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Weak link closed in area's weather warning system

By Janet Felderhoff
Residents of western Cooke County who worry during stormy weather should rest a little easier now. The National Weather Service's Fort Worth/Dallas Forecast Office and Southern Region Headquarters have established a weather radio transmitter near Muenster. It was placed 290 feet high on a tower owned by Cooke County Electric Co-operative and located about two miles east of Muenster. Weather Radio broadcasts continuous weather information provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service. The Muenster transmitter operates on a frequency of 162.425 megahertz under the call sign KHA-99. A dedication ceremony took place Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Muenster Fire Station. Gary Woodall, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, and Bill Bunting, Meteorologist in charge of the Fort Worth office, represented the National Weather Service Southern Region. Woodall remarked, "Today's an exciting day for us because having worked in the weather business and having lived here in North

Texas for several years, I realize fully the value and importance of warning when severe weather is threatening. Also my position is to recognize that one of the weakest links in the warning process is communication itself, actually notifying people that bad weather is coming into the area. Today we are here to recognize a big step toward closing up that gap and filling that gap up here in Muenster and the surrounding area." Speaking on behalf of the Commissioners Court and the citizens of Cooke County, County Judge Bill Freeman thanked the

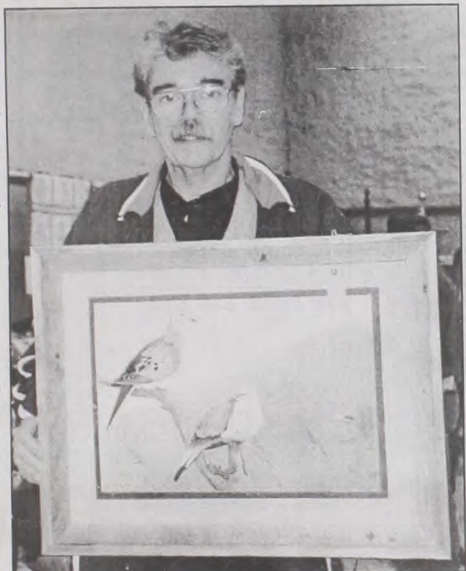
National Weather Service for providing such an important service and the Cooke County Co-op for providing the tower space. Freeman said that he and Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher had often discussed how they would get warnings to the people out in the County. Some of the cities have sirens and a prompt warning system. "The problem comes with the rural community and how we get something out to them and tell them bad weather is coming." Judge Freeman noted that installation of the weather transmitter hit at a perfect time. "Cooke County Commissioners made a commitment about a year ago to open the Office of Emergency Management, and Commissioners Court stays committed to emergency management," said Judge Freeman. "The best emergency management you can have is mitigation. The best mitigation you can have is notification to the parties that bad weather is coming. One of the most dangerous factors in Cooke County is tornadoes and severe weather. This will give us another way to notify the citizens of Cooke County that bad weather is coming."



Gary Woodall, NOAA Warning Coordination Meteorologist, demonstrates the workings of a weather radio receiver to Cooke County Electric Board member Dave Flusche. They were at a dedication ceremony for the new NOAA Muenster Weather Radio transmitter. Janet Felderhoff photo



Alvin and Jonie Hartman keep us in the holiday spirit with their wonderful yard displays during the holidays. photo by Deborah Wood



Father John was surprisingly presented with the beautiful dove painting done by Cpt. Andy White. He was quite out of bid but not disappointed. See story and photo on pg. 3 photo by Deborah Wood

Happy Thanksgiving from us at the Muenster Enterprise

Janet, Janie, Gary, Linda, Elfreda, Carl, Alvin, Scott and Deborah

Bunting noted that he and Woodall often went out after severe weather to assess the impact on people's lives. From their perspective Bunting said that there are two challenges. One is to use Doppler radar, satellites, and computers to deliver the best quality forecast with warning information possible. The second is to get the weather radios into the hands of those who need them. Woodall suggested that schools, hospitals, and larger businesses and larger warehouses would especially benefit by making a weather radio part of their severe weather plans. He also suggested giving weather radios as Christmas gifts. Woodall explained that weather is transmitted continuously 24 hours a day. "On a quiet day we will have the latest hourly observations from Gainesville and other

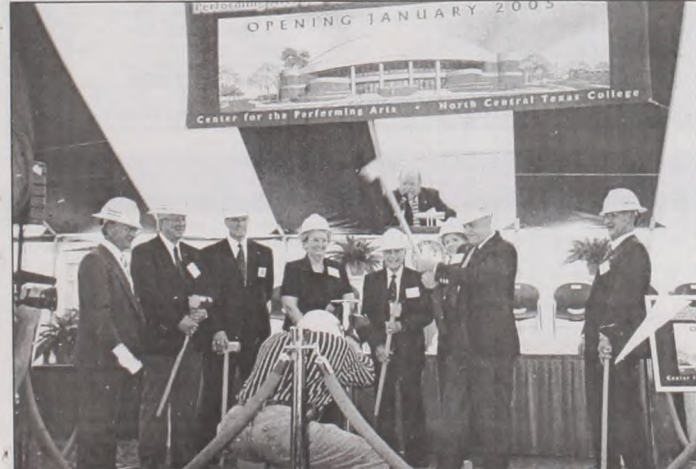
Montague County Emergency Management Coordinator Jimmy Dennis offered appreciation from the people of Montague County to the weather service and Cooke County Electric for the weather radio transmitter. "In Montague County this is a big issue with us," remarked Dennis. "We've had several storms and being able to use this service is going to help us. It is also an avenue for us to get other information out to our citizens that may not be weather related, but will open up a lot of avenues. As rural as we are in Montague County, we'll be able to use that and we sure appreciate it."

Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher said that his office would use the new service to transmit any other pertinent emergency information if needed such as chemical spills or other dangers. Phil Slater of Cooke County Electric Co-op commented, "One of our pleasures is to do something for the public." The Co-op's tower has several public service transmitters including EMS, and Fire Fighters Association.

official hearing sites across the area," he said. "We have the seven day forecast that's tailored specifically toward the Cooke and Montague area, not a slave off of the Dallas-Fort Worth forecast. It's specific for this area. The latest weather summaries, hazardous weather, and other weather outlooks as well." When severe weather threatens the area, the fastest means of getting watch and warning information out is weather radio. A typical broadcast cycle lasts from four to five minutes depending on how much weather is happening. This repeats and is updated hourly. Woodall explained, "When we are dealing with hazardous weather is when the system is really going to shine. When we issue a watch or a warning for Cooke, Montague, or any of the counties in the broadcast range, our automated system will decode the message. There will be some coded information in the header of the watch or warning that will tell the system what type of warning it is, which

See WARNING, PG. 4

Golden spike breaks ground for NCTC Performing Arts facility



Official Groundbreaking for the NCTC Center for the Performing Arts took place as Dr. Milton Dickson, Board of Regents chairman, takes the first strike to drive a "Golden Spike" into what will be the center of the monolithic dome structure. Other Regents waiting their turn are, from left, Claude Walter, Troy Idom, Russell Duncan, Ann Kemplin, Neil Tibbets, Karon Sullivan, and NCTC President Dr. Ronnie Glasscock. Holding the spike is Dr. Marvin Knight who added a touch of humor as he donned a football helmet before taking the spike. Rodger Boyce emcees the event, center back. Photo by Janet Felderhoff

Official groundbreaking ceremonies for a new Performing Arts Center were held Thursday, Nov. 20 on the campus of North Central Texas College.

A large crowd attended the event held at the site adjacent to the college library where construction will begin in January.

"This groundbreaking was somewhat different," said Dr. Steve Broyles, dean of administrative services who has worked closely with architects and contractors on preliminary planning for the facility. "But, then, the building itself—a monolithic dome—is going to be different."

Rather than actually break ground in the traditional sense by scooping up a shovel full of dirt, participants in the ceremonial groundbreaking drove a "golden spike" to mark the center point of the circular dome.

Entertainment during the complimentary barbecue lunch included music, provided by the NCTC Jazz Band and NCTC Singers, and special presentations by

drama students dressed in Shakespearean costumes.

"That, of course, is in keeping with the very special purpose and function of this building," said Dr. Eddie Hadlock, vice president of instruction, "which will serve as an instructional facility devoted exclusively to programs related to the performing arts—music, drama, and eventually even dance."

"The plain fact is that existing facilities in which to teach these programs are either woefully inadequate or just plain non-existent. That's despite exceptional growth in programs like music with our Jazz Bands and Singers, and strong indications from area high schools that we would have heavy enrollment in programs such as drama if we just had suitable facilities."

Dr. Hadlock said the college looks forward to hosting UIL competitions in both music and drama in the new building, and in establishing strong ties to all the performing arts

programs in the public schools throughout NCTC's service area.

Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, president, said the new Performing Arts Center will fill a long standing void in the college's overall academic curriculum. "Fine arts programs like music and drama—as well as visual arts programs like painting and sculpture—are vitally important to any college-level curriculum," he said. "They're important for obvious academic reasons, but they are also enormously important in that they add so much to the overall collegiate environment for all students, regardless of their major."

"It was for this reason above any others that we proposed this project in the first place well over two years ago and then decided to proceed with it, even in the face of some challenging economic and financial circumstances. We truly believe it is that important to the long-range academic integrity of this institution." See PERFORMING ART, PG. 7

New gym recommended before sports

By Janet Felderhoff
Sara Lester, chairman of the Lindsay High School Site Based Committee, conveyed results of a survey on athletic programs and facilities, and the recommendations they had based on the results.

Lindsay ISD Superintendent Jerry Metzler said that the Committee was asked to study the possibility of adding athletic programs such as softball and also to look at the idea of a permanent addition to the athletic program. Parents of school children and students were surveyed.

Besides Lester, the Committee included Rene Knauf and John Erwin. They developed questions for the survey. According to results of the Parent Survey, 68% favored a new gym. The Student Survey asked what they were doing and what sports they were interested in adding. High school showed baseball and volleyball. Junior high students asked for soccer.

Lester noted, "We looked at all of that and then we went back to the Parent Survey. Having talked to faculty members, we decided that we would prefer you considering a new gym before we look at an additional sport (such as baseball). Then see how additional sport would fall in after that."

Education was strongly considered in this recommendation. Lester said, "The most important thing is that no one wants their students to go to P.E. during First, Second, or Third Periods. That's prime learning time. Right now junior high students have First and Second (period) P.E. and it's not a good thing."

New Conrady-Klement Scholarship will assist NCTC Ag majors

Agriculture majors at North Central Texas College will benefit from a new scholarship fund established by an NCTC administrator in memory of her parents.

Emily Klement, dean of the NCTC Bowie Campus and a longtime resident of Muenster, said she created the Conrady-Klement Scholarship as a tribute to her late mother and father, Edmund and Vera Hoff Conrady. They were descendants of pioneer farming families in Clay and Archer counties.

"Their grandparents emigrated from Germany in order to own their own land, to farm and to raise their children in freedom," Mrs. Klement said.

Her father, Edmund, she said, was the first young man from the town of Windthorst to attend college and was in that community's first high school graduating class.

"He was a farmer and rancher who loved the land—especially the land of Texas," Mrs. Klement said, "but he also loved education and was very grateful for the opportunity he had to attend college. The importance of education was something both my parents instilled in all their children."

Mrs. Klement said her

Board President Danny Nortman said, "We'll keep this close by as we proceed forward with trying to get the second gym going."

A public hearing was held on the Lindsay ISD Annual Report for 2002-2003. Superintendent Metzler made a copy available to the media and copies are placed at the Lindsay City Hall, Post Office, and the school office for use by the public. The report is a compilation of a number of items including the District and Campus goals, Academic Excellence Indicator System reports with results from performance on TAKS tests, attendance and drop-out rates; District Profile with years of experience of teachers, budget statistics, etc.; report on Violent and Criminal Incidents; and results from Drug and Alcohol Use Survey.

There were no violent or criminal incidents to report. Metzler said, "I'm sure that in football practice or somewhere we had some violence on our campus, but a violent act as defined by the Legislature and by Board policy - we didn't have anything of that sort. We didn't have anything that's considered a criminal incidence on our campus last year."

The annual Drug and Alcohol Use Report was done a little differently this year. Metzler noted, "Our Campus Improvement people determined that they'd seen the results year after year and they tend to be in the same area. Our students reported that they use drugs less often than the rest of the State except for alcohol. This last spring we surveyed our 8th and 9th grade kids. What we tried to do was find out some information about the kids and where this was beginning. Was it starting in the young grades or is it just something that shows up in high school? We found out some of the same things that the high school surveys

said. Kids are not using other drugs, but are being exposed to alcohol in family situations and in social situations. Those are the areas we need to put our efforts towards."

Roof repairs are an ongoing project of Lindsay ISD. Although the District went out for bids last summer, there was no response due to the stormy spring. Buddy Allums of Warry Engineering brought a suggestion for another option. It would carry a five-year guarantee that would get the District through until it was ready for a new roof. The cost would be in the \$60,000 range compared to the \$25,000 budget range that the usual patching option would cost. The new system uses a hybrid asphalt that stretches with blistering occurring on the roof. The only way to more permanently fix the moisture problem is to install new roofing.

The Board instructed Allums to go out for bids on both types of roofing and to further investigate the new system. Also landowners, St. Peter's Parish, will be contacted for input.

In other business the Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees:

- Agreed to contract with Callahan and Freeman Architects for architectural services regarding a new gymnasium. If a bond election for a new gym fails, the firm will receive no pay for providing preliminary schematic work. If it passes, it will receive a fee that is six percent of the project or if the Board goes with another architectural firm then a fee.

- Approved updated legal policies and local policies included in the TASB Localized Update 71. This includes a change in the School Board election from the first Saturday in May to the third Saturday.

- Agreed unanimously to use federal grant money designated for

supplementing remediation programs for purchasing computers and software. From PC Net for a total cost of \$21,081.00 they will purchase for the high school a mobile lab of laptop computers and accessories. For the Elementary, the District will purchase from Gateway for a total of \$23,382.00 for profile computers and hardware.

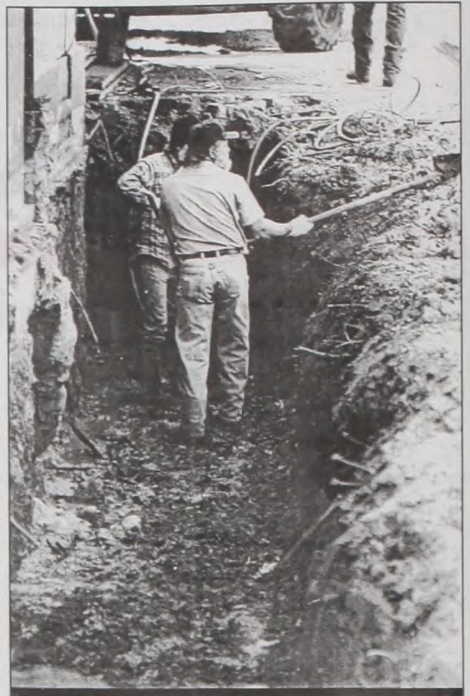
- Heard review of LISD investment policy as presented by Superintendent Metzler.

- Approved contracting with Texas General Land Office for electricity supplied by Reliant Energy at .05710 per kwh for a one-year contract.

- Considered facilities design on gymnasium project as presented by Callahan and Freeman Architects. Seven people interested in the project attended and gave their input.

- Heard reports from Principals Monica Parkhill and Larry Smith on student activities.

- Superintendent Metzler reported on facilities including cracked glass in windows and the PA system on the football field.



Problems with the basement under the Rectory are also being repaired. Monte Barnhill and Charlie Conner dig along the north wall to prepare the wall for sealing to prevent leaking. Janie Hartman photo

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday, November 30, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Fr. John Corapi video series, SHHS, Rm #5, 9:10-10:15AM, Topic: First Commandment	Monday, December 1, 2003 City Council meeting, 7:30PM Grief Support meeting, 6PM, Home Hospice Office	Tuesday, December 2, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Auxiliary meeting, 7PM	Wednesday, December 3, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Class, 7PM Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5:30PM Lindsay KC meeting, 7:45PM Centennial Hall	Thursday, December 4, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Brown Bag Book Review, noon, NCTC Library	Friday, December 5, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Board meeting, 10AM, Stanford House, Gainesville	Saturday, December 6, 2003
Sunday, December 7, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Fr. John Corapi video series, SHHS, Rm #5, 9:10-10:15AM, Topic: Second & Third Commandments	Monday, December 8, 2003 Feast of the Immaculate Conception - NO SCHOOL SHS VFW & VFW Auxiliary meeting, covered dish	Tuesday, December 9, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Deadline to sign-up for Muenster Youth Basketball League	Wednesday, December 10, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Class, 7PM SH Alumni & Friends meeting, 7:30PM, Community Center MISD Board meeting, 7:30PM ColC Breakfast, 7:30AM, Rohmer's	Thursday, December 11, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, December 12, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP meeting & luncheon, 11:30AM, Stanford House, Gainesville SHS Annual Bake Sale, 7AM-3PM, Community Center	Saturday, December 13, 2003

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Parish Thanksgiving dinner, picnic and auctions are a great success

By Elfreda Fette

Tom Herr, general chairman, and committee members and assistants, have estimated that the 2003 Sacred Heart Parish annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Picnic, Auctions and related activities combined, present the best yet money-wise! Although the financial assessment is not complete, the chairmen have stated that final reports will be forthcoming as soon as complete.

Dear to the heart of chairmen, committees, sponsors, and their assemblage of volunteer help for the annual Sacred Heart Parish Picnic, Thanksgiving dinner, and Homecoming is the anticipation that precedes the event, for months, as they ponder "How can we make this one so outstanding that it will clearly surpass last year's?" That is the challenge they set up for themselves as a goal.

Clearly, this year they reached that eminent goal, and they can now bask in the success of that event that has resulted from weeks of planning, preparation, cooperation and good will.

Chairman Herr was lavish in his praise of the committees and their assistants whose cooperation and enthusiasm contributed eminently to the highly successful parish event, in the glow of financial high points. And all those people can say: "Wow!!!" "We did it!!!" "Hallelujah!!!" and again "Wow!!!" and justify their well-earned personal expressions "Wow, we did it!!!"

Dinner chairmen, Beverly Fuhrmann and Debbie Schoppa and their assistants served more than 1275 noon dinners, beginning serving at 10:45 a.m., and not stopping until 2:00 p.m., equaling the number served last year. The menu included traditional roast turkey, dressing and gravy, German sausage, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and the crowd-favorite-sauerkraut, requested innumerable times. New to the menu this year was homemade bread from Bayer's Kolonialwaren.

The evening meal, served by Karen Moster and Mary Lin Knabe and their team included fried livers and gizzards, French fries, and barbecue, with continuous serving until the supply ran out they said they were very pleased with the attendance. The frying was done outdoors by a team of four men accustomed to working together: Nick Walterscheid, Lee Buddy, Fred Koessler, and Earl Charles.

The cake walk was very successful. Sponsors said more cakes were donated this year than ever before, and that more pies were brought in for the dinner than ever before. Monica LeBrasseur was chairman of the cake walk.

The Sweet Shoppe, always a crowd pleaser, was a busy place, said Charlotte Klement, as customers lined up all day, intent on purchasing goodies to take home, or store in the freezer, anticipating Christmas. Charlotte Klement said "It was the biggest ever. I was simply overwhelmed by the generosity of the parish

members and all our good cooks."

The quilt raffle, of a quilt made by SNAP, was won by Lucille Hesse, who donated it back to the live auction.

The gun raffle was won by Michelle Knauf. She also donated it back to the live auction.

Winners of the major prizes from the raffle included: Kenneth Bierschenk, half beef from Walterscheid Meat donated by Claude and Nancy Walter; Steven Yosten, Lazy Boy recliner donated by Hess Furniture; Mickaela Bartush, \$500 Savings Bond donated by Catholic Life; Valerie Henschel, \$500 Savings Bond donated by GNB; Leon Knauf, \$150 gift certificate from DI One Stop donated by DI One Stop; Steven Yosten, \$200 in Muenster Marks donated by cash donors; Ronnie Hess, digital camera donated by cash donors; Karen Davis, VHS/DVD player donated by cash donors; Dale Hofbauer, \$100 Savings Bonds donated by American Bank of Texas; Paul Dangelmayr, \$100 Savings Bonds donated by American Bank of Texas; Amy Binder, can of Subiaco peanut brittle donated by Carol Grewing.

The silent auction continued all day, and the live auction began at 4:30 p.m., representing a Herculean effort, and uncounted number of hours of labor and intense effort by Debbie Hess. See her report in a separate article and individual headline following.

Children's games were popular with the kids. Denise Sweeney was in charge of the children's

games. The Country Store and Arts and Crafts Booth garnered lots of attention, drawing admiration and customers and buyers. Charlotte Dangelmayr, Stacie Miller, Aileen Knabe, and Leslie Eddleman were in charge of the arts and crafts booth.

Introduced to the crowds were the football coaches of both schools, Sacred Heart High and Muenster High School, who responded most graciously to the recognition they received Sunday for their successful years.

Tom Herr gave special credit for the success of raffle ticket sales, and silent auction participation to the participation of high school students and young adults who mingled through the crowds all afternoon, giving attention and publicity to those money raisers, and the auction of special gift baskets provided by the students.

As the day waned and the mood of all those hard workers softened into "When You Come To The End Of A Perfect Day..." exhilaration and much-deserved self-satisfaction masked the fatigue of chairmen, sponsors, committee members, and volunteers - fatigue that was sure to come, but would never dampen their enthusiasm for next year's big event. Remaining always in their thoughts is "What can we do to improve next year's? How can we add something just a little bit different, but equally attractive and even more appealing?"

Watch for the final financial report as soon as it is completed!!!



Alana and Roy Endres along with Madison Hesse pause for a moment with the reindeer at the Sacred Heart picnic. photo by Deborah Wood

A few picnic notes from Debbie Hess

Turtle Dove Painting, hand painted by Andy White, brought \$8,000.00. Father John wanted the picture, so Don Flusche got 40 people to pay \$200.00 apiece so they could run the bid up to \$8,000.00. They did so and then presented Father with the painting. The Sacred Heart Tiger football scrap book brought \$2,000.00. Tina and Ronnie Weinzapfel got it. Several

people won things or bought things and then donated them back to sell again.

A special recognition went to the two football coaches, Monte Endres for the Hornets and Charles Boles for the Tigers, for an outstanding season.

A monetary update will be given as soon as the bills come in.

Submitted by Debbie Hess



Worn out! Pat Springer holds her granddaughter Kate at the Sacred Heart picnic last Sunday. Kate is the daughter of Drew and Lydia Springer. photo by Deborah Wood



Michelle Knauf gets her workout keeping the dessert table full. photo by Deborah Wood



The Muenster Hornets coaches recognized at the picnic for the great year they had. Coaches are: I-Jeff Presnall, Jackie Crisp, Kenny Mann and Monte Endres. photo by Deborah Wood



Hundreds of people went through the line at the Sacred Heart picnic on Sunday. Some went twice! photo by Deborah Wood

Obituaries

Darren Nix 1967-2003

Darren Christopher Nix of Irving died Nov. 8, 2003 at Baylor Medical Center. He had been hospitalized for three days following an acute seizure incident suffered at his home.

Darren was born in Austin on Oct. 2, 1967 and graduated from Nimitz High School in Irving. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a Desert Storm veteran. He most recently was a registered massage therapist in the Metroplex.

He is survived by

numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is the grandson of Ray and Willie Hoedebeck of Denison and the great-grandson of the late Fred and Anna Schumacher Hoedebeck of Muenster.

Funeral services were held Nov. 11 at Sherwood Park Baptist Church in Irving. Interment was at Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Sherman.

Among family members attending was Linda Knabe of Muenster.

Marcella Janicki 1917-2003

Marcella Pagel Janicki passed away at her home in San Antonio (Windcrest), Texas on Saturday, October 25, 2003.

Marcella, the eldest of four children, was born in Muenster on August 28, 1917, to Jacob Henry Pagel, Jr. and Caecelia Trachta Pagel. She was preceded in death by her husband LTC (RET) John P. "Jack" Janicki and her brother Maurice Pagel.

Marcella grew up in Muenster and graduated from Muenster High School and St. Mary's Business College in Gainesville. She was employed as a secretary with the Texas State Health Department and the Corps of Engineers in the procurement of land for Camp Howze. She was secretary to the Post Quartermaster on Camp Howze when she met her future husband, Jack. On June 18, 1943, they were married in Sacred Heart Church, Muenster.

Jack's military career spanned 32 years, and Marcella accompanied him to assignments as exotic and remote as Japan and Germany, as well as many stateside locations. Marcella adapted quickly to the challenging life of an Army wife, relocating their growing family as each new assignment dawned.

Marcella was an avid and dedicated member of the communities in which she lived, holding numerous elective and volunteer offices over the years. She was always an active member of Catholic Parishes and volunteered



Marcella Pagel Janicki

tirelessly to coordinate religious instruction for military family members, conduct the Post Children's Choirs, and serve in leadership positions with the Catholic Women of the Chapel. She also served a term as Secretary for the Military Council of Catholic Women (Europe).

As a charter member of St. John Neumann Parish, San Antonio, Marcella continued her ministries by serving as president of the Women's Club, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and chairman of the Altar Guild. She reveled in her role as wedding coordinator for the Parish, preparing innumerable couples for their Wedding Liturgy. Her kindness and empathy consoled countless parishioners over the years through her work on the St. John Neumann's Bereavement Committee.

Marcella dedicated time at the Windcrest Elementary School, tutoring students in reading and

language skills and assisting teachers as needed. She volunteered in the Optometry Clinic at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Over the years, Marcella enjoyed many hobbies. Her first love was gardening. She was a wonderfully creative and meticulous seamstress. She also spent time with needlepoint and crossword puzzles. Through her works, Marcella lovingly dedicated her life to God, to her family, and to her country.

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, a Rosary was offered at the Chapel at Sunset Funeral Home, San Antonio. The Mass of the Resurrection was offered Oct. 30 at St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Catholic Church followed by interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Reverend Monsignor Thomas Murphy, Reverend Edward Ward O.M.I. of Laredo, and Marcella's son-in-law, Deacon Bill Wakefield officiated.

Survivors include her five daughters, Cheryl Wakefield and husband Bill, of Lexington, Kentucky; Donna Tackaberry and husband Burt, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Janelle Carothers and husband Mike, of Hunt; Starla Smith and husband Monte, of San Antonio; Renee Bujanos of San Antonio; her sister, Dell Falck, of San Antonio, and brother, Jerome Pagel of Muenster.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral included Jerome Pagel;

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Dwayne, Denise, and Nicole Pagel; Glenda Russell; Renate Pagel; Marlene and Ricky Endres; and Sharlene Hartman of Muenster, and Charles and Kathy Ivers of Fort Worth. Memorials may be sent to St. Peter-St. Joseph's Children's Home, 919 Mission Road, San Antonio, TX 78210.

Opinion/Editorial

Idea Exchange

By Don Rohmer

When I started this series of articles, I wondered where I could find reliable news sources. One such source has turned out to be LinkTV, which is provided for free to the satellite TV networks. It's on channel 375 on DirecTV and channel 9410 on Dish Network. Over the past year, LinkTV's program rotation has included a documentary called *War Spin*. It tells how the story of the rescue of Jessica Lynch was fabricated for TV. She was in a hospital being taken care of as best they could by the medical staff, who were anxious to hand her over to the U.S. There were no Iraqi soldiers at the hospital. Our soldiers were met by staff members who tried to be helpful but were brushed aside amid chants of "go, go, go" in a fake rescue. This version of the story has now been confirmed by Jessica Lynch herself in her new book.

Here's another installment of Jason Gehrig's report from Bolivia.

Wednesday October 15, 2003

Yesterday for the most part passed without another massacre of the people by Bolivia's government. But I fear the calm will be short lived. Campesinos are marching on the city from every direction. I just heard that 5000 are coming from the area where I typically work with drinking water projects, around Lake Titicaca toward the Peruvian border. Middle class families are now disgusted with the president's handling of the protests and have joined in the call for his resignation.

Yesterday was a day for burying the dead, once the autopsies could be completed. The 60 children, women, and men killed in the past week were all unarmed civilians, except for the one soldier mentioned earlier (shot by his superior officer). It was also a day for the government to hit the air waves with letters of support for maintaining the democratic process. They came from many countries, the UN, and the Organization of American States. One notable difference between many of these statements of support for democracy and the statement from the U.S. is that these make no reference specifically to President Goni. In other words, should he resign and another take his place according to the constitution, democracy will have been respected and the new government will be acceptable to most of the world (but not to the U.S.).

What follows is not confirmed, but I mention it because these are the beliefs on the street. First, one of our neighbors, and then various media outlets said that two nights ago people living near El Alto International Airport reported seeing three Hercules transports arrive and unload supplies. The assumption was that they were from outside the country, delivering arms or the like. Then, the main opposition leader, Evo, accused the U.S. embassy of delivering cash to the top military leaders to maintain their loyalty to the president. In fact, the media were claiming that the spouses of lower ranking military officials were complaining because their husbands didn't get in on the North American cash cow.

For us as a family, I guess our biggest concern is how Jessica, who has been on a cereal kick, is going to react when our last box of cereal runs out. We have plenty of oatmeal and cream of wheat, which she'll get to resume eating. We have a dorm-sized fridge with a small freezer, and actually have a small amount of ground chuck remaining. But we'll soon be on meat-free diets like our neighbors have been for well over a week. Of course, the poor only occasionally have meat to start with. I often wonder what if anything the little ones behind the doors of our neighbors' humble adobe homes might be eating. So many people live day by day, spending on food and other basics what they have just earned the day before. Since they haven't been able to get to work for over a week now, their food supplies have to be severely restricted. It's the sacrifice they're willing to make for a more just and humane society, where everybody has a voice in the decisions, as opposed to a select few who often sell out their country under external pressure and incentive.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cier

Aileen and Tony managed to beat the squirrels and blue jays out of about 30 pounds of our pecans. We were discussing the idea of cracking and shelling them when Aileen mentioned that our good neighbors, Bob and Eileen Vogel, had an ad in the paper saying they were in the business of cracking and shelling nuts. Well, Mrs. C. called Mrs. V. and they set up a time to get the job done.

Well, we found they really have the equipment to do the complete job. They have three crackers to accommodate any size pecan. I had never seen that particular type of cracker, but they do a great job, quickly, and the cracked nuts are about 75% entire halves. The rest are good

pieces, none crushed or mealy.

They then put the cracked nuts in a sheller. Don't ask me how it works, but it does, and a beautifully clean job too.

So all we had to do is take the shelled nuts home, package them to suit ourselves, and put them in the freezer. They will keep for years, frozen.

So if you need some pecans cracked and shelled, the Vogels are set up to do you a nice job. Mrs. Vogel also sells whole nuts, as well as shelled. All her pecans are on display, and in various sized packages.

"The Pecan Shop", as this business is called, is located at 315 N. Mesquite.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

WARNINGS.....from pg. 1

county, and how long the warning is in effect. The text is converted into speech, uses the concatenation process to work text into the speech, it then builds and generates the actual alarm codes themselves that turn on the weather radio receivers, transmits that weather watch or warning message and does all this in less than 10 seconds. This is much quicker than the three or four minute backlog we sometimes get with human broadcasters."

When a weather radio receiver detects an alarm, the unit sounds. Some units have a very loud alarm; others bring the volume up to normal listening tone.

The transmitter site has dual transmitters for backup purposes should the number one transmitter go out, and an emergency generator in case of power outage. Areas covered include all of Cooke County, Saint Jo, Bowie, Nocona, and into northern and northwestern Wise County. The alarm tone will be activated when there is a watch for the following areas: Cooke, Denton, Grayson, Montague, and Wise Counties, and the Oklahoma counties of Carter, Jefferson, and Love.

Those using the weather radio will notice that the voice is synthetic. They use a concatenated voice, which is a human recording of all the phonetic sounds of the English language. The computer puts the phonetic sounds together to generate speech. The process has been improved and the robotic sounding voice is only used sometimes. Human voice broadcasts are also used at times. "If we have a very high end severe weather threat - a tornado confirmed on the ground by the storm spotters up here heading toward Muenster, toward Gainesville, toward Bowie - we can get on and give live broadcasts. This is to give that broadcast a little extra punch to motivate people to convince them that it's a really serious situation and immediate action is needed to protect lives," remarked Woodall.

The reason for this automated system is speed. With the human voice there can be a three or four-minute backlog before the voice is broadcast. With severe weather this is too long.

There are other things that might be broadcast on the weather radio. This would include the President declaring a national state of emergency, air quality information, hazardous material threat information, and statewide Amber alerts.

Weather radio requires a special radio receiver. These come in a variety of models such as desktop, pocket, and battery powered. These can be purchased at electronic stores and some larger discount stores. Woodall recommended that the radios purchased have a battery backup in case of power outage. Also he suggested it have a SAME (Specific Area Message Encoding) capability. This allows the user to program

which counties to sound the alarm for when watches and warnings are issued. That way the alarm only sounds when something is happening in your area. Prices range from under \$20 for a basic hand-held battery powered type unit to over \$100 for some commercial grade units. The average price for a good home unit is \$50 to \$60.

The foundation for the radio expansion that has been taking place over the last few years grew from a disaster in 1994. Woodall told of a violent tornado that struck in Alabama on the morning of Palm Sunday that year. The Birmingham, Alabama Weather Forecast office issued an outstanding tornado warning with a 16-18 minutes lead-time from the warning to when the tornado struck. Nobody at the church knew about the warning because they were outside the radio coverage area. There were 22 killed and numerous others injured. Then Vice-President Al Gore set a goal to make weather radios in the home as common as smoke detectors. The Weather Service continues this potentially life-saving goal. "We feel that weather radios are the weather equivalent of the smoke detector," concluded Woodall.

"Quiet Heroes" is new exhibit at the Morton Museum

The Cooke County Heritage Society announces the opening of a new exhibit "Quiet Heroes" at the Morton Museum in Gainesville.

From the pioneers who struggled to survive in a hostile land, to preachers who minister to their flocks in good and bad times, to teachers who challenge their pupils to be the best they can be, to physicians and vets who care for their patients, quiet heroes walk among us every day. Every city has its community leaders who, as quiet heroes, strive to improve the living conditions for everyone. One example featured in the Morton Museum's exhibit is a man who worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 40 years. Several of his railroad artifacts are on display. Come and celebrate this look at "Quiet Heroes" and then think about additional heroes and the quiet ones in your own world.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. It will be on display through the end of January. For more information, call 940-668-8900.

Now Available for check-out at the Muenster Public Library AUDIO BOOKS Public Service Announcement by The Muenster Enterprise

YCT Questions Susan Combs' School Food Ban, Will Seek AG's Opinion

The Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT) announced that it will seek an Attorney General's opinion regarding whether Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs had the legal authority to ban so-called Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/foodnutrition/policy/ntn_restricted_foods.htm>, such as candy and soda, from Texas schools.

YCT State Chairman David Rushing stated, "It is with reluctance that we must question Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, an officeholder whom we respect and who has been a keynote speaker at our state convention. Texans elected Susan Combs as Commissioner of Agriculture, not the state's food policewoman. Decisions about whether to offer soda and candy in schools apart from the federal meal programs should be made by local school boards, not the Commissioner of Agriculture."

Combs issued an executive order in August banning elementary schools from providing soft drinks, hard candy, and gum during the school day. At the state's middle schools, Combs prohibited these items during breakfast or lunch hours in cafeterias or from vending machines. As a result, schools throughout the state have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue from vending machine sales.

Among the foods outlawed by Combs are carbonated drinks, chewing gum, hard candy, licorice, spun candy and candy-coated popcorn. Combs claimed the Texas Department of Agriculture had this authority because it is the administering agency for federal school lunch and breakfast programs, a responsibility granted to it by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Rushing explained, "While Combs has been delegated oversight authority over federal school meal programs, she has exceeded the scope of this authority. First, the contents of vending machines are not part of the federal school lunch and breakfast programs. Second, Combs' order even prohibits students from sharing candy or soft drinks with other students, which also has no connection to the federal meal programs."

Rushing continued, "The intent of the Texas Legislature was not to impose such a ban, as they amended a bill sponsored by State Sen. Eddie Lucio (D-Brownsville) that originally contained a ban, passing in its place a version that simply created a panel to study school nutrition standards. We are asking state legislators who chair committees to request an opinion from Attorney General Greg Abbott regarding whether Combs has exceeded her authority and contravened legislative intent."

YCT Vice Chairman for Communications Mark McCaig added, "While our fundamental objection to Combs' forbidden food policy is that it is beyond the scope of her authority, we also believe it is arbitrary and not based on sound science. Carbonated drinks are not necessarily unhealthy, as there are numerous diet sodas available, as well as carbonated drinks that contain only juice and water. Moreover, studies show that moderate consumption of regular soda is not correlated with obesity <http://www.consumerfreedom.com/article_detail.cfm?ARTICLE_ID=76>. As the examples of Perrier and sparkling apple juice illustrate, whether a drink is carbonated or not does not determine whether it is healthy. Similarly, sugarless gum is not unhealthy, but it too is prohibited under Combs' overly broad order."

California and Arkansas have also adopted policies similar to Combs' order and the issue is pending in 19 other states. Shortly before leaving office, Gov. Gray Davis signed the "California Childhood Obesity Prevention Act" after it was passed by the Legislature.

Combs has recently staked out positions adverse to Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson and another conservative Republican statewide officeholder. In a Nov. 15 AP story, Combs indicated she would not run for re-election in 2006, but would explore other political opportunities. In the article, Combs touted her ban on candy and soda. She also expressed her general support for abortion rights while noting that she backs parental notification and a ban on late-term abortions.

YCT has chapters at Texas A&M University, West Texas A&M, Baylor University, the University of Texas, Texas Tech University, Southern Methodist University, and Hardin-Simmons University. For over two decades, YCT has advanced conservative ideas at Texas college campuses and beyond and published the state's most respected ratings of the Legislature.



Work on the renovation of the Sacred Heart rectory is in full swing. Scott and Bert Walterscheid work on outside trim under the roofing on the north side of the house Wednesday afternoon.

Janie Hartman photo

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Zimmerer and Blackmore united in marriage on Oct. 25

Ashley Dawn Zimmerer of Lewisville and Dr. Rodney Mark Blackmore of Lewisville were married at 5 p.m. Oct. 25, 2003, at Valley View Christian Church in Carrollton.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Elaine Zimmerer of Gainesville; and the granddaughter of Frances Zimmerer, Ray and Mabel Sicking and Dorothy and R.L. Smith.

The groom is the son of Bud and Janet Blackmore of Murray, Utah; and the grandson of Aline Blackmore, and Jeanne and Marlin Henson.

Ron Key officiated at the ceremony.

Pianist was Bonnie Graem.

Vocalist was Tricia Ubrig, cousin of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory satin, with a sequined, strapless bodice,

and cathedral train. The skirt had a border of sequins that extended into the train. The veil was illusion that fell to cathedral length and was caught by a sequined headpiece. She carried a bouquet of ivory calla lilies, miniature red roses, ivory ribbon and tulle.

Ashley wore a ruby ring that belongs to the groom's grandmother, Aline Blackmore. She also wore pearls which belonged to the bride's grandmother, Frances Zimmerer. The six pence in her shoe was from the groom's aunt, Gwenda Caudle.

Matron of honor was Charlotte Smiley of Aubrey, friend of the bride.

Maid of honor was Jenny Huchton of Lindsay, friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Christie Morris of Corinth, cousin of the bride; and

Shelly Stroud of Lewisville, friend of the bride.

The attendants were coordinating two-piece dresses of apple-red taffeta.

Flowergirl was Brianna Rohmer of Muenster, cousin of the bride.

Ring bearer was Clayton Rohmer of Muenster, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Jeff Blackmore of Pearland, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Jason Ridings of Valley Ranch, friend of the groom; Alon Bernstein of Austin, friend of the groom; and Matt Nowicki of Valley Ranch, friend of the groom.

Candlelighter was Anthony Reed of Allen, cousin of the bride.

Ushers were Isaac Zimmerer of Denton, brother of the bride; Jeff Sicking of Lubbock; Cody Hess of Lindsay, cousin of the bride; and Justin

Sicking of Lubbock, cousin of the bride.

The reception was at the Hilton at DFW Lakes.

Guest book attendants were Amy Reed and Kayla Hess. Cake cutter was Julie Blackmore. Cake servers were Amy Reed, Kayla Hess and Delana Hess, Brianna Hess, and Bailey Crawford.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas Woman's University. She is a dental hygienist with Dr. Brad Duren and Dr. Gene Snelson.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Elsie High School, a 1995 graduate of the University of Texas, and a 1999 graduate of the Baylor College of Dentistry. He is self-employed as a dentist in Valley Ranch.

After a wedding trip to St. Thomas and St. John, the couple plans to reside in Lewisville.



Dr. and Mrs. Rodney Blackmore
nee ... Ashley Zimmerer

Joe and Rachel celebrate together

Joe, age 13, and his little sister, Rachel Marie, age 1, shared a party celebrating their birthdays at the home of their parents, Bert and Christy Hesse on Thursday evening, Nov. 20. Rachel's actual birthday is Nov. 21 and Joe's is Nov. 23.

A bountiful birthday buffet was served followed by a cherry-covered chocolate birthday cake. Joe and Rachel delighted in opening gifts amid cousins.

Family gathered to celebrate were: the parents; siblings Rebekah, John Paul, and Daniel; Joe's Godparents Ethel Hesse and Joe Felderhoff, Rachel's Godparents Cliff and Tina Cox; grandmother Ruth Felderhoff; uncles, aunts, and cousins Mark and Melanie Hesse, Mitchell, Megan, Morgan, and

Madison; Jack and Jenny White, Emily, Alyssa, Amy, Grace, and Bert; Neil and Anne Hesse, Matt, Kaitlin, and Sam; and Benjamin Ganzon.



Rachel Hesse



Joe Hesse

Meeting Notice

Compassion and Support: General Grief Support Group will meet Monday, Dec. 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Home Hospice Office, 1001 E. Broadway in Gainesville. Call Kelly at 940-665-9891 for more information.

Class of '63' announces reunion

Graduates of the Muenster High and Sacred Heart High Class of 1963 and those who were their classmates are invited to a reunion on Saturday, Nov. 29 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Muenster Knights of Columbus Hall.

For more information contact Sharon Wolf at (817) 475-8575.

Forestburg 42 tournament is growing

The second gathering of 42 players in the Forestburg Community Center, Thursday Nov. 6 showed an increase of four players from the October meeting. Twenty-four players participated. Four teams ended up with only one loss during evening. They were: George Sanderson and Mavis Vandenberg; Izella Boyd and Buster Brickey; Dave Roberts and Charley Hott; and Nate Hight and Bob Kretzinger. Refreshments were provided by Ron and Betty Bailey. The next session will be Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Forestburg Community Center. Bring your dominos and table and join them.

New Arrival

Dankesreiter

Tommy Joe and Sarah Dankesreiter of Lubbock announce with pride and joy the birth of their first child, a daughter, Alyson Grace. Alyson was born Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Tom and Debby Morgan of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Tom and Rosemary Dankesreiter of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Norman and Aileen Butts of Dexter, New Mexico, Mrs. Irene Morgan of Anthony, New Mexico, and Mrs. Theresa Hermes of Lindsay.

Swirczynski

Glen and Amy Swirczynski of Forney, Texas proudly announce the birth of their first child, a son, Seth Thomas Swirczynski. Seth was born on Monday, Nov. 24, 2003 at 4:18 p.m. in Doctors Hospital in Dallas, weighing 5 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. Grandparents are Tom and Paulette Swirczynski, and Sylvan and Theresa Mae Walterscheid. Great-grandparents are Clara Endres and the late Ed Endres, Alta Gant and the late Ray Swirczynski, the late Tony and Theresa Felderhoff, and the late Adolph and Marie Walterscheid.

Retired school personnel to meet

The monthly meeting of the Montague County Retired School Personnel will be in the library of the Forestburg School, Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone who plans to attend needs to dig in the back of their closets or anywhere they store those yucky gifts that are sometimes received for a birthday or Christmas. Wrap it in your finest Christmas paper and bring

it to the meeting. Why? The program for the meeting is a white elephant Christmas gift exchange by the Chinese method of exchange. Members bringing a regular Christmas gift will be booted and hissed. President Clyde McMurray will preside over the business meeting after the program and refreshments.



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School

Lindsay Jr. High wins UIL District Meet

Lindsay's junior high (7th and 8th grades) students came away with the District's UIL Championship, scoring almost 900 points at the meet held in Era on Nov. 20. Points were awarded to individuals, and in some events, team points were also given. Schools participating in the meet included Lindsay, Muenster, Era, Collinsville, and Slidell.

Results of the Lindsay students are as follows:

Art (7th): 1st team, Beverly Knabe, Kendall Neu, Nichole Metzler, and Rose Hermes.

Art (8th): 1st team, Taylor Horn, Lauren Creed, Madisen Burrows, Krystal Arend, and Emily Fuhrmann.

Calculator Applications (7th): Amber Nortman, 1st; Nick Bezner, 2nd; Beverly Knabe, 3rd; Rose Hermes, 1st place team.

Calculator Applications (8th): Jen Rauschuber, 1st; Ashley Caillier and Christina Eckart tied for 2nd; Mary Bayer, 1st place team.

Dictionary Skills (7th): Amber Nortman, 1st (tie); Kelly Laux, 3rd; Rhiannon

Robinson, 5th; Beverly Knabe, 1st place team.

Dictionary Skills (8th): Chelsea Hermes, 2nd; Joey Block, 4th; Jordan Heilman, 5th; 2nd place team.

Editorial Writing (7th): Rhiannon Robinson, 1st; Pooja Patel, 3rd; Kendall Neu, 4th.

Editorial Writing (8th): Lauren Creed, 4th; Neil Jones, 6th; Jen Rauschuber, Michelle Husman.

Impromptu Speaking (7th): Elizabeth Martin, 1st; Pooja Patel, 2nd; KyLeigh Zimmerer, 4th.

Impromptu Speaking (8th): Michelle Husman, 2nd; Charlotte Bartlett, 3rd; Elizabeth Dieter, 4th; Matthew Guiling.

Listening Skills (7th): Kyle Bezner, 1st; Derek Hundt, 2nd; Nichole Metzler, Kayla Hess.

Listening Skills (8th): Garrett Block and Christina Eckart, tie for 4th; Ashley Caillier, Elizabeth Dieter.

Maps, Graphs, & Charts (7th): Nick Bezner, 1st; Jon Sweeney, 2nd; Mustafa Hweidi, 5th; Amber Nortman, 1st place team.

Maps, Graphs, & Charts (8th): Ashley Caillier, 1st (tie); Christina Eckart, 3rd; Dillon Ott, 4th; Elizabeth Dieter, 1st place

team.

Mathematics (7th): Nick Bezner, 1st; Derek Hundt, 2nd; Amber Nortman, 3rd; Kelly Laux, 1st place team.

Mathematics (8th): Ashley Caillier, 1st; Keith Hermes, 2nd; Christina Eckart, 3rd; Elizabeth Dieter, 1st place team.

Modern Oratory (7th): Rhiannon Robinson, 1st; Nichole Metzler, 2nd; Pooja Patel, 4th.

Modern Oratory (8th): Chelsea Hermes, 1st; Lauren Creed, 2nd; Madisen Burrows, 4th.

Number Sense (7th): Nick Bezner, 1st; Derek Hundt, 2nd; Sam Sparkman, 3rd; Pooja Patel, 1st place team.

Number Sense (8th): Christina Eckart, 1st; Keith Hermes and Ashley Caillier tied for 2nd; Dillon Ott, 1st place team.

Oral Reading (7th): Sam Sparkman, 2nd; Kelsey Hawkins, 3rd; KyLeigh Zimmerer.

Oral Reading (8th): Rhea Claire Galubenski, 3rd; Stephanie Neu; Jaden Perry.

Ready Writing (7th): Amber Nortman, 6th; Rhiannon Robinson; Kendall Neu.

Ready Writing (8th):

Lauren Creed, 3rd; Madisen Burrows; Chelsea Hermes.

Science I (7th): Nick Bezner, 2nd; Rhiannon Robinson, 3rd; Pooja Patel; Natalie Rose; 2nd place team.

Science II (8th): Dillon Ott, 3rd; Christina Eckart, 4th; Rhea Claire Galubenski, 6th; Nathan Martin, 2nd place team.

Spelling (7th): Kelly Laux, 1st; Pooja Patel, 3rd; Casey Shauf, 4th; 1st place team.

Spelling (8th): Michelle Husman, 3rd; Christina Eckart, 5th; Kimberly Schumacher; 2nd place team.

One Act Play: 1st place play; Mason Ward, Best Actor. Members of the All Star Cast included Chelsea Hermes, Kendall Neu, Elizabeth Dieter, Clayton Starnes, Nathan Martin, and Rhiannon Robinson.

Honorable Mention went to Ashley Caillier and Dillon Ott. Other members of the play included Kyle Bezner, Nicholas Bezner, Kelsey Hawkins, Rose Hermes, Derek Hundt, Elizabeth Martin, Amber Nortman, Mary Bayer, Keith Hermes, Taylor Horn, Michelle Husman, and Neil Jones.



Sacred Heart High School students again this year decorated the lampposts around town for the holidays. Pictured are Jacqueline Bauer, Adam Taylor, Karen Gehrig, and Lynn Sicking. Janie Hartman photo

Gardening Tips & Techniques

Weed after a rainfall. Weeds pull easier. If you need to weed and it hasn't rained, water your garden first. Courtesy of ARA Content



Sacred Heart fourth graders are learning about their bones, including Bob Bartush, Benjamin Yosten, and Andrew Ware (front to back), who put together a skeleton. Courtesy photo

Area Red Cross plans December open house

The Texoma Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will have two Christmas open houses in December.

On Dec. 2 from noon to 5 p.m., volunteers, potential volunteers, and guests are invited to a reception at the Cooke County Courthouse, 100 S. Dixon in Gainesville. The event will be in the meeting room next to the office, which is in the Courthouse basement.

A reception on Dec. 18 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. will be held at the American Red Cross office in Denison, 2527 Highway 691.

The chapter is requesting, on a strictly optional basis, that guests bring a small stuffed animal toy. These toys are given to children when their families experience a house fire or other disaster.

For more information, contact the Texoma Area Chapter at (940) 665-4365 or (903) 465-1330.

Lindsay Elem. learns about the land down under

Dr. and Mrs. Knight made a presentation in the Lindsay Elementary Library to K-6 students about their recent trip to Australia. They compared the size of the Australian continent with the United States and talked about the effects water has on the development of a nation.

The children saw a slide show and listened to descriptions and stories about major landmarks. The Knights also brought a bull roar and two different kinds of boomerangs. Each child and some of the teachers took the opportunity to taste vegemite. The students heard a recording of a didgeridoo and everyone received a sticker of something "Australian".

Muenster Band Boosters' Bake Sale Saturday, Nov. 29
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The 8th grade students of Sacred Heart School display a quilt that is up for raffle at the Tigers' State Championship game this Friday in Waco. Pictured are, from left, Kara Felderhoff, Colby Richey, Nolan Hartman, Sunni Bayer, Clay Knabe, Stephen Davis, back Mrs. Billie Becker, Kristina Koesler, Lauren Krahl, Joshua Yosten, Kristin Jaroma, Paige Riggsby, Tyler Rohmer, and Lauren Sepanski. Courtesy photo

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Tues. - Chicken pot pie, lettuce salad w/dressing, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomatoes, mixed fruit, cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.

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

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Chili dogs, ranch style beans, chips, apples.

Tues. - Chicken casserole, mixed vegetables, strawberries/bananas, bread.

Wed. - Ham, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, mixed fruit, bread.

Thurs. - Beef spaghetti, green beans, green salad, peaches, bread sticks.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries,

pineapple tidbits.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Barbecue wieners, creamed potatoes, corn on the cob, pineapple, bread.

Tues. - Chili w/beans, creamed potatoes, pickles, apple crisp, crackers.

Wednesday - Lasagna, salad, peas, pears, bread.

Thurs. - Pork roast, cheesy potatoes, green beans, peaches, bread.

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

ERA ISD

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

Tues. - Soft tacos, trimmings, pinto beans, cornbread, vanilla pudding.

Wed. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, fruit mix, spice cake.

Thurs. - Lasagna or fish sticks, green beans, tossed salad, sliced pears, breadstick.

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

Lindsay Jr. High places 3rd at Math-Science meet

The Lindsay ISD 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders made a strong showing at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association meet on Saturday, Nov. 15 held in Valley View. Lindsay ISD was included in the Small School Division, which included 1A-3A schools.

Students from Lindsay ISD earned 3rd place in the overall sweepstakes contest, 3rd place in the Number Sense competition, 1st place in the Science competition, 2nd place in the Calculator competition, and 3rd in the Mathematics competition.

Students placing in the top ten were:

5th and 6th grade Number Sense - Austin Reiter 8th, Shirley Hess 5th, Colton Hermes 4th, Dillon Hanson 1st;

7th grade Number Sense - Derek Hundt 9th, and Nick Bezner 6th;

5th and 6th grade Calculator - Colton Hermes 8th, Wes Morrison 6th, Dax Fleitman 5th, and Dillon

Hanson 1st; 7th grade Calculator - Nick Bezner 9th, Amber Nortman 8th, and Beverly Knabe 6th;

8th grade Calculator - Ashley Caillier 10th, and Jen Rauschuber 9th;

5th and 6th grade Mathematics - Colton Hermes 5th, Austin Reiter 4th, Wes Morrison 3rd, Shirley Hess 2nd, and Dillon Hanson 1st;

7th grade Mathematics - Rhiannon Robinson 10th, Mustafa Hweidi 9th, and Nick Bezner 1st;

5th and 6th grade Science - Zohaib Anwar 10th, Madison Parkhill 9th, Dillon Hanson and Troy Kirby 7th (tied), Austin Reiter 5th, Wes Morrison 4th, and Colton Hermes 1st.

7th grade Science - Jon Sweeney 9th, Rhiannon Robinson 5th, Nick Bezner 3rd, and Mustafa Hweidi 2nd;

8th grade Science - Nathan Martin 6th and Dillon Ott 5th.

Additional students contributing to the success of the teams were: Todd Bezner, Greg Knauf, Allison Metzler, Thomas Rohmer, John Block, Sam Sparkman, Pooja Patel, Casey Shauf, Natalie Rose, Rose Hermes, Christina Eckart, Keith Hermes, Rhea Claire Galubenski, Kim Schumacher, Elizabeth Dieter, and Mary Bayer.



Dr. Elaine Schilling, above, shows Shane Hennigan how to remove the impression from Dylan Flusche's mouth. Below, Dr. Schilling helps Ryan Firth grind a set of dentures. Also pictured, from left, Dylan Flusche, Steven Davis, and Shane Hennigan. Courtesy photos



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Dr. Glasscock added that an extremely favorable bond market also influenced the college board of regents in their decision to proceed. They felt that an opportunity to issue revenue bonds to finance the project at such a low cost to the college, because of low interest rates, would not be likely to come along again in the foreseeable future.

"And again, we feel the need to stress that the roughly \$6 million project will be paid for with a combination of cash reserves and revenue bonds," he said. "This is not—I repeat not—a tax bond issue."

"The revenue bonds will be repaid from what are defined by state as 'local funds'—not local taxes, but income derived from sources other than local taxes and other than state appropriations, chiefly student tuition."

Dr. Glasscock said it needs to be clearly understood that even though the definition of local funds sometimes includes the phrase "tuition and fees," some student fees are restricted for specific uses. The student activity fee is an example. No revenue from any restricted student fees will be used to retire the revenue bond debt on the Performing Arts Center.

The NCTC president said that community partnerships being forged with such organizations as Butterfield Stage in connection with the new center are going to greatly enhance the educational value of the facility for NCTC students.

"But, in answer to some absolutely ludicrous claims I've heard around town, we certainly aren't building this facility to provide Butterfield or any other community group a place to perform. It's purely coincidental, and a wonderful bonus, that this new facility will allow us to work with these community groups to give our students

an even better learning experience.

"Instead of being able to work on just two or three productions or large-scale concerts or whatever per year, our students will be able to be actively involved in five or six or more, both onstage as performers and backstage as lighting and sound technicians, costume and scenery designers, and so on."

Also scheduled for 2004 is a major renovation of an existing campus building, formerly known as the 1300 building which once housed the now defunct diesel mechanics program.

It will be transformed into a new NCTC Visual Arts Center housing programs in painting, drawing, computer graphics, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry making, and more. In addition to kilns for ceramics work, there will be a foundry for casting sculptures in bronze and other metals.

The official kick-off of what college officials are billing as the "Best Seat in the House" campaign to raise money for scholarships in the performing arts was held during groundbreaking ceremonies. It was announced at the groundbreaking that already 163 seats had been sold.

Donors are being given the opportunity to "buy" a seat in the 370-seat main theater space for \$500 each. Special nameplates will be placed on up to four seats, to allow as many different participants as possible, and donors also will be recognized on a special engraved plaque in the lobby.

Persons who give \$2,500 or more also will be honored as a "Star of Our Show" with an engraved marble floor tile in the lobby area. Tiles will be placed for each gift increment of \$2,500.

Brochures and pledge cards were available at the groundbreaking. Persons wishing to get additional information about the "Best Seat in the House" may call (940) 668-4213.



Students pictured are, from left - back Raneë Morrison, Dillon Hanson, Brienne Sandmann, Kelsey Hermes, Vanessa Hess, Jon Britain; Middle - Kendi Harris, Katie Arendt, Sarah Fuhrmann, John Hess, Neely Rose, Conner Polk; Front - Jeffrey Hellman, Leah Fuhrmann, Payton Dill.

Recipients of the Royal Knighthood at L.I.S.D.

Lindsay Elementary recognized the following students as recipients of the Royal Knighthood award for the 2nd six weeks:

Kindergarten Payton Dill, Leah Fuhrmann, and John Hess; 1st grade Sarah Fuhrmann and Jeffrey Hellman 2nd grade: Kendi Harris and Conner Polk; 3rd grade Neely Rose and Brienne Sandmann; 4th grade Katie Arendt and Raneë Morrison; 5th grade:

Kelsey Hermes and Vanessa Hess; 6th grade: Jon Britain and Dillon Hanson.

The Royal Knighthood Excellence Award is given to students from each class who show improvement or excellence in any school area. It is given each six weeks. Students receive a certificate and have their names posted on the bulletin board for all to view.



Government elective students at Sacred Heart are working with first graders to encourage the "enjoyment of reading." Kirk Felderhoff helps Aaron Davis and Nolan Hartman helps Eli Dangelmayr. Courtesy photo

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Sports

Tigers shut down St. Paul

The Sacred Heart Tigers earned a trip to the TAPPS State Final Championship game last Friday in Waco with a 44-6 semi-final victory over Shiner Saint Paul. The Tigers will play Hallettsville Sacred Heart Saturday at Baylor University in Waco.

"The Tigers played outstanding!" said Sacred Heart Coach Charles Boles. "They were very focused and got what they wanted, a State final playoff game." Boles noted that the Tigers did what they needed to get to the State Championship. "They played their best game of the year," Boles concluded.

The Tigers took the opening kick to their 45 yard line. Runs by Chris Hoedebeck, Aaron Krahl, and Paul Bartush got the ball to the Cardinal 29 yard line. A Bartush to Hoedebeck pass took the Tigers to the 6. A facemask flag edged Sacred Heart a foot from the goal line, then with 8:44 on the clock, Bartush got into the end zone for 6 points. Bartush also added the extra point for a 7-0 Tiger lead.

A tackle by Adam Krahl, Wes Wimmer, and Kevin Walterscheid, and two incomplete passes forced a Shiner punt. Sacred Heart fumbled the return and the Cardinals kept the ball at midfield. The next play, the Cardinals fumbled and Andy Davis covered the ball on the Tiger 46. A quarterback sack and two unsuccessful runs forced a Sacred Heart punt, which put Shiner on their 5 yard line. Again the Tiger defense, led by Wimmer, Krahl, Krahl, Davis, and Arlie Bayer, held the Cardinals for a 4th down punt. The short kick put Sacred Heart 36 yards from pay dirt. On 2nd down, Aaron Krahl broke up the middle for a 36 yard touchdown run. Bartush booted the PAT for a 14-0 score with 3:26 remaining in the first quarter.

Saint Paul's passing game gained 25 yards, but a fumble recovery by Clayton Truebenbach returned possession to the Tigers on the Cardinal 46 yard line. A sack and incomplete pass were followed by a 45 yard touchdown run by Hoedebeck with 15 seconds on the clock. Bartush added an extra point for a 21-0 first quarter lead. The Tiger defense allowed only a yard gain, making the Shiner team punt again. Sacred Heart came up short for a 1st and gave the ball back to Saint Paul. Shiner earned their second 1st down of the game with a flag, then were held to 3 yards and punted.

Sacred Heart's next drive began on their 20 yard line. Runs by Davis and Hoedebeck, and a flag took the ball to the Cardinal 35 yard line. Davis picked up another 25 and Hoedebeck 2 to the 8. After two incomplete passes, Bartush kicked a 26 yard field goal with 6:01 on the clock for a 24-0 Tiger lead.

Shiner's offense gained 2 yards after a run and two incomplete passes and the ball was booted to the Tiger 46. A Bartush to Hoedebeck pass picked up 8 yards, then Hoedebeck got to the 32. Bartush then connected with Kevin Walterscheid for a 32 yard touchdown play. With 4:13 on the clock, Bartush's extra kick made the score 31-0.

The teams exchanged punts, then the Cardinals took eight plays to drive 56 yards for a touchdown. The PAT kick was wide for a 31-6 score with 35 seconds on the clock before the halftime break.

Saint Paul took the third quarter kick, gaining 25 yards before Wes Wimmer returned a fumbled ball 15 yards for the Tigers. The next play, the Tigers lost the ball, then allowed Shiner to get two 1st downs, before a sack by Bayer led to a 4th and 26 punt.

From their 8 yard line, two consecutive Bartush to Walterscheid passes picked up 38 yards. Aaron Krahl then ran for 32 yards in two runs. A 5 yard flag put the Tigers on the 20 yard line. Krahl gained 8, then after an incomplete pass, Krahl scored on a 12 yard run. Another Bartush PAT put the Tigers ahead 38-6 with 1:39 remaining in the third quarter.

The Cardinals fought back, moving from their 19 to the 30 in three plays. Then the Tiger defense shut the door, with tackles by Truebenbach, Bartush, Walterscheid, Davis, and Tony Moster for a 4 yard loss, turning the ball over on downs, on the Cardinal 26 yard line. Krahl ran the ball to the 11, then ran it in for 6 points, with 8:39 on the clock. The PAT was wide for a 44-6 score.

Saint Paul got in two good plays to the 8 yard line before the Tiger defense tightened. Walterscheid and Krahl dropped the Cardinals for a yard loss. Shiner then gained 7, but on 4th and goal, Truebenbach got a sack for an 11 yard loss and the Tigers took over on their 12 yard line. Runs by Krahl and Bartush killed out the remaining time on the clock.

SH	21	10	7	6	44
SP	0	6	0	0	6

Team Stats			
SH		SP	
21	1st downs	10	
40/287	Rushes/yds.	33/43	
131	Passing yds.	125	
8/16/0	Comp/att/int	6/24/0	
2/33	Punts/avg.	7/34	
1/1	Fumbles/lost	3/3	
6/40	Penalties/yds.	5/26	

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: Aaron Krahl, 26/169; Chris Hoedebeck, 6/110. **TACKLERS:** Clayton Truebenbach, 13; Andy Davis, 12; Wes Wimmer, 11; Adam Krahl, 9; Arlie Bayer, 8; Kevin Walterscheid, 7. **FUMBLE RECOVERIES:** Wes Wimmer, Andy Davis, Clayton Truebenbach.

Next Action
 The Sacred Heart Tigers will be matched against the Sacred Heart Indians of Hallettsville in the State Championship final contest this Saturday.

"Hallettsville is a good team. They have lots of tradition of being at the State Championship game," said Coach Boles. "They expect to win it." Boles noted that the Indian offensive and defensive lines are dominant and that they have no weaknesses. "They are a running team, but can throw effectively. This will be a good game between two teams."

Hallettsville has knocked the Tigers out of the playoffs the last three years, so the Tigers are very motivated to defeat the Indians and claim the State Championship TAPPS 2A title.

Action begins at 5:00 p.m. at Floyd Casey Stadium, Baylor University in Waco.



Arlie Bayer (71) sacks the Shiner quarterback late in the fourth quarter to help finish off the Tigers big playoff victory. Bayer had eight tackles on the night. Scott Wood photo

The undefeated Sacred Heart Tigers of 1953 honored at pep rally Thurs.

A moving moment at the Sacred Heart Tigers pep rally last Thursday night was the special recognition paid to the 1953 Sacred Heart Tigers football team, the only other team in the school's history to have held a 10-0 record. The moving tribute contributed to the soaring spirit of players and fans in the Tigers' 44-6 victory in their regional playoff game with Shiner St. Paul the following night.

Members of the 1953 team appearing at the pep rally were Sylvan Walterscheid, center; Ervin "Red" Henscheid, guard; Larry Hennigan, tackle; Meinrad Yosten, tackle; Allan Eberhart, linebacker;

Claude Walter, guard; Julian Walterscheid, coach; Tommy Hesse, end; James Mollenkopf, fullback/linebacker; Willy Walterscheid, guard; Bernard Haverkamp, fullback/linebacker; Tommy Herr, end; and Virgil Henscheid, quarterback.

Also playing on the 1953 team were Danny Bayer, Ernest Bayer, Gerald Bindel, Gilbert Bindel, Charles Felderhoff, Frank Fleitman, Jere Friske, Eugene Grewing, Richard Hellinger, Jerry Henscheid, James Hess, Leo Hess, Paul Hesse, Denis Hofbauer, Albert Knabe, Gilbert Knabe, Charles Moster, Kenneth Otto, Danny

Owen, Basil Reiter, Melvin Schoech, David Walter, Rodney Walter, Carl Walterscheid, Herbie Walterscheid, and Albert Zimmerer.



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Members of the 1953 Sacred Heart Tigers football team

Courtesy photo

Join the Basketball league

The 2004 Muenster Youth Basketball League is now accepting players in Grades 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6. Sign-up deadline is Dec. 9. There is a \$10 fee for each child.

Also needed are coaches, referees, and other helpers to operate the league. Anyone interested in joining is asked to fill out the form below or contact Basketball Commissioners Ben Bindel at 759-4578 or Beth Truebenbach at 759-4048.

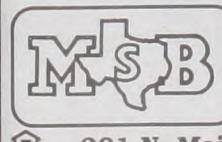
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In Black and White - A Harris County game warden and a Waller County game warden caught two people hunting doves over bait. The field had been closed to hunting by Harris County game wardens one week earlier. The people said they did not know the field was baited until the wardens showed them the signs that said "Field Baited, Closed to Hunting Per Game Wardens." Cases are pending.

"Retrieve or Dare" - A Montgomery County game warden was out looking for dove hunters. While approaching where shots were heard, he observed someone standing on the tank dam in his underwear. Not knowing where the other hunters were, the warden decided to wait and listen for more shots. Shortly after noticing the person on the tank dam, he saw the person wade out into the tank and dogpaddle to a dove that had been shot, proceed to retrieve the dove in his mouth and dogpaddle back onto the bank. After contact was made, three teenagers stated since they didn't have a lab to retrieve the dove from the water and the one in his underwear was the lab volunteer for the day. They were found to be hunting without hunting licenses and had unplugged

shotguns.

Deer Season Opens - Game wardens from Leon and Limestone counties had a very busy opening weekend. A total of 42 citations were issued for deer hunting violations and four deer and two guns were confiscated. They also made one arrest.

2004 Muenster Youth Basketball League

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Muenster Flag Corp - from left, Krystal Wolf, Casey Bewley, Tiffany Klement, Haylee Hess, and Jessica Fisher.



Muenster Hornet captains Kyle Endres and Cameron Walterscheid check the coin toss before bi-district action. Janie Hartman photo

GREAT SEASON HORNETS!



Hornet varsity cheerleaders, from left, Jessica Walterscheid, mascot Bridgett Klement, Alisha Walterscheid, Kelly Endres,

Brooke Endres, Shannon Grewing, Stevie Klement, Chelsea Felderhoff, and Kristian Koelser. Janie Hartman photo

Go Tigers!
Take State!



Aaron Krahl (22) led Sacred Heart in rushing again this week with 169 yards in 20 carries. Scott Wood photo



Junior running back Andy Davis (20) takes off on a 15 yard scamper during the Tigers semi-final win Friday in Waco. Scott Wood photo



The Muenster Hornet Marching Band concludes their half-time performance with the school fight song. Janie Hartman photo



Paul Bartush tosses a pass over the outstretched arms of a Shiner defender. Scott Wood photo

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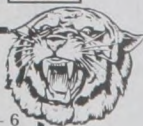
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Members of Muenster ISD kindergarten class get the spirit at a Hornet pep rally. Janie Hartman photo

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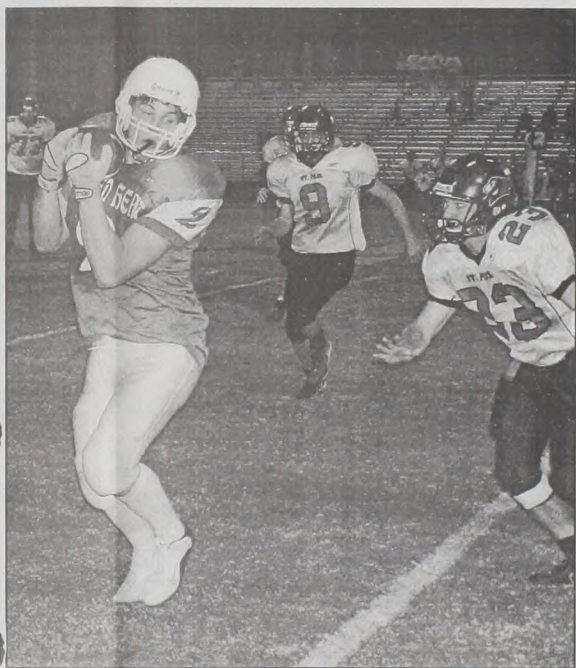
The dance team keeps in step to the beat as they put on an impressive halftime routine for the fans. Scott Wood photo



At left, Tiger fans, from left, Megan Hesse, Victoria Endres, Rebbecca Hesse, Sydney Hoedebeck, Laura Sweeney and Madie Hofbauer, enjoyed Sacred Heart's big win last Friday in Waco. Scott Wood photo



GO TIGERS!



Chris Hoedebeck (2) hauls in a pass from Paul Bartush. Hoedebeck caught three passes on the night for 31 yards to go with his 110 rushing yards. Scott Wood photo



Jared Zimmerer tips a pass away from a Shiner receiver late in the game. Scott Wood photo



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This past weekend, local young people were treated to a first class deer hunt here in Cooke County. For the second year, local game warden, Jim Lundberg, sponsored the event which allowed several young people the opportunity to harvest a deer for the first time.

Local ranch owners, Larry Wassell (Fish Creek Ranch) and Brad Teal (Southern Cross Ranch in Sivils Bend) graciously opened up their ranches this weekend for the young people to hunt. Game Warden Lundberg recognizes that "although we live in a rural county, there are a number of kids here who do not have a place to hunt." So Game Warden Lundberg, along with several local ranchers

and hunters came up with the idea to have a youth deer hunt.

Lundberg stated "It was a huge success last year, so we decided to do it again. This weekend's weather was not the best for the kids to hunt in, but they made the best of it and did bag eight deer."

Youth who attended the hunt were R.J. Metzler, Matthew Bain, Alan Thompson, Mark Fleitman, John Wyrick, Ben Wyrick, Ryan Kendall, Colton Hermes, Chase Hammer, John Rohmer, Brock Davies, Theresa Greathouse, and Jaci Steelman.

Game Warden Lundberg said this could not have taken place without the generous donations from local businesses and the many volunteers who came

out to help. The Fish Creek Masonic Lodge allowed them to have their overnight campout at their facility. Virgil and Tim Hess and their crew prepared a delicious evening meal and the Muenster Jaycees came out early Sunday morning to make breakfast.

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Above, with their kill are, from left, John Wyrick, Ben Wyrick, Larry Wyrick, John Sandman, Ryan Kendall and Mike Kendall. At right, Game Warden Lundberg lectures the new hunters on firearm and hunting safety during Saturdays pre-hunt meeting in Marysville.

Scott Wood photos

Haverkamp to play ball for TCU

Kody Haverkamp, the son of Roger and Monica Haverkamp, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball and attend TCU (Texas Christian University) in Fort Worth for the 2004-05 school year. Kody graduated from Southlake Carroll High School in May of 2002 and helped the Southlake Dragons win the 4A State Championship that year as a starting outfielder and pitcher.

The left handed pitcher is currently playing baseball and attending Navarro Junior College in Corsicana, Texas. The lefty had drawn interest from other universities including Kansas State University, Missouri State University, Southwest Texas State, and Abilene Christian University. Kody chose TCU because of the excellent education and baseball program that the university has to offer.

Also weighing in on the decision were his grandparents, Mickey and Bennie Haverkamp and grandmother, Jake Schilling, so they would have a better opportunity to watch more baseball games.



Kody Haverkamp

Knights start the season with victory

The Lindsay Knights had their first basketball game of the season Monday night, hosting the Anna Coyotes to a 59-46 defeat. The Knights took an early lead, holding Anna to single digit points in the second and third quarters.

Cody Anderle dropped in 20 points, including eight of

nine free throws, to lead Lindsay on the score board. Cody Hess and Brandon Huckaby each added 9. Kris Creed put in 7 points; Clinton Kyle 6, Trinity Otto 5, and Josey Kyle 3.

The Knights hit 73% of their free throw shots.

L 19 15 13 12 59
A 12 9 8 17 46

commanding lead towards their 63-11 win. "Prairie Valley is a very young team," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We were able to give our youngsters some valuable court time in a game situation."

Karen Gehrig and Stephanie Henscheid were high scorers with 15 and 10 points. Courtney Hartman added 9 (three 3s), Jayna Biffle 8, Katie Flusche 6, Maggie Farrell 5, Whitney Wimmer 4, and 2 apiece by Diana Knabe, Shannon Hartman, and Jacqueline Bauer.

SH 26 17 12 8 63
PV 2 3 2 4 11

On Thursday, Nov. 20, Sacred Heart hosted the Lady Knights of Notre Dame from Wichita Falls, dropping in 90 points to outscore the visitors 90-36. "Notre Dame has a very young team and we had our best effort of the season," noted Coach LeBrasseur.

Five Tigerettes hit double digit scores, led by Jayna Biffle with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Karen Gehrig put in 14 points, Maggie Farrell 13, and a dozen each by Whitney Wimmer and Katie Flusche. Hannah Hess hit 8, Stephanie Henscheid 5, and 4 each by Diana Knabe and Shannon Hartman.

SH 19 26 26 19 90
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Monday night Sacred Heart hosted Valley View. "The Valley View coach had their squad well prepared



Tigerettes continue winning streak

for us," commented LeBrasseur. "Jayna (Biffle) stepped it up in the second half and Whitney (Wimmer) and Courtney (Hartman) teamed up to slow down (Anasia) Johnson." Johnson scored 20 points in three quarters, getting only two free throws in the 4th. Valley View led the first half, but Sacred Heart tied the game in the 3rd and went on to win 65-52.

Biffle was high scorer for the Tigerettes with 19 points. Jacqueline Bauer added 12 and Hartman 11. Maggie Farrell put in 9 points, had eight steals and seven assists. Karen Gehrig added 8 and Whitney Wimmer 6.

Katie Barthold put in 15 points for Valley View.

SH 11 10 21 23 65
VV 17 13 12 10 52

Stephanie Krawietz added 9, with Brittany White and Taylor Torcellini each scoring 4. Hannah Hess and Jessica Schilling added 3 apiece.

Taylor Smith and Katie Tatum were leading scorers for Valley View with 10 and 9 points.

SH 14 4 8 11 37
VV 10 9 8 11 38

J V Action

Sacred Heart 54 Notre Dame 17

The JV Tigerettes totally controlled their contest with Notre Dame Thursday, Nov. 20 with all eight players putting points on the board.

Brittany White was high scorer with 12 points. Hannah Hess and Taylor Torcellini each added 9. Nicole Bayer scored 7 points, with Stephanie Krawietz and Jessica Schilling each making 5. Joelle Fuhrmann put in 4, and Paige White 3.

SH 11 18 15 10 54
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The JV Tigerettes took an early lead, fell behind in the 2nd, then couldn't take the lead back in the second half. Nicole Bayer led Sacred Heart with 14 points.

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TSCRA asks for repeal of COOL

Citing excessive costs and negligible benefits, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has asked Congress to repeal the mandatory country of origin labeling program for beef.

Text of the proposed rule, a cost/benefit analysis and responses to questions and information posed in comments by industry organizations and individuals were published in the Oct. 30 issue of the *Federal Register*. It is available online at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a031030c.html.

In a summary of the economic analysis, USDA says, "Estimated first-year incremental costs for directly affected firms range from \$582 million to \$3.9 billion. Estimated costs per firm range from \$180 to \$443 for producers, \$4,048 to \$50,086 for intermediaries (such as handlers, importers, processors, and wholesalers) and \$49,481 to \$396,089 for retailers."

USDA also said, "The estimated benefits associated with this rule are likely to be negligible. USDA finds little evidence that consumers are willing to pay a price premium for country-of-origin labeling. USDA also finds little evidence that consumers are

likely to increase their purchase of food items bearing the U.S. origin label as a result of this rulemaking.

"Current evidence does not suggest that U.S. producers will receive sufficiently high prices for U.S.-labeled products to cover the labeling, record keeping and other related costs," USDA continued. "The lack of participation in the voluntary programs for labeling products of U.S. origin provides evidence that consumers do not have a strong preference for country of origin."

"We can see what happens when consumers do have a strong desire for labeling by contrasting the lack of participation in the U.S.-origin labeling programs to the high level of participation in the organic labeling program."

TSCRA President Bob McCan said, "This makes

the law a burden that producers should not have to bear. The concept may be laudable, but this particular law... will do more harm than good for America's cattle producers."

He urged producers to review the proposed rule and submit comments no later than Dec. 29 to Country of Origin Labeling Program, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0249 or by e-mail to cool@usda.gov. State that comments refer to Docket No. LS-03-04.

Preliminary FDA report says food from clones are safe

The Food and Drug Administration released a draft executive summary of

County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
CEA - AG/NR

Mycoplasma Bovis

The local veterinarians have noticed an increase in the number of people vaccinating their cattle, since the price of beef has increased.

A good vaccination program can go a long way to increasing the profitability of producers. One relatively new bacteria that producers may want to start vaccinating for is *Mycoplasma bovis*. Mycoplasmosis is a disease was first reported in the seventies. It is now occurring more frequently in stocker and feeder calves. Not all cattle have this problem, but the infection is wide spread and can cause many difficulties.

Mycoplasma bovis is a tiny bacteria. It is smaller than some viruses. It is transmitted calf to calf, nose

to nose, and through the air. It enters through the respiratory tract and then frequently migrates through the blood to the joints and tendons where it causes a crippling arthritis.

The symptoms differ from those of *Pasteurella haemolytica* and *Haemophilus somnus* pneumonia. The calves stay bright and alert much longer. Coughing is a harsh hacking cough. Early on the calves do not exhibit labored breathing, but they do breathe more rapidly than normal. They will move with the herd, but they tend to lag behind. Their appetites are depressed; they go off feed. Advanced cases draw down almost to nothing, get weak, and die.

Sometimes ear infection may occur, but lameness is more common. The lameness will appear in the knee, hock, hip, stifle, shoulder or elbow. The affected calf may get so lame that it won't go to feed or water. However, pneumonia is typically the main problem and generally the biggest cause of loss.

Early treatment is essential to success. It is very easy to overlook early cases, or to put them off to treat another day because they don't look all that sick. A day later the infection is

much more entrenched and difficult to deal with. To make matters worse, *Mycoplasma bovis* is usually resistant to most antibiotics.

The old adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" has never been more true than it is with the management of Mycoplasmosis.

Incorporating autogenous *Mycoplasma bovis* into an appropriate vaccination program combined with good management and care has been beneficial. An over-the-counter *Mycoplasma bovis* is accessible to all producers from local animal health dealers and veterinarians.

Stressed cattle are considerably more susceptible to Mycoplasmosis than non-stressed cattle. Trucking, sale barn scours, *Pasteurella pneumonia*, excessively strong virus vaccination programs, bad water and improper nutrition all make calves much more susceptible to Mycoplasmosis.

Dates to Remember:
Dec 4 & 5 - Texas Forages and Grassland Council Annual Meeting and State Hay Show, Tarleton State University, Stephenville Texas
Dec 6 - Fall District 4-H Roundup

Comments wanted on the animal ID plan

Comments on the draft U.S. Animal Identification Plan are being accepted through Dec. 31, 2003, from all interested individuals and groups. The plan defines the standards and framework for implementing a phased-in national food animal and livestock identification program. It was developed over the past year by 95 individuals representing several industry groups, as well as state and federal animal health officials

working collectively as the National Animal Identification Development team.

A copy of the plan is available online at http://usaip.info/US_AIP_Plan_Draft_092903_Ver_4_0_Master.pdf. Comments may be e-mailed to Communication@USAIP.info, faxed to (719) 538-8847 or mailed to USAIP Comments, 660 Southpointe Court, Suite 314, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

—U.S. Animal Identification Plan

Ag Facts

The U.S. exported 23,049,500 metric tons of wheat in the 2002-03 marketing year, 13% less than the previous year.

Hard Red Winter wheat for exportation in 2002-03 totaled 8.4 million metric tons (MMT), 15% less than last year. Exports for soft red winter wheat dropped

from 5.6 MMT in 2001-02 to 2.94 in 2002-03.

Hard red spring wheat increased 17% the last marketing year at 6.98 MMT. Exports of durum were down 36% in 2002-03.

This year's projected 38 million head calf crop is 1% down from last year, the U.S.'s smallest calf crop since 1951. This is the 8th year of decline in beef cattle.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mix hay production is projected at 77.9 million tons for 2003, up 5.5% from 2002, but 2.3 million tons short of 2001.

Texas hay crop is down 1.7 million tons from last year at a projected 11.3 million tons.

Bovine respiratory disease costs the beef industry over \$1 billion annually in reduced performance, medicine costs, labor and death loss.

its assessment of the safety of animal cloning on Oct. 31. Building on findings of the National Academy of Science, the assessment indicates that "food products derived from clones and their offspring are likely as safe to eat as food from their non-clone counterparts.... These scientific findings also showed that healthy adult clones are virtually indistinguishable from their conventional counterparts."

FDA began its assessment two years ago and plans additional steps prior to finalizing the risk assessment. These steps include providing the public with the opportunity to comment on the draft risk assessment and thoroughly reviewing and responding to those comments before finalizing the assessment. FDA said that until it "makes any final decisions on cloned animals, the agency will continue to request that producers withhold these products from the market, with the full expectation that firms will comply with this request as they have willingly done in the past."

—U.S. Food and Drug Administration

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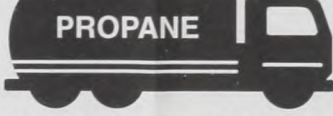
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1.10-1.27; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-	1.14; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-96;	9-year-olds - Large Frame,
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95; 600-700 lbs.; No. 1,	800 lbs.; No. 1, 78-87;	Frame, \$800-\$960;
90-104; Nos. 2 & 3, 77-	Nos. 2 & 3, 65-78;	Medium Frame, \$710-
90; 700-800 lbs.; No. 1,	Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)	\$800.
85-91; Nos. 2 & 3, 72-85;	Slaughter Bulls; Yield	Holstein Baby Calves.
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