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County forges ahead with jail addition plan

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court is faced with a decision, what to do about an increasing number of prisoners in the County Jail and compliance with Texas Jail Standards. "We're to the point where we need to make up our minds whether we need to go ahead and do the project," remarked Commissioner Virgil Hess regarding the proposed jail addition. "We're to the point where we need to make a couple of decisions." He said it needed to be determined if the County wanted to move forward on the purchases of property and on some hard plans for the addition.

Through the month of November the total number of prisoners was 303. "Right now today we've got 74 in custody in the county with another 11 in Denton County Jail," said Compton. "That fluctuates on a regular basis. So, we definitely are at a point where we are going to have a problem."

Sheriff Compton asked that as they got into addressing the jail situation, they bear in mind that the County must meet Jail Commission standards. "We need to build it and I'm going to depend on you to come up with that space. It looks to me like what you've come up with is good so far. If you all choose to buy the additional property to build it, that will be acceptable to me and if you choose not to buy it and want to build on this property, that will be just as

acceptable to me. Just as long as I've got a place to put them."

It was unanimously agreed to pursue the purchase of land south of the present jail and to get plans and specs prepared to advertise for bids for the proposed jail addition.

Constable David Tharp requested office space for a desk and filing cabinet. He said that he currently works out of his home and really hasn't enough room. Also some records kept by the constables are public and must be made available when requested and he really didn't want the public in and out of his home. He said any space would suit him and he was willing to share space with constable elect Tony Ward.

Tharp was told he could have enough space in the old First State Bank building (former office of the Cooke

county Appraisal District) now owned by the County. He will be sharing space with the game warden and the highway patrol. Several offices have recently been moved from the courthouse to the old First State Bank building. Changes are being made in preparation for the proposed County Court.

One of those recent moves from the courthouse to the bank building was that of the Drivers License office. Evelyn Yeatts requested that the office formerly occupied by the Drivers License be made available for meetings. She often has problems scheduling meetings for County Extension

activities. It was pointed out that this would also serve other county needs as well. The request was approved.

Those who occupy the County Extension office will soon have more space. Their request to have that office extended into space recently vacated was also approved. County Clerk Evelyn Walterscheid said her office will soon need more space for the growing file cabinets used to store various records. She was told those needs were being considered and would be addressed in the future. That could also mean moving more offices from the courthouse to

the building across the street.

A proposal was heard from representatives of the Ross Matthews firm of Ada, Oklahoma on prepaid legal benefits for county employees. They were informed that they could present the plan to county employees if the head of department gives permission. The costs will not be taken from the employee's pay check.

Public official bonds were approved for a number of people including Phil Young, David Tharp, Joseph Thompson, John Roane, Tanya Davis, Jodie Lyons, Billie Jean Knight, Mike Compton, Tom Ellender, and Jerry Lewis.



Earning places on the TAPPS Football All-State Team were Sacred Heart Tigers, from left, back - Travis Fuhrmann, Keith Felderhoff, Kenneth Grewing, Jeff Hartman, Johnny Yosten; front - Michael Voth and Thomas Whitecotton.



Highway 82, through Muenster Wednesday morning was icy with very little traffic as winter weather closed all area schools and shut down several businesses as North Texas had its first taste of winter. Photo by Janie Hartman

Community Technology Center opens on NCTC's Cooke County Campus Dec. 8

North Texas Rural Networks' Community Technology Center on North Central Texas College's Cooke County Campus will have a grand opening ceremony Dec. 8. The ceremony is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Math and Science Building, room 802 on NCTC's main campus, with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. at the new Community Technology Center.

Donna King, North Texas Rural Network Community Technology Center program manager, said the centers will have 10 computers tied to the college's network and each will have high-speed Internet access.

North Central Texas College is leading a team of community partners who have developed a plan and secured a Department of Education grant that is providing access to computers, training and assistance to adults and children in the community. When residents in Cooke County were polled regarding their technology education, most cited significant deficiencies in the area.

When fully implemented, the North Texas Rural Network will have six Community Technology Centers and two mobile technology units throughout Cooke and Montague counties. Throughout the CTC

network, programs are available to provide access for children to explore various applications in information technology. The centers provide an array of after-school activities to accommodate the various ages and skill levels of the participants.

Subject-area activities offer homework help, tutorials, and other activities covering subjects such as reading, writing, math and sciences.

Additionally, the NTRN-CTC offers adult education and family literacy programs, career development and job preparation training, small business activities and See EDUCATION, p.2

Tigers make All-State Team

Seven members of the 2000 Sacred Heart Tigers play-off team earned places on the 2A TAPPS All-State Football Team. The Tigers secured three positions on the first team, four on the second and two players were listed on the honorable mention team.

Senior Keith Felderhoff is a double first team member, earning a place on both offense and defense in the backfield.

Senior lineman Jeff Hartman also made the first team as an offensive lineman.

Lineman Kenny Grewing, also a senior, was named to the second All-State offensive team.

Earning a place on the defensive team were linemen Jeff Hartman and Johnny Yosten, both senior members of the Tiger team. Sophomore

Thomas Whitecotton made second team linebacker.

On the Honorable Mention defensive team were lineman Travis Fuhrmann, a junior, and secondary Michael Voth, a sophomore.

The 2000 Tigers earned a place in the TAPPS State play-offs as the second place team in district 2AA. After winning the first round, the Tigers were defeated in the final four.

Lorena Taylor reflects on early school days

After the Mass on Thursday, Dec. 7 celebrating the 75th anniversary of Sacred Heart School's red brick elementary building, Lorena Taylor addressed those present. She shared some of her memories of what school was like when classes were first held in the new red brick school. She started first grade in 1927, two years after the opening of the new school. Some of those memories follow.

"There was no kindergarten nor pre school in those days. In our first grade class there were 72 of us. This was just after oil was first discovered around Muenster so we also has a dozen or more "outsiders", you might say, in that class. That was the largest class ever at Sacred Heart. Can you imagine one teacher managing 72 noisy, restless little ones by herself? We sat two to a desk and shared books.

"All our days began with Mass - a silent Mass said in Latin. We did not answer prayers or do any singing. Since the church laws required fast from all food and drink from midnight to receive Holy Communion, few of us received the Eucharist daily. If we did receive then when we returned to our classroom we quietly sat at our desk and ate a sandwich and called it breakfast. For a few years some mothers would serve hot chocolate and donuts in the basement on first Fridays so we could all receive that day.

"Those older than I remember when the school was under construction during recess they would carry bricks to the brick layers wherever they were working. And when the school opened they carried wood for the furnace from a wood pile somewhere out back. Also there was a horse barn near where the present preschool is now to stable the horses for those who drove a buggy to school. Those who had buggies had it better than those who walked to school - sometimes as much as five miles or more in the cold and maybe rain. The Sisters were good about letting them stand near to the radiators to warm up and dry off if they needed to.

"The boys especially remembered tending to the Sisters' chickens and cleaning out the chicken coops and the barn. And since there was no school maintenance men at that time the girls helped the teachers tidy up the classrooms each day after school and on Friday helped to do a thorough cleaning.

"We had a 15 minute recess each morning and an hour off at noon. Those who lived in town went home for a warm dinner while the rest of us ate our cold lunches we brought to school in buckets or paper sacks. We ate at long tables in the basement - at that time it was one large room with no dividing walls. After lunch we played the usual kids games



outside as there was no gym in those days. If the weather was too bad we'd go back to our classrooms and our teachers would read stories to us or pass out a few crayons to each of us so we could color. I wonder when those dear, overworked Sisters got to eat their own lunches.

"We had daily homework, but we didn't have work books like you do today. Instead each teacher would make up her own classwork and homework and write it on the blackboard. We'd copy it all on sheets of paper and then fold them and put them inside of one of the books we took home.

"School uniforms came into use about 1957 or '58. Before that we wore whatever clothes we had.

"From Muenster and Sacred Heart we've had many, many very successful farmers, ranchers, and dairymen in our rural area. There were also a bishop, an abbot, many priests, sisters, and brothers, deacons, doctors, nurses, lawyers, businessmen and women, teachers, CEOs of large companies, pilots, flight attendants, and last, but not least many military men and women. Most had their basic education here in our excellent schools."

At left, Sacred Heart School celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the elementary building last week. Father John Ohner O.S.A. re-blessed the building after a special mass Thursday morning. Photo by Janie Hartman

TXU is prepared for customers' needs this winter

Customers in the Muenster area can curl up in their warm homes this winter knowing that TXU Electric and Gas is prepared to supply its customers' gas and electric needs during this cold-weather season announced Terry Tombaugh, manager.

The company begins preparations in the fall to be ready for winter. Power plants,

coal mines, gas pipelines, and other gas and electric facilities have been readied with protective measures to operate under freezing conditions. In addition, some power has been purchased to ensure there is a full supply to meet customers' needs. As is always the case, ice accumulation, wind and abrupt storms could result in isolated power outages throughout the season.



Leading the procession into church before the 75th anniversary celebration of the Sacred Heart Elementary building were banner and flag carriers, from left, Johnny Yosten, Kenneth Grewing, (hidden-Michael Miller and Jeff Hartman), Nicholas Taylor; front: Gordan Smith and Jon Pels
Photo by Janie Hartman

Dollar family endows scholarship at NCTC

Thanks to Bill and Carol Dollar of Wichita Falls, students will have another opportunity to continue their education on scholarship after the family gave NCTC a generous donation, announced Debbie Pounds, executive director of the NCTC Foundation.

"A lot of students will be able to go to school for years to come because of this family," said Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, president of North Central Texas College. "I just can't express how important it is to have corporate partners such as the Dollars who care about the education of students."

The Dollar family has owned Texhoma Web Offset Printing in Gainesville for 17 years. Carol Dollar said this endowment will be used to award students who have shown they are ambitious, hard working and looking to improve themselves through education.

Carol Dollar said she hopes the scholarship, which will provide \$250 per semester to a qualified student, will be used by students who want to go to college, but may not have opportunities because of financial reasons or can't get other academic based scholarships.

"It is our vision that this scholarship will help all students, not just those who are at the top of their class academically so that they may

have the same opportunities to get an education and find better jobs in the market place," she said.

She said North Central Texas College was a natural choice when the family decided to donate a scholarship.

"I think it's a real good starter school to show people who think college is out of their reach, that it is a reality," she said. "I think the people in Gainesville and Cooke County are very fortunate to have a college right in their own backyards that can help increase the talent pool in today's business world."

Mrs. Dollar said it was because of her mother, Lois Whitson, that she decided to donate a scholarship. Mrs. Whitson is a former member of the NCTC Foundation Board.

"We're hoping by doing this that we will help put some good employees into the job

market and maybe some of them will eventually open their own businesses in Gainesville and give back to the community as well," said Lee Dollar, Carol and Bill Dollar's son who helps run the family-owned business.

Billy Ray Dollar, another of the Dollar sons, added "We're proud to be able to do this for NCTC. We want to support the college because we are proud of it and what's going on there."

Criteria for the Dollar Family Scholarship indicates that the student must be from Cooke, Denton, or Montague county with a minimum 2.0 grade point average and be enrolled in at least six college hours.

For more information about the NCTC Foundation, contact Debbie Pounds, executive director of the foundation at 940-668-4305.

The Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous contributions and support which helped make our Oktoberfest auction a success.

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technology training to upgrade and refurbish used donated computers to provide home access to technology.

Cake and punch refreshments will be provided and a door prize drawing is slated for 11:20 a.m. Winners must be present to collect prizes. For more information, contact Donna King, program manager, at 940-668-7731 ext. 405.



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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR						
<p>Sunday, December 17, 2000 K of C Children's Christmas Party, 7 pm w/Santa</p>	<p>Monday, December 18, 2000 In Lieu of Christmas Card deadline</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 19, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center SHS Elementary Christmas Program MMH Board meeting, 7 PM</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 20, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NO Religious Ed. Class</p>	<p>Thursday, December 21, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM Blood Drive, KC Hall, 12-8PM</p>	<p>Friday, December 22, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM</p>	<p>Saturday, December 23, 2000</p>
<p>Sunday, December 24, 2000</p>	<p>Monday, December 25, 2000 Christmas Day</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 26, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 27, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NO Religious Ed. Class</p>	<p>Thursday, December 28, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM</p>	<p>Friday, December 29, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM</p>	<p>Saturday, December 30, 2000</p>

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Obituaries

Albert G. Lippe 1919 - 2000

Albert G. Lippe of Muenster died on Dec. 7, 2000 in Muenster Memorial Hospital at age 81.

He was born on Dec. 3, 1919 in Priddy, Texas in Mills County to William and Emma Lammert Lippe. On June 5, 1948 he married Dolores Lange in Miles, Texas. With his family, he had moved to Tom Green County in 1929, and graduated from Miles High School. A veteran of W.W.II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the China, Burma, India Theatre, spending three years in China. He attained the rank of Master Sergeant and was a Crew Chief. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Joining Lone Star Gas Company in Ballinger, he was employed there for many years, and also joined the Lions Club. He was later transferred to Muenster in 1969. Before moving to Muenster he had coached Little League and Pony League baseball. In Muenster he was a member of VFW Post #6205. He had received his pilot's license after discharge from the Service. He was an active, outdoorsman, an avid hunter and fisherman before his illness. He enjoyed music and singing. He was honored by the Muenster Knights of

Columbus in 1973, when they presented him with the "Good Neighbor Award."

Survivors are his wife, Dolores Lippe of Muenster; three sons and daughters-in-law Dr. Michael and Barbara Lippe of Dripping Springs, Frederick and Judy Lippe of Wylie, and Mark and Nancie Lippe of Muenster. There are ten grandchildren. Also four brothers, Herbert Lippe of Lubbock, Paul Lippe of Buchanan Dam, William Lippe of Brownwood, and Richard Lippe of Wichita Falls; and numerous friends.

A Resurrection Victory Funeral Service was held in Faith Lutheran Church of Gainesville, officiated by Pastor Scot Sundbye. Organist was Pat Courter. Sacred hymns included "How Great Thou Art," "Be Still My Soul," "Draw Us To Thee," and "Lift High the Cross."

Burial in Fairview Cemetery was conducted by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were David Lippe, David Ocker, Paul Lippe, Les Wright, Curtis Hesse, and Dr. Isaac Lippe.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to Faith Lutheran Church of Gainesville.

Nora Gartrell 1912 - 2000

Nora Agatha (Justice) Gartrell, age 88, of Nocona, died in Nocona Nursing Home on Dec. 7, 2000 at 1:30 a.m. Graveside services were held on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Ward Branch Cemetery in Glen Rose, Texas, directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1912 in Hollis, Oklahoma to Pleasant Justice and Beulah

J.R. (Joe) Dangelmayr dies at 100

J.R. (Joe) Dangelmayr died on Dec. 12, 2000 at 7:45 a.m. at his residence near Muenster, at age 100. Mass of Christian Burial was set for Thursday, Dec. 14 in Sacred Heart Church. The obituary, photo, liturgy, and other information will be printed in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

Vaughn Justice. In 1936 she married Norman Ben Gartrell in Glen Rose. She was a cafe owner and cook and lived in Forestburg about 25 years before moving to Nocona and living there for the past six years. Quilting, crocheting, and cooking were her special enjoyment, and she was deeply devoted to her family.

Survivors are a daughter, Bobbie White of Forestburg, and a step-son, Winton Gartrell of Walnut Springs, Texas. Also 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her husband, Norman Gartrell, her parents, one step-daughter Wanda Phillips; two step-sons Earl Gartrell and Floyd Gartrell; and one grandson, Ricky White.

Investigation confirms: work-at-home offers "too good to be true"

A year-long study of 112 work-at-home offers by Operation Job Fraud, a task force of 15 Better Business Bureau (BBB) professionals from around the country in cooperation with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, confirms that these offers are indeed "too good to be true."

Work-at-home schemes are advertised in newspapers and magazines, in flyers, on the Internet, and on neighborhood signs. Promising high pay for easy work like addressing or stuffing envelopes, assembling items, medical billing, and so on, the schemers ask for up-front fees from about \$20 to \$40 up to hundreds of dollars.

"Work-at-home schemes often target those who can least afford to lose money," said Jay Newman, President, BBB serving Dallas and Northeast Texas. "Students, stay-at-home mothers, disabled people, and the elderly are always hopeful that they can earn money at home. The BBB investigation found absolutely no evidence of people making the earnings promised." Instead, after

paying the advance fees, consumers receive either nothing at all, or information that encourages involvement in an illegal scheme, or supplies to assemble products that are virtually impossible to complete.

How does one find work at home? The opportunities to be employed by a company and actually do the work at home are extremely limited. To look for such employment, check with your state's employment office (in Texas, the Texas Workforce Commission), read Help Wanted ads, and check with businesses that may have work you could do at home. Avoid offers for high pay for easy work at home where you must pay a fee in advance. If a company is hiring you, they pay you - you don't pay them.

The BBB has a free pamphlet, "Tips on Work at Home Schemes," available online at www.dallas.bbb.org. To receive the pamphlet by mail, send a written request with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Better Business Bureau, 1600 Pacific Ave., Suite 2800, Dallas, TX 75201.

Home Hospice Cooke County issues invitation to Open House

Home Hospice Cooke County is celebrating the Christmas season and would like to thank all who have helped us in any way this year as we cared for our patients with terminal illness. To show our gratitude, the Home Hospice staff issues an invitation to attend our Open House on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Home Hospice office at 1001 E. Broadway in Gainesville.

We are very proud of our office, thanks to the efforts of our Hospice Auxiliary, and would like to show it off. The Auxiliary, with proceeds from their membership dues, has had our office painted, replaced the carpeting and added a beautiful new sign out front! So, please, come share in the holiday season with us. Refreshments will be served. Stop by and meet the staff as we pay tribute to our wonderful volunteers and Auxiliary members.

Our nonprofit hospice program in Cooke County continues to grow each year. Demand for our services multiplies even greater than the patient census because of Home Hospice's bereavement program. Caring commitment and support from the community is essential in assuring that all who come to us in need will be welcomed and given the best of care, regardless of their ability to pay.

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Exhaustion	Never	Early and Prominent
Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest Discomfort/Cough	Mild-Moderate Hacking Cough	Common Can be severe
Complications	Sinus congestion or earache	Bronchitis, pneumonia can be life-threatening

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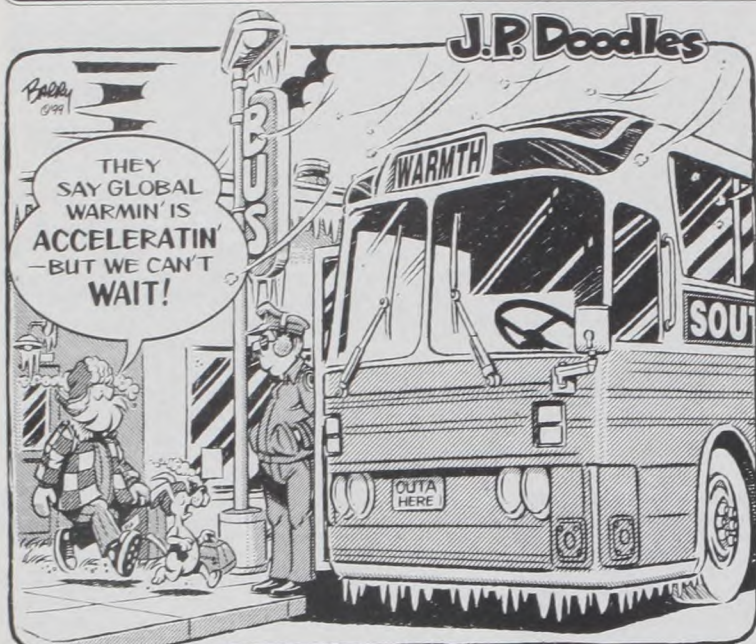
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Opinion/Editorial



Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Fette,
The controversy on voting in Florida is ridiculous. Count, recount and recount until Al receives the most votes. If the people can't read the ballots, how do they know anything about the candidate? Maybe there should be a picture of the candidate on the ballot and they could vote by putting an X under the picture of their choice. Oklahoma is often criticized for being backward or behind times. Yet we haven't a problem with our voting procedures. I think we are far ahead of a lot of other states with our voting mechanism.

I feel in order to have a fair election, all ballots should be turned in at a certain time across the entire nation, and all absentee ballots included. This would eliminate the media in predicting the outcome before a final count. Voting machines should be uniform in each state and written ballots no longer used. A one time recount by machine only. The way it is being done in Florida reminds me of the way it is done in Russia and Iraq. If I make an error on my ballot I just chalk it up and suffer the consequences.

It appears everything across the nation has come to a standstill during the recounts and court hearings. Even the president is put in the background. All you see on the tube, is why there should be another recount. When the soaps are on, they break in with what is supposed to be an important news break. What news? We hear it every time we turn on the TV. Anyway, my TV is getting a rest. Wake up America, it's time to live up to our reputation and modernize.

William J. (Bill) Hess
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Dear Hornet Fans,
I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you to another basketball season at Muenster ISD. I ask you as a spectator to consider the time and effort the team, coaches, and athletes have put forth to prepare for each contest. These young athletes are amateurs and will make many mistakes. Each game and workout becomes a learning experience for him or her.

It is imperative as parents, community members, and spectators that we cheer these young men and women, but do not, through any of our actions, cause them to doubt the value of athletics. The coaches are there to instruct and correct mistakes when they occur and they need your support. Through your support, allow these young athletes to feel pride in their teammates, coaches, community, and school. Every one pulling together to support our youth in a positive manner will benefit the entire program.

I also ask that fans show courtesy, not only for our

team, but also for the other team, cheerleaders, band, students, opposing fans, and officials. As adults, we must demonstrate the kind of respect for the officials that we would extend to any dedicated person in a position of responsibility. These officials work because of their dedication to the game and our young people, not for the pay.

At Muenster ISD our athletes are taught to respect their teammates, coaches, officials, and their opponents. Through developing self-discipline these athletes are able to do this regardless of whether the game is won or lost. This is one of the important lessons, which will help them to become a mature citizen.

I encourage you to come and support our young athletes, their teammates, and teams.

Go Hornets and Lady Hornets!

Gordon Martin
Athletic Director, MISD
Muenster, TX 76252

FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

by Ed Cler

Here it is well into December, and Christmas is almost upon us. There are cards to ready and send, notes to write, and decorations to be arranged.

For the last two weeks lights and nativity scenes, and other decor have popped up everywhere, and one can't help but be drawn into the feeling that a very special time will soon be with us.

Many are looking forward to seeing children and friends

that are seldom present and will be here to be enjoyed.

Big meals, rich desserts, lots of sweets will play havoc with intentions to lose a few pounds.

Oh, well, 2001 will be a new year to try and trim up again.

We have heard much about the new millennium that will soon be upon us. Well, the year 2000 will soon be ended and the first year of the next 1000, 2001, will be ours.

What we do with it will be

up to us. The world will keep on turning and some of us will survive, and some will not, so it may be a good time to put our house in order, be prepared for any eventuality.

Who knows, perhaps we will know by then who our next president will be. I just hope that my choice will prevail and perhaps a few of our rights will be returned to us, family values will again mean something, and the White House can again be a source of pride to all of us.

Austin Update

Open Container Law Filed For the 77th Session

The Texas Legislature is moving forward to the 77th Legislative Session which convenes on January 9, 2001. Monday, November 13 was the first day to pre-file legislation for the 77th Session. During the first four days of pre-filing, over 300 House and Senate bills, joint resolutions, and concurrent resolutions were filed.

Senate Bill 89, filed by Senator Jane Nelson of Flower Mound, is an open container law that, if passed, is supposed to bring Texas into compliance with federal law and enable Texas to tap millions more in highway construction money. In the last Session a similar bill was "tagged" in the Senate, which means that a Senator put a 24 hour hold on the bill, but since it was the last committee hearing, time ran out before the bill could go before the Senate for vote. To help her bill get a chance to be heard and voted on by this Legislature, Senator Nelson filed two "sub-bills" (SB 90 and SB 91), each containing half of the text of Senate Bill 89. According to Senator Nelson, this backup plan helps protect Senate Bill 89, making it easier to get through the legislative process and become enacted.

The bill, if passed by the Legislature, would make it a criminal offense to have an open container of alcohol in a car located on a public highway. It would be a Class C misdemeanor if an occupant of a motor vehicle consumed or possessed in the passenger area of the vehicle a container of an alcoholic beverage that had been opened, had a broken seal or was partially full. This includes motor vehicles that are on the highway, as well as off the public highway in rest areas, picnic areas, scenic overlooks or comfort stations. If a person transports alcoholic beverages, the beverages should be in the trunk or rear area of a sport utility vehicle or van where they could not be accessed while driving.

Supporters of the bill say that this bill would help save lives on Texas roadways, get tough with drunk drivers and avoid a shift of federal highway dollars. Current law requires that a law enforcement officer actually see a driver drinking before an offense has occurred.

Opponents say that Texas already has strict laws that prohibit persons from driving while intoxicated and to punish severely those who do. It would go too far to allow officers to ticket or arrest a passenger in a vehicle merely for possessing an open container of alcohol when the focus should be on whether the driver is impaired by the consumption of this alcohol, opponents say.

I would be interested in your opinion on the proposed open container law. Please write my Capitol office at P. O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768.

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Bill introduced to require all public schools a time line for classes

Responding to the call of Texas families, teachers, and students fed up with a school year that starts earlier and earlier every August, Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D-Brownsville) has filed legislation that will set parameters for when the school year may start and end.

After much deliberation, and after hearing from

hundreds of parents and teachers from throughout the state, I have developed this proposal," said Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. "This allows local control for school districts and allows all districts to choose the calendar best suited for their students."

The bill requires all public schools to begin school no earlier than Aug. 21 and

requires the last day of school to be no later than June 7.

"It is time to take local school district politics out of the equation and return our focus and energy to the education of children."

For more information regarding the negative impact of the early school start date contact Texans for a Traditional School Year toll-free at 877-531-9011.

Dear Editor,

A big thank you to those dedicated individuals responsible for the 75th anniversary celebration of the Sacred Heart Elementary School Building. The special liturgy on Thursday morning was most beautiful in every way, and Lorena Taylor's reminiscences were delightfully entertaining--oh, to be blessed with such a memory! And the open house with its wonderful displays was especially enjoyable.

The entire event was such a poignant reminder of the great pride we can take in and the eternal thankfulness we can have for our ancestors and their tremendous faith, hard work, sacrifices, and generosity. Truly they were heroes of faith--nothing was more important to them than practicing their faith and passing it on to their children, and nothing was too great a sacrifice for the Lord. How grateful we can be that they adhered to Fr. Frowin's maxim, "Nothing great is accomplished without sacrifice. And sacrifice for God brings down God's blessing, be it on an individual or on a community." Indeed, this community has been blessed through many generations.

So thank you once again to those who helped us stop and remember and reappreciate the symbol of and tribute to the remarkable heritage and gift that is ours. Seventy-five years from now may our descendants say the same. For God knows, the reasons that our forefathers founded this community and school are even more important and needed in our society today. Hopefully they will look down upon us with pride and joy.

Sincerely,
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Lifestyle



Muenster VFW Auxiliary's Children's Christmas party. Courtesy photo

Regina Wolf honored at 90th birthday celebration

Surrounded by family and friends, Regina Wolf observed a major milestone in her life when she celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday, Nov. 25 with a gala reception. Some 150 guests joined her children, their spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchild who hosted the celebration at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Muenster.

Regina's family in attendance were Mitchel Wolf from Houston; Roger and Carole Wolf, their son Bart, daughter Melissa with her husband Rudy Seidl and great-grandson Braden, son Scott and daughter Kimberly, all of Tampa, Florida; Lou Rena and Christopher Hammond with son Stephen of New York City; Charlotte and Carl Jones with

daughter Marie Barron of Winder, Georgia, and son Mike Barron of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Charlotte welcomed the guests and extended thanks to Ginny Schneider for the wonderful food, and Dan and Fay Hamric for their coordination of the occasion.

Entertainment was provided by the Gainesville Swing Orchestra. The birthday cake, made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, was cut by the birthday honoree.

Photographs from the past depicting various stages of Regina and her family were on display along with the Yellow Rose of Texas Award honoring Regina from Texas Governor George Bush, as well as a special award from State Representative Phil King. Also

sending congratulations were President Bill Clinton and Mrs. Clinton.

Regina Wolf was born in Muenster on Dec. 12, 1910, the third child of Ignatius and Dina Trachta Schoech. She married Lou Wolf in 1932 and has lived all of her life in Muenster. Joining the celebration were her three sisters: Elinor Wiesman and Margaret Cler of Muenster and Harriet Yosten of Fort Worth, accompanied by her daughter, Judy Yosten Vetter.

Special guests included Ray and Lynn Vaughn from Winder, Georgia and out-of-town guests from Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Decatur and McAllen, Texas as well as many local relatives and friends.

New Arrivals

Green

John and Rhonda Green of Muenster announce joyfully the birth of a daughter, Brittany Ann Green on Dec. 4, 2000 at 11:39 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 5 oz. and measuring 20 1/4 inches in length, in Muenster Memorial Hospital. Brittany Ann joins three brothers, Johnny age 11, Michael age 10, and Christopher age 6. Their grandparents are James and Nita Fleitman and Marvin and Minnie Green.

Doughty

Chris and Kelly Doughty of Gainesville are parents of a son, Taylor Allen Doughty, their first child, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 6, 2000 at 3:06 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 15.5 oz. and measuring 19 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Linda Louise Dederick of Gainesville and Terry and Kenneth Doughty of Valley View.

Porter

Travis and Heather Porter of Nocona announce the birth of a daughter, Klaudia Hope Porter in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 4, 2000 at 3:57 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 8 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. She joins a brother Gage Michael Porter, age 2, at home. Grandparents are Steve and Nelda Howard and Danny and Mary Porter all of Nocona.

Edwards

Jimmy and Christi Edwards of Nocona announce the birth of their first child, a son, Justin Lee Edwards, in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 7, 2000 at 12:39 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 4 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Jim and Patsy Edwards of Nocona and Skip and Gloria Pittman of Denton.

Roof

Anthony and JoAnn Roof of Nocona are parents of a son, Shane Patrick Roof, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 5, 2000 at 4:29 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 20 1/4 inches long. He joins a brother Anthony C. Roof age 1 and a sister Alley L. Roof at home. Grandparents are Jim and Mary Roof and Jim and Stella Grandfield all of Nocona.

Health Tips

Guard your family from burns

A serious burn can happen in a matter of seconds. "Candles have become much more popular recently, and we're seeing bad injuries as a result," said Dr. Gary Purdue, professor of surgery and a burn specialist. "One brush of your clothing over a candle, and your entire outfit can catch on fire."

The best advice is not to have burning candles in your home, he said.

Burn injuries can also happen around fireplaces and in the kitchen. Keep a screen around your fireplace, and use appropriate accelerates like paper or wood, never gasoline.

"Most children's burn occur in the kitchen, and most are preventable," Purdue said. "I know it's hard, but keep children out of the kitchen when cooking. A burn is very painful, and it stays with you a lifetime."

Thank You

We feel a deep sense of gratitude, when we think of you, our relatives, neighbors and friends. The family of Olivia Wimmer wishes to say "Thank You."

To Frs. John Ohner, OSA and Sebastian Beshoner, OSB, we say "thank you."

To the Eucharistic and music ministers, the Mass servers and pallbearers, we say "thanks."

For the home and hospital visits, we are grateful.

For the prayers, food and donations we say "thanks."

To the ladies who prepared and served the noon luncheon and to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall, "a big thank you."

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Blood Drive Set for 21st

The Texoma Regional Blood Center is having a blood drive in Muenster Thursday, Dec. 21. Donations can be made at the KC Hall from noon to 8 p.m. The drive is sponsored by Muenster Hospital.



The Golden Schoech Girls - l-r, Harriet Yosten, Margaret Cler, Elinor Wiesman and Regina Wolf.

Live nativity on display in Gainesville

The First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville will be sharing their "gift to the community" again this holiday season. The annual live nativity, presented for over 15 years by the church, will be displayed on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-17 on the east side of the church, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Denton and Church Streets.

For more information, call 665-5153.

Health Tips

Pricey isn't perfect for toys

Selecting the right toys for your children at the holidays could have an impact that reaches far past the New Year.

Pediatric assistant professor Dr. Donna Persaud said that the most expensive toys aren't always the best. "Parents need to be wise, as more expensive and complicated toys are not necessarily more valuable to the child," she said. "Always read age information and requirements for adult supervision to assure that a toy is appropriate to the child's development."

Toys that offer children an opportunity to both play and learn are ideal. Persaud noted that books are always a good choice for children of any age.

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Grief issues addressed by Home Hospice seminar

Home Hospice will be conducting a Grief Support and Guidance Seminar on Jan. 2, 9, 16, and 23. The seminar will be held at the Home Hospice office at 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The sessions will address various topics involved in the grief process. The purpose of the seminar is to assist bereaved persons in dealing with their grief and to find positive ways to cope with this painful experience. Topics addressed in the seminar are: "How do I go on from here?" "Dealing with difficult emotions," "Surviving the holidays and other special days and memorializing," and "Bringing closure to your loss."

Home Hospice also offers support groups for ongoing bereavement care. Bereaved

Parents/Grandparents meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Hospice office. The Caring Hearts Luncheon is held the last Wednesday of the month at noon at the Hospice office. The luncheon is for present caregivers and bereaved families. The Eating Meeting Support Group meets the first Thursday at 5:30 p.m., alternating between The Center and Rohmer's Restaurant in Muenster and The Wooden Spoon in Lindsay.

Anyone who needs assistance is welcome to attend the Grief Support & Guidance Seminar or any of the support groups. There is no charge for any of these services. Please call Home Hospice to register for the seminar at 940-665-9891.

Emily Kay Bayer is two

Emily Kay Bayer, daughter of Weldon and Loren Bayer of Muenster turned two years old on Dec. 2, 2000. A party at their home followed a "Winnie the Pooh" theme, with birthday cake and balloon decorations.

Guests were great-grandmother Edna Klement; grandparents Clinton and Barbara Bayer, James and Karlyn Martin, and Randy Hermes. Also uncles Jared Bayer, Heath Bayer, and Lucas Bayer; and friends Angela, Kristen, and Chelsea Creed; and Carrie Osborn.

Emily's baby-sitter, Vickie Hess had another party for her at the Hess home, with her other playmates, birthday cake, and balloons.



Emily Kay Bayer

KofC host Christmas parties

The Muenster Knights of Columbus will have their annual Christmas parties this weekend. On Saturday, Dec. 16 at 6:00 p.m. they will sing at St. Richard's Villa; return to the KC Hall at 7:00 p.m. for the adults' party with singing and pick up foods. Drawing for the 4-wheeler will follow at 8:00 p.m. Chance tickets for

the 4-wheeler are still available at Fischer's Market until 5:00 p.m. Saturday, or till all 500 tickets are sold, and at the KC Hall prior to drawing.

The children's party at the KC Hall will be on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come, sing, and meet Santa Claus.

Baptism

Hennigan

Morgan Marie Hennigan, infant daughter of James and Angela Hennigan, was baptized on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000. On this special day, Morgan was honored to wear several heirloom keepsakes. Her white gown was worn over 80 years ago by her paternal great-grandfather, Charles Wolf. The baptismal cap used during the ceremony was hand-crocheted by Morgan's maternal great-great-grandmother, Mrs. John Eberhart, who made this cap for her granddaughter Marie Swingle Fette. The white hand-crocheted blanket used during the ceremony was made by Morgan's maternal great-grandmother, Clara Endres. To Mass that morning, Morgan was dressed in a peach crocheted sweater and matching cap made by Sister Carmelita OSB and purchased for Morgan by her paternal grandparents, Donald and Sandra Hennigan. A miraculous medal was a special gift received from Morgan's maternal grandparents, Clinton and Debbie Endres. Morgan also had white lace booties which were worn by her mother on her baptismal day. Following the ceremony, Morgan's godparents Jason and Dianne Endres along with other family members, gathered for dinner at the home of her Grandfather and Grandmother Endres.



Dangelmayrs and Felderhoffs celebrate Feast of St. Nick

This year, St. Nicholas found the relatives of the Dangelmayr/Felderhoff clan gathered in the home of Mrs. A.J. (Girle) Felderhoff of Gainesville, on Saturday, Dec. 2. The home was decorated for Christmas, and a refreshment table held many goodies and punch for all.

The evening began with singing of many Christmas carols, awaiting the arrival of St. Nicholas. Ruth Felderhoff played the organ and Christy Hesse led all in singing. Theresa Mae Walterscheid explained the history of the beautiful staff/crosier of the late Bishop Dangelmayr which is used every year at this celebration. St. Nicholas later posed for pictures with children and families holding the Bishop's staff.

The families of the late Tony and Theresa Dangelmayr Felderhoff and Bertha Fleitman look forward to this celebration started generations ago by Joseph and Theresa Dangelmayr. Four generations of families were present.

A loud rap on the front door announced the arrival of St. Nicholas. The children all gathered around him as he asked them questions, took each child on his lap and asked

them what they wanted for Christmas, the children all prayed for him, remembering the deceased members of the Dangelmayr/Felderhoff families who passed on this great tradition. St. Nicholas then distributed sacks of fruit, candy, etc. to everyone. He had to have help in bringing the 3 large bags of goodies into the house.

The group also sang "Happy Birthday" to Aunt Bertha Fleitman who just celebrated her 90th birthday.

Attending were: Bertha Fleitman, Sara Lester, and Girle Felderhoff of

Gainesville; Charles Felderhoff and children, Celia and Larry of Waco; Carol and Kristen Zimmerer of Denton; Mary, John, Joseph, Michelle, and Matthew Fiala of Hickory Creek; Don, Judy, Daniel, Daryl, and Donald Woodall of Aledo; Kathy, Karl, Melissa, R.J., Nathan, Katy, and Jacob Metzler of Era; Cindy, Terry, Nicholas, and Tera Alford of San Marcos; Alvin and Joanie Hartman, Kristin LeBrosseur, Bobby, Sharlene, Shannon, and Dannah Hartman, Kenny, Rhonda, Courtney and Nolan Hartman.

Also Theresa Mae and

Sylvan Walterscheid, Danny, Nanette and Isaac Walterscheid all of Muenster; Greg, Alexandra, and Hilary Walterscheid of Highland Village; Laurie Walterscheid of Lewisville. Missing the celebration was Eric Walterscheid who was ill and his mother Julie Joe and Ruth Felderhoff; Christy, Bert, Joseph, Rebekah, John Paul, Daniel, and Julian Hesse; Neil, Anne, Matthew, Kaitlin, and Samuel Hesse; Jack, Jenny, Emily, Alyssa, and Amy White; Rose and Benjamin Ganzon of Fort Worth; Mrs. Albert Kubis and Rita Voth Dixon of Lindsay.

Leaving on Sunday, Dec. 3 for their trip to the Christmas shows in Branson, Missouri, were Alvin and Joanie Hartman, Edna Tompkins of Arlington, and Carol Hartman of Killen. They especially enjoyed the Andy Williams and Shoji Tabuchi Christmas Productions.

The following Saturday, the Alvin Hartman family and Sylvan Walterscheid family had their annual Christmas tree hunting party and the great outdoor banquet of grilled hamburgers and smores.

Nylcare pullout to end insurance coverage

It is urgent that those persons who are losing their Nylcare 65 insurance coverage make the necessary arrangements for replacement insurance as soon as possible to avoid losing their guarantee of coverage as of Jan. 1, 2001.

There are many choices available on the Medicare Supplements A, B, C, and F plans and a Private Fee For Service product. If persons are having difficulty in making that choice, the benefits counselor of the local Area Agency on Aging substation is available to help.

There will be a meeting Dec. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pecan Creek Village "SNAP" Center, 1100 Lawrence, Gainesville to cover choices, plans, definitions, costs, coverages, suitability to meet individual needs, potential public benefits which may apply, and a program for low-income citizens through the PHRMA national prescription assistance program. The

PHRMA program offers no cost or low cost 90 day prescriptions medications to low-income persons through their health care professional.

If you need help making the insurance replacement decision, contact Shirley Rector at 668-1858 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday. If you cannot be at the Dec. 15 meeting, you may make a private appointment. "We will not choose your insurer. We will help you understand the choices so that you can make an informed decision and application before you lose your Nylcare 65 coverage," said Shirley Rector. Those planning to attend the Dec. 15 meeting should call 668-1858 to assure adequate seating.

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Voice of Democracy - Frances Bayer, Nicholas Taylor, Kristie Lutkenhaus, and Virgil Hess
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VFW #6205 announces Voice of Democracy post winners

VFW #6205 Commander Virgil Hess and Ladies Auxiliary President Frances Bayer have announced the post winners of the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest. The first place winners advancing to District I level are Muenster ISD Senior student Kristie Lutkenhaus and Sacred Heart Senior Nicholas Taylor. The title of the audio essay was "What Price Freedom." Kristie is the daughter of Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus, and Nicholas is the son of Steve and Doreen Taylor.

During the 54 years of the contest, more than 7 million high school students have participated throughout the nation. All District, State and National winners are awarded

scholarships. All State winners receive at least a \$1,000 National scholarship. A total of \$139,500 in National scholarships are awarded to student national finalists. The major gain for the student who participates is a better understanding of their country, their freedoms, and their obligations to America.

Other local winners were: 2nd place, Muenster ISD Senior Diane Britain, daughter of Alan and Norma Britain, and 3rd place to Pamela Lutkenhaus, Muenster ISD Junior, daughter of Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus.

Teachers assisting the students were Martha Koesler of Muenster ISD and Jo Bedowitz of Sacred Heart. The local chairperson was auxiliary president, Frances Bayer.

School Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Tues. - Stew w/vegetables, cheese sticks, cole slaw, peaches, corn bread, syrup.

Wed. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, bread.

Thurs. and Fri. - No School.

LINDSAY

Mon. - Pork chop, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, pinto beans, pineapple, bread.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, peas and carrots, peaches, bread.

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

Thurs. and Fri. - No School.

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Mon. - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad, sliced pears, sugar cookie.

Tues. - Corn dog, baked beans, tator tots, ice cream.

Wed., Thurs., and Fri. - No School.

Angelic Acappella concert sets the Christmas Season

by Elfreda Fette

A Christmas program of beautiful music held on a Sunday afternoon at 5:00 in Sacred Heart Church was a classic, in the time of day chosen, inspiring in the beauty of the performance by the Angelic Acappella Choir of Sacred Heart High School, fulfilling in enhancement of the spirit of the season.

What more appropriate staging could an audience have witnessed!

Comments from several professional musicians in the audience, their presence unknown to the choir or director, were most complimentary. Some of these included "It set a perfect mood for the season," "We needed that" and "How Beautiful! as the sacred song begins!"

Another person confessed "It awakened a true Christmas spirit in me," and then ruefully she added "I needed that!"

Reflected across the audience were evidences of parental pride, friends' admiration, listeners' delight, and some classmates who said "Wow!"

Members of the Angelic Acappella surprised the audience by entering in a single file from the back of church, singing merrily, in perfect harmony, "Come, Let Us Start A Joyful Song." Grouping together, taking their places on the altar steps, they continued with "Deck the Nutcracker Hall," "Winter Fantasy," "Carol of the Bells," "Good King Wenceslas," all

sung by the full choir. Following that was "Coventry Carol" by the Mayflowers, a trio; then "On Winter's Eve" and "What Do the Stars Do?" by the choir.

A violin solo was presented by Stephanie Whaley, religion teacher at Sacred Heart playing "Reverie" by Debussy, accompanied by Barbara Brady. A men's chorus presented "Resonet in Laudibus." Members of the men's chorus are Don Rohmer and Doug Yosten, bass; Philip Flusche, Dave Fette, and Jack White, tenor.

Guest artists were percussionists Chris Lovejoy, band director at Sanger High School, Jessica Wilson and Chris Hewlett, students at Sanger ISD. Also flutists Rachel Harris and Joyce Miller of Denton, who played "Sheep May Safely Graze."

Katie Cox presented a solo "Agnus Dei" by George Bizet. Elizabeth Fette sang "The Our Father" by Malotte.

"The New Gift of Love," "Breath of Heaven" and "O Holy Night" by the Angelic Acappella set the mood musically for the closing number "Silent Night" by Jacqueline Bartush and the members, as the church lights were dimmed, and the scene lighted only by the soloist's single lighted candle. They finished with "Stille Nacht" in German.

The audience came to their feet, in awe and appreciative applause.

Jerry Eckart honored by Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at November banquet

Jerry Eckart, a computer science teacher at Muenster High School, was one of 107 educators who were honored by former students during the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science's annual teacher appreciation banquet in November.

The Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science is a two-year residential program at the University of North Texas that allows talented

students to complete their freshman and sophomore years of college while earning their high school diplomas. Students enroll in the academy following their sophomore year in high school, live in a UNT residence hall and attend UNT classes with college students.

Eckart was honored by Christopher York, son of C. Ed and Margie York and a first-year student at the academy.



Jerry Eckart and Chris York

Muenster High School National Honor Society sponsors annual Geography Bee

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the Muenster High School National Honor Society will sponsor the 2001 Geography Bee. The competition is open to all students in grades four through eight. To participate, all students interested in contending in the competition must sign up by Friday, Jan. 5 in Room 4 of the Muenster

High School. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Geography Bee. It is highly encouraged that students begin studying Atlases, Globes, and Geography Books. The National Honor Society looks forward to seeing many students participate in this event.

submitted by Grant Hartman

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Sports

Lindsay teams win Red River Shoot-Out

Muenster and Sacred Heart Schools hosted the annual Red River Shoot-out Basketball Tournament last weekend, sponsored by the Muenster Knights of Columbus.

After all 22 games were complete, the Lindsay Lady Knights and the Lindsay Knights took home the championship trophies.

In the girls division, Sacred Heart settled for second place, Notre Dame third, and Nocona the consolation.

The boys team from Turner, Oklahoma finished in second place, Goldberg third, and Prairie Valley took consolation.

Action began Thursday afternoon when the Notre Dame Lady Knights defeated Goldberg, then the Bears won over Notre Dame in boys action. The tournament continued as follows.

Lindsay 62 Nocona 50
The Lady Knights controlled the boards in the first quarter of their opening game, taking a 9 point lead going into the second period and at half-time, gradually increasing their lead to the final 62-50 victory.



Karah O'Dell goes up for the basket, drawing a foul on the Nocona defender. The free throw made this a 3 point play.
Photo by Janie Hartman

Karah O'Dell was high scorer in the contest with 20 points. Amber Selby added 14, and Elaine Hess 12. DeAnn Fuhrmann scored 8, points, Alex Haayen 3, with Katie Schneider and Maggie Luttmir each getting 2, and Jacque Bezner 1.

Kathryn Rhyme led the Lady Indians with 18 points.
L 20 13 14 15 62
N 11 13 12 14 50
Lindsay 62 Prairie Valley 52

Thursday afternoon the Knights advanced into the winners circle with a victory over the Bulldogs. Eight Lindsay players contributed points to the win, led by Nicholas Fuhrmann's 15 points. Brad Minnix added 10 points, Tommy Arendt 8, and 7 apiece from Rhett Rimmer, Jonathan Bengfort, and Mitch Creed. Josh Goldsmith put in 5 points and Chuck Hinds 3.
L 9 20 16 17 62
PV 14 15 13 10 52
Sacred Heart 70 Turner 40

The Tigerettes first game of the tournament hosted the Lady Falcons from Turner, Oklahoma. Sacred Heart took control of the game early. The last 4 minutes of the first half were outstanding," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Andrea Bauer scored 16 points for the Tigerettes, with Courtney Hartman adding 13 and Audrey Barnhill 10. Hartman hit 2 of 3 from the field and 3 of 4 from the 3 point line, "for her best game of her career," added LeBrasseur.

Karen Gehrig put in 9 points with Jana Truobenbach, Raney Bauer, and Jennifer Hoedebeck each adding 6. Mary Jane Callahan and Jayna Biffle got 2 points apiece. Biffle also pulled down 10 rebounds.
SH 24 24 12 10 70
T 12 6 9 13 40

Muenster 39 Forestburg 34

The Lady Hornets squeezed past the Lady Horns in their first competition. Leading Muenster on the score board was Brittany Haverkamp with 10 points. Ashley Hess added 9, Lisa Felderhoff 8, and 4 each from Kristie Lutkenhaus and Melinda Walterscheid. Robyn Hermes and Ashley Klement added 2 points apiece.

High scorers for Forestburg were Kelly Minton with 12 and Alicia Loera 10.
M 11 8 10 10 39
F 10 6 11 7 34
Muenster 82 Forestburg 32

The Hornets began tournament action Thursday night hitting the boards hard with many steals early in the contest. Muenster scored 15 points before the Longhorns got on board.

Nine Hornets put points on the board, four scoring double digits. Brett Howell led all scorers with 18 points. Mitch Endres added 14, Elliot Klement 11, and Greg Johnson 10. Derek Elliott put in 9 points, Chisam Cain 7, Kevin Hermes 5, and 4 apiece by Cody Cory and Blake Garrison.

High scorer for Forestburg was Ronnie Johnson with 11.
M 21 28 18 15 82
F 6 5 6 15 32
Sacred Heart 36 Turner 51

The Tigers were challenged by the team from Oklahoma, taking an early lead and holding on to it until half-time. Sacred Heart scored only 11 points the second half, while allowing the Falcons to get 28 points and take the lead.

Johnny Yosten was the Tigers leading scorer with 12 points. Marty Farrell added 8, Jack Biffle 6, and 5 each by Luke Endres and Chris Smith.

Turner had three players score double digits, led by Erik Horton with 19.
SH 14 11 8 3 36
T 11 12 13 15 51

Friday's action began with the Goldberg girls defeating Turner and Nocona winning over Forestburg 70-43.

The Prairie Valley Bulldogs defeated Forestburg 57-28 in the Hornet gym, while the Tigers tangled with Notre Dame.

Sacred Heart 69 Notre Dame 51

A strong second quarter boosted the Tigers to a second game victory Friday. Sacred Heart hit 17 out of 18 free throws to clinch the win. Marty Farrell dropped in 24 points to be the game's high scorer. Yosten added 16, and Smith 11. Jeff Hartman put in 5 points, Endres 4, Clint Fuhrmann 3, and 2 apiece from Keith Felderhoff, Biffle, and Jared Zimmerer.

SH 15 25 12 17 69
ND 10 13 13 15 51
Sacred Heart 65 Notre Dame 58

Sacred Heart started cold the



Lindsay Knight Nicholas Fuhrmann out jumps Prairie Valley as action began in the Red River Shoot-out game.
Photo by Janie Hartman

first period allowing the Lady Knights to take the lead before coming back the second quarter, outscoring Notre Dame 22-10 for a 6 point half-time lead, a lead the Tigerettes never gave up. "Hoedebeck turned the game in our favor with great 'D,'" noted Coach LeBrasseur.

A Bauer scored 21 points with R. Bauer adding 15. Biffle put in 7 points, pulling down 16 rebounds, Gehrig scored 6, Hartman 5, and Callahan 3. Adding 2 points apiece were Hoedebeck, Truobenbach, Barnhill, and Kristen Zimmerer.
SH 15 22 13 15 65
ND 21 10 11 16 58
Muenster 41 Lindsay 49

In round two action Friday night, the Lady Hornets and Lady Knights had a battle to reach the championship round. Lindsay took the lead in the first quarter, keeping it at half-time. Cold shooting by Muenster in the third quarter



Kristie Lutkenhaus (10) puts pressure on Lady Horn Sarah Minton in Muenster's tournament win over Forestburg.
Janie Hartman photo

gave the Lady Knights a 15 point lead going into the final period, the Lady Hornets closed the gap, but couldn't get the lead.

Freshman Melinda Walterscheid was the game's high scorer with 18 points. Other Muenster players putting points on the board were Hess with 6 and Lippe, K. Lutkenhaus, and Felderhoff with 4 apiece. Hermes hit 3 and Haverkamp 2.

O'Dell was again Lindsay's high scorer with 17 points. Hess added 11 with Bezner and Luttmir each scoring 6. Schneider scored 3, as E. Trammell, Selby and Fuhrmann scored 2 a piece.
M 13 8 4 16 41
L 19 8 13 9 49

Friday evening the Goldberg boys fell to Turner, advancing the Oklahoma team to the championship final.

Muenster 37 Lindsay 52
In second round action the Hornets were challenged by the Knights. Muenster had the lead early, but lost it by half-



Tigerette Andrea Bauer steals an inbound pass, turns and scores two points.
Photo by Janie Hartman

time. The Knights then outscored the Hornets 27-16 the second half to take a 37-52 win.

High scorers for the Hornets were Endres with 13 and Johnson with 10 points. Other Muenster players putting points on the board were Klement and Howell 5 apiece, Garrison 2, and 1 each for Hermes and Cain.

Scoring by the Knights was spread out among eight players. Fuhrmann and Minnix each scored 9, with Rimmer, Bengfort, and Goldsmith getting 8 apiece. Creed added 6, with Arendt and Chris Horner each scoring 2.
M 12 9 7 9 37
L 7 18 11 16 52

Final round action began Saturday at noon with the Lady Indians defeating Goldberg 58-46 for the consolation trophy. Kathryn Rhyme scored 24 points for Nocona.

Lutkenhaus and Lippe 4 apiece, Hermes 3, and 2 each from Felderhoff and A. Walterscheid.
M 18 8 21 13 60
ND 13 18 24 12 67
Muenster 48 Goldberg 57

In third place action, the Hornets had a cold first period and could not catch up on the score board, giving the Bears the trophy.

Endres scored 20 points for Muenster with Howell adding 12 and Klement and Cain 6 apiece. Johnson and Grewing each added 2.

Rusty DeMoss and Josh Tate led the Bears with a combination of 32 points.
M 6 16 15 11 48
G 18 15 8 16 57



Brett Howell steals the ball and scores 2 points. Defensive pressure by Muenster gave the Hornets a quick 8 point lead over Forestburg in less than a minute of play.
Photo by Janie Hartman

Sacred Heart 46 Prairie Valley 57

The Tigers fell to the Dogs Saturday afternoon. After a cold shooting first quarter by Sacred Heart, Prairie Valley took a 17 point lead going into the final period. The Tigers outscored the Dogs in the fourth, but could not take up enough slack for the win.

Endres led the Tigers scoring with 14 points. Farrell added 9 with Yosten and Biffle each scoring 8. Grewing put in 4 and Chris Fuhrmann 3.

Dusty Dunlap put in 24 points for Prairie Valley.
SH 6 11 6 23 46
PV 18 12 10 17 57
Muenster 60 Notre Dame 67

The Lady Hornets battled the Lady Knights from Wichita Falls for third place, but powerful shooting from three Notre Dame girls for 53 points took the win from Muenster.

Hess led the Lady Hornets with 19 points, with Haverkamp and M. Walterscheid each adding 10. Klement scored 6. K.



Marty Farrell grabs a rebound in the Tigers' battle with Turner. Also pictured is Johnny Yosten (40).
Photo by Janie Hartman

Tigerettes also putting points on the board were Barnhill and R. Bauer with 9 each, Truobenbach with 6, and 2 apiece by Biffle and Callahan.
SH 12 16 10 13 51
L 15 14 12 21 63
Lindsay 62 Turner 49

The Lindsay Knights took the Red River Shoot-out championship Saturday night with a victory over the Oklahoma team. A strong fourth quarter iced the champion trophy for the Knights.

Three Knights hit double digit scores, led by Minnix with 18, Bengfort 16, and Rimmer 12. Creed and Arendt scored 6 points apiece, and Goldsmith 4. The Knights were 16 out of 23

from the free throw line.
L 19 10 6 27 62
T 10 7 11 21 49
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Lindsay's Karah O'Dell and Nicholas Fuhrmann were named MVPs of the tournament.

Earning places on the girls team were: Ashley Hess, Muenster; Audrey Barnhill and Andrea Bauer, Sacred Heart; Elaine Hess and Jacque Bezner, Lindsay; Kathryn Rhyme, Nocona; and Danielle Wilhelm, Notre Dame.

All-Tournament honorees in the boys division were: Mitch Endres, Muenster; Jonathan Bengfort and Brad Minnix, Lindsay; Daniel Holland and Gabe Parker, Turner; Rusty DeMoss, Goldberg; and Dusty Dunlap, Prairie Valley.



Brett Howell steals the ball and scores 2 points. Defensive pressure by Muenster gave the Hornets a quick 8 point lead over Forestburg in less than a minute of play.
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Athletic Booster Club Meeting Notice

There will be a meeting of the Muenster ISD Athletic Booster Club on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. It will deal with basketball and all interested parents are encouraged to attend.

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SH begins district play

Sacred Heart basketball began district action last Tuesday night in Dallas, taking on Prestonwood Academy.

The Tigerettes took to the court first, getting an 84-39 district win. "It was good to get that first district win," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "They are a young team like us. We are showing progress!"

Sacred Heart jumped into a quick dominating lead the first quarter before slowing it down.

Andrea Bauer dropped in 21 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and took 7 steals.

Four other girls scored double digit points: Jana Truebenbach hit 7 of 8 for 14 points; Jayna Biffle got 13 points and 10 rebounds; Karen Gehrig added 11; and Audrey Barnhill 10.

Raney Bauer scored 8 points, Mary Jane Callahan 3, and 2 apiece by Kristen Zimmerer and Courtney Hartman.

SH	31	17	18	18	84
P	10	4	11	14	39



2000 Muenster Jaycee's Pass, Punt and Kick winners Courtesy photo

Jaycees announce Punt, Pass & Kick winners

There were 29 competitors in the 2000 Muenster Jaycee Punt, Pass & Kick event held Sunday, Dec. 10 at Muenster Hornet Stadium. Boys and girls competed separately and in various age division.

Winners were announced as follows by division:

8 year old girls - Jacy Steelman, first;

8 year old boys - Jacob Bayer, first; Eric Hellman, second; Kyle Knabe, third;

9 year old girls - Jordanne Hellman, first; Jennifer Luke, second; Tiffany Teafatiller, third;

9 year old boys - Ben Walterscheid, first; Tanner Herr, second; Jared Flusche, third;

10 year old girls - Hillary Swirczynski, first; Samantha Wimmer, second; Noel Barnhill, third;

10 year old boys - Nolan Hartman, first; Matt Flusche, second; Brandon Bindel, third;

11 year old girl - Allison Teafatiller; Rebecca Grewing, second;

11 year old boy - Micah Flusche, first; Collin Walterscheid, second; Colton Steelman, third;

12 year old boys - Jordan Walterscheid, first; Noah Barnhill, second; Dustin Wimmer, third;

13 year old girls - Danielle Bindel, first;

13 year old boys - Chris Steelman, first.

Basketball Action

Lindsay 32 Tom Bean 16
Eight Lindsay junior varsity girls scored points in their big win on Dec. 5. Julie Gieb was high scorer with 10 points. Chelsea Brewer added 8, Katie Carpenter 4, and 2 apiece from Corrie Crosby, Laura English, Whitney Neu, Stephanie English, and Crystal Bumbard.

L	12	8	8	4	32
TB	2	3	7	4	16

Lindsay 39 Howe 26
The Lady Knight Junior Varsity beat the Howe freshmen 40-18, then went on to win game two over the Howe JV last weekend in the Howe tournament. Lori Kasparuk scored 8 points. Alex Hellingor and Brewer each scored 6, Lindsey Williams 5, Gieb and Alex Shauf each scored 3, W. Neu, Amber Wolf, Robin Neu, and Sarah Camp all scored 2 points.

L	8	16	7	8	39
H	11	7	4	4	26

Muenster 7th 22 Era 14
The Muenster seventh grade Stingers got a big win over the Era Critters Monday night. Michael Eckart was high scorer with 6. Malcom Martin added 4, with Jordan Walterscheid and Greg Price each scoring 3. Derek Endres, Dustin Wimmer, and Ryan Hennigan put in 2 points apiece.

M	6	11	2	3	22
E	6	2	1	5	14

Muenster 8th 43 Era 14
The Red Stingers dominated the Gold Bees in a one-sided game. Nine Muenster guys put points on the board, led by John Fredrick and Sean Fuhrmann with 8 points each. Justin Wolf and Chase Cain added 7 points apiece. Russell Endres scored 5 points, while Dustin Felderhoff, Clint Miller, Jeff Walterscheid, and Aaron Walterscheid all got 2.

M	9	10	11	13	43
E	0	2	4	8	14

Hornets fall to Bulldogs

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, Muenster hosted the Prairie Valley Bulldogs. After a close first quarter, the Hornets trailed by 11 at half-time, then allowed the Dogs to take a bigger lead in the third period for a 50-68 loss.

Greg Johnson dropped in 14 points for the Hornets. Mitch Endres added 13, Brett Howell 10, and Elliot Klement 9. Josh Freeman and Chris Grewing each scored 2.

M	12	9	16	13	50
PV	16	16	23	13	68

Knights knock out Tomcats

The Lindsay Knights took a 57-30 victory for the Tom Bean Tomcats last week Tuesday in preparation for the Red River Shoot-out. After a low first quarter of scoring, the Knights gained on the boards with a strong final period finish.

Mitch Creed was the game's high scorer with 13 points. Nicholas Fuhrmann added 12, with Jonathan Bengfort and Brad Minnix scoring 8 points apiece. Tommy Arendt put in 6 points, Rhett Rimmer scored 5, Josh Goldsmith 3, and Chris Horner 2.

L	7	11	19	20	57
TB	4	7	10	9	30

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Comptroller Rylander announces counties qualifying for 2001 tax credits

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently released a list of 224 counties where businesses can apply for hundreds of millions of dollars in state tax breaks next year. "Each year I review the economic health of each county and I am pleased to announce this important, new list of counties eligible for these tax breaks," Comptroller Rylander said. The franchise tax credits include a research credit, a job creation credit, and an investment credit. "All three tax credits are real and businesses large and small will benefit," Comptroller Rylander said. "The total dollar amount of the tax breaks will depend on how many businesses take advantage of this tremendous tax credit program.

"My vision for the 21st Century is paychecks and jobs for Texans; limited government and unlimited opportunity," she said. "These credits fit with my vision for Texas."
Research Credit
The research credit is available to firms that perform qualified research in Texas. It is based on the firm's annual increase in research activities during the prior year. Four percent of qualified research expenses will be credited for tax reports due through the end of 2001. That credit will increase to five percent for tax reports due in 2002 and after.
Job Creation Credit
Companies that create jobs in selected counties may qualify for a job credit equal to 25 percent of the wages paid to

new hires in their first year of employment. To qualify, a corporation must create at least 10 jobs, pay at least 110 percent of the county's average weekly wage, pay health benefits and be engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, computer services or research. The credit is limited to 50 percent of the firm's tax liability in the year that credits are claimed. Unclaimed credits may be carried over for a maximum of five years.
Investment Credit
Corporations that invest at least \$500,000 in machinery and equipment can qualify for a franchise tax credit equal to 7.5 percent of that investment. This credit, too, is limited to 50 percent of the firm's tax liability.

The Strategic Investment Area (SIA) is a collection of counties and sub-county areas where job creation, investment and research activities by businesses can lead to franchise tax credits. The SIA is determined each September by the Comptroller's Office, and the determination is effective for business activity in the following calendar year. Comptroller Rylander determined that of the state's 254 counties, 224 fall wholly or partially in the state SIA for calendar year 2001. Of those counties, 114 qualify for full-purpose SIA designation based on their relative unemployment rate and per-capita income. This includes Fannin County. This designation will permit firms engaged in manufacturing, warehousing,

wholesale distribution, computer services or research to apply for job creation and investment credits, as well as the research credit bonus. Another group of 106 counties qualify only for the limited-purpose SIA designation based on their population. Corporations engaged in agricultural processing in these counties can apply for the job creation and investment credits. Cooke, Montague, and Wise counties are in this group listing.

Health Tips
Be aware of holiday fire danger
Live Christmas trees can pose a serious fire threat. Keep trees well-watered and away from heat sources to prevent a fire. Even artificial trees can be dangerous. "Children and pets are at most risk around a Christmas tree," notes Dr. Ronald Charles. "The tree can be easily knocked over, and the ornaments can break and cause injury, too." Charles suggests keeping your home clear of potential hazards like discarded gift wraps or toys. Don't overload wall sockets or extension cords, turn off indoor electric decorations when you leave home and always have a working fire extinguisher in the house. Also keep a close eye on the little one in your home.

Farm & Ranch

Pesticide applicators have more options for obtaining continuing education grants

Pesticide applicators have more options than ever to earn the continuing education units (CEUs) necessary to renew their license. Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and noncommercial applicators, face a Feb. 28, 2001 renewal date. Private certificate holders face a Dec. 31, 2000 deadline.

The Texas Integrated Pest Management Foundation has become the second company to offer credits over the Internet. Applicators can check out the site (www.tipmf.org) or call 512-836-5221.

Pestnetwork.com (512-288-8288) has been offering courses over the Internet for about a year.

TDA and other government and private groups offer traditional classroom courses. Applicators can also obtain some credits at home through self-study options. Applicators can obtain a list of approved courses or other information on CEU courses by calling 1-800-TELL-TDA or 512-463-7622 or by logging on to TDA's website (www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceuhome.htm).

All private applicators may earn the required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. This test costs \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

Private applicators must renew their license every five

years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations.

Licensed private applicators cannot retake the private applicator training course and test to renew their license in place of getting the CEUs. A license must have been expired for a year before an applicator can retake the private applicator training test.

Commercial and noncommercial applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of two of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization.

Applicators should be sure TDA has their correct address to avoid a delay in receiving their renewal on time and keeping their license current. Call 1-800-TELL-TDA or e-mail changes@rivera@agr.state.tx.us.



Tuesday's ice storm also left icicles hanging on the livestock. Photo by Janie Hartman

Grazing after fire

After the past years drought, numerous grass fires around the area should cause landowners to change their grazing management at burn sites.

Fires can create problems, which take two years to fix. Bare soil may allow water and soil erosion, and allow half of the soil moisture to evaporate weekly. Bare soil also allows rain drops to seal the soil's surface through puddling and reduce infiltration rate into the soil.

To maximize recovery of vegetation after a fire, management of proper grazing is needed. Cattle should be removed immediately, as they will graze new growth, not allowing recovery. Stocking rates should match the rate of vegetation growth, which would depend on the moisture the area has received.

SWCD sponsors tree and seed programs

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is sponsoring its annual seedling tree program for area land users. The purpose of the program is to encourage the planting of trees for conservation and wildlife benefits.

Hardwood and conifer trees are available. Adapted hardwood species include Red oak, Green ash, Sand plum, Russian olive and Aromatic and Flameleaf sumac. Conifers available include Afghanistan pine, Austrian pine, Arizona cypress and Red cedar. Wildlife packets are also available to enhance wildlife habitat and provide food for quail, deer, turkey, and squirrels.

The cost of the seedlings is \$25.00 for a bundle of 50

hardwoods or \$48.00 for 100 and \$1.75 to \$2.50 per tree for the conifers. The wildlife packets are \$48.00 for 100 trees.

In addition to the trees, the district also sells grass and wildflower seed.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly the Soil Conservation Service, is the technical agency that assists the Upper Elm-Red SWCD in carrying out its programs. For information on the tree program or the seed program, contact the SWCD or the NRCS in Gainesville at 940-668-7794 ext. 3.

Grading feeder cattle

To better reflect the current supply of feeder cattle, the USDA recently revised the standards for feeder cattle grades.

steers
Small-framed steers reach USDA choice quality grade at less than 1,100 pounds, medium-framed steers at 1,100 to 1,250 pounds and large-framed steers greater than 1,250 pounds.

heifers
Small-framed heifers reach grade at less than 1,000, medium-framed at 1,000 to 1,150 and large, greater than 1,150 pounds. The largest adjustment is for feeder heifers.

Tips for electric fences

Used properly, high tensile, smooth wire electric fencing works effectively. When building a fence, avoid making it too close to existing fences. Place fence post around 80 to 100 feet apart on flat land. The fewer posts, the more elasticity the wire has if an animal runs into it.

Always choose a charger with adequate energy, around one joule of energizer output for every mile of fence. Choose the right size of wire for the length of your fence. Never attempt to energize barbed wire, it's un-efficient and dangerous to the livestock.

Good udder means good mother (cow)

Once a calf is born the mother cow must provide all of the newborn's nourishment. Without a well-functioning udder, cattlemen will lose money.

Plenty of milk does not always allow good udder conditions. Teats must function correctly. If a cow's udder is not performing, producers need to cull that cow and since it is heritable, replacement heifers out of cow with udder problems should not be kept.

Udder and teat quality should be well balanced with good fore-udder attachment and a level udder floor. Teats about the length of two finger joints and as wide as a ring finger fall within acceptable ranges.

having a low nutritive value. Forcing cattle to eat damaged hay will decrease production efficiency.

Stacking plastic wrap bales

Better quality round bale silage can result in stacking plastic-wrapped bales on end.

Rain seeping through the wrap is the most common problem resulting in poor quality feed.

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Guaranteed return
A building used to store hay is one of the few facilities on the farm that will pay for itself. It's hard to justify not having some form of storage, according to Larry Redmon, Texas A&M Extension forage specialist.

Redmon noted it cost \$30 - \$50 to harvest a 1,000 pound bale of Bermuda grass. Half of the dry matter can be lost to weathering and waste.

Cash rent
The most expensive cash rent agricultural ground is found in California, averaging \$300 per acre for irrigated ground.

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Hay rings

Hay rings keep cattle from trampling good feed into the ground. If you unroll the bale, feed only enough hay that will be eaten in one day.

Feeding in Mud

Walking through mud burns the cattle's energy quickly, decreasing performance and body condition. Avoid continuously feeding in the same place.

Reduce calf stress

USDA research shows that castration prior to weaning can reduce stress on calves. Surgically castrated calves recuperate healthier than those castrated by banding.

Pricing silage

Here's a formula for pricing grain silage. Multiply the price of grain per bushel by 10 to get a silage price per ton. The only problem is that this formula doesn't reflect the nutritional value of the silage and growers could under value the crop in years when grain prices are low.

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Decorated Christmas Box with 1 1/3 LB. of Fischer's Summer and 1 LB. each of Smoked Jack & Smoked Cheddar

MILD Cheddar Cheese **\$1.79** LB.
SLICED **\$1.99** LB.
MARKET SLICED Boiled Ham **\$1.79** LB.

Garden Fresh Produce

FRESH Navel Oranges
3 \$ 1 LBS.

Red Apples
WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY PREMIUM
2 \$ 1 LBS.

Bananas
GOLDEN RIPE
3 \$ 1 LBS.

BAKING Potatoes..... 3 LBS.	\$1.00	MINI PEELED Carrots..... 1 LB. BAG	99¢
FRESH Broccoli..... LB.	89¢	CRISP STALK Celery..... 2 FOR	\$1.00
DOLE CLASSIC Iceberg Salad..... 16 OZ.	99¢	SMALL NEW RED Potatoes..... LB.	69¢
FRESH Green Beans..... LB.	\$1.29	JUICY Pears..... LB.	69¢
CRISP Green Onions... 3 BUNCHES	\$1.00	SWEET Potatoes..... 2 LBS.	\$1.00
MEDIUM / LARGE Yellow Onions..... 3 LBS.	\$1.00	JUICY Tangelos..... LB.	69¢

Frozen & Dairy

The Champ!
6 CT.
\$3.49

ASSORTED BLUE BUNNY Ice Cream or Yogurt
1/2 GAL. RND.
2 FOR \$6

Parkay Margarine
16 OZ. REG. OR LF QUARTERS TUB OR SQUEEZE OR 2 CT. 8 OZ. TUBS
99¢

3 PK. FLEISCHMANN'S REG. OR RAPID RISE Dry Yeast..... EA.	\$1.39
2 PK. 9 INCH SHURFINE Pie Crusts..... EA.	\$1.29
8-13.9 OZ. SHURFINE BREADSTICKS OR SELECT GROUP Rolls..... EA.	\$1.19
PRICES REG. OR LITE Pimento Cheese Spread...13-14 OZ.	\$2.39
14 OZ. LONGHORN HALFMOON MILD CHEDDAR OR COLBY Kraft Cheese..... EA.	\$2.99
8 OZ. SHURFINE REG. OR LESS FAT Cream Cheese..... EA.	99¢



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