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## Muenster ISD extends Steelman's contract for an additional year

by Janie Hartman

The evaluation of Muenster ISD Superintendent Clyde Steelman was the purpose of a called meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees Wednesday night. The extended meeting resulted in the extension of Steelman's contract for one year with a 5% increase in salary.

The regular scheduled monthly meeting was delayed 25 minutes due to the called meeting agenda. First business taken care of was the recognition of the MHS varsity cheerleaders and their participation and 7th place finish in the Challenge Cup Division at the National Cheerleading

Championship, the first MHS squad to compete.

The School Board members were then recognized as part of the School Board Month honors. Steelman and Principals Phil Newton and Gwen Trubenbach presented certificates, treasure treats, and a meal from the PTO.

The Board then heard the District's audit report from Ted Neeb of Freeman, Shapard, & Story. Neeb told the Board of only one "finding," the areas that went over budget. "You will be told to watch your budget more carefully." After a 30 minute explanation Neeb said Muenster ISD is "basically in great shape," with a fund balance of

\$490,000 at the end of August 2002. The report was approved.

Reports submitted to the Board included:

- Elementary report from Gwen Trubenbach - First and Second Grade students took the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. The results show that the students rank above the national average. The First Grade strengths are word analysis and language, with the Second Grade showing word analysis, vocabulary, and language as their strengths. "As always, we attempt to raise all scores, giving special attention to lower scores, vocabulary for the First Grade, and science for the Second Grade."

Trubenbach reported the average daily attendance for Elementary: first six weeks 98.9; second six weeks 98.7; and third six weeks 97.2.

- High School and Junior High reports by Phil Newton - Four new students were enrolled during the first week back from the holidays; TAKS writing will be on Feb. 25; Junior High UIL Meet is scheduled for Feb. 27 in Lindsay; still searching for a shop teacher - Tom Felderhoff is filling in as a long-term sub in the class; the first Pathfinder School meeting was in Austin Jan. 20-21.

- Technology report by Jerry Eckart - The District is anticipating another See MISD BOARD, pg 2



Frank and Lola Rust with Senator Craig Estes and wife Jennifer (center) in Austin. Courtesy photo

## Rusts attend inaugural ceremonies in Austin

Frank Rust, CCRP Chairman along with his wife Lola were among several Cooke County Residents who attended the Inauguration of Governor Rick Perry and Lt. Governor David Dewhurst.

It was a spectacular day with clear blue skies and temperatures in the 80's. The Texas A&M University Fightin' Aggie Band played. There was a fly over of four airforce jets, and a 21 cannon salute.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst was first to be sworn in by the Honorable Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, followed by Governor Rick Perry.

In his inaugural address the Lt. Gov. was "humbled to stand before us". He paid tribute to his mother who was unable to attend due to illness and his deceased father a WW II bomber pilot who was killed by a drunk driver when Lt. Gov. Dewhurst was 2 years old. He spoke of balancing the budget and being everything

a person could be.

In the Governors inaugural address Gov. Perry paid tribute to his parents his wife and first lady of Texas Anita Perry and their two Children. He stated that he looked forward to getting down to the business of tackling the budget. He talked about how education is the key to the success of Texas and the importance of family and personal responsibility.

At the conclusion of the inaugural ceremonies, Larry Gatlin sang "Texas our Texas" accompanied by The Texas A&M Fightin' Aggie Band.

Immediately after the inauguration a Bar-B-Q lunch catered by Eddie Dean was served on the lawn of the Capital to over 12,000, followed by an inaugural parade down Congress Ave.

While at the inaugural event Frank and his wife Lola had the opportunity to visit with Senator Craig Estes and Representative Rick Hardcastle.

## SHS celebrates "Making a World of Difference"

Students, parents, teachers, and staff of Catholic schools celebrate Catholic Schools Week Jan. 26 - Feb. 1. The theme this year is "Making a World of Difference".

Annually someone from each school in the Fort Worth Diocese is selected by that school's faculty and honored at a Diocesan sponsored Catholic Schools Banquet. Sacred Heart's

include organizing and operating the annual fund drive that reaches out to former students across the country, and she is editor of the alumni newsletter. Debbie has been the one to gather the news and compose much of the contents of the newsletter since its beginning.

Following is the schedule for Sacred Heart School's Catholic Schools Week:

Monday - 8:00 a.m. Opening Mass. Business and Community Appreciation Day - flyers will be distributed; each class will write "thank you" notes. Journalism students will write a few articles for the Muenster Enterprise about the importance of Catholic Schools in America.

Tuesday - "A World of Difference in Our Families and Volunteers". Parents are invited to eat in the cafeteria with students. Please RSVP by Monday. An Open House will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "A World of Difference in Our Nation". Each class will write or do something for the Adopt - A Platoon soldier. Show our patriotism in a RED, WHITE, and BLUE Non-Uniform Day will help to display patriotism.

Thursday - 8:00 a.m. Mass "A World of Difference in Our Students". Each teacher appreciates their students in their own way.

Friday - 8:00 a.m. Closing Mass; Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day - Each class/person can show appreciation in their own way.



Debbie Hess

honoree for this year is a member of the School Advisory Council, Debbie Hess.

Debbie has served as an elected member of the school's Advisory Council for the last 16 years. "She has been a constant supporter and advocate of Sacred Heart School," remarked Principal Jack Murdock. "She is a tireless worker who constantly seeks ways to improve the school. We have been blessed to have Debbie's services for many years and this recognition is well deserved."

Some of the tasks Debbie has taken on as a member of the Advisory Board



Soon to be home for bands, concerts, plays and all kinds of group functions, the new performing arts stage in Muenster's City Park is now a concrete reality. Dangelmayr Brothers Construction, at left, Chris Dangelmayr, Eric Walterscheid and Darrell Dangelmayr, poured cement Monday morning assisted by Ron Dangelmayr, Adam Wolf and Charles Knabe. The 48 foot wide stage will be covered and ready for Germanfest. Janie Hartman Photo



## Lindsay ISD Trustees surf sixth grade website on new computers

by Dave Fette

The Lindsay ISD School Board got a first hand glimpse into new computer technology available to Lindsay students at the January meeting Monday night. Technology Director Paul Garner guided School Board members through an introduction to the new wireless lap-top computers obtained through a PS-10 grant. Faye Hamric's sixth grade students learned how to construct a web page using the new computers. Then the "best" one was chosen that showed a big "thank you" to the Board for their dedication and hard work. Garner showed each member how to access the page and experience the new lap-tops. The computers may be used in future meetings to save time and paper while expanding information available.

Thanks to the Board was the theme for the meeting as the Student Council president read a statement on behalf of the student body acknowledging the Board's service to maintain high educational quality

and conditions to help the Lindsay School system be one of the best in Texas.

Principal Jerry Metzler's report featured news of the joint Muenster/Lindsay Sock Hop dance which Lindsay High School will host this year after the Muenster basketball games on Feb. 7. He also

mentioned the junior high track meet on Feb. 28 and high school invitational meet on March 1.

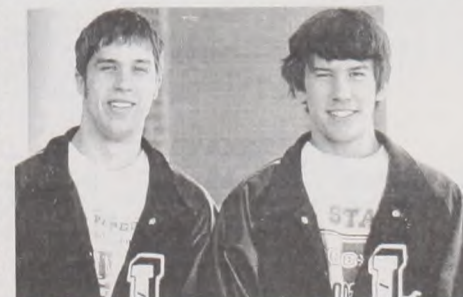
A discussion centered on the policy governing attendance at meets above district competition, such as which alternates can go. The Board decided to leave it in the hands of the

athletic and academic coaches. Board member David Arendt emphasized, "if they earn it they should be allowed to go."

Other items of discussion and/or action included:

- Kenny Fleitman was hired as a new maintenance employee and is getting qualified as a bus driver.

- Athletic Director John Erwin presented the problem of a large flat and slowly sinking area on the football field. He said it was not unplayable, but in his opinion it needed attention. Erwin has consulted with Mike Otto and the Muenster athletic director, Monte Endres. Muenster ISD has just brought in a large amount of soil to solve a similar problem. Otto estimated a cost of \$5,500.00 to fix the Lindsay field. He also offered to donate some of his tractor work if the school gets a number of volunteers to do the hand work. The Board authorized Erwin to proceed, with emphasis on protecting the track surface See LINDSAY, pg 2



Senior members of the 2002 Lindsay Knights football team, Joey Arendt (left) and Patrick Zimmerer were selected to the 2nd team of the Texas High School Coaches Association All Academic Team. Only 92 players from across the state in class A were selected to the team. Selections were based on players academic class rankings, GPA, SAT & ACT scores, and had to be varsity players in good standing. Janie Hartman photo



Jimmy Burnett of Muenster accidentally ran into the Muenster Milling Company building on South Main Street Tuesday night at 7:35. According to Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall, Burnett and his wife Linda were southbound in a 1986 Chevy pick-up on Hwy 373, when he lost control and ran off the road. Burnett was transported to Muenster Memorial Hospital by Cooke County EMS, then transferred to Denton Regional. Members of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, pictured above, were first responders at the scene, waiting for the EMS arrival.

Janie Hartman photo

## C OF C TO INSTALL 2003 OFFICERS SATURDAY DURING ANNUAL BANQUET

"Moving Muenster Forward" is the theme of the 2003 Muenster Chamber of Commerce installation banquet. The event is set for Saturday, Jan. 25 in the Sacred Heart Community Center with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Officers for 2003 will be Alan Rohmer, president; Robert Weinzapfel, vice president; Annette Walterscheid, secretary; and Dina Sicking, treasurer. Serving on the board of directors are David Fette, Neil Hesse, Cathy Bartush Otto, Alan Rohmer, Dina Sicking, Matt Sicking, Annette Walterscheid, and Robert Weinzapfel.

The guest speaker for the evening. She will show a video of Keep Muenster Beautiful projects from its early days until present. Tom Carson will emcee.

Tickets are available at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce office until noon today, Friday, Jan. 24. They are \$10 each. For more information call 759-2227.

MaryLee Alford of Keep Muenster Beautiful will be

# Senator Craig Estes sworn into office for 78th session

State Senator Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, was sworn into office Tuesday as the 78th Texas Legislature launched its 140-day regular session.

"It was a great day which I enjoyed sharing with members of my family and constituents from the district," Estes said. Seated next to him on the floor of the Senate Chamber were his wife, Jennifer Estes, and his father, Pete Estes.

"I'm ready to go to work and do my part to help resolve the many challenges confronting our great state," Estes said. "My foremost goal is to be a strong voice for North Texas."

Estes serves nearly 700,000 constituents across Senate District 30, which includes all of Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cooke,

Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate and House as we participate in what promises to be the most challenging legislative session in recent memory," Estes said.

Among business conducted during Tuesday's opening day, the 31 senators drew lots for length of terms. As required by recent legislative redistricting, all state senate seats were up for election in November. To maintain the staggering of elections, senators elected after each new redistricting

must be divided into two-year and four-year terms in accordance with the Texas Constitution.

Estes was among the 15 senators who drew two-year terms while the other 16 senators drew four-year terms. Estes will face re-election in 2004 for an opportunity to serve a traditional four-year term. After waging four campaigns for the opportunity to serve this legislative session, Estes said drawing a short term doesn't annoy him.

"I'm not worried about re-election. That's two years down the road. The good people of Senate District 30 chose me to represent them in Austin, and that will be my focus for the next 140 days," Estes said.

## Estes assigned to Texas Senate Committees

State Senator Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, said he was pleased with his committee appointments announced by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

Dewhurst revealed assignments Thursday to the Senate's 15 major committees and three subcommittees for the 78th Texas Legislature that launched its 140-day regular session Tuesday.

Estes was named vice chairman of the Veterans Affairs and Military Installations Committee, which oversees issues facing veterans and matters concerning the next round of military base closures in 2005. He also was appointed to the Natural Resources Committee which oversees

water and land development issues and air quality and the Agriculture Subcommittee, the Business and Commerce Committee which oversees general business issues and economic development, and the International Relations and Trade Committee which oversees trade relations with foreign countries.

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Dewhurst said Estes' background in business and agriculture will provide an insightful and experienced voice to his committees. Estes is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Estes, Inc., a wholesale distributor of chemicals and fertilizers with outlets in seven states.

Discussion on conducting a pre-kindergarten program for 2003-2004 resulted in no action.


The Board considered food purchasing for the cafeteria and decided to remain a member of the Multi-Regional Child Nutrition Cooperative for 2003-2004. They emphasized that they intended that the food service staff look for the best price and quality from other sources who submitted prices to the survey so the students get the best value from suppliers including Cisco Foods, Ardmore Produce, and Fischer's Meat Market.

An executive session on personnel resulted in no action. There will be another Board meeting on Monday, Jan. 27.


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round of TIF grant money for updating the computers in the school. "But this time the prospect looks slim. Without another TIF grant, we are looking at major expenses for increasing the number of network drops in all our classrooms, upgrading equipment, and replacing our aging fleet of computers," Eckart noted.

Eckart also informed the Board of the need for additional help in maintaining hardware, software, and infrastructure. Also the staff needs more training.

Athletic Department by Monte Endres - The coach reported on the basketball season, with "all of the teams continuing to represent Muenster well by playing hard and showing class in victory or defeat."

Also track workouts have begun with off-season boys. Track season opens Feb. 22 at Bridgeport, with the Muenster Relays scheduled for Mar. 13 (Junior High) and the 15th for High School.

Endres also reported on the progress of the dirt work on the football field.

Superintendent Steelman reported to the Board that Attorney Jim Robertson has filed a delinquent tax suit in Cooke County District Court against Dr. and Mrs. Reddy, the American Dairy and Food Consultant Laboratories, Inc., and International Media Cultures since the purchase of the AMPI buildings. The case includes the School

District and other county entities.

Subjects discussed or considered by the Board included:

- Approval for Steelman to work with calendar committee for application for a before Aug. 17 starting date if needed.
- Steelman explained a letter presented to Mayor Henry Weinzapfel for the next City Council meeting. The letter is a request to either open Hickory Street between Seventh and Ninth, or close the street, turning property over to the School District, with the City keeping water and sewer maintenance.
- Coach Monte Endres presented an Elementary physical education program to the Board in which the National School Fitness Foundation will help the District purchase weight equipment for a fitness center. The Board approved starting the application process. A Junior High program was also requested. If accepted, the Board will review contract before final approval of the program.
- Steelman informed the Board that the District will not know until June where they stand for tax rate figures for 2003-04.
- Selection of the Textbook Committee members were: Phil Newton, Gwen Trubenbach, Lou Heers, Kenny Mann, Kyra Mann, James McAlister, Becky Felderhoff, Jim VanVleet, and Monte Endres.

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and drain system and using volunteer labor.

A discussion of roof repair and maintenance on all school buildings centered around the possibility of hiring a consultant recommended by the Fort Worth Diocese. Wharry Engineering could cost as much as \$10,000.00. The Board asked Administrator Travis Winn to get references on the firm and study it further. No action was taken. Winn said he has been pleased with the services of Cooke County Roofing in finding and repairing leaks; and Tom Zimmerer has helped advise on the overall project.

The School Board discussed taking some of their reserve funds out of First State Bank and going to an investment pool for a better interest rate. No action was taken.

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## 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

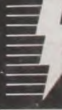
<p>Sunday, January 26, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Muenster KC Free Throw Contest, MHS Gym, Registration 1:30PM, Contest 2:00PM</p>	<p>Monday, January 27, 2003 8AM Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week Community Appreciation Day</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 28, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, Home Hospice Office, 6-8PM SHS Open House 10AM-2PM &amp; 6-7PM, Parents invited to eat with students</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 29, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Mass, 6:30PM, Class until 8:00PM Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7PM, Old MHS Gym, Red, White &amp; Blue non-uniform day at SHS</p>	<p>Thursday, January 30, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SHS Student Appreciation Day</p>	<p>Friday, January 31, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SHS Teacher Appreciation Day</p>	<p>Saturday, February 1, 2003 Muenster Cub Scouts, Scouting For Food, 9AM-?</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Catholic Schools Week</h3>						
<p>Sunday, February 2, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM</p>	<p>Monday, February 3, 2003 City Council meeting, 7:30PM</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 4, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Auxiliary meeting, 7:00PM, Adm. Office</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 5, 2003 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</p>	<p>Thursday, February 6, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM</p>	<p>Friday, February 7, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM</p>	<p>Saturday, February 8, 2003</p>

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# Obituaries

## Rita Sandmann 1932 - 2003

by **Elfreda Fette**

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003 in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay for Rita Sandmann, con-celebrated by Father Eugene Luke OSB, a family friend, and Father Ron Scheible OSA.

Rita Sandmann died at age 70 at her residence in Lindsay on Jan. 20, 2003, after battling cancer for a number of years.

She was born on May 1, 1932 in Lindsay to Nick and Mary (Dulock) Block. She graduated from Lindsay High School in 1949 as Valedictorian of her class.

On June 22, 1957 she married Clem Sandmann in St. Peter's Church. They celebrated 45 years of married life together in June 2002. A member of St. Peter's Catholic Church her entire life, she was an active member of St. Ann's Society and a charter member of the Lindsay Extension Homemakers Club. During the years, she was employed at the old Schad and Pulte store in downtown Gainesville as bookkeeper and secretary; then for Baptist Life Insurance until her marriage to Clem Sandmann. For many years she was busy being a



Rita Sandmann

homemaker and wife, raising a family, active in the school life of her children, being a 4-H Club manager in which her children were very active and excelled in various fields. In 1984 she began working for Catholic Life Insurance as a sales representative in the Lindsay area. She continued to work for Catholic Life until her illness no longer allowed it. She battled cancer bravely for a number of years, with dignity and patience. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, traveling, piecing quilts,

and embroidering. Her great delight was in fishing.

Survivors are her husband; Clem Sandmann of Lindsay; daughters and sons-in-law Dolores Sandmann of Round Rock, Kathleen and Nick Schroeder of Lindsay, Mary Ann and Michael Parker of Garland, Linda Sandmann of Carrollton; and sons and daughter-in-law John Sandmann, Nick and Christine Sandmann, and Leo Sandmann, all of Lindsay; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her brother-in-law, Herb Fleitman.

Rosary Service was held on Wednesday at St. Peter's Catholic Church at 4:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Participating in the Mass of Christian Burial and Farewell, with Father Eugene Luke OSB and Father Ron Scheible OSA, were altar servers Trinity Otto, Kevin Lutkenhaus, and Scott Neu.

Lectors and Readers of the Old Testament and New Testament, respectively, were Toni Wells and Charlene Lutkenhaus. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Rita's sisters, Mary Jane Carter and Carolyn Lutkenhaus. Special Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by grandchildren, including Jennifer Schroeder carrying a religious Holy Family statue and Rosary; Nathan Parker a photograph of the immediate family, and a

picture gifted by Catholic Life Insurance Co.; Phillip Parker, a jar of canned food and a dresser scarf she embroidered; Jared Schroeder, a family-treasured Chex-Mix container, precious to the grandchildren on Christmas Day, that they had to hunt before dinner; Thomas Parker a quilt she pieced; Brandon Schroeder a plant, and her favorite fishing hat.

Eucharistic Ministers were Marilyn Sandmann, Diane Neu, Beth Kelley, Alice Kendall, Kenny Krebs, and Dennis Lutkenhaus.

Music Ministers were members of Linda Sandmann's church choir, St. Catherine of Sienna in Carrollton, including: prelude, "Here I Am, Lord"; entrance, "I Know My Redeemer Liveth"; responsorial psalm, "Lord Is My Shepherd"; Offertory, "Hail Mary Gentle Woman"; Communion, "On Eagles Wings" and "Be Not Afraid"; and farewell, "May The Angels Be Your Guide."

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were grandsons Brandon Schroeder, Jared Schroeder, Thomas Parker, Phillip Parker and Nathan Parker, and nephews Jim Fleitman, Robert Lutkenhaus, and Gary Sandmann.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to Home Hospice of Cooke County, P.O. Box 936, Gainesville, TX 76240-0936.

# Roberg Scholarship established at NCTC

In life, William (Bill) Roberg loved helping people and was passionate about education. Thus it's fitting that a scholarship set up to memorialize him at North Central Texas College will help prospective nurses pursue their education.

Last week, Jean Roberg, William's wife of 44 years, announced the establishment of the William F. Roberg Memorial Scholarship at NCTC. Beginning next fall, nursing students will be able to apply for a \$250 per semester scholarship. The NCTC Foundation is also accepting tax-deductible donations from friends and admirers who want to help the scholarship endowment grow so it can fund more and larger scholarships.

"I don't want that man to be forgotten," said Jean Roberg. "He can continue to help people."

Both Jean and William graduated from Cooke County College. Jean worked for the GSD for 19 years, including 13 as a fifth grade teacher at McMurray School.

"Lives will be touched as a result of your generosity," said Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, NCTC President. Glasscock said that the NCTC Foundation now has endowments exceeding \$2 million. This spring, 184 NCTC students received assistance from NCTC Foundation scholarships, he said.

If you would like to make a contribution to the William F. Roberg Scholarship please send to the NCTC Foundation, 1525 W. California St., Gainesville, Texas 76240 or contact Debbie Pounds (940) 668-4213 or email at [dpounds@nctc.edu](mailto:dpounds@nctc.edu).

Submitted by Eric Williams



NCTC President Dr. Ronnie Glasscock accepts a check from Jean Roberg that will be used to establish the William F. Roberg Memorial Scholarship. Looking on is Debbie Pounds, NCTC vice president of institutional advancement.

NCTC photo

## Clarice A. Schad 1936 - 2003

Clarice A. Schad, a native of Muenster, died in Dallas on Jan. 15, 2003 of lung cancer. She was the daughter of Christine and Al Schad of Muenster. Survivors are a sister, Margaret Schad, aunts, uncles, and cousins, some of whom live in Muenster or Lindsay.

A Mass and Memorial Service was held Sunday,

Jan. 19 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Garland, officiated by Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel.

Also attending were an uncle Al Horn of Muenster, and cousin, Marilyn Doughty of Muenster, and Shirley Vieth, formerly of Windthorst, now living in Wichita Falls. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Lola L. Geurin of Saint Jo died on Jan. 20, 2003 in a Nocona Nursing Home at age 86.

She was born in Blanchard, Oklahoma on Oct. 29, 1916 to P.L. McClure and Lillian McClure. In 1935 she was married to Jake Geurin in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He

preceded her in death on Nov. 18, 1997.

Survivors are a son and daughter-in-law Gary (Butch) Geurin and wife Delores of Saint Jo; two grandchildren Kelly Don Geurin of Saint Jo and Kody D. Patrick of Nocona; and four great-grandchildren. She was a homemaker,

wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was an Avon Representative and a member of the Assembly of God Church of Saint Jo.

Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003 at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. Clarence Russell in Jerry

Woods Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial in Mountain Creek Cemetery of Montague County was directed by Jerry Woods Funeral Home of Nocona. Pallbearers were Billy Holtoel, Floyd Stark, Wayne Grewing, Gary Caswell, Norman Caswell, and Doic Allen.

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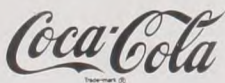
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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thirty years ago, when the U.S. Supreme court made abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy with virtually no limitations, a fact which many Americans are still surprised and shocked to learn, those in the ruling majority showed a total disregard for the sanctity of human life. Today, those who favor abortion continue to do so. Human life begins at the moment of conception. Once conception occurs, the earliest stages of a human being's life has begun. Who would argue that a horse does not conceive a baby horse or a cat a baby kitten? For 30 years, abortion has killed children, over 42 million children!

I believe the results on our society have been devastating. Issues involving human life cannot be separated. It should not be hard to understand that when society allows human life to be destroyed in one instance, the respect and sanctity of life in all other contexts is undermined. Not only has abortion destroyed the lives of preborn children, abortion has destroyed the lives of many women who have been sold the lie that "legal" makes

abortion safe and risk free. The fact is women have died or been injured having "legal abortions" and suffer an aftermath of physical, emotional, and spiritual problems. Every abortion affects a mother, father, grandparents, siblings, and other family members. Abortion has torn at the heart and fabric of the family, the basic building block of society. It has not been the promised solution to problems, instead it has created more. Violence begets violence!

The decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton also affected our nation as a governing body. The federal government took jurisdiction away from what should rightly be an issue decided by the citizens of individual states. The federal government does not regulate prostitution, but leaves that to the states. Is that not also an issue concerning privacy? I do not believe the authors of the constitution would agree with the misinterpretation of the constitution in these decisions. A government's duty is to protect lives!

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County Judge Bill Freeman presents the first place award to his secretary Rhela Gilmer for the winning entry of the office door decorating contest in the Cooke County Court House. See the door below. Dave Fette photos



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## Danger: Free Speech at Work

By Edwin J. Feulner

If images of people being persecuted for "thought crimes" strike you as the stuff of science fiction—or, at worst, something that happened when communism was at its height and jackboots were storming Europe—get ready for a wake-up call.

It comes from Britain. There, in a pre-dawn November raid, a task force from London's Metro Police Department raided 150 homes and arrested 60 people in a crackdown on hate crimes. According to the British Broadcasting Corp., many of them were arrested on "suspicion of making racist threats and of homophobic harassment."

Cressida Dick, head of the department's Diversity Directorate, insisted this was no publicity stunt. "People should not have to go through life being subjected to abuse because of who they are or what they believe in."

Indeed, but you don't have to be a cheerleader for "abuse"—or believe the people rounded up by the London police are wonderful human beings—to be repulsed by a campaign designed to punish people more for what they think or say than what they do.

Ask British columnist Robin Page. London's *Daily Telegraph* reports that he was recently arrested "on suspicion of stirring up racial hatred in a speech to supporters of fox hunting," a tradition which has become a cultural lightning rod in Britain. Page was released, but we can only hope that authorities there keep a close eye on this dangerous marauder.

Unfortunately, Britain isn't the only place where thought police are on the prowl. Sweden's parliament has passed a constitutional amendment banning speech critical of homosexuality. Offenders can wind up with lengthy prison terms. This is being done, of course, in the name of "diversity"—although, alas, that lofty ideal apparently doesn't extend to the marketplace of ideas.

Closer to our own shores, there's Canada, a country where "censorship is almost a national sport," writes *U.S. News & World Report's* John Leo.

## Capitol Update Sharing the burden of taxation



By Senator Craig Estes

In 1776, American colonists put pen to paper to dissolve the political ties which bound them to the British Empire and King George III. One of the central issues behind this dissolution was the King's insistence upon taxing the colonies with no representation in the Parliament. Thus, "no taxation without representation" became a cornerstone in the foundation of America's political freedom from Europe.

Today a new mantra may be raised, "equal taxation for equal representation." That is the cry that should be rising up from Texans. Because of inequities within the federal tax code, Texans pay an estimated \$700 million a year in additional federal income taxes. We pay more in federal income taxes but get the same level of representation as those who pay less. And why do others pay less? Because the federal tax code punishes states that finance their government without burdensome state income taxes.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986, meant to simplify and streamline the Federal Tax Code, eliminated the state and local sales tax deduction. Before the 1986 Tax Reform Act was passed, taxpayers were allowed to deduct both their state and local income and sales taxes. Since nine states including Texas do not have a state income tax, the sales tax deduction was the primary deduction for state taxes. After passage of the Tax Reform Act, the state income and property tax deductions remained. Thus, taxpayers in nine non-state income tax states pay higher federal income taxes because of the lost deduction.

So, what is the solution? Right now there is bipartisan legislation before Congress aimed at restoring the sales tax deduction giving taxpayers the option to deduct either their state income taxes or the sales taxes from their federal taxes. One of the plans before Congress would set up an estimated sales tax table from which Texans could calculate their sales tax deduction and spare taxpayers from having to save every receipt from every purchase.

Opponents cite two main objections. First, the federal budget cannot afford the restoration of this deduction. And, second, only those who itemize their income tax returns would see the benefits of the plan. To the first objection my response is simple: Texans can no longer afford to be without this deduction. On the second argument, I would remind the opponents to this plan that most taxpayers put up with the paperwork of itemizing their returns to take advantage of the available deductions. Give Texans the sales tax deduction they rightly deserve, and Texans may find a reason to itemize their federal returns. It is no coincidence that Texas falls below average on the number of households itemizing their federal tax returns.

Despite the obvious inequity of the situation, the reasons for righting this wrong go well beyond the philosophy of tax fairness, although I believe that is reason enough. This tax situation also hurts Texans in terms of investment and job growth. According to a March 2002 Special Report by the State Comptroller's Office, allowing Texans to keep the \$700 million taken from Texas in federal income taxes would result in nearly \$590 million in new Texas investment and create nearly 16,000 jobs for our economy. Additionally, the increased economic activity created by such legislation would add nearly \$66.5 million in revenue-related sales tax receipts over the next three years.

In practical terms, restoring the sales tax deduction would save the average household, itemizing federal income taxes, nearly \$284 on their 2002 income taxes. In fact, under one deduction plan, a family of four with a total household adjusted gross income of \$30,000 could deduct up to \$590 from their federal income taxes, while a single mother with two children and an adjusted household income of \$20,000 could deduct up to \$446.

All those seeking its comforts and protections should share the burden of government, and Texans are willing to pay our fair share of the burden of federal government. However, we are no longer willing to pay more than our share. That is why I am joining the State Comptroller in her request that Congress correct this situation, and I have filed Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 in the Texas Senate to call on the United States Congress to restore the state and local sales tax deductions to the Federal Tax Code and bring us closer to basic tax fairness.

Note: The above op-ed column is a follow-up to the Jan. 10 press release on Senator Estes filing Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 for consideration during the 78th Texas Legislature.

Authorities in Saskatchewan last year fined a newspaper \$1,500 for publishing an ad that quoted Bible verses on homosexuality. "Presumably, if the authors of the Bible had been available for trial, Saskatchewan would have dealt sternly with them, too," Leo writes.

Here in America, we've been spared police raids, harsh speech laws and the sight of journalists being clapped in handcuffs for daring to mouth politically incorrect thoughts. But that doesn't mean would-be censors aren't active within our borders, too. Take the California-based Muslim Legal Defense & Education Fund, which is suing Harvard University law professor Alan Dershowitz for proposing a new Israeli counter-terrorism measure in an op-ed published by the *Jerusalem Post*.

Dershowitz suggested Israel declare that the next time it's attacked by terrorists, it will give the residents of any Palestinian town known to have harbored terrorists 24 hours to clear out before the place is leveled. The Muslim group's argument? Since the Geneva Convention says "no protected person may be punished for an offense he or she has not committed," Dershowitz is urging Israel to commit war crimes.

No matter what you think of Dershowitz's proposal—and people of good will can disagree on this issue—he has an inalienable right to speak his mind, no matter how much his ideas may upset some people. As a conservative, I often disagree with Dershowitz. But I would never want to see him silenced. Indeed, I cherish the liberty that allows us all—liberals and conservatives—to compete for the hearts and minds of the American people.

Modern-day censors will protest that they're just protecting people from "abuse." But history shows where their campaigns eventually lead if left unchecked—straight into the gulag. It's the abuse of free speech we can't tolerate.

Note: Edwin J. Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation ([www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org)), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

## SMALL BUSINESS FOCUS BY JACK FARIS



### Steering Small Business to Victory Lane

Like a NASCAR 500-mile race, each two-year session of Congress gets off to a fast and furious start. Some hard-chargers will leap to the front of the pack, knowing they have little chance of winning, but unable to resist the temptation to show off for the roaring crowd. Others with ample power will lag just behind the sprinters, content to wait for that moment when the over-ambitious ones fizzle out or tangle with the guardrails.

Round and round Capitol Hill they'll go. Sometimes it will be bumper-to-bumper competition, other times long, boring stretches with little worth watching. Occasionally, we'll be treated to spinouts, fender benders and even a few big pile-ups.

Some people scoff at our federal lawmakers for their biennial legislative marathon, failing to understand that behind all that smoke and noise, some important work gets done. Often, it's not pretty, but it is our democracy, alive and well and in full pursuit of representative government.

American small businesses are gearing up for their own race, according to the latest statistics from NFIB's Small Business Economic Trends. In the most recent survey, those expecting the economy to get better in the next six months rose 11 points to 42 percent of all firms, a very strong reading.

Much of this optimism on Main Street is due to large gains in their outlook for general business conditions. Especially encouraging were the statistics for employment—positive for the first time in nearly a year-and-a-half.

Over the past three months, 12 percent of these entrepreneurs reported increasing employment a seasonally adjusted average of more than six employees, while 14 percent said they reduced their workforces by just over three employees.

Are you listening Congress? Your pit crew—those small-business owners who keep the nation's economic engine humming—is signaling that now is the time to make your move. The road ahead is clearing, just slightly, and the opportunities to jump into the lead are coming into view.

But it won't be easy. There will be challenges and stern competition. No sooner than the first gavel of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress fell, the opponents of free enterprise were trying to jump-start legislative proposals that would grind away the already-narrow profit margins small firms manage. They should pay heed to NFIB surveys which show that although sales trends improved slightly late last year, profit trends for small businesses did not rise with them. The net percent of those reporting higher earnings fell by three points.

In the survey, small business mapped out a winning strategy. But they can use some help from Congress: Taxes took first place as the single most important problem, while the cost and availability of insurance were right behind. Poor sales came next, followed by government regulation and red tape.

Wise legislating can win the race. By clearing the obstacles of anti-growth taxation and unaffordable health insurance, and by dodging the potholes of burdensome regulation, Congress can steer the small-business sector and the nation's economy into Victory Lane.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at [www.nfib.com](http://www.nfib.com).

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## Soroptimists: making a difference for women

"Making a difference for women through volunteer service to the community has been the mission statement of Soroptimist Clubs since its inception in 1921," said Gainesville Soroptimist Club President Karon Sullivan.

And included among their service projects are (1) **The Elizabeth Graham Award**, better known as the "Girl of the Month / Girl of the year" award; (2) **The Women's Opportunity Award (WOA)** which provides cash grants for head-of-household women seeking to improve their economic situation through additional education and training; and (3) **The Violet Richardson Award** which recognizes and honors young women between the

ages of 14 and 17 who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts.

Due to the increase in the number of community events taking place in October coupled with the desire to also attract those that are already in town for work, shopping, meetings, etc., the decision was made last year to host a Bean Lunch where food will be served continuously between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday Jan. 31 at the First Christian Church located at 401 N. Dixon (a location convenient to downtown Gainesville).

According to Bean Lunch Chair Donna Hertel, the lunch menu will consist of homemade corn bread, a variety of hot and cold bean entrees, cole slaw, and a

wonderful variety of home made freshly baked pies.

This year, announced Sullivan, the 2003 Soroptimist Girl of the Month program has been expanded to include all six high schools in Cooke County: Callisburg, Era, Gainesville, Lindsay, Muenster, and Valley View. The Girl of the Month is selected by teachers who

base their recommendation on the student's academic achievement, character, leadership, and community involvement. And every month at the Soroptimist's Program meeting, three of the girls are honored as the Girl of the Month; each girl and her mother are invited to this Lunch meeting where Gainesville

Soroptimists have an opportunity to meet these honored guests. In June, the selected "Girl of the Year" will be awarded the \$250 scholarship at the Soroptimist Anniversary Dinner Banquet.

"Every Soroptimist member works and does her part, said Sullivan, and the Club history has been marked by unity of thought and desire to always work together in harmony for the betterment of the community." Further information and/or tickets are available by contacting members of the Gainesville Soroptimist Club, or by calling Karon Sullivan at 665-5798.

Written by Martha McCool



Wearied Soroptimist members, from left, Bernice Wilkinson, Kanita Maxwell, Kay Lunnon and Judy Hunter, take a break from bean supper preparations. Courtesy photo

## VFW Auxiliary encourages sending Valentines to Veterans

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 6205 is encouraging people to send valentines to veterans. Anyone interested in sending a valentine to a veteran at Bonham VA Hospital can send them to: Department of Veterans Affairs, Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center, 1201 East Ninth St., Bonham, Texas 75418-4091. On the corner of the envelope write Valentine.

The Auxiliary held their regular meeting Jan. 20 in the Post Home. President Frances Bayer presided. Chaplain Ethel Hesse, Conductress Linda Knabe, and Patriotic Instructor

Eleanor Felderhoff led opening prayer and the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were given by Ida Bindel, secretary. Juanita Knabe gave the treasurer's report.

Members voted to send a donation to the State Nursing Scholarship Fund. Ethel Hesse, rehab chairman gave her report. Members agreed for her to purchase some T-shirts for Veterans at Bonham VA Hospital.

Agnes Hesse reported books were audited and in order. Jake Schilling served lunch to 14 members. Agnes Hesse won the door prize.

## Kyle turns five

Kyle James Klement, son of Kevin and Terri Klement, turned five years old on Jan. 13, 2003. Kyle celebrated his birthday on Sunday, Jan. 12, with his family and friends at his home.

Bob the Builder was the theme of the party. Decorations carried out the theme in the house. A chicken spaghetti lunch was served, along with salad, garlic bread, and corn on the cob. A Bob the Builder cake, made by Lisa Rohmer, was served with ice cream after lunch. Gifts were opened and goody bags were handed out.

Those attending were Kyle's parents; brother Kolby; grandparents Tony and Sis Klement, and David and Helen Fisher; great-grandmother, Dorothy Fisher; aunts, uncles and cousins: Robert Klement; Joyce and Tom Bayer and

Cheryl; Carol and Roy Klement and Kimberly; Peachie Huchton and Sydney; Dyan and Tommy Huchton, Dane and Dylan; cousins: Terry and Shelby Hess; LeAnn and Devon Hacker; Brianna and Zachary Klement and Craig; Emily and Andrew Stoffels. Also friends: Glenn, Tracey, Caleb, and Cameron Skrivaneck; Judy, Alley, Zach, and Carson Trubenchach; Frank, Rhonda, Clayton and Natalie Fangman; Glen and Sandy Pelzel; and Zachary Fluscha.

On Monday, Jan. 13, Kyle brought chocolate brownies to share with his Pre-K classmates at Muenster ISD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, Kyle had a birthday party with his grandfather Jim Whitley. Cake and ice cream was served.



Kyle Klement

## Gina Yosten is honored

Students from 45 states are listed on the University of Oklahoma Norman Campus honor roll for the fall 2002 semester. Among them is Gina Yosten of Muenster. She is majoring in Zoology/Pre-Med; is a junior; her GPA is a high 3.97 in a 4.0 ratio. Gina is the daughter of Doug and Lynda Yosten.

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Thanks to the nurses and staff at Gainesville Memorial Hospital, the entire staff at River Valley Health and Rehab, the staff at Home Hospice and everyone who in any way was of service to Dorothy.

Thanks to Fr. Kyle Walterscheid for celebrating the funeral Mass and the beautiful eulogy you presented. Thanks also to Fr. Ron Scheibel for his many visits to the Rehab center and to him and Fr. John Ohner for celebrating the funeral Mass.

Special thanks to the elementary teachers at Sacred Heart for all their visits and to all the faculty and staff for the gifts and flowers presented to Dorothy. She expressed her appreciation so often. You made her last months of life more bearable.

To Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse for the beautiful music and to Debbie Endres for the memorable eulogy. We say, "Thank You."

Thanks also to the ladies who served the delicious meal after the funeral and to everyone who donated food and sent flowers and donations.

We will always remember your thoughtfulness and kindness and will remember you in our prayers.

God bless each and everyone of you.

The Family of Dorothy Bengfort - Stella & Tony Hess, Betty & Charles Stoffels, Wilfred Bengfort, Sister Elise Bengfort, CDP, Leonard & Ann Bengfort, Catherine & Pete Stoffels, Marie E. Zimmerer and families

## Julie Felderhoff earns Masters Degree at TWU

Julie Felderhoff of Irving, Texas received her Master of Science degree in Kinesiology from Texas Woman's University in Denton on Dec. 14, 2002 in a 12:00 p.m. ceremony. Her area of study was Sports Administration. Attending the ceremony were her parents, Gus and Loretta Felderhoff, and her brother James Felderhoff, all of Muenster. Also attending were friends of the graduate, Patty Danko and Anthony Hays. A reception on the TWU campus followed the ceremony.

Julie is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Dallas. She currently teaches and coaches at DeLay Middle School in Lewisville, Texas.



Julie Felderhoff

## Horticulture Definitions

ACORN: The fruit of Quercus (Oak)

## Christopher York is honored

Christopher York, son of Ed and Dr. Margie York of Myra, has been notified twice of honors he has received at TAMU. He is the grandson of Tom and Barbara Felderhoff of Muenster and Lorine York of Wharton, Texas. As a high school student, he graduated from The Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science last May. He plans to apply to Medical School in the Fall of 2004.

The Academic Advisor of the Department of Biomedical Engineering of TAMU Fidel G. Fernandez Ph.D notified Chris and his parents that he was one of only 38 Biomedical Engineering undergraduate students to earn a 4.0 GPR for the 2002 fall semester. On Jan. 13, 2003 the above faculty member notified them that he has completed all requirements to achieve upper level status with the Biomedical Engineering program of Dwight College of Engineering. The faculty member expressed admiration for the dedication and hard work shown by Chris in his excellent progression toward graduation.

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District FFA officer Lenzie Barthold worked with the "Down of the Farm" group at Era Elementary. Cody Perkins reads to Buster the Goat who spent the afternoon at school.

## Cooke County Farm Bureau supports local youth with scholarship money

Texas Farm Bureau invests large amounts of money and time in developing youth leadership. Each year, more than \$73,000 in scholarships are awarded to young people from across the State of Texas. These scholarships are awarded through participation in a variety of contests, seminars and by application. The Cooke County Farm Bureau would like to announce the upcoming scholarships which are offered to all college-bound high school seniors. Applications for each of these programs are available through the area high school counselors office (Cooke County) and the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm Bureau (1212 W. Highway 82, 940-665-1763).

February 15, 2003 and are to be mailed directly to the American Farm Bureau Foundation. Applications are also available online at [www.farmsource.com](http://www.farmsource.com) or [www.agfoundation.org](http://www.agfoundation.org). **You do not have to be a member of FFA or the Farm Bureau to apply.**

**National FFA Organization Scholarship office.**

**Texas Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship** is based on 2003 graduation seniors planning to enter college in the Fall of 2003 and whose families have been continuous Texas Farm Bureau members since at least March 14, 2001. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 per year, renewable up to four years, will be awarded by May 2003 on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activity involvement and other considerations, including recommendations and financial need. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 10, 2003 and are to be sent to the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm Bureau (1212 W. Highway 82, 940-665-1763).

**Dodge/FFA/American Farm Bureau** will award (15) \$1,000 scholarships nationwide to students who are both FFA and Farm Bureau members and who plan to pursue a four-year degree. Applicants must have documented a strong Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program during their FFA experience. Financial need will be considered and applicants must complete a parent financial analysis. Applications must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2003 and are to be mailed directly to the

## UIL to allow non-public school participation beginning with the 2003-04 school year

Under certain provisions, two non-public schools may apply for membership in the University Interscholastic League beginning with the 2003-04 school year. The Legislative Council of the UIL voted Monday in favor of amending the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules to allow non-public schools to apply for UIL membership in the largest conference (currently conference 5A).

The amendment to the Constitution will allow non-public schools to apply for UIL membership in the largest conference unless their right to participate has been suspended or revoked for violating rules or codes by another League similar to the UIL. Additionally, the schools must meet the following conditions:

1. Are accredited by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission.
  2. Do not qualify for membership in any other organization similar to the UIL.
  3. Meet the definition of a high school as described in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.
- The amendment is contingent upon a satisfactory settlement of current litigation regarding this matter, and approval by the Commissioner of

Education. A non-public school could be assigned to a UIL district beginning with the 2003-04 school year in all activities with the exception of varsity football. Due to reclassification and realignment policies, non-public schools will not be assigned to a varsity football district until the next realignment period in the 2004-05 school year. "The Council was reluctant to admit any non-public school. However, it became apparent that this was the best of our options for the UIL," said UIL Legislative Council Chairman Don Hendrix.

Prior to this amendment, the UIL's membership has consisted of Texas public schools, including charter schools.

Currently, the only two non-public schools in Texas that meet the criteria of the above amendment are Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas and Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston, which are not eligible for membership in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools.

"The Council took action at this time because of current litigation and legislation," said UIL Director Dr. Bill Farney. "The amendment, upon approval by the Commissioner of Education, would allow all students in Texas a chance to participate in a recognized association - an opportunity they do not currently have."



Sara Selby, Era 5th grader, paints a ceiling panel during the Era Elementary Clusters. Panels are on display in the Era Elementary School ceiling. Courtesy photo

## Lunch Menus

### WEEK OF JAN. 27 - 31 MÜNSTER ISD

- Mon. - Beef tacos w/cheese, refried beans, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, cake.
- Tues. - Flame broiled beef patty, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, hot rolls.
- Wed. - Chicken patty sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, chips and salsa, oranges, blueberry cobbler.
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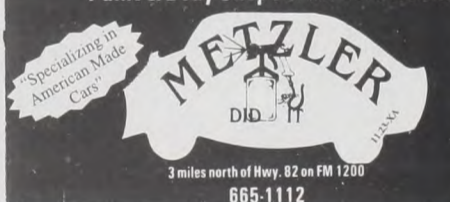
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# Sports

## Muenster Hornets and Lindsay Knights share victories and losses 42-35 & 45-58

The Hornet Nest was packed Tuesday night as fans attended the basketball competition between Muenster and Lindsay.

The Lady Hornets needed a win to keep the district championship hopeful, while the Lady Knights needed a win to keep their play-off hopes alive. After a hard fought, high pressure game, Muenster finished on top 42-35.

A low scoring first half put 14-10 on the board. Action picked up in the 3rd with Lindsay catching up and taking a lead, before Muenster would get it back. The final minutes of the game saw Muenster keep and extend their lead for the win.

JoAnna Felderhoff and Melinda Walterscheid led the Lady Hornets with 14 and 11 points. Megan Lippe added 8, Brooke Endres 6,

and Lisa Felderhoff 3. Muenster was ice cold at the free throw line, hitting only four of 19, and did not make a single 3-pointer.

Katie Schneider and Elaine Hess were high scorers for Lindsay with 12 and 10 points. Emmy Trammell added 6, with Mallory Block, Whitney Neu, and Cheryl Knabe each getting 2. Lori Kasperek dropped in 1 point. The Lady Knights were 50% for free throws.

The game gives Muenster a 22-2 season record and 4-1 in district, while dropping Lindsay to 17-7 and 2-3.

M	4	10	12	16	42
L	3	7	15	10	35

The Hornets and Knights game was a typical Muenster vs. Lindsay battle. The lead see-sawed between the two teams the first half, but a cold

shooting 2 point third quarter swatted the Hornets and allowed the Knights to take a 58-45 victory.

Russell Endres and Sean Fuhrmann led Muenster on the scoreboard with 12 and 11 points. Chase Cain added 8 points, Clint Miller 5, Mitch Felderhoff 4, Cody Cory 3, and Justin Wolf 2. Muenster was 54% from the charity strip.

Mitch Creed scored 24 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to assist and lead the Knights to victory. Rhett Rimmer and Trinity Otto each added 10, with Otto credited with 13 rebounds. Chuck Hinds dropped in 8 points, Brandon Kiesel 4, and Cody Anderle 2 to round out Lindsay's scoring. The Knights made 83% of their free throws.

M	10	17	2	16	45
L	14	10	11	23	58



Lindsay Knight Cody Anderle (33) takes the shot over Muenster Hornets Russell Endres (5), Cody Cory (10) and Tyler Walterscheid (11). Lindsay pulled out a 58-45 win Tuesday night. Also pictured is Mitch Creed (20).  
Janie Hartman photo



Fighting for a loose ball - Tyler Walterscheid, Chuck Hinds (11) and Clint Miller in the Muenster vs Lindsay contest.  
Janie Hartman photo



Working under the basket in Tuesday's Muenster vs Lindsay game are Melinda Walterscheid (40), Lisa Felderhoff (33), JoAnna Felderhoff, Elaine Hess and Megan Lippe (5).  
Janie Hartman photo

### Muenster Hornets upset Era team

The Muenster Hornet varsity basketball team took a surprise victory from the Era Hornets last Friday night to improve their district record.

Muenster fell behind early in the contest, allowing Era to take a 6 point lead at half-time. Muenster closed to 3 points going into the final quarter, then outscored Era 25-17 for a 63-58 win.

Three Red Hornets scored in the double digits. Russell Endres scored 15, Tyler Walterscheid 14, and Justin Wolf 11 to lead Muenster on the scoreboard. Clint Miller added 9, Sean Fuhrmann 7, Mitch Felderhoff 5, and Cody Cory 2.

Muenster hit 15 of 20 from the free throw line. Nathan Smith, Andy Crenshaw, and Michael Underwood led Era's scoring with 17, 12, and 10 points.

M	12	11	15	25	63
E	15	14	12	17	58

### Junior High Action

Lindsay 34 Collinsville 38  
The Lindsay 7th grade girls lost a close game last Thursday. Chelsea Hermes scored 13 points to lead the Lady Squires on the scoreboard. Lauren Creed added 7 points, Stephanie Neu 6, with Hillary Hoelker, and Liz Dieter each getting 4 points.

L	4	11	12	7	34
C	7	12	11	8	38

Lindsay 37 Collinsville 14  
Brittany Anderle scored 14 points for the 8th grade Lady Squires. Meredith Bezner added 7 points, Karissa Reiter 6, Amy Nortman 4, and 2 apiece by Liz Neu, Amanda Hess, and Kaileigh Hess.

L	6	14	9	8	37
C	3	3	2	6	14



Lady Hornet JoAnna Felderhoff out jumps Lindsay's Katie Schneider to get two points. Muenster took the victory Tuesday night. Other Lady Knights pictured are Alex Hellinger (10), Lori Kasperek (23) and Elaine Hess.  
Janie Hartman photo

### Era hands Muenster 2nd loss of the season

The Black and Gold Era Lady Hornets invaded the Red and White Hornet nest last Friday night and took the district lead by defeating Muenster 38-32. The loss puts the Red Lady Hornets in second place (3-1) behind Era (4-0).

"We have to learn how to play against aggressive post play and how to handle pressure in close games," commented Muenster Coach Jeff Presnall. "We got beat-up inside. We have to play a physical game and make pressure shots." Presnall noted that being able to handle pressure is what makes a play-off caliber team like Era. "We have to

learn to handle pressure." Muenster had a 2 point lead at half-time, but allowed Era to take it away by scoring only 4 points in the 3rd quarter. Era then put the icing on the cake in the final period.

Melinda Walterscheid scored 15 points, for Muenster. JoAnna Felderhoff added 8, Lisa Felderhoff 4, Brooke Endres 3, and Megan Lippe 2. Muenster hit only four of 10 free throws.

Shea Skelton was high scorer for Era with 20 points.

M	13	6	4	9	32
E	11	6	9	12	38

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# Tigerettes get more big wins

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes continued to put more notches under the win column with more big victories.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, Sacred Heart traveled to the Metroplex and brought home a 72-48 win over Carrollton Christian. "We had a great balance last night inside and outside. This was our best effort in a while," Coach Jon LeBrasseur commented. "This was a complete team effort."

Jayna Biffle led the Tigerettes on the boards offensively and defensively, scoring 18 points, pulling down 13 rebounds and blocking two shots. Karen Gehrig and Raney Bauer each added 11 points. Mary Jane Callahan put in 8, Jacqueline Bauer 7, Courtney Hartman 6, Jana Truelsenbach 4, Stephanie Henscheid 3, and 2 each from Maggie Farrell and Whitney Wimmer. Truelsenbach also pulled down 10 rebounds. Farrell got six steals and Henscheid six assists.

The Tigerettes were eight of 16 from behind the arc, and 10 of 13 from the free throw line.

SH	15	20	20	17	72
CC	9	11	15	13	48

The Tigerettes were on the road again Friday night

with a big district win at Colleyville Covenant Christian, 80-27. "This was a nice back-to-back win on the road," Coach LeBrasseur noted. "We are in the toughest stretch of our schedule with the Marietta Tournament (Jan. 23-25). Five road games in eight days."

Sacred Heart jumped out into a big first quarter lead 21-3, continuing to drop balls in the baskets while preventing Covenant from getting many points. "The defense of the junior guards is progressing and the four seniors are really stepping it up," Coach Jon continued. "Our offensive rebounding is improving with 38 in this game."

Biffle again led all scorers, putting 18 points on the board, while pulling down 13 rebounds. Bauer and Bauer each added a dozen points, with Farrell scoring 8, and Wimmer, Hartman, and Truelsenbach 6 each. Hartman also grabbed five steals. Gehrig put in 5 points, Callahan 4, Henscheid 2, and Jennifer Hoedebeck 1. Hoedebeck also pulled down 13 rebounds.

SH	21	21	16	22	80
CC	3	10	7	7	27

The Tigerettes ended the week improving their season record to 23-0.



Courtney Hartman (12) attempts to steal the ball from a Lighthouse player last week. Also pictured is Tigerette Jana Truelsenbach.

# TABC rankings

The Sacred Heart girls basketball victory over top-ranked Carrollton Christian did not move the Tigerettes higher in the TABC (Texas Association of Basketball Coaches) state ranking for smaller (1A-3A) private schools, but it did drop the Carrollton team (ranked #6) out of the top 10.

Two 3A schools, Waco Vanguard and League City Bay Area Christian are presently outranking Sacred Heart, a TAPPS 2A school. Austin Hyde Park Baptist (3A) and Round Rock Christian (2A) make up the remaining top five places.

Rowlett Rockwall Christian dropped out of the

top ten this week, as the Sacred Heart Tigers took over that placement this week.

The top five boys small private school teams are Cleveland Heritage Christian, Kingwood Northeast Christian, San Antonio Trinity Christian, Colleyville Christian, and Fort Worth Ambassadors.

Muenster's Lady Hornets are ranked 5th in the state in 1A division 1 girls classification. Taking the top four are LaRue LaPoynor, Whiteface, Archer City, and Lipan. No other area teams are in the top 20, except for the Petrolia boys at 19.

## Junior Varsity Action

**Sacred Heart 27 Covenant 29**  
The young Tigers lost a close match last Friday. Five Tigers scored points, led by Paul Bartush with 10. Andy Davis added 7, Thomas Otto 5, Adam Taylor 4, and Arlie Bayer 1.

SH	11	9	0	7	27
CC	10	4	9	6	29

**Muenster 42 Era 27**  
The JV Red Hornets defeated the Gold team on Jan. 17. Derek Endres scored 12 points, with Jordan Walterscheid adding 10, and Dustin Felderhoff 9. Keith Walterscheid put in 5, Ryan Hennigan, and Joseph Dangelmayr 2 each, with Casey McAden and Michael Eckart 1 apiece.

M	13	8	9	12	42
E	8	7	7	5	27

**Muenster 32 Era 28**  
The Muenster Lady Hornets improved their record to 6-5 with a close game against the Era Lady Hornets. Muenster had an early lead, with Era threatening a

comeback in the fourth. Whitney Watson was high scorer of the game with 11 points. Tara Swirczynski and Deann Dangelmayr each added 7. Jacé Koelzer put in 5, and Abby Endres 2.

Holly Crenshaw was high scorer for Era with 10.	M	8	10	8	6	32
	E	8	5	4	11	28

**Muenster 27 Lindsay 24**

Muenster Lady Hornets slipped by the Lady Knights Tuesday. Kallie Gerstberger and Abby Endres led Muenster's scoring with 9 apiece. Whitney Watson added 5, with Deann Dangelmayr and Tara Swirczynski each getting 2.

Kaylee Privett scored 10 points for the Lady Knights. Jessica Bezner, Allison Hunt, and Steve Kraeger each added 4, with Jomi Erwin putting in 2.

M	13	4	5	5	27
L	8	6	2	8	24

## Tigers fall short against Covenant

A cold-shooting fourth quarter turned the tables against the Tigers and gave Colleyville Covenant a 52-47 district win over Sacred Heart last Friday.

Covenant had the lead most of the first half, with the Tigers closing the point spread to 1 point. Sacred Heart then entered the final period with a 3 point lead, but scored only 4 points while allowing the Colleyville team 12 points, which turned the tides.

Marty Farrell was high scorer with 30 points, including six 3-pointers. Chris Fuhrmann added 7, Jared Zimmerer 4, and 2 each by Chris Hoedebeck, Jack Biffle, and Clayton Truelsenbach.

SH	11	18	14	4	47
CC	19	11	10	12	52



Winners of the 2003 Muenster Knights of Columbus free throw contest were, from left, back- Laura Heers & Matt Flusche, age 12; Megan Felderhoff & Colton Steelman, age 13; Kelly Endres & Dustin Wimmer, age 14; front - Shaina Felderhoff & Zachary White, age 10; Jackie Klement & Levi Truelsenbach, age 11.

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# Agriculture announcements from the Cooke County Extension Service

## Texas Wheat Producers Association pushes for disaster assistance

Members of the Texas Wheat Producers Association (TWPA), along with the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), joined a coalition of over 35 farm organizations in Washington, D.C., the week of Jan. 7 and the week of Jan. 13 in a major push to secure agricultural disaster assistance funding from Congress. Congress convened on Jan. 7 and began immediate work on the remaining 2003 spending bills that were not enacted before the start of the 2003 fiscal year, beginning on Oct. 1, 2002. The hope is that some form of emergency disaster assistance may be included as part of this funding package, and that this emergency aid is not taken from existing farm programs. "With a \$6.9 billion disaster assistance package attached to the interior appropriations bill, we feel it is imperative to discuss the crucial need of disaster assistance for farmers and ranchers with our Senators and Congressmen," said David Moore, TWPA President.

The impact of the drought in both 2001 and 2002 has ravaged Texas agricultural production, as well as the incomes of farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses. In many areas, drought decimated crops and forage and reduced water supplies available for livestock. In other areas, farmers experienced crop destruction and reduced crop quality due to flooding.

According to a June 2002 report by the Texas Cooperative Extension, the drought this past growing season devastated Texas' wheat crop and destroyed substantial South Texas crop production acreage, resulting in losses estimated at \$316 million. Hardest hit by the drought was the state's wheat producers, having lost an estimated \$110 million in 2002. An additional \$16 million was estimated in wheat grazing losses. Texas' 2002 wheat crop was estimated at 78.3 million bushels, down 28 percent from last year but 19 percent above 2000. The wheat producers in the Texas Panhandle suffered the most, however, harvesting a mere 24.4

million bushels, down 58.3 percent from last year. Rain has returned to most of the wheat producing areas and hopes are that moisture will be adequate to nurture the upcoming wheat crop. However, the rains are too little, too late, for the 2001-2002 wheat crops.

The participants representing the Texas Wheat Producers Association in Washington, D.C. met with members of Congress and key Administration officials in order to put a human face on this economic calamity. Many other state delegations will have broad representation, including local bankers and equipment dealers, to illustrate the fact that the drought issue is broader than farming - it is about preventing the collapse of entire rural economies.

## Meat prices headed north

Continued strong demand for beef and the first drop in annual production in 20 years should provide some relief for U.S. cattle producers in 2003, according to a noted agricultural economist.

Dr. Michael Sands, vice president of the Sparks Companies, a Memphis, Tenn.-based market research firm, told Farm Bureau members attending the AFBF annual convention that he expects beef production to decline about 3 percent this year, after reaching record levels in 2002.

At the same time, Sands said, consumer demand continues to grow, which should boost returns for cattle producers by 4 cents to 5 cents per pound - a 6 percent to 7 percent increase that could mean the difference between a small profit and continued losses.

"The best thing that can be said for 2002 is it's over," Sands said. "We're looking at a lot of positive signs going into 2003."

In addition to lower production and strong demand, including a rebound in U.S. beef exports, Sands said pork and poultry production also appear to be trending lower for 2003, which should also help keep prices above the break-even point for beef producers.

Declining beef production should also help pork producers, although Sands was less optimistic that 2003 would see a turnaround in the pork industry, which has seen several years of low prices. "There will be some improvement, but that's not saying much," Sands said.

Although Sands said he expects U.S. pork exports to increase, particularly to Mexico, Japan and South Korea, he also expects imports to rise, especially from Canada, where the industry has been expanding rapidly.

Sands also cautioned that favorable trends for beef producers could change in a hurry because of world events.

"I would argue that 2003 should be much better for all segments of the livestock industry, including beef, pork and poultry, but 2002 proved again that we are not immune to outside factors," Sands said, pointing to foreign trade decisions restricting U.S. meat imports and the continuing effects of the 9-11 terrorist attacks two years ago.

Poultry producers, in particular, were hurt the last couple of years by disruptions in trade. Nearly 20 percent of U.S.-grown broilers, including nearly 50 percent of the dark meat, are exported.

**Showmanship Demo**  
Sunday, Feb. 9, the Midnight Mustang 4-H Club will offer a Showmanship demo and practice at the NCTC Equine Center. 4-Hers - bring your horse and saddle to ride with us at 3:00 p.m., or just come and watch.

**It's Show Time!**  
Our Cooke County 4-H Livestock Show is scheduled to begin Feb. 22, and entries are due in the Extension office by Feb. 14. Fees for individual poultry and breeding rabbit, or pen of three, entries are \$3 each and \$5 for all other animals.

**Grain Sorghum**  
A Spring Production and Recertification Program for Grain Sorghum Producers will be held Feb. 11, at the Ben E. Keith Meeting Facility in Denton at 6:30 p.m. 2.5 CEUs will be offered for Pesticide Applicators. Seating limited to first 100 people.

Topics will be: Grain Sorghum Production, Sorghum Hybrid Performance Tests, Pest Control Options, Economic Forecast and Grain Sorghum Checkoff. This program is sponsored by the Denton County Crops, Forages and Beef Committee.

Speakers will be: Dr. Steve Livingston, Extension Agronomist, Jim Swart-IPM Agent, Texas Cooperative Extension, Wayne Cleveland, Executive Director, Texas Grain Sorghum Association, and Susan Everett, Executive Assistant, Texas Grain Sorghum Association. Additional information can be obtained by calling Denton County office at (940) 349-2880.

**Pasture Establishment Workshop**  
Feb. 27 will be the date of a Pasture Establishment Workshop to be held at Northwest High School Cafeteria, Justin, Texas and coordinated by The Denton

County Extension Crops, Forages & Beef Committee. A tuition of \$5 (children under 12 are free) and registration deadline is Feb. 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, (940) 668-5412.

Topics for Seeded and Hybrid Bermudagrass Program include: Land Preparation, Planting and Varieties, Renovation & Management, Fertility & Weed Control. Speakers for the workshop will be Dr. Monte Rouquette - Forage Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension-Overton, and Rebecca H. Parker, County Extension Agent-Agriculture, Denton. Additional information can be obtained by calling (940)349-2880.

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## Technologies available to make food supply safer

Safer foods are born of good technology and good policy, with good science at the base, according to Dr. Charles Sizer, the director of the National Center for Food Safety and Technology (NCFST) at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Sizer addressed food safety technologies at a seminar titled "What's New with Food Safety?" at the American Farm Bureau Federation's convention.

Consumer-oriented technology has made the food supply safer than ever before, Sizer said. But in a post-Sept. 11 world, the potential for terrorists threatening America's food supply has caused the focus to shift from food safety to food security, Sizer said.

Sizer demonstrated some technological advances in food safety that helps make "high-quality, safe"

maintain. It should not cost a fortune to water and should cut energy costs year 'round. No prior landscape experience is required. Sound too good to be true?

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The program will be led by John Cooper, Denton County Extension Horticulturist for the Texas A&M University System, and is sponsored by the City of Carrollton Leisure Services Division and the Denton County Office of the Texas Cooperative Extension. Additional information can be had by calling the Denton County Extension office at (940)349-2883.

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

## South America to exceed U.S. in soybean production

South American soybean production will exceed U.S. production in the 2002-03 crop year for the first time ever, according to current forecasts. Total production in Brazil and Argentina is projected to climb to 81.5 million metric tons (3 billion bushels) in 2003, up 11% from this year. Estimated U.S. production is 2.69 billion bushels, down 200 million bushels, or 7%, from last year.

Soybean acreage planted in Brazil is expected to increase 10%, boosting production to 49 million metric tons (1.8 billion bushels). Argentina is forecast to produce 32.5 million metric tons (1.2 billion bushels) in 2003, up 8% from the previous harvest. Brazil will become the world's leading exporter of soybeans and soy products in the 2002-03 crop year, surpassing the U.S. in the global export market for the first time.

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<b>Feeder Steers (per lb)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.19; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.05; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 96-1.14; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-96; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 92-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-92; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 80-94; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-80; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 77-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-77; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 75-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-75	<b>Stocker Cows (per head)</b> Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$600-\$750; Medium Frame, \$550-\$600; Cow/Cal Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame, \$700-\$800; Medium Frame, \$550-\$700; Holstein Baby Calves, \$15-\$55; Crossbreds, \$75-\$195	<b>Ewes</b> Stocker, 30-40; Thin, 30-40; Fat, 30-40 <b>Bucks</b> Thin NT, Fat, NT <b>Barbados (per head)</b> Lambs: \$30-\$40; Ewes: \$35-\$45; Bucks: \$35-\$200
<b>Feeder Heifers (per lb)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 88-93; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-88; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 87-92; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-87; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 83-90; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-83; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 78-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 62-78; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 76-80; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-76; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 68-79; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-68	<b>Barrows &amp; Gilts</b> US #1, 230-270, 30-34; US #2, 220-280, 30-33	<b>Goats (per head)</b> Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$15-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$30-\$40; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$60-\$95
<b>Sows</b> Feeder, 400 or less, 12-15; Light wt., 400-500, 12-15; Med. wt., 500-600, 15-18; Heavy wt., 600-up, 15-18	<b>Boers (per head)</b> 300 lb. up, 04-07, 200-300 lbs., 10-20; Light wt., 15-25	<b>Nannies (per head)</b> Stocker: \$225-\$100; Milk Type: \$40-\$75; Slaughter: Thin, \$20-\$30; Fat, \$45-\$70
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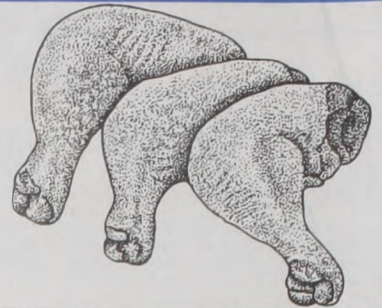
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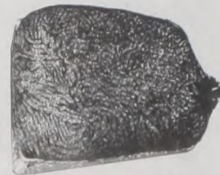
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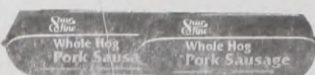
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