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S Trooper Cpl. Mike Linnell investigated an accident that occurred at the intersection of CR 4 and FM 373 around 5 p.m. Tuesday evening. Amanda Baldwin was driving the pickup own westbound on County Road 424 when she collided with a red Chevrolet driven uthbound of FM 373 by Aaron Hess. According to Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall, who sisted at the scene, Baldwin and her passenger, a young boy, were taken by private car to Photo by Lorie Grewing



After a collision at the intersection of FM 373 and CR 424 this pickup went through a fence on the property of Arnie Knabe. Neighbors and friends were quick to repair the damaged fence and keep the dairy cows from getting out. DPS Trooper Mike Linnell commented that only in Muenster could a fence be repaired so quickly. Pictured are from left, Bob Knauf, Nick Hess, and Doug Fleitman.

# Superintendents annual luncheon for business owners slated Feb. 11

The business community is invited to attend a luncheon at the Center Restaurant on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 12:00 p.m. Muenster ISD Superintendent Clyde Steelman will discuss the blistrict's Annual Performance Report, a Long Range Plan being developed by the School Board, local and state funding, and a please call the Superintendent's office at tommunity leader, it is imperative that you are kept abreast of your local school district and its governing laws," Steelman noted.

If you plan to attend, please call the Superintendent's office at time and please call and superintendent's office

# Burglars nabbing goods in rural areas of Muenster

By Janet Felderhoff
Burglars have been busy during January in the rural areas of Muenster. They seem to know which buildings have nobody around and select these sites. According to the Cooke County Sheriff's Department there were five recent burglaries of buildings reported.

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton said that the perpetrators seem to be familiar with the area, in that they know buildings where people are not around all the time. Items stolen include butane and propane tanks, hoses, chain saws, tools, and other items that are hard to track and easily turned into cash at flee markets, etc.

Reporting burglaries were

H&H Production on County hoad 424; Ron County Road 424; Ron County Road 424; Ron County Road 423; and Jan. 243; and Jim Grewing on Ash Street. These incidents occurred between Jan. 18-21, between Jan. 29-31, betwe

# Police raise alert on potential crime

By Dave Fette
A rash of burglaries in rural areas north of Muenster was a subject of discussion by the Muenster Gity Council Monday evening Police Chief Robert Stovall reported that the Cooke County Sheriff's Department was investigating the theft of power saws, welders, and assorted tools from workshops north of town. "I suspect someone who is familiar with the local area. They know where the stuff is and they're going straight to it." said Stovall. Two City of Muenster residents have reported hearing what they thought was an intruder, but there was no visual sighting and nothing reported missing in those cases.

Stovall recommended that people stay alert and keep things locked up when possible. Any suspicious activity should be reported to Muenster Police at 759-2236 during business hours or the Cooke County. The dispatcher will radio the report to Muenster Police.

During old business, the

by Elfreda Fette ass of Christian Burial Mass of Christian Burial was held for Josephine Katie (Hellinger) Fleitman on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor, with Fr. Ron Scheible of St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay assisting. Mrs. Fleitman died at age 83 on Feb. 2, 2003 at 6:35 a.m. at her residence in Muenster.

am. at her residence in Muenster.
She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Ben Fleitman, Sr. Also five daughters and five sons.
They include Christine Fleitman of Muenster, Helen Prescher and husband Lloyd of Gainesville, Anna Marie Skinner of Muenster, Pauline Prescher and husband Jimmy of Valley View, Betty Gilpin of Gainesville, Richard Hellinger and wife Mary of Saint Jo, Gus Fleitman and wife Paula of Muenster, Ben Fleitman Jr. and wife Carol of Muenster, Kenny Fleitman and wife Susan of Lindsay, and Charles Fleitman and wife Beverly of Era.

There are 29

Lindsay, and Charles Fleitman and wife Beverly of Era.

There are 29 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren.

Also three sisters-in-law, Agnes Hellinger of Lindsay, Christine and Marcella Hellinger of Gainesville.

Preceding her in death were her parents; twin daughters Barbara Ann and Catherine Marie Fleitman, one son Edward Charles Fleitman, one grandson Jeff Prescher, and eight brothers, Peter, Joe, Carl, Frank, Hugo, Aloys, Paul, and George Hellinger; and three sisters, Mary Senn, Katie Rosson, and Agnes Knabe.

Josephine Katie

Katie Rosson, and Agnes Knabe.

Josephine Katie (Hellinger) Fleitman was born on July 6, 1919 in Gainesville to Peter Thomas Hellinger and Barbara Glaske Hellinger. On Aug. 22, 1939 she married Bernard Frank (Ben) Fleitman in Sacred Heart Church. She was a homemaker, lived in Muenster 63 years, was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, and a member of St. Anne's Society. She had a high interest in school activities, and loved sewing, cooking, gardening, and caring for her chickens and rabbits. To her friends and family she was known as "Josie." She died peacefully in her sleep after a lengthy illness.

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Josie. She died peacefully in her sleep after a lengthy illness.

Rosary Service was held on Tuesday, Feb. 4, led by Fr. Joseph Meledom of St. John's Catholic Church in Valley View, at 4:00 p.m. in McCoy Funeral Home. Vigil Service was held at 7:00 p.m., with Melinda Cameron reading the "Grandmother Poem," and Fr. John Ohner OSA leading the Vigil A family rosary, led by Caroline Hess, was recited at 9 a.m. in McCoy Funeral Home on Wednesday, Feb. 5.
Participating in the liturgy of the funeral Mass with Father John Ohner OSA were altar servers Mark Fleitman, grandson, Tanner Herr, greatgrandson, and Joshua Yosten, great-nephew.
Readings from the Old and New Testaments, respectively, were given by Karen Prescher, granddaughter-in-law, and Kenny Fleitman, son. Intercessions were read by Jimmy Prescher, son-in-law. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at



the altar by granddaughters
Dianne Prescher, Jan
Marion, Tammy Caldwell,
and Julie Prescher.
Eucharistic Ministers
were Ben Jr. and Carol
Fleitman, son and daughterin-law, Kenny Fleitman,
son, and Rosina and Gilbert
Kubis, niece and nephew-inlaw, and Linda Knabe, a
good friend.
Music Ministers were

and and and a good friend.

Music Ministers were Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse. Christy was assisted by Brandy Klement, granddaughter, on the Responsorial "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Other sacred songs included: "Amazing Grace" as the entrance song; "One Day At A Time" for Offertory; "Don't Let Your Heart Be Troubled" at Communion; and "How Great Thou Art" for the recessional.

Remarks of Remembrance

# **Obituaries**

#### Sylvia Mason 1947 - 2003

Sylvia Lila Jessica (Jewell) Mason died at her residence in Lindsay on Jan. 31, 2003 at 6:10 p.m. at age 55. She was born in Bideford, England on Feb. 24, 1947 to William Jewell and Lily Matthews Jewell. On Mar. 26, 1966 she married Trevor Mason in Barnstaple, England. She lived in Lindsay for two years. Sylvia Mason moved to Los Angeles from England in 1987, and then to Texas in 1993. She was devoted wife, mother and prandmother and a shomemaker.

Survivors are her husband, Trevor Mason of Lindsay; a daughter, Clair Joe Pool.

#### Services held for Bradley Felderhoff at St. Peter's

Mass of Christian Burial was offered for Bradley Felderhoff in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay (see related story in last we e k's Muenster Enterprise). Concelebrating the Mass were Rev. Publius Xuerub of Holy Cross Parish in The Colony, Rev. Ron Scheible of St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay, Rev. Jim Sheridan of St. Marry's Parish in Gainesville, Rev. Robert Wilson of Holy Redeemer Parish in Aledo, and Rev. Nicholass Fuhrmann, Rev. Camillus Cooney, and Brother Louis Fuhrmann of Subiaco, Arkansas.
Participants in the Mass included altar servers Daryl Woodall, R.J. Metzler, Nathan Metzler, and Greg Luttmer, cousins. Cousins presenting the readings were: First Reading by Melissa Metzler; Responsorial Psalm and Second Reading by Jennifer Zimmerer; and Jessica Zimmerer read the Prayers of the Faithful. Bringing up the offertory gifts were Brad's sisters Kerri and Kelli Felderhoff, and



**Bradley Felderhoff** 

dparents Bob and Carol

godparents Bob and Carol Zimmerer.

Music for the Mass was provided by a great-aunt, Ruth Felderhoff at the organ, assisted by a cousin Rose Ganzon on the flute and a friend Rob Rose on the saxophone. Vocalists were Christy Felderhoff and Jack White, cousins.

Reflections of Brad's life were read by Russell Zimmerer, a cousin, and Janie Wilson, an aunt.

Thank You!

I would like to take this means to thank all the people who came to the First Baptist Church on Sunday, January S, to pray for my little niece, Tracey (McCollum) Nichols, who is suffering from a malignant brain tumor. I want to especially thank the pastor of First Baptist, Brother Bill Ledbetter, for organizing the event. It was so wonderful to see a house packed with both Baptists and Catholics joined together in prayer for this young mother. Tracey and her husband, Brad, are the parents of two beautiful little girls, Tara-12, and Tessa-3. Tracey has been having migraine headaches for over 12 years, but only recently did they discover that she had a tumor. Thanks to everyone's prayers, when she returned from a week of chemo at M.D. Anderson's in Houston, we learned that the tumor has shrunk 2%. Tracey said immediately after the prayer service, she felt better than she has in 12 years! Our family is well aware that prayer changes things, and we have complete faith in knowing that when two or more are gathered in His name, God is there, too, and He hears our prayers.

We would like to ask all of you reading this to whisper a prayer each day for this young mother. Tracey is a wonderful, young, beautiful, Christian mother, and she has touched so many lives over the years through her work as a classroom teacher, and through her work with the church. Many times I have seen God's light shining through Tracey, and now it is my prayer that God's light will shine upon her.

Thanks, again, to all of you who were able to attend the service, as thanks, also, to those who could not attend, but remembered her in your prayers! Tracey beat cancer when she was 2 % years old, and she will beat it again, by the grace of God, with the help of all you prayer warrior

One of the ladies at the hospital said that there were so many peogathered in the waiting room praying together for Tracey that she coula just see God in Heaven with His hands over His ears saying, "Yes, I hee you, I hear you!" May God bless all of you and your families, and may your lives be filled with much happiness and joy!

(Judy (Cain) Dartma.

# Pat Fisher died McCoy Funeral Home. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003. Funeral will be 10 a.m. Rosary service will be held Thursday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m., with the Vigil at 7 p.m. in

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## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

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7:30pm / Adult Co-ed
Volleyball, 7:30 pm, Old MHS
Gym / MISD Board meeting,
7:30pw in office / C of C
breakfast, 7:30am, Rohmer's
Religious Ed Class, 7pm
Wednesday, February 19, 2003
Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7:30 pm
Old MHS Gym
Religious Ed Class, 7pm
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Thursday, February 13, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM MISD/TAKS Parent info meeting, 7PM, auditorium Muenster Historical Commis-sion meeting, 8PM, Museum

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Thursday, February 20, 2003
Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30,
S.N.A.P. Center
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM
Deadline for Cooke County
Youth Fair

Saturday, February 15, 2003 MFM Classic for goats, lambs and swine, Cooke Co. Fair Grounds

Sunday, February 16, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM

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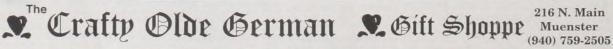
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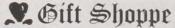
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Tuesday, February 18, 2003
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S.N.A.P. Center
MMH Board meeting, 7PM
Adm. Office
Pesticide recertification
course 8AM-3:30PM NCTC

Friday, February 21, 2003 Muenster Museum Open

6-11PM Cooke County 4-H Livestock Show

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# Muenster begins Rectory renovation

(First article of a series)

The signing of a contract with Elam Associates begins the process of the community's renovation of the rectory. This signature initiates the first phase of the renovation process. It allows Elam Associates of Dallas to draw blue prints and publish bid sheets for contractors to submit proposals. The objective is for local companies to do as much of the work as possible.

This article will explain why this is a joint community and Sacred Heart Parish endeavor and why renovation was deemed the best course of action.

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Why Renovation Is A Community Endeavor

Muenster is a unique town in north Texas. Muenster is attractive because it is clean (thank you Keep Muenster Beautiful). It displays its heritage through the motifs of several businesses, offers a unique cuisine, and satisfies historical interests through its museum and efforts to preserve local architecture (thank you Muenster Historical Commission). It is a place of interest to many tour groups from elder hostel tours to being a stopping point for motorcycle and antique car clubs doing weekend scenic drives. Additional points of significant interest that add to the picturesque nature of Muenster are renovated old buildings that compose the Main Street boutiques, renovated old homes, Sacred Heart Church and Sacred Heart Elementary School.

Main street businesses, restaurants, and service stations all benefit from the increased activity that those points of interest bring to Muenster. Ask the businesses what the appearance of Muenster is worth to them Do you have an increased sense of pride when people say "Oh, I've heard of Muenster, what a neat little town... I really like it"?

Why Renovation Is A Sacred Heart Parish Endeavor

Sacred Heart Parish has an obligation to provide its spiritual leader a decent place to live. The pastor is expected to be available 24 hours a day every day of the year. Every mass is expected to start on time regardless if our priest has been up all night answering a house call to serve a member of the community regardless of religious denomination. Our priest has chosen a life in which his family life comes from the community he serves. Our parish's spiritual leader deserves a place he can call home — a refuge from his daily grind. Our parish's spiritual leader should not have to apologize for or feel embarrassed about the place he hosts visitors. If you chose a vocation requiring you to be available every hour of every day, what would you think is reasonable to live in?

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Sacred Heart Parish also has an obligation to preserve the heritage of this community. The Rectory, completed in 1916, is one of the oldest structures in Muenster. It is the only Victorian period style residence in Muenster. It, Sacred Heart Church, and the "red brick school" are landmarks that add to making this town interesting.

The Rectory was completed in 1916 and is one of the oldest structures in Muenster. It has had minimal improvements in the last 86 years. The most notable are the exterior edition (garage built over 50 years ago) and an interior refurbishment (including central air/heating) done in early 1980s. The rectory has been neglected due to funding and as a result needs several significant exterior/interior repairs.

The rectory is *structurally* sound from the foundation up. Like any house that has had minimal care, exterior portions such as windows, siding, masonry, concrete, railings, balconies, etc. need replacement or refurbishment. The garage edition is not structurally sound and will need to be demolished and replaced

In order to add to the beautification of Muenster and retain Muenster's heritage and unique appeal, the Sacred Heart Parish Finance Committee and Building and Maintenance Committee decided it is in the community's interest to refurbish the rectory. They reviewed three options:

- Reproduce the Rectory (build a new one that looks identical) Build a modern house with equivalent square footage Renovate the rectory (exterior and interior)

Option 1 is cost prohibitive, over \$750,000. Option 2 is slightly more expensive than option 3, \$270,000 vs. \$240,000. Option 2 does not add to the aesthetics and appeal of Muenster. Option 2 does not preserve the heritage of Muenster. Option 3, renovating the rectory, is an illustration of Muenster's pride in its heritage and itself as a community by preserving a piece of the community's history and creating tangentia benefit to over 50% of the businesses in Muenster.

This is a community and parish initiative for the reasons stated above. The goal is \$240,000 by August 1, 2003. Next week the Muenster Enterprise will have an article discussing the contractor, work to be done, and bidding process for local businesses. Donations are tax deductible

There is insufficient time during weekend masses to explain details and answer citizens' questions. Therefore, there will be a town hall meeting on 9 February at 3:00pm in the Community Center. This town hall meeting will discuss the process behind choosing renovation, the contractor, and allow citizens the opportunity to ask questions.

Joseph Bright Chairman, Rectory Renovation Project



Father John Ohner, OSA signs a contract to begin phase one of the renovation of the Muenster Rectory. He is pictured with committee members, from left, back – Debbie Endres, Duane Knabe, John Bartush, Jr. and seated Joe Bright.

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#### From My Side of the Fence by Ed

January 2003 has already expired and passed into history, and some of us are still remembering New Year's Day. Time flies by and waits for no one, so if we have things to do, we had better be about them.

I am still bragging about passing my 88th birthday, Jan. 27, 2003. When I was very young I wondered if I would make it to 60. Back then we thought that to be almost ancient. Then I set my sights on 75, and then to 85 - the year 2000. Boy, that seemed impossible - but it happened, and here it is 2003 and the beat goes on.

In my younger days we used to feel pity for anyone

put in a hospital. We expected the worst. Few people in those days entered a hospital until it was too late, and we grieved for them.

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But things have changed with the coming of Medicare. People now-adays go to the hospitals to get things "fixed" before the damage is too great.

When we are told of a person entering a hospital these days, we ask what they are having done, and we expect them to come back hale and hearty, and grow older, and most do.

Older folk once thought they could not afford medical help, and simply

Medicare has many of us taking advantage of medical help offered by doctors that are much more learned today than ever before, and can perform many operations, and prescribe medications that can help many persons stay useful citizens for more years to come.

With the help of Medicare, many of us are taking advantage of modern technology to live longer, useful lives, and to really become more senior citizens.

# **Letters to the Editor**

After attending and participating in the Roe vs. Wade Debate in Gainesville last Thursday evening, I wanted to say a word about the abortion issue. I noticed that most of the questions addressed to the pro-choice team all led back to one answer in general being: "I am not that woman; I cannot make that choice for her and neither should the government."

Is that really what it is all about? Choice? In reality what does an abortion have to do with choice?

As a woman, I of course believe in the importance of women's rights and freedom. As an American, I do have that freedom. My government does not tell me whether or not, when and if I can have children. I, as is every American woman, am allowed to make those choices for myself. The only people justified to complain of their government dictating their government dictating their government dictating their government dictating their government.

During an abortion a baby is mutilated and killed. This should not even be a topic open for debate. No one should be able to "choose" who should ive and who should not. Killing is killing,

Then arises the question:
"Is it really a baby?" or "Is it really alwe?" The easiest way to determine life in any given situation is to check for a heartbeat. (Do they have a pulse?) Being that an unborn infant does have a heartbeat very early on, we must logically deduce that the baby is alive. There is no other explanation of a beating heart. So, it should be needless to point out that the unborn baby has working organs, limbs, fingers, toes, nerves, and senses, its own DNA individual from its mother's, its own blood type, can listen and feel, etc., etc.

I have been pregnant and I know that the kicking and moving I feel inside and can even see from the outside is not ME moving. I am not moving my uterus, and there is only one other person that could be. Things that are not alive do not move, and inanimate objects have no heartbeat.

We cannot pick a point of pregnancy to say, "Okay, now the baby is alive. Okay, at this many weeks God gives us a soul." Conception is the beginning of life. It all begins when the sperm and egg unite. God creates an eternal soul at this moment, and a new life is begun.

It is time we start taking true responsibility for ourselves and for our actions. People that choose to be sexually active need to face the music and realize that there is no such thing as "safe sex." There is no contraceptive device or pill that can prevent every pregnancy. There is no method that can prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases. If there were any of these, the rates of unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases would have gone down since the legalization of contraceptives rather than skyrocketed to the highest level ever known to humankind.

The only way to keep these "hazards" in hand is to keep our sexuality in hand. The only way for a person to be guaranteed not to conceive a child and not to conceive a child and not to contract a sexually transmitted disease is to abstain from the cause of it!

If people, men and women, take control of themselves and their actions there would be no need for abortions, and the so-called dilemma of "choice" would no longer be an issue.

# Lawsuit reform: The real consumers decide

their campaign commitments. These opponents will try to win in the 2003 Legislature what they lost in the November 2002 elections.

The misinformation campaign against the effort to rein in abusive litigation is a perfect example. The overwhelming majority of elected officials believe that Texas should have a fair and balanced civil justice system, one in which neither the plaintiff nor the defendant has an unfair advantage. But a certain group of personal injury lawyers make literally billions of dollars by making sure the system is biased in their favor. So they call lawsuit reform "anti-consumer," and characterize reform as "the slamming of the courthouse door" or as "limiting lawsuits."

But the fact is that well crafted and well-reasoned tort reform is pro-consumer. Look at a few of the issues.

Medical Malpractice Reform—Currently many doctors are leaving Texas, or even leaving their profession, since they can no longer afford the risk of practicing medicine here. Those remaining pay huge medical insurance premiums, which then show up in higher health care costs and premiums for consumers. It is pro-consumer to protect the award of economic damages in medical malpractice



Leo Linbeck Jr.

cases but to cap highly subjective non-economic damages, also known as "soft damages," so that Texans can have accessible, affordable health care. It is anti-consumer to allow a few plaintiffs and plaintiffs lawyers to hit the "lottery" and win millions at the expense of the rest of Texas consumers.

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There is no "free lunch" for consumers in medical malpractice. When someone is awarded \$20 million, that cost is spread among all the rest of insurance consumers. The goal of litigation should be to fully and quickly compensate injured parties, not to make a few people and their lawyers instant millionaires. Also in the health care consumer's interest, we strongly support strict enforcement of medical standards of practice to protect patients from rogue practitioners. Class Action Reform: Currently, virtually every lawsuit that a judge allows to be certified as a class action is settled because the defendant cannot afford the risk of trying such a lawsuit, even if the defendant is totally innocent. Texas juries never get to decide class action lawsuits on their merits. Outrageous settlement costs are often nothing more than legalized extortion, and are reflected in higher costs for the products and

services we all buy, lower returns on pensions and 401k plans, and fewer job opportunities for Texans. It is pro-consumer to make class certification appealable to the Supreme Court so that a consistent and equitable body of law can be created by the court.

Fair Settlements: What stops people from using lawsuits as a way to harass, punish and extort money from people or companies? In Texas, the answer is "almost nothing." Our courthouses are filled with cases that should not be there, and hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on costly and unnecessary pre-trial motions, discovery, and legal fees. It is pro-consumer to institute a system in which a plaintiff who refuses to settle a case for a reasonable amount and then wins less than that amount is penalized by paying the other parties legal fees and costs out of the proceeds of any judgment. It is also in the consumer's interest to create a system where defendants have an incentive to offer full and early settlements.

There are many other badly needed, common sense reforms to our legal system that will be opposed by those who profit from the system as it is today. But when you hear lawsuit reforms called "anti-consumer," look behind the attacks to the facts. Returning our court system to a place where it is appropriately used as a last resort to resolve legitimate disputes; agood for the over-

disputes is good for the over-whelming majority of Texas' con-

Leo Linbeck Jr. is senior chair-an of Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

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# Lifestyle

# Brandy Hughes and Bradley Fisher married in

by Elfreda Fette
The wedding of Brandy
Hughes and Bradley Fisher,
both of Denton, was held in
Immaculate Conception
Church of Denton on June
28, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., with
Msgr. Charles King
officiating for the traditional
Catholic rites and double
ring ceremony.
The bride is the daughter
of Whitesboro, and Phil and
Tina Hughes of Sedalia,
Missouri She is a 1997
graduate of Aubrey High
School and is attending the
University of North Texas,
and plans to graduate in
December 2003. She is
employed as credit
coordinator at Lowe's. The
bride's grandparents are
Freda Hughes of Missouri
and Dorothy Doughtery of
Denton and the late Bill
Jenkins of Missouri.
The groom is the son of
Debbie and Jack Brittian of
Krum and David and Helen
Fisher of Muenster. He is a
1996 graduate of Muenster
High School and a 2001
graduate of the University
of North Texas with a
Bachelor's degree in
Finance. The groom's

Rouse Paul and
Dorothy Fisher and Trudy
Felderhoff, all of
Muenster.
The bride walked down
the aisle and was escorted
to the altar by her fathers,
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attired in periwinkle blue formal gowns designed with high front neckline and a cut-out in the back neckline. Each carried a bouquet of white roses and white and yellow daisies.

Flower girl was Sophie Pentico, niece of the groom. Ring bearer was Dane Huchton, nephew of the groom.

Groomsmen were Joey Martin of Sanger, friend of the groom; Jason Hughes of Whitesboro, brother of the bride; and Cory Knabe of Denton, friend of the groom.

Ushers were Coy Fisher, Ryan Klement, and Bobby Fisher, all groom's cousins and all of Muenster.

Candlelighter was Jeannie Martin of Sanger, friend of the groom, who also gave the Liturgical Readings with Jack Brittian, groom's stepfather of Krum.

Wedding music was presented by Christy Hesse and Ruth Felderhoff. Religious and Sacred music included "On Eagles Wings."

**Notice** 



Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Fishe ... 'nee Brandy Hughes ...

Decorations in church in cluded altar arrangements of white roses and daisies, a pair of candelabra with lighted candles, and white pew bows in the center aisle.

RECEPTION

A reception followed at

bows in the center aisle.

RECEPTION

A reception followed at the Texas Sundown Ranch in Sanger, for family and friends, with buffet. Guests danced to music provided by D.J. Larry Wolmack. Parents of the bride and groom hosted the reception.

The white bride's cake was three layers tall, topped with Dreamsicle Angels. The groom's cake was cheesecake surrounded by chocolate dipped strawberries. \*

Decorations included candlelight in profusion. A table held many pictures of the couple.

The rehearsal dinner,

table held many pictures of the couple.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by parents of the groom, was held Thursday at El Matador in Denton.

Since returning from a wedding cruise to San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Martin and the Bahamas, the couple is residing in Denton.

# CCFF offers a variety of services

Holy Angels Convent

News shared from

Thank

You

Jo Bedowitz and Mary Bayer recently spent some time with the Sisters at Holy Angels Convent in baker ewith the community. Apparently, Sister Carmelita had a stroke during the Christmas holidays. She sends all her love and wants everyone to know she prays daily for all the teachers, students, and administration of Sacred Heart School. She misses being here and thinks of us often. Anyone can reach her at: Holy Angels Convent P.O. Drawer 130 Jonesboro, AR 72403-0130. Or she has

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show. "Due to the possibility
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appropriate to dismiss the
February show and not
invite people to get out
during this time of winter,"
the sponsors say.

The Opry will return the
second Saturday night in
March, which will be March
8.

Thank

Cooke County Friends of the Family (CCFF) is a non-profit victims' assistance agency. CCFF is funded by federal and state grants, Cooke County, the City of Gainesville, United Way, and corporate and private donations. Their goal is to offer support and assistance to victims of violent crimes. These crimes include, but are not limited to, child abuse, aggravated assault, sexual assault, family violence, and intoxication manslaughter.

Crime victims not only suffer physical injuries but also emotional and mental anguish. Whether a person was assaulted by their spouse, robbed at gun point, or hit by a drunk driver, their lives will never be the same. Friends of the Family offers free counseling to help crime victims overcome the fear of their assault and lead productive, happy lives again. Free counseling is also available to family

members of crime victims.
For victims of domestic violence, CCFF can provide them the tools to leave a violent relationship, including a safety plan and protective order (if you meet requirements). Staff and volunteers are also available to assist with transportation to area women's shelters.
Other services include training to community and professional groups. CCFF offers free training about domestic violence and

#### Extension specialist, Janie Harris, to present programs on Feb. 11

Janie Harris, Texas mo Cooperative Extension I Housing Specialist, will present two timely programs Feb. 11 and they are both open to the public. Ma At 2 p.m. her subject will be of Mold in the Home. At 7 p.m. 89 the emphasis will be on Conserving Water in the Special Conserving Water

money, energy, and water!
Both programs will be at the Salona Community Building on Lama Road off Hwy. 1758. Call the Montague County Extension office for directions (940-894-2831).
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# Gavin is one!

Gavin Grewing celebrated his first birthday on Friday Dec. 27 at his home with his parents Jon and Janette Grewing; godparents Shawna Herr, and Matthew Grewing; Mackenzie, Morgan, and Max Herr; and Alex and Hilary Walterscheid. Guests enjoyed a hamburger and hot dog supper.

On Saturday Dec. 28 Gavin had a birthday party at the civic center in Saint Jo. His theme was 1st Birthday with Teddy Bears. His mother and godmother made his cake which was a teddy bear holding two balloons. Gavin had his own special cake made just for him by Shawna Herr. Cake and ice cream were served and guests enjoyed watching Gavin open his presents.

watching Gavin open his presents.
Guests attending were: grandparents, Gina Barrett, Linda Luttmer, and Anthony Grewing; aunts and uncles Matthew and Kenneth Grewing, Quentin

Barrett, Katie Luttmer, Shawna Herr with Kenzie, Morgan, and Max; Billie Grewing with Kyle and Kacie; Tami Pierce, with Jonathan and Jacob; Tammy Brown, Julie, Alex, Hilary, and Eric Walterscheid; Mary, Clayton, and Andi Hess; Brenda Pierce; cousins, Michael, Jessica, and John Aaron Love, and Emily Southerland. Gavin received many nice gifts and had a wonderful first birthday.



Gavin Grewing

Natalie Stroud and Justin Serna of Denton are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Alec Quentin, born on Dec. 27, 2002 at 5:25 p.m. Alec weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Proud first time grandparents are Randy and Phyllis Grewing Serna of Sanger and Hope and Mark Wood of Denton.

Gardening Tips

- Have patience. Take care of your plants and realize that no amount of fertilizer or watering will make them grow overnight. On the average, flowering plants will bloom from seven to 14 days. Likewise, vegetable plants require a fair amount of time before you will begin to see results.

\*\*Courtesy of ARA Content\*\*

### **New Arrivals**

Dangelmayr
Tom and Hayle
Dangelmayr are happy to
announce the birth of their
twin sons who were born on
Feb. 2, 2003 at Wise
Regional Health System in
Decatur. Kyle John
Dangelmayr was born at
8:35 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 0
oz., and measuring 18
inches long. Kevin Daniel
Dangelmayr was born at
8:46 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 11
oz. and measuring 18 1/2
inches long. They are
welcomed by their brothers
Eli, age 5, and Cody, age 3.
Grandparents are Kathie
and Joe Fenton, and Bill
and Charlotte Dangelmayr.
Great-grandmothers are
Mary Dyer and Margaret
Fenton.

Monday
Craig and Erica Monday
proudly announce the birth
of their daughter, Sarah
Michelle Monday, on Jan.
21, 2003 at 5:45 a.m. in
Gainesville Memorial
Hospital. Sarah weighed 6
lb. and measured 20 inches
in length. She joins her
sister Stephanie, age 15,
and her brother Ryan, age
8. Grandparents are Roy
and Jane Monday of
Muenster, Antoinette
Crawford of Monroe,
Louisiana, and Richard
Buhrman of El Paso, Texas.

#### Michelle Fuhrmann on President's honors list

Michelle Fuhrmann, daughter of Leon and Sandra Fuhrmann of Muenster, was named to the President's List at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours. Michelle is a Junior and is studying Mass Communications-Print Media.

#### Area Happenings

Valley View Friends of the FFA, FCCLA, & 4-H are sponsoring their annual Chili Dinner and Auction on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Valley View High School Ag Department. Serving of the all you can eat chili meal begins at 11 a.m. with the Auction following at 1 p.m. There is a \$3 charge for the meal.

meal.

Included in the auction items are livestock feed, show pigs, show supplies, and homemade baked items. All proceeds from this event go to help purchase the Valley View students' projects at the Cooke County Youth Fair in March.

For more information, call

For more information, call Valley View High School (940) 726-3522.



William and Janet Fisher of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gaye Lanette Fisher of Arlington, to Reuben Frost of Dallas. The future groom is the son of Deborah Frost of Richardson and Jack Frost of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Saturday, March 8, 2003 is the day the couple has chosen as their wedding day. The ceremony will be at 7 p.m. in Victory Hall in Fort Worth officiated by Anthony White, pastor of Shady Grove Church in Grand Prairie. Miss Fisher is a 1991 graduate of Muenster High School and a 1995 graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station where she earned a Bachelor of Political Science degree. She is an IT recruiter. Mr. Frost attended ACCIS in Alabama and is employed as a software programmer. The couple plans to reside in Las Colinas.

#### Gainesville 49er Square Dance Club stays busy

The Gainesville 49er Square Dance Club has been on the go with visiting other clubs and having fun at home with all who have come to visit here. The Club has captured banners by having four or more couples attend another club's dance. The banners that were brought home are Decatur 8ers, Triangle Squares in Denton, and Texoma Squares in Denison.

Some activities enjoyed by the Gainesville 49ers included a weekend of dancing in Paris, Texas, a square and round dance party at the home of Ed and Karen Gloodt, Club caller and cuer, in Ardmore, and a barn dance hosted by Rosina and Leroy Schmidlkofer. On Jan. 21 the 49ers entertained the residents at St. Richards in Muenster by square dancing for them.

for them.

Lessons have been completed and new club members are James and Louise Bellows and Dan and Mary Nell Cogburn. The next set of lessons will begin in September.
Upcoming events include the Gainesville 49ers 54th anniversary dance at the Stanford House on Feb. 22. On Mar. 22 the Club will join the Dixie Chainers in Farmers Branch to co-host a Friendship Dance.
For more information about lessons or square dancing call Rosina Schmidlkofer at 665-6739.

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When President George Bush was governor of Texas, he invited the

early to get in at the very beginning.
When President George Bush was governor of Texas, he invited the Rankins to play at his Austin Tailgate party before the Texas - Texas Tech football game. Following their appearance at The Buddy Holly wrote, "They performed many songs from the great music legends, but of course we were very partial to the tribute to Buddy Holly. They did a www.therankins.net.

#### **News of the Sick**

Arnie Knabe continues to be hospitalized in ICU at Denton Regional Medical Center recovering from double pneumonia. He has Center recovering from double pneumonia. He has been a patient there since Jan. 3 and was transferred to that facility from Muenster Memorial Hospital. Cards will reach him at 6688 CR 424, Muenster, TX 76252.

Messages can be e-mailed to him by logging on to www.dentonregional.com

and click on patient email. You must know the patient name and room number (his is ICU Room 21). There is a place to fill in all this information and another

### 4-H visits area ranch

On Dec. 14, all county 4Hers who submitted a delicious cookout to add a
horse essay were invited to
Mt. Creek Ranch. More
than 20 people showed up
and were treated to a great
time! They got to see a
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horseshoeing, which was
very interesting, and
learned how to care for a
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Keep directions in paragraph form – not in steps. Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar. DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients." Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times. Anything not part of the recipe (ingredients, directions, contributor name, se size or recipe title) will not be included unless you select Recipe Notes for extra charge.

Appetizers & Beverages Soups & Salads Pesserts
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Rectory at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Visit with your Grandmas, Aunts, Great Grandmas, the little ladies down the street - submit their German Recipes & traditions. (You may wish to note the recipe donor's name and your name as helper.)

Recipe collection forms and boxes are located at Sacred Heart Business Office, Muenster State Bank, and Hansel & Gretel Haus. You may also submit your information over the phone by calling Anna at 964-2609.

Proceeds to benefit the restoration of the 1916 Rectory at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Please reserve cookbo	ook(s)	for	me
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P.S. Please submit your recipes to the committee within 5 days so they can be turned over to the publisher. Thank you!

Sacred Heart School's 6th and Sth grade students articipated in a Science air held at school on uesday, Jan. 28 in onjunction with Catholic chools Week.

Winners in each category ere as follows:
Human Health - 1st, tephanie Krawietz; 2nd, licah Flusche; 3rd, Karina kotnik

Consumer Products1st, Samantha Wimmer; 2nd, Kirk Felderhoff; 3rd, Physics - 1st, Ben Walterscheid; 2nd, Dainah Hartman; 3rd, Matt Flusche.

Animal Behavior - 1st, Kalyssa Pollard; 2nd, Jessica Bartel; 3rd, CB Hennigan.

kotnik
Earth Sciences - 1st, Joe
lesse; 2nd, Zach Zanchetta;
rd, Kaitlyn Felderhoff.
Mathematical Physics st, Don Stalling; 2nd,
litchell Hesse; 3rd,
litchell Sellers.
Botany - 1st, Jordan
aChance; 2nd, Lisa Miller;
rd, Richie Sweeney.

Also on hand were the 7th Grade High Achievers Group, demonstrating the Rube Goldberg Machines they built. Participating were Lauren Sepanski, Sunni Bayer, Clay Knabe, Stephen Davis, Kristina Koesler, and Kara Felderhoff.



#### LAST CALL

Intries are due in the tension office by bruary 14, 2003 for the ske County 4-H restock Show, which is reduled for February 22, 8. Entry forms and fees individual poultry and reduled in a state of the ske for all other imals.

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#### Bits of Wisdom

# MUENSTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRI STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

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Data		10		Total
Control		General	Other	Governmental
Codes		Fund	Funds	Funds
	REVENUES:			
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,485,382 \$	154,631	\$ 1,640,013
5800	State Program Revenues	1,935,348	174,201	2,109,549
5900	Federal Program Revenues	1,959	93,326	95,285
5000	Total Revenues	3,422,689	422,158	3,844,847
	EXPENDITURES:			
0	hurrent:			
0011	Instruction	1,933,445	122,889	2,056,334
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	57,919	-	57,919
0013	Carriculum & Instructional Staff Development	2,427	-	2,427
0003	School Leadership	167,849	-	167,849
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	53,981	-	53,981
0033	Health Services	37.851	-	37,851
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	50,985	-	50,985
0035	Food Services	3.156	126,575	129,731
0035	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	116.852	_	116,852
0041	General Administration	174,013	-	174,013
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	409,143	-	409,143
0053	Data Processing Services	77,879	-	77,879
	Debt Service:			
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	73,656	60,000	133,656
0171	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	. 14,476	77,624	92,100
1	intergovernmental:			
0083	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of	124,510	-	124,510
8030	Total Expenditures	3,298,142	387,088	3,685,230
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	124,547	35,070	159,617
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	12,300	-	12,300
7914	Non-Current Loan Proceeds	200,000	-	200,000
7915	Transfers In		10,275	10,275
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(10,275)	-	(10,275)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	202,025	10,275	212,300
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	326,572	45,345	371,917
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	164,142	27,819	191,961
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 490,714 \$	73,164	\$ 563,878
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# Paw Prints by Sacred Heart Journalism Sturder

Last week the students and faculty at Sacred Heart celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The theme of the week was "Make a World of a Difference" where each day was reflecting on the differences we, as Catholics, have made. As Joseph Davis said, "Catholic Schools Week is a time to reflect on what our school is really about."

To begin the week, the whole school attended Mass where a tribute in memory of Dorothy Bengfort was made in the opening procession. Dorothy Bengfort was made in the opening procession. Dorothy Bengfort was a teacher and a friend who made a world of difference in our school, our lives, and in our community.

On Tuesday the elementary had a science fair in the community center then an open house where the parents were invited to visit the classrooms. Also the children were able to eat lunch in the cafeteria with their parents and grandparents. Tuesday celebrated a world of difference in our families and volunteers.

Sacred Heart showed their patriotism on Wednesday by having a red, white, and blue non-uniform day. Following the theme a world of difference in our families and volunteers.

Sacred Heart showed their patriotism of their adopted soldiers thanking them for the difference they make fighting for our freedom.

The students wrote to their adopted soldiers thanking them for the difference they make fighting for our freedom.

The students and the was Student Appreciation Day. Teachers appreciated their students in their own way either by treats or bonus points, but as Thomas Whitecotton said, "Everyday is student appreciation day at Sacred Heart."

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excited about graduation quickly approaching. The

juniors say they are ready to lead the school once the seniors are gone.

Basketball is keeping a lot of the students busy. The girls' team has only lost one game the whole season and they are once again the number one contender for the state championship. The Tigers are doing very well. They have clinched second place in district and hope to go on to win district with a key game still remaining.

The Sacred Heart swim team has just finished competing in the State meet. At regionals, the boys won first and the girls were runners-up. At state, all swimmers made a great showing. The boys placed fifth while the girls placed eighth. Congratulations to all swimmers on their great season.

All junior and senior athletes who do not play basketball but run track have been staying in top shape with off-season workouts. Weight lifting and running is how the runners are keeping fit. Full track practices will start soon. We expect another great season from the Boys and Girls Defending State Track Champions.

Recently, students participated in many activities during Catholic School's Week. On Monday, the entire school attended Mass where seniors escorted grade school students carrying banners. Wednesday was a school wide non-uniform day. On Thursday, the teachers showed their appreciation to the students in various ways. Friday was Teacher Appreciation Day. All teachers and staff members were treated to an authentic German meal, made by Sacred Heart supporters and served by several students. High school students classes. Catholic Schools Week closed with an all school Mass. At the Mass, all seniors processed in, in honor of their final Catholic Schools Week. The entire week wiss an

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## School

#### Kyra Mann named WC Harvey Academy Fellows

confidence."

Mann, a graduate of
Texas Tech University, also
serves as the secondary
campus' gifted and talented

An instructor of English, literature and history, as well as theatre arts at Muenster High School, Kyra Mann, was among the 34 teachers from across the region honored by Weatherford College at the 2003 Jack Harvey Academy of Exemplary Teachers celebration Jan. 30.

In its seventh year, the Harvey Academy of Professor Emeritus Jack Harvey, who taught at WC for 23 years and was considered among his peers as a "master teacher."

"These educators are some of the finest in our service area, and we are pleased to present this award to honor their work and recognize their efforts," said Dr. Don Huff, president of Weatherford College. "Because of each of these educators, we can look toward the future with renewed faith and confidence."

Mann, a graduate of Texas Tech University, also earning hours toward an administration degree.

"A teacher should constantly learn new things," said Mann. "Learning well is a part of teaching well." Valleau Wilkie Jr, executive director of the Sid W. Richardson Foundation, gave an inspirational address at the opening morning session of the daylong observance, when each teacher was presented a medallion and plaque. Later, the honorees participated in afternoon professional development sessions, and at an evening awards dinner were recognized again, along with their superintendents. Dr. Jill Burk, Dean of Education at Tarleton State University, presented the keynote address.

In addition to the individual awards, each participating school district also has a perpetual plaque on which the annual honoree from that district is added. TXU Electric and Gas donate the plaques.



Andi Wisdom, daughter of Rocky and Gina Wisdom of Thalia, won the Foard County Soil and Water Conservation District's poster contest. The theme was "Habitat for Life and Food for the Future". And is the granddaughter of Denis Hofbauer and Sam and Norma Clifton of Muenster.

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# The Muenster Independent School district is considering a waiver from the Texas Education Agency to start the 2003-2004 school year on Aug. 13, 2003. The district is inviting comments from parents, community members, business leaders, and students who may be in favor of or against the starting date. These comments can be made in writing and mailed to Clyde W. Steelman, Jr., Superintendent, Muenster ISD, P.O. Box 608, Muenster, TX. 76252; faxed to 940)759-2284, e-mail to csteelman@escll.net, or speak during the Public Hearing for School Start Date at the Regular School Board meeting scheduled for Feb. 12, 2003 or March 12, 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Muenster, Texas. 2.7-1 Registration deadlines set for next ACT exam

deadine is Mar. 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$25.

Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken, and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

Important tips—Students who take the exam more than once an report only their highest composite score to mose.

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ranch style beauty, cake.

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Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, apples, cookies.

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Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, mixed fruit, hot rolls.
Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, French fries, pork and beans, pickles, onions, applesauce, ice cream.

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Mon. - Chili dogs, pinto beans, pears, carrot sticks, bread.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, green salad, garlic toast, peaches.

Wed. - Barbecue sandwiches, potato salad, celery sticks, oranges.

Thurs. - Steak fingers, potatoes w/gravy, corn, chocolate pudding, bread.

Fri. - Grilled cheese sandwich, taco soup,

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Mon. - Turkey and noodles, green beans, cranberry sauce, iced cake, bread.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, bread.

Wed. - Lasagna, cole slaw, fried okra, pears, bread.

Thurs. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, corn, peaches, batter bread.

Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

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

Tues. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit mix, chocolate pudding.

Wed. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, or steak fingers, green beans, sliced pears, tossed salad, breadstick.

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# **Sports**

#### Sacred Heart Tigers and Tigerettes are playoff bound after regular season

Sacred Heart completed their regular season basketball schedule Monday night hosting the teams from Colleyville Covenant. The Tigerettes took the expected one-sided win, with the Tiger contest plugged the game of the night. The Sacred Heart boys earlier in the season lost to Covenant 52-47 and this rematch was a battle for first place. The Tigers took a 72-36 victory Monday to tie with Covenant for the district championship. A tie breaker game was played Wednesday night to determine the district championship. The Tigerettes dominated the court, threshing Covenant to a 74-15 final. Twenty-one points to the visitors' 2 in the first period of play laid out the results for the remainder of the game.

Sacred Heart completed their regular season basketball weakers we are at going into twenty weaknesses," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "I like where we are at going into the playoffs." The coach noted he breaks the season dwn into three parts: the preseason - where you play practice games in preparation for district; the district season where you must play well to make the playoffs; and the playoffs are for the season, which is the fine part of the basketball section of the score book. Jayna Biffle led with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Biffle was also recognized for scoring 1000 points in her high school career. Maggie Farrell and Courtney Hartman each added a dozen. Raney Bauer put in 11 and Jana

Truebenbach 10, with 12 rebounds. Jacqueline Bauer and Mary Jane Callahan each scored 4, with Karen Gehrig and Whitney Wimmer getting 2 apiece.

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The Tigers let Covenant know early who intended to win the game, outscoring the visitors 20 points in the first quarter of play. Scoring evened out for two periods, but the Tiger offense dropped in 20 more points in the fourth quarter, and allowed Covenant only 6 to dominate the scoreboard final.

Jack Biffle was high scorer of the game with 22 points. Marty Farrell added 19, with Clint Fuhrmann and Chris Hoedebeck each scoring 11. Chris Fuhrmann dropped in 4 points, Jared Zimmerer 3, and Zach Barmhill 2. The Tigers hit 18 of 28 free throws and had a total of six 3-pointers.

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## Sacred Heart Playoffs Begin

Tuesday, February 11 Tigers Den



Clint Fuhrmann makes a high-flying lay up for the Sacred Heart Tigers during their big win over the Colleyville Covenant Cougars Monday. Dave Fette photo

**Tigers** finish 2nd

The Sacred Heart Tigers were handed a 32-29 loss in Wednesday's district championship tie breaker game against Colleyville Covenant Academy.

The Tigers fought a defensive battle, taking a 9 points lead before Covenant came back with the win. The loss makes the Tigers district runner-up.
Watch next weeks Muenster Enterprise for complete tie breaker story.

#### Sacred Heart wins over Lighthouse

Dallas Lighthouse hosted the Sacred Heart basketball teams last week Friday night and were left sitting at home in defeat as both the Tigers and Tigerettes captured district wins on the road to the playoffs.

The Tigerettes rolled to a 76-28 victory after a dominating 25-4 first quarter. The win keeps Sacred Heart on the top of the district.

Jayna Biffle led all scorers, dropping in 21 points. Courtney Hartman added 11 points, Raney Bauer 10, and 9 apiece by Maggie Farrell and Mary Jane Callahan. Jana Truebenbach added 6, Stephanie Henscheid 5, Jacqueline Bauer 3, and Jennifer Hoedebeck 2. Hoedebeck also pulled down 12 rebounds. R. Bauer, Hartman and Henscheid led the Tigerettes in steals.

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int Fuhrmann makes a high-flying lay up for the Sacred Heart gers during their big win over the Colleyville Covenant Dave Fette photo bugars Monday.

The Tigers brought home a victory to keep their playoff hopes alive. The low scoring first half picked up some the third and fourth quarters, but the scoreboard numbers didn't increase for A6-28 final score.

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# Sacred Heart gets two weekend wins

On Saturday, the Sacred leart round ballers eturned to the Metroplex nd were challenged by The lighlands. Both local quads brought home ictories.

Courtney Hartman added 13, Mary Jane Callahan 12 and Jana Truebenbach 11 to quickly add up the points. Maggie Farrell dropped in 9, with Raney and Jacqueline Bauer each scoring 7. Jennifer Hoedebeck rounded out the score with 4 points. SH 21 24 22 13 80 H 5 7 3 8 23

and were challenged by the Highlands. Both local squads brought home victories.

In the Tiger game, the winner was undetermined until the third quarter, when Sacred Heart scored 27 points, while holding Highlands to only 5 to double the home team's score with a 28 point lead going into the final quarter. The final score of 68-42 improved the Tigers district record to 6-1.

All members of the Tiger team put points in the book. Marty Farrell put in 13 and Zach Barnhill 10 to lead Sacred Heart on the scoreboard. Daniel Bartush and Clayton Truebenbach both added 8, Chris Hoedebeck 7, Jack Biffle and Jared Zimmerer 6 apiece, Chris Fuhrmann 4, and 3 each by Clint Fuhrmann and Tony Koesler. The Tigers hit only a dozen free throws out of 31.

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The Tigerettes also arned another victory to eep their district record ablemished, easily andling Highlands an 80-3 win

Jayna Biffle took the high orer honor with 17 points.



Raney Bauer wins this rebound for the Tigerettes against Collevville. Photo by Dave Fette



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Muenster's Lady Hornets are playoff bound, but not as the district champions. The game at Era Tuesday night awarded the Era Lady Hornets (22-6, 8-0) the district crown and put Muenster (24-3, 6-2) in second place.

Muenster took an early lead, then allowed Era to tie the game 12-12 at half-time. Era then took a 10 point lead into the final quarter. Muenster could not close the gap, taking a 43-37 defeat.

Brooke Endres led Muenster's scoring with 17 points, which included 9 of 12 free throws. Lisa Felderhoff added 8, JoAnna Felderhoff 5, Alisha Walterscheid 3 each, and Megan Lippe 1. Muenster hit 62% of their free throws. Emelia Endres and Diana Howard led Era's point makers with a dozen each. M 8 4 7 18 37 E 2 10 17 14 43 The Muenster Hornets

# Hornet teams hammer Hounds

The Greyhound teams visited the Hornet nest last Friday, escaping with two district losses. The victory by the Hornets took Slidell out of the playoff picture and gives the Lindsay boys a playoff spot.

The Lady Hornets continue their journey to the playoffs with a 58-34 win over the Lady Hounds. After a tight first period, Muenster controlled the boards in the next two quarters, then allowed Slidell in the game in the final period.

Alisha Walterscheid was the game's high scorer with 14 points, hitting four 3-pointers. Melinda Walterscheid added 11 points and Lisa Felderhoff 10 to help lead the Lady Hornets on the scoreboard. Brooke Endres scored 8, Megan Lippe 6, JoAnna Felderhoff 5, Robyn Hermes 2, and 1 each from Jami

# brought home a victory over the Era Bees, 49-45. The Red team got an 8 point lead the first period, then allowed Era to take a 6 point advantage in the second quarter. Muenster outscored the gold team 17-5 in the third period, then had a tough battle in the fourth quarter to hold on to the win.

fourth quarter to hold on to the win.

Cody Cory was high scorer for Muenster with 9 points. Russell Endres and Tyler Walterscheid each added 8. Mitch Felderhoff and Chase Cain scored 7 points apiece, with Clint Miller getting 6, and Sean Fuhrmann 4.

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#### Hornets sunk in district contest

It was a low scoring game in Collinsville last week Tuesday, especially for the Muenster Hornets, who fell 37-22 to the Pirates. Muenster could muster only 7 points in the first half and hit only one free throw in the game, allowing a not as cold shooting team to take the win.

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Dustin Hiser dropped in 5 points, with Mitch Felderhoff, Sean Fuhrmann, and Russell Endres each scoring 4. Chase Cain added 3 and Tyler Walterscheid 2.

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Muenster Lady Hornets Us

**Bland Lady Tigers** Bi-district play-off game Tuesday, February 11, 7pm Howe High School

Admission: \$4 adults, \$2 students

Muenster will be the HOME team Directions to the game: Hwy 82 east to Sherman. Exit 208 \_(US 75) south. 6 miles to . Exit 54, go east.

CORRECTION – the Muenster Hornets were mistakenly identified in last week's paper. Team members with Coach James McAlister are, from left, front – Derek Endres, Dustin Wimmer, Travis Felderhoff, and Michael Eckart; back – Derek Felderhoff, Jeff Walterscheid, Jordan Walterscheid, Dustin Felderhoff, and Joseph Dangelmayr.

# Lindsay - Era trade

The Lindsay Knights took another district win last Friday, but the Lady Knights fell victim to the district leaders, the Era Lady Hornets.

Every member of the Knight team put points on the board in their 58-45 victory over the Hornets, led by Mitch Creed with 17 and Rhett Rimmer with 15 points. Rimmer and Creed also led the Knights in rebounds.

also led the Knights in rebounds.
Chuck Hinds, Ben Hundt, and Trinity Otto all scored 6 points. Bradley Anderle and Brandon Kiesel each added 3, and Cody Anderle 2. The winner was decided in the second quarter when the Knights held Era to just 5 points and took an 11 point half-time lead.

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The Knights will prepare for the playoffs next week with two practice games. On Tuesday, Feb. 11, Lindsay will host Byers at 6:30. On Friday, Feb. 14, the Knights will have a workout with Knox City, time and location to be announced.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Knights will have their first round of playoff action. Their bi-district opposition is not yet determined. At press time, Celeste, Sam Rayburn and Trinton were in a three-way tie for the district 18A championship. Tie-breaker games will be played to determine who advances to the playoffs.

The Era Lady Hornets kept their undefeated district record by handing the Lady Knights a 37-25 defeat. The loss ended the Lindsay Ladies' season. Game information was not made available.

# **Junior Varsity Action**

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VS KEVIN BARNES AND ANGELA BARNES DEFENDANTS

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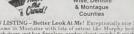
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Sullivant welcomed the December and January "Girls of the Month" Francheska Adams from GHS and her guardian Sandi Ferguson, Jessica Hensley from GHS and her mother Dianna Hensley: Elaine Hess from LHS and her mother Natalie Hess; Donielle McGriff from GHS and her mother Marsha Harris and her grandmother Charlesetta Calhoun; and Jaymie Wade from GHS and her mother Karen Wade.

After calling roll, Highway Beautification Chair Donna Corcoran reminded everyone that on Saturday morning, Feb. 1, Soroptimists would begin picking up trash along Highway 82 in Lindsay as part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

The guest speaker, the

Reverend Dr. Charlotte
Devinney Nabors, whose
topic was "Rev Mom and
Beyond", was introduced by
Lucy S. Haverkamp who
outlined Dr. Nabors
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After receiving her
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Degree at St. Thomas
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Charlotte Nabors became a
Professor at Thailand
Theoligical Seminary and
was the Founding Pastor of
a Laotian Congregation in
Houston.

She later became the
Associate Pastor at Central
Christian Church in Dallas,
and in 1992 Dr. Charlotte
Nabors and her husband
Dr. Oran Nabors shared the
pulpit at the First Christian
Church of Denton. Most
recently, during the past 20
months, Drs. Charlotte and
Oran Nabors have been
transitional Co-Pastors at
the First Christian Church
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will retire on Feb. 1.

# **Farm & Ranch**

# Texas Department of Agriculture to host town hall meetings across state agriculture remains a strong and growing industry throughout the state." TDA is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Cooperative Extension Service, and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across Texas. The town hall meetings are free and open to the public. For more information on TDA town hall meetings, contact John McFerrin, producer relations specialist

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will be visiting with agricultural producers and rural communities at town hall meetings throughout the state to discuss issues impacting the agricultural industry as well as rural Texas. The tour includes a Thursday, March 13 stop in Gainesville.

The town hall meetings, hosted by the Texas Department of Agriculture, are open forums where producers and members of the community can voice their concerns, as well as present their ideas and solutions to the commissioner.

Cooke, Grayson, and Montague counties have worked together to present a Farmer and Ranchers Symposium on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the North Central Texas College in Gainesville on FM 51 south. The program will be held in the Little Theater behind the main entrance. The program registration will begin at 8 a.m., with coffee and snacks available, and will last until 3:30 p.m.

The symposium agenda will consist of Parasite, Residue Avoidance, and Injection Site Management on Cattle by Dr. Ron Gill, Extension livestock specialist; Brush and Pasture Management, Ross Cantrell, of Estes Chemical; Laws and Regulations update; Sprayer and Broadcast Calibrations, Jason Brogdon, Pettit Machinery; Winter Pastures, Rayford Pullen, Wax Company; Predator Control, Jan Loven, Texas Wildlife Damage Control; and Integrated Pest Management. This is an excellent chance to obtain the latest information for this area.

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"With agriculture and rural communities facing so many challenges, it is important that I know firsthand what the concerns and issues are on a local level," Combs said. "There are a lot of concerns and needs that are specific to regions of Texas, and I want to collectively work with producers, industry groups, and local, state, and federal governments to address these issues to ensure

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exhibit animals

The Houston Livestock Show will make its debut in Reliant Center in 2003, and 26 FFA and three 4-H members from Cooke County are among the thousands of Texas youth who are planning to takepart. The 2003 Houston Livestock Show runs from Feb. 27 to Mar. 16 at Reliant Park.

Mason and Mitchell Ward of Lindsay FFA are among the members who will take part and will show market steers.

More than 15,000 entries, representing more than 1000 Texas 4-H clubs and

Local FFA members to

in Houston

#### Comments sought on marketing standards

standards

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is soliciting comments on proposed minimum standards for livestock and meat industry production/marketing claims. These standards, when adopted, will become the U.S. Standards for Livestock and Meat Marketing Claims.

Increasingly, livestock and meat producers are using production and/or processing claims to distinguish their products in the marketplace. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, through its voluntary certification and/or audit programs, verifies the accuracy of these claims. The proposed standards will establish the minimum requirements for those livestock and meat producers who choose to operate a USDA certified or verified program involving marketing claims.

Comments must be submitted on or before Mar. 31, 2003, to Chief, Standardization Branch, AMS Livestock and Seed Program, USDA Stop 0254, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0254.

## Ag Briefs)

Adding weight earlier in Adding weight earlier in the winter to adult cows is more efficient than prior to calving. Bred heifers need better conditions than adult cows. Heifers are still growing and need extra conditioning to recover more quickly after calving so they can be bred again on time.

Cows that enter winter with poor body condition have a greater chance to: have a calf with reduced weaning weight, weak, or stillborn; not produce enough good colostrum for the calf; and may not breed again

Texas's inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.75 million head, up 8 percent from the 2002 total. Total inventory of heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds was 2.5 million head, up 2 percent from the 2002 total.

The 2002 calf crop totaled 5.0 million head, down 1 percent from the 2001 crop.

#### Nation's 2002 Census of Agriculture report forms past due

Farmers and ranchers are reminded that the deadline for returning their 2002 Census of Agriculture report form was Feb. 3. A large number of reports forms have been completed and returned, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the agency responsible for conducting and producing results from the Census of Agriculture.

For those who have not completed their report form yet, estimates are acceptable if records are not available. Those not operating a farm or ranch who have received a Census of Agriculture form should return it so they will not be contacted again.

Operators who have not returned their form should be aware that response to the Census is required by law [Title 7, U.S. Code]. Delays increase the cost of the Census and cause further mail and personal follow-ups.

Help completing the

the Census and cause further mail and personal follow-ups.

Help completing the Census report form is only a free phone call away at 1-888-4AG-STAT (1-888-424-7828). Those with questions about completing the form, or who did not receive a form by February but believe they qualify as a farm or ranch, can call the toll-free number.

All information collected in the Census of Agriculture is kept strictly confidential by law. This 26th Census will provide a detailed picture of the current status of agriculture, across the Nation's 3,000 plus counties, and changes since the last Census was taken five years ago. Results from previous censuses and hundreds of current agricultural statistics may be found at www.usda.gov/nass/. By responding to the Census, America's farmers and ranchers make it knownagriculture counts!





It's A Stat! by the Texas Agricultus Statistics Service

CATTLE INVENTORY

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The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 14 million head on Jan. 1, 2003, up 3 percent from last year's inventory of 13.6 million head, and a 2 percent increase from the 2001 inventory of 13.7 million head. "Summer and fall rains in major areas made for an abundant feed supply and producers retained or increased their inventories during the latter part of 2002." said Robin Roark, State Director.

Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle and calves with 15 percent of the total United States inventory.

Beef cow inventory, at 5.49 million head was up 1 percent from last year's total of 5.44 million head, with milk cow inventory, at 311,000 head. Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 5.8 million head, up 1 percent from last year's total.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 760,000 head on

percent from the 2001 crop.

SHEEP AND LAMB

The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 1.05 million head on Jan. 1, 2003, down 7 percent from last year's level of 1.13 million head The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 850,000 head, down 4 percent. Breeding ewes one year old and older were down 6 percent, and replacement lambs were unchanged at 130,000 head. The 2002 lamb crop totaled 540,000 head, down 30,000 head from 2001. Market sheep and lambs in Texas were down 17 percent from last year, totaling 200,000 head. Sheep for market totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year, while lambs for market totaled 190,000 head, also down 17 percent from last year. COOKE

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