

Newly elected Muenster Hospital Auxiliary officers are, from left, Rosalee Bayer, Christine Weinzapfel, Deb Klement, Bertha Hamric (president of first Auxiliary), and Faye Hamric.

MMH Auxiliary members set to serve

By Janet Felderhoff
Installation of officers was the first order of business as the first official meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7 after reorganizing. Hospital Administrator Richard Arnold presented Bertha Hamric with a fresh green ivy plant as a token of appreciation. She served as president of the MMH Auxiliary when it was first formed in 1964. Arnold also assured the members that he would support them in whatever projects they decided to pursue.

Installed as officers were Faye Hamric, president; Deb Klement Secretary; and Rosalee Bayer, treasurer. Each was presented a folder in colors that represented a quality clearly in the president's was purple for leadership; the vice-lating spirit and loyalty, since she will help the organization adhere to the TAHA (Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries) membership in all ways; the secretary received red for vigilance

and alertness, qualities needed to help record important events and decisions of the group accurately; white went to the treasurer to denote truthfulness and honesty, since that is the most trustworthy position as the keeper of funds and assets; yellow represented the members who are needed to support the officers so that together the group can perform a real service to MMH.

Administrator Arnold

MMH.
Administrator Arnold installed the president. She then installed the other See MMH AUXILIARY, pg 2

MSB is major donor

City proceeds with park stage and emergency plans

by Dave Fette

Site work has begun on the performing arts outdoor stage in the Muenster City Park, and Dangelmayr Brothers Construction expects to pour concrete next week. Muenster State Bank has committed a donation of \$10,000.00 to the stage project, and by agreement with the City and Chamber of Commerce, will claim the privilege of naming the structure. The Muenster City Council expressed gratitude for the generous donation from Muenster State Bank and also welcomed news that the Muenster Jaycees have pledged \$2,500.00 to help build the stage. The Council approved an increase of \$25,000.00 to the Park budget to cover stage-related building expenses. The City and Chamber of Commerce continue to seek help for the project. Major donors will be honored with their names on permanent plaques displayed on the stage.

The Council also discussed an emergency

agreement recognizes Pat Stelzer as Muenster's Emergency Management Coordinator with necessary powers and authority. Muenster's part will be to give help or receive help depending on the location and scope of a given disaster in this area. City Administrator Linda Webb said, "We're also including plans on taking care of ourselves if the emergency spreads over a wide area and little help is available." Mayor Henry Weinzapfel was named the Emergency Management Director for Muenster.

Other items of discussion and/or action Monday night included:

The 1985 GMC dump truck will be fixed with a used motor.

The dedicated alley

• The 1985 GMC dump truck will be fixed with a used motor.
• The dedicated alley between Oak and Walnut Streets in block 52 will be opened.
• The sewer plant improvement project should start Jan. 15.
• The Council is reviewing the subdivision ordinances dealing with development just outside the south-east part of the City.

Monthly bills for November and December totaling \$124,837.85 were reviewed and approved for payment.





of the Peace Precinct #4 John Roane, District Clerk Pat Payne, County Treasurer Judy Hunter, County Commissioner Precinct #2, Bill Cox County Commissioner Precinct #4 Virgil Hess, and County Clerk Rebecca Lawson. Photo by Dave Fette





Rehab expands at hospital

Muenster Memorial Hospital is excited to announce the expansion of their Rehab Department. Beginning, Jan. 2, 2003, Orthopaedic and Neurological Rehabilitation, overseeing the program. She will coordinate the delivery of services, ensuring consistency in the full continuum of care. ONR is a privately held rehabilitation company that therapy services at Muenster Hospital District, providing physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language therapy services in the outpatient, home health, hospital, and nursing home settings.

Amy Haverkamp, a local ONR's therapists have the Muenster Hospital the Muen

MMH enlists help with bills

Muenster Memorial Hospital (MMH) exists to serve the community of Muenster, Texas by providing quality healthcare services. The administration has discovered that prior collection services have been rather ineffective during the past 18 months. As a result, administration has engaged the services of a consulting firm that specializes in collecting unresolved receivables. This latter opportunity is one that will require the participation and patience of the residents of Muenster.

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MMH AUXILIARY RE-VITALIZED

officers.

It was stressed that sufficient funds remained in the Auxiliary account from its previous active time. Without a pressing need for fund raising, members are able to concentrate on other service projects. Some of the projects adopted by members include: Pamper Patients; Gift Shop, Scholarships; Junior Volunteers; Greeters; Garden Area; Pamper Staff (doctors, nurses, techs, employees); Rest Home Committee; Memorial Fund; and Chapel. Members volunteered to chair the projects as follows: Pamper Patients Janie Weinzapfel with Imelda Rohmer and Jewel Otto; Gift Shop Mary Kay Sicking; Scholarships and Junior Volunteers Dana Hess; Garden Area Janet Felderhoff; Chapel Carol Aytes. Committee chairs already in place were Membership Cathy Kubis and Darlene Williams; Publicity Janet Felderhoff; and Scrapbook Theresa Walterscheid.

A Gift Shop was started a couple of months ago for the convenience of patients and their visitors. Faye Hamric worked with local merchants and hospital staff to set up a gift cart. She said it has been

successful. There are plans to purchase a locking glass case in which to display gift shop items. Mary Kay Sicking volunteered to be chairmen for the Gift Shop.

Chairmen are being sought for the still unchaired projects and committee members are welcome for all. Anyone wishing to volunteer for a committee may contact the chairman or President Hamric or attend the next Auxiliary meeting. This group is open to new ideas and suggestions.

Secretary Deb Klement read a letter from MMH Board President Jerry Hess. He thanked the Auxiliary for all the help and thousands of dollars in equipment that it had donated in the past. He welcomed the reorganized group's assistance.

Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration office. New members, both men and women, are always welcome. Dues of \$5 will be charged for both active and sustaining members. Sustaining members are those who wish to show support, but are unable to be active in the organization's projects.

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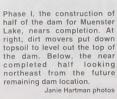
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Senator Craig Estes to be sworn in Jan. 14

State Senator Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, will be sworn into office for his first full term Jan. 14.

Chief Justice Tom Phillips will administer the oath of office to the state's 31 senators during ceremonies slated for noon in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol.

Estes was first elected in 2001 during a special election for the year remaining on the tenure of the late Senator Tom Haywood. Estes was reelected to a full term in November's general elections.

"It's been almost a year and a half since I entered the political arena, and I have worked hard during the interim in preparation for my first session of the Texas Legislature." Estes said. "The moment is near, and I am ready to go to work on the floor of the

Senior Day is set for Feb. 4 at state capitol in Austin

in Austin

Senior Day at the capitol will be observed on Feb. 4, 2003 in Austin, themed "Seniors - the Heart of Texas." It is being organized by the Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition and several other groups to celebrate the contributions older adults have made and will continue to make to the state of Texas in cultural, artistic, and scientific development.

Beginning with a rally on the front steps of the Capitol at 10:30 a.m., the rally will feature a celebrity speaker, elected officials, and leaders in the aging network.

Those attending will have See SENIORS, pg 3

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Senate for the people of North Texas."

Estes serves Senate District 30, which includes all of Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cooke, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.

He invites constituents to stop by his office located in Room 3E.8, just off the Senate Gallery on the third floor of the Capitol. The telephone number is 512-463-0130.

When members of the Senate and House are sworn in on Jan. 14, the 78th Texas Legislature will begin its 140-day regular session.

"The Legislature will face many important challenges this session, and Governor Perry has indicated that he wants us to go to work immediately on solving the problems surrounding homeowners' insurance and medical malpractice," Estes said. "The projected budget shortfall will have a major impact on everything the Legislature does this session." Finally, An Affordable Standing Seam Residential **Steel Roof**



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the Peace for their compassion. Thank you to the
McGoy Funeral Home for your caring and help. Thank
you to Tather John Ohner for your words, prayers and assistance with the funeral service, plus all who participated in the Mass to make it so beautiful. The you to the TC's for the use of the hall and to the Catholic Daughters for preparing a wonderful mean We will always remember your kindness and

oughifulness throughout our lives. May Sod Bless You All! The Family of Bob Pels 5 Linda, Sina, Wendy, Ion & Family

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7pm, Old MHS Gym Religious Ed Class, 7pm

Friday, January 17, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM

Monday, January 20, 2003 Teacher In-Service SHS, NO SCHOOL SHS Advisory Council meeting, 7:30PM VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8PM

Tuesday, January 21, 2003
Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30,
S.N.A.P. Center
Grief Support Seminar, Home
Hospice Office, 6-8PM
MMH Board meeting, 7PM
Cooke County Diabetic
Support Group meeting, 7PM
Culwell Conference Room,
GMH

Wednesday, January 22, 2003 Religious Ed Class, 7PM Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7PM, Old MHS Gym

Thursday, January 23, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM

Friday, January 24, 2003 Muenster Museum Open n Open 1-4 pm

Saturday, January 25, 2003

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From My Side by of the Fence Ed Cler

Well, the American Civil Liberties Union, (A.C.L.U.) is back at work. Their wrecking crew, I gather from the papers, after succeeding in outlawing Nativity Scenes, etc. from being displayed in public buildings, now has filed a suit against a public school in Georgia because it has a calendar showing Dec. 25 as Christmas Day.

Will we now have calendars that have dates, such as July 4, without Independence Day? These mean spirited people are also suing a Pittsburgh public parking lot to stop it from designating some parking spaces for people who have driven many miles to view a Nativity

Scene, displayed in a Roman Catholic Church. No more

The A.C.L.U. has already had a go at the Boy Scouts and lost that one. They are now trying to get the Ten Commandments removed from public buildings. I always thought everyone should read and heed them.

It really boils down to a minority trying to tell the majority how to live. In other words, the A.C.L.U. wants the few to have rights, and the many to have none.

I hope our servicemen, who are willing to give their lives to protect our rights, never hear of this.

SENIORS DAY

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lunch on their own, and then may visit their elected officials; and view the "Senior Day Exhibit" in the Lower Rotunda of the Capitol. It is suggested that groups or individuals pack a lunch or go to a nearby restaurant. Having lunch in the Capitol cafeteria can involve a long wait.

Seniors may FAX letters to their State Senator and the Lieutenant Governor at 512-463-0039 or to their State Representative and the Speaker of the House at 512-463-0675 on Feb. 4, to address issues facing Seniors in Texas.

Next Saint Jo Opry set statistics for Saturday Jan. 11

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The Opry is happy to announce their special guest this month will be Jeff Clarkson from Henrietta. Jeff plays a number of musical instruments and will be doing some bluegrass numbers, playing banjo mandolin, guitar, and singing some great songs. He is a very talented young man who thrilled the audience when he appeared on the Opry several months ago, the sponsors say.

Other musicians scheduled to return to the Opry for January are: Marty Bartlett of Lindsay on country fiddle and vocals; Roger Watson of Burkburnett will be back and will be on steel and doing vocals; Mark McCall, Nocona will be returning on drums.

The Country Cut Ups will be performing on stage and invite everyone to come join in the fun. "Leave the T.V. behind and check out the Opry." In the event of bad weather such as freezing rain, sleet or snow, which would make driving hazardous and dangerous, the Opry will be canceled.

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Anyone wishing to have seats reserved for groups who would like to be seated together may call ahead at 940-995-2443 or 995-2586. A small admission of \$2.00 is asked for adults, with children admitted free, as are nursing home residents or health facilities residents. The Opry continues to make donations to Community Service Organizations, including Volunteer FIRE/EMS Departments and others. Concessions will be available.

Attorney General unveils Roberts returns from new resources to help protect senior consumers from scams, violence

this information through their senior citizen outreach

Attorney General Greg
Abbott recently launched a
new electronic "Senior
Alert" bulletin and Web
page as part of an initiative
to provide senior Texans
with fast, up-to-date
warnings about the latest
scams, schemes and other
crimes against the elderly.
The e-mail Senior Alert will
be issued as soon as
information is available.
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information about consumer
protection and crime
prevention can be a useful
tool in helping our seniors
lead safe and satisfying
lives," Attorney General
Abbott said. "I encourage
children to send this
information to their
parents, and I urge local
governments and non-profit
organizations to distribute

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NOVEMBER PERMITS TO DRILL

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The Commission issued a
total of 801 original drilling
permits in November 2002
compared to 776 in
November 2001. The
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November total included
603 permits to drill new oil
and gas wells, 25 to re-enter
existing well bores, and 173
for recompletions. Permits
issued in November 2002
included 165 oil, 231 gas,
374 oil and gas, 25 injection,
two service, and four other
permits.

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NOVEMBER OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In November 2002, operators reported 204 oil, 384 gas, 17 injection, and three others compared to 220 oil, 513 gas, 18 injection and four other completions during November 2001.

Total well completions for 2002 year to date are 8,638 up from 8,519 recorded during the same period in 2001. Operators reported 320 holes plugged and 64 dry holes in November 2002 compared to 743 plugged and 85 dry holes in November 2001.

Naval Reserve Duty

By Janet Felderhoff
Second Class Petty Officer
Robert Paul Roberts of
Muenster recently returned
home from a year of Naval
Reserve duty. Paul, his wife
Pam, and children Jon Paul,
age 13, and Peyton, age 9,
moved to Muenster in May
of 1997 from Ringling,
Oklahoma to be nearer his
job at Weber Aircraft. They
are members of the First
Baptist Church in
Muenster.
Roberts served for one

home from a year of Naval Reserve duty. Paul, his wife Pam, and children Jon Paul, age 13, and Peyton, age 9, moved to Muenster in May of 1997 from Ringling, Oklahoma to be nearer his job at Weber Aircraft. They are members of the First citizens can report scams that have happened to them or to others. This will enable the Attorney General's office, in turn, to issue Senior Alerts informing other senior Texans of such scams. It will also allow the Attorney General's Office to take swifter action against the perpetrators of scams.

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While serving in Yokosuka, Paul received honors for National Defense, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal.

Roberts' daughter Peyton said she really missed him while he was gone. She said he wasn't there for her birthday or for her mother's birthday. She did enjoy the cake that was part of his send off party from Weber Aircraft.

Roberts remarked, "The most exciting part of the whole experience was coming home to see my wife and kids at the airport!" He said it had been a year since he'd seen his family except for a couple weeks in March when his wife came to Hawaii to visit and they did some site seeing. Roberts noted that with the situation as it is now he could be recalled again at any time.

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Lifestyle

Josh Freeman USMMA 2005 calls from China

Josh Freeman called greetings from Hong Kong, China, to his Cooke County family on New Year's Day, 2003. Josh is a 2000 graduate of Muenster High School. He received an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York from Congressman Ralph Hall. Josh reported in July of 2000 for a four-year assignment. His courses have been in engineering and marine science, which he said were really difficult.

President Line. There are only two USMMA cadets on board with the crew of 21. The other is Justin Mitchell from Dallas.

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Josh telephoned from Hong Kong, China at 8:40 a.m. Texas time and told that it was 10:40 p.m. there. This was a port-of-call with his assigned merchant cargo ship, The President Kennedy of the American

Dec. 1. Joining them for a birthday party themed Dora, the Explorer, were her grandparents Tommy and Ruth Knabe; and Dean and Susan Ing and Lanna Terrell and Aunt Tyler Ing; and great-grandparents Ben and Gertie Voth; and cousins Megan, Alexxis and Bailey Ing, MaCayla Nash, and aunt and uncle Kathy and Kevin Creed and cousins Kristopher, Mitch, and Lauren Creed. Refreshments included an assortment of pick-up foods, birthday cake and ice cream.

Leah celebrated her birthday with a Celebration of Life, with her friends at Sacred Heart Preschool on Dec. 2. She served cupcakes. She enjoyed fun and games on Dec. 6 with Lauren Creed, Macie Pagel, and Allie Walterscheid at Chuck E. Cheese.

eah is four

on Dec. 8 because of a tremendous Pacific Ocean storm. Josh told that he was seasick a couple of days, but by the time they reached Dutch Harbor, Alaska he was over it. He managed time to climb half way up a snowy mountain but came down because the sun sets very early. The next stop was Yokahoma, Japan, then Kobe, Japan. He could not figure out how to use the telephone at those ports and no one spoke English. He was glad to get letters in Yokahoma, which helped him get over being homesick.

The next ports for unloading and loading will be Yantinn, China, and Koneshuing, Taiwan. They will then return to San Pedro, California. After

unloading the containers from abroad, the schedule will begin again immediately with delivery to the same ports. He will be on this run for a second time.

Josh said that he has a lengthy assignment to complete before this sea duty semester is over. He is to draw the complete design and mechanization of the engines of The President Kennedy and he said the engines are four stories tall.

Josh is the son of Ken and Jamai Freeman, and grandson of J.E. and Barbara Pybas of Sivells Bend. Josh's email is: Josh Freemanfkrew16-crew16



Hennigan

James and Angela
Hennigan of Muenster
announce with pride and joy
the birth of their second
daughter, Kelsey Ann
Hennigan on Dec. 30, 2002
the little Memorial

Hospital,
weighing 7 lb. 13 1/2 oz. and
measuring 20 1/2 inches in
length. She joins a sister
Morgan Marie Hennigan,
age 2, at home.
Grandparents are Donald
and Sandra Hennigan and
Clinton and Debbie Endres
all of Muenster. The greatgrandmother is Clara
Endres of Muenster.

Endres of Muenster.

Seymour, Texas, and Dale
Bauer of Cleveland, Ohio.

Better Living for Texans promotes nutritional health

The purpose of the Better
Living for Texans program is to assist individuals and families on a limited income as well as schools, preschool groups and others to have nutritionally sound diets and improve food security and health status. Here are a couple of reasons why the Better Living for Texans program come to warm to the serves to educate low-income working families to maximize their resources in order to purchase nutritious foods and still meet all of their other monthly expenses. School aged children and adults in poverty are less likely to receive preventive health



Muenster Hospital Administrator Richard Arnold presents first MMH Auxiliary president Bertha Hamric with a gift of appreciation. Janie Hartman photo

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The engagement and approaching marriage of Dee Dee Walterscheid, daughter of Nick and Robynn Walterscheid, to Glen Dangelmayr, son of Joe and Pam Dangelmayr, have been announced by parents of the bride-elect. The wedding will be held on Feb. 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Muenster High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of North Texas. She is employed as insurance coordinator for MMH Family Health Clinic. The future-groom is a 1997 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas State Technical College. He is employed by Circuit Breaker Sales in Gainesville.

County ranch making movies

The C Quarter Circle Ranch of Gainesville is proud to announce their association with and new home of CHAPS (Cowboy Historical Actors and Performers). CHAPS along with Summit Pictures has begun filming a Western Television Series in North Texas. The television series, the Legend of Jeremiah Cain, who is the town's Marshall, battles between personal vengeance against those who killed his brother and upholding the about a total of 13 episodes from C Quarter Circle Ranch.

The Legend of Jeremiah Cain on cable television and to wide older in 2003. CHAPS and C Quarter Circle Ranch are proud to actual events of a U.S.

Marshall in the history of Life."

Meeting Notice

The Cooke County Chapter 1049 AARP will be meeting at the Stanford House at 12:00-1:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10. All persons aged 50 and over are invited to attend this meeting and consider the benefits of the AARP. The guest speaker for Friday will be Missionary Bob Hendry. He will speak on some aspects of being a missionary and places discovered. Make your plans to attend this lunch meeting. Contact Shirley Rector at 940-665-2826, ext. 24, for more information on the meeting.

Diabetes Support
Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Culwell Conference Room of the Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Information on pumps, pancreas and islet cell transplants will be presented by Jerry Meece, RPh, FACA, CDE. A County residents to donate.

MiniMed (pump company) representative will also be present. A local person with diabetes for 43 years, who presently wears a pump and plans to have an islet transplant in several months, will present her thoughts on her life with diabetes.

Individuals with diabetes and family members are encouraged to attend this free program. For information call Joan Walterscheid at (940) 759-2395.

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Abby Nicole is 1

Abby Nicole Walterscheid celebrated her first birthday on her actual birthday, Dec. 13, and again on Dec. 15. On her actual birthday she had lunch with both grandmas, Charlotte Klement and Alice Walterscheid, and other friends, Nicole, Lydia, and Hunter Hennigan, and Tina Hess. Unable to attend were Kenadie Hess, Billie and Kacie Grewing, Dana and Lauren Alsbrook, and Julie and Nathan Kendrick.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, Abby celebrated at home with a Winnie the Pooh cake made and decorated by her mother. Joining Abby in her celebration were her parents, Kenneth and Tina Walterscheid, and grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends: Dale and Charlotte Klement, Alice Walterscheid; Deano and Jeannene, Dillon, Kendi, and Nolan Bayer:

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Abby Walterscheid

Cody Klement; Erik Walterscheid and Courtney Haverkamp. Unable to attend were Keith, Christine, and Caleb Klement.

Lindsay VFD announces truck dance fundraiser

The Lindsay Volunteer dinner served from 6-8 p.m., Fire Department will be sponsoring their annual Truck Dance on Saturday, Feb. 22. The fund-raiser's big draw is the 2003 Ford F150 pickup truck that will be given away, along with many other prizes.

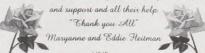
For a \$100 donation, a couple will be treated to a first property of the Fire Department. To purchase tickets, contact Adam Arendt 727-8336, Jeff Arendt 736-0235, Nick Schroeder 665-0439, or couple will be treated to a

My husband joins me to thank all those who helped make our lives more comfortable before, during and after

Thank you to Dr. Edd and Dr. Mike, also Dr. Daniel Morris, the Home Wealth Staff for their care in. A special thank you to Dr. Valentine and his Staff, all the nurses and therapists at Zale Lipsky Hospital

To all those who sent cards, flowers, brought food, made visits and encouraging phone calls – it meant so

To our children and the Grandchildren for their los





Pro-Life essay contest announced

An essay contest for all area Junior High (7th and 8th grade) and High School students is being sponsored by the Cooke County ProLife Group, Inc. Three cash prizes will be awarded in each division: First place - \$50, Second place - \$30, and Third place - \$20. Each winner will also receive a framed certificate and complimentary gift.

In the Junior High Division, the essay must be between 100 and 250 words in length. The topic is, "Abortion, the Ultimate Child Abuse." The High School Division essay must be between 250 and 500

words in length. The High School topic is, "Respecting Human Life - From Conception to a Natural Death."

All essays must be typewritten and double-spaced. They will be judged on adherence to topic, clarity of thought, grammar, composition, and length. Each essay entered must include a cover page with the student's name, address, school, grade level, parents' name, and phone number. The deadline for entering is Saturday, Feb. 8.

Entries should be mailed to: Cooke County Pro-Life

Group, Inc., - Rita McCreary, 2018 Cypress Drive, Gainesville, TX 76240. For additional information or contest flyers call 940-759-2907. Winners will be notified by March 1. The Cooke County Pro-Life Group, Inc. is an organization of local citizens working together to promote respect for the worth and dignity of all human life from the moment of conception to a natural death. This essay contest is being held to encourage young people to become aware, informed, and knowledgeable of pro-life issues.

MHS Student Council busy during holidays

The Muenster High School Student Council started the Christmas season with the lesson that it is better to give than receive, and that they did. On Saturday, November 30, the student council participated in a community service project in which yard work was done for several members of the community. The members raked leaves, mowed lawns, and visited. Christmas cards signed by the student council members were given to everyone who was visited. This is the third consecutive

year of the MHS Student Council's project, which will also be done in the spring.

On Dec. 7 and 8, members of the council helped members of the Historical Commission with their bake sale that was held at Fischer's Meat Market, and also on Dec. 8, 15 of the members helped serve as hosts and hostesses on the Muenster Tour of Homes.

The council assisted with the Texoma Regional Center Blood Drive, sponsored by Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 19 at the Muenster ISD gymnasium.

Student council members, along with the FFA, NHS, and FCCLA members, baked cookies for and helped distribute T-shirts to the 56 donors.

On the final day of the semester, the annual student council sponsored Sr. vs. Faculty volleyball game was held. Admission to the game was \$1.00 or one canned good. The high school student council teamed up with the Jr. High Student Council to distribute these items to local families.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JAN. 13 - 17 MUENSTER ISD

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corny dogs, potato
wedges, ranch style beans,
pineapple, brownies.

Tues. - Fried chicken,
creamed potatoes w/gravy,
green beans, pears, hot
rolls.

Wed. - Sub sandwiches
(ham and turkey), chips,
lettuce, tomatoes, oranges,
cookies.

Thurs. - Flame broiled beef patty, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peaches, hot rolls.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, French fries, pork and beans, pickles, onions, applesauce, ice

SACRED HEART
Mon. - Chili dogs, pinto
beans, chips, salsa,

applesauce.
Tues. - Ham, cheesy
potatoes, green peas, green
salad, strawberries, bread.
Wed. - Italian meatloaf,
mixed vegetables, pears,
potatoes, bread.

bread. Hamburgers Fri. Hamburgers w/trimmings, chips, salsa, brownies. LINDSAY ISD

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Hot dog w/chili, baked beans, carrot and celery sticks, pineapple.

Tues. - Pepperoni pizza, lettuce salad, corn, mixed fruit, bread.

Wed. - Ham, macaroni and cheese, lettuce salad, peaches, bread.

Thurs. - Beef stew w/veggies, pickle spears, blueberry muffins, pears.

Fri. - Chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, pickle, ice cream.

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rench tries, lettuce, pickle, ice cream.

ERA ISD

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

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

Wed. - Salisbury steak or fish sticks, green beans, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, breadstick. Thurs. - Soft tacos, trimmings, pinto beans, cornbread, strawberry delight. Fri. - Steak sandwich, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Fun Activities

Egg Carton Gardening
Put potting soil in each
section of an egg cartoon.
Plant a pinto bean or other
seed in each section. Cover
with soil and sprinkle all
seeds with water. Set carton
in a sunny window and
water as needed. When the
seed sprouts, plant them
outside. Kids love watching
their seeds grow!

Courtesy of Gainesville WIC

Muenster cheerleaders make school history

The Muenster High School Cheerleading Squad made school history Dec. 28 by being the first squad to compete in the NCA Senior & Junior High School National Championship held at the Dallas Convention Center.

The squad earned the right to compete in this national competition after attending summer camp at Southern Methodist University in May where they received a bid to compete at the competition. In September, under the direction of Kim Sturm, preparation began for the 2 1/2 minute routine.

The preliminary competition was held Saturday, Dec. 28, when more than 245 teams, more than 5,000 cheerleaders, Muenster Junior High Student (

were to stick every stunt and improve their score which they did! They had so much fun performing!" said sponsor Deanna Hellman. They were very excited to see all of the Muenster support on both days. They were very excited to see all of the Muenster support on both days. They were also very fortunate to have Jan Cain and Shari Flusche do their make-up and hair, a two to three hour job when working on eight girls.

Squad members attending were Kami Klement, Jami Gerstberger, Chelsea Felderhoff, Kristian Koesler, Alisha Walterscheid, Shannon Grewing, Stevie Klement, Kelly Endres, and Mascot Bridgette Klement.

Muenster Junior High Student Council (JHSC) holiday fundraiser benefits ABBA & MVFD

The Muenster Junior High Student Council fundraiser to be fun and (JHSC) had many holiday projects to keep them busy this season. Along with collecting canned food items for families in need and baby food and formula for ABBA (All Babies Born Alive), they developed a new idea for a fundraiser. The student council decided they wanted to raise money for the Volunteer Fire Department.



Valerie Bartush helps bring joy to the world

While many people spent the weeks up to the winter holidays with their families and wrapping presents, Shawnee, Kansas resident Valerie Bartush was helping communities as a member of AmeriCorps* National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC). Inspired by the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, AmeriCorps* NCCC service projects focus on the areas of the environment, education, public safety, disaster relief, and unmet human needs. Bartush was inducted into the organization in October after being chosen out of thousands of applicants to join a group of young people, ages 18-24, in a 10-month national service commitment targeting compelling community

needs.

Members are assigned to one of five campuses located in the United States and are assigned to a team of 10-12 of their peers. Teams travel to different states in their region completing four to five different projects and more than 1,700 hours of community service.

In exchange for their service, Corps members receive \$4,725 to help pay for college or repay student loans. AmeriCorps★, known as the domestic Peace Corps, is administered by the Corporation for National Service. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply now Many programs have no upper age limit. For more information visit www.americorps.org or call 1-800-942-2677.

day. Students would put donations to the fire department in the can of their choice throughout two weeks. The boy and girl who had the most money collected in their can were Muenster Junior High's Mr. and Mrs. Claus. On Dec. 20, Brad Endress and Jessica Walterscheid were announced as Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Mr. Herbie Knabe and Doug Fleitman accepted the check for \$216.00 on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Dept. The check was presented by JHSC president, Zach Swirczynski. The student council hopes that this will be a new tradition and that they can raise even more money next year.

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Sports

Sacred Heart begins district with wins

Sacred Heart hosted Highlands Tuesday night, beginning district play with two victories. The Highlands girls team gave the Tigerettes nothing to compete against, as Sacred Heart dominated all four quarters for a 71-17 win.

Karen Gehrig led all scorers with 17 points and five assists. Raney Bauer added 13, and Jayna Biffle 10. Biffle also pulled down 11 rebounds and had six blocks. Mary Jane Callahan put in 9 points, with Maggie Farrell and Jana Truebenbach each scoring 7. Stephanie Henscheid, Courtney Hartman, Jennifer Hoedebeck and Whitney Wimmer all dropped in 2 points. St. SH 18 17 23 16 74 Wimmer also had five



Tiger Zach Barnhill moves the ball under the basket agains Highlands Tuesday night. Also pictured is Marty Farrell (32).

Tigers take two

The Sacred Heart Tigers added two more victories to the season with wins over Forestburg and Slidell in after Christmas action.

The Tigers ended 2002 with a 53-22 New Year's Eve victory over Forestburg. Sacred Heart earned 31 first half points while holding the Longhorns to just 8.

Eleven Tigers put points on the scoreboard, with Marty Farrell leading the pack with 12 points. Chris Hoedebeck added 7, Clayton Truebenbach 5, with Adam Taylor, Andy Davis, Jared Zimmerer, Daniel Bartush, Zach Barnhill, and Clint Fuhrmann each scoring 4. Jack Biffle dropped in 3, and Wes Wimmer 2 for the Tigers.

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SH 14 17 10 12 53
F 3 5 4 10 22
Last week Friday, Sacred Heart started the year with a 66-36 win over Slidell.

Twenty-three points in the final quarter added the icing to the cake. Three Sacred Heart players scored in the double digits, Farrell, Zimmerer, and Fuhrmann, with 16, 12, and 11 points. Truebenbach added 9 points, Hoedebeck 8, Biffle 6, and Tony Koesler 4.

SH 16 15 12 23 66
S 9 13 8 6 36

Lady Hornets open district

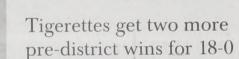
with win

The Lady Hornets and Lady Knights began district competition last week Friday in Lindsay. After four quarters of play, Muenster improved their season record to 18-1 with a 56-39 victory over the Lindsay Ladies. Muenster domination of the boards the first quarter of play, 25-6, predicted the outcome of the contest.

Johnna Felderhoff was the game's high scorer with 21 points. Brooke Endres added 11, Melinda Walterscheid 9, Lisa Felderhoff 6, Megan Lippe 4, Robyn Hermes 3, and Amanda Felderhoff 2. The Lady Hornets hit 82% from the free throw line.

Emmy Trammell led the Lady Knights on the score board with 12 points. Elaine Hess added 10, Katie Schneider 6, Cheryl Knabe 5, Lindsey Williams 4, and Whitney Neu 2. Lindsay was 60% on their free throw shooting.

M 25 10 13 8 56 L 6 8 16 9 39



Big wins over Forestburg and Slidell gave the Sacred Heart Tigerettes an 18-0 pre-district record to start the new year.

New Year's Eve, Sacred Heart hosted Forestburg's five players, handing the Lady Horns an 84-24 beating.

Five Tigerettes scored double digit points, led by Karen Gehrig with 18.

Jacqueline Bauer added 15, Jayna Biffle 11, and 10

apiece from Maggie Farrell and Raney Bauer. Courtney Hartman scored 7, with Mary Jane Callahan and Jennifer Hoedebeck getting 4 points each. Jana Truebenbach got 3, and Whitney Wimmer 2.

SH 23 24 24 13 84

F 4 3 8 9 24

The Tigerettes played host to Slidell on Jan. 3, sending the Lady Hounds to the doghouse with a 69-23 whipping. Farrell, Callahan, and Truebenbach finished the game with double/double - points and rebounds. Callahan scored 13, with Farrell and Truebenbach getting 10 points each. All three pulled down 10 rebounds each.

Also scoring in the double digits was Biffle, with a dozen points. Gehrig added 8, Hartman 6, R. Bauer 5, J. Bauer 3, and Hoedebeck 2.

"Our defense was outstanding in the second half," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We are starting to recognize the value of the ball." The Tigerettes got 11 turnovers. SH 14 14 22 19 69 S 4 12 2 5 23

God Bless America!

God Bless America!



Muenster traveled to Petrolia Tuesday night with the Lady Hornets getting their 19th victory, while the Hornets fell in their last practice game before conference action begins.

The Lady Hornets took total control of their game, jumping to a 25 point lead in the first period of play, increasing the point spread in the first period of play, increasing the point spread in the first period of play, increasing the point spread to a 56-9 score at half-time. The second half, Petrolia was allowed in the game for an 84-41 final score.

Melinda Walterscheid was high scorer for point lead into the second period, but cold shooting

Muenster splits with

Petrolia Pirates

The Hornets had a good first quarter, taking a 4 point lead into the second period, but cold shooting turned in Petrolia's favor to

period, but cold shooting turned in Petrolia's favor to put Muenster behind 20 points at the half-time break. The Pirates continued to increase their lead for an 89-46 win over the Hornets.

Putting points on the scoreboard for Muenster were Mitch Felderhoff with 12, Russell Endres 9, Tyler Walterscheid 7, Chase Cain 6, Justin Wolf 5, Cody Cory 4, Michael Endres 2, and Clint Miller 1.

M 17 5 12 12 46
P 13 29 27 20 89

Hornet Action

The Muenster Hornets had a busy December schedule facing Petrolia, Midway, and Saint Jo. On Dec. 17, the Hornets hosted the Pirates of Petrolia, who took home a 69-55 win. Muenster led after the first period, then allowed the Pirates to take a 4 point half-time lead. Petrolia then gradually increased their lead to 14 points.

Dustin Hiser was high scorer for Muenster with 14 points. Sean Fuhrmann added 12, with Cody Cory and Mitch Felderhoff each getting 8. Chase Cain dropped in 6 points, Tyler Walterscheid 5, and Derek Endres 2.

M 14 9 12 20 55 P 9 18 17 25 69

The Hornets traveled to Midway on Dec. 20 and brought home a 59-40 victory. Seventeen points in the second quarter pushed Muenster to a 9 point half-time lead.

Sophomores Sean Fuhrmann and Russell Endres put in 19 and 16 points to help Muenster in their win. Mitch Felderhoff added 7 points, Tyler Walterscheid 6, Cody Cory 4, and 2 points each from Justin Wolf, Chase Cain, and Clint Miller, with 1 point by Dustin Hiser.

Mu 8 17 14 20 59 Mi 7 9 11 13 40

After Christmas, the Saint Jo Panthers picked on the Hornets, handing the Muenster team a 53-47 loss. Russell Endres was the high scorer in the game with 24 points. Tyler Walterscheid added 8, Mitch Felderhoff 7, and 4 each by Justin Wolf and Sean Fuhrmann

M 14 9 6 18 47

SJ 8 20 7 18 53

Muenster was matched against Saint Jo again on Jan. 2 in another hard fought loss, 59-53. The Hornets again had the early lead, allowing the Panthers to close the score to 1 point at half-time. Saint Jo took the lead in the 37d period and wouldn't give it up.

Mitch Felderhoff and Felderhoff 1, and Fullers 4, and Wolf 2.

Mitch Felderhoff and Felderhoff 4, and Wolf 2.







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At left, Courtney Hartman (12) takes the ball to the basket. At right, Whitney Wimmer attempts a lay-up, defended by a Highlands player.

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The annual Sacred Heart Alumni Holiday Basketball games were held Dec. 21 at the Tiger Den. Both the women's and men's games had exciting, close-scoring action, with the women going into overtime and the men's winner determined with a last second shot.

Members of the winning women's White team were Andrea Bauer, Sarah Hess, Amy Walterscheid Swirczynski, Debbie Schmitt Hogan, and April Truebenbach Walterscheid. The White team led 18-16 at half-time with a tied 30-30 at the end of regular time. The White outscored the Red 4-2 in overtime for a 34-32 final. uenster Hornets making the All District Football Team are, from left, front – 1st team Jared dbetter, Mitch Felderhoff, Cody Cory, and Cameron Walterscheid; middle – 2nd team Tyler alterscheid, Kyle Endres, John Sturm, Justin Hess, Dustin Hiser; back, honorable mention – ik Hartman, Justin Wolf, and Jake Freeman.

Quarterback - Cody Melton*, C. Fullback - Keith Dieter,

L.
Running Backs - Cody
Cory, M; Cris Harris, SJ.
Tight Ends - Dallas
Roberts, SJ; Mitch
Felderhoff, M.

Roberts, SJ; Mitch
Felderhoff, M.
Wide Receivers - Jeremy
Jones*, P; David Nelson*,
P; Trinity Otto, L.
Center - Andrew Weiss, P.
Offensive Linemen - Ryan
Kasparek*, L; Jared
Ledbetter* M; Tyler
Shoemaker*, P; Haydan
Stone, SJ; David Bowers,
P.
Punters - Ryan Peck, C;
Bradley Anderle, L.
Kicker - Cris Harris, SJ.
DEFENSE
Defensive Ends - Haydan
Stone, SJ; Duane Sawers,
E; Kyle Gardner, P;
Justin Patterson, C.
Tackles - Raul Romo, C;
Arthur Ridinger, P; Clay
Mayo, P.
Linebackers - Cameron
Walterscheid*, M;
Jeremy Jones, P; Sam
Hellinger, L; Andy Duke,
C.
Defensive Backs - Cody
Melton*, C Chris Horner

C.
Defensive Backs - Cody
Melton*, C; Chris Horner,
L; Caylob Thompson, SJ;
Jeremy Weatherly, P.

ALL-DISTRICT 11-A First Team MVP - Ross Harrison*, P. Offensive MVP - Justin Creech, P. Offensive Newcomer Kyle Brewer, SJ. Defensive MVP - Cris Harris, SJ. Defensive Newcomers Trinity Otto, L; Darrin Reeves, SJ. Coaches of the Year Scott Ponder, P; Tim West, SJ. OFFENSE Quarterback - Cody Melton*, C.

Fullback

Junior Varsity Action

4 8 7 2 21 2 10 8 5 25

Muenster 42 Petrolia 48
A slow first quarter for the
Hornets sealed their fate, as they
could not come back with enough
points to pull out a win Tuesday at
Petrolia. Derek Endres put in 13
points for Muenster, with Dustin
Felderhoff adding 9. Joseph
Dangelmayr scored 7, Michael
Eckart 5, and Derek Felderhoff 3.
Chris Steelman and Jeff
Walterscheid each got 2 points and
Jordan Walterscheid 1.
M 4 13 12 13 42

Jordan Walterscheid I.

M 4 13 12 13 42
P 10 12 11 15 48
Lindsay 43
Collinsville 17
The JV Lady Knights brought home a big victory Tuesday night. Stevie Krueger and Kaylee Privett were high point makers in the contest with 12 and 10 points. Joni Erwin added 7, Stephanie Metzler 6, with Jessica Bezner and Allison Hundt each scoring 4.

Sacred Heart Alumni

plays Annual Holiday Basketball Games

Red team members were Noelle Hesse Henry, Anne Felderhoff Hesse, Leslie White, Vickie Schmitt Fleitman, and Susan Walterscheid Flusche.

In men's action, the White team defeated the Reds 46-44. Members of the White team were Jason Hess, John Bartush, Jr., Paul Swirczynski, Glen Swirczynski, Michael Gehrig, Vince Felderhoff, Jonathan Yosten, and Billy Hogan.

Jonathan Yosten, and Billy Hogan.

The Red team consisted of Andy White, Jack White, Neil Hesse, Matthew Grewing, Luke Endres, Duncan Campbell, Kelly Bayer, and Jonathan Knabe.

R 8 10 15 11 44
W 9 10 14 13 46

Junior High Action

Muenster 30 Slidell 5
The Muenster "B" team girls took a big win from the Lady Puppies on Dec. 9. Christina Eckart was high scorer with 10 points. Melissa Cox added 6, Meredith Hennigan 5, Jordan Ledbetter 4, Cassie Hale 3, and Chelsea Bewley 2.

M 7 6 13 4 30 S 0 2 3 5 Muenster 32 Slidell 11

S 0 1 4 6 11

Muenster 24 Era 12

The "B" team Lady Stingers brought home a victory on Dec. 16. Muenster had an 18-2 lead at half-time before allowing Era into the game. Megan Hennigan put 6 points on the board, with Cassie Hale, Jordan Ledbetter, Chelsea Bewley, and Libby Orsburn each scoring 4. Christina Eckart added 2 points to round out the final score.

M 18 0 6 24

E 2 0 6 4 12

Muenster 32 Era 13

The "A" team Muenster junior high girls got a victory over the Era Lady Hornet 8th graders. Allison Teafatiller was high scorer with 9 points. Rebecca Grewing and Laura Heers each added 7, with Lindsey Watson scoring 6, Alison Miller 2, and Megan Felderhoff 1.

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First Team Defense
Lineman - Adam Krahl
Linebacker - Thomas
Whitecotton
Secondary - Clint
Fuhrmann
Punter - Chris Hoedebeck
Second Team Offense
Lineman - Clayton
Truebenbach
Back - Johnny Krahl - Johnny Krahl

ALL-DISTRICT
TAPPS - 2A
Sacred Heart
Tigers
First Team Offense
O-Line - Clayton
Truebenbach, Adam
Krahl
Running Back - Johnny
Krahl
First Team Defense
D-Line - Adam Krahl
Secondary - Clint
Fuhrmann
Punter - Chris Hoedebeck
Linebacker - Thomas
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Thomas Whitecotton
Second Team Offense
O-Line - Kevin
Walterscheid

Second Team Offense
O-Line - Kevin
Walterscheid
Running Back - Chris
Hoedebeck, Thomas
Whitecotton
Tight End - Andy Davis
Second Team Defense
D-Line - Clayton
Truebenbach
Secondary - Michael Voth
Linebacker - Andy Davis
Honorable Mention
O-Line - Matt Donohue

Honorable Mention
O-Line - Matt Donohue
D-Line - Kevin
Walterscheid, Matt
Donohue
Utility Back - Chris
Fuhrmann
Secondary - Chris
Fuhrmann
Tight End - Clint
Fuhrmann

Fuhrmann Receiver - Michael Voth

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Hellinger, L.
back - Marcus Davis,

C.
Running Backs - Ty
Jones, C; Chris Horner,
L.
Wide Receivers - Jarrod
Moore, SJ; Tyler
Walterscheid, M; Colby
Schwartz, P.
Center - Michael Wagner,
SJ.
Offensive Linemen - Eric
Fleitman, SJ; John
Sturm, M; Josh Loucks,
P; Andy Duke, C; Kyle
Endres, M.
Kicker - Eddie Rubio, C.
DEFENSE
Defensive Ends - Zach
Howell, P; Brett
Quisenberry, C; Jared
Ledbetter, M.
Tackles - Eric Fleitman,
SJ; Heath Lambeth, P;
Mark Schreiber, L; Justin
Hess, M.
Linebackers - Ryan
Kasparek, L; Colby
Schwartz, P; Justin
Sutton, SJ; Kyle Endres,
M.
Defensive Backs - Tyler
Walterscheid, M; Jake
Bussey, P; Bradley
Anderle, L; Dustin Hiser,
M; Clayton McKinney, C.
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Defensive End - Kirk
Hartman.
Center - Jake Freeman.
Fullback - Justin Wolf.

Sacred Heart 41
Slidell 18
The JV Tigerettes improved the season record to 9-1 last Friday. Nine Sacred Heart players put points on the board. Lisa Endres scored 7, with Katie Flusche and Joelle Fuhrmann each adding 6. Fuhrmann also was the leading rebounder, pulling down 11 balls. Shannon Hartman dropped in 5 points, with Nicole Bayer, Diana Knabe, and Melissa Thomas all getting 4 points. Brittany White scored 3, and Debra Yosten 2.
The game was called with 7:17 remaining when Slidell had only four players available after injuries.
SH 12 13 14 2 41 S 5 7 6 0 18
Sacred Heart 71
Slidell 45
The junior varsity Tigers outscored the Hounds, beginning the new year with a win. Paul Battish cored 20 points the second half to assist in leading the Tigers in the victory. Bartush had a total of 23. Wes Wimmer and Andy Davis dropped in 15 and 12 points, with Adam Taylor adding 7, Adam Dangelmayr 6, Arlie Bayer 3, Timmy Otto and Mark Gehrig 2 apiece, and Thomas Otto 1.
SH 10 16 20 25 71 S 612 13 4 45
Muenster 21 Lindsay 25
The Lady Knights took a New Year victory from Muenster Jan. 3. Scoring for the Lady Hornets were

Lindsay teams share wins with Collinsville Pirates

The Lindsay varsity basketball teams were challenged at the Collinsville court Tuesday night as district action was

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in full swing. The Lady Knights got their first district win, but the Knights fell to the Pirates in overtime.

overtime.

The first half of the girls contest was a close, hard fought battle, but third quarter action saw Lindsay take control for an 11 point lead going into the final period.

Elaine Hess was high

lead going into the final period.

Elaine Hess was high scorer in the match with 21 points. Emmy Trammell added 8, with Katie Schneider, Mallory Block, Whitney Neu, and Cheryl Knabe each scoring 4 points. Lori Kasparek got two free throws.

Lori Raspares throws.

The Lady Knights are now 1-1 in district, and 16-5 overall on the season.

L 14 8 16 9 47 C 9 11 7 4 31

The Knights' game had a see-saw score, with both teams taking the lead throughout the contest. Free throws in the final period allowed the Pirates to tie the score 42-42 and put the game into overtime. The 5th period was controlled by Collinsville, who outscored Lindsay 14-2 to take a 56-44 win.

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Chuck Hinds led Lindsay
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pointers. Mitch Creed
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New cholesterol lowering guidelines explained in May 16 Journal of the American Medical Association

The middle-aged woman was a little concerned. A recent checkup showed her cholesterol count had gone above 200 ° 206, in fact for the first time in her life. She donuts but indulged only rarely; she quit smoking and didn't drink; and she had been getting more exercise. What could have happened?

The doctor said not to worry. Her cholesterol count was "borderline" and needed to be watched. If it was still above 200 next checkup, well, then they'd discuss possibilities, but for now, don't worry. It wasn't that much above the magic number of 200.

But in just a matter of days the National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) of the National Institute of Health

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Nill) issued new guidelines association, recommended total acceptable cholesterol levels remain at 200, and that a total of less than 100 mg/dL is optimal for LDL-cholesterol (low-density inpoprotein, or "bad" cholesterol); 130-159 mg, borderline; 160 mg, high; mad 190 mg, very high. The adjust their cholesterol was "borderline" and 190 mg, very high. The According to Dr. Mary much above 200 next checkup, the they'd discuss possibilities, but for now, don't worry. It wasn't that much above the magic number of 200.

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The guidelines, which were published in the May was well as stroke and other to do the strong that even people with borderline toolesterol count sticking to more restricted diet.

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HDL cholesterol is called "good" because it protects disease, so higher numbers are preferred for HDL, bleilamowicz said. Less than 40 mg/dL of HDL can increase risk for heart disease. HDL levels of 60 or more are preferred, saidded.

The strategy behind the new guidelines is this: Since

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2 tsp. salt (more or less to taste)

Boil beans in about 3 or 4
cups of water for 30
minutes. Add meat and
other ingredients except
salt and chili powder.
Return to boil. Check in
solv 30 minutes, and if it
is not soupy enough, add
more water. Add salt and

chili powder; simmer about 2 hours (at least), Stir occasionally to keep from sticking.

This chili recipe has been in my husband's family well over 50 years. I serve cornbread muffins and a relish tray along with it.

Farm & Ranch

Federal officials postpone TB movement restrictions on Texas cattle

Restrictions on interstate movement of Texas feeder cattle due to TB will be delayed for at least nine months, federal officials announced Nov. 27.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service had previously said that testing and identification requirements would go into effect on Jan. 1, 2003, because of a downgrade in Texas' bovine tuberculosis status.

The Texas TB Working

status.

The Texas TB Working Group has been working tirelessly with federal and state animal health officials to minimize the impact of the downgrade on cattle

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Dr. Linda Logan, executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission, applauded the livestock industry for their teamwork.

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"During the spring and summer, the TB working group met with USDA representatives repeatedly to seek relief from unnecessary burdensome restrictions on feeder cattle movement," said Dr. Logan. The group was organized when Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association invited representatives of industry organizations to a meeting shortly after the downgrade was announced.

Included in the group were leaders of the Independent Cattlemen's Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Livestock Marketing Association, Texas Veterinary Medical Association and Texas Farm Bureau.

"Our livestock industry

Association and Texas Farm Bureau.

"Our livestock industry moves about 1.5 million feeder steers, feeder bull calves and feeder heifers out of state each year," said Dr. Logan. "Had the movement restrictions been imposed, we would have been required to identify feeder steers with an official ear tag and also TB test all feeder heifers and feeder bull calves.

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Restrictions would be costly.

"These requirements would have cost millions, not only for the ear tags, which would have been provided by the USDA, but also for the industry's labor costs to handle each feeder animal individually. The cattle industry's ability to move feedlot cattle efficiently would have been damaged," she declared.

"I expect that, by late January, the USDA-APHIS staff will complete its risk assessment to determine if Texas feeder cattle pose a health danger to other states' cattle," Dr. Logan continued.

"According to our cattle TB records, less than one in

"According to our cattle TB records, less than one in three million Texas feeder cattle has been found to have TB, so we see these

animals as a negligible risk for the disease," she said.
"However, should a statistically significant risk be shown, the USDA could propose and publish additional movement requirements. Any new federal regulations on this issue, however, likely would not go into effect until at least fall 2003."

USDA's action to delay implementation of any additional restrictions will not affect current requirements for Texas breeding cattle.
"Texas breeding cattle still must have a negative TB skin test and be identified with an official ear tag prior to being transported out of Texas," said Dr. Logan. "The TB test can be waived only if the breeding animals originate from a TB accredited-free herd, are going directly to a slaughter plant or are transported to an approved (restricted) feedlot."



Development taking prime farmland

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Cattlemen's Association

The U.S. is losing farmed and to development at the rate of two acres every minute, according to a recent study by the American Farmland Trust. From 1992 to 1997, more than the farmland each year during the 1992-1997 period, 51% more than the farmland claimed in the period from 1992 to 1997. An estimated 86% of the land is a major factor, rather than the growing population. The amount of land per person for new housing almost doubled since 1994, and 10-plus acree lots have accounted for 55% of the land developed.

Texas has lost the most land to development in recent years, followed by Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, and Illinois. In every state the loss rate has accelerated in recent years. The new farm bill allocates \$100 million per year to protecting farmland from development, but that may not be sufficient to slow the loss of good farmland.

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	1992 to 1997
Texas	332,800
Ohio	212,200
Georgia	184,000
N. Carolina	168,300
Illinois	160,900
Pennsylvania	134,900

Wheat prices to stay low

stay low

"Wheat prices have fallen about 76¢ per bushel since mid October. There does not appear to be anything on the horizon that will cause prices to stop going down," noted Kim Anderson, economist at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Anderson noted that the only positive factor for U.S. producers is that Australia's wheat projection is 54% lower than last year.

Low U.S. wheat export demand and the good condition of the 2003 winter wheat crop worldwide are the major factors for driving the price lower. The U.S. planted acres are projected to be 4 to 5 percent higher than 2002.

Cooke County represented at Farm Bureau State Convention

State Convention

Three voting delegates from Cooke County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 69th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention December 8 December 11 in Corpus Christi. They were Edwin D. Knight, Taylor Vestal and Ann Knight.

More than 1,200 delegates from 207 organized Farm Bureaus adopted policies directing the state's largest farm organization. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Tampa, Florida.

Addressing the delegates were Donald Patman of Waxahachie, TFB president; Dale Jeske of Alamo, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Kenneth Dierschke of Wall, Texas, Tom Green County.

No-till planting systems continuing to gain ground

No-till planting systems were used on more than 55 million acres in the U.S. this year surpassing mulch-till as the most popular form of conservation tillage, according to a new report published by the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC). CTIC's 2002 National Crop Residue Management Survey is a biannual survey of tillage systems used in the United States.

"We've seen a steady growth in no-till acres. IN the last 10 years, no-till acreage has grown 227%. Other forms of conservation tillage have remained the same or decreased in the same period," says Dan

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NO-TILL ACREAGE

Towery, CTIC natural resources specialist.

The 2002 Survey reports that no-till was used on nearly 20% of all cropland acres; mulch-till was used on 16% and ridge-till on 1%. Although the percentage of cropland farmed with some sort of conservation tillage has remained basically the same since 1997, no-till acres continue to increase steadily. No-till acres increased 3.1 million acres from 2000 to 2002. In 2002, no-till soybean acres increased 1.3 million acres and corn and cotton no-till acres increased 600,000 acres each.

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Agriculture Briefs

• A new blood test that detects bovine TB easily and inexpensively has been developed by scientists with USDA's Agricultural Research Service. The breakthrough is important because it is applicable for most, if not all, species of mammals and requires only a single blood sample. That means animals are handled just once. Currently, the only government-approved tuberculosis-detection method is a skin test that causes a reaction that is measured 72 hours later. The new test detects nitrite as an indirection of nitrite.

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— as an indication of nitric oxide production — in blood sample cultures. Mammals produce nitric oxide as a natural response when fighting tuberculosis.

• FWS wants 10,000 Bexar County acres for

endangered species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife service is proposing the designation of 9,516 acres as critical. habitat for nine species that live exclusively in Bexar County caves. The species include three beetles, five spiders, and one harvestman, which scientists say are "indicator species" for the health of the Edwards Aquifer. If the species are having problems, so may the land surrounding the caves is state or federally owned, the rest belongs to private landowners. A federal report states that much of the \$22.1 million required to

save the creatures will fall on private landowners who would need to purchase and preserve additional land in exchange for permission to develop particular properties.

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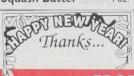
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