

County opens new chapter in history...

Harris appointed first court-at-law judge

by Janet Felderhoff
Commissioners Court held a special meeting on Nov. 30 to appoint a judge for the newly created County Court at Law that according to Legislation took effect Saturday, Dec. 1. County Judge Bill Harris resigned his position as County Judge at 3:15 p.m. Friday and hoped to be appointed to fill the new position.

In his newly acquired position as County Judge, Bill Freeman took his first action and called for consideration of

appointment of a judge for the new Court at Law. "this is a great step for Cooke County," he remarked.

Commissioner Phil Young made a motion to appoint Bill Harris judge for the County Court at Law and Jerry Lewis seconded the motion. Harris' appointment to the historic position was a unanimous 5-0.

As he accepted the appointment Harris remarked, "Getting off this Court is the hardest thing I've ever done. I hope that in the short three years that

I've made a difference. I know that I've made some close friends. I hope to make it easier to make a living for the county employees. Believe me this is hard for me. I'm most appreciative for being able to serve with you guys. I thank you also for allowing me to serve with you in this Court."

Commissioner Bill Cox said, "We appreciate having you. You've really been available. I've come in early many times and you were here. I certainly appreciate it."

Commissioner Lewis remarked, "You were a very good leader."

Judge Freeman added, "You've done a fantastic job." He praised Harris for all of the good he's done for county employees and for the businesses of the County.

Judge Harris was sworn into his new office on Saturday at 10 a.m. by District Judge Jerry Woodlock.

After being elected in November 1998, Bill Harris spoke of his desire to see the County operate as nonpolitically as possible. "I

believe there have been some rifts between people that shouldn't be there. I'm going to try to close those rifts to make (a united) Cooke County rather than Democrat or Republican," he promised. He seemed to keep that promise as he presided over the Commissioners Court meetings never taking political "sides".

Besides Harris, Gainesville attorney John Morris had notified the Court of his interest in the position. He said he intended to file on the Republican ticket to run for the position next fall. Harris, a Democrat, indicated that he also will file.

County forms one Precinct 1 JP Court...

Names Freeman county judge

by Janet Felderhoff
Modern technology has taken some of the workload off of local justice of the peace officials. This facilitated the County closing one of its two Precinct #1 JP Courts at a special meeting called for Friday, Nov. 30. Also addressed at the meeting was the appointment of a county judge for the County Court at Law that will be instated Dec. 1, 2001.

Bill Freeman, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, Place 1, was asked by County Judge Bill Harris to give his opinion on what this would do to the county. Freeman said, "I certainly don't think it's going to hurt the services provided to the community." Technology in the past four or five years has eliminated a lot of the work a JP had been required to do, he noted. Writing traffic tickets or making receipts just require the push of a button. Making a monthly report in the past might take two or three days and now its there at the push of a button.

"The JP offices have evolved and are real efficient right now," Freeman explained. "I think one JP with a good staff can run Precinct#1."

In response to Judge Harris' question of what the savings might be if there were only one JP and staff Freeman said considering salary retirement, Social Security, insurance, and savings from operation of

the office would be between \$60,000 and \$65,000 a year. Another benefit would be freeing up of more office space.

Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, Place 2, Dorothy Lewis agreed that the consolidation would work and she was willing to take on the additional work. Commissioner Virgil Hess inquired as to whether her staff would be adequate and Lewis said it would. "It's going to take all of us for a while until we get his (Freeman's) docket cleared up," Lewis commented. "I would not do that if John Roane was not the other JP in the other precinct." The two agreed to relieve each other when necessary and to trade off certain duties.

Precinct #4 JP John Roane stated that he and Judge Lewis have worked well together in the past and are willing to fill in for each other wherever possible. "Judge Freeman's not leaving. He's still here so some of those tough questions that we have to ask from time to time are still available to answer those type questions," Roane commented. Freeman agreed to be available to help the JPs with questions they might have.

A law passed six to eight years ago allows Home Hospice registered nurses to pronounce death, said Freeman. This took the number of calls to pronounce from 35 to 40 a month to about 15.

Commissioner Bill Cox

remarked that from what he'd studied from the input he'd gotten from all three JPs, it would be a benefit for the county to create one JP Court for Precinct #1.

Freeman had to resign his office before the two JP Places could be made into one. As he did so he said, "I've been JP for this Precinct for 23 years. It's going to be hard to leave."

Commissioners Court voted 5-0 to abolish Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, Place 1. Commissioner Hess then made a motion to authorize Judge Lewis to move her office from the third floor to the second floor of the Courthouse vacated by Precinct 1, Place 1. It passed 5-0. Lewis is now the JP of Precinct #1.

With that business settled, Judge Harris changed the official time of his resignation from 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 to 3:15 p.m. and turned conducting business over to Vice-chairman Jerry Lewis.

Jerry Lewis said that there was one candidate for the County Judge position and that was Bill Freeman. He was appointed County Judge by a unanimous 4-0 vote. Freeman was then sworn into office by District Judge Jerry Woodlock.

With a County Court at Law the duties formerly handled by the County Judge will be divided into administrative duties, now to be handled by Freeman, and judicial to be handled by the County Court at Law Judge.



Cooke County has two new county judges, Bill Harris, center left, the new Cooke County Court at Law Judge, and Bill Freeman who replaces Harris as the County Judge. Also pictured are District Judge Jerry Woodlock who administered Freeman's oath of office Friday, and County Clerk Evelyne Walterscheid, signing official documents. Courtesy photo

Muenster City Council briefed on electric deregulation

by Dave Fette

Terry Tombaugh, representative for TXU Electric and Gas Co., made a presentation for deregulation of the electric power industry. Texas Senate Bill 7, passed in 1999, allows consumer choice of electric power providers. Tombaugh said the changes will provide competitive pricing and environmental improvements through new technology and new services while maintaining reliability. TXU will have a retail company separate from the wires company that will do the "hauling" of the power.

Effective Jan. 1, 2002, all TXU customers will see a six percent price reduction for electric power. Tombaugh said it will be "price to beat" for five years or until TXU loses 40 percent of its customers. Residential metering services will remain under TXU until Sept. 1, 2005. The City franchise will be based on kilowatt-hours and paid by the distribution company. Electric customers can switch providers every six months if they wish and Tombaugh recommended that customers compare prices offered by other retail providers and be sure to ask about any surcharges that would apply to the final monthly charge.

Other items addressed by the Council included: • Property owners along Eddy Street from Hickory Street to FM 373 have not paid for the paving of that section of the street since a hearing in 1997 where all

understood the ramifications of non-payment. Therefore legal proceedings will attach a lien to the adjoining property for the paving costs.

• The project for purchase and installation of four new emergency warning sirens to boost the City's current single siren was tabled temporarily to check a few questions. The city is near approval of the system at a price of \$24,525.00.

• Mayor Weinzapfel acknowledged the efforts of the volunteer Fire Department, especially Herb Knabe and Bert Walterscheid, for the remodeling and enlargement of the fire hall and meeting room. Knabe said, "It's been fun."

• The city is assessing the condition of the decorative street lamps along Main Street and Hwy. 82 with intent to get power to the unit lamps.

• South Town Drive and Ash Street are under study for repair.

• Note was made by Chris Yosten that fluoride is being added to the city water supplies at 0.8 parts per million since August. The city acknowledged receiving a couple of calls from residents who said they noticed a change in the taste. Yosten said the added fluoride is tasteless.

• Annexation of certain property adjoining Muenster's north city limits is in progress.

• Monthly bill totaling \$50,836.41 were approved for payment.

Craig Estes wins Cooke County run-off election for State Senate

A run-off election was held Dec. 4 between Craig Estes, a Republican, and Greg Underwood, a Democrat, for the State Senate District 30 seat. That position was vacated with the death of Senator Tom Haywood. Estes and Underwood garnered the most votes when that election was held in November with six candidates.

In Cooke County the unofficial totals, according to County Clerk Evelyne Walterscheid, were Estes 1,071 and Underwood 253. Votes will be canvassed on Thursday, Dec. 6.

Estes is reportedly the winner with the votes District wide: Estes 13,491 and Underwood 8,018.

Planetarium marks shortest day

December 21 marks the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year for those of us in the northern hemisphere. In honor of this solar event, the Noble Planetarium at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History will celebrate with a \$1 "Solstice Special." Throughout the day, the Museum will offer all visitors an opportunity to see a Planetarium show for just \$1.

The Planetarium will present *The Christmas Star* every half hour from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. This holiday show explores the legend and fact surrounding the Star of Bethlehem and explains the holiday customs of many cultures.

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is located at 1501 Montgomery Street in Fort Worth's Cultural District. For more information, call 817-255-9300 or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org

Ice produced area power outages

by Janet Felderhoff

Freezing rain began falling across North Central Texas last Tuesday night. It coated trees and other objects creating a winter wonderland landscape. Roads were passable Tuesday in the Muenster and Gainesville area, but to the north, west and east roads were icy. Schools

dismissed early Wednesday and started at 10 a.m. Thursday.

As precipitation continued through Wednesday and temperatures fell into the 20s, the roads iced over night. By mid day Thursday most had thawed and travel wasn't a problem.

The icy roads Thursday morning had consequences

for the Muenster Enterprise. An 8 a.m. printing appointment at the *Bowie News* could not be kept. Montague's roads were much icier than Cooke County's. The printer wasn't available later in the day and so printing was delayed until late Friday morning. Thus newspapers Please see ICE pg. 2

Muenster Hospital faces possible roll-back

by David Fette

Muenster Memorial Hospital may have another roadblock in the way of financial recovery. District resident, Gary Links is seeking 238 signatures on a petition calling for an election to roll hospital district ad valorem tax rates back to the level prior to the recent increase to 49 cents per \$100 valuation. 49 cents is nearly double the previous rate and any increase over eight percent makes a roll-back possible.

The hospital board approved the tax increase by a vote of five-to-four, saying it was necessary to provide for operational losses, increased Medicare

deductions from revenue and needed repairs. The administrator and board members questioned Links about where he got his information that justifies the roll-back as he recently published in a newsletter mass-mailed to the district voters. He said his information came from conversations with people and from the "Concerned Citizen Newsletter" a mass-mailed piece circulated before the merger election. Links would not release the names of anyone contributing information or opinion to his roll-back effort. He said they asked not to be named.

Administrator Jack

Endres asked about allegations that the hospital was sending out late bills and misleading statements in the newsletter about Critical Access Hospital designation. Links answered they were just things he had heard.

Board President Don Flusche asked him to hold off for a year because they truly need the tax to see the hospital stay open. Links answered that he was looking at it from his pocketbook. "It's the only time the taxpayer has a say so," he said. Endres commented that putting the hospital through a roll-back was not going to help employee morale. He also

added that the district budget was not based on increasing reserves as Links stated in a recent *Gainesville Daily Register* interview. Links said he intended to continue with the roll-back petition.

Other items on the agenda included: Endres reported that inpatient statistics for October 2001 were all decreased, but outpatient stats were better, with about half of the areas showing increased use. The financial report showed a net loss of \$51,049.00 after tax revenue. The hospital's reserves are down about \$300,000.00 since October 2000 and currently stand at \$298,000.00

The Board approved purchase of a new dishwasher from Ben E. Keith for \$9,936.00 Also, the X-ray film processor for mammography will be shut down and all film will go to the main processor, resulting in savings of about \$800.00 per month. Purchase of a new ice maker was approved.

Purchase of worker's compensation insurance from Upshaw Company was approved for \$90,844.00.

Don Flusche's recommendation of hiring a consultant from TORCH to help in analysis, strategic goals and operational improvements was approved.

Jack Endres reported that he has recently been appointed to two positions on the Texas Hospital Association. He will be a member of the council on Policy Development that develops recommendations on policy or positions to advocate before federal and state legislatures. He will also serve on the Rural/Small Hospital Council on Administration which develops recommendations on rural issues to the THA Board of Trustees.

The December hospital board meeting will be moved up to the third Tuesday, Dec. 18.

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Save for college and save taxes too

With college costs rising an average of five percent each year, families across America are struggling with the question of how to finance their children's education without incurring years of debt. Some look toward financial aid to provide assistance. Unfortunately, according to the College Board, a national non-profit member association of over 3,900 schools, colleges, universities and other educational organizations, nearly 60% of all aid is now in the form of loans rather than grants or scholarships—saddling the student with debt upon graduation. Others hope for the elusive academic or athletic scholarship to support their studies. And yet, scholarships average a mere \$1,660 per year and only go to 12.8% of all students. As an alternative, many families are now taking advantage of an education savings program—called a 529 College Savings Plan—that allows them to save for college in a tax-advantaged manner.

Named after a section of the Internal Revenue Code, the 529 plan is a state-sponsored savings program designed to help families meet higher education expenses. Almost every state now offers a 529 plan and many also allow out-of-state residents to invest. Although contributions are not federal tax-deductible, recent changes to the federal tax code will allow assets, including any gains or earnings, to be withdrawn federal tax-free for qualified educational expenses—including tuition, fees, room, board, and some supplies—beginning in 2002, though state tax treatment does vary. The new tax bill exempting earnings as qualified withdrawals from federal income tax expires after December 31, 2010, requiring the government to take some further action to secure these provisions prior to this date in order for them to remain in effect. Please keep in mind there are fees and charges associated with a 529 account.

Unlike a Uniform Gifts to Minors Act or a Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UGMA/UTMA) account, 529 account owners retain control over assets, and the named beneficiary can be changed to another family member. In most cases, assets from a 529 account can be used for a technical or professional school as well as a traditional public or private four-year college. Non-qualified withdrawals are subject to income taxes at the account owner's tax rate plus a 10% federal tax penalty. State income tax treatment on 529 plan non-qualified withdrawals varies by state.

Section 529 plans also qualify for a special gift tax exclusion. Contributions of up to \$50,000 per person can be made free of gift taxes, \$100,000 if the contribution is from a married couple, filing jointly. That's five times the annual gift tax exclusion. However, once the beneficiary receives the maximum contribution, any other contributions or gifts to that account within the five-year period will not receive the benefit of the exclusion.*

The choice to establish a 529 plan account is a very important, but complex one. An investment professional can be invaluable in deciphering the features of different programs, including investment options, maximum contribution limits, multiple money manager platforms, and customer support.

It's never too early or too late to invest in your child's or grandchild's future. If you're thinking about education funding, a 529 plan is an alternative you should consider.

Wallace English is a Registered Representative with NYLIFE Securities, Inc. New York Life 12201 Merit, Suite 1000, Dallas, TX 75251 and can be reached at 940-665-5863.

*If the account owner dies within five years of the funding date, the account owner's estate will receive only part of the deduction.

Lindsay ISD earns good audit report

by Janet Felderhoff

Brian Hess and Melody Rohmer of the firm Hess & Rohmer, P.C. presented the 2000/2001 audit report they had prepared for Lindsay ISD. "We've got a good report for you," Hess told the Board Monday, Nov. 26. "We didn't have any major problems this year, a few minor ones. There are always suggestions for improvements. Other than that everything is very clean. It is an unqualified opinion which means that there's nothing that would prevent us from expressing our opinion that we find the financial statements to be materially accurate in all respects."

Rohmer said, "Your records are in very good shape." The Board accepted the audit report unanimously 6-0.

Again the Board discussed granting the Bengfort family a road easement to get to their farm property through school property. Winn had attorney Russell Duncan look at the legal document drawn up for the purpose. Winn explained that the easement gives egress and ingress (in and out) for all purposes that the family would use the property. Duncan advised that the document looked good, but noted that it does allow the Bengforts to do some things with the road including graveling, paving, installing gas or water lines and if they only wanted to grant them egress and ingress, then that part should probably not be included. Another consideration was that it is perpetual for the Bengforts, their heirs, and anybody they lease or sell the property to. Winn said Duncan also said that it reads, "the grantee shall be responsible for all fencing construction and maintenance per said easement or road placed thereon" and if that is included it implies that permission is given for fencing, construction and maintenance on the road.

Al Bengfort said that the easement was supposed to have been included in the school abstract, but wasn't. "So far we just have a verbal acknowledgment and we're just trying to get it down on paper," he said.

"This route is not going to cost the school any money. The City is going to pick up the tab on it."

Board members had differing opinions. David Arendt felt it was a "win-win situation" for everyone. Earl Cunningham didn't like the idea of giving the land away. Carol Conaway was concerned that a housing development could be established and the road, which passes school property, could become very busy. Donna Hess wondered if it couldn't be changed to say egress and ingress for agricultural purposes only and the Bengforts and their heirs. Richard Connett had no objections to the easement.

Earl Cunningham had to leave before the vote. The final vote was 3-2 to deny the easement on the grounds that they would like for the easement to be for agricultural egress, ingress and would like for it to be for the immediate family and their heirs only.

Principal Jerry Metzler presented the Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) campus goals for 2001/2001. There were three for each campus. These were accepted as presented with a vote of 5-0.

Metzler pointed out some of the highlights of the 2000-2001 annual report. This is a public report and copies are available at the school office or the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) information can be viewed on-line at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport>. The reports available at the school include more detailed information than are available on the website. This includes the mission statement, goals and objectives, AEIS district and campus reports, report on violent and criminal incidents, and Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use.

Lindsay had no incidents of violent or criminal incidents at school during the 2000-2001 school year, Metzler said. This report is required by legislation.

In the Spring of 2001 the Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use was administered to all students in grades nine through seven Lindsay, page 7

didn't arrive in post office until mid afternoon Friday and rural routes didn't go out until Saturday morning.

Power lines also took a beating from the ice accumulation. Some people went without power for more than 12 hours. According to Randall Reed, member relations/safety coordinator for Cooke

County Electric Cooperative, their crews worked through the night Wednesday and as of Thursday morning all power had been restored. Trees also caused some problems as they got into power lines from the heavy ice accumulation. High winds added to the problem. Reed said some lines were seen

jumping six feet into the air as they were whipped by the high winds.

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Herb Cunningham 1942-2001

Herb Cunningham, a native of Muenster and long-time resident of Watauga, Texas died on Nov. 26, 2001 at age 59 in the VA Hospital.

He was born on May 5, 1942 in Vandalia, Illinois to Herbert and Julia Pautler Cunningham. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1964. On Aug. 1, 1964 he married Edith Kieninger. He was an electrician for GM in Arlington, and a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church in Arlington.

Survivors are his wife Edith; daughter Terry Davis of Watauga; daughter and son-in-law Kim and Terry Rascliff; son and daughter-in-law Brian and Kim Cunningham. There are nine grandchildren. Also surviving is his mother, Julia Cunningham of Muenster.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law Carolyn and Charles Bridier of Tolar, Texas; brother and sister-in-law Earl and Janet Cunningham of Lindsay; brother and sister-in-law John and Karla



Herb Cunningham

Cunningham of Gainesville; sister-in-law Patsy Cunningham of Fort Worth; father-in-law Ludwig Kieninger of DeSoto; mother-in-law Emilie Howard and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Inge and Glen Gurley of Austin; and Alfredo and Deida Kieninger of Gainesville; brother-in-law Lucho Kieninger of Gainesville; and several nieces and

nephews. Preceding him in death were his father, Herb Cunningham, Sr. and a brother Ronald Cunningham.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church in Arlington, officiated by Father John Gremmels. Liturgical Readers were Jason and Misty Hale, nephew and niece. Eucharistic Ministers were Karla Cunningham a sister-in-law, and Cheryl West, a cousin.

The eulogy was delivered by Brian Cunningham, a son.

Burial in Bluebonnet Hills Cemetery was directed by Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home. Pallbearers were nephews Todd Bridier, Teddy Bridier, Troy Bridier, Shawn Morgan, Alan Cunningham, and Tony Cunningham.

Joining Muenster and Lindsay relatives at the funeral were George Smith of St. Louis, Missouri; Kenny Cunningham, Annie Logsdon and Norma Weaver of Ramsey, Illinois.

Dorothy Cason 1928-2001

Dorothy Juanita Cason died at age 73 on Dec. 1, 2001 at River Valley Health and Rehab Center.

Services were held on Monday, Dec. 3 at 2:00 p.m. in Clement-Keel Chapel, conducted by Rev. Casey Campbell of Southside Baptist Church in Gainesville. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

Dorothy Cason was born on Aug. 3, 1928 in Freemound, Texas to Vernon Quannah and Lela Alba Cravens Martin. She

married Sidney Brown Cason in Myra on Nov. 4, 1946. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Muenster; attended Forestburg High School; and was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Sidney Brown Cason of Gainesville, sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Ann Cason of Whitesboro, Mike and Patricia Cason of Era, daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Lonnie Walls of Gainesville; also eight grandchildren, four great-

grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Also brothers and sisters-in-law Dale and Pat Martin of Gainesville, Gary and Peggy Martin of Gainesville; sister and brother-in-law Berndel and Harry Bridges of Gainesville.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Pallbearers were Sammy Sparkman, Harry Bridges, Randy Sikes, Gregory Martin, Rickey Cason, and Bill Shotwell. Honorary pallbearer was Jackie Parkinson.

Anna Marie Turnham 1941-2001

Anna Marie (Wiesman) Turnham, age 59, of Denton, Texas passed away on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2001.

Anna Marie was married to Rufus Turnham of Denton. She is survived by her husband Rufus; daughters and sons-in-law Sharon and Steve Harbein of Whitesboro, Karen and Mike Vital of Fort Worth, and son and daughter-in-law Scott and Tina Williams of Krum, Texas;

grandchildren Robin, Cole, and Ryan Harbein, Stacy, Sheramie, and Nicolas Vital, and Justin and Jared Williams; also, one great-grandson Jonathan. Anna Marie is also survived by stepchildren Debra Gayl and Eddie Nunn and son Matt, Lisa and Turk Walson and children Rosa and Amber, Gerald and Lynn Turnham and children Jack and Garrett. Anna Marie is survived by brother and sister-in-law, Joseph Leroy and Dolores Wiesman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and sisters-in-law Bertha

Wiesman of Gainesville, Barbara Wiesman of Rio Hondo, Texas, and Leona and Ben Miller of Dallas.

Preceding her in death were brothers Paul and Edward Wiesman. Also her parents Carl and Ida Wiesman. Her brother, Lawrence Wiesman of Rio Hondo, Texas passed away Nov. 24, 2001 after a long battle with cancer.

Nephews served as pallbearers. A rosary was recited at Clement Keel Funeral Home on Wednesday, Nov. 7, and a service by Rev. Msgr. Charles B. King of Denton on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m.

Dolores Wiesman, a sister-in-law, said a few words of remembrance about Anna Marie: "Anna Marie was a kind, loving person - she never put on any airs, 'what you saw was what you got.' She fought a hard battle for a year, but a cure was not meant to be. Shortly before she died, she called for her mother to come and get her. I guess she wanted her for her birthday. She died just three hours before her 60th birthday. Anna Marie was not only a dear sister-in-law; she was a loving friend."

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville.

Ted Henscheid dies Tuesday

Ted Henscheid died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001 about 10:45 p.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Dec. 7 in Sacred Heart Church at

10:00 a.m. No other information was available at press time. The obituary, photo, and other information will be printed in the *Muenster Enterprise* next week.

Jim Fisher dies in Colorado

Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Jim Fisher, Muenster native, and long-time resident of Arvada, Colorado on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10 m. in Sacred Heart Church. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. The obituary, photo and other information will be printed in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.

Services held for infant

Seven-day-old Nathan Scott Walter, infant son of Chad and Shani Walter of Humble, Texas, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001 from complications of premature birth. Nathan is survived by his twin brother, Grant Christian Walter, who remains in critical condition. Other survivors include his grandparents, Gene and Marilyn Walter of Muenster and Lee Lockhart of Dallas; uncles and aunts Shawn

Walter of Muenster, Dawn Veltre of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Les and Chandra Anderson of The Colony.

Nathan's body was interred at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Muenster on Dec. 1, 2001 with Father John Ohner, O.S.A. officiating. A simultaneous memorial service was held at Weiss Memorial Chapel, Methodist Hospital, in Houston.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Gathering pecans has always been an event that was looked forward to. We looked, with anticipation, for the first heavy frost or freeze, which would loosen and dry up the thick green hulls that enclosed the nuts.

After Mother Nature performed this task, a person using a large cane pole could tease and shake the nuts until they fell to the ground and they could be readily picked up.

A few years ago, I called a friend who lives very close to the Red River, and asked if he had any pecans he would like gathered on shares.

Well, he allowed he had a few, and suggested we come on out. I informed him that I was only a picker-upper; I no longer climbed trees.

"Don't worry about that," he said. "It takes us just a few seconds to get them all down!" And I thought "This I gotta see."

After we arrived, we soon realized he didn't have a few pecan trees - there were hundreds, some paper shells, and the rest native.

Gene instructed his brother to shake four papershell trees for us.

I had never before seen a shaker and was amazed to see the tractor with the "shaker" mounted on the rear, back up to a large tree and set its hydraulically controlled jaws, one on either side of the trunk, clamp down, engage the power take-off and advance the throttle. The diesel fueled tractor let out a puff of smoke as the engine raced for just a few seconds, and quickly all the pecans fell to the ground. All were dislodged from the hulls by the vibrations set up by the shaker. This machine has two round 45 lb. weights that are mounted a bit off center, causing the whole setup to vibrate or shake when the power take-off shaft is run at speed.

It was a revelation to see the chore done so quickly.

Gene said the four trees should hold the four of us, Aileen, myself, and Aileen's brother Jack and his wife, Jeanne, for the afternoon.

Well, by evening we had finished the job, and when we weighed up we had a bit over 400 lb., 200 for Gene and each couple, 100 lb.

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Tony and Marjorie Rohmer observe golden wedding anniversary

The golden wedding anniversary celebration of Tony and Marjorie Rohmer began with attendance at a Mass of Thanksgiving in Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 5:00 p.m., surrounded by their family, relatives, neighbors, and a host of friends.

The celebration continued with a dinner-cocktail party at The Dutchman in Lindsay attended by 120 relatives and friends, hosted by their five children, spouses, and 13 grandchildren. These are sons and daughters-in-law Steve and Kim Rohmer of Coppell and daughters Nicole and Michelle; Kenneth and Cindy Rohmer and children Kalyn, Jayna, and Holly; Bill and Laurie Rohmer and children Daniel and Amanda; Terry and Lisa Rohmer and children Delana, Clayton, and Brianna; and daughter and son-in-law Renee and Adam Schniederjan and children Jeffrey, Tony, and Erin, all of Muenster.

For her anniversary celebration, Marjorie wore a plum colored suit with sequined collar and cuffs, and a corsage of Bridal White Roses.

Decorations in the reception area were created by Roger Dieter. Tables

were covered with white cloths, and centered with lighted candles in rings of flowers and greenery. Guest registration table, photo and memorabilia table, and cake table each held an arrangement of white roses.

The three-layered anniversary cake was baked and decorated by Roger Dieter. Ivory icing and a gold 50th ornament highlighted the cake. The top keepsake layer held the treasured 50th anniversary ornament from the golden wedding anniversary of Marjorie's parents.

After dinner, Nicole Rohmer surprised her grandparents by singing beautifully their much-loved "Edelweiss." Delana Rohmer, a granddaughter, modeled Marjorie's original wedding gown and veil. Jeffrey Schniederjan, grandson, modeled Tony's original suit.

As guests mingled and reminisced, conversations frequently turned to the original wedding day on Nov. 27, 1951 when Marjorie Sandmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sandmann of Lindsay became the bride of Tony Rohmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rohmer of Muenster, in a Nuptial Mass at 8:30 a.m. in St.

Peter's Church of Lindsay, officiated by Father Conrad Herda OSB, pastor.

The bride wore a lovely gown of candle glow satin, with fitted bodice, Venice

lace front, high lace collar, and petal point sleeves with lace inserts. The bodice came to deep points at the waistline to join the full hooped skirt, with modified

bustle and formal cathedral train. Her fingertip veil of illusion was held by a lace half hat ornamented with seed pearls and orange blossom trim. She carried a colonial bouquet of white roses centered with a purple orchid. She wore a triple strand of pearls, gift from the groom, and completed bridal tradition by carrying a new mother-of-pearl prayer book.

Marcella Sandmann Hess and Dorothy Rohmer Wright were bridesmaids, wearing Nile green satin dresses with net over skirt and fitted bodice topped with a bolero jacket. Their half-hats and mits matched their dresses.

Maurus Rohmer of Muenster and Raymond Sandmann of Lindsay were best men. Pat Hennigan and Johnny Rohmer of Muenster were ushers.

Following Mass, breakfast was served in the home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hennigan. At noon the bride's parents hosted a meal for immediate members of both families.

In the evening an informal reception was held in St. Peter's Hall, and a buffet supper was served to about 200 guests. A dance at night followed.

After being in the drilling business for 50 years, Tony is now semi-retired. Their sons, Kenneth, Terry, and Billy now operate the business.

Among out-of-town guests attending the anniversary celebration were Morton and Dorothy Wright of Irving; Michael and Wanda Wright of Southlake; Joe and Loretta Spaeth and Linda Robinette of Longview; Alan Spaeth of Dallas; Chris and Jackie Hamilton of Katy; Donna Simmons and Ken and Connie Rheams of Denton; Craig and Connie Stoffels of Pilot Point; Bob and Debbie Bixby, Jim and Janice Gilbreath, and Jerry and Sandra Schumacher, all of Gainesville; Sally Stoffels of Plano; Mark Stoffels of Shreveport, Louisiana; Sheila Gebman of Santa Monica, California; Al and Jeannene Loeffelholz, and Frank and JoAnn Miller of Norman, Oklahoma; Raymond and Rosalie Sandmann, Paul and Maxine Sandmann, Edward Sandmann, Wilfred and Virginia Hess, Marcella Hess, Rosalie Zwinggi, Ronnie and Gay Sandmann, Stanley and Tonya Hess, Denny and Robin Hess, and Randy and Teresa Hess, all of Lindsay.



Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rohmer ... on their wedding day, Nov. 27, 1951

Saint Jo Opry Christmas show Sat., December 8th

The Saint Jo Opry will host their 15th Anniversary/Christmas show Dec. 8, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Jo School auditorium. Guests scheduled to appear on the December show are Donnie Davis of Nocona, Cindy Lyons of Saint Jo, Marty

Barlett of Lindsay, Billy Hogan, the Country Cut Ups, and possibly others.

The sponsors of the Opry say, "Come be with us and enjoy the fun and music... It has been fun, and we hope to see you Dec. 8."

Concessions will be available.

New Arrivals

Bright

Major and Mrs. James M. Bright (USMC) proudly announce the birth of their first child, Margaret Elizabeth "Maggie" Bright. Maggie was born on Oct. 1, 2001 in Stuttgart, Germany at 8:34 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 27.7 inches. She is the granddaughter of Mike and Trudy Woodson of Waco, Texas and David and Juanita Bright of Muenster. Guests in Germany for the first two weeks in October was her Grandmother Trudy and for the last two weeks of October were Grandfather and Grandmother David and Juanita. Maggie and her parents will visit in Muenster, Dec. 23 to Dec. 27.

Keating

Brian and Marsha Keating of Forestburg announce the birth of a daughter, Bailey Anne Keating in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Nov. 12, 2001 at 6:41 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 1/2 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. She joins a sibling, Sydney René Keating, age 20 months, at home. Grandparents are Vance and Toni Fortenberry of Greenwood, Texas and W.E. "Bill" and Cathy Keating of Forestburg. Great-grandparents are Neal and Shirley Fortenberry of Greenwood, Glen and Wanda Foster of Runaway Bay, and Cleatus and Virginia Steele of Fort Worth.

Area Happening

A Branson-style country and western music revue will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Royal Theater of Archer City. "The Texasville Opry Christmas Show" tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Call 940-574-2489 for tickets or more information.

News of the Sick

Alfred Kuhn of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas underwent heart by-pass surgery on Wednesday, Dec. 5. He will probably be hospitalized about five days. Get well cards will reach him if sent to 12 Almendra Lane, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909-3714.

Macie Raye is three

Macie Raye Pagel, daughter of Troy and Lisa Pagel, celebrated her third birthday on Nov. 11 at the home of her grandparents, Phil and Marlene Endres. A Minnie Mouse theme was chosen by Macie for her party.

Those attending the party were Macie's parents; grandparents Phil and Marlene Endres, and Larry and Sheri Tisdale; and great-grandmother Mildred Pitman. Also attending were aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends Lacy, Ricky, Kelly, and Sandy Endres; Judy Milligan; Dwayne, Denise, and Nicole Pagel; Glenda Russell; Lisa, Kailob, Taylor, and Garrett Miller; Amanda Sofio; Shannon and Dainah Hartman; Kelsey, Derek, Miranda, and Collin Pagel; Kim and Taylor Brown; Katrina, Leah, and Collin Knabe; and Robin

and Trinity Reed. On Nov. 7, Macie's actual birthday, she shared afternoon snack and Sesame Street treat bags with her friends at The Children's Tree Learning Center in Whitesboro.



Macie Pagel

Vocal Majority Chorus presents Christmas Concerts

The Vocal majority chorus will present Christmas concerts featuring contemporary Christmas and traditional sacred music at several concerts to

be held in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Denton. Gainesville resident David Townsley sings tenor in the chorus. You can see the famous and frequently sold-out concert opening Dec. 7, 8 p.m. at SMU's McFarlin auditorium in Dallas, also on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at TCU's Ed Landreth Auditorium in Fort Worth. On Thursday, Dec. 13, the Vocal Majority will sing at the UNT Main Auditorium in Denton at 8 p.m.

For tickets in DFW call (214) 526-8686 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For tickets in Denton call (940) 565-3805.

NOTICE!

The Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library will close Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the holidays and re-open on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Angelic A'Cappella Christmas Concert

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Knauf, Fleitman wed in Sacred Heart Church



Mrs. Jody Paul Fleitman
...nee Tanya Renee Knauf ...

by **Elfreda Fette**
Mr. and Mrs. Jody Paul Fleitman have returned from their wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico and are at home in Muenster.

They were married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on Oct. 27, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in a Nuptial Mass with double ring vows celebrated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor, assisted by Father Joseph Murray, a friend of the bride's family, and the Rev. Paul Smith, a Methodist minister and uncle of the bride.

The bride is the former Tanya Renee Knauf, daughter of Robert and Michele Knauf. She is a 1997 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and an August 2001 cum laude graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural and Interior Planning. She is employed by Sheehan & Travis, Inc. of Dallas.

The groom is the son of James and Nita Fleitman. He is a 1994 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, and is a sales associate employed by Muenster Building Center.

The couple chose the wedding date of Oct. 27 because it was the wedding anniversary of the bride's paternal great-grandparents, Joseph and Theresia Dangelmayr and of the great-great-aunt and uncle Bertha and Bruno Fleitman.

Presented at the altar by her father, Robert Knauf, the bride was wearing an original designed by Victoria's Bridal; a formal candlelight ballgown silhouette, with a dropped, beaded Basque waistline. Sequins bordered the top and the waist, with a jewel-encircled neckline with a sleeveless top. The bodice was detailed with white, lavender and silver beading which formed a floral pattern.

The skirt of soft, white chiffon was lined with low-

luster satin and edged with lavender beading. The ballgown was gathered on each side, and at the back with satin rosettes. It swept into a chapel length train.

She wore her mother's veil of double illusion, upper level of fingertip length and second layer of chapel length. Her gloves were opera length.

The bridal bouquet featured skyline yellow roses, the groom's favorite flower, calla lilies, Monte Casino purple asters and green fern. A spray of Dendrobium, tropical lei flowers (miniature orchids) cascaded toward the floor. Tulle wrapped the stems of the flowers. The bride's late maternal grandfather, Albert Bauer's cross and chain were wrapped around the base of the bouquet.

The bride's garter was made by the groom's mother, of antique lace supplied by the groom's paternal grandmother, Anna Fleitman.

ATTENDANTS

Wedding attendants were Ashlie Garrison of Denton, bride's best friend, and Kristen Knauf of College Station, bride's sister, maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Leigh Miller, of Round Rock, Texas; and Lesley Grabowski of Vista, California; and Amber Lumpkin of Las Vegas, Nevada, honorary bridesmaid.

They were attired in Bill Levkoff designed sleeveless chiffon with lamour satin underlay in crepe purple, with sweetheart neckline, spaghetti straps criss-crossed in back, and skirt flaring to the floor. They carried rounds of yellow roses with purple asters and greenery, and tied with silver iridescent long ribbons.

Flower girls were Nicole Fleitman, niece of the groom, wearing a yellow dress designed by the bride and made by the groom's mother. She wore a halo of white and yellow roses and

held a love ball of purple flowers. Austin Fullbright, bride's cousin, was ring bearer.

Michael Schilling of Muenster, groom's best friend, was best man. Weldon Bayer and Jeffrey Yosten of Muenster, friends, and Chad Fleitman of Lindsay, groom's brother, were groomsmen.

Scott Poole of Muenster, Royce Knabe of Muenster, Lallen Hagemann of Denton, and Rodney Knabe of Muenster were ushers.

Altar servers were Bruce Bauer, bride's cousin, of LaFeria and Adam Dangelmayr, a friend, of Muenster.

Wedding music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff organist, Christy Hesse and Jack White vocalists, Terry DeGarmo flutist, and David Nystrom guitarist.

Selections included a musical prelude of piano and flute instrumental; and a solo "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Jack White. "Sunrise, Sunset" for seating of the parents; "Tesla's Love Song" for flute and guitar for entrance of attendants; "Trumpet Voluntare" for the bridal entrance; Responsorial Song by Christy Hesse; "One Hand, One Heart" for Lighting of the Unity Candle; "The Greatest Gift" at Offertory; "Ubi Caritas" and "Ave Maria" at Communion; and "Trumpet Tune" for the recessional.

Kristen Fleitman, groom's sister, gave the First Liturgical Reading; Andy Wilkes, bride's cousin, gave the Second Liturgical Reading; Lynette Lev, a friend of the bride, read Prayers of the Faithful; Johnny, Michael, and Christopher Green, groom's nephews, presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar; and Eucharistic Ministers were Chuck Bartush, Jr., Clinton Endres, Debbie Endres, Leon Fleitman, Andy Bezner, and Stella Hess.

Church decorations included an aisle-runner of white lace, and pew markers of purple bows, with attached yellow roses, with accents of tulle, and arrangements of yellow roses on the altar.

RECEPTION

A reception followed in the Lindsay Centennial Hall, with social hour, formal dinner and dance, hosted by parents of the bride and groom for 500 guests. The Dutchman of Lindsay catered.

An honored guest was Bertha (Mrs. Bruno) Fleitman, remembered for her wedding anniversary.

The bride's table, held the bridal portfolio and the bride's book.

The five tier hexagonal wedding cake, with each tier of a different design, held a top tier scripted with wedding vows; each tier had a different filling; the top ornament, a crystal heart with crystal roses, was brought back from the Czech Republic by a close friend, Anne Poole. The groom's cake featured logos of the NFL Green Bay Packers and the Denver Broncos.

Decorations included table centerpieces of greenery, yellow and cream roses, purple statice, baby's breath and silver bows. Iridescent stones reflected light from floating candles, and lighted toppers in silver candelabra. Columns of ivy and free-standing candle boxes lined the walls of the area. Focal points were wedding table decorations featuring photos of previous family weddings; also a lighted gazebo, and a rock water fountain. The hall entry was decorated in a garden theme as guests came through a white arch.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Dutchman in Lindsay for members of the wedding party, immediate family members and several guests, including 35 adults and five children.

Reagan Koesler inducted into international honor society

Raegan Ann Koesler of Muenster has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was inductively honored during a campus ceremony on Nov. 19.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Raegan be recognized by Golden Key," said Kali Boatright, Golden Key assistant executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

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Don't forget

Muenster VFW/Auxiliary Christmas Party will be Monday, Dec. 10. All ladies are asked to bring a covered dish.

NCTC Singers present concert

The NCTC Singers performed their annual Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (Dec. 6) in the Sanctuary of Temple Baptist Church on East California.

The choir is under the direction of Dr. Michael Linder and accompanied by John Dill. Several members of the North Central Texas Chorale joined the group.

"This is the finest group of singers I have had since I have been at NCTC," said Linder who is in his 11th year and also serves as Coordinator for the Performing Arts.

Choral highlights of the concert included Bibel's "Ave Marie," and Morton Lauridson's "O Magnum Mysterium."

The concert showcased several students including African exchange student Alfred Kainga who sang an African Christmas folksong and Regina Williams who sang "Breath of Heaven."

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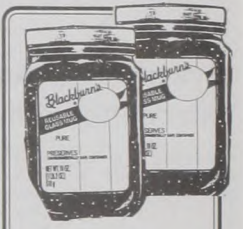
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Residents see mysterious lights over Muenster

A spectacular light show in the skies over Muenster took place Saturday night around 10 p.m. Dozens of bright, twinkling lights with long tails streaked across the western night sky, traveling in a northern direction, like a slow-moving meteor shower, visible for over one minute.

The show was the result of a space junk re-entering the sky, the North American

Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) reported. The object was a SL12 Russian space rocket entering the atmosphere and was seen over the skies of Texas and Oklahoma.

A NORAD spokesman said the rocket posed no danger to anyone on the ground, noting that such space junk breaks up or disintegrates upon re-entry.



The wedding of Carla R. Truebenbach of Muenster and Danny L. Zwinggi of Lindsay was held in Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., with a Nuptial Mass and double ring ceremony officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor. The bride's daughter, Jana Truebenbach, was maid of honor. Flower girls were Amber Walterscheid and Allie Walterscheid, and ring bearer was Cole Walterscheid, grandchildren of the bride. The groom's son, Jeremy Zwinggi of Lindsay, was best man. A reception, dinner, and dance were held in Lindsay Centennial Hall. The couple is residing in Muenster since returning from their wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada.

KC's plan Christmas party and drawing

The Muenster Knights of Columbus will hold their annual adult Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 15 in the KC Hall. The party will start at 6:30 p.m. with a trip to St. Richard's Villa to visit the residents, then back to the hall for the party.

At 8 p.m., the drawing for the 4-wheeler raffle will be

held. Tickets and the 4-wheeler are at Fischer's Meat Market or available from John Walterscheid 759-4732 or Tommy Felderhoff, Jr. 759-4884.

On Sunday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m., the Knights of Columbus will have the children's party, with songs and Santa, upstairs in the KC Hall.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Beattie and children, Audrey, Elizabeth, and John from Santa Clara, California visited Mrs. Beattie's (Julia's) parents, David and Juanita Bright for Thanksgiving and

through the extended weekend. Other guests celebrating the holiday with the Brights were the Rust family from Era and Michael Davis from Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Plants that were about to be removed have a habit of suddenly doing better.

Take Note

"In Lieu of Christmas Cards," a VFW Auxiliary #6205 fundraiser, is now accepting donations. If you would like your name on the Holiday Card Ad printed in this paper, please send your donation to Frances Bayer, 136 S. FM 373, Muenster, or Juanita Knabe, 520 N. Walnut, Muenster. Deadline is Dec. 17.

Hermes recognized for academic achievement

Leah Marie Hermes of Lindsay was recently recognized among 85 members of the 2000-01 freshman class at The University of Texas at Arlington for academic achievement at the Freshman Honors List Ceremony and Reception.

Hermes was presented an award certificate from both George C. Wright, executive

vice president for academic affairs and provost, and Kent Gardner, vice president for student affairs and dean of students at UTA. To be eligible, students must have enrolled at UTA after the 2000 spring semester, completed at least 24 hours and obtained a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (4.0 scale).

County 4-H'ers take District food honors

More than 120 4-H'ers from 22 Northeast Texas counties converged on Texas A&M University at Commerce Saturday to compete in this year's nutrition and food preparation competition.

Top honors in the senior division were taken by Emily Lamb, fruits and vegetables, from Red River 4-H Club; and Kevin Lutkenhaus, main dish, Lindsay Senior 4-H Club. In the intermediate division first-place went to Mark Brooks, breads & cereals, from Woodbine 4-H Club.

Other winners from Cooke County were: junior division - Stephan Wallace, second-place fruits and vegetables, from Era 4-H Club; Katie Barnes, third-place main dish, from Woodbine 4-H Club; and Rose Hermes, participation ribbon breads & cereals, from Lindsay Junior 4-H Club. Intermediate division: Chris Aitchison, third-place main dish from Woodbine 4-H

Club; and Johnathan Zimmerer, fifth-place nutritious snacks from Lindsay Junior 4-H Club. And in the senior division - Laura Pitzinger, participation ribbon in breads and cereals, from Red River 4-H Club.

4-H members entered in one of four categories: main dish, fruit and vegetable, bread and cereal, and nutritious snacks. First-place winners at the county level advanced to district competition.

"Competitors are judged on nutrition knowledge, record keeping, recipe, prepared food dish and presentation," said Phyllis Griffin, Cooke County Extension Agent-4-H. "Seniors are age 14-19; intermediate, age 12 to 13, and juniors are age 8 to 11."

First-place winners in the senior division will participate in State 4-H Roundup in College Station in June, where they will compete for college scholarships.

Finding the Christmas Star at NCTC Dec. 12

Every year about this time, Dr. Ron Bost, a professor at North Central Texas College and the planetarium director, looks to the heavens for "The Story of the Christmas Star."

But the inspiration he seeks isn't from a divine deity, but rather from science.

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

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

"Interestingly, there is little difference between the skies over ancient Bethlehem and Gainesville today," he said. "The position of the stars and other heavenly bodies is almost identical."

While Dr. Bost offers several explanations for the Star of Bethlehem, there is

still not one specific answer. He said it could have been a bright meteor, a comet, a nova or a combination of planets and bright stars.

Dr. Bost will conduct two nights of sky watching for anyone interested in learning more about the science behind the Biblical stories. The presentations begin at 7 p.m. Nov. 28, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 in the NCTC Planetarium. Because of limited seating, reservations are required.

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

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twelve. It was put into an eight-page report that included statewide results.

"The summary itself you can see is very long," Metzler noted. "I'll try to give us a summary of the things that we ought to be the most concerned about. Alcohol is the most widely used substance by Lindsay ISD students; almost 52% of our students reported consuming alcohol on a weekly basis. When did they first use it, how often do they use, that sort of stuff is also in the report, but a weekly basis is considered regular usage for a high school kid. This figure is well above the state average of 42%. That's a big percentage point difference for our high school kids."

"When you look at the figure for experimental usage of illegal drugs other than alcohol, 17% reported experimental use. That's at least a one-time basis. The statewide average is 41%. There's still concern for 17%, but when you look at the two it's obvious that the alcohol is used by our students."

The question is what we're going to do about it, Metzler continued. It is not something that is new, he added. He then told of some of the programs and projects being used to inform students and hopefully prevent alcohol and drug abuse. Another survey will be conducted at Lindsay ISD this Spring.

Principal Metzler said that the Spanish II Class would be leaving for Mexico with three sponsors and nine students. Fall Semester exams begin Monday, Dec. 17 and tests are on Monday, Tuesday.

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Muenster FCCLA expands horizons

Muenster FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) recently ventured on a field trip to Dallas on Nov. 13. Sixty-four members participated in the educational trip to the Tom Landry Fitness Center[®] Baylor. There, the staff welcomed the students to view the entire center. The tour guide for the program was Mr. Darvin McBrayer, a scientist that works in the fitness evaluation laboratories. Many pro-athletes and citizens use the facilities for fitness testing or recovery after heart surgery. The

students learned about protein, fat, the body, heart rate and displacement.

FCCLA was then shown the large variety of exercise equipment, indoor pool and other work-out areas. The opportunity of stepping foot on the Dallas Maverick's practice court was a real astonishment to the members. The educational trip concluded with a unique, entertaining and enjoyable lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe. FCCLA sponsor, Joni Sturm and Danna Hess and Barbie Barnhill accompanied the students.

submitted by Tara Swirezynski
Muenster FCCLA Reporter

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF DEC. 10 - 14 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pinto beans, macaroni and cheese, brownies, pears.

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

Wed. - Sub sandwiches (ham, turkey and cheese), lettuce and tomatoes, chips w/salsa, carrot sticks, apples, animal crackers.

Thurs. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.

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

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Mon. - Hot dogs, chips, carrot sticks, oranges.

Tues. - Turkey, dressing, gravy, peas, cranberry sauce.

Wed. - Crisпитos, corn, salad, fruit.

Thurs. - Chicken noodle casserole, green beans, lettuce, jello.

Fri. - Ham and cheese on bun, baked beans, salad,

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Corny dog, baked beans, lettuce salad, pears, bread.

Tues. - Pork chop, cole slaw, creamed potatoes, peas, oranges, bread.

Wed. - Turkey and dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, bread.

Thurs. - Fiesta salad, applesauce, peaches, bread.

Fri. - Sloppy Joe, French fries, pineapple, bread.

ERA ISD

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

Tues. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, chocolate chip cookie.

Wed. - Pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, corn, strawberry applesauce, tossed salad, wacky cake.

Thurs. - Turkey pot pie or fish sticks, green beans, pear half, tossed salad, jello.

Fri. - Chicken sandwich, sliced cheese, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Registration deadlines for ACT tests announced

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on Feb. 9, 2001, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is Jan. 4. Late registration postmark deadline is Jan. 18 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$24.

Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course

placement for new students. For more information, including registration forms and free test prep materials, contact your high school counselor or register online on ACT's website - www.act.org.

Hornet Band Concert set for Thur., December 13

The Muenster Hornet Bands will perform their annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 13 at Sacred Heart Church, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. Admission is free.

The 6th grade band has selected to play "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas," "Up On the Housetop," "Silent Night," "Rimrock Overture," and Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer."

Selections to be performed by the 7th grade band include "The Little Drummer Boy," "Sakura

(Cherry Blossoms)," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Aurora," and "Here Comes Santa Claus."

The High School Band, which includes 8th graders, has chosen six songs to entertain the crowd. They are "Caprice," "Connemara Sketches," "Garden of the Black Rose," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Pegasus (Wings of Majesty)," and "Hallelujah, It's Christmas."

The Muenster Hornet Bands are directed by Jerry Everett.

Era ISD students enjoy reading

The Era Elementary Breakfast Club was held recently in the CMC room. In order to qualify for this club, students read books during the six weeks and are tested by computer on them. They must reach their goal and pass their test to qualify. The breakfast is cooked and served by the teachers and principal.

This a fun club and everyone loves to participate in this reading their favorite and being served by their teacher, said sponsors. Students participating are in grades one through five.

Muenster ISD announces mid-term exam schedule

Due to the Muenster Junior High and High School mid-term exams, the school is announcing a change in dismissals.

On Monday, Dec. 17, school will be in session until 3:39 p.m. instead of the regular 3 p.m. Monday

release. Tuesday, Dec. 18, school will be dismissed at 2

p.m., and on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. There will be no classes, due to the holiday break, until Thursday, Jan. 3, when the fourth six weeks begin.

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and Wednesday. Dismissal for the holidays is Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m.

Travis Winn gave the superintendent's report. He said that the new signs are up east and west of town. "I think they are attractive and very readable," he remarked. "You can probably see them at 55

miles an hour now. We're proud to have those up after a good while of waiting for them." He reminded Board members of a workshop in Muenster on Monday, Dec. 17. This necessitates the Board meeting being moved to Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Superintendent Winn asked that a change be considered to the travel

allotment guidelines. "It's a little antiquated," he said. He recommended raising the reimbursable mileage from 27 cents to 30 cents (federal is 34 cents); airfare, not to exceed coach fare; meals \$6, \$8, and \$10 a day from the present \$4, \$5, \$6; hotel not to exceed \$100 a day from \$55. Changes were approved.

Superintendent Winn requested that Larry Schumacher be appointed as the District's official IPM Coordinator and Sports /Turf Pesticide Applicator. This would require him attending at least two workshops and being re-certified each year. Duties would include supervising treatments and doing the paperwork. He's already certified to apply some pesticides.

Board member Conaway stated that she felt that it should be the responsibility of the head of maintenance. Schumacher would have to be pulled out of the classroom to supervise and to attend the required workshops; this would require hiring a substitute, she noted. Richard Connert said, "Larry has his boat loaded." No action was taken.

Voted 4-1 (Conaway against) to authorize Winn to act as the District's agent to get the best deal and contract on electric deregulation.



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Sports

Tigerettes win Nocona basketball tournament

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes remain undefeated after winning the Nocona basketball tournament last weekend.

Andrea Bauer was named MVP, with Audrey Barnhill and Raney Bauer being named to the All Tournament Team.

Action began Thursday against Iowa Park. The Tigerettes took a big 30-7 lead the first quarter, then cruised through the other three periods for a 71-41 victory.

All 10 team members put points on the board, led by A. Bauer with 20. Courtney Hartman and Jayna Biffle each added 10. R. Bauer put in 9, with Mary Jane Callahan and Jana Truebenbach getting 6 apiece. Kristen Zimmerer scored 4 points, with Barnhill, Karen Gehrig, and Jennifer Hoedebeck each getting 2.

SH 30 14 11 16 71
IP 7 10 6 18 41
In game two, the Tigerettes defeated

Bridgeport 81-55 after a 48-24 half-time lead. Three Tigerettes scored double digit points. R. Bauer led with 17, A. Bauer got 16, and Barnhill 13. Biffle and Callahan each scored 9, with Truebenbach and Hoedebeck adding 6 pieces. Zimmerer put in 3 and Hartman 2.

SH 26 22 18 15 81
B 18 10 14 13 55

Two undefeated teams, Sacred Heart and host Nocona, battled in the championship game, with the Tigerettes remaining undefeated with a 67-59 victory. "We had sloppy play and got in foul trouble," noted Coach LeBrasseur. Callahan had a career high game with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

A. Bauer was high scorer with 21 points. Gehrig added 9, Truebenbach and R. Bauer each scored 8. Biffle scored 4, Hoedebeck 3, and Barnhill 2.

SH 10 23 19 15 67
N 14 12 18 15 59

Tigers take Second

The Sacred Heart Tigers settled for runner-up in the Nocona Tournament last weekend.

Two Tigers, Marty Farrell and Matthew Grewing were named to the All-Tournament Team. Sacred Heart got victories over Nocona and Electra before falling to Prosper in the championship final.

In their opening game against host Nocona, the Tigers played three close quarters then nailed the victory in the final period for a 53-46 final.

Farrell led all players on the score board with 22 points. Grewing added 12, with Clint and Chris Fuhrmann each scoring 6. Jack Biffle put in a 3, with Luke Endres and Jared Zimmerer scoring 2 apiece.

SH 12 12 9 20 53
N 16 10 8 12 46

Round two was a cat scratch between two Tiger teams. When the flying fur settled, Sacred Heart defeated Electra 56-46.

A weak shooting third quarter allowed Electra to

close the score to 2 points before Sacred Heart out-scored Electra 22-11 in the 4th to clinch a slot in the championship game.

Farrell again was high scorer with 19 points. Biffle added 12, Grewing 8, Zimmerer 7, Clint Fuhrmann 6, and Chris Fuhrmann 4 for Sacred Heart.

SH 11 17 6 22 56
E 9 12 11 11 43

The championship game Saturday night was a tough battle against the Prosper Eagles, who took a quick 47-20 half-time lead. The Tigers got into the game the third quarter closing the score to 19 points, then playing even in the final period for a 61-81 defeat.

Marty Farrell dropped in 24 points against Prosper. Jack Biffle added 19, Matthew Grewing 10, with Chris Hoedebeck, Luke Endres and Jared Zimmerer each getting 2. Clint Fuhrmann and Paul Bartush got 1 point apiece.

SH 9 12 23 17 61
P 22 25 16 18 81

Tigerettes win District opener against Bethesda

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes started district competition Tuesday night against Bethesda Christian. "It was an uninspired game, a little flat," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur on the Tigerettes' 72-20 victory. The win keeps Sacred Heart undefeated this season as they prepare for Goldberg Thursday in the KC Red River Shootout.

Andrea Bauer put in 15 points and pulled down 9 rebounds. Jayna Biffle added 14, Mary Jane Callahan 11, Karen Gehrig 8, with Courtney Hartman and Jana Truebenbach scoring 6 points each. Audrey Barnhill, Kristen Zimmerer, and Raney Bauer put in 4 points apiece. Hartman also had 7 steals.



Dustin Walterscheid gets pressed by Bellevue players in a game played earlier this month. Local teams will be participating in the Red River Shoot Out this weekend.

Photo by Janie Hartman



Reaching for the rebound include Lady Hornets Megan Lippe (5), Pamela Lutkenhaus (32), Amanda Felderhoff (55), and Crystal Hale.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Red River shoot-out this weekend at MHS and SHS

The 2001 annual Red River Shootout is being held this weekend in the Muenster ISD and Sacred Heart gymnasiums. The basketball tournament, sponsored by Muenster and Sacred Heart Schools and the Muenster Knights of Columbus is hosting 20 teams from 12 area schools.

Action began Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Tiger gym and will conclude Saturday

night, with the boys championship game in the Muenster ISD gym.

Teams participating include Sacred Heart, Muenster, Lindsay, Forestburg, Prairie Valley (boys), Notre Dame, Henrietta, Turner, Oklahoma, Paradise (boys), Jacksboro, Goldberg, Sherman JV (girls), Nocona, and Sacred Heart JV (girls).

Lady Hornet take Long Horn championship

Muenster Lady Hornets brought home the championship trophy last weekend after defeating Chico, Harvest Christian, and Goldberg in the Forestburg basketball tournament.

The first game with Chico saw the Lady Hornets play "great second and third quarters," noted Coach Jeff Presnall. "But we still are struggling getting started." He also pointed out that Muenster's post game was strong, a credit not only to Lisa Felderhoff and Melinda Walterscheid, but also to the guards getting them the ball.

Walterscheid led all scorers with 14 points. Felderhoff added 11, and Ashley Hess 10. Brittany Haverkamp put in 8 points, Ashley Klement 7, 2 apiece by JoAnna Felderhoff and Jami Gerstberger, and 1 each from Alisha Walterscheid and Amanda Felderhoff.

M 8 18 21 9 56
C 10 13 11 7 41

In the semi-final game with Harvest Christian, Muenster took a one-sided 62-21 victory. "We finally came out and played well in the first quarter, both offensively and defensively," commented Coach Presnall. "Harvest Christian had a good half-court game, but couldn't handle our full court press." The coach noted that Brittany Haverkamp played extremely well with 12 points, while Melinda Walterscheid totally dominated the point-scoring with 20 points.

Others contributing points to the win were Klement with 9, A. Walterscheid 7, Hess and J. Felderhoff 4 apiece. Pamela Lutkenhaus added 3, Tara Swirczynski 2, and A. Felderhoff 1.

M 12 14 14 22 62
H 2 3 13 3 21

The championship game matched Muenster against Goldberg. "Goldberg played us tough early, as we came out flat and over-confident," noted Presnall. "The one-two punch of Melinda and Lisa was way too much for them. Our guards did an excellent job reading the defense and got the ball inside."

Again Melinda Walterscheid was high scorer with 21 points. Lisa Felderhoff followed with 18. JoAnna Felderhoff and Ashley Klement each added 7, with Megan Lippe, Ashley Hess, and Brittany Haverkamp each scoring 4. Alisha Walterscheid dropped in 2.

M 14 18 18 17 67
G 14 14 5 10 43

The Muenster Hornets finished third in the Forestburg tournament by defeating Saint Jo 64-24.

Nine Muenster players put points on the board led by Mitch Endres and Chisam Cain with 14 and 13 points. Mitch Felderhoff added 8, with Kevin Hermes and Tyler Walterscheid each getting 7. Colby Newton put in 6, Nathan Hess 4, Cody Cory 3, and Dustin Walterscheid 2.

M 15 14 18 17 64
SJ 3 5 9 12 29

Muenster takes big wins from Prairie Valley

After a 46-0 first quarter score, the Lady Hornets slowed down the action and defeated Prairie Valley 104-14 Tuesday night in Muenster.

"I was very proud of the girls for the way they handled this peculiar situation," said Coach Jeff Presnall. "They played with hustle and determination, but still showed great sportsmanship and compassion."

Thirteen Lady Hornets put balls in the basket, with five hitting double digit scores.

Lisa Felderhoff was the game's leading scorer with 16 points. Brittany Haverkamp added 13, Ashley Hess and Alisha Walterscheid 11 points apiece, and Melinda Walterscheid 10. Robyn Hermes put in 8 points,

Ashley Klement, Amanda Felderhoff, and JoAnna Felderhoff 7 apiece, Pamela Lutkenhaus 6, Megan Lippe 4, and 2 each by Krystal Hale and Jami Gerstberger.

M 46 20 17 21 104
PV 0 4 5 5 14

The Hornets added another victory to their record, defeating Prairie Valley 57-40.

Muenster took control early then held their opponents to just four points in the final period to clinch the win.

Chisam Cain was high scorer with 14 points. Kevin Hermes added 12 and Mitch Endres 11. Cody Cory put in 9, Dustin Walterscheid 6, Colby Newton 4 and Nathan Hess one.

M 21 12 11 13 57
PV 11 10 15 4 40

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Rashae Dangelmayr competes in Texas State Gymnastics meet

Rashae Dangelmayr competed at the Texas State Gymnastic Meet held Nov. 10 in Crowley, Texas. She is a member of Nation's Gymnastic team, which is located in Denton. There were 31 teams with 45 members participating. They competed at Level 6 on beam, uneven bars, vault, and floor. Rashae placed in three events which placed her sixteenth in the All-Around.

To qualify for state she competed at various meets in the Metroplex area. She won the All-Around title at the District Meet held in Lancaster. At the Judge's Cup in Dallas and the North Texas Meet in Plano she placed sixth in the All-Around.

She joined the Nations Gym team this past summer. The previous three years she competed in Oklahoma. Training five evenings a week, she is coached by Rodica and Aurel Lazars. The Lazars are from Romania and have

coached an Olympic silver medalist winner. Their international connections made it possible to bring Adriana Pop, a Romanian internationally known choreographer to Denton, while she is in the states. She choreographed the music and Level 7 optional floor routine for Rashae's next level of competition. The next few months of competition include trips to Houston and Las Vegas.

Rashae is the nine year old daughter of Kerry and Mike Dangelmayr. Her grandparents are Patsy and Paul Dangelmayr and Mickey and Benny Haverkamp. She is a 4th grade student at Sacred Heart School.

J V Action

Muenster 53 Paradise 18

The Muenster Junior Varsity Lady Hornets brought home a big victory Monday night. After a slow start, Muenster took control of the court.

Deann Dangelmayr was high scorer in the game with 18 points. Kallie Gerstberger added 10, Stevie Klement 9, Kristen Hess 6, Rachel Clark 4, and 2 apiece from Lana Fisher, Kami Klement, and Whitney Watson.

M 7 12 14 20 53
P 4 5 5 4 18

Muenster 61 Paradise 24

The Muenster Freshmen boys took a big win home Monday, dominating the game all four quarters.

Eight Hornets scored, three in double digits. Russell Endres was high scorer with 18 points. Justin Wolf added 17 and Sean Fuhrmann 13. Dustin Felderhoff scored 4, Chase Cain 3, and 2 apiece from Jeff Walterscheid, Aaron Walterscheid, and Derek Felderhoff.

M 14 17 15 15 61
P 9 5 9 1 24

Sacred Heart 52 Valley View 48

"Great free throw shooting was the key to the game," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. The Tigerettes were 24 of 29 from the charity strip. "Both teams played great games."

Maggie Farrell was high scorer with 21 points, hitting 13 free throws. Stephanie Henscheid added 10 points, Jacqueline Bauer 9, Katie Flusche 6, Becca Stalling 4, and Lisa Endres 2.

SH 13 8 8 23 52
VV NA NA NA NA 48

Sacred Heart 41 Era 42

"We were a little tired as it was our second game of the morning," noted Coach LeBrasseur. "We just let it slip away." Era hit the winning basket with 6 seconds on the clock.

Bauer led the Tigerettes with 14 points. Henscheid put in 9, Flusche 8, with Endres and Farrell each scoring 4, and Melissa Thomas 2 points.

Junior High Action

Muenster "B" 4 Lindsay 48

The Muenster Junior High "B" team was defeated by the Lindsay 7th grade Lady Squires. Too many turnovers kept the ball from the Lady Stinger offense.

Meredith Bezner was high scorer in the game with 12 points. Brittany Anderle added 10, with Heather O'Dell and Andrea English each scoring 6. Kaileigh Hess, Jenny Schroeder, and Amy Nortman all scored 4, and Julie Hanson 2.

Dropping a bucket for Muenster were Tiffanie Klement and Amanda Rohmer.

M 2 0 2 0 4
L 14 16 8 10 48

Muenster "A" 19 Lindsay 28

The Lindsay 8th grade took home a win Monday night over the Lady Stingers A team. Scoring for Muenster were Katie Endres with 6 points, Jacé Koelzer 4, with Megan Felderhoff, Kelly Endres, Danielle Bindel, and Krystal Wolf each scoring 2, and Jenna Felderhoff 1.

Five Lady Squires put points on the board, led by Mallory Block with 9. Shelly Rauscher added 6, Allison Hundt 5, and 4 each by Tiffany Martin and Stephanie Metzler.

M 2 3 4 10 19
L 12 6 0 10 28

Muenster 7th 18 Lindsay 26

The Stingers fell to the Squires Monday evening. Putting points on the board for Muenster were Zach Swirczynski with 6 points, Chad Endres 5, and 2 apiece from Brad Endres, Billy Haverkamp, and Chad Temple. Evan Koelzer put in

a free throw.

The Squires were led by Levi Hermes with 10 points. Jeff Shannon added 8, Travis Endres 4, and 2 each from Zack Minnix and Justin Callier.

M 6 5 2 5 18
L 8 6 8 4 26

Muenster 8th 14 Lindsay 36

The 8th grade Stingers struggled through four quarters against Lindsay, starting with a scoreless first quarter.

Scoring for Muenster were Jordan Walterscheid with 4 points, Michael Eckart and Ryan Hennigan 3 apiece, and 2 each from Patrick Lutkenhaus and Derek Endres.

Chris Creed led Lindsay's scoring with 10 points. Jacob Root added 6, Clint Williams and Dustin Hughes 5 apiece, Alan Trammell 4, and 2 each from Brad Arend, Derek Murray, and Chad Dieter.

M 0 7 3 4 14
L 6 13 12 5 36

Sacred Heart 10 Liberty 30

The 6th and 7th grade Lady Cubs fell to Denton Liberty Christian on Nov. 19. Stephanie Krawietz and Jessica Schilling each scored 4 points. Lauren Krahl added 2.

SH 4 4 0 2 10
L 3 9 10 8 30

Sacred Heart 51 Liberty 16

The Lady Cubs 8th grade team took a big win from Liberty. Five Sacred Heart players scored, dominated by Shannon Hartman with 17 points, Whitney Wimmer 15, and Joelle Fuhrmann 10. Nicole Bayer added 5, and Diana Knabe 4

points.

SH 12 11 14 14 51
L 6 2 4 4 16

Sacred Heart 43 Texas Christian 6

The Lady Cubs were unchallenged by the 8th grade team from Texas Christian on Nov. 26. Hannah Hess led all scorers with 16 points. Whitney Wimmer added 11, Shannon Hartman 6, Joelle Fuhrmann 4, and 2 apiece by Diana Knabe, Debra Yosten, and Nina Zanchetta.

SH 9 12 13 9 43
TC 2 2 2 0 6

Sacred Heart 33 Texas Christian 44

The 8th grade Cubs lost a hard fight to Texas Christian with several team members fouling out of the game. Timmy Otto was Sacred Heart's high scorer with 13 points. Marcos Nieto added 10, Arlie Bayer 6, and 2 each from Mark Gehrig and David Walterscheid.

SH 8 8 6 11 33
TC 13 9 7 15 44

Sacred Heart 21 St. Mary's 28

The 7th grade Lady Cubs came up short Monday night in a 2nd half comeback attack. Lauren Krahl led Sacred Heart with 12 points. Lauren Sepanski added 4, Taylor Torcellini 3, and Stephanie Krawietz 2.

SH 8 0 10 3 21
SM 8 11 4 5 28

Sacred Heart 28 St. Mary's 40

Only three 7th grade Cubs hit baskets in a loss to the Mustangs. Colby Richey scored 16, Nolan Hartman 10, and Mitchell Sellars 2. Only three St. Mary's players also scored.

SH 8 3 10 7 28
SM 5 9 13 13 40

Sacred Heart 50 Collinsville 23

The 8th grade Lady Cubs got another win Monday night. Whitney Wimmer was the game's leading point maker with 19 points. Diana Knabe added 10, with Hannah Hess and Nicole Bayer each getting 7. Shannon Hartman put in 5, and Joell Fuhrmann 2.

SH 15 15 16 4 50
C 4 10 4 5 23

Sacred Heart 11 Collinsville 33

The Cubs had a low scoring game Monday, falling to the young Pirates. Marcos Nieto put in 5 points, Adam Dangelmayr 4, and Timmy Otto 2 for Sacred Heart.

SH 2 5 2 2 11
C 11 10 10 2 33

Knights and Pirates joust

The Lindsay Knights participated in the Collinsville basketball tournament last weekend, winning one of three games.

Action began Thursday in a battle with the Bulldogs from Howe. A cold shooting third quarter put Lindsay behind, and they couldn't catch up, falling 61-69.

Mitch Creed was the game's high point maker with 24 points. Josh Goldsmith added 11, Chris Horner 9, Rhett Rimmer 8, Trinity Otto 4, Ben Hundt 3, and Jeff Grindle 2.

L 14 18 9 20 61
H 22 15 15 17 69

Game two on Friday, the Knights defeated Faith Family Academy 62-53 to stay in the tournament.

After a slow start, a strong third quarter gave Lindsay a 19 point lead going into the final period.

Rimmer and Hundt were high scorers in the game with 18 and 17 points. Creed added 11, Otto 8, Goldsmith 4, and 2 apiece by Horner and Joey Arendt.

L 8 16 24 14 62
F 13 8 8 24 53

In their final contest of the tournament, Lindsay fell to the Anna Coyotes 39-51.

Low scores in the second and third periods kept the Knights from catching their opponents.

Rimmer led Lindsay on the scoreboard with 11 points. Creed added 8, Otto 7, Goldsmith 5, and 4 each from Horner and Dustin Dieter.

L 11 7 6 15 39
A 12 12 16 11 51

Lady Knights win Pirate tournament

The Lindsay Lady Knights brought home the consolation prize from the Collinsville tournament last weekend, winning two of three games.

Action began on Thursday against Paradise. An even-scoring first half was followed by cold shooting by Lindsay that allowed Paradise to take a 36-50 victory.

Emmy Trammell led the Lady Knights with 13 points. Julie Gieb added 7, with Katie Schneider and Amber Selby each scoring 6. Chelsea Brewer and Elaine Hess scored 2 points apiece.

L 12 10 6 8 36
P 13 12 10 15 50

The Lady Knights burned the boards in the second quarter of game two with S&S, dropping in 24 points

to take a 58-37 win.


Three Lindsay players scored double digit points led by Hess with 20. Schneider added 15, and Selby 10. Trammell put in 6, Gieb 4, Alex Hellinger 2, and Brewer 1.

L 16 24 12 6 58
SS 9 10 12 6 37

The consolation contest matched Lindsay with the Anna Lady Coyotes. The Lady Knight defense held Anna's score down, especially in the first and third quarters, to take a 53-39 victory.

Elaine Hess was high scorer with 19 points. Emmy Trammell added 12, with Katie Schneider and Amber Selby each getting 8, and Chelsea Brewer 6.

L 10 16 17 10 53
A 3 11 5 10 29



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The Muenster Historical Commission is re-establishing its Historically Significant Building Award. Sacred Heart Grade School and Fischerhaus Bed and Breakfast have been named Historically Significant in the past and received plaques for the honor. Buildings being considered at this time are Brookes-Reynolds Building, Christi's Jewelry Building, Hess Furniture Building, Sisters Building, Sacred Heart Rectory, Tony Hoening Home, and Clinton Endres Home. Muenster residents are invited to vote on the building of their choice. Submit your vote to the Muenster Historical Commission, P.O. Box 234, Muenster, TX 76252 or bring ballot by the Muenster Museum during open hours, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays, 1-4 p.m. Ballots must be submitted prior to Jan. 1, 2002. See ballot below.

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The amendment will permit cattle producers to pay the \$1-per-head assessment, due when cattle are sold, to the qualified state beef council located in the producer's state of residence prior to sale, subject to certain conditions. Beef councils in states that have the bulk of cattle feedlot capacity likely would receive less check-off revenue.

Utilizing the new option would permit a producer who retains ownership of cattle that are shipped to

another state for feeding to ensure that the beef council located in the state where the producer resides receives the \$1 check-off rather than the beef council in the state in which the cattle are located when sold.

This could increase check-off revenue for many beef councils, such as those located in the southeastern United States, that presently do not receive revenue from cattle owned and sold by that region's producers — who use feedlots in western states to finish cattle before selling them to packers. Obviously, the five main feeding states — Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, and Oklahoma — stand to lose revenue.

Comments on the proposal, postmarked no later than Dec. 18, 2001,

may be sent to Ralph L. Tapp, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, AMS Livestock and Seed Program, USDA, Stop 0251, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20090-0251.

Cooke County Wins State F. B. Awards

Awards for County Farm Bureau public relations and membership were presented Sunday during Texas Farm Bureau's 68th annual convention in Waco.

Cooke County Farm Bureau was among the counties receiving awards. Judged to have done an outstanding job during 2001 in public relations activities, including media coverage

Favorable weather conditions have allowed the state's wheat and oat producers to plant their crops early, and fall rains

provided moisture for farmers to replant fields where stands were lost, Texas Extension Cooperative reports.

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Dr. Travis D. Miller, Extension agronomist in College Station. "Early rains in late August and early September were favorable for planting, and much of the crop was planted on this moisture."

The best weather conditions for wheat and oats are mild day temperatures, cool nights with low humidity and adequate rainfall in the fall and spring. Miller said both crops perform better with cold, but not excessive, winter weather.

Miller said some of this year's stands were damaged due to two months of dry weather. But, rains in mid-November revived some of these stands and provided moisture for replanting, he said.

Even though some regions are still short of moisture, recent rainfall and snow will be helpful in getting emergence in late-planted or replanted stands.

Every year, wheat and oats contribute more than \$1 billion to the Texas economy, he said.

Miller predicts acreage to be slightly up from last year's 5.7 million acres of wheat and 750,000 acres of oats. However, an accurate estimate of the number of acres that have been planted has not been made yet by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Wheat is planted in more than 200 Texas counties. The High Plains, Rolling Plains and Blackland Prairie areas have the greatest acreage planted. The majority of the state's oat crop is planted in

Central Texas, Miller said.

Most of the Texas wheat crop is the hard red winter variety, which is bread wheat. The majority of the state's crop is exported to foreign markets.

Meanwhile, most of the state's oat crop is used as a feed grain, Miller said. "Wheat and oat crops are widely used as winter pastures," Miller said. "They are commonly grazed by stocker cattle or other livestock. Oats are preferred forage, have a less grain market value than wheat and are more vulnerable to winter kill than wheat."

Miller said diseases are a major part of the risk associated with wheat and oat production. Wheat diseases are divided into soilborne fungi, foliar fungal diseases and viral diseases.

Presently, the major problem is dryland foot rot, which is a type of soilborne fungi. Dryland foot rot can kill seedlings and/or adult plants.

It causes stand loss, stunting and death in affected areas of the field. Once the crop is infected, it can not be treated, he said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. This week brought a heavy freeze which ended winter gardens, caused major defoliation in trees and slowed winter wheat growth. Most producers are feeding hay to cattle except where wheat or oats are grazed.

Texas Crop, Weather Report

Texas Ag Statistics to Have End-of-Year Surveys

Not enough rain. Too much rain. Rain at the wrong time. Low crop yields. Low commodity prices. Texas agricultural producers probably wouldn't recognize a "normal" year after the past six or seven abnormal years. How did we finally come out this year with major crops? What plans do producers have for 2002? Did we greatly reduce our cattle herds in 2001 with the sell-offs due to poor pasture conditions?

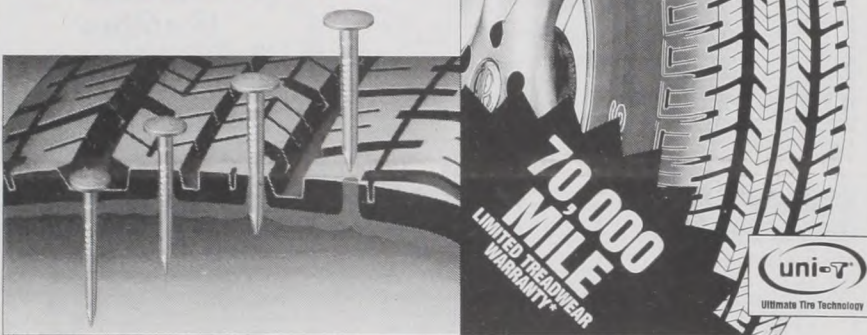
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS), a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), will answer these questions and others with their end-of-year crop estimates for 2001 and beginning of season inventories for 2002. TASS representatives began contacting farmers and ranchers on Nov. 29 to collect the crop and livestock data that are used in the estimating process. With each new crop

season, speculation abounds. Agricultural producers are the main source of the facts needed to assess the outcome of the past season and provide clear indications for the coming season. NASS estimates are widely used by producers, industry analysts, farm organizations, extension agents and others in making production, marketing and investment decisions. Lawmakers also rely on these unbiased estimates as they outline farm programs and request or issue disaster declarations.

"The data you provide to TASS are confidential," promises State Statistician Robin Roark. "The information we collect is protected by law and is only used in combined form to provide the indications we need to make the meaningful, accurate and objective estimates that keep U.S. agriculture informed."

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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.01-1.21; Nos. 2 & 3, 91-1.01; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.16; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.00; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 95-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-95; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 90-103; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-90; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 80-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-80; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 73-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-73	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$720; medium frame, \$450-\$600. Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$750-\$850; medium frame, \$600-\$750. Holstein baby calves, \$40-\$85; Crossbreds, \$125-\$185.	Barbados (per head) Lambs \$20-\$30. Ewes: \$10-\$70. Bucks: \$60-\$180. Ewes Stocker: 20-45; Thin: 20-40; Fat: 35-60. Bucks Thin: 40-70; Fat: 60-150. Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$40; 35-55 lbs., \$35-\$60; 55-75 lbs., \$55-\$75. Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$70-\$120.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 90-1.03; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-90; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 88-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-88; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 88-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 73-88; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 84-93; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-84; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 72-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-72; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 67-73; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-67.	Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 44-52; US #2, 220-280, 37-48. Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs., \$35-\$50; 25-90 lbs., \$20-\$40. Sows: Feeder, 400 or less, 26-30; Light wt., 400-500, 26-30; Med. wt., 500-600, 26-30; Heavy wt., 600-up, 26-30.	Nannies (per head) Stocker, \$20-\$70; Milk Type, \$20-\$60; Slaughter, Thin, \$40-\$60; Fat, \$40-\$70. Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders \$60-\$150; Slaughter, \$45-\$95. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, \$40-\$75; 3/4 Nanny, \$60-\$100; Full Nanny, \$75-\$250. Roer Goats (per head) 1/2 Bille, NT, 34 Bille, NT, Full Bille, \$60-\$150.

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