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Gala marks Grand Opening of Klement Ford of Muenster

by Janet Felderhoff

Last Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, were days of celebration for Klement Ford of Muenster. A grand opening and official ribbon cutting were held to introduce the dealership's new facility to the public.

Located on Hwy. 82 just east of Muenster, the new building and lots occupy a five acre tract, which is more than three times larger than the former location.

At Friday's grand opening Edna Klement cut the ribbon. Others participating were Karl and Kim Klement, Kirk and Donna Klement, Mike Daley from the Ford Motor Company, Larry McKinney from Ford Motor Credit Company, and Urban and Jane Endres, and former long-time employee Margaret "Kitty" King.

Kitty King and Jane Endres held the ribbon while Edna Klement made the official opening cut. Sacred Heart Parish Pastor Father John Ohner O.S.A. led everyone in prayer and blessed the building. Muenster ISDs Band played a number of songs prior to the ribbon cutting concluding with "The Star Spangled Banner" to set the mood for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

On behalf of Ford Motor Company, Mike Daley presented Karl and Kirk Klement with the Golden Shovel Award. On it was inscribed, "In recognition of providing leading edge facilities in support of long term customer satisfaction and owner loyalty".

Edna Klement presented her sons, Karl and Kirk Klement, with an oil painting of their

late father Martin W. Klement. It will be permanently displayed in the showroom of the new dealership.

On display for the occasion were a 1946 Ford pickup and a 2001 Ford pickup. The '46 Ford was the first pickup sold from the old dealership by Martin Klement to his cousin Gene Klement. It is now owned by Urban Endres. The 2001 pickup was the first sold from the new dealership. Roy Klement purchased it.

At the conclusion of the formalities Kirk Klement invited everyone to stay and look at some of the antique cars and Ford race cars on display, check out the Bigfoot Monster Truck and get autographs from Bigfoot driver Ron Bachmann. Those attending could also feast on a variety of foods, sign up for prizes, and the children were invited to play in the jump room brought out for the celebration.

On Saturday a barbecue meal with all the trimmings and dessert were served to those who came to visit the new facility.

Winners of prizes were as follows: jacket donated by Aramak Uniform Service - Cathy Dangelmayr; \$75 gift certificate to Gehrig Hardware donated by Ameri-Credit Financial - Harry Scoggins; \$25 gift certificate to The Center Restaurant donated by Denton Area Teachers Credit Union - Misty Beavers; 18 quart roaster oven donated by Ford Motor Credit Company of Dallas - Jennie Endres; RCA color TV donated by AER Mfg., Inc. - Sis Klement; \$75 gift card donated by Enterprise Financial - Jack Endres.



Friends, family, and business associates gathered with Kirk and Karl Klement, standing center with their mother Edna Klement, to observe formal ribbon cutting ceremonies Friday morning for the grand opening of Klement Ford of Muenster. The two-day celebration featured music, prayer, displays, refreshments, and tours of the beautiful new sales and service facilities on Highway 82 east of Muenster. Dave Fette photo

Muenster ISD Board receives good audit report

by Janie Hartman

The Muenster ISD School Board met in regular session Wednesday, Nov. 15 in the Administration Building.

The first order of business was the audit report from Ted Neeb of Freeman, Schapard, and Story, CPAs. Mr. Neeb noted the total revenue was up \$50,000, with spending up due in part to teachers' raises and the big expense of construction. "Schools need to be careful not to let funds get too low - need to keep reserves up before tackling another big expense," Neeb said. "You need at least a month's expense, around \$247,000 in reserves. Two months is better. Things are looking good." The board approved the audit report.

The board then recognized the Muenster High School art students for the recent Best of Show awards they received. They also recognized the girls cross country team. Most students were in attendance to receive certificates presented by Clifford Sicking, board president. Art teacher Mary Dangelmayr thanked the board for allowing the students

to compete and the opportunity to display their art and brag on it.

Athletic director Gordon Martin reported that the football field needs "re-crowned," that after three days of no rain, water still stands in the middle of the field. It was estimated that 6 to 8 inches will need to be added over the top, then bladed down to the "hash marks." Martin also noted that a portion of the track is still in need of repair and that equipment and trucks could enter the field at that location. Superintendent Clyde Steelman added that bids should be in next week, so work can begin as soon as weather permits.

Discussion on central heat and air in the new gym continued. Steelman noted that Hesse-Schneiderjan has a couple of bidded options, depending if a field house, weight room extension is to be added in the near future.

Other maintenance problems that need attended to include the grease pit by the kitchen. "It's still a problem. As soon as it's dry, we will run lines and fix it," said Steelman. The heaters in the old gym, the two on the east wall, need new wiring and haven't worked in years. The district is looking into repairs.

In other business, business cards for administrators have been printed. Also, blank cards that will allow teachers and other staff members to fill in with their names when needed.

Mr. Steelman reported he attended a three-and-a-half day Superintendent's Technology Academy at the IBM Center in New York. He will share information he received, about where technology is heading and what will be required in the future, at the citizen's forum on Nov. 27 in the school

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The big benefit auction climaxes the annual Sacred Heart Parish Thanksgiving Picnic. The wide variety of donated merchandise and good-natured bantering attracted a large crowd Sunday evening. Pictured, Jack Schoppa auctions while Jim Myrick and Jerry Hess assist to sell a toy tractor. Below, Faye Hamric displays a colorful quilt while Herkey Biffle auctions it. Dave Fette photos

Lindsay ISD Board ponders calling election

by Janet Felderhoff

After Lindsay ISD Superintendent Travis Winn's report on capital needs of the district, the school board had little doubt that several matters would have to be addressed in the near future. They were studied by Winn and his staff and shared with the board. Some will be needed fairly soon and some in the near future, said Winn.

Needs pointed out by Winn included: ice machine; new roofs in two to three years for the elementary school, cafeteria, and the parish's part of the middle school; repairs to the track's crumbling curbing and deteriorated surface (probably in one more track season); record management to address how the district's records are archived (includes any data generated by the district); listing of fixed assets to comply with new government regulation; new light fixtures for elementary school and cafeteria (soon); painting and striping for parking; air conditioners which could go out at any time; combination intercom and fire alarm for high school; and a school bus. "This is just a kind of state of the school," said Winn. Most of the needs are not included in the current budget.

With the above in mind the board was asked to consider the matter of calling an election to increase the district's tax cap from \$1.25. Taxes were set at \$1.25 per

\$100 property valuation this year. The district cannot legally go over that cap without first getting approval from voters in the district to do so. The board and school administration were unaware that a cap was in place until bonding agent Jim Brooks of Southwestern Securities called it to Winn's attention. Brooks made the discovery while doing research for the bond election last year.

Winn said that one school district went six years past their tax cap without realizing that a cap was in place. He said they had to hold an election and received a scolding from the attorney general. Danny Nortman jokingly wondered whether a scolding from the attorney general was more agreeable than getting fussed at by the public of Lindsay.

As explained by Winn the tax cap was adopted in the '70s when reorganization was going on in school districts. The government set a minimum tax of 83 cents and each school district was allowed to vote on its cap up to \$1.50. Winn said most school districts adopted the \$1.50 cap, but for some reason after two months of debate, Lindsay decided on \$1.25.

"We're at \$1.25 now and we can't go any higher and we might need to some day," remarked Arendt.

Winn said that if they decide to call an election it could be held in conjunction with the

trustee election in May. He noted that doing so might prove to be a hindrance to the incumbents.

If the election to raise the cap is held in conjunction with the trustee election, there will be no additional expense to the district. If it is decided to hold it separately it will cost between \$300 and \$400.

It was also noted by Winn that he'd heard rumors that the Texas Legislature was considering raising the cap from \$1.50 since many school districts need to charge higher taxes. If that proves true Lindsay could set the amount of the cap to be voted on to that amount before the election. "This keeps them from being handicapped at a later date," said Arendt of going with the highest rate the state suggests.

Board members worried about explaining that to the public. Arendt said the public would read it like they wanted. Some will say the board is fixing to tax to the max, it was noted.

Nortman said that it was going to be difficult to explain it to the public properly without confusing them.

What happens if the election is held and fails or an election is not called? Winn said, "If it doesn't pass in May we'll have to do a reduction in force or adopt a big deficit budget."

After more discussion the board tabled the decision until the December meeting so there was more time to consider

matters. It seemed to be the consensus that if called the election should be held in May with the trustee election.

Brian Hess and Melody Rohmer of the CPA firm Hess and Rohmer presented the 1999-2000 audit report. It was an unqualified opinion which the auditors said was what was wanted. "You had a good clean audit this year," said Hess.

The pair reported that the district had no good solid system to track fixed assets. By the 2001 school year the government is requiring school districts to start depreciating fixed assets.

Hess and Rohmer's audit report was unanimously reported by the seven board members.

After a recent inspection, the school district had its report from the Texas Department of Health. Each member of the board received a copy to study. There were some "should do" items and numerous "recommended." Winn noted, "All in all it's not a bad report. That's about standard."

Board President Dave Arendt noted that they should begin to work on the should do items and do the recommended items when they could.

Winn informed the board that the district's insurance agent of record had been replaced. Robbie McCullough is searching for recommendations of insurance companies for the district. In

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With this issue, the Muenster Enterprise begins Vol. 65, No. 1, Year of November 23, 2000.

Introduced to the community on Thanksgiving Day, November 1936 by R.N. Fette, editor and publisher, it has been in continuous publication since that day, thanks to loyal friends, advertisers and subscribers and the grace of Divine Providence.

For all this, we are truly grateful.



Members and supporters of Keep Muenster Beautiful proudly display the newest Governor's Community Achievement Award of Excellence. The award is displayed at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce with the other Governor's Community Achievement Awards of Excellence won by Muenster in 1986 and 1999. Those in the photo are from left, back - Jackie Bartush, Mary Skinner, Gary Fisher, Steve Broyles, Carl Alford, Joe Bright, Christine Weinzapfel; front - MaryLee Alford, Terri Barrett, Margie Starke, and Mayor Henry Weinzapfel. Courtesy photo

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March the district must replace their current insurance to fill the remainder of the school year. The school district has two more air conditioners at no charge. A friend of Winn's who is in the construction business offered them. The units were running fine, but were replaced to upgrade a system. All the district had to do was pick them up. Roofing repairs are almost complete according to Winn. All that remains is repair to the flashing. Principal Jerry Metzler distributed student activity schedules and updated the board on student activity and achievements. There was no action taken as the result of a short executive session.

MHMR Services of Texoma is looking for donated computers for computer training

Some clients from Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma formed a peer group and have been meeting together for several months. The group has been working on independence, and have been meeting together for several months. The group has been working on independence, learning ways to help themselves with problematic situations, and giving input on programming that affects them. The group has established that one of its greatest needs is computer training for its members. This

is extremely difficult to implement due to the fact that they have no computers. "We would hope that once basic skills are learned, the members might learn to use the Internet and gain information from self-advocacy groups' web sites," state Mary West, sponsor of the group. "We would like to have at least one computer for our community support services building, but could certainly use more than one, if available. Some of the clients would appreciate having home computers on which to

practice. We are hoping that there are several persons in our community who have computers that they are willing to donate to our group. The computers must be in good working order but do not have to be the most current or the fastest. At present we are not planning to connect them to the Internet," West adds. "Anyone wishing to donate a computer may do so by calling Paula Cawthon, Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma Community Relations Director, at 903-786-4804.

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auditorium. Also Steelman and high school principal Phil Newton began attending the Texas Association of School Administration meetings. An added bonus at the conference was the purchase of two fully equipped lap-top computers at a minimum cost of \$525.00 each, which were given to the Technology Department for student use.

where we are and what problems, if any, there may be. The principal also noted that a dual-credit course in Government from NCTC may be available next fall if Muenster can provide at least 15 students. The college will send the instructor to the high school. Other classes may become available. "We penalize seniors. They have to take government as seniors, then again in college," noted Newton.

The district is also looking into the possibility of an electronics class taught at the Gainesville Air Field, with a dual-credit economics class possibly offered this spring on Monday nights at NCTC.

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"There are a lot of options we are looking at," Newton concluded. Other action taken:
• Accepted a new transfer student in kindergarten.
• Hired Huckabee and Associates of Fort Worth as architect to develop Master Plan and recommend facility improvements.
• Tabled policy on school prayer.
• Approved the Cooke County Appraisal District's Collection Contract.
• Approved goals for 2000-2001 school year with the addition of staff development meetings.
• Considered the possibility of hiring another teacher in elementary for the accelerated reading program and title one.

Thanks for your consideration...

To the Voters and Citizens of Muenster, Cooke County and the 4th Congressional District - I send my special thanks to all who voted for me - and a sincere thanks to those who considered me.

Respectfully,

Ralph M. Hall

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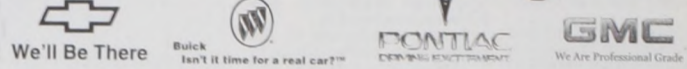
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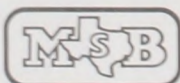
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 26, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4PM	Monday, November 27, 2000 Barrow Validation, 3PM, Valley View Project Center (Rescheduled) Community and Parent Meeting MISD auditorium, 7PM Relay For Life Rally, 6PM, Cooke County Electric	Tuesday, November 28, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, November 29, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7PM Religious Ed Class Mass, 6:30PM Due Date for entries of 4-H Market Animals	Thursday, November 30, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, December 1, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4PM Sacred Heart School dismisses at 2:30PM	Saturday, December 2, 2000
Sunday, December 3, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4PM	Monday, December 4, 2000 City Council meeting, 7:30PM	Tuesday, December 5, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, December 6, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7PM Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5PM Religious Ed Class, 7PM	Thursday, December 7, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Sacred Heart Elementary Diamond Jubilee Celebration TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11am, Cooke Co. Electric Co-op	Friday, December 8, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4PM Sacred Heart School, NO SCHOOL, Holy Day	Saturday, December 9, 2000

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Obituaries

Dolores Hoff Roewe 1931 - 2000

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Dolores Hoff Roewe of Windthorst on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Rev. David Kraeger pastor of St. Mary's and Rev. Chris Davis, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Wichita Falls officiating.

She died at age 69 at Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Roewe was born on Oct. 21, 1931 in Jacksboro to Leo and Amelia Hoff, and attended school in Windthorst where she was a life-long resident. She married Andy Roewe on Oct. 12, 1949 in Windthorst. She was employed by Aboussie Shoe Store in Wichita Falls for three years, and was a school bus driver for Windthorst Independent School District for six years. For many years she taught CCD. A homemaker, devoted wife and mother, cherished grandmother, she was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Christian Mothers Society, the Catholic Daughters of America, and the VFW Auxiliary, all of Windthorst. She also belonged to the TOPS Club of Wichita Falls.

Survivors are her husband, Andy Roewe of Windthorst; one son and daughter-in-law Norbert and Patty Roewe of Arlington; four daughters and sons-in-law Maxine and John Veitenheimer; Doreen and Raymond Osterman all of Windthorst; Ann and Bo Armendarez of Wichita Falls; Teresa and Thomas Martin of Cedar Park, Texas. Also three sisters Beatrice Gremminger



Dolores Hoff Roewe

of McKinney, Magdalene Berend of Windthorst and Vera Metzler of Lindsay; and one brother Wilfred A. Willie Hoff of Windthorst. There are 15 grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers Leo A. Hoff and John Hoff. Also one sister Leona Flusche.

Memorials may be sent to St. Mary's Church Improvement Fund, P.O. Box 230, Windthorst, TX 76389, or to a favorite charity.

Among relatives attending the funeral were Rose and Robert Knabe of Gainesville; Wanda Fleitman of Gainesville; Agnes Fleitman of Whitesboro; Patsy Hermes of Muenster; Ben Fleitman Sr., Ben Fleitman Jr., and Christine Fleitman of Muenster; Mr. and Mrs. William Koerner and Joe Koerner of Pilot Point; Shirley and Henry Roewe of Oklahoma City; Leonard Roewe of Garland; Lawrence Roewe of Irving; Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Roewe of Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton of Pilot Point; and Andy and Emily Klement of Muenster.

Rose Mary English 1918 - 2000

Rose Mary English, 82, of Denton died on Nov. 7, 2000 at her residence. Services were held Friday, Nov. 10 at Rosston Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. officiated by Dr. Eddie Chennault, pastor of Temple Baptist Church.

She was born Feb. 12, 1918 in Elgin to T.O. "Boss" and Mary Pearl Swayze Condon. A resident of Tyler for 45 years where she was a nurse for 30 years, she retired in 1980. In recent months she moved to Denton. She was the wife of Marvin "Sandy" Joseph English and a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Tyler.

Survivors include sons Jerry Wayne English of Rusk and Marvin Joseph English, Jr. of Kingwood; and daughters Nancy Caroline Druess of Tyler and Fran Jones of Rosston. Also 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a sister, Ruth Weaver of Elgin.

Graveside services at Rosston Cemetery were directed by Geo. J. Carroll &

Son Funeral Home of Gainesville. Rose Mary English is buried beside her husband, Marvin "Sandy" Joseph English.

Family and friends came from Rusk, Tyler, Whitehouse, Kingwood, Abilene, Elgin, and from the Dallas area. Before the services, they gathered at the Rosston Volunteer Fire Dept. Building, and were served a luncheon prepared by friends and community volunteers. Recalled many times, as the family reminisced, were the family dinners their mother, grandmother, and dear friend made for her large family and any friends they happened to bring along.

She loved to exercise, and enjoyed being with her family. Christmas was wonderful at her house and such a fun time for everyone! Missing the big event was rare. Grandchildren Rhonda Walterscheid and Matt Jones hosted the families to the Rosston area on the funeral day.

Angie (Wiesman) Rieter 1907 - 2000

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gainesville for Angie (Wiesman) Rieter. She was a native of Muenster. Her death occurred on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2000 at age 93, in Renaissance Nursing Home of Gainesville.

Angie (Wiesman) Rieter was born in Muenster to Robert and Agnes (Swirczynski) Yosten July 2, 1907. On May 18, 1928 she married Tony Wiesman in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster. He died on Apr. 20, 1977.

On June 26, 1978 she married T.R. Rieter in St. Mary's Church of Gainesville. He died in August 1996. Angie was a homemaker, devoted wife and mother, loving grandmother, and a wonderful friend, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gainesville.

Survivors are two sons and daughters-in-law Louis and Dorothy Wiesman of Odessa; Don and Shirley Wiesman of Fort Worth; daughter and son-in-law Gladys and Mike Gordon of Gainesville. There are ten grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Also four brothers: Al Yosten, Leonard Yosten and Buddy Yosten all of Muenster, and Paul Yosten of Fort Worth.



Angie (Wiesman) Rieter

Preceding her in death were her parents Bob and Agnes Yosten; three brothers Martin Yosten, Larry Yosten, and Stan Yosten, and one sister Dorothy Mae (Yosten) Holland, and her husbands.

Rosary service was held at Clement-Keel Funeral Chapel on Monday, Nov. 6, at 4:00 p.m.

Father Reinhard Sternemann, OSA officiated for the Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday.

Pallbearers were Tim Terry, Tye Terry, Bobby Wiesman, Darrell Wiesman, Chuck Wiesman, and Devin Sparkman. Cole Jordan was the honorary pallbearer.

Burial in Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

Zelma Ldora (Hutson) Lyons

1916 - 2000

Zelma Ldora (Hutson) Lyons died at age 84 in Gainesville convalescent center on Nov. 19, 2000 at 7:30 a.m.

She was born in Montague County on Feb. 21, 1916 to Pinkney Edward Hutson and Cora Thertha Lovelace Hutson. In the 1930s she married Dupree Lyons. She was of the Baptist faith, a

homemaker, lived most of her life in the Saint Jo area, and worked many years in a cafe and in a nursing home.

Survivors include one sister, Rachel Love of Wichita Falls, two brothers Elgie Hutson of Saint Jo and Vernon Hutson of Gainesville; one niece, three nephews and a host of cousins and friends.

RRC: Schedule propane heating system checks

As colder temperatures begin to settle in across the state, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza encourage homeowners to have their propane tanks and heating appliances thoroughly inspected by a licensed technician.

According to Williams, Matthews, and Garza, important safety tips to remember include:

- If your home has a propane furnace, water heater, range or other conveniences, schedule a check of the whole propane system - including appliances.

- Your local propane service technician should check your tank, piping, regulators, gauges, connectors, valves, vents, thermostats, pilots, burners, and appliance controls to make sure they are all in good working condition.

- Homes with propane gas logs or fireplace systems should be checked each fall.

- Naturally odorless propane gas has a rotten egg smell added to it to help identify any leaks. If you ever smell gas, leave the home immediately without using any electrical switches or appliances. Close the service valve under the protective

dome of your tank by turning it to the right as far as it can go. Call your propane supplier or local fire department from a neighbor's phone.

To help consumers properly use propane-fueled appliances, the Railroad Commission of Texas offers a free safety brochure entitled *Home Safe Home*. Copies are available in both English and Spanish and can be obtained by contacting the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division toll-free at 1-800-64-CLEAR (1-800-642-5327).

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- Allowed forests to burn instead of harvesting them for timber and bio-mass.

- Urged tearing down dams which drive hydroelectric power plants for clean energy.

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Father Sebastian Beshoner: Serving through Ministry and Artistry

By Stephen Bonin

For most of his 70 years Father Sebastian Beshoner, OSB, has been crocheting tablecloths, doilies, wall hangings and other decorations. While his creations have brightened people's lives, raised money for church fundraisers and permanently designated church centennials, the process of creating has strengthened his ministry, illustrating repeatedly the relevance of one stitch at a time.

Take, for example, the affection he showers on children after St. Peter's Parish Masses. When he greets them enthusiastically and hands over special children's bulletins, he edifies a community one soul at a time.

He loves one stitch at a time. Or look back on the commencement of his ministry 45 years ago. Teaching at Subiaco Academy for 17 years, he found after-class crocheting handy to be seated, calm and ready to help residents with emotional or spiritual challenges.

He loved one stitch at a time.

Wayne Fleitman, president of St. Peter's Parish Council, and Kenny Bezner, a Knights of Columbus member, laud Beshoner's peaceful presence in those organization's meetings. Here in Muenster, one Sacred Heart parishioner, who remembers his ministry here over a decade ago, lauded his compassion in the Confessional. Others fondly remember his landscaping talent beautifying the school and church yards.

He loves one stitch at a time.

Beshoner's priestly ministry and crochet skill actually took root about the same time. As a young boy, the ninth child of twelve in Paris, Arkansas, he was cognizant of the vocation discerned by his parents. His father worked twelve-hour days, seven days a week shoveling coal in boilers for the electric company, and his mother maintained the home. As a steady helper in the house, he was present to receive his mother's lessons in needlework. Today, with sparkling eyes and animated hands, he remembers vividly the backs of chairs used to form his first crochet creations.

In his spare time then-as now-he enjoyed fishing. Recently he traveled to Isle de Croix, 90 miles southeast of New Orleans, to fish with his brother. Gift money for his 45th anniversary from St. Peter's parishioners made the trip possible. The money was presented at a covered dish party, which Beshoner remembers as the best family celebration that could be.

Looking back on God's call, he sees himself as a five-year-old starting to serve Mass. The priest helped him with the actions since he did not know Latin, in fact, did not read in any language!

"The church was 30 steps across from my house. Maybe that means I went more often!" he joked.

After two years of college, Beshoner spent one year with the Benedictine order, then four years studying theology and philosophy.

Beyond all the formal education, living and loving

lessons in history and English. The religion lessons, however, would set the stage for his overall ministry.

"In religion I would teach God's grace. The listener has to be open to God."

Today, listeners of his sermons testify they understand that philosophy at work, for Beshoner's sermons consistently review the readings in a plain manner.

"In the Mass, I reinforce the Word," he said. "I've heard a lot of bombastic speakers who spoke emphatically. However, I'm not sure if anything came through or not. You're always going to get better insights, better meanings by expressing more intelligently."

Crochet, like his sermon style, is a quiet, yet powerful activity. Like the Word of God, crochet produces concrete results!

For instance, the annual St. Peter's Fall Festival culminated with an auction, in which Beshoner's crocheted



Father Sebastian Beshoner O.S.B., pastor of St. Peter's Church of Lindsay, shows one of his many talents, creating beautiful, delicate pieces of crochet. "Pineapple Sundae", at left can be used as a large round table centerpiece. At right is a silvery, smaller crochet doily, "Flame".

Photo by Janie Hartman

taught a powerful lesson. For example, Beshoner asked his mother on her death bed in 1975 about her loss of her husband, whom she had outlived about 15 years. She responded: "You never get used to it. But you learn to live with it. Then, to his surprise, she exclaimed joy to finally see not only her husband but her thirteenth child who did not survive birth."

Servanthood
"I think you've got to be a servant at a certain place, wherever God places you," Beshoner said.

Basic to the servant's role is wearing a smile. Beshoner adamantly believes that faith-walking people must force a smile when emotion won't hang it. "You can always give a smile! Offer a smile for other people!" he urges.

Reminiscing about his first 17 years as a priest, teaching and counseling at Subiaco Academy, he admits working hard to prepare effective

pineapple tablecloth yielded \$950 for the church budget! In his possession are an 18-19" silver doily called "The Leaves" and a 24-26" gold sparkling doily called "Flame". Furthermore, his "Last Supper," in the filet style crochet, raised \$650 for the church! Moreover, the entrance to Sacred Heart church showcases an example of his dignified gifts to designate a church's centennial. It has the name of the church, the years and appropriate symbols. Admittedly, there is at least one church centennial he has not designated in this fashion.

Nevertheless, Beshoner is staying busy administering a parish and crocheting steadily. In the process of creating, he blesses others and receives the grace of wisdom. In this time of Thanksgiving, we pray he continues to edify and beautify through lifelong skills-priesthood ministry and crochet artistry.



Salesman and event coordinator Ben Bindel poses with Bigfoot, the monster truck on display at the Klement Ford of Muenster grand opening Friday and Saturday. Photo by Dave Fette

Texas shelter pets trade bark for byte

Texas has achieved a milestone at Petfinder.com, the worldwide web's largest and oldest virtual animal shelter. "We recently signed up our one-hundredth shelter in Texas making it one of our best represented states," says Betsy Saul, the Web site's founder.

"The more homeless pets listed in a given geographical area," she adds, "the better chance adopters will find just the pet they want nearby."

Petfinder.com represents over 1,600 shelters nationwide and lists about 23,000 homeless animals, as of October 2000. Users log-on to an eye-pleasing Web site that lets them search by kind of animal, breed, gender, size and/or age. The results of the search are ranked in proximity to the user's Zip Code. Shelter personnel and volunteers across the nation and in Canada and Puerto Rico keep the list of pets continuously updated. Most descriptions include a picture.

Some shelters and rescue groups report that up to half of their adoptions are a result of Petfinder.com listings. The service is free, which is a bonus to shelters and rescue groups, which often operate on shoestring budgets. Amy Edmonds, Friends of the San Marcos Animal Shelter, says they've had a record low rate of euthanasia since putting their animals on Petfinder.com.

The growth of Petfinder.com drew the interest of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which has partnered with it. Now four years old, the Web site has drawn interest from outside animal welfare as well.

FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

by Ed Cler

The big news now-a-days is of the election that was to have been held Nov. 7, 2000, but as of this writing, is still in limbo. There are some things that I believe are wrong with our major elections. Number one is the media - the big networks and the people who profess to know everything, people like Dan Rather, Sam Donaldson, and others of like standing. One could see all through the campaign, who was their darling. Any statement made, or action taken by the liberals, was put into print or broadcast over the air with gusto, while the conservative side was, to a great extent ignored.

Well, I suppose that is their right, but where I think they went astray was in trying to elect a president of their choice, by giving out information before it really happened.

The polls close at 7:00 p.m. all across the nation, Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific time zones.

Anyone who listened to the election returns as they developed soon found that the results were not only reported at once, but winners were projected before the vote was

complete, and before the polls closed in other time zones.

The panhandle of Florida is, to a great extent, in the central time zone, and before the polls there, and in all zones west of the Eastern time zone were closed, the media had already projected a winner in Florida.

As these reports were aired while the polls in Central, Mountain, and Pacific zones, as well as Hawaii, were still open, this would have some influence on the choices of voters there, as some people simply want to vote for the winner.

There were later reports that many would-be voters, believing there already was a winner, went home, believing that their voting would be useless.

I firmly believe that the results of an election should be held secret until the polls in all zones are closed.

In this manner the voter would be more inclined to vote his or her own conviction.

The practice of interviewing voters that are leaving the polls after voting, and thus establishing, doubtfully, a trend or trends, should also be stopped, although the media elite say it's their right to know, and to tell.

Canyon Lake added to Texas Hill Country Regional Christmas Lighting Trail

The Texas Hill Country Regional Christmas Lighting Trail - the area's most celebrated family holiday tradition - is now bigger, brighter, and more colorful than ever, as Canyon Lake adds its special illumination to the trail. Now families can view the finery of twelve Hill Country communities at the famous "lights across Texas" event between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

Canyon Lake, located between San Antonio, Boerne and New Braunfels is well-known for its shopping, history, and water recreation year round. During the holiday season, visitors can enjoy another view of the lake as a rainbow of glittering lights reflect from the waters with the Old Fashioned Christmas Lighting all around the lake. On Dec. 9, gaily festooned boats set sail at sunset for the spectacular Parade of Lights. More Christmas festivities take place during the annual Christmas Banquet, Community Christmas Tree Lighting, caroling and various New Year's celebrations.

Individuals and families can enjoy each community's festive lighting displays simply by driving by. Each community on the Christmas Lighting Trail offers many other holiday activities, mostly free or at minimal charge. Visitors are always welcome to stop and shop at the many stores and markets that stay open longer hours during this special time of the holiday season.

Complete details of events in each town, a free brochure and area map are available by contacting each individual Chambers of Commerce or by calling the Regional Christmas Lighting Trail Headquarters office at 830-997-8515.

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Lifestyle

Flusche grandson achieves national "Fame"

A July issue of *The New York Times Magazine* features an article on children, or rather people who want to be "child free." To illustrate how children appear to adults who do not wish to have children, photographer Jake Chessum used several children posed mischievously. The major model was seven-year-old Christopher Pollard, grandson of Don Flusche and great-grandson of Hazel Flusche of Muenster.

Christopher, the son of Kevin and Cathy (Flusche) Pollard of Denver, Colorado went to New York City in March to meet with an agent and was hired immediately, though warned that he may have to go through hundreds of interviews and auditions before being chosen. It didn't take long.

The New York Times hired Chris and other kids, with all the kids to be on the front cover, but the producer and photographer liked him so much that he filled the front cover and a full page inside.

Christopher's mother said, "We were really surprised when we saw the cover, but the photo on the inside, full page was the real gem." Christopher's picture appeared four times in the article.

The inside picture of Pollard eating chocolate cake was a two-hour shoot, with hundreds of pictures taken with other types of food, elegant foods kids should hate, including sushi and quail. What did Pollard enjoy best about the *Times* job? "Getting messy. I had on nice clothes and got to 'shush' the cake up in my hands. My mom would never let me do that at a real restaurant."

Pollard's acting career goes farther than articles, including a national commercial for KFC's honey BBQ strips. "For this commercial Christopher had to chew on 25 pieces of chicken. When he was leaving the set, he wanted more to take with him," commented his mother. A second commercial for a fabric softener has been shot, but has not aired, and

two other commercials and a possible part in a movie are in the making.

Christopher's acting career began at six. He attends elementary school in Denver with Math his favorite subject, but he likes recess the best. "He has a personality way bigger than him," said his father. "He's been talking since he was born."

Christopher enjoys swimming, soccer, and watching TV, but loves to play with his friends even more. He would like to be a paleontologist, the study of fossils, or a marine biologist to study whales. He has a 14-year-old sister, Courtney.

"Education comes first," said Cathy Pollard. "Going to New York was incredible. How many kids can spend the summer in New York City?" Pollard noted that being in New York was a great education, seeing so many things.

When asked what's next, Christopher replied, "I'm going to be in the movies."



Christopher Pollard as he appeared on the cover, left, of the *New York Times Magazine* and above a full page interior shot. Both photos were taken by New York photographer Jake Chessum.

Catholic Life Insurance announces scholarship winners

A Muenster student is among the ten outstanding young people who have earned the 2000-2001 Leadership Scholarship from Catholic Life Insurance. She is Sarah A. Hess, daughter of Bob and Janette Hess, and a graduate of Sacred Heart High School. Each of the ten students received a \$500 scholarship award.

Applicants were required to submit an application including three letters of recommendation, and an essay summarizing why they should be selected to receive the scholarship. Catholic Life members seeking an undergraduate degree at any college or university were eligible to apply.

Scholarship winners were selected based on scholastic achievement, demonstration of leadership qualities,

community service, and test scores.

Applications for the 2001-2002 Scholarship will be printed in the Spring Magazine.

Sarah Hess is now a student at LeTourneau University in Longview.

Correction

The website to find more information on Buckle should have been listed as www.harlandwilliams.com.



Sarah Hess

Tips for outdoor cooks

- To turn the cylinder valve on and off, remember "rightie tightie, leftie loosey".
- After grilling, the cylinder must not be stored indoors or within any enclosed space.

* Tips from the Railroad Commission of Texas

Gainesville and Cooke County is history treasure

Gainesville and Cooke County, by Shana Powell, was published in November 2000.

Cooke County, Texas has a richly varied history. Those who first entered the area - Native Americans, gold seekers headed for California, army officials, and settlers - discovered a raw, unspoiled land. Eyewitness accounts speak of "grass that was as high as a man's head," and indeed, the land was rich for farming and ranching. In 1841, W.S. Peters and associates signed their first contract with the Republic of Texas, which provided that within three years they would bring six hundred families into what came to be known as the Peters Colony. In 1848, the state legislature created Cooke County, named for a hero of the Texas War for Independence.

Over the next 150 years, the area changed dramatically. The stagecoach arrived in 1858, and conveyed freight, passengers, and mail. The

Civil War presented economic and social difficulties that had to be overcome. Two major cattle trails flanked Cooke County, and cowboys roared into Gainesville to visit the saloons, get supplies, gamble, and visit the "soiled doves." The discovery of oil, and the resultant wealth that it brought, forever altered the face of the county.

From the main streets and downtowns of Cooke County, to home-town boys like Gene Autry who made it big, Shana Powell, curator of the Morton Museum in Cooke County for 14 years, brings us this fascinating new pictorial history.

In the book by Shana Powell, local readers may also note on page 14 a picture of a marching band participating in the Christmas parade in Muenster in 1955. The photo, by Boyd & Breeding, showed Hess Furniture on the upper left and the *Muenster Enterprise* at far right. The Hofbauer Food & Locker

Grocery store is shown on page 25. Sr. Mildred Felderhoff, administrator of Muenster Memorial Hospital and J.M. Weinzapfel are shown on page 38.

There is a picture of some guests in the Medders Show Barn in Muenster on page 69. There is a picture of Frankie Schmitz on page 105.

There is a picture of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay on page 113.

Countless more photos and stories abound in the book. They are sure to evoke many memories of thousands of residents in the area. The book is a collection with vast appeal.

Gainesville and Cooke County, the softcover book with 128 pages sells for \$18.99. Call the Morton Museum in Gainesville for more information.

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Muenster Garden Club disbands

On July 14, 1937, the Muenster Civic League & Garden Club was organized under the leadership of Mrs. J.M. Weinzapfel. Some of the charter members were: Miss Mary Becker, Mrs. M.J. Endres, Mrs. John Fisher, Mrs. T.P. Frost, Mrs. B.H. Hellman, Mrs. R.J. Hellman, Mrs. John Fuhrbach, Mrs. Tony Gremminger, Mrs. Andrew Hofbauer, Mrs. Joe Luke, Mrs. Herbert Meurer, Mrs. Nick Miller, Mrs. John Mosman, Mrs. T.S. Myrick, Mrs. Jacob Pagel, Jr., Mrs. F.E. Schmitz, Miss Olivia Stock, Mrs. Oscar Walter, Mrs. J.B. Wilde, and Mrs. Clarence Wilson. Committees appointed were sanitation, cemetery, streets and parks, home beautification, flower shows and educational.

Sacred Heart Cemetery and city streets benefited in the beginning with the members actually going to work in the weed-filled cemetery, cleaning it while their babies and small children played on blankets nearby. Cement curbs around graves were removed, Bermuda grass planted, 750 plants put in a flowerbed, 44 American elms planted from church to cemetery. Fences and gates were repaired and painted. In 1946, the club provided memorial markers and crosses for each soldier plot in the veterans' section,

which was dedicated on Memorial Day. Garden Club members began collecting funds twice a year to help with the maintenance of the cemetery. Crosses were put on forgotten graves, fences were installed, the Crucifixion group was refinished, a water line was laid and members took turns doing the watering. The Garden Club continued the maintenance of the cemetery until the early 1970's.

In September 1939, the club was affiliated with the Texas Federation of Garden Clubs and successful flower shows were presented for many years. The club received state and national awards through the years for their presidents' reports, scrapbooks and activities. The club has three accredited flower show judges.

A highway beautification project started in 1938. City markers were placed at both the east and west edges of Muenster; these were large rocks with the word 'Muenster' painted on them with landscaping surrounding them.

The club was very active with the youth of the community. It sponsored girls' 4-H clubs and junior garden clubs. Annual poster, essay and speech contests for grade school through high school students. Several

essays and posters won first place awards at the state level. Three local students presented speeches at the state convention, winning one first, and two-second places in the state speech contests.

During WWII, the Defense Committee encouraged home gardening and canning; sent shrubs, flowers and seeds to nearby army camps for beautification of grounds; sent cut flowers, magazines and sweets to boys in service and in hospitals; and helped the Red Cross with sewing projects. The city square (ballpark) was cleared of weeds. Then plantings were made, a live oak tree for each Gold Star serviceman of WWII with a memorial plaque.

The grounds at the Muenster Memorial Hospital were planned, financed and maintained for some years by the club. Memorial trees were planted for Sr. Mildred Felderhoff, OSB, (the hospital's first administrator), J.M. Weinzapfel, and Dr. T.S. Myrick.

Through the years, trees have been donated to Sacred Heart Church, Muenster Baptist Church, Sacred Heart School, Muenster Public School and the City Park. These donations were usually done as part of the celebration of Arbor Day.

The Myrick Play Center or

Mini-park for small children on Walnut Street was leased and equipped by the Garden Club. Help was also given to the Mid-Park and AMPI for improvements. Planter boxes were placed on main street and Highway 82 in front of businesses.

When the new post office was dedicated, the club furnished refreshments, floral arrangements and hostesses for the service.

Current members of the club are: Angela Antonetti, Kay Broyles, Marie Endres, Loretta Felderhoff, Dorothy Hesse, Eileen Luke, Dolores Miller, Shirley Murdock, Holly Orrell, and Marcie Wilde.

It is with regret that the club has disbanded ending a 65-year tradition of service to the Muenster community and it's residents. As the club has become smaller in numbers, it has become impossible to continue with the many activities it has participated in before.

Monetary donations are being made to Sacred Heart Cemetery and Muenster Library. A silver tray awarded to the club by the Texas Federation, the club's gavel, and history book and past yearbooks are being donated to the Muenster Museum. Any of the past president's yearbooks will also be accepted by the Museum.

submitted by Loretta Felderhoff



The Muenster Garden Club made three donations recently. Above: Father John Ohner and Carol Grewing accept a donation to the Cemetery Fund from Marcie Wilde and Kay Broyles, at left, and Eileen Luke at far right. Pictured at right, Kay Broyles accepts a donation to the Muenster Public Library from Marcie Wilde, left, and Eileen Luke, right. Below - Delores Miller, Loretta Felderhoff, at left, and Marcie Wilde, far right, present Garden Club items to Betty Kralicke of the Muenster Museum for safe-keeping. Photos by Janie Hartman



Nov. 27 rally features Relay information

VFW Ladies Auxiliary #6205 are again sponsoring the "In Lieu of Christmas Cards" fund-raiser. The monies raised are used locally for the many programs the Auxiliary is involved in.

For a donation of \$10.00 or more, the giver's name will be listed as they wish on an ad that will appear in the holiday issue of the *Muenster Enterprise*. All are welcome to participate. To do so, send donation and name listing to chairmen: Juanita Knabe, P.O. Box 474, Muenster, TX 76252, or Frances Bayer, 136 S FM 373, Muenster, TX 76252. The deadline for participation is Dec. 18.

In making your donation, please think of your price of cards, stamps, and most of all, the gift of helping others in need of caring.

Secular Franciscan Fraternity meets in Zimmerer home

The Oct. 18 meeting of the Secular Franciscan Fraternity of Lindsay was held in the home of Lawrence and Marie Zimmerer. Routine opening of meeting included the song in unison to St. Francis of Assisi "Image Of The Lord," prayer to the Holy Spirit, and Scripture Readings by Jean Haverkamp.

Minutes were read and approved. A report on the garage sale showed a profit of \$336.00.

The quilt made by fraternity members and friends was displayed. The date for the raffle was set for Nov. 26. A letter from Bishop Peter Chenapparamil of Kerala, India expressed condolences on the death of Norbert Fuhrmann and Lynette Hermes. The bishop explained that the hospice run by the Sisters of the Servants of the Poor in Kerala began on Feb. 11 and cares for terminally ill poor people. They now have 20 patients, who are given medicine and food free.

A letter from the family the Lindsay Fraternity sponsors thanked them for relief and said their cow provides some income.

Father Tom Gardner OFM wrote that he will soon go on sabbatical leave in preparation for a new ministry. He requested prayers and asked members to send in names of their deceased relatives to be included in November Masses. The Lindsay Fraternity sent a donation of \$100.

The meeting closed with Ritual Petitions and Healing Prayers. The hostess, Marie Zimmerer served refreshments to seven members and four guests.

To Your Health

Pneumonia

Pneumonia is an infection and inflammation of the lungs which may be caused by bacteria or viruses. It can affect all ages but is most severe in young children and adults over the age of 60. Symptoms of pneumonia may include fever and chills, cough, rapid breathing, chest pain, fatigue, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, or shortness of breath.

Usually pneumonia is curable within 1-2 weeks, but may take longer for the very young or the elderly. Measures to prevent pneumonia include early treatment for respiratory infections, pneumococcal immunizations (now available for children as well as adults), influenza immunization annually for high-risk people (heart or lung disease, diabetic, asthmatics, or other chronic diseases, over age 65).

Diagnosing pneumonia may include laboratory blood studies, sputum studies, and chest x-rays. Most people can be treated for pneumonia at home. Treatment may include antibiotics or antiviral medications and acetaminophen for fever and minor discomfort. Bedrest may be necessary until fever, pain and shortness of breath have improved. Many people may remain fatigued and weak for up to 6 weeks.

For additional information regarding pneumonia, contact the MMH Family Health Clinic (940) 759-2226, MMH Lindsay Health Clinic 668-4045, or the American Lung Association (800) 586-4872.

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Baptism

Klement

Kolby Anthony Klement, son of Kevin and Terri Klement, was baptized Sunday, Nov. 5, 2000 by Father John Ohner at Sacred Heart Church. Attending the baptism were Kolby's parents and brother Kyle; godparents Neil and Peachie Huchton, and Sydney; grandparents David and Helen Fisher, and Tony and Sis Klement. Kolby wore the same baptismal outfit that his brother Kyle wore at his baptism. After baptism guests enjoyed a meal at the Center Restaurant. Gifts were opened and cake was served. Unable to attend but sending greetings was grandparent Jim Whitley.

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Senior Citizens to be honored December 2 in Valley View

At its November meeting, the Valley View Chamber of Commerce made plans to honor Senior Citizens on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Senior Center. Guests will be treated to dinner and the story "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

Volunteers serving the meal will be teams from GNB, First State Bank, Alan Richey, Inc., and Future Business Leaders from Valley View School. Beverly Kelly was appointed event chairman.

John Roane, chairman of the Veterans Day ceremony reported on the event. Muenster VFW's Color Guard presented flags, One Accord performed music. Hundreds of community members and Veterans gathered at the Senior Center for the ceremony. Veterans were registered and presented star name tags.

Various family and

community members placed stars honoring Veterans on the Wall of Honor. The wall remains on display at the Valley View Restaurant. The Bluebird Girls, Girls Brownie Troops, and the 4-H Group led the pledge. Glen Kersey of the Baptist Church delivered the invocation and Ed Lanten of VVUMC offered the dismissal prayer. Sheila Cox used sign language during the musical numbers.

The Chamber has completed its Valley View pamphlet which will be distributed and placed in newcomer/member packets.

Erik Stagner Construction was selected Business of the Month.

Membership in the Valley View Chamber of Commerce is open to all individuals and businesses. January is membership month.



Mark Lutkenhaus of Lindsay was recently honored at the 54th Annual Youth Awards Dinner held during the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Mark is a member of the 4-H state officer team. He was recognized for his outstanding level of leadership and is shown with Dale Finch, Dairy Farmers of America, a co-sponsor of the event. Each year the State Fair of Texas recognizes the state officer teams of FFA, 4-H, and FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America).

Courtesy photo

Holiday Musical slated for theatre opening by BSP

All are invited to "pull up a pew and deck the halls" as Butterfield Stage presents the country gospel musical, *Sanders Family Christmas*, at the gala opening of the newly renovated State Theatre, located in Gainesville's historic downtown district. Slated for performances on Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9, the musical comedy promises to be a holiday treat for the entire family.

In this sequel to the ever popular hit *Smoke on the Mountain*, the Sanders Family returns to Mount Pleasant, North Carolina, home of the Mount Pleasant Pickle Factory on Christmas Eve, 1941. Reverend Ogleshorpe has invited them to the Baptist Church to sing and witness, getting the congregation into the down-home holiday spirit before the boys, including one of the Sanders' own, are shipped off to World War II. More than two dozen Christmas carols, many of them vintage hymns, and hilarious Yuletide stories from the more or less devout Sanders family promise to keep the audience laughing, clapping, and singing along with bluegrass Christmas favorites.

"*Sanders Family Christmas* seemed to be the perfect choice for the opening of the State Theatre," remarked

Butterfield Executive Director Lisa Roberts. "Its sequel, *Smoke on the Mountain*, was embraced by all in 1997, and its holiday theme coincides perfectly with the city's other holiday activities. Also, the musical's tale, which refers to the parting of loved ones during the W.W.II era, is significant to our city and its history. Gainesville and its citizens performed a tremendous role during the war-time era, housing troops at Camp Howze and offering their homes to the soldier's loved ones."

Cast in the production are John Noblitt as the spirit-filled Reverend Ogleshorpe; Ken Roberts, Susan Kyle, Martin Richardson, Connie Cason, Jim Fuller, and Sandy Geyer as members of the singing Sanders Family; and Annetta Earle as the musical accompanist, Cousin Pearl.

Performances of *Sanders Family Christmas* will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 1, 7, 8, and 9. The performance on Dec. 2 will begin at 8:00 p.m. due to the city's downtown holiday festivities and lighted Christmas parade. For reservations or more information about the production, contact the theatre by calling 940-665-8152 or at bsp@nortextinfo.net.

Finding the Christmas Star at NCTC Planetarium

Every year about this time, Dr. Ron Bost, a professor at North Central Texas College (NCTC) and the planetarium director, looks to the heavens for "The Story of the Christmas Star." The inspiration he seeks isn't from a divine deity, but rather from science.

"The presentation really explores the question of when Christ was born," Bost said. "We can see that there are two possible times since there is no agreement on which of the two lunar eclipses marked the death of Herod."

Dr. Bost says he uses the stories of the Christian Bible coupled with scientific evidence to explore the history, symbolism, traditions and beliefs surrounding the holidays and the birth of Jesus Christ.

"Interestingly, there is little difference between the skies

over ancient Bethlehem and Gainesville today," he said. "The position of the stars and other heavenly bodies is almost identical."

While Dr. Bost offers several explanations for the Star of Bethlehem, there is still not one specific answer. He said it could have been a bright meteor, a comet, a nova or a combination of planets and bright stars.

Dr. Bost will conduct two nights of sky watching for anyone interested in learning more about the science behind the Biblical stories. The presentations begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 and 13 in the NCTC Planetarium. Because of limited seating, reservations are required.

Anyone interested in attending should call 940-668-4252. Groups and schools can call Dr. Bost directly at 940-668-4398 for special showings.

Tips for outdoor cooks

• Since a hot grill is easier to clean than a cold grill, clean with a wire brush or scraper immediately after cooking, then wash off.

* Tips from the Railroad Commission of Texas

Heather Dawn Pittelkow participated in Distinguished Youth of Texas Program in Dallas on Nov. 17-19

Heather Dawn Pittelkow, daughter of Teri Ann Anderson and Dean Charles Putnam of Muenster was selected to participate in the "Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship & Recognition Program," held at the Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel in Dallas, Nov. 17-19.

The Distinguished Youth Program is designed to recognize girls who rank high academically and who are leaders in their schools and communities. The judging criteria used included the following: Scholastic Record, Service to School and Community, Personality Projection, and Interview. Sixty percent of the judging involves written resumes, with another significant portion being the judge's interview.

Heather Dawn Pittelkow was sponsored for the weekend by the following: Dr. Thomas Currier, Fischer's Meat Market, First State Bank, Leon Hess, Gary and Caroline Hess, Muenster Drilling



Heather Dawn Pittelkow

Company, Angelo and LaVerna Nasche, Tender Loving Care Day Care Center, Dwayne Knabe, Gainesville Optical, Muenster Veterinarian Hospital - Dr. Larry Tisdale, and the community of Muenster.

UNT Opera Theatre will present "La Boheme" Nov. 30 - Dec. 3

The University of North Texas Opera Theatre will present Puccini's "La Boheme" on Nov. 30 through Dec. 3, on the stage of the Lyric Theatre, located in the Murchison Performing Arts Center on the UNT campus, corner of Avenue D and I-35. Parking is off Avenue E in the Fouts Field Lot. Tickets range from

\$15 to \$25, with a \$5 discount for Senior Citizens, students, faculty, staff and children 12 and under. For information, call 940-369-7802.

Fourteen fifth grade students from Woodrow Wilson Elementary School will sing in several scenes in Act II as singing urchins.

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Denton Bach Society sets Christmas concert for Dec. 3

The Denton Bach Society's annual Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Theatre, will feature the music Bach wrote and conducted for his first Christmas in 1723 Leipzig.

The orchestra of 23 players and choir of 40 singers will perform the cantata "Christen, aetzet diesen Tag" "Christians,

inscribe this day" an unusually joyous work, and the "Magnificat in D," a "most spectacular" work.

Tickets may be reserved by calling the Campus Theatre box office 940-382-1915, in downtown Denton. Tickets are: adults \$12.00; students and senior citizens \$8.00.

In the Service

Dabney A. Clifton recently completed the cadet basic training program at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York. The training is designed to form new academy cadets into disciplined soldier-officers possessing personal pride, confidence, obedience to command orders, and dedication to duty.

During the six-week rigorous program, the cadet was trained in basic military skills, rifle marksmanship, field tactical maneuvers, physical fitness and

endurance, military courtesy, drill and ceremonies, and academic instruction.

After completing the basic training program, the cadet is accepted into the U.S. Corps of Cadets at the academy. Upon graduating from the academy, the cadet receives a bachelor's degree and is commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.

Clifton is the daughter of David S. Clifton and Marcia A. Barker of 2951 Farm to Market 2848, Valley View. She is a 2000 graduate of Valley View High School.

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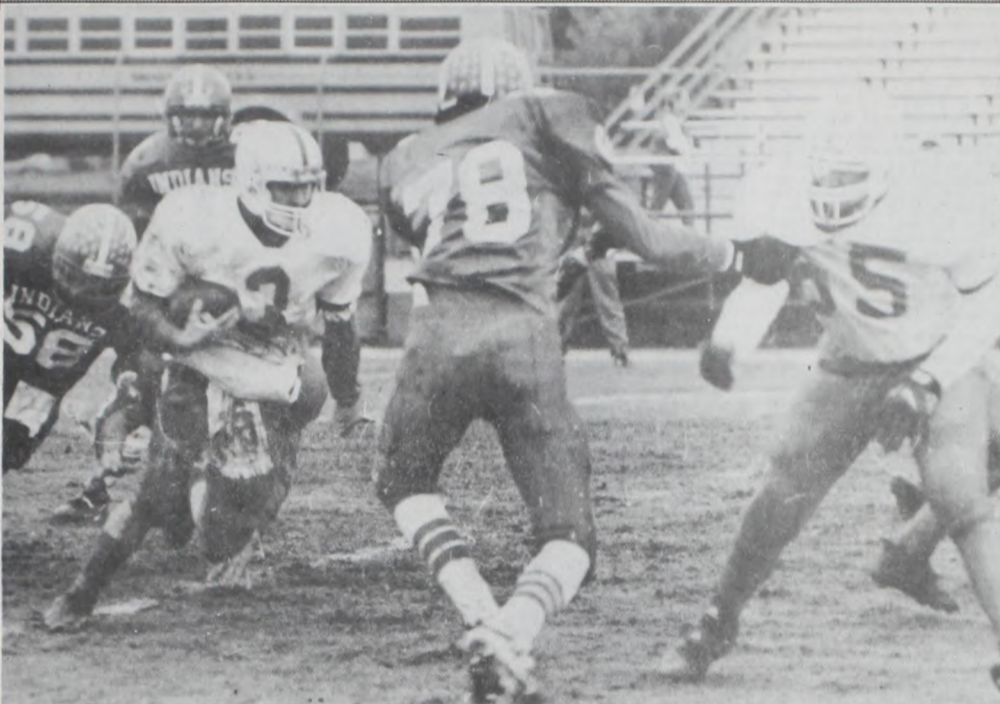
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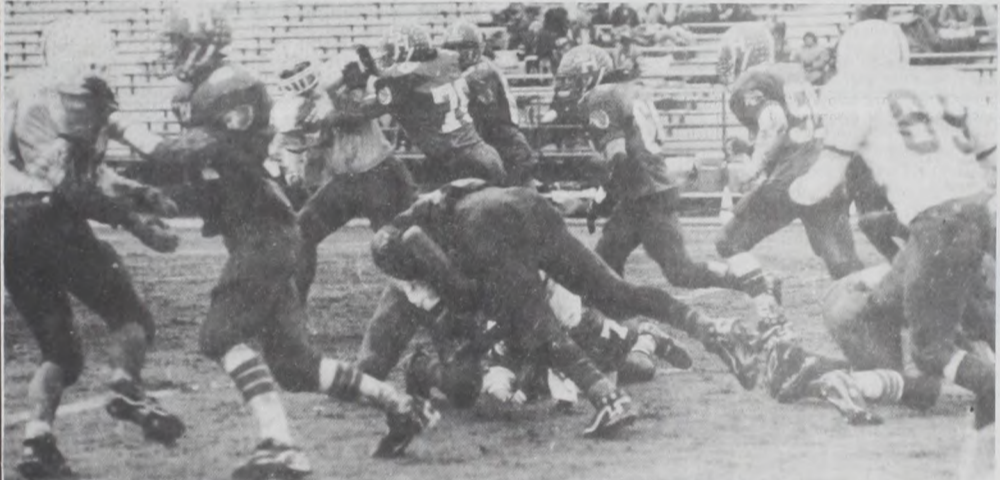
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Sacred Heart quarterback Luke Endres escaped one Hallettsville tackler, but the next one is moving in after getting around blocker Jack Biffle. Photo by Dave Fette



Tiger tackle Kenneth Grewing made a solid tackle here stopping the Indian runner for no gain while the play seemed to run right past him. Photo by Dave Fette



Jeff Hartman and Chris Smith stop a slippery, hard-running Indian during the second round of TAPPS playoffs. Photo by Dave Fette



Sports writer Janie Hartman presents \$100 Grand Prize Football Contest check to Mike Stoffels. Dave Fette Photo

Contest ends with Stoffels winning season with 161

An extra week was added to the *Muenster Enterprise* football contest due to Sacred Heart's play-off game, but the extra games didn't change the season outcome of the contest. Mike Stoffels finished in first place over the 18 contestants that entered every week. Stoffels, out of 200 games, correctly picked 161 winners. Coming in second place was Ted Heers guessing 159, then Jon LeBrasseur with 157 games. 144 games. Fourteenth finisher was Mickey Haverkamp with a score of 143, Edna Hermes 140, and Barbie Barnhill and Edgar Dyer with 138. Finishing in 18th place was Noah Barnhill at 132.

For the week, Benny Haverkamp took first place, missing only 4 games. Guessing 15 were Ted Heers, and Mark Grewing, Jon LeBrasseur, LeRoy Buddy, Mike Stoffels, Dave Reiter, Carol Grewing, Tim Bindel, Wilfred Bindel, Dustin Wimmer, and Edna Hermes each missed 6. Everyone picked Celina and Pilot Point to win, while everyone missed Windthorst's defeat. One missed Gainesville and two picked Sacred Heart. Mark Grewing had the closest guess in the tie-breaker 0-27.

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We		They	
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20	Sep. 8	Ft. Worth Calvary	H 7:30 0
54	Sep. 15	Waco+	H 7:30 0
35	Sep. 22	Balch Springs*	T 7:30 8
22	Sep. 29	Dallas Lakehill*	H 7:30 6
0	Oct. 6	Rockwall*	T 7:30 28
34	Oct. 13	Ambassadors*	H 7:30 18
19	Oct. 20	Argyle	H 7:30 7
20	Oct. 27	Tyler Street*	H 7:30 0
41	Nov. 4	Prestonwood*	T 3:00 0
20	Nov. 11	Shiner St. Paul Regional	T 1:00 7
0	Nov. 18	Hallettsville SH (@Waco)	6:00 28

*District Games + Homecoming

Junior Varsity Action

Muenster 33 Alvord 50
Pam Lutkenhaus dropped in 14 points to lead the junior varsity Lady Hornets in Alvord last week Tuesday, but the Lady Dogs powerful shooting outscored Muenster 50-33. Rachel Clark added 10 points on the board.

M	8	7	8	10	33
A	16	12	8	14	50

Lutkenhaus and Rachel Clark each added 7.

Muenster 34 Alvord 40
The junior varsity Hornets opened the season with a close contest in Alvord on Nov. 14. Michael Endres was high scorer with 6 points, all coming in the third period. Jared Ledbetter, Daniel Russell, and Cody Escobedo each added 5. Dustin Hiser scored 4. Brady Howell 3, and 2 apiece from Kirk Hartman, Wesley Koelzer, and Tyler Walterscheid.

M	4	11	8	11	34
A	18	8	10	4	40

Muenster 32 Celina 42
The Lady Hornets allowed the Celina freshman team to take home a victory last Saturday. After an even first quarter, the Lady Cats took the lead and never let it go.

Lacy Endres was the leading scorer for Muenster with 9 points. Pam



Nolan Hartman prepares to hand off the ball to Zach Swirczynski at the CCYC Super Bowl. Oiler linemen pictured are, from left, Evan Koesler, Cole Harrison, Chad Endres, and Bill Haverkamp. Courtesy photo

Junior High Action

Muenster 7th 25 Collinsville 23
The seventh grade Lady Stingers stole a win in Collinsville last Thursday.

Russell Endres, Justin Wolf, and Aaron Walterscheid each adding 4. Clint Miller and Chase Cain put in 3 points apiece.

Danielle Bindel was Muenster's high scorer with 8 points. Jenna Felderhoff added 6. Kelly Endres 4, and 2 apiece from Katie Endres, Jack Koelzer, and Jenni Endres. Karen Flusche added a free throw.

Muenster 7th 28 Slidell 9
The young Lady Stingers took care of business Monday afternoon, handing the Lady Puppies a one-sided beating. Bindel again was the game's high scorer with 12 points. Felderhoff added 6, Leah Vinson 4, and 2 each for J. Endres, K. Endres, and Kelly Endres.

"I am very impressed with the hustle of all our girls. Because of that, we are getting many opportunities to score on lay-ups," noted Coach Amy Binder. "We will work on improving their percentage from the short range field."

M	16	9	25
C	13	10	23

These girls have been working hard and getting better every day on fundamental drills, which they are taking to the court. Their defensive skills have looked great in both games," Coach Binder added.

M	6	10	8	4	28
S	0	2	5	2	9

Muenster 7th 22 Collinsville 24
The young Stingers were handed a narrow defeat in Collinsville.

Muenster 7th 32 Slidell 8
The young Stingers took a big win from the Slidell Puppies Monday afternoon. Ten Muenster players put points on the scoreboard, led by Endres with 8 points. Hennigan added 4, with Patrick Lutkenhaus, Dustin Wimmer, Greg Price, and J. Walterscheid each getting a basket and free throw.

Trey Russ led the Pirates with 14 points.

M	6	16	22
C	14	10	24

Martin, Eckart, Keith Walterscheid and Chris Steelman all scored 2 points.

M	7	8	9	8	32
S	2	5	1	0	8

Muenster 8th 30 Collinsville 15
These girls have impressed me from the get go," noted Coach Amy Binder. "Their hard work and dedication to the game is a key to all their success this year and in years to come."

Muenster 8th 42 Slidell 17
The Lady Stingers had eight girls put points on the board in their victory over the Lady Puppies.

The 8th grade Lady Stingers brought home a big win over Collinsville, holding their opponent to only 2 points the first half.

"I am confident that these girls will make things happen, as they continue to improve their skills daily," noted Coach Binder. "They have shown that they understand the game and know what it takes to win."

Shelbi Jolliff scored 8 points and Tara Swirczynski 6 to lead Muenster's scoring. JoAnna Felderhoff, Whitney Watson, and Candice McCrory each added 4, with Kallie Gerstberger and Shannon Grewing each getting 2.

Felderhoff was the game's leading scorer with 14 points. Swirczynski followed with 10. McCrory 6, and Stevie Klement 4. Adding 2 points each were Lana Fisher, Watson, Grewing, and Jolliff.

M	10	10	12	10	42
S	1	4	5	7	17

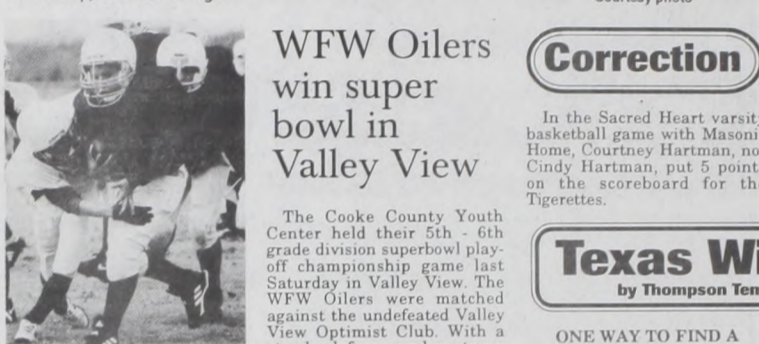
Muenster 8th 34 Collinsville 9
Sean Fuhrmann dropped 11 points in the basket to lead the Stingers to victory. John Fredrick added 5, with

Endres and Fuhrmann each scored 16 points. Wolf added 7 and Fredrick and Cain 4 points apiece. Miller and Aaron Walterscheid scored 2 points each.

M	14	14	4	19	51
S	4	5	5	8	22



Kick off time for the Oilers. From left, Michael Valliere, Matt Beaver, Zach Swirczynski, kicker Bill Haverkamp, and William Vogel. Courtesy photo



Chad Hess fights for an extra yard. Courtesy photo

WFW Oilers win super bowl in Valley View

The Cooke County Youth Center held their 5th - 6th grade division superbowl play-off championship game last Saturday in Valley View. The WFW Oilers were matched against the undefeated Valley View Optimist Club. With a steady defense and a strong offense, WFW gave the Valley View team their first defeat of the year. "The whole team had great game," noted the WFW coaches. The defense scored the winning touchdown, covering a fumbled ball in the end zone, and then held on for the win. Individual first place trophies were awarded to the players and coaches.

Correction

In the Sacred Heart varsity basketball game with Masonic Home, Courtney Hartman, not Cindy Hartman, put 5 points on the scoreboard for the Tigerettes.

Texas Wildlife

by Thompson Temple

ONE WAY TO FIND A BUCK
I have been a hunting guide for whitetail bucks for 25 years. I am not a natural hunter. By this I mean that I am not as good as many of my friends are at hunting deer. How do I hunt?
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least for tracks. I locate my blind where I know deer have been before. I sit at that spot and I wait for them to come back.

I have read that a whitetail deer will spend most of his life on 640 acres. That is a one mile square. Chances are that the deer you saw will be back to that spot where you saw him. I have read also that mule deer migrate. They may pack their bags and leave the area. Whitetail do not move around as much as mule deer.

If you can find a spot where does hang out, then chances are that this is a good spot for bucks. In November and December bucks will join the does from time to time regardless of hunting pressure. When I build my stand I try to put the stand northwest of the spot where I saw the deer. The wind frequently blows from the South and East off the Gulf of Mexico. This will usually cause your scent to blow away from the deer.

The above advice is very simple, but it works! If your name is Woody Woodsman, then you can sniff out a buck. If not, then try the above. Remember, keep the wind in your face, the sun at your back, and the Lord in your heart! Good hunting.



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Honorable Mentions:
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Conservation recommendations released

The Governor's Task Force on Conservation approved a set of specific recommendations Oct. 19 on how Texas can meet conservation and outdoor recreation needs in the 21st century. The recommendations address private lands, public lands, and water.

Gov. George W. Bush created the 12-member task force by Executive Order on Feb. 24, 2000. He charged its members with studying the issues of conservation, land-fragmentation, public parks, outdoor recreation, and nature tourism, and making recommendations for how best to protect and enhance the state's natural resources and increase outdoor recreation opportunities for Texans.

"I commend this task force of conservation leaders for outlining a bold vision for Texas' future," said Gov. Bush.

Recommendations on Private Lands. Ninety-seven percent of the land in Texas is privately owned, so any comprehensive conservation effort in Texas depends on private landowners' participation and cooperation. The task force recommends that the state provide landowners additional incentives and partnership opportunities to better care for and conserve their lands:

- Create a statewide Purchase of Development Rights program to compensate willing landowners for restricting future development of their lands. The Legislature would create the fund and a council to administer the fund.

- Reform federal and state tax laws to encourage conservation by private landowners.

- Expand incentives and assistance to landowners for habitat management, including expanding the use of Wildlife Management Plans, conservation agreements and the Landowner Incentive Program, increasing technical

assistance to landowners, and forming more voluntary wildlife co-ops to help improve wildlife habitats.

- Encourage outdoor recreation development opportunities on private lands, including nature tourism, by encouraging partnerships between public and private sectors, and examining liability issues that may inhibit private participation in recreation and conservation projects.

Recommendations on Public Lands. The task force found that as Texas continues to grow and the demand for recreation and natural resource conservation continues to grow, the State's current park lands will not be able to meet future needs.

The task force recommends that the State assess local and state needs and resources and develop a strategic, statewide plan to meet the identified conservation and outdoor recreation demands:

- Develop a comprehensive system to address conservation and to assure easily accessible outdoor recreation, including urban nature centers and outdoor recreation programs.

- Ensure funds to repair, maintain, and develop existing public lands, and to acquire lands that meet the state's strategic conservation and outdoor recreation needs; create a blue-ribbon panel to identify state sites that should be transferred to other entities.

- Strengthen the ability of local governments to address conservation and outdoor needs by increasing grants for local parks and conservation, and giving fast-growing counties more tools to address growth.

Recommendations on Water. The task force found water to be the most critical conservation issue in Texas. The Senate Bill 1 regional water planning groups and several legislative interim committees are also addressing Texas' water needs.

Water is the limiting factor for all aquatic life, plants, wildlife, and many types of recreation. The task force found that as the State faces increasing water demands for municipal growth, industry and agriculture, we also must provide water to meet the needs of our natural resources. Recommendations include:

- For new water use, ensure adequate quantity and quality of water to support healthy land and water ecosystems.
- Incorporate the needs of fish and wildlife into existing water resource management.
- Promote agricultural water uses that also benefit wildlife.
- Protect Texas springs that are an important contributor to many Texas streams and rivers.

Wheat export standards toughened

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has further toughened standards for the cleanliness of U.S. wheat exports destined for overseas food aid.

He lowered the maximum acceptable dockage level for wheat purchased by USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation and used for international food assistance from 0.8 percent to 0.7 percent.

He also said USDA is planning to further tighten the acceptable dockage level to 0.6 percent in fiscal year 2002 and to 0.5 percent in fiscal year 2003.

Dockage includes all matter other than wheat that must be removed prior to milling the wheat into flour. USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration measures and reports dockage on each export shipment.

"The competitiveness of U.S. wheat in the global market depends on its reputation for quality and value," Glickman said. "By tightening our standards, we can help improve the competitiveness of our wheat exports."

CCC purchases for government donation programs have historically been at the 1.0 percent dockage level, the level often used in U.S. commercial purchases.

In June, Glickman announced that the U.S. would require a dockage level of 0.8 percent or less for future wheat purchases for foreign food assistance.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

COUPLE PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL DAIRY CO-OP MEETING

Tommy and Michelle Neu of Gainesville, Texas represented the Young Cooperator Program of Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. at the 2000 joint annual meeting of the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, and the United Dairy Industry Association. The Annual Meeting was held October 29 to November 2 in Dallas, Texas.

The Neu's participated with other young dairy farmers from across the country in the unique format of the conference focusing on the theme, "One Industry/One Future". Various dairy industry leaders provided a look back on the year as well as a frank discussion of what the future may hold for dairy producers and the rest of the dairy industry.

A special Young Cooperator portion of the meeting included sessions on leadership development, managing the stress of dairying, speaking to the media on dairy issues, financial risk management, and family relations. Participants interacted with many of the national dairy cooperative leadership, including the staff of NMPF and Dairy Management Incorporated. The Young Cooperators learned about the latest in dairy products development and marketing strategies.

The Neu's are members of Dairy Farmers of America, a dairy marketing cooperative that markets milk for 24,000 dairy farmers members in 45 states. DFA supplies milk to bottling and manufacturing plants that produce a complete line

of dairy products and food components for consumers in the U.S. and around the world.

LAST CALL!!! COOKE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

All 4-H market animals, breeding animals and horse entries, except steers, are due in the Extension Office on November 29, 2000. All entries must be made on an Official Entry Card (one entry per card). All entries must be complete (filled out, dated, signed and entry fee money must accompany the entry card(s) before an entry will be accepted. The fee of \$5 per entry is due when you turn in your entry card(s).

EU beef hormone dispute end near?

Beef industry representatives said recently that the United States and the European Union are getting closer to an agreement that would resolve their trade dispute, at least temporarily, over trade in hormone-treated beef.

The agreement being considered would likely contain a combination of tariff reduction or elimination and an expansion of the EU's import quota on hormone-free beef imports.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

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Brown Motor Company is pleased to announce the addition of Rickey David to their sales staff. Rickey has been working in the automobile business in the Pilot Point area for the past several years, and brings with him 18 years of car sales experience. Brown Motor Company feels fortunate to be able to add a sales person of Rickey's experience to its sales staff of qualified sales people. Together they invite prospective new customers, as well as current ones, to come out and meet Rickey, and let him help with any and all of their automobile needs.

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Brown's Gainesville location, 1608 West Hwy 82, just 1/8 of a mile from the intersection of I-35 & Hwy 82, is buzzing with the excitement of GM's newly designed entries to their product line. Come see the newly designed models including the Chevrolet Impala, a light quality sedan that defines driving excellence, and the classy Monte Carlo. GM's new entry the versatile Pontiac Aztec, is sure to be a hit with the outdoor enthusiast.

The truck tradition lives on at GM with the tested 6.6 L Duramax Diesel coupled with a 5 speed Allison automatic or a 6 speed ZF heavy duty manual transmission. This combination produces 300 horsepower and 520 ft LB of torque, and is poised to become the ultimate choice in heavy duty 3/4 Ton and 1 Ton work and recreational applications. Following in the footsteps of the newly designed 1/2 ton, but adding new levels of versatility in both towing performance and design sophistication, it is sure to be a segment leader. The Tahoe, Suburban, Yukon, and Yukon XL are proof that GM is still setting the benchmark when it comes to agile, stylish and refined full size SUVs.

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