

Alford is Volunteer of the Year

Chamber hosts annual banquet

by Dave Fette

The Muenster Chamber of Commerce welcomed new president, Alan Rohmer to take the leadership position Saturday, Jan. 25. Rohmer thanked former president, Annette Walterscheid for her two years of service and he spoke with enthusiasm about the Muenster business community accomplishments for 2002 and the Chamber's high hopes for 2003.

Hansel and Gretel Haus, owned by Jeff and Barbara LaChance, opened in January and the new Muenster Post Office opened in February with Postmaster Amy Beall. The Chamber's office was renovated in March. Troy, Dina, and Jason Sicking opened the new Rohmer's Restaurant right across Highway 82 from the Chamber office. Groundbreaking was held for the Muenster Lake in June. Brad and Marcia Scarborough started a new business in September, Cruise One Travel.

In November, the Chamber of Commerce joined forces with the City of Muenster to build a new performing arts stage in the City Park. Rohmer also thanked Mark Klement, who is ending his term as a Chamber board member, and welcomed new member Matt Sicking. Annette Walterscheid continues as a board member, as do David Fette, Neil Hesse, Cathy

Bartush Otto, Alan Rohmer, Dina Sicking, and Robert Weinzapfel.

Rohmer presented a special award to the Sacred Heart Student Council. He said, "This next award goes

"The past 10 years they have faithfully volunteered to decorate the town for Christmas. They assemble decorations on all decorative lights in the city, and the past three years decorated

Award' in 1999 for \$65,000.00 to be used for beautification. She has continued to lead the way in maintaining a yearly 'Award of Excellence' and in 2002 Muenster once again won the 'Governor's Community Achievement Award' and another \$65,000.00 for further beautification.

"We are glad to have MaryLee and Carl Alford as members of the community and we are proud to award MaryLee with this 'American Eagle' a symbol of 'America the Beautiful' and our freedom." Awards were produced by Unique Images of Muenster.

Alford presented a video show about the efforts and benefits of the Keep Muenster Beautiful program. The Power Points presentation was produced by Alford and projected with equipment loaned by Jeff Presnall of the Muenster High School Computer Science Department. The projection screen was loaned by North Central Texas College, Dr. Steve Broyles.

The Sacred Heart Angelic A Cappella Choir accompanied the show singing the "Keep America Beautiful Anthem" and "America the Beautiful."

Alford welcomed special guests for the evening, Rachel Brown, Adopt-A-Highway coordinator from Wichita Falls, and Kimberly and Jason May from See CHAMBER, pg 2



Master of Ceremonies, Tom Carson (right), welcomes Mayor Henry Weinzapfel to the podium at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

to a group that continually volunteers, collecting and delivering food for the needy at Thanksgiving through the VISTO organization of Cooke County. They annually support and work with ABBA of Cooke County, providing supplies and services needed to protect the unborn. This group performs a multitude

of services for Sacred Heart School and Parish throughout each year, including organizing Homecoming activities, working at the Trust Fund Dinner, the Faculty Appreciation Dinner, the Faculty Breakfast at the beginning of school.

the 'Keep Muenster Beautiful' park to create a special and festive atmosphere in our community. This group also takes down all the decorations from these areas. Often these jobs are performed during cold and unpleasant weather."

Finally, Alan Rohmer presented the Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year Award to MaryLee Alford. He said, "Our last award for the evening goes to an individual who through her tireless efforts and hard work for the past five years has led the Muenster Community in attaining the 'Governor's Community Achievement



New Muenster Chamber of Commerce President Alan Rohmer presents Volunteer of the Year Award to Keep Muenster Beautiful President MaryLee Alford Saturday at the Sacred Heart Community Center.

Computer woes linked to kink in MMH billing process

By Janet Felderhoff

Due to the many problems in billing caused by computer problems, Muenster Memorial Hospital has contracted with the firm, Financial Corporation of America (FCOA). The purpose is to contact patients with outstanding bills from the last 18 months to determine if insurance has been filed

correctly and to file it if hasn't. Accounts prior to July 1, 2001 won't be processed since that is as far back as insurance such as Medicare will allow filing. Those accounts, if unpaid, are written off as Bad Debt. If insurance isn't the issue, then the firm will proceed with efforts to collect from the patient. See BILLING WOES, pg 2

Building for the future

Weber Aircraft opens new multi-million dollar manufacturing facility in Gainesville

Weber Aircraft LP, a leading manufacturer of commercial aircraft seats, celebrated the opening of a new multi-million dollar manufacturing and assembly facility last Thursday, Jan. 23.

The new facility, located at the company's headquarters in Gainesville, Texas, significantly increases the company's production capacity as it seeks to expand sales in both U.S. and international markets. The building has more than 160,000 square feet of manufacturing, assembly and office space.

"Weber Aircraft is in the enviable position of being able to gear up for expansion," said Michel Labarre, President of Weber Aircraft LP. "The opening of this major new facility is a testament to the strength and growth potential of our company, even in this challenging business environment," he said, adding that this is the most dramatic expansion in Weber's history. Weber expects to announce new multi-year contracts with several airlines in the first quarter of 2003.

Labarre noted that the new facility incorporates the lean manufacturing systems recently integrated into all aspects of Weber's manufacturing operations. "The impressive efficiencies already realized from our lean manufacturing advances, coupled with the added capacity of the new facility, translate into significant benefits for our clients: Weber is faster, more efficient, and can produce seats at a greater quality and value level than ever before in the company's 60+ year history," said Labarre. Weber Aircraft has produced more than 800,000 passenger seats for all types of aircraft.

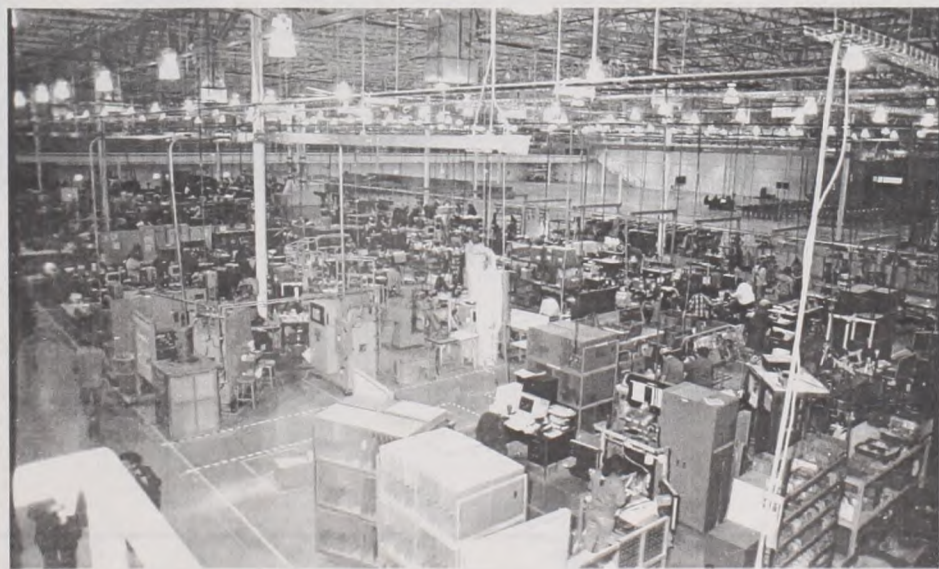
Industry Leaders from around the world joined Mr. Jean-Louis Gerondeau,

Zodiac Chairman, Executive Committee; Mr. Maurice Pinault, Zodiac CEO, Airline Equipment Group; Mr. Michel Labarre, Weber Aircraft President; and the entire Weber team at last Thursday's Grand Opening of the new Weber Facility. Many friends and representatives of local business, industry, media, and government were given guided tours of the new complex. U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall joined Weber officials for the ribbon cutting ceremonies at 3:45 p.m. Following the Grand Opening event, guests enjoyed a private reception and dinner at the Texas Motor Speedway.

Congressman Hall said it was a pleasure to be away from the acrimony of



Dignitaries unite to cut the ribbon opening the new, expansion at Weber Aircraft LP. From left are: U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall, Zodiac Chairman Jean-Louis Gerondeau, Weber Aircraft President Michel Labarre, Zodiac CEO Maurice Pinault, Weber Aircraft Vice-President John Walterscheid and Gainesville Mayor Kenneth Kaden.



The main assembly line at Weber Aircraft's new facility stretches across most of the length of the huge building and feeder lines move parts and assemblies into it to manufacture

seats for airlines. The flexible lines can be easily re-configured to produce different models of seats.

national politics and dangers in Iraq and join in this atmosphere of accomplishment. He praised the unity with France and spoke with admiration for President Bush. As in his recent visit to Muenster, Hall repeated "We have an excellent military, but our most effective weapon continues to be prayer." He presented a United States Flag flown over the nation's Capital to Weber's President Michel Labarre.

Gainesville's Mayor Kenneth Kaden thanked Hall for his help and influence on behalf of the Weber expansion. "Zodiac and Weber were very well prepared in going through the complex process with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation. Thanks, Weber, for choosing Gainesville as your home," said Kaden.

Weber Aircraft LP, a subsidiary of Zodiac, is one of the world's top manufacturers of commercial aircraft seats for airlines and major aircraft manufacturers in the U.S. and abroad. Weber Aircraft LP's headquarters and manufacturing facilities are located on a half-million-square-foot campus in Gainesville. The company also has a 120,000 square-foot service center in Atlanta, Georgia for repairs, overhauls and upgrades of aircraft interior products.

Zodiac is a global leader in the aircraft and aerospace industries, with numerous world leadership positions in a wide variety of aerospace systems, aircraft systems and airline equipment.

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Gainesville Memorial Hospital soon to be North Texas Medical Center

The Gainesville Hospital District is looking to the future, with a new medical complex. Construction began January 2003.

Schematics are now complete for the 120,000 square foot facility, which will house 42 medical/surgical beds, a 6-bed intensive care unit, and a 12-bed women's center. Also included in the new medical facility are a 15-bed outpatient surgery center, an expanded surgical department, a vascular lab and an 11 room emergency department.

Other services to be continued within the new

facility include: cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, cardiac and vascular diagnostics, therapy services (physical, speech and occupational therapy, outpatient nutrition and diabetes education), diagnostic imaging (CT, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, mammography, bone density), laboratory services.

The complex will also include a 20,000 square foot medical office building, which will house the GMH dialysis center as well as offices for several medical specialists.

The approved architectural footprint employs an easily expandable horseshoe type design, with three major public hallways. The building front utilizes a "medical mall" concept with open public areas feeding into the main corridors. Visitors and patients will find the design easy to navigate, with major departments conveniently located for easy access.

Design features will maintain a clean, open look, utilizing some native stone and lots of glass.

The complex will be situated on a 52-acre site,

located west of the Interstate 35/Highway 82 exchange in Gainesville. A decorative entry will be situated on the south end of the property, off Highway 82, and paved drives will bring patrons onto the campus. A small reservoir, located south of the main building, provides a serene retreat for staff and visitors.

The architectural firm handling the \$26.5 million project is CR/a of Dallas. Construction manager is the Robins & Morton Group. Bob Wallace serves as program manager.

Estimated completion of the project is late 2004.

Lindsay School Board denies Winn's extension

The Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees conducted a workshop meeting Monday night in the high school library. The purpose was to consider the evaluation and contract of Superintendent Travis Winn. The Board immediately went into executive session. Afterward the public meeting was re-

opened. A motion was made not to extend Winn's contract. The motion passed by a vote of six-to-one. Board member David Arendt was the sole vote against the motion. Winn's current contract with Lindsay ISD expires in June, 2005.

Rev. Ollie to speak at CCRW meeting

The Reverend Lorraine D. Ollie, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Gainesville, will speak at the monthly meeting of the Cooke County Republican Women's Club meeting Feb. 6, it is announced by Pat Peale, president. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Gainesville Area Chamber

of Commerce meeting room. Reverend Ollie will talk about an after school program at Booker T. Washington Center, started as an extension of the Church's ministry. She will discuss the program's purpose and the positive impact it has had on the community.

Submitted by Eleanor Farmer

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE cont. from pg. 1

Arlington Kimberly May is a Texas Transportation Institute landscape architect who designed the renovation project for Muenster's Highway 82/Main Street intersection and the first block of Main. The near finished project resulted from Muenster's two first place Governor's Community Achievement Awards from Keep Texas Beautiful.

Sacred Heart said the invocation and Mayor Henry Weinzapfel gave the official welcome.

The meal was catered by Rohmer's Restaurant and decorations were designed and placed by Lora's Flowers.

The officers of the 2003 Muenster Chamber of Commerce are Alan Rohmer, president; Robert Weinzapfel, vice-president; Annette Walterscheid, secretary; and Dina Sicking, treasurer. The Chamber currently has 103 business members and eight individual members.



Sacred Heart High School Student Council President Joseph Davis accepts a plaque from Chamber President Alan Rohmer on behalf of the entire Sacred Heart Student Council. Dave Fette Photo

HOSPITAL BILLING WOES

Board members reviewed the letters that will be sent by FCOA. The letters are progressively more demanding. Failure to supply necessary information to file insurance or pay the account may result in it being turned over to an agency specializing in bad debt collections. Board member Dan Hamric commented that he thought the letters sounded good. All agreed and FCOA will be told to proceed.

Board member Kenny Klement remarked that until a new employee Vicki Sasser came along nobody really knew how to run the computer. He said that people needed to know that the reason they were being billed for services as much as two and three years after using the hospital was that claims weren't being filed right with the computer system.

After the problem was found, the people who sold the computer system to the district four years ago came back and trained employees on its proper use. It was found to do many things that it was thought impossible to do with the system.

Klement stressed that they needed everybody to understand the reason that the letters were being sent out asking for information. Arnold said, "We give them an 800 number so when they get this they can call the number and explain to them what the problem is and we can go ahead and process the claim."

"They'll be processed this way for about four months. Each month we will be bringing another month for processing. We'll go back and turn over August. The next month we'll turn over September and the next month October. Those won't be nearly as forgiving as these because we will have run into all of our processing by then." He said in six months everything will have been processed.

Leon Klement asked how things got to be like they are. Arnold said it was a combination of inadequate training, not using the software, as they should. "It's a good computer, good computer system, and it's very complex," Arnold remarked. "I think they did the best they could with what training they got."

Leon Klement then asked if this was the still computer system that everyone said wasn't any good. He was told the computer system was installed in 1998.

Board President Jerry Hess noted, "This has been going on for years. We went through this process several years ago. We had a million or so on the books." He said they went through a similar process, but without a chop off date.

Kenny Klement noted that he felt everything was all right now, but they had to go back and play catch up, especially of Medicare and Medicaid accounts. Administrator Arnold said, "We don't want to do this to antagonize anybody. We certainly don't want to hurt anybody's feelings, but we need to go through the process. If some people get upset over it, we'll work with them to find a way to resolve the situation."

Board secretary John Aytes pointed out that about a year ago the Board was told that there was no way that they could have the financial report out before the Board meeting without working a lot of overtime. The meeting was held on the last Tuesday of the month. Now the Board members are getting the report at mid month. That is why they are able to move the meeting date up a week.

Aytes said that now the majority of claims can be filed electronically. The next day they know if there is any information lacking in that claim. This process previously took weeks and weeks, he said.

The Board voted to call for an election on May 3 for the three expiring seats on the Board. Those whose terms expire in May are Jerry Hess, Dan Hamric, and Kenny Klement. Should there not be more than three candidates file for this at large election, then an election will not be necessary.

In her report on St. Richard's Villa, Administrator Zula Lawyer praised the new therapy program. "I've never had such a great therapy group," she said. Occupation, physical, and speech therapy are now offered. Lawyer said, "This is the most positive step we have taken since I've been here. It will improve the function level and quality of life for our residents which is the best reward."

By offering a restorative program, St. Richard's is able to increase its tile rates and reimbursements, she noted.

Arnold reminded Board members that TORCH is sponsoring Rural Hospital Advocacy Day 2003 in Austin on Feb. 11-12. This is to provide Board members the opportunity to speak with state representative and senators about issues concerning rural hospitals. Top issues to be addressed during the now in session 78th Texas legislative session includes Medicaid funding, Tort reform, workforce shortage, funding for trauma care, and capital improvement funding for small rural hospitals.

Board members were encouraged to attend if possible. It was suggested

that Angelo Nasche accompany Mr. Arnold since he is familiar with some of the political people and issues.

In other business, The Board:

- Amended the Board Bylaws to set the regular monthly meeting for the third Tuesday of each month.

- Accepted low bid from Firemen's Fund through FMW Insurance for Directors, Officers, and Trustees Insurance Coverage. The bid for The \$1,000,000.00 with right to defend policy was \$6,133.00. THE bid \$7,500.

- Reviewed Patient Satisfaction Survey Report compiled by Director of Nursing Laura Stoffels. Of the 161 surveys sent out, 50 (31%) were returned. There was a greater than 95% satisfaction rate reported in all departments and topics. Comments were included for the Board to examine.

- Heard of grant applications being submitted by Administrator Arnold. One is for a teleradiograph which would transmit x-ray images to an off site radiologist for diagnostic reading. It is a \$50,000 grant with the grant amount for \$45,000 and the hospital's part at \$5,000. A 50-50 grant for a maximum of \$25,000 renewal for up to three years as long as the doctor stays. Its purpose is to bring in new physicians and help equip their office. A maximum \$50,000 capital improvement grant would be used to replace lab equipment, monitors, etc. There is no match required.

Dear Editor:

The annual Muenster Chamber of Commerce program was a tremendous success because of the combined efforts of so many that pooled their talents and resources. Pam Fette and the Angelic A' Cappella Choir did an absolutely beautiful job singing Keep America Beautiful and America The Beautiful to the slide show presentation. The slide presentation was made possible with equipment and cooperation from Coach Jeff Presnall and Mrs. Deanna Hellman of MISD and Dr. Steve Broyles of NCTC. Of course there would not have been slides without the help of so many in the community with cleanup and beautification projects. The Muenster Enterprise, Margie Starke and the Muenster Chamber of Commerce printed quality materials and handouts that were not only informative at the banquet but will undoubtedly help us win another Governor's Community Achievement Award of Excellence. Tom Carson of KGAF Radio gave the program solidity and made everything appear so professional. I greatly appreciate all of you for your contributions.

MaryLee Alford, President
Keep Muenster Beautiful, PO Box 327, Muenster, TX 76252

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday, February 2, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, February 3, 2003 City Council meeting, 7:30PM Bereaved Parents/Grandparents Support Group meeting, 7PM, Home Hospice	Tuesday, February 4, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Auxiliary meeting, 7:00PM, Adm. Office Cooke Cty Pro-Life Group meeting, St. John's Parish Hall, Valley View, 7PM	Wednesday, February 5, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11AM, Cooke County Electric, Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7:30PM, old MHS gym C of C Board meeting, 5:30PM Religious Ed Class, 7PM	Thursday, February 6, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, February 7, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, February 8, 2003
Sunday, February 9, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Midnight Mustang 4-H Club Showmanship demo, NCTC Equine Center, 3PM	Monday, February 10, 2003 VFW meeting, 8PM	Tuesday, February 11, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, February 12, 2003 SH Alumni/Parent meeting, 7:30pm / Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7:30 PM, Old MHS Gym / MISD Board meeting, 7:30pm in office / C of C breakfast, 7:30AM, Rohmer's Religious Ed Class, 7PM	Thursday, February 13, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, February 14, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, February 15, 2003 MFM Classic for goats, lambs and swine, Cooke Co. Fair Grounds

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Arendt Hoberer 1915 - 2003



Elizabeth Hoberer

by Elfreda Fette
Elizabeth Arendt Hoberer of Lindsay died at the venerable age of 87 on Jan. 25, 2003 in Gainesville Memorial Hospital.
She was born Nov. 19, 1915 in Lindsay to Paul and Susie Arendt, Lindsay pioneers. On Dec. 8, 1934 she married John P. Hoberer in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gainesville. She was a homemaker, a member of St. Peter's Church of Lindsay, St. Anne's Society, and the Secular Franciscan Fraternity. A loving wife and mother, she was a dedicated grandmother, beloved great-grandmother, great neighbor, and good friend.
Survivors include sons, Gene and Edwin Hoberer of Svels Bend, John and Tom Hoberer of Lindsay, Larry Hoberer of Gainesville; and daughters, Sue Eades of Fort Worth, Barbara Wilmut of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sara Cooper of Gainesville, Judy Fuhrmann and Karen Hoberer of Lindsay.
There are 32 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.
Also a brother Johnny Arendt of Lindsay; sisters Ann Herr, Lou Voth, and Flo Walterscheid all of Muenster, LuElla Zimmerer of Lindsay, Marie Herr of Gainesville, and Joannie Huffine of LaFeria. Also numerous nieces and nephews.
Preceding Elizabeth in death were her husband, who died Nov. 2, 1987; a daughter, Joyce Nottingham; and a grandson. Also preceding her in death were brothers Ulrich, Ernest, Andrew, Arthur, and Paul Arendt; and three infant siblings Aloys, Patrick, and Lou's twin brother.
A Rosary service was held in St. Peter's Catholic Church on Monday, at 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.
Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial on

Elizabeth Hoberer's life. Todd stated in part: "... Having been born on St. Elizabeth's feast day, she was given the first name of Elizabeth, and her middle name Josephine after Grandmother Neu. Born the oldest daughter of 16 children, she was a great help to her mother in taking care of the others...
"John and Elizabeth continued the German Catholic tradition of raising a large family, having 11... Having a large family required a lot of work and ingenuity to keep the family clothed and fed. She made her children's clothes, butchered, gardened, baked bread, and worked in the fields beside her husband and children...
"... Elizabeth enjoyed gardening. Her love for plants and flowers were among some of her most prized possessions. She could grow anything... She also enjoyed quilting, embroidery, visiting, and playing games with family and friends.
"I'm sure she faced a lot of hardships over the years, but each child held a special place in her heart. She loved all of her children and extended that special love to their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.
"Grandma was a loving, gentle lady who accepted everyone as they were... She was easy to talk to and her love for people could be seen through her actions.
"Grandma's back door was always open for anyone who wished to come in and have a visit... Her wisdom and her presence will be greatly missed...
Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were grandsons, Darrell Hoberer, Anthony Hoberer, Brady Hoberer, Ryan Hoberer, Chad Hoberer, Josh Hoberer, Keith Fuhrmann, and Daniel Fuhrmann.

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Scheible OSA, pastor, were altar servers Rachel Zimmerer, Laura Zimmerer, and Kyleigh Zimmerer. First and Second Readings from the Old and New Testaments, respectively, were read by Amy Hoberer and Brandon Kiesel. Kelly Walker read the petitions. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Rhonda Harrison, Donna Traywick, and Megan Eades. Special Offertory gifts were presented by: Katie Hoberer, a quilt; Kristan Hoberer, a plant; Tommy Nottingham, a picture; Aaron Fuhrmann, cards and dominoes; and Edwina Hoberer, a rosary. Kelly Walker narrated the Offertory gift procession. Eucharistic Ministers were Judy Hoberer, Pam Hoberer, Amy Hoberer, Brenda Fuhrmann, and Rudy Zimmerer.
Music Ministers were the Guardian Angel Choir. Sacred music included: "Amazing Grace" for the entrance; "Softly and Tenderly" at Offertory; "Be Not Afraid" and "Peace Prayer" at Communion; "How Great Thou Art" at recessional.
The final Remarks of Remembrance, read by Melissa Todd, highlighted

Lean manufacturing is production key at Weber

Weber Aircraft LP recently incorporated lean manufacturing systems into all aspects of its manufacturing operations to reduce production times and increase overall efficiency. Lean manufacturing, a process originally developed by the automotive industry, utilizes principles such as a one-piece flow system and reduced inventory to maximize product output.
Weber Aircraft LP began streamlining its operations with lean manufacturing protocols in 2001. Within just six months, the company had dramatically restructured its operations, resulting in significant savings in time and money. In one example, the company has reduced by 87% the average time it takes to begin manufacturing a new order.
"Weber Aircraft is positioning itself to become an industry leader in lean manufacturing advances," said Michel Labarre, President of Weber Aircraft LP. "Our rate of advancement has been significantly higher than many other companies." As an example, Labarre cited a new collaborative effort with Boeing to improve the seat installation process that will dramatically improve efficiency.
Tim Daniel, the Director of Program Management at Weber Aircraft LP, is responsible for implementing the company's lean manufacturing initiatives. Daniel worked in the automotive industry at a time when they were

pioneering many new lean manufacturing processes. He spent time both in the U.S. and Mexico incorporating lean manufacturing processes in automotive plants, and

training employees on the principles of the new process. Daniel has over 25 years of management experience, including 15 years in the aviation and aerospace industries.



Stress test machinery was on display on the tour of Weber's new facility. Weight movement and twisting stress is repeatedly applied to seats to determine safety and durability. Tour guide Jeff King agreed with Michael Curtsinger of "Aircraft Interiors" magazine, "When people walk away from potential airliner disasters, it's because of this kind of testing." Sam Sparkman is Weber's director of safety testing and certification. Dave Fette Photo



Donna Montgomery tries out Weber Aircraft seat model RJ3000. Montgomery is this area's assistant to State Representative Rick Hardcastle. All of Weber's current models were on display to test comfort. The comfort extended to a sumptuous hospitality room with pick-up foods catered by Fremaux's Metropolitan Catering of Denton. Dave Fette Photo

Bradley Joseph "Brad" Felderhoff 1979 - 2003

Death struck Bradley Joseph "Brad" Felderhoff of The Colony, Texas on Jan. 23, 2003 at age 23 at his home. He was the son of Steve and Donna Zimmerer Felderhoff, born on July 14, 1979 in Denton. Brad was a 1997 graduate of The Colony High School.
Survivors are his parents, Steve and Donna Felderhoff of The Colony; sisters Kerri and Kelli Felderhoff of The Colony; also grandparents Dorothy Zimmerer of Lindsay and Mary "Girle" Felderhoff of Gainesville; his great-grandmother

Catherine Kubis of Lindsay; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.
Preceding him in death were his grandfathers, Bruno Zimmerer and A.J. Felderhoff; great-grandparents Albert I. Kubis, and Tony and Theresia Felderhoff.
Rosary services were held at Holy Cross Catholic Church of The Colony on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 7:00 p.m., and again at St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Monday, Jan. 27 at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Father Ron Scheible OSA, pastor.
Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.
Pallbearers were Russell Zimmerer, Joe Wilson, Kenny Jones, Bill Zimmerer, Jeff Zimmerer, Joseph Fiala, Ben Camerlin, and Nick Alford. Also Kelly Briston and Lonnie Contreras.

County sets new speed limits on some roads

By Janet Felderhoff
Due to various requests, Commissioners Court set speed limits on some of the County's roads at their Jan. 27 regular meeting. Roads with new speed limits include County Roads 492 and 493 in Precinct #4, County Roads 195 and 196 in Precinct #1, and a section of Hemming Road in Precinct #2.
According to Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess, at least three different people requested that the speed limit for the roads located in the Cler addition north of Muenster be set at 35 miles per hour.
Commissioner Bill Cox requested that the speed limit be set at 45 miles per hour for the entire length of Hemming Road, from the intersection of East Farm Market 922 and Hemming Road to the intersection of East Lone Oak Road and Hemming Road located in Precinct #2. He said that a problem has been called to his attention for the past two or three years. The DPS had been called on several occasions, he said.
Precinct #1 Commissioner Phil Young requested that the speed limit be set at 30 miles per hour for the entire length of County Roads 195 and 196 located off County Road 163 in Precinct #1. This was asked for because

it is a heavy residential area with many children.
Members of the Cooke County Historical Commission were approved for two-year terms. Ron Melugin was appointed chairman at the suggestion of Ona B. Reed, present chairman. Two members, Dr. Gerald McDaniel, who died, and Margaret Hayes, who moved, were removed from the list of members.
Commissioner Hess read the suggested list as follows: Ron Melugin, Ona B. Reed, Betty Buttolph, Bill Stanley, Shana Powell, Robert McDaniel, Mary Katherine Smith, Mary McCain, Sandra Idom, Eunice Nelson, Nona Stanley, John Powell, and Barbara Pybas. These people had served previously and were approved for another term.
Each year in January the County votes on what the make up of the County Salary Grievance Committee should be. County Judge Bill Freeman noted that it can be either an all public committee or a partial public and partial elected officials committee. In recent years it has been decided to use all public for the nine-member committee. "It certainly takes the pressure off the elected officials," he said of the all public committee. It

was voted to continue the all public committee.
Members of the committee are selected by drawing names from those who served on the Grand Jury for the previous year. Since some decline, all names are drawn and the people will be asked to serve in the order that they are drawn until nine have agreed to serve. Names were drawn in the following order: Herbie Knabe, James Lyons, Jay Freeman, Leslie Sandmann, Nancy Moore, Paul Sandmann, Bob Wickersham, Betty Coleman, Doris Holloway, Susie McDonald, Terry Lopic, Linda Draper, Ancil Monden, Shelly Richey, Galene Morris, Rudy Zimmerer, Dee Blanton, Mary Polk, Pat Dieter, Frank Lorne, Donald Wallace, Gilbert Hermes, Earl Dozier, Rodney Howell, and Joyce Hughes.
Bids were opened for 120 one-channel UHF pagers with standard charger and rechargeable batteries. They are for the volunteer firefighters in the County. Aves of Justin bid \$380 each or \$45,600 for all 120. Self Radio, Inc. of Montague bid \$339 each or \$40,680 total. There are about 240 volunteer firefighters in the

State deficit will cost NCTC \$600,000 in funding

The good news received Monday, Jan. 27 by North Central Texas College regents of yet another record enrollment was far overshadowed by the bad news of severe impending cuts in the state funding NCTC had expected to receive for this year.
College officials received notification recently that the state, due to its worsening budget deficit, intends to withhold seven percent of the money that had been appropriated for community colleges for 2002-03.
"For us, this amounts to nearly \$600,000," said Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, president, "that we are somehow going to have to trim from this year's budget. A significant portion of that has already been spent or encumbered for supplies, faculty and staff employment contracts, capital items like computers that were needed for instruction and so on.
"We had been gearing up for drastic and I emphasize the word 'drastic' - cuts in our state funding for next year due to a state deficit now projected at up to \$12 billion. That was going to be hard enough to cope with, but taking a hit of this magnitude at this point in the current year is nothing short of devastating."
As are officials at the state's other 49 public community college districts - along with universities, public schools and state agencies - NCTC administrators say they

have already begun compiling a list of cutbacks and cost-savings measures to help offset the loss of state revenue and get the college through the current year.
Topping the list is a freeze on capital spending and employment of personnel, including the filling of most vacant positions, as well as severe limitations on other spending categories such as facilities improvements, maintenance and supplies.
Prominent on the list also are possible cutbacks in the number and scope of summer session course offerings, including possible cancellation of the May-Mester, and a general capping of enrollment in

general. Such strategies have already been announced as probable by several other community colleges in the state.
Two major building renovation projects, involving the Science (400) Building and Business & Computer Science (500) Building, have been put on hold. The \$950,000 modernization and repair project was to have taken place this summer.
Another notable victim of state funding reductions and related financial uncertainties is the placing on hold indefinitely of plans to build a new \$5 million performing arts center on the Gainesville Campus to
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Bang for the Buck

At a time when the state's belt is tightening, the question of the hour is whether the state is making the best use of taxpayer dollars. According to a study by the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) released in June 2002, the state is getting its money's worth from its community colleges.

Average Annual Tuition Nationwide	\$1,518
Community College	\$3,754
Four-year Public College	\$3,754

Community colleges are post-secondary institutions that offer a variety of educational programs, including certificates, associate degrees and individual courses that students can transfer to four-year colleges or use for professional or personal enrichment.

The American Association of Community Colleges reports there are 1,166 community colleges in the United States, serving more than 10 million students. The average annual tuition for community colleges nationwide is \$1,518, compared with an average of \$3,754 for a four-year public college.

Sources: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Carole Keeton Rylander (www.window.state.tx.us) and the College Board.

Pro-Life enlightens public

A number of Cooke County citizens volunteered to support local pro-life efforts following an informational forum presented by area pro-life leaders.

The forum, "The American Holocaust: 30 Years of Abortion and What YOU Can Legally Do To End It," was held at Conrad Hall on the campus of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay on Jan. 19 and sponsored by the Cooke County Pro-Life Group, Inc. (CCPLG).

The program was opened by Martha Sicking of the CCPLG. Sicking presented an overview of the program and outlined the objectives of the groups participating. The CCPLG is an organization which provides educational materials and supports the other pro-life organizations in the community.

Ed Zielinski, a representative of Life Dynamics, Inc., gave a brief review of the cases that legalized abortion on demand: **Roe v. Wade** and **Doe v. Bolton**. Zielinski explained the current status of the law that applies to pro-life activities.

Life Dynamics, Inc. is a pro-life organization that

provides litigation support in medical malpractice cases involving abortion, as well as providing public education in a number of formats on the issues related to abortion. Life Dynamics maintains a web site www.lifedynamics.com where more information can be found.

Jack White presented information on behalf of CAAN (Citizens Against Abortion Now), an area group involved in active protest and presence at abortion facilities. White explained that he has met with the city officials of Gainesville and verified that the proposed actions of CAAN at the Planned Parenthood facilities are in full compliance with the municipal laws of Gainesville.

White explained the dangers a facility like the

Planned Parenthood office in Gainesville poses to the community. White pointed out that Planned Parenthood of North Texas receives nearly 4.5 million taxpayer dollars to operate,

according to their Financial report published on their web site www.ppnt.org. White explained to the audience that the presence of prayerful people who are ready to provide information to the customers of abortion providers, like Planned Parenthood, are making a great difference across the country, and they will also impact Gainesville.

The audience was encouraged by the news that the public pro-life response is evidenced by the mid-term elections led by candidates that have taken a pro-life stance. In addition, attendees were pleased to learn that the

number of free standing surgical abortion centers around the country has declined from more than 2100 in 1992 to fewer than 760 today.

Lorene Sandmann of ABBA Women's Center, explained how this organization offers help and alternatives to mothers facing unexpected pregnancies that create a crisis for them.

Sandmann described the numerous services offered, and shared the personal successes she has observed in the lives of mothers who have chosen life instead of abortion for their child.

Pastor Lawrence Dee Burks, of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, gave the closing prayer for the group. The afternoon closed with a number of visitors signing up to volunteer with the various groups.



Don and Sara Lester of Era announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Donna Kay Lester of Dallas, to Richard Chad Bailey of Dallas. The future groom is the son of Rick and Deronda Bailey of Desoto. The couple will wed Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003 at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay with Rev. Ron Scheible, OSA officiating. Miss Lester is a 1997 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of North Texas. She is a consumer case manager for the American Arbitration Association. Mr. Bailey graduated from Desoto High School in 1991 and from the University of North Texas in 1998. He is a photographer. The couple will reside in Dallas.

Bells toll for 30 years of abortions

A special parish liturgy was held at Sacred Heart Church the evening of Jan. 22, in observance of the 30th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The Mass "For Peace and Justice" was celebrated in response to the mandate by U.S. Catholic bishops that this be a "Day of Penance and Prayer - a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life."

With the church darkened to represent the culture of death, Linda Sepanski opened the pre-Mass ceremony with the words of Mother Teresa spoken at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. in 1994. "The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion." "In 2003, the words of this spirit-filled, modern day saint," Sepanski continued, "are truer than ever. Indeed we live in a world plagued by the culture of death, permeated by a climate of violence. Since the Supreme Court legalized abortion in its Roe v. Wade decision 30 years ago today, our society has willfully destroyed more than 40 million lives...these acts of violence have produced a moral cancer in our society...for when a society allows human life to be destroyed in one instance, it undermines respect for life in all other contexts...it is easy...to become susceptible to all other assaults to the dignity of the human person in a world torn apart by wars, terrorism, mass starvation, and the denial of human rights."

The funeral bell then tolled 30 times in remembrance of all the lives destroyed by abortion these past 30 years. It was a time of mourning and reflection,

to implore God's mercy and forgiveness, and to pray for peace.

John Walterscheid continued, "...God calls His people to be the light of the world...and indeed, many have answered His call." The church grew lighter as Kalyssa Pollard carried up a rose. "Representing our young people, one of the greatest signs of hope," Walterscheid proclaimed, "This is a generation of survivors...born...where there was no legal assurance of...survival...in the womb."

Joan Fuhrmann then carried up a candle, "representing the multitude of people whose life-giving efforts have given hope to so many, be it in crisis pregnancy centers, post-abortion counseling...or any other social service ministry."

The Doug and Nicole Hennigan family carried up a second candle symbolizing openness to new life, respect and love for family members, and an openness to God's will for the family which leads to peace.

Ed and Aileen Cler carried a third and final candle. As Ed came forward in his wheelchair with Aileen at his side, Walterscheid said, "We recognize the dignity and value of life at every stage and in every circumstance. We recognize the tremendous redemptive value of the suffering of the aged, the infirm, the disabled, the handicapped, and the dying, who unite their suffering with that of Christ's."

Echoing the words of Pope John Paul II, Walterscheid reminded us of the call to be, "a people of life and a people for life." Then, following a prayer to Mary, patroness of the Americas, to protect our nation and make us witnesses to the truth, the church became fully lit representing the hope we have in Christ. Then, the celebration of the Mass by Father John Ohner began.

Assisting Father John as

altar servers were Jonathan Cochran, Stephen and Isaac Davis. Lectors were Cheryllyn Pollard, first reading; Gary Endres, second reading; and Amanda Felderhoff, general intercessions. Presenting the Offertory gifts was the Bert Hesse family. Eucharistic ministers were Herbert and Delores Miller, Daniel Bartsch, Kate Sepanski, Judy Flusche, and Margie York.

Providing special music for the liturgy was Vince Bonin, pianist and vocalist; Diane Grewing and Christi Klement, guitarists and vocalists; and Linda Flusche, vocalist. The special communion meditation song was, "Little Ones." Other songs included "Gather Us In," "Beatitudes," and "You Are Mine." The celebration closed with the song, "Prayer of St. Francis."

Following the Mass, a quiet time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament was available till 8:30 p.m.

submitted by Martha Sicking

Stephen Pringle to speak at Texoma Cattlewomen's meeting

Texoma Cattlewomen proudly present Stephen J. Pringle, Legislative Director for the Texas Farm Bureau, as their guest speaker. He will speak at their next meeting to be held on Monday, Feb. 6 at the Sherman Farm Bureau.

Pringle has served as Legislative Director for the Texas Farm Bureau since March 1995. He had previously served as National Affairs Director of the Farm Bureau since 1989. As Legislative Director, he continues his direction of the federal legislative program, and has supervisory responsibility for state legislative activities. Prior to joining the Farm Bureau he was the state affairs director and general manager of the International Association of

Drilling Contractors in Houston. He has also worked as staff consultant to the Committee on Agriculture in the U.S. Congress from 1973 to 1976; then as assistant to the president at Texas A&M University from 1976 to 1979; and as state executive director to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service/USDA from 1979 to 1981.

Members are encouraged to arrive at the Farm Bureau of Sherman at 6 p.m. to help set up for the meeting. Their regular meeting will start at 6:15 p.m. and the public is welcome to arrive by 7 p.m. when Pringle will begin his talk on up and coming legislative action that will effect farmers and ranchers.

Library survey shows interest in Saturday hours

This past fall, the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library, 418 N. Elm Street, conducted a survey asking if the current library hours were meeting its patrons' needs. The Library is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. A majority of respondents indicated that they would like to have the library open on Saturdays in addition to the current weekday hours.

At their last meeting, the Library Board accepted a plan to evaluate opening the Library on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Board President Nancy Walter said the plan allows time for training additional volunteers. A number of survey respondents indicated that they would volunteer to work Saturday hours, but additional volunteers are always welcome. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Library Manager Jody Thomas for information.

The Library's current volunteers, Teresa Fowler,

Betty Felderhoff, Alice Davidson, Evelyn Koessler, Ethel Hesse, Kay Broyles, Terri Barrett, and Fran Alderman, will be providing on-the-job training for the new volunteers during March and April. An evaluation period during the months of May and June will provide the Library Board with actual patron use statistics.

The final decision of whether or not to permanently implement Saturday hours will be made at the regular monthly meeting of the Board in July. The Library's current hours will remain unaffected. Any Saturday hours implemented would be in addition to the 20 hours a week that the Library is currently open.

In other Library news, Board President Walter advises that there are still available spaces for donors to have their names engraved on the Library's foyer wall. Donors should call the Library, or any Friends of the Library Board member, for further information.

submitted by Jody Thomas, Library Manager

Meeting Notice

MMH Auxiliary

The regular monthly meeting of the Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Administration office. New members are welcome. The organization is in the process of setting up committees and determining what projects the members wish to pursue. Dues are \$5 for both sustaining and active members.

Bereaved Parent/Grandparent Support Group will meet Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Home Hospice Office, 1001 East Broadway in Gainesville. Call Kelly at 940-665-9891 for more information.

The Cooke County Pro-Life Group, Inc. will meet Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall in Valley View. Everyone is welcome! For more information call 759-2907.

Notice

Class of 1983

On Sunday, Feb. 2 the 1983 graduates of Muenster High School and Sacred Heart High School will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs of the Center Restaurant to discuss a class reunion. For more information contact Nancy Insel at 759-4991.

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Masons on a mission

The old saying, "actions speak louder than words" certainly applies when referring to the humanitarian efforts of the Mason's Fraternity. Throughout America, Masons contribute two million dollars daily to charitable causes, which they alone have established.

And one of the best known philanthropic efforts of Masonry, said guest speaker Mason Bill Riley, is The Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas, which specializes in Orthopedic and Learning Disabilities (where more than 600 children from Cooke County have been treated at no cost to their families).

"Physicians throughout the world have trained at the Scottish Rite Hospital, including 60 doctors from China who, after their training, returned to China to establish a similar hospital."

Today, there are a total of 22 Shriners Hospitals located throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. There are 18 Orthopedic Shriners Hospitals, three Shriners Burn Hospitals, and one Shriners Hospital providing spinal cord injury care. And Riley added that each of these hospitals adhere to the principal (laid down in 1922) that all care is free of charge to children under the

age of 18 who have orthopedic or burn problems.

Referring to The National Eye Care Project (NECP), which was established by the York Rite, a major public service outreach program that provides medical eye care for financially disadvantaged seniors, Riley stated that this project has helped nearly 500,000 older Americans since 1986.

He also talked about The Masonic Home and School of Texas, located in Fort Worth, which has 130 foster children enrolled in the Mason's own school system. These children, he said, live in family oriented cottages on campus with their foster parents.

Riley also mentioned that Masonic Lodges and their attendant bodies offer many scholarships to high school seniors and college students each year.

Sharing some of the Mason's many accomplishments of the past, Lions Club guest speaker Bill Riley stated that public education in Texas has benefited generations of Texans. He stated that in the early days of the Republic when a Masonic Lodge was built in a community, it was usually a two-story structure. The building was designed to provide a lodge meeting

room upstairs and a schoolroom downstairs. Masons provided the physical space for the school, and in many instances paid all or part of the teachers' salaries.

In answer to the question "when did Freemasonry begin?" Riley's response was that many historians trace the beginnings of

Freemasonry, and that the prerequisite for membership in these organizations is membership in a Masonic Lodge.

Concluding his remarks, Riley noted that on July 20, 1969, Mason Brother "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr. descended the steps of the Lunar Module "Eagle" on an area of the



Masons on a Mission, from left, Glen W. Bryant, guest speaker Bill Riley and Wm. J. Williams, visiting the Gainesville Lions Club on January 15. Courtesy photo

Masonry to the middle ages, when stonemasons traveled throughout Europe.

These men were known as Freemasons, because unlike bondsmen, they were free to move where their work demanded. They initially gathered in shelter houses, but eventually organized themselves into Masonic guilds, using the secrets of their craft to identify themselves as Masons. Hence, the square and the compass, the tools of the Mason's trade, became the symbol of the brotherhood.

"Today, the fraternity of Masons is composed of men bound together not by trade, but by their desire to be fraternal brothers, seeking to improve the community and to make good men better through belief in the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God," said Riley.

When asked about the Mason's relationship to the Scottish Rite, the York Rite and the Shriners, Riley explained that they are

Moon called The Sea of Tranquility. In his personal effects, he carried a special dispensation which authorized the members of Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417 to claim Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction for the Grand Lodge of Texas. This claim was made official on July 20, 2000 and Tranquility Lodge 2000 was chartered.

Masonic Lodges can be found in every community throughout the world, but getting closer to home, he said that the five Masonic Lodges in Cooke County are located in Era, Gainesville, Marysville, Myra, and Valley View.

Additional information about the Masons is available by contacting Bill Riley at the Gainesville Masonic Lodge located at 207 W. Elm; the phone number is 665-2193, and their website is www.gainesville.tx-mm.org <<http://www.gainesville.tx-mm.org>>

Written by Martha McCool



As a member of the Gainesville Rotary Club and Contracting Officer for the new Muenster Lake, Bob Bauer took time to explain why the lake is needed and what the process will involve to turn the raw land into a finished lake. He explained the water problem facing North Texas and the need for surface water to supplement or replace the ever increasing drain on the Trinity Aquifer. A high level of interest was present according to the number of questions. Courtesy photo

Dominic celebrates with fire trucks

Dominic Xavier Nervo celebrated his third birthday on Saturday, Dec. 7, in the home of his parents Donna and Nicolas Nervo of Arlington. His actual birthday is Dec. 12.

Dominic had been anticipating his birthday party day for months, which had a fire truck theme, chosen by the honoree. Dominic had fun wearing a fireman's hat with an actual siren.

The party room carried the theme which included a tablecloth decorated with stickers of fire trucks, hydrants, Dalmatian dogs, ladders, and ropes.

Guests enjoyed a barbecue pork rib supper, prepared by the celebrant's father. Cake and ice cream followed the meal. The birthday cake, accented in colors of red and yellow, had a miniature fire truck on each corner and three fire

truck candles atop. Special guests included Dominic's parents, his older brother Alexander Nicolas, and his grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster. Family and friends enjoyed visiting and children received gift bags.



Dominic Nervo

NCTC announces creative writing contests

The North Central Texas College literary magazine, *The April Perennial*, is seeking amateur writers who would like to submit their work for the annual Creative Writing Contests, according to Editorial Director William Hood of the NCTC English faculty.

The competition, which usually draws 500-600 entries, encompasses six contests, with subcategories for poetry, short stories, and essays. In addition, Hood added, there are contests for both NCTC students and non-students.

The Communication and Fine Arts Department at North Central Texas College sponsors the Creative Writing Contests, which are open to residents of Texas or Oklahoma.

Middle-school students in grades 6, 7, and 8 may submit entries to the Jerry Simpson Memorial Poetry and Short Story Contest, while high-school students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 may enter their work in the Brad Dill Memorial Poetry and Short Story Contest. The Regional Creative

Writing Contest for poetry and short fiction is open to amateur writers in Texas or Oklahoma who are not NCTC students.

The deadline for all the above contests is Feb. 28. Writers may submit only one entry in each division of any contest for which they are eligible. Handouts detailing the guidelines and format requirements for each contest are available on all NCTC campuses.

Contests for NCTC students include the Jack Joyce Memorial Essay Contest, the Layuna Hicks Memorial Poetry and Short Story Contest, and the Gerald Green Goforth McDaniel Memorial Literary Essay Contest. The deadline for these contests is March 28, 2003.

This year, for the first time, entries may be submitted by e-mail to LitContest@nctc.edu. Paper entries may be sent by regular mail to William Hood at 1525 W. California Street, Gainesville, TX, 76240-4699, or left at the Communication and Fine Arts office on the NCTC Gainesville campus. All entries must be received by the stated deadlines.

The competition, noted Hood, will feature both expert judges and cash prizes for first, second, and third place in each division.

Information regarding eligibility, restrictions, and format requirements for electronic or paper submissions can be found at the web pages for the Department of Communication and Fine Arts at the NCTC web site, www.nctc.edu. For further information, Hood can be reached by phone at (940) 668-7731, ext. 392, or by e-mail at LitContest@nctc.edu.

Submitted by Eric Williams

New Arrival

Green
Amanda and Jerry Green announce the birth of their son, Johnny Wayne Green on Jan. 24, 2003 at 2:46 a.m. in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Johnny weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. He joins a brother Preston Green, age 4, and

two sisters Samantha Green, age 2 1/2 and Chasity Green, age 1 1/2. Grandparents are Sheila and Lloyd Jones of Forestburg. Great-grandparents are Elva Lurta and Bobby Harp of Sanger, and Mildred and Cecil Lloyd Jones of Ira, Texas.

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Our prayer is that God would bless each one of you as you have blessed us.

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Submitted by Eric Williams

Texas Cooperative Extension to offer food service manager certification course

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a food borne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, TDH adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the TDH regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the TDH must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

Texas Cooperative Extension, Montague County is offering a foodservice manager certification training. This program will be offered for \$79.00 on Feb. 24 and 25 at

Legend Bank Community Room in Bowie. Cost includes training, materials, and the State food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food.

For more information call Barbara Holeman at 940-894-2831.

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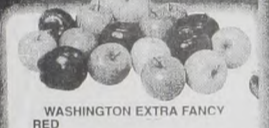
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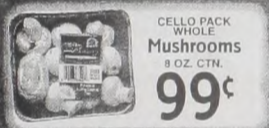
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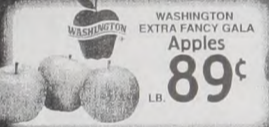
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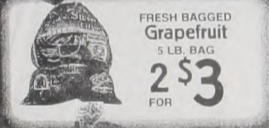
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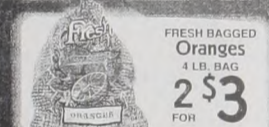
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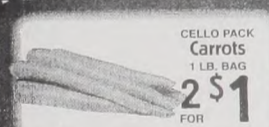
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School

Scholarships available from Nortex Communications

In an effort to encourage the relationship between students and the opportunity to work in a profession in rural America, Nortex Communications is excited to announce two scholarship awards of \$1000 and \$500 to be awarded for the 2003 school year.

The scholarships were announced in the fall 2002 "Community Ties" newsletter mailed to all homes in the Nortex service area. The newsletter announced that Nortex was looking for "Tech Kids" to receive the scholarships. Eligibility and application criteria were mailed to all area high school principals and counselors in mid-January. Students must be a graduating senior, receive their local telephone or cable TV service from Nortex Communications, be accepted for enrollment at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, or vocational-technical school and have at least a B grade point average. The application requests a 300-word essay be prepared by the applicant discussing their professional and personal

goals and objectives, a brief description of the applicant's plans after school, and how the scholarship would be used to attain the goals and objectives. "We want to see our kids seek training that will help companies like our own," said Alvin Fuhrman, President of Nortex Communications.

Nortex has always maintained that community involvement and the advancement of youth has been an important objective in the company. Applications are available from your high school principal or counselor or stop by Nortex at 205 N. Walnut in Muenster. Additional scholarships are available from Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), Foundation for Rural Education and Development (FRED) and Elgin B. Robertson, Inc. Scholarships for Electrical Engineering.

Submission deadline for Nortex Scholarship is Mar. 1, FRS scholarship, Feb. 15, FRED scholarship, Feb. 10, and Elgin B. Robertson scholarship submission deadline is Mar. 1.

Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar and Scholarship Program

The 2003 Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar is scheduled for June 2-6, 2003 at Angelo State University in San Angelo. Cooke County Farm Bureau will pay for fees and transportation. Applications must be received by April 21, 2003 at the Gainesville office of Cooke County Farm Bureau (1212 W. Highway 82, 940-665-1763). Applications are also available at all Cooke County high school counselor offices.

The participants attending the seminar and participating in either the Free Enterprise Speech or Essay Contest conducted after the seminar, will qualify for local and state scholarship money. The entrants will be eligible for the district contest. The Free Enterprise Speech contest scholarships at the state level include \$4,000 for the winner, \$2,500 for the runner-up, \$1,500 each for four finalists and \$1,000 each for 13 district winners. This is a great opportunity for students to obtain a better

understanding of our American heritage and the capitalistic private enterprise system that has made the United States the greatest of all nations.

Eligible students are those: A) entering the 11th or 12th grade in August 2003; B) in the upper 30% of the class scholastically; C) demonstrating good character and want to enhance their leadership abilities. Students previously attending the Citizenship Seminar are not eligible to participate. A student does not have to be a Farm Bureau member to attend the seminar.

The topics of free enterprise, constitutional government, leadership, goal setting, positive family relations, self-awareness and others will be explored and discussed during the week-long seminar. The ultimate goal is to help these young adults incorporate the above mentioned traits in their daily living and for them to share this information with others.

4-H News

* The Era Classic Open Sheep and Swine Show will be held Saturday, February 1, at the Cooke County Fair Grounds. Entries will be \$15. A head and will include sheep and swine - breeding and market. For more information call Denise Pearse (940) 726-3251, or T. Jack Martin (940) 665-9798, (940) 736-0714.

* The MFM Classic, for goats, lambs and swine, will be held Saturday, February 15, at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. For more information call MFM 800-366-9584 days or Bob Andrew (940) 637-2291 and Jimmy Meyer (940) 726-3791 evenings.

* Cooke County 4-H Livestock Show is scheduled for February 22, and entries are due in the Extension office by February 14. Fees for individual poultry and breeding rabbit, or pen of

three, entries are \$3 each and \$5 for all other animals. * The Woodbine Classic, benefiting the Woodbine 4-H Club, will be held Saturday, March 1, at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. The show for market swine, market goats and showmanship will begin at 1:00 p.m. All entries are \$15. For more information call David Morse at (940) 727-1193.

Additional information on any of the above announcements may be obtained by calling the Cooke county Extension office at (940) 668-5412.

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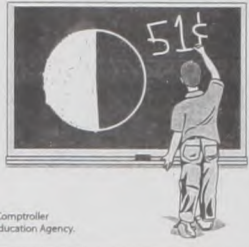
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Education Spending in Texas

According to the latest figures from the Texas Education Agency, only 51 cents of every education dollar is going into classroom instruction.

About 90 percent of the \$28.6 billion spent on education in 2001-02 covered operating expenses, such as payroll, contracted services and supplies.

Roughly 10.4 percent went toward non-operating costs, such as debt service.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.texas.us) and the Texas Education Agency.

NCTC BUDGET CUTS

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house both music and drama programs and to enable community partnerships with such local arts groups as the Butterfield Stage Players.

The new facility was not a tax bond issue but was to have been financed through a combination of board reserves, issuance of revenue bonds (to be repaid from tuition and fees) and a public fundraising campaign.

Ironically, it was Monday night's meeting at which the ambitious project, already endorsed by several community based arts groups, was to be publicly announced in conjunction with authorizing a contract with an architect and choosing a method for selecting a building contractor.

Even though the project has been placed on hold, the regents chose to go ahead with entering into a professional services contract with architect Rick Crandall of Crandall Design Group out of Mesa, AZ, and they voted to use a construction-manager-at-risk approach to construction.

"We've done so much preliminary research and design work on the proposed facility that, should the project ever be given the go ahead, we wouldn't be starting over from scratch," said Dr. Milton Dickson, regents chairman. "This way, Mr. Crandall can go ahead and finish up the preliminary work he has begun, get to a better 'stopping place' and then put us in a much better position to proceed at some later time."

Irony was in abundance at Monday night's regular January board meeting as regents heard a report from college staff that enrollment for the current term set another all-time record for a spring semester-both in terms of headcount and contact hours, upon which the college's dwindling state appropriations are based.

"Texas community colleges, which already enroll by far the vast majority of freshmen and sophomore students in public higher education in the state," Dr. Glascock commented, "have been mandated by the state to further increase enrollment through 'Closing the Gaps'."

and various other statewide initiatives."

"Enrollment across the state, and especially at NCTC, is growing at an unprecedented rate. Yet, for years community colleges have been woefully under funded, and now we are being even further penalized for growth."

That growth at NCTC amounted to an impressive 22%, with a headcount of 6,041, up from 5,035 last spring. Contact hours surpassed the million mark, up by 15% over the previous spring term. Enrollment was up at all three campuses.

In other business, the regents approved the following:

- Second reading a new board policy covering criminal history checks on prospective employees.
- The recommendations from administration for renewal of faculty contracts for the 2003-04 academic year.
- Awarding of a bid for the removal and replacement of chiller units in the Administration & Student Center (100) Building. The low bid of \$53,303 was submitted by Air Conditioning Innovative Solutions, Inc., in McKinney.

A proposal by the administration to set the dates and times for the 2003 commencement ceremonies. Three ceremonies will be held-Thursday, May 8, beginning at 6 p.m. for all health sciences degree and certificate candidates; Friday, May 9, beginning at 6 p.m. for all applied sciences degree and certificate candidates; and Friday, May 9, beginning at 8 p.m. for all arts and sciences degree candidates.

- Rescheduling of the regular March board of regents meeting to March 10 due to a conflict with Spring Break.
- Offering of employment contracts to Beverly Ann Scarbrough, associate degree nursing program instructor; and Brenda DeBus, psychology instructor. The board also formally accepted resignations from Anita Geoffron of the nursing faculty and Laura Knight of the developmental math faculty.

Submitted by Rodger Boyce

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF FEB. 3 - 7

SACRED HEART
Mon. - Cook's Choice, green salad, bread.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green peas, garlic toast, green salad, apples, bread.

Wed. - Beef stew, cornbread, black-eyed peas, green salad, pineapple.

Thurs. - Ham, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, cinnamon rolls, bread.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, fries, peaches, ice cream.

MUESTER ISD

Mon. - Corny dogs, potato wedges, ranch style beans, mixed fruit, cake.

Tues. - Chicken sticks, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, hot rolls, peaches.

Wed. - Burritos w/chili and cheese, Spanish rice, refried beans, oranges, cookies.

Thurs. - Baked ham, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Corny dog, pinto beans, carrot and celery sticks, peach cobbler, bread.

Tues. - Turkey or ham sandwiches, lettuce, pickles, baked beans, oranges.

Wed. - Pork chop, creamed potatoes, peas, peaches, bread.

Thurs. - Beef stew w/veggies, pickles, blueberry muffins, pineapple.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

ERA ISD

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

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

Wed. - Salisbury steak or fish sticks, green beans, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, breadstick.

Thurs. - Crispy tacos, cornbread, strawberry delight.

Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

BUSYTOWN™ to open at Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History will open a new bi-lingual interactive science exhibit based on the stories of world-renowned author/illustrator Richard Scarry. The exhibit, BUSYTOWN™, will open Feb. 1 for young visitors and their families.

From conveyor belts and cranes, to a tunnel and a telephone booth, this exhibit encourages busy hands and racing minds to explore The Busy World of Richard Scarry! Young visitors, ages two through ten, will work, create, play and explore the wonders of the everyday working world within BUSYTOWN™, an exhibit

under license from Viacom Consumer Products, the licensing division for Paramount Pictures, which was created and designed by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). The exhibit utilizes the content, settings, characters and challenges portrayed in Scarry's books and on the animated television series, THE BUSY WORLD OF RICHARD SCARRY™.

BUSYTOWN™ will be on display at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History through May 4. For more information call 817-255-9300 or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org.

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- 1 lb. Longhorn cheese
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- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper

Put oil in 9x13 inch glass dish. Cover bottom and sides evenly. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown meat and onion until done. Add salt

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Sports

Sacred Heart teams compete in Oklahoma Tournament

The Sacred Heart Tigers and Tigerettes traveled across the border last week to participate in the Red River Classic basketball tournament in Marietta. The Tigerettes brought home the 3rd place trophy after being handed their first loss of the season after 24 victories. Coach Jon LeBrasseur credits Jennifer Hoedebeck and Raney Bauer with having an outstanding tournament.

The opening game for the Tigerettes matched Sacred Heart against the host team. "Marietta has a nice solid ball club and anytime you defeat the home squad in their own tournament it is a big win," commented Coach LeBrasseur on the Tigerette 61-42 victory.

Sacred Heart had a nine point lead in the 1st and 2nd quarters, extending it to 18 as the final period began. "Raney Bauer was outstanding with 16 points in the first half and Jayna

Biffle picked up the 2nd half with 12," added Coach LeBrasseur. "I was also pleased with our solid defensive performance."

Bauer was leading scorer with 19 points, with Biffle totaling 17. Karen Gehrig and Jacqueline Bauer each added 6. Whitney Wimmer scored 5, Mary Jane Callahan 4, and 2 apiece by Courtney Hartman and Jana Truenebach.

SH 19 10 19 13 61
M 10 10 10 12 42

Game two for Sacred Heart was against the #4 ranked Oklahoma 4-A team from Broken Bow. The semi-final round handed the Tigerettes their first loss of the season, 55-48.

"The girls played hard. Overall we handled the great pressure of Broken Bow, but we just could not make that big basket when we needed it most," Coach LeBrasseur commented. "The winning streak was a great run and I guess it had to end sometime."

Broken Bow had an 8 point lead going into the second quarter. The Tigerettes closed it to 1 at half-time. Broken Bow then gained a point in the third. Sacred Heart fought back, down by 1 with 3:30 remaining on the clock. Broken Bow scored the extra needed shots to take away the Tigerettes undefeated score.

"I just got out-coached. They were an outstanding squad and very well coached," concluded LeBrasseur.

Biffle and R. Bauer were again high scorers with 13 and 12 points. Truenebach and Jennifer Hoedebeck each added 5, Callahan 4, with J. Bauer, Hartman, and Gehrig each getting 3 points. Hoedebeck was the leading rebounder with eight. Gehrig is credited with five assists and three steals.

SH 10 17 14 7 48
BB 18 10 15 12 55

The third place game matched the Tigerettes against the Wilson Oklahoma squad. After four quarters, Sacred Heart returned home with the third place trophy. "The Tigerettes showed a lot of

heart as they bounced back and beat a fine team," commented Coach Jon. "I was pleased with how we responded after coming off a loss." LeBrasseur credits Callahan, Hartman, and Biffle for having a fine game.

Wilson had a good lead in the first period, but scored only 3 points in the second, allowing the Tigerettes to take a 5 point advantage into the locker room at half-time. Sacred Heart then continued to gain on the scoreboard for a 55-44 victory.

Biffle was high scorer with 16 points and 11 rebounds. R. Bauer added 8, with Hartman and Callahan each scoring 7. Callahan also had 10 rebounds, while nine being offensive, while Hartman grabbed five steals. Hoedebeck added 6 points, Truenebach 4, Wimmer 3, and 2 apiece by Gehrig and J. Bauer.

SH 10 16 16 13 55
W 18 3 14 9 44

The Tigers also competed in the Red River Classic, but were handed two defeats from Oklahoma teams.

The first game was a 61-39 loss to Millwood. After a close first half, the Tigers went cold in the third, then allowed Millwood to score 25 points in the fourth for the 22 point loss.

Clint Fuhrmann and Jared Zimmerer were high scorers with 13 and 10 points. Marty Farrell added 8, with Chris Fuhrmann and Chris Hoedebeck each scoring 4.

SH 9 10 4 16 39
M 12 10 14 25 61

Game two Friday gave the Tigers another loss, 57-40, by the Wilson, Oklahoma team. The Tigers trailed by 4 after the first quarter, but took a point lead at half-time. Again a cold slow-shooting 3rd quarter, and a not much better 4th, put the Tigers behind 17 points at the final buzzer.

Hoedebeck and Zimmerer each scored 8 points, with Zach Barnhill and Farrell each adding 6. Clint Fuhrmann put in 5 points, Clayton Truenebach 4, and Chris Fuhrmann 3.

SH 11 17 4 8 40
W 15 12 10 20 57



Lady Hornet Melinda Walterscheid gets the shot off with the basket surrounded by Lindsay defenders, including Mallory Block (14), Elaine Hess (42), Emmy Trammell, Katie Schneider (12) and Lori Kasparek (23). Also pictured for Muenster is Brooke Endres. The girls will finish the regular season Tuesday night. Janie Hartman photo

Lady Knights conquer Pirates

Lindsay hosted the Collinsville teams last week Friday, with the Lady Knights earning another district win.

After a tied first period of play, Lindsay's defense allowed the Lady Pirates only 6 points, to take an 8 point lead at half-time. In second half action, the Lady Knights outscored Collinsville 21 to 20 to take a 45-36 victory.

Elaine Hess scored 10 points for Lindsay, with Katie Schneider adding 9, Emmy Trammell 8, and 6 apiece by Cheryl Knabe and Lori Kasparek. Whitney Neu put in 4 and Mallory Block 2 points.

Lindsay hit 11 of 15 free throws.

L 10 14 8 13 45
C 10 6 9 11 36

Lady Hornets get 23rd victory

A trip to Collinsville Tuesday night earned the Muenster Lady Hornets another district win, making the Lady Pirates walk the plank with a 76-31 defeat.

Muenster took a quick lead, ending the first quarter with a 15 point lead. Collinsville got into the game the second quarter, but the Lady

Hornet defense shut them down in the 3rd to extend the points spread to 37.

Brooke Endres scored 20 points, with Lisa Felderhoff adding 16 and JoAnna Felderhoff 15 to lead the scoring side of the game. Megan Lippe put in 8, Alisha Walterscheid 6, Melinda Walterscheid 5, Amanda Felderhoff 4, and Robyn Hermes 2.

M 22 19 20 15 76
C 7 14 3 7 31

Muenster will take on Slidell this Friday, then the Lady Hornets will finish regular competition on Tuesday, Feb. 4. Muenster will travel to Era with hopes of a victory in an attempt to regain the district lead.

Tigerettes continue toward playoffs

An 80-34 victory over Tyler Street Tuesday night took the Sacred Heart Tigerettes back into conference play as they prepare for the playoffs. Coach Jon LeBrasseur noted that he saw some improvement from his team in parts of the game, crediting Jana Truenebach, Jayna Biffle, and Jacqueline Bauer with playing "a fine game."

Raney Bauer was recognized for scoring the 1000th point of her career. She reached the goal a few games back, waiting for a home game to make the recognition.

Truenebach was high point maker with 19. Biffle added 16, J. Bauer 10, Maggie Farrell 9, and 6 apiece by Whitney Wimmer, Mary Jane Callahan, and R. Bauer. Stephanie Henscheid and Jennifer Hoedebeck each scored 4.

SH 19 22 17 22 80
TS 6 5 16 7 34

The Tigers moved a game closer to the playoffs, taking a 57-43 win over Tyler Street. The first time these two teams met this season, it took Sacred Heart three overtimes to win. The Tigers have only one conference loss, to Colleyville Covenant, with a rematch scheduled for Monday.

A strong first quarter Tuesday night gave the Tigers the edge they needed to defeat the Crusaders.

Marty Farrell out-scored everyone with 27 points. Jared Zimmerer added 8, Clint Fuhrmann 7, Chris Hoedebeck 6, Jack Biffle 5, and Chris Fuhrmann 4.

SH 20 12 15 10 57
TS 12 8 10 13 43

GAME WARDEN NOTES

Drug Labs on the Go -- Recently, a Kaufman County game warden observed what appeared to be a domestic violence incident at a local gas station involving two adult men and one adult woman. The warden contacted them and got two Texas Department of Corrections inmate cards from the two men as identification. The local sheriff's office was called to assist. Deputies arrested the driver, one of the men, and also the woman for numerous outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The vehicle and four rims/tires found in the bed of the truck were stolen. And the truck contained an active mobile methamphetamine lab, and both cocaine and crystal methamphetamine packages were found in the truck. All three people were arrested on multiple felony charges.

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Hornets fall to Garland team

The Muenster Hornets filled in an open date Friday hosting the Alpha Charter team from Garland, falling 64-53.

Russell Endres and Sean Fuhrmann each scored 14 points for the Hornets. Cody Cory added 9, Clint Miller 5, and 4 apiece by Mitch Felderhoff and Tyler Walterscheid. Chase Cain scored 2, and Brady Howell 1. Muenster was 12 of 16 from the free throw line.

M 16 8 12 17 53
AC 13 16 13 22 64

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Junior High Action

Muenster 38 Slidell 9
Allison Teafatiller scored 12 points, 10 in the first quarter, to lead the A team Lady Stingers to victory Monday night. Megan Felderhoff added 6 points, while Rebecca Grewing, Hillary Swirczynski, Jessica Walterscheid, and Laura Heers each put in 4 points. Crystal Wolf and Lindsey Watson both added 2.

M	20	7	9	2	38
S	12	4	2	9	

Muenster 49 Slidell 14
The 8th grade Stingers put the Puppies in the doghouse with a one-sided win. Brad Endres was high scorer in the game with 20 points. Collin Walterscheid added 10 points, Bill Haverkamp 8, Zach Swirczynski 7, and 2 apiece by Jonathan Bayer and Jessie Rouswell.

M	19	17	5	8	49
S	3	4	3	14	

Muenster 18 Collinsville 27
The 7th grade Stingers were unable to pull out a win Monday night. Colton Steelman dropped in 7 points, Jessie Rouswell 5, William Vogel 4, and Nick Flusche 2.

M	3	3	4	8	18
C	13	7	4	3	27

Muenster 40 Collinsville 27
The 8th grade Stingers took care of the young 'Bucs Monday night. Brad Endres and Zach Swirczynski led Muenster on the scoreboard with 12 and 10 points. Collin Walterscheid added 8, Bill Haverkamp 6, and 2 piece from Bret Walterscheid and Evan Koelsler.

M	15	12	7	6	40
C	4	9	1	13	27

Muenster 27 Collinsville 31
Collinsville pulled out a 4th quarter win over the Muenster B team. "This was their best game all season," said Coach Amy Binder, noting that the first time these two teams met, Muenster had trouble getting the ball past half court. "We got the ball inside and shot with confidence. It was a tight game the entire way, we just didn't know how to deal with the pressure in the end," the coach added.

Christina Eckart dropped in 13 points, with Jordan Ledbetter and Meredith Hennigan each adding 6, and Melissa Cox 2.

M	4	8	8	7	27
C	8	2	9	12	31

Muenster 55 Collinsville 34
"A new offense got the ball rolling into the hoop... 55 points, absolutely awesome for a group this young," praised Coach Binder. "They converted off steals and ran the new plays well. Their confidence level is working for them and they have used it to their advantage."

Two Lady Stingers "A" teamers scored in the double digits, Laura Heers and Sandy Endres with 13 and 12 points. Rebecca Grewing and Allison Teafatiller added 8 points each, Megan Felderhoff 6, Lindsey Watson 4, and 2 each from Alison Miller and Krystal Wolf.

M	14	12	15	14	55
C	2	11	9	12	34

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Muenster B 40 Collinsville 20
The Lady Stingers team defeated the host team. Christina Eckart was Muenster's leading scorer with 18 points. Jordan Ledbetter added 10, Casey Bewley and Cassie Hale 4 each, and 2 apiece by Melissa Cox and Meredith Hennigan.

M	12	8	10	10	40
C	5	3	4	8	20

Muenster B 37 Whitesboro 12
All seven team members put points on the board in the Lady Stingers victory to win the tournament. Eckart was high scorer with 10. Ledbetter added 8, with Cox and Hennigan each getting 5. Hale put in 3 points, with 2 points scored each by Libby Orburn and Bewley.

M	11	4	16	4	35
W	0	2	3	7	12

Muenster C 3 Whitesboro 38
The C team Lady Stingers could not compete against a 3A first string team. Jessica Hartman scored 2 points and Heather Harrison 1.

M	0	0	1	2	3
W	14	8	8	8	38

Muenster C 8 Aubrey 8
The Lady Stingers settled for a 3rd place tie after one overtime didn't pick a winner. Kayla Otto scored 4 points for Muenster, with Hartman and Paige Winter each adding 2.

M	2	0	4	2	8
A	6	0	2	0	8



Paige White (left) and Jessica Schilling make it tough for this Lady Pirate shooter during the eighth grade Lady Cubs victory Monday night. Dave Fette Photo

Lady Knights powerlift at S&S Invitational Meet

Lindsay's Women's Powerlifting team participated in the S&S Invitational Meet, bringing home a tied fourth place team finish against 1A-3A teams, and individual awards.

Placing in individual weight classes were: Allison Conway, 1st place; Alex Shauf, 3rd place and Top Bench Press Award; Kristen Alexander, 4th place; Laura Hellman, 4th place; Olivia Erwin, 6th place; Melissa Fuhrmann, 6th place; Amy Polk, 6th place.



Joe Hesse brings the basketball in play range during the Sacred Heart seventh grade game Monday against Collinsville. Dave Fette Photo



Nolan Hartman drives around a Collinsville Pirate, working the basketball in to the lane. Eighth grade Sacred Heart Cub teammate Mitch Sellers is ready behind him. Dave Fette Photo

Lindsay teams win over Hounds

Both Lindsay varsity basketball teams brought home District wins Tuesday night, after winning over the Slidell squads.

The Lady Knights took a 55-49 win, a victory not decided until the final minutes. Lindsay had a 4 point half-time lead, but the Lady Hounds closed it to 1 as the final quarter began.

Three Lady Knights scored double digits, with Katie Schneider getting 18, Elaine Hess 16, and Emmy Trammell 14. Cheryl Knabe added 3, with Mallory Block and Lori Kasparek each scoring 2.

L	14	16	10	15	55
S	14	12	13	10	49

The Knights also tucked another victory under their belt, with a 50-46 win over the Greyhounds. The Knight defense held Slidell to only 2 points in the final quarter to claim the win.

Mitch Creed led all scorers with 30, pulling down 16 rebounds, and hitting 10 of 16 free throws. Trinity Otto added 6 points, Ben Hundt 4, Rhett Rimmer and Chuck Hinds 3 apiece, and 2 each by Bradley Anderle and Cody Anderle.

L	13	14	11	12	50
S	18	12	14	2	46

Junior Varsity Action

Muenster 54 Slidell 35
The young Hornets got a victory in Saturday's JV tournament, hosted by Muenster. Eight Muenster boys scored points toward the win, led by Michael Eckart and Derek Felderhoff with 16 and 14 points. Derek Endres added 7, Keith Walterscheid 6, Jordan Walterscheid 5, Dustin Felderhoff 3, Ryan Hennigan 2, and Joseph Dangelmayr 1.

M	9	16	14	15	54
S	7	10	12	6	35

Muenster 32 Lindsay 44
The Hornets fell to the Knights in tournament action Saturday. Lindsay took an early lead and wouldn't give it up. Derek Felderhoff scored 9 points for Muenster, with Eckart adding 7, and J. Walterscheid, Dangelmayr, Wesley Wimmer, and K. Walterscheid each put 3 on the board. Endres and Dustin Felderhoff both scored 2 points.

Clintoff Kyle led the Knights with 15 points. Kris Creed and Cody Hess both added 7. Josie Kyle scored 6, Brandon Huckaby 4, Derek Murray 3, and Keith Dieter 2.

M	7	4	9	12	32
L	14	8	11	11	44

Muenster 35 Collinsville 7
The JV Lady Hornets improved their record to 9-6 Tuesday night.

Sacred Heart 55 Nocona 48
The JV Tigerettes ended their season Tuesday night with a victory, to up their record to 12-2. "They had a great season and I look forward to their help next season on the varsity level. Their daily work habits were outstanding," bragged Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Katie Flusche was the leading Tigerette scorer with 12 points. Diana Knabe added 8, Hannah Hess and Shannon Hartman 7 each, Lisa Endres 6, Nicole Bayer 5, Brittany White and Melissa Thomas 4 apiece, and Joelle Fuhrmann 2.

Lindsay 34 Slidell 30
The JV Lady Knights brought home a victory Tuesday night with an overtime win. Stevie Krueger was high scorer for Lindsay with 8 points. Stephanie Metzler and Allison Hundt each added 6, Joni Erwin 5, Tiffany Martin 4, Kaylee Privett 3, and Jessica Berner 2.

L	12	7	5	6	34
S	9	5	8	8	30



Muenster JV Hornets won the Midway tournament several weeks ago. Team members with Coach James McAliser are, from left, front- Derek Endres, Wesley Wimmer, Derek Felderhoff, Michael Eckart; back - Chase Cain, Nathan Privett, Jordan Walterscheid, Dustin Felderhoff, Joseph Dangelmayr



Sacred Heart seventh grade Lady Cubs Kaitlyn Felderhoff (left) and Kristina Koelsler, surround the Collinsville Lady Pirate shooter during Monday's game. Dave Fette Photo

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

TO: KEVIN BARNES & ANGELA BARNES, DEFENDANTS, GREETING: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's JUSTICE CIVIL Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 3rd day of March, 2003, before the Honorable Dorothy Lewis Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Court of Cooke County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Gainesville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed in said court on the 19th day of September 2002, in this case, numbered SC8-064 on the docket of said court, and styled, CAROLYN AKIN, PLAINTIFF VS KEVIN BARNES AND ANGELA BARNES, DEFENDANTS

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: DEBT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 4309.00 As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of the Court, at office in Gainesville, Texas, this 15th day of January, 2003.

Attest: /s/Shannon Ing, Clerk Justice Court 1, Cooke County, Texas

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From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

It should come as no surprise to us that we are experiencing some rather wintry weather. After all it is January, and winter time. Within the last week or 10 days the temperature has varied from a low of 14° over, and under 32°.

I think it seems colder because we are not used to it.

I had not intended to mention our stupid peach tree again, but as I look at it through the window, I see all the green leaves on it as well as many blooms. It began blooming, and had the beginning of leaves at Christmas, and through all of the cool weather it has grown the leaves even longer, but the blooms do seem to be frozen.

Well, the big game Sunday between the Oakland Raiders and the Tampa Bay Bucs didn't create much interest at our house.

The Bucs came to play, and did, while the Raiders couldn't seem to make up their minds. Anyway, as you know, the Raiders, after a series of interceptions and various other mistakes, lost 21 to 48. Hardly what we expected. I thought from the beginning that it would be a much closer game.

I lost interest in it early on, and did a lot of reading while turning the tube on to see how they were doing, now and then.

In the last quarter the Raiders seemed to liven up a bit, but then everything seemed to go against them.

No one in this house really cared who won or lost, but all of us are quite satisfied with the outcome. Well, as they say, there is always next year.

Sorry I missed last week, but was a bit under the weather, and just couldn't seem to get going.

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TSCRA supports legislation to protect rivers from off-road vehicle use

Representatives of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association joined Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs Dec. 19 as she unveiled proposed legislation that will protect Texas rivers from off-road vehicle use.

Combs said the legislation calls for prohibiting the operation of motorized vehicles in public fresh waters or on the bed of navigable waters above tidewater limits with certain exceptions.

Other groups attending and showing their support for this legislation were the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Chairman Katharine Armstrong and representatives from the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, Texas Wildlife Association, Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, Texas Rivers Protection Association, Hill Country Conservancy, Texas Water Conservation Association, Nueces River Authority, Stewards of the Nueces, Riverside &

Landowners Protection Coalition Inc.; and Texas riverside landowners.

"First and foremost, I want to emphasize that protecting our rivers from off-road vehicles is not an access issue. This is a resource-destruction issue," Combs said. "The public and landowners will still have access to Texas rivers under this legislation; they just won't have the right to destroy a river with their vehicles. After all, our rivers are not roads."

A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department preliminary study on the Nueces River has found less game fish — such as flathead catfish and largemouth bass — in parts of the Nueces River used heavily by off-terrain vehicles compared with other parts of the river where vehicles have not traveled, Combs said.

Other states have conducted studies finding that off-road vehicles in riverbeds harm aquatic creatures and damage habitats they depend upon, Combs said. She noted that

"Tread Lightly" guidelines advocated by off-road manufacturers recognize these concerns and recommend against driving in rivers and streams.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Chairman Armstrong said, "Our state agency led a thorough process this year involving a task force of all riverbed stakeholders. Although task force members did not reach consensus, the clear staff conclusion was that riverbed motor vehicle use is ecologically harmful, so this is a commonsense response to the problem. The situation is made worse by limited river access and few appropriate venues for off-road vehicles in Texas. Furthermore, no state agency has clear legal standing to regulate motor vehicle riverbed use, so I support our legislators in leading the way toward a solution."

Armstrong noted that TPWD staff reports to the commission and Legislature, plus biologist reports on riverbed impacts, a review of laws in other states and other items, are online at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/texaswaters/rivers/taskforce-report/index.htm>.

Scientists say new approach needed on estimating livestock emissions

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency needs a new method for estimating the amount of ammonia, nitrous oxide, methane, particulate matter, and other pollutants emitted at livestock farms, and for determining how these emissions are dispersed in the atmosphere, says a new report from the National Academies' National Research Council.

The committee that wrote the report said EPA should focus first on those pollutants that pose the greatest risk to the environment and public health.

The study was sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The National Research Council is the principal operating arm of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering. It is a private, non-profit institution that provides science and technology advice under a congressional charter.

Ammonia is a major concern because it can be redeposited elsewhere via rainfall, contaminating the ground and water where it falls, the committee said. Nitrous oxide and methane are greenhouse gases that affect global climate change.

At the local level, odor from livestock farms is the most serious concern,

followed by emissions of particulate matter — tiny particles that can aggravate respiratory ailments in humans.

"Our recommendations provide the federal government and the livestock industry not only with ways to estimate the amount of emissions generated by livestock operations, but also with practical and science-based strategies aimed at addressing the global problem of these emissions and their potential impact on the public and the environment," said committee chair Perry R. Hagenstein, an independent consultant on resource economics and policy, Wayland, Massachusetts.

Concern over emissions from animal feeding operations and the role they may play in global warming has increased in recent years. These worries, along with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, prompted EPA to consider new ways to estimate the emissions. Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has a role in providing technical assistance to farmers to mitigate the effects of air emissions from livestock.

The report, however, says that neither agency has devoted the necessary financial or technical resources to estimate emissions from animal

feeding operations accurately and to develop mitigation strategies. It calls for EPA and USDA to set up a joint council to coordinate and oversee short- and long-term research in this area.

EPA had been planning to estimate emissions by determining a measure of average emission per animal at a typical feeding operation and then applying it to other farms by multiplying it by the number of animals at those farms.

In an interim report released last summer, the committee said this approach is inadequate because it does not accurately characterize feeding operations in general. In the new report, the committee recommended developing "process-based" mathematical models to estimate emissions.

Such models would estimate air emissions by tracking the amount of chemicals released at each major stage in the process of producing livestock products. The committee also called for a standardized method for measuring odor; such standardized methods already exist in Europe.

Despite a lack of data on the effectiveness of mitigation technologies, the committee recommended that the implementation of technically and economically feasible agricultural best practices known to minimize the amount of emissions, or their effects, should not be delayed.

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EPA issues new rule for CAFO's

A new rule was announced Dec. 16, requiring all large concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) to obtain permits that will ensure they protect America's waters from wastewater and manure.

The announcement was made jointly by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman and Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman.

"The new rule is unique in that it comes after unprecedented cooperation between EPA and USDA to find a way to help producers meet their own and society's goals for environmental quality and profitability," said Veneman.

"USDA stands ready to provide assistance in an incentive-based approach

combining information and education, research and technology transfer, direct technical assistance and financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and other farm bill programs."

The new rule applies to about 15,500 livestock operations across the country. Under the new rule all large CAFOs will be required to apply for a permit, submit an annual report, and develop and follow a plan for handling manure and wastewater.

Large CAFOs are defined in the rule as operations raising more than 1,000 cattle, 700 dairy cows, 2,500 swine, 10,000 sheep, 125,000 chickens, 82,000 laying hens, and 55,000 turkeys in confinement.

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Agriculture announcements from the Cooke County Extension Service

Feb. is CEU Month

February will be a bountiful month for recertification hours needed by producers for pesticide applicator license renewal. Several different programs, totaling sixteen & one-half (16.5) CEU credit hours, will be available in the area for those needing CEUs, including the following:

Cooke County: Texas Cooperative Extension, Mark Arnold CEA-AG/NR Grayson county, Justin Hansard CEA-AG/NR Wise county, and T.J. Davidson of North Texas Central College have cooperated to present a tri-county recertification course on **February 18, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the North Texas Central College in Gainesville. A \$10 fee will be charged to cover class expense and lunch. A mix of five and one half CEUs will be given including 1 Law & Regs., 1 IPM, 3 General and 0.5 drift. There will be a wide range of topics. To register please call the Extension office at (940) 668-5412.

Sorghum Production

production of 429 million pounds. November 2002 production totaled 417 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during December averaged 311,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year and 2,000 from November 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,465 pounds during December, up 6 percent from last year and 9 percent from the 1,350 pounds during November 2002.

and Recertification Program:

A program for producers will be held **February 11**, at the Ben E. Keith Meeting Facility in Denton at 6:30 p.m. 2.5 CEUs will be offered for producers. Seating limited to first 100 people. Additional information can be obtained by calling Denton county Extension office at (940) 349-2880.

Texoma Farm & Ranch Show, Wichita Falls:

Seminars with CEU credit hours are available each morning of the show at the Multi-Purpose Events Center. Registration for CEU's is \$5.00 and are approved for both Oklahoma and Texas producers. **Wednesday, February 12**, CEU training for three (3) CEU credit hours will be given from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Topics will include Weeds in Wheat, Law & Regs, Range Weed Control. **Thursday, February 13**, CEU training for three (3) CEU credit hours will be given from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. The topics will include Clearfield Technology, Wheat Technology, and Law & Regs. In all there will be 6 CEU credit hours including 2 IPM, 2 General, and 2 Law & Regs. Sponsors include: Texas Cooperative Extension, a newspaper, and a television station. For more information call 1-800-827-8007 or visit their website at www.farmshows.com or your local Extension office.

February 25: is the tentative date for a Montague county program set by Justin Hansard,

CEA-AG/NR of Montague County. Two (2) CEU's will be given. For more information call the Montague county Extension office at (940) 894-2831.

Workshop for Pasture Establishment:

February 27, will be the date of a seeded and hybrid bermudagrass program to be held at Northwest High School Cafeteria, Justin, Texas. Topics will include land preparation, planting and varieties, renovation & management, fertility & weed control. Tuition of \$5 (children under 12 are free) and registration deadline is February 26 and will be conducted by the Northwest ISD Adult & Community Education. One (1) CEU will be offered for Pesticide Applicators. Registration slips are available in the Cooke county Texas Cooperative Extension office. Additional information can be obtained by calling (940) 349-2880.

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Monthly Report by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.63 million head on Jan. 1, down 9 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 360,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, unchanged from a year ago but down 23 percent from the November 2002, total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 400,000 head during December, down 11 percent from last year and

16 percent below the November 2002, total.

On January 1 there were 2.19 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 83 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 6 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the December total.

MILK PRODUCTION

Texas milk production totaled 456 million pounds during December, up 6 percent from last year's

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Feeder Steers (per lb.)	Stocker Cows (per head)	Ewes:
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.05; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, .96-1.22; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-96; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, .92-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-92; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, .60-700 lbs. No. 1, .77-.83; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .77-.83; Nos. 2 & 3, .65-.77; 800 lbs. No. 1, .75-.80; Nos. 2 & 3, .60-.75.	Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$600-\$700; Medium Frame, \$350-\$600; Cow/Calf Pairs/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame, \$675-\$750; Medium Frame, \$500-\$675; Holstein Baby Calves, \$40-\$55; Crossbreds, \$105-\$195.	Stocker, 40-50, Thin, 15-20; Fat, 40-50. Bucks: Thin: 30-40 Fat: 40-55. Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$25-\$50. Ewes: \$20-\$35. Bucks: \$45-\$135. Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$65. Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$65-\$95.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, .88-.91; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.88; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, .87-.91; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.87; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, .83-.95; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.83; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, .78-.84; Nos. 2 & 3, .62-.78; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .73-.77; Nos. 2 & 3, .60-.73; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .68-.75; Nos. 2 & 3, .55-.68.	US #1, 230-270, 33-38; US #2, 220-280, 30-33. Feeder (per head): 100-175 lbs., \$30-\$45; 25-90 lbs., \$10-\$20. Sows: Feeder, 400 or less, .05-.15; Light wt., 400-500, .15-.20; Med wt., 500-600, .15-.20; Heavy wt., 600-up, .15-.20. Boars: 300 lb.-up, .03; 200-300 lbs., .15-.20; Light wt., .20-.25.	Nannies (per head) Stocker, \$25-\$100; Milk Type, \$20-\$60; Slaughter, Thin, \$15-\$30; Fat, \$35-\$50. Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders, \$45-\$85; Slaughter, \$40-\$85. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, NT, 3/4 Nanny, NT; Full Nanny, \$100-\$220.
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., .44-.52; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, .44-.46; Culler, 20-35.	Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., NT; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 75-90; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 65-80.	Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT; Full Billy, \$75-\$125.

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