defensive game.

Only four Chargers put points on the board. Edwards, Duran, and Isaac all scored double digits.

SH	7	21	6	20	54
JC	11	14	4	17	46



Waldorf Roadrunner Ginny Hermann is in a tight squeeze by Sacred Heart Tigerettes Mary Jane Callahan, Jana Trueebach and Audrey Barnhill. Photo by Dave Fette



Jayna Biffle blocks a Waldorf shot with teammates Raney and Andrea Bauer, Mary Jane Callahan and Karen Gehrig closing in. Photo by Dave Fette



Assistant Coach Beth Bartush and the Tigerettes gather around Coach Jon LeBrasseur during time out at the Farrell Center in Waco. Photo by Dave Fette

American Quarter Horse events to be held in March

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Tiger fans in the stands celebrate the last few seconds of the championship game. Photo by Dave Fette

SH outraces the Roadrunners

The young Tigerettes were challenged by a Senior-heavy team in round one of TAPPS semi-finals basketball play-offs.

The Roadrunners of the Waldorf School of Austin, lost last season's class A championship in overtime before moving up to 2A.

"We encountered some problems in the game as our youth showed," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We were shooting too quick and leaving our offense too early, which is a sign of youth."

The Tigerettes got the tip-off, missing their first three shots before Andrea Bauer scored the first basket. The Tigerettes played aggressively, but missed their next 4 attempts, then a 3-pointer by A. Bauer gave Sacred Heart a 5 point lead. The Roadrunners quickly tied the game, then got their first lead with 3:08 on the clock.

Two by Audrey Barnhill, a free throw by Mary Jane Callahan, and a 3 pointer from Raney Bauer recaptured the lead 11-9. Another A. Bauer basket gave Sacred Heart a 13-9 first quarter lead.

R. Bauer started the next quarter with 2 points, but Hermann continued to drop the ball into the basket to close the score to 15-14. R. Bauer then added a point and Jana Truembach 2, but with 2:55 Hermann got the Roadrunners in the lead, 18-20.

A. Bauer dropped in 2 points, but Waldorf took a 20-27 lead at the half-time break. In the first half, the Tigerettes had only two free throw points, while the Roadrunners hit 13 of 16, making the difference in the score.

Waldorf extended their lead to 9, then buckets by A. Bauer, Barnhill, and Biffle closed the Tigerettes to 1

point, 28-29. The Roadrunners continued to do their damage at the free throw line, pulling ahead 28-32.

With a minute and a half on the clock, Kristen Zimmerer was fouled on a driving lay-up, and hit one. Then the clock ticked down with a 29-32 score going into the final quarter.

R. Bauer hit 3 free throws and Biffle 2 to give the Tigerettes their first lead of the second half. Truembach added two more free shots and A. Bauer one for a 37-32 score. Jesus Chapel hit two from the line, then R. Bauer another two at the stripe. An A. Bauer jumper shot gave the Tigerettes their biggest lead 41-34 with 3:33 remaining in the game.

Hermann hit two, but R. Bauer dropped in a 3. The Roadrunners got two more, 44-38, as Sacred Heart started working on the clock, with under two minutes passing.

R. Bauer hit another free throw as the Tigerettes continued to slow it down. Raney got two more from the line for a 47-38 score with 50 seconds remaining in the game.

A. Bauer was grabbed and made one shot. Then Truembach was fouled with 14 seconds on the clock, dropping in one throw for a 49-38 lead. The Roadrunners got off a last shot for the final 49-40 score.

"We had our heads down at the half, as we were having trouble controlling Hermann and we just could not hit our shots," Coach Jon commented. "The girls regrouped at the half and adjusted to shut down Hermann, and began to run the offense better." The Tigerettes gave up only 3 field goals in the second half as they controlled the boards.

Andrea and Raney Bauer each scored 17 points and pulled down 14 and 13 rebounds respectively.

Biffle added 6 points and had 4 blocks, with Barnhill getting 4, Truembach 3, and 1 each from Zimmerman and Callahan.

Hermann scored 21 points for Jesus Chapel.

SH	13	7	9	20	49
JC	9	18	5	8	40



Lindsay meet to be held this Saturday

Lindsay ISD will host the first local track meet of the season this Saturday, Mar. 3. There will be one girls' division and JV, A, AA, and AAA boys' divisions.

Field events, shot put, discus, long jump, triple jump, high jump, and pole vault begin at 8:30 a.m. The 3200m run finals will be at 9:00 a.m. with running prelims beginning at 11:30, in this order - 400m relay, 100m hurdles, 110m hurdles, 100m, 800m relay, 400m, 300m hurdles, and 200m.

Running finals will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Muenster hosted a tennis match earlier this week, but it was not completed due to heavy rain. In JV competition Monday, were doubles team Kristian Koesler and Kristi McAden.

Pictured at right: Muenster Gymnastic Sports Center competed Feb. 17 at the Sherman Gymnastic Sports Center. All received trophies and advance to the next level for the next meet. Participants were, from left, front: Sydney Hoedebeck, Michelle Henscheid, Dana Schumacher, Lauren Haverkamp; Back: Shelby Hess, Lauren Creed, Kalyssa Pollard, Delana Sicking. Not pictured is Kristen Miller



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Winners of the Knights of Columbus Diocesan District Free Throw Contest held Feb. 11 are, from left, front - Nathan Marbin, Samantha Wimmer, Laci Felderhoff and Nick Bezner. Back - Levi Hermes, Karen Gehrig, Kelly Endres, Derek Felderhoff, JoAnna Felderhoff and Aaron McFarlin.

Muenster Youth Basketball League

Bindel 27 Sicking 6
Brandan Bindel and Jeff Schneider led Ben Bindel's 3rd and 4th grade team with 8 points each. Andrew Moody added 5, Levi Truembach 4, and John Paul Roberts 2. Kyle Knabe and T.J. Acuna played strong defense in the Feb. 19 game.
Ben Walterscheid scored all 6 points for the Sicking team.

Bindel 28 Flusche 11
Bindel was high scorer of the game with 14 points. Truembach, Moody, and Schneider scored 4 points apiece. Roberts added 2, with Knabe and Acuna on defense.
Jeremy Lutkenhaus led the scoring for the Flusche team with 7 points. Matt Flusche added 3, and Scott Endres 1.

Benefit Golf Tournament

The Muenster Jaycees will sponsor a golf tournament to benefit Laura Taylor. It will be held on March 17 at the Turtle Hill Golf Course. Tee off is at 12:30. The entry fee is \$240 per team and is limited to the first 36 teams. Prizes will be awarded in 4 flights. A meal will be provided following the tournament at the Muenster City Park. For more information, call Brian Herr at 759-4512 or 759-4911 (if no answer, leave voicemail)

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School News

Muenster High computer science students are regional programming champions

Muenster High School's programming students recently attended and placed well at two computer programming meets. The first meet was held Friday, February 23, at the Region 11 Service Center in Forth Worth. Four Muenster teams of three programmers each competed against 1A, 2A and 3A public and private schools.

The team of Chris Jackson, Pamela Lutkenhaus, and Brett Howell placed first, advancing to the TCEA State Meet to be held in Houston in April. Their programming score nearly doubled the second place team.

The team of Paul Fleitman, Brady Howell and

Grant Hartman placed fifth and will find out in a few weeks if their point total will qualify for the state meet as well.

The team of Kevin Hermes, Jake Freeman and Daniel Russell scored points, but not enough to place. The team of Laura Drachenberg, Bronya Vogel and Kristi McAden also competed, but did not place.

On Saturday, February 24, three teams went to Midwestern State University and competed against 1A through 5A

public and private schools. The team of Jackson, Lutkenhaus and Howell were one line of code short of winning first place, having to settle for fourth

place after tie breakers were applied. Fleitman, Hartman and Howell did well but did not place in the top six. The team of Hermes, Vogel and Freeman did not place, but Freeman won a door prize of a portable CD player and a programming book.

The Muenster programming teams are preparing for the Academic UIL Computer Science competition that includes programming as well as a written test. "We are hoping to defend our state championship title the students received for the past two years," commented coach Jerry Eckart. Muenster also placed second at the state meet three years ago.



Muenster High School computer Science students - regional programming champions
Photo by Janie Hartman

FCCLA Week held Feb. 12 - 16

The Muenster FCCLA (formerly FFA) chapter held their annual FCCLA Week on Feb. 12 through 16. Starting on Tuesday, pajama day was enjoyed by the students. Tuesday was also childcare day and

teacher appreciation day. The children were cared for by the different homemaking classes throughout the day. The teachers were treated to goody bags and notes from the FCCLA classes.

Wednesday was dressy day, campus clean-up day and quiet day. Girls in FCCLA were given a heart and could not talk to that guy. If she did, she had to give her heart to that guy. The guy with the most hearts at the end of the day was the winner. Also, if the girl kept her heart, she got a prize. The guy winners were Brett Howell and Justin Hess, both with six hearts, and the girls were Megan Hennigan, Keri Felderhoff, Gladys Guerrero, Genny Lathrom, Jennifer Reid,

Cindy Tempel, Natya Dittfurth, and Diana Felderhoff. For campus clean-up, each class took time out to beautify the campus by picking up trash.

Thursday was '80s day and the officer/senior luncheon. The students had fun dressing up in the wild styles of the '80s, and the seniors and officers enjoyed a meal of spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, iced tea, and brownie sundaes, hosted by Mrs. Sturm.

On Friday, students wore the craziest hat they could find. Also, all during the week, students participated in a secret pal gift exchange. During a small party, secret pals were revealed and treated to cookies. The new FCCLA sweetheart, Bobby Fisher, was also elected.

Brad Endres wins Muenster Spelling Bee over 20 total participants

On Thursday, Feb. 22, the Muenster Spelling Bee was held in the high school building. This is part of the Dallas Morning News Spelling Contest. Twenty students participated from grades 5-8. The participants were: Michael Valliere, Alison Teafatiller, Jenna Felderhoff, Casey McAden, Bree Fleitman, Amber Fuhrmann, Megan Felderhoff, Leah Vinson, Sean Fuhrmann, Allyson Moody, Adam Vinson, Derek Felderhoff, Brad Endres, Jordan Walterscheid, Kristen Hess, Evan Koesler, Cassie Hale, Laura Heers, William Vogel, and Alison Miller.

When the smoke had cleared, two students were left: 7th grader Leah Vinson and sixth grader Brad Endres. After an exciting battle, Brad Endres was left standing as the winner.

Brad will represent Muenster Junior High at the Cooke County Spelling Bee where he will face school champions from other Cooke County schools. The date for the county bee is Thursday, Mar. 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lyceum of the North Central Texas College campus. The champion of this bee will represent Cooke County at the Regional Bee in Dallas in April.



Muenster ISD 2001 spelling bee winners - Brad Endres and Leah Vinson.
Photo by Janie Hartman

Muenster ISD attends meet at Denton Ryan High

On Feb. 10, eighteen students from Muenster High school attended the UIL meet at Denton Ryan High School. They competed against 1A through 3A schools. This was a complete meet with all events except Cross-Examination Policy Debate. The students competed well considering they did not have all of MHS's UIL competitors because the band was playing at a convention in Waco. The students who competed, their events, and places are as follows:

12th Grade - Brett Howell, Computer Science 6th, Number Sense, Math, Science; Bronya Vogel, Computer Science, Number Sense 6th, Calculator, Accounting.

11th Grade - Chris Jackson, Computer Science 1st, Number Sense 3rd, Calculator, Math 5th, Science 3rd, Literary Criticism 3rd; Kevin Hermes, Computer Science, Number Sense, Calculator, Math, Science; Chris McLaughlin, Computer Science 4th, Calculator, Science; Grant Hartman, Computer Applications 3rd, Math, Science; Kay Lee Price, Poetry; Krystal Hale, Current Issues and Events, Editorial Writing; Ashley Hess, Computer Science, Spelling 6th; Daniel Rohmer, Computer Applications; Paul Fleitman, Computer Science, Number Sense, Calculator, Math, Science.

10th Grade - Lisa Felderhoff, Feature Writing, Number Sense, Calculator; Brady Howell, Computer Science, Number Sense, Calculator, Accounting; Karl Fisher, Headline Writing, News Writing, and Editorial Writing; Michael Endres, Current Issues and Events; Tyler Walterscheid, News Writing, Headline Writing; Kami Klement, Feature Writing, Headline Writing 3rd; Megan Lippe, News Writing, Editorial Writing, Headline Writing.

Team competition results were Computer Science 1st, Number Sense 2nd, and Math 2nd. Trophies were given only for the top team, although second place teams were recognized at the awards ceremony.

District competition will be held on Mar. 22 at Midwestern State University. There are 10 teams in Muenster's district that will be vying for the championship. The zone One-Act play will be held Mar. 20 at Graham. The top two plays from each zone will advance to the district "play" off Saturday, Mar. 24 at Graham.

Letters to the President from Muenster 1SD First Grade Students

Dear Mr. Bush,

I am in first grade. Is it fun being President? When you weren't a president, I started to watch commercials of you. I live in Muenster, Texas and you live in Washington D.C. now. You look like a real president. You look so cute. One thing, do you have a big office? I watch Nick News every Saturday night, but I never see you. I wish you could be on Nick News. If I were President I would watch out for robbers. If you did that you would stay up all night. I would keep the world safe. I would even watch the people at sea. Maybe you will be a good president! It would be good to be President.

Love,
Kendra Walterscheid

Dear President Bush,

How are you doing? I bet you're really working today. Sometimes you're busy. Maybe you can have a break but maybe you cannot. It might be fun being a President. I could come and see you some day. But I hope that you keep our country safe. Make all of the people very safe. Make new laws to help everyone. Give a lot of people homes. Keep the homeless people safe. I hope you like the White House a lot. I am a first grader at Muenster Public School, Muenster, Texas.

Love,
Emily Hellman

Dear President Bush,

Take care of the people. Make good laws. Make people happy. Make things look good. Make the USA happy. Give the poor people money. People love you Mr. Bush. Fight against abortions. Take good care of babies. Thanks Mr. Bush you are so nice. Give the poor old people good medicine. Give the old people medicine before they die. Mr. Bush you are a hero. I am a first grader at Muenster Public School, Texas.

Cole McAden

Dear President Bush,

How do you like your new house? Is your daughter feeling well? You are the best President. I love you Bush. I hope you have good luck Bush!!

Sincerely,
Kameron Heady

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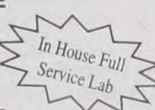
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Grade 2: Todd Bezner, Jessica Block, Llogan Cheaney, Emily Conaway, Failyun Gum, Austin Hermes, Kelsey Hermes, Vanesia Hess, Geren Horn, Greg Knauf, Allison Metzler, Katie Nortman, Madison Parkhill, Thomas Rohmer, Jason Schumacher, Savannah Stoffels, Amelia Wyrick.

Grade 3: Zohaib Anwar, John Block, Dianne Brown, Franklin Cornett, Brett Hermes, Colton Hermes, Shirley Hess, Haley Hughes, Adam Krebs, Greg Luttmner, Katie Neu, Austin Reiter.

Grade 4: Nicholas Bezner, Kelsey Hawkins, Rose Hermes, Kelly LaLx, Nichole Metzler, Amber Nortman, Pooja Patel, Natalie Rose, Jon Michael Sweeney.

Grade 5: Krystal Arend, Mary Bayer, Joey Block, Madisen Burrows, Ashley Caillier, Elizabeth Dieter, Chelsea Hermes, Keith Hermes, Hillary Hoelker, Taylor Horn, Neil Jones, Dillon Ott, Jennifer Rauschuber, Jayden Root, Sarah Stoffels, Morgan Webster.

Grade 6: Jillian Bezner, Levi Hermes, Amanda Hess, Kaileigh Hess, Amy Nortman, Joe Otto, Rachel Zimmerer.

Grade 7: Bradley Arend, Mallory Block, Mary Klement, Diane Knauf, Stephanie Metzler, Michelle Rauschuber, Jacob Root.

Grade 8: Rameez Anwar, Jessica Bezner, Joni Erwin, Choryl Knabe, Travis Reiter, Kelsey Tucker.

Grade 9: Lindsey Williams, Lori Kasperek, Keith Dieter.

Grade 10: Alexandra Hellinger, Genevieve Knauf, Joey Arendt, Patrick Zimmerer, Sara Luttmner, Rahim Noorani, Corrie Crosby, Renee Sandmann, Emmy Trammell, Jalynn Wilson, Elaine Hess.

Grade 11: Jennifer Wilson, Sophia Rahman, Faith Skinner, Jeff Kendall, Megan Ward, Hannah Trammell, Alex Haayen.

Grade 12: Jonathan Bengfort, Rachel Lively, Nicholas Fuhrmann, Deanna Meurer, Michael Kendall, John Bayer, Ashlie Privett, Paul Metzler, Maggie Luttmner, Brent Connett, Melanie Brown, Courtney Miller, Melissa Carpenter, Jeffrey Williams, Brandon Schroeder, Stacie Sandmann.

ALL "A" B" HONOR ROLL

Grade 1: Kelsey Barba, Caroline Dieter, Dean Fleitman, Amber Hess, Mandy Hess, Cole Kirk, Michelle LaSalle, Chelsie Morrison, Matthew Reed.

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Grade 6: Brittany Anderle, Sanaa Anwar, Sabrina Bezner, Justin Caillier, Michael Conaway, Chris Dieter, Travis Endres, Andrea English, Julie Hanson, Jeff Hess, Nichole Krebs, Dustin Neu, Elizabeth Neu, Heather Odell, Chandni Patel, Karissa Reiter, Brian Sandmann, Jennifer Schroeder, Benjamin Wyrick, Jonathan Zimmerer, Laura Zimmerer.

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Grade 9: Philip Bayer, Sarah Camp, Stephanie English, Daniel Fuhrmann, Julie Gieb, Sam Hellinger, Cody Hess, Katie Hoberer, Kevin Lutkenhaus, Ashley McPherson, Whitney Neu, Kendyl Odell, Rebecca Reiter, Mitchell Ward, Amber Wolf.

Grade 10: Blake Bezner, Mitch Creed, Kyle Endres, Josh Franklin, Jami Hamilton, Ben Hundt, Josh Mabry, Chelsea Perry, Jamie Price, Katie Schneider, Alex Shauf, Hayley Stark, Stacie Yosten.

Grade 11: Adam Anderle, Megan Anderson, Nabeel Anwar, Tommy Arendt, Jacque Bezner, Chelsea Brewer, Jeff Grindle, Taren Hall, Cathy Lusk, Robin Neu, Christina Otto, Chad Stoffels, Kristan Tucker.

Grade 12: Travis Alfrey, Jenny Bengfort, Ellen Bezner, Anna Beth Calhoun, Marcus Dennis, Philip Fleitman, Dee Ann Fuhrmann, Stacey Garner, Cassie Gunter, Kim Hazle, Angela Kirby, Mark Lutkenhaus, Brad Minnix, Karah O'Dell, Kenneth Reiter, Jordan Root, Adrienne Sandmann, Justin Sicking, Meghan Taylor, Andy Zimmerer.

School Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Hot dogs, tator tots, celery and carrots, oranges.

Tues. - Mexican casserole, ranch style beans, salad, fruit, bread.

Wed. - Stew, cheese sticks, cole slaw, fruit, cornbread.

Thurs. - Fried chicken, rice, gravy, peas and carrots, fruit.

Fri. - Tomato soup, cheese sandwiches, celery sticks, apples.

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Mon. - Burritos, potato wedges, refried beans, peaches, cake.

Tues. - Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pinto beans, mixed fruit, apple crisp, vanilla wafers.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, chips, carrot sticks, pears, cookies.

Thurs. and Fri. - No School.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken, creamed potatoes, peas, pineapple, bread.

Tues. - Stew with veggies, blueberry muffins, pickles, peaches.

Wed. - Lasagna, fried okra, salad, pears, bread.

Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Fri. - Fish, black-eyed peas, cole slaw, oranges, bread.

Muenster ISD Second Grade "Dinosaur Museum"

The second graders at Muenster ISD displayed "dino-mite" creations at their annual "Dinosaur Museum" on Friday, Feb. 9.

The students had just completed a three-week unit of study on dinosaurs. In this unit, students learned about characteristics of dinosaurs and compared them with animals alive today. They had fun learning how the size of these reptiles ranged from the size of a chicken (the Compsognathus) to the length of a boxcar (the Lambeosaurus). It was also interesting to learn how paleontologists know a dinosaur's size and shape simply by examining its skeleton, how trace fossils and fossil remains provide clues into our prehistoric past, and how a dinosaur's teeth revealed its "diet." Theories of extinction were definitely "hot topics."

Parents, relatives, friends, and Pre-K through sixth grade students and teachers toured the classrooms of Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Heers. Each student had researched a specific dinosaur by reading books and by "surfing" dinosaur web sites on the Internet. On display were posters, mobiles, dioramas, and even a dinosaur cake.

A special highlight for both classes was when Mrs. Hess's husband, James, brought to school a fossil of a dinosaur foot that had been found approximately ten years ago in a gravel pit on his property. These second grade students are looking forward to visiting the dinosaur exhibit of the Dallas Museum of Natural History in April.



First grade students, Jimmy Abner, Andrew Loyd, and Jordan Fredrick look at a dinosaur project.



Renata Pagel views her twins', Derek and Kelsey, dinosaur projects at the recent 2nd grade Dinosaur Museum at Muenster ISD. Also pictured is Collin Pagel and Aaron Grewing.



Muenster 2nd graders gather around a fossil of a dinosaur footprint found north of Muenster.

Muenster Elementary Student Council holds meetings

The Muenster Elementary Student Council held meetings throughout December and January. Hard work by the Student Council has resulted in accomplishments which include attending a leadership conference, hosting the UIL Pep-Rally, buying Christmas gifts for a special child, and a Valentine Bake Sale project. The council is also planning projects for the future. These projects include an Arbor Day

Ceremony, activities for TAAS and Texas Public Schools Week.

Council members are Brad Endres, Zach Swirczynski, Amber Fuhrmann, Meredith Hennigan, Krystal Wolf, Megan Felderhoff, Jessica Walterscheid, Sandy Endres, Laura Heers, Alison Teafatiller, Jordanne Hellman, and Brandy Dangelmayr, with Leigh Hale and Kristi Schneider as sponsors.

Cooke County Youth Fair

Friends: The Cooke County Youth Fair is drawing near. Students are working hard in FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H to complete their projects. Through generous contributions from people in the community, the Muenster Friends of FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H will be able to give premiums on the projects made by our students.

We would like to thank all of the people who have contributed so far, and ask those of you who have not to think about making a donation to help the youth of our community.

The Cooke County Youth Fair will be held at the Cooke County Fair Grounds on March 8, 9, and 10, 2001. We hope to see you there!

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 Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Lee Gum, Deceased, were issued on February 23, 2001, in Cause No. 15246 pending in County Court of Cooke County, Texas, to:

Mary Emily Gum

The mailing address for the Independent Executor:
 c/o G. Ward Beaudry
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 4200 Thanksgiving Tower
 1601 Elm Street
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All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 23rd day of February, 2001.

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Attorneys for Mary Emily Gum, Independent Executor of the Estate of Robert Lee Gum, Deceased

Legal Notices

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION ON THE DAVID BERNARD LUTKENHAUS:
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To: DAVID BERNARD LUTKENHAUS

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Court of Cooke County, Texas, at the courthouse of said County in Gainesville, Texas, on or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of service of this citation, by filing a written answer to the application of see below filed in said Court on the 9th day of August, 2000, Docket No. 15153, styled Estate of Patsy Ann Lutkenhaus, Deceased. A copy of the application is attached to this citation.

Said application requests that application for probate of will as a muniment of title and application for temporary injunction see attached.

Given under my hand and seal of said court in Gainesville, Texas, this 2nd day of February, 2001

Evelyn Walterscheid
 County Clerk
 Cooke County, Texas
 /s/Patricia Tucker
 Deputy
 County Courthouse
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NOTICE

A probate proceeding has been initiated. You may hire an attorney in regards to this matter. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of ten days after you were served this citation, the Court may enter orders with binding effects upon you.

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TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, RESPONDENT

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of Walden Regina Alexander, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Cooke County, Texas, on the 20th day of February, 2001, against Mary Beth DePriest, Respondent, and the Unknown father, numbered 01-076 and entitled "In the Interest of Che'Lena Cheyenne DePriest, a minor child."

This suit requests that the Court appoint Walden Regina Alexander sole managing conservator of the child, and that Respondent Mary Beth DePriest be appointed Possessory conservator with standard visitation.

The date and place of birth of the child who is subject of the suit:

Che'Lena Cheyenne DePriest
 Birthplace: Corpus Christi, Texas
 Birthdate: January 19, 1984

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Gainesville, Texas, this 21st day of February, A.D. 2001.

Attest:
 Pat Payne, District Clerk of the 235th District Court, Cooke County, Texas
 /s/Sue Comer
 Deputy

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JEWELL A. SWEENEY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jewell A. Sweeney were issued on February 23, 2001, in Cause No. 15,213 pending in the Probate Court of Cooke County, Texas, to Dan Allen Sweeney, who resides in California, and whose mailing address is: 10911 Jadedstone Drive, Bakersfield, California, and Jaime Lorin Sweeney, who resides in Cooke County, Texas, and whose mailing address is P.O. Box 193, Lindsay, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Dear President Bush,
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 Love,
 Blake Voth

Dear President Bush,
 I am sorry that the old President put yucky messages on the computer. I am sorry that they turned the desks upside down. I am sorry that they took the W off the computer. I am sorry that they glued the doors. I am so sorry that the old President trashed the White House. I am glad that the old President apologized. I like you President Bush. I would like to meet you. I am a first grader at Muenster Public School, Muenster, Texas.
 Love, Nicole Pagel

Dear President Bush,
 You're a good President. I hope you're having a good life. Make new laws to help America. Please fight against abortion. If you don't know me I would like to meet you. I hope your family is safe. Make education law to help all schools. I like you as a President. I would like to live in Washington, D.C. But I can't right now because I am a first grader at Muenster Public School, Muenster, Texas.
 Love, Paige Hennigan

Farm & Ranch

Texas farm and ranch financial situation to be assessed using ARMS

Texas farmers and ranchers have faced considerable financial adversity in the past few years, and there remains great uncertainty about the ability of many to remain in business. Four major droughts compounded by lower prices and higher input costs have turned the financial screws down on many farmers and ranchers. But what types of farms and ranches have been affected, and how badly have they been hit? The 2000 Agricultural Resource Management Study (ARMS) conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will give Texas farmers and ranchers an opportunity to answer that question.

This study will provide a current check-up on the vital statistics describing the economic condition of Texas production agriculture. The ARMS database is used by members of the agricultural community and their legislators when making decisions that impact the future of U.S. farmers and ranchers.

These data have been widely used as a tool for analyzing the impact of the droughts on Texas agriculture. They are also used when policymakers determine federal assistance. Results from these surveys will also be used by farm and ranch operators, farm organizations, commodity groups, lenders, university researchers, the news media, local USDA agencies, farm suppliers, and others to compute prices paid, evaluate the economic health of America's food and fiber producers, determine the need for farm assistance, measure the cost of farm production, and assess the ability of producers to maintain sustainable operations.

Each of the 1,097 Texas farmers and ranchers sampled for this study represents 50 to 100 similar producers, and the participation of each operator is an important contribution to the overall welfare of Texas farmers and ranchers. This is the only year-2000 study which

will objectively measure the current financial health of Texas agriculture.

Producers selected for participation in the 2000 Agricultural Resource Management Study will be visited by an interviewer to complete the report at the farm or ranch operator's convenience. Results will be published in a series of reports on the current farm financial situation. As with other TASS surveys, all data collected in this survey will be kept confidential. Individual reports are confidential and protected from disclosure by law.

Farm Production Expenditures will be released July 19, 2001. For a copy of the finished report or to obtain other agricultural statistics, visit the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service website at www.io.com/tass or call 1-800-626-3142.



Last years crops still stand in many Cooke County fields, as the rain showers flood the already saturated ground., continuously preventing farmers from getting into the field to plant a crop for the upcoming season. Photo by Janie Hartman

Texas counties approved for livestock assistance program

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds livestock producers that 239 Texas counties including Cooke, Montague, Grayson, Denton, and Wise have been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for the

Livestock Assistance Program (LAP).

LAP, administered by FSA, provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers in approved counties who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters during 2000. Nationwide, \$430 million have been allocated for livestock producers for weather-related losses as part of the farm assistance package passed last October.

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought during the 2000-crop year.

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more consecutive months during 2000 due to a natural disaster. Eligible livestock include beef and

dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.

For more information on LAP, visit the USDA Farm Service Agency website at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/lap01.htm or contact the local USDA Service Center.

Ag Briefs

Have unwanted computer hardware? You can earn a tax deduction when giving to non-profit groups. The National Cristina Foundation (www.cristina.org) matches donated PCs to requests from organizations that need computers. Also the PEP National Directory of Computer Recycling Programs (www.microweb.com/pepsit) has a list of computer recycling and reuse programs in Texas

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Scientists have found no harmful effect of feeding Bt commodities: Testing of milk, meat, or eggs from animals fed genetically-modified feeds shows no DNA or protein from the bio-tech enhanced crops in the animal products.

More information on the study can be found at <http://www.fass.org/fassfact.pdf>.



Wayne Becker, dairyman and 4-H dairy judging project leader, explains the DHI record system to 4-H extension agent, Phyllis Griffin. Courtesy Photo

4-H & youth development: adult volunteer spotlight - Wayne Becker

As a third generation dairy producer, Wayne Becker, instructor and coach to the Cooke County 4-H Dairy Judging team, has been involved with the dairy industry all of his life.

Wayne started dairy judging when he was 9 years old, the same year he joined 4-H. He made the team for the next 8 years and in 1987 the team won State 4-H Roundup and went on to Madison, Wisconsin to represent Texas 4-H at the World Dairy Expo. Other members of the team that year were Parker Fredrich, Pam Martindale and Rhonda Martindale. Their coach was Vernon Fredrich. Wayne attended West Texas A&M and majored in Ag Business & Economics. After graduation, he returned to dairying as a partner in Warner Becker & Son Inc. Dairy at Hood.

Wayne started coaching the 4-H team here in Cooke County 4 years ago. When asked why he does it, Wayne said, "It helps promote the dairy industry and I enjoyed judging and evaluating so much when I was in 4-H that I want these kids to have as much fun and learning as I experienced."

Wayne remembers when the team first went to the Ft. Worth Stock Show Contest 4 years ago and how low they finished. He said, "We have continued to improve each year and this has been our best showing yet." He continues, "We have a good young team and a lot of competition to make the team on the County level."

The Becker family has a long association with Extension. Wayne's mother, Linda also volunteers when not hard at

work on the family dairy. She has been a 4-H club manager of the Muenster 4-H Club and is currently serving on the Extension Program Council. All of Linda's other sons, Stephen, Michael and Werner were involved with 4-H. Werner & Michael also judged dairy during their 4-H years. Werner was on a State Champion Team and Michael was High Individual at State one year.

When he is not busy with dairying, Wayne and his wife, Melissa, enjoy riding trail endurance horses.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

Spring recertification shortcourse

A two-night Spring Recertification Shortcourse for Pesticide Applicators will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 14 & 15 from 6-9pm in the Lyceum by the Library at North Central Texas College.

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

A variety of topics will be covered including beneficial insects, IPM, result demonstration work, pasture management and herbicides, laws and regulation and rights to know.

Need a pesticide applicator license?

Agriculture producers who currently need the training and testing for a private applicators license through the Texas Department of Agriculture will have the opportunity to complete the required training on Tuesday, March 13 at 5 pm or Wednesday, March 14 at 8:30 am.

The training will be held at the County Extension Office. The test will be given at 5pm on March 14 at NCTC.

Contact the Extension Office at 940-668-5412 to enroll in the training and testing session.

NCTC Equine Science offers breeding services program

North Central Texas College's Equine Science Department is currently housing four stallions at the NCTC Equine Center for this spring's breeding season.

Three of the stallions are owned by Dallas Warr of Powell, Ohio who has contracted with NCTC to manage the stallions for breeding. The fourth is owned by NCTC and was donated as a 2-year old by Ruth Ann Dodson. The three stallions owned by Warr are cutting stallions, but could also produce a good all-around western horse. The NCTC-owned horse is a big, English-looking horse that is bred for western or English pleasure.

The NCTC Equine Center also offers a number of other breeding services to the public. Breeding mares with shipped semen, managing mares for breeding to other stallions, training young stallions for collection, and collection and processing of stallion semen for shipment are all available to the public.

NCTC also offers Equine Breeding Management Seminars from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mar. 3-4 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mar. 17-18 for individuals active in or interested in learning more about equine reproduction.

If anyone is interested in these stallions or other services offered by the NCTC Equine Center, contact Dr. Anita L. Lang at 940-668-7731 ext. 416 or 903-814-5222 or contact Djuna Forrester in the Continuing Education Department at 940-668-4272.

Texoma Cattlewomen news

Texoma CattleWomen officers for 2001 are: Pat Grote, president; Gloria Klement, 1st Vice president, publicity; Trudy Lucas, 2nd vice president, education; Betty Stone, 3rd vice president, membership; Barbara Henderson, 4th vice president, promotion; Ann Knight, treasurer; and Darla Morton, secretary.

March 18-24 is designated National Agriculture Week

with Mar. 22 being Ag Day. May Haubold, CattleWomen Ag Day chairman, is sending agriculture packets to the area school districts for use in the classrooms.

Preparations continue for the Apr. 28 trail ride with the American Cancer Society. Members are selling raffle tickets on a 700 lb. heifer to be given away that day. There are several smaller items included in the raffle drawing also.

CattleWomen's March meeting will be Monday evening, Mar 5 at 7 p.m. in Sherman at the Grayson County Farm Bureau.

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Farm income down 10%

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Also in the report, the value of crop production will rise nearly \$5 billion; the value of livestock production is forecast to rise \$1 billion; and production costs will rise \$1 billion, topping \$200 billion for the first time.

For the complete farm income report on the web, go to www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/FarmIncome/Fore.htm.

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Lightweight Steers and Heifers: \$5 to \$8 Higher. Feeder Steers and Heifers \$1 to \$2 Higher. Packer Cows & Bulls \$4 to \$6 Higher. Pairs and Bred Cows Steady to \$25 Lower. Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 399 goats, 91 sheep and 102 hogs. The numbers for last week were 226, 83 and 99.

Sold at Friday's sale were 802 head of cattle compared to 199 head of cattle the previous week. Results follow:

<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.40; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.20; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.26; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.06-1.21; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.06; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.00; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 87-96; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-87; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 79-87; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-79</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.15; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 98-1.09; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-98; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 97-1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-97; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 88-97; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-88; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 79-87; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-79; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 74-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-74</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter bulls, yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs.: \$3-6250; Slaughter cows: #1-3, 43-51; Cutter, 34-43.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$730; medium frame, \$450-\$600. Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$725-\$810; medium frame, \$625-\$725. Holstein baby calves, \$35-\$75; Crossbreds, \$150-\$220.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 38-40; US #2, 220-280, 36-37.</p> <p>Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs., \$40-\$50; 25-90 lbs., \$20-\$40.</p> <p>Sows: Feeder, 400 or less, 25-27; Light wt., 400-500, 28-30; Med wt., 500-600, 31-33; Heavy wt., 600-up, NT.</p> <p>Boars: 300 lb. up, 08-09; 200-300 lbs., 15-18; Light wt., NT.</p> <p>Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs 40-60 lbs., 1.15-1.30; Light lambs, 60-90 lbs., 1.01-1.10; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 85-95.</p>	<p>Ewes: Stocker, 50-80; Thin, 25-30; Fat, 40-52.</p> <p>Bucks: Thin, 42-44; Fat, 44-48; Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$25-\$50; Ewes: \$45-\$55; Bucks: NT.</p> <p>Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$25-\$40; 35-55 lbs., \$40-\$60; 55-75 lbs., \$60-\$90; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$90-\$110.</p> <p>Nannies (per head) Stocker, \$70-\$80; Milk Type, \$75-\$110; Slaughter: Thin, \$35-\$45; Fat, \$45-\$65.</p> <p>Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders, \$85-\$125; Slaughter, \$65-\$90.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, \$75-\$90; 3/4 Nanny, \$85-\$120; Full Nanny, \$100-\$160.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, NT; 3/4 Billy, NT; Full Billy, \$150-\$225.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Website: www.gainesvillelivestock.com</p>
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