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Muenster ISD renews Steelman's Contract with 5% salary increase

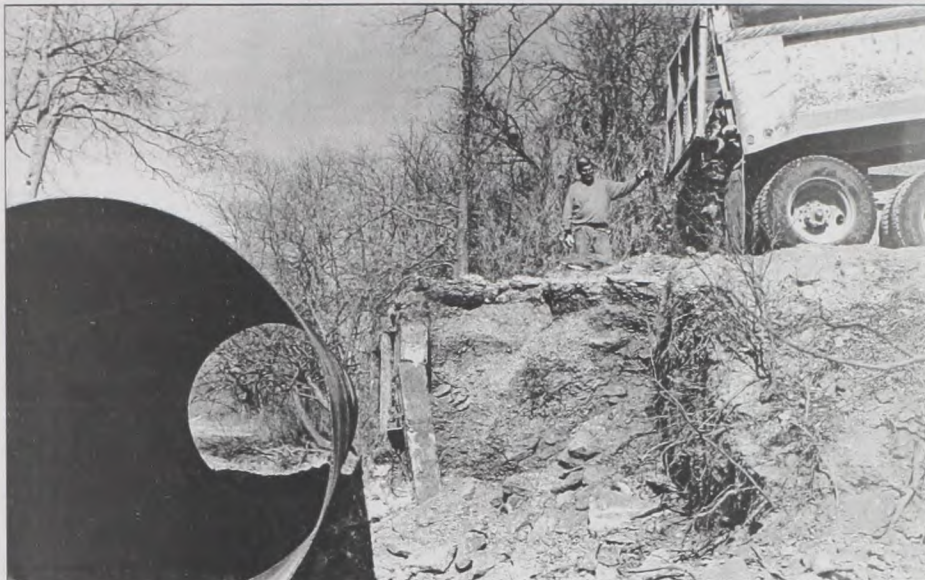
By Janie Hartman
The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees met in a called meeting on Jan. 7 to discuss and/or consider two items: the superintendent's evaluation and contract, and the construction project update.

After a 2-hour executive session, the Board carried the motions to extend superintendent Clyde Steelman's contract for one year, increase his salary by 5%, and approve the contract as it was presented to the Board.

additional top soil and is lacking the new surface and markings.

"The field house concrete work is complete," Steelman informed the Board. "The water line was installed over the holiday and the sewer line is now being installed." Also two 2-inch conduits were installed from the field house to the gym. A phone line and computer line will be pulled through one of the pipes. The other pipe will be reserved for future use.

The Board met again, in called session, then regular on Thursday. A report on these meetings will be in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.



Al Smith directs a Precinct 3 truck to unload filler after the crew placed a 45 foot culvert on CR 300 Wednesday. The new channel replaces the one installed in 1923, widening and raising the roadway over the waterway. Over 7 feet in

diameter, the ditch will easily handle rain water, (if any ever falls). See page 9 for more pictures at the location.
Janie Hartman photo

Walker honored for perfect SAT score

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court honored Luke Walker, a student at Callisburg High School, for earning a perfect score of 1600 on his Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT). At the Jan. 12 meeting, County Judge Bill Freeman recognized Walker's achievement with a plaque and Commissioners Court signed a proclamation congratulating him on behalf of the citizens of Cooke County, "for his incredible accomplishment and wish to encourage other students to follow his brilliant example."

It was pointed out that out of the millions of students who take the SAT test, less than one percent achieves a perfect score.

Commissioners approved a 40-mile per hour speed zone for Blanks Road, beginning at the intersection of FM 922 and extending south for the full length of Blanks Road located in Precinct #2. Commissioner Bill Cox reported that the road there is paved and has four real sharp corners. Residents requested the speed zone.

Another speed zone was approved at 45 miles per hour along CR 164, CR 109, and CR 132, beginning at the intersection of FM 678 and CR 164, extending to CR 109, continuing at the intersection of CR 132 and CR 109, extending to the Grayson County line. Commissioner Phil Young said the residents requested the zone implementation because the 3 1/2 mile of road is ready for paving and is a long straight stretch.

A resolution was passed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 19. Commissioners Court passed it in recognition of Dr. King's contributions to African Americans and our country as a whole. Martin Luther King Jr. was a leader of the Civil Rights Movements and his voice reached out and touched people of every race, creed,

and color with a message of racial equity and nonviolent social change.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved request by Southwestern Bell Company to place a buried line and an aerial communication line/cable approximately 200 feet west of FM 1201 and CR 437 extending to the intersection of CR 437 and CR 408. Commissioner Virgil Hess noted that there has always been a problem with the cable in that area and recommended the approval.

- Approved request by Mountain Springs Water Supply to install a fresh water line across Neely Trail, approximately 2/10 of a mile south of the intersection of Bryant Road and Neely Trail, located in precinct #2.

- Approved public employee honesty bonds for all employees of the County Clerk's office; a constable bond for Anthony Ward; and Sheriff's office bonds for jailers Melissa Hermes and Leatha Furrh, deputy sheriffs Jerry Dutton, and Laren Hudson.

Humorous speaker slated for Chamber banquet

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Chamber of Commerce members encourage everyone to attend their annual banquet on Jan. 31 in the Community Center. J. B. Smith, Sheriff of Smith County, is the guest speaker for the evening. His motto is, "Laughter is Lawful."

Sheriff Smith is known for his comical tales of Texas lawmen and wrongdoers. An article printed in the Oct. 18, 1998 issue of the *Dallas Morning News* stated, "His stories of country cops and bubba bad guys are the stuff of his daily life. 'I look at things a little weird,' he tells his audience. 'You gotta remember: I run a jailhouse.'"

Smith was elected as sheriff to Smith County and began that job in 1976. He oversees one of the largest jails in Texas. There are about 800 prisoners and 250 plus employees. His budget is \$11 million a year. Smith owns and operates a ranch running Longhorn cattle and horses.



Sheriff J.B. Smith

According to information printed in the *Dallas Morning News* article, which is published on Sheriff Smith's website, Smith was one of six children raised by an alcoholic sharecropper stepfather near Sumpter, Arkansas. His childhood memories include a succession of very cold rent houses where ice coated the floor knotholes on winter mornings. He dropped out of school in eighth grade to work the cotton and tomato fields of southeast Arkansas. While serving in

the U.S. Navy Smith earned his GED. Later he earned night-school degrees from Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler.

The article concludes with the following quote from Smith, "You go out there and mess up, you pull some Bubba stuff, and that makes a story. Nothing goes the way it is supposed to. You wind up doing some crazy, chaotic things, and later on, it becomes funny. It's amazing to me to be able to tell a story, with a good punch line, and look out to watch people die laughing."

Also entertaining for the event are Bill Hogan and Shaw Henscheid who will play before and after the

banquet. Joe Bright is emcee for the occasion.

Rohmer's Restaurant is catering and the main entrée is bacon wrapped chopped sirloin. A social hour will be held at 6 p.m. followed by the meal at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Payment of the \$30 individual membership fee in the Chamber of Commerce comes with one free ticket. Business membership (\$60) comes with two tickets. Chamber Secretary Margie Starke requests that those planning to attend purchase tickets at the Chamber office by 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 so that a headcount can be given to the caterer.

Muenster Memorial Hospital announces beginning of in-network coverage

After months of phone calls, letter writing, contract reviews and negotiations with Muenster Hospital District staff, local employers and employees covered by UnitedHealthcare,

Muenster Memorial Hospital (MMH), MMH Family Health Clinic, Dr. Advincula, and Dr. Cox will all be in-network with the UnitedHealthcare Network effective Jan. 20, 2004 according to the latest communication received by MMH from UnitedHealthcare on Jan. 12, 2004.

Among the managed care health insurance companies and networks that have in-network contracts with Muenster health care providers include the following: Access Direct, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Beech Street, CCN, CHIP, Choice Care, Health Choice,

Health Smart, Medicare, Medicaid, Multiplan, NTHN, PPO Next/Med Control, Pro Net, Texas True Choice, TRS through Multiplan, Unicare, UnitedHealthcare, USA Managed Care.

Anyone who has questions about whether their insurance is considered to be in-network and out-of-network can find out by contacting Lillian Taylor at MMH Family Health Clinic 940-759-2226 or Richard Arnold 940-759-2271.

If your coverage is not in-network and you want it to be, you are encouraged to contact your insurance company and request that MMH health care providers be included. The staff at MMH will do everything they can to work with you and your insurance company to complete the process.



Eagle Scouts John Crabtree, left and Shawn Moore, with Congressman Ralph Hall.

Moore and Crabtree achieve Scouting's highest award

Shawn Moore and John Crabtree reached impressive milestones in their lives and Scouting experiences when they received the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest award, in a formal ceremony held on Dec. 14 in the First Baptist Church in Muenster.

Shawn is the son of LaQuita Moore and the late Johnny Moore. Shawn began his scouting career as a Tiger Cub in Pack 653 in Gainesville where he attained the ranks of Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and the Arrow of Light. On Feb. 19, 1996 Shawn bridged from

Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts and was welcomed as a member of Troop 664 in Muenster.

As a Boy Scout of Troop 664 Shawn held leadership positions of Scribe, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, OA Troop Rep, Troop Guide and Instructor. He earned several special awards while in Scouting including: BSA Lifeguard, Gulf Coast Historic Trails Award, BSA Historic Trails Award, Mile Swim, Texas Native Plants Award, World Conservation Award, and two religious awards, the Parvulei Dei and Ad Altare Dei Awards.

Shawn was called to the Order of the Arrow in June of 2000 and completed his Ordeal in September of the same year. As a member of the Okiciyapi Chapter of the Order of the Arrow, Shawn served as a member of many ceremony teams conducting Arrow of Light ceremonies. In August of 2001 Shawn attained his Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, thus sealing his membership in the Order.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project Shawn chose to help the Muenster Museum by constructing natural stone border for a flower bed in front of 'ae

Museum and another natural stone border around the Museum Sign. All the stone was gathered from local farms and creeks.

As Shawn is awarded his Eagle Scout Award, he becomes the last member of his patrol to earn the Eagle Scout Award. Shawn is a member of the Wolverine Patrol and they have now become the first patrol in the history of Troop 664 to have 100% of their patrol earn the Eagle Scout Award. Other members of the Wolverine Patrol included: Jack Biffle, Michael Voth, Karl Fisher, Daniel Bartush, and Mitch

Felderhoff.

John Crabtree is the son of Doug and Allison Crabtree. John began his scouting career with Pack 664 in Muenster, attaining the ranks of Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and the Arrow of Light Award. On February 6, 2000, John bridged over from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting and was welcomed into Troop 664.

As a member of Troop 664 John has held several Leadership positions within the Troop including Historian, Chaplain Aide, Librarian, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Den Chief, Troop Guide and Order of

the Arrow Troop Representative. John has also earned the World Conservation Award.

John was called to the Order of the Arrow in June of 2002 and completed his Ordeal in November of the same year. As a member of the Okiciyapi Chapter, Mikanakawa Lodge, of the Order of the Arrow, John has served as support staff for other Ordeals helping to make the ordeal experience positive for other candidates. In September of 2003 while attending the Fall Fellowship, John attained his Brotherhood. See Eagles, Pg. 5

Obituaries

John Henry Schmitz 1920 - 2004



John Schmitz

John Henry Schmitz, age 79, of Gainesville died peacefully on Sunday morning, Jan. 4, 2004 at his home following an eight-month battle with cancer.

John Schmitz, known by many as Johnny or "Big John", was born south of Lindsay on Aug. 14, 1924, the son of John William and Mary Catherine Bezner Schmitz. On May 30, 1955 he married Albina Mages, the daughter of Joe and Theresa Mages, in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. He was a lifelong resident of Cooke County and a member of Saint Mary's Parish. He attended Lindsay schools.

At the age of 19, he joined the Merchant Marines with the Standard Oil Co. of New York during W.W.II, remaining with them for three years. Upon his return, he went to Oklahoma to roughneck with his brother-in-law, Butch Theimer. In 1948, he went to Austin where he helped his father build houses. John was drafted into the United States Army in 1949. He was stationed in Austin with the Texas Military District until going to Korea where he served with the 27th Infantry, "The Wolfhounds," part of the 25th Division. After serving in Korea, he was stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, until he was discharged in June of 1954. During his service he earned the following: Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, National Defense Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and United Nations Service Medal.

Upon returning from the army, John went into business for himself, opening Johnny's B-29 Club across the Red River, north of Gainesville. Thousands passed through those doors, folks came from miles around and have many memories of the good times within those walls. In 1971, he opened Johnny's DX Truck Stop. After selling his business, he enjoyed working with his son, John, at Brammer Supply for the last two decades. He delivered parts and payroll, traveling to Bowie, Jacksboro, and Wichita Falls. In recent years, he was the company mailman, picking up, stamping, and delivering letters and packages between the local offices. For the past three years he lived next door to his son, John, and enjoyed the opportunity on occasion of taking his grandchildren to and from school.

He was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign War Hughes Tune Post #1922, and for many years he rose early in the morning to get the flags put up

Bezner and James Bezner... "He purchased a red Studebaker convertible. It was in this car that he met his wife. Driving through Muenster one summer day he spotted Albina walking across the street and asked her if she needed a ride. She told him she was just crossing the street. John said get in. He made a U-turn and took her to the other side of the street..."

Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery in Lindsay under the direction of Clement-Keel Funeral Home of Gainesville. The Veterans of Foreign War Hughes Tune Post #1922 rendered honors, presented the flag and played "Taps". On the previous evening, Tuesday, Jan. 6, the Knights of Columbus rosary was led by Craig Wolf, Bobby Harrison, Jeff Dudley, Danny Wolf, and John Metzler. A 7:00 p.m. vigil followed with Rev. Jim Sheridan, O.S.A. officiating. Both were held at St. Mary's Church.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Joe and Annette Schmitz of Lindsay, John and Sandy Schmitz of Gainesville, Steve and Misty Schmitz of Gainesville; daughters and sons-in-laws, MaQuita and Doug Gossett of Gainesville, and Carmen and Brad Crowsey of Whitesboro; brothers Leonard Schmitz of Dallas, Freddy Schmitz of Gainesville, and LeeRoy Schmitz of Valley View; and sisters, Sally Theimer of Gainesville, Rosaie Cox of Dallas, and Marcy Wilde of Muenster.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Gertrude "Gertie" Horn.

Those attending services from out of state included Layton and Claudia Humphrey of Boca Grande, Florida; Nino and Richard Ardemagni of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Ryan Gehrig of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Larry and Terry Pate of Lindsey, Oklahoma; Ike Barnes of Amarillo; and Andy Waite and Adam Zylman, both of Houston.

John was very proud of the Catholic education his children and grandchildren received at Saint Mary's School. For anyone seeking information regarding memorials, his family has suggested to please consider Saint Mary's School, 931 North Weaver Street, Gainesville, TX 76240 or to Cooke County Home Hospice, P.O. Box 936, Gainesville, TX 76241-0936.

National Weather Service language

Watch - an advance statement that severe winter weather conditions are possible within the next day or two.

around town on designated holidays. His love of our country was quietly displayed with an American flag on the back window of his pickup truck and also on his rascal scooter. He had currently served as a Trustee, and previously served as a Club Director. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mass of Christian burial for Mr. Schmitz was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at St. Mary's Church in Gainesville with Rev. Jim Sheridan, O.S.A. and Rev. Jeremy B. Myers of St. Mary's Parish in Sherman officiating. Pallbearers were his sons, Joe Schmitz, John Schmitz, and Steve Schmitz; sons-in-law, Doug Gossett and Brad Crowsey; and grandson, John Nicholas Schmitz. John's nephew, Mike Schmitz, stood in for his grandson.

The First Reading was Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 read by granddaughter, Shelby Schmitz. The Responsorial was Psalm of the Good Shepherd and Second Reading was Romans 14:7-12 read by Hank Dieter. Offertory gifts were brought up by granddaughters Brandi Gossett, Tiffany Schmitz, and Suzanne Schmitz. Eucharistic ministers were Marcy Wilde, Hank Dieter, Melinda Dieter, Dustin Dieter, Lisa Bellows, Sara Flusche, John Metzler, and Sister Mary Helen Fuhrmann, S.S.M.N.

Sacred music included "Here I Am Lord", "We Remember", "Be Not Afraid", and "On Eagles Wings"; all sung by the fourth and sixth graders of St. Mary's Children's Choir under the direction of Patsy Henry. Altar servers were Abby Anderle, Mitch Dieter, and Matt Dieter. Ushers were Gary Dale Lewis and Tim Klement.

The eulogy reflecting on John's life and memories of him was read by his nephew Buster Bezner. He stated in part: "... He was born... south of Lindsay. He grew up there working, going to school, and staying in and out of trouble with his best friends and cousins Ruffy

New law deals with emergency vehicles

Slow down or change lanes for stopped emergency vehicles.

SB 193 requires drivers nearing stopped emergency vehicles with lights activated - to either slow down or change lanes.

The law states a driver must vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle or slow down 20 miles below the speed limit. (If the speed limit is below 25 mph the driver must slow down to 5 mph.)

Emergency vehicles include police, emergency medical service and fire vehicles.

A violation is punishable by a maximum fine of \$200. If the violation results in property damage, the maximum fine increases to \$500. If the violation results in bodily injury, the offense is enhanced to a Class B misdemeanor.

The new law was passed in the last regular session of the Texas Legislature and went into effect Sept. 1, 2003.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

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Back in the early twenties, when my dad was preparing to re-enter the cattle and farming business, after selling Texhoma Oil and Gas products for a few years, he began buying draft animals, mostly mares. One mare already had a fine looking filly colt, which we boys, plus a few neighbor kids, promptly began to spoil. Topsy, as she was named, thought she should go any place we kids did. She would have come in the house if we would have allowed it.

Jewel, Topsy's dam, was teamed up with a gentle mare we called Maude. Now Maude never got excited or lost her cool. I remember Maude getting kicked into a barbed wire fence. Any other horse would have panicked and likely suffered severe wire cuts to free itself. But Maude, according to evidence she had left behind, stood still for several days before she was found and freed.

We untied the wires. Some were so tight her flesh had swollen over them and I know we hurt Maude getting them out, but she

seemed to understand. She didn't move or try to get free until one of us took her mane and led her away. Poor old Maude - she could hardly walk.

Well, we fed and watered her, and one of us went to tend her daily or sometimes more often. One day Maude had gone with the other horses and was back to normal.

Now old Maude was always willing to go, but in her older years she developed a fistula in her neck near her shoulder. Neither us, nor the veterinarian could give her any relief, and eventually she had to be put down, to get her out of a miserable condition.

Yep, I got the job, and I must say I shot old Maude, looked at her for a moment, and walked off feeling mighty sad. All I could think of was my sitting on Maude's back while she grazed on the unused streets of Muenster. I was just a little kid at the time, and sort of grew up with one of the most gentle and dependable mares I can remember.

Idea Exchange

Globalization poised to affect Muenster

By Don Rohrer

Muenster is a wonderful place to live, especially for a family with children, but it has one serious quality-of-life issue. After the kids graduate from college, there are no jobs for them here. Therefore, Muenster families get scattered across the country.

Since the development of the Internet, many of us have been hoping that at least some Muenster natives could come back and work from their homes. But in the new global economy, just about any job that can be assigned to a telecommuter can be outsourced to India or China, with a 75% salary reduction.

If we want to keep our families together, we need to persuade some knowledge-industry companies to open offices here. I'd bet that we can offer them not only good schools for their employees' children, but also a steady supply of high-quality college graduates for their entry-level employment needs. I would have settled in Muenster had employment been available here, and I suspect many of our graduates feel the same way.

One thing we could do is collect data about our graduates and use it to create a presentation we can pitch to companies. The presentation could include college graduates and where they are working now, but it should focus on MSD and Sacred Heart graduates who are in college, what they are majoring in, their grade-point averages, and their graduation dates. Other people might be able to think of other information that might be helpful in recruiting an employer. Information about any individual student would, of course, be divulged only with the student's explicit approval.

Our ideal outcome would be to snag a company such as Adept Technology Inc., which makes industrial-automation, electronic, and other kinds of high-tech equipment. But this is an established company, based in California, with offices around the country and in Europe. We might have more success attracting a young company that could open a small office here and hire new employees as the company grows.

If you receive this paper in another city, perhaps you know of a company that would make a good target for a team of Muenster recruiters.

If you have any ideas about how such a project could work, please send them to
Idea Exchange
c/o Muenster Enterprise
P.O. Box 190
Muenster TX 76252

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

HAS ANYONE ASKED THEMSELVES CAN WE AFFORD IT? According to the NCTC Facilities Master Plan that has been followed to the letter (up to now anyway), NCTC has changed from the original projected cost of a performing arts center of \$2.2 million to \$6 million. Also according to the Master Plan, the PAC is the last of the fifteen priority items set out, following other more basic and badly needed renovations and repairs to the facility. Why is it that the PAC has escalated to such a priority item and the cost has nearly tripled?

My definition of being able to afford the PAC is to be able to pay for it in such a way that would not create an undue hardship on NCTC students in the form of increased tuition and fees. The college could afford the originally planned \$2.2 million PAC without passing on such a financial burden.

When writing your check to the tax appraisal district this month think of the joy you will receive from this \$6 million PAC which is going to be maintained with a portion of that check you just wrote. It is time for our elected officials to become financially responsible and not borrow money for our children to repay.

Rod Tyler
Gainesville, TX 76240

Genevieve Wimmer Tarleton dies at age 87

Genevieve Wimmer Tarleton died Jan. 13, 2004 in Denton Community Hospital at age 87. A Rosary Service was held Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial is set for today, Friday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. Complete obituary will be in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Pancake Breakfast, 8-11AM, Sacred Heart Community Center, benefits SH Boys Baseball	Monday, January 19, 2004 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8PM Muenster ISD - NO CLASSES SHS In Service Day - NO SCHOOL	Tuesday, January 20, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Group meeting, 6-8PM, Home Hospice Office MMH Board meeting, 7PM NRCS Program, 9AM, NCTC Little Theater Diabetes Support Group meeting, 7PM, GMH Culwell Conference Room	Wednesday, January 21, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Kiwanis meeting, Noon, Center Religious Ed Class, 7PM Storm Spotter Training program, 7-9PM, Gainesville Civic Center	Thursday, January 22, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM Day of Penance and Prayer observing 31st anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, 8AM Mass, 7-8:30PM, Benediction, Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Friday, January 23, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, January 24, 2004
Sunday, January 25, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, January 26, 2004	Tuesday, January 27, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Group meeting, 6-8PM, Home Hospice Office Marketing Club meeting, 7PM, Gainesville Farm Bureau	Wednesday, January 28, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Kiwanis meeting, Noon, Center Religious Ed Mass, 6:30PM, Class follows until 8PM SH Advisory Council meeting, 7:30PM	Thursday, January 29, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM Master Gardener Compost Workday, 10AM-3PM	Friday, January 30, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, January 31, 2004 Chamber of Commerce Banquet: Happy Hour, 6PM, Banquet, 7PM

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Williams heads MMH Auxiliary for 2004

Installation of officers for Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, Jan. 6. Darlene Williams accepted the office of president from Fay Hamric. Christine Weinzapfel continues as vice-president, Danna Hess took over treasurer duties from Rosalee Bayer. Deb Klement continues as secretary.

Fay Hamric led the installation ceremony, which had been prepared by Christine Weinzapfel. As each incoming officer pledged their office duties, she lit a candle of the correct color on the centerpiece candelabra.

Fay noted that a flame is universally known as the symbol of light and hope. For the evening, a candle would be used to signify the organizations expectations for the coming year and faith in the people being installed. The center candle of the candelabra symbolized the Auxiliary.

Danna lit a white candle symbolizing the complete truthfulness and honesty expected of the treasurer.

Deb lit a blue candle, symbolic of the vigilance and alertness required of the secretary. Christine touched the flame to the red candle symbolizing loyalty. She is the right hand to the president. Symbolizing the leadership and power of the president, Darlene lit a yellow candle. Fay told her, "As president, you will be the spirit of our auxiliary and have the power to carry out the business of the auxiliary. Yellow signifies unity. Your members are united to help you achieve the goals of our auxiliary during the coming year. Remember to rely on us when you need help."

Continuing in the duties of scrapbook committee, Theresa Walterscheid serves as historian. Janet Felderhoff of the publicity committee serves as reporter.

Special guests for the evening were Scott and Deborah Wood and daughters Caleigh and Emma and friend Sydney Hoedebeck. The Wood family recently moved to Muenster and owns the *Muenster Enterprise*.

Deb Klement, Charlotte Klement, and Danna Hess are on the Membership Committee. A drive will soon be held seeking active and inactive members. It was decided to have a membership form printed in the newspaper that could be clipped and returned. Also invitations will be mailed.

Imelda Rohmer reported that Dr. Elaine Schilling donated toothbrushes for patients and that Dr. Gerald Graham's office donated toothpaste.

More coloring books will be ordered to give to children who are in the ER or who are with ER patients. These have been popular.

Darlene Williams asked that a new Nativity set be purchased to replace the broken set being used in the hospital's front lobby. Members agreed to the purchase.

Discussion was held on how to handle any memorial donations that might be offered to the hospital. It was agreed a member would be selected to meet with families to work out details.



Fay Hamric, left, initiates the 2004 Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary officers, Darlene Williams, Christine Weinzapfel, Deb Klement, and Danna Hess. Janet Felderhoff photo

Jan. 22 denoted as Day of Penance and Prayer

Special services are to be held at Sacred Heart Parish on Thursday, Jan. 22, to observe the 31st anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision as a particular day of penance and prayer. There will be an 8 a.m. Mass with a special liturgy prepared by the Sacred Heart 7th grade. Then at 7 p.m. Thursday evening, there will be Benediction and Recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary with Pro-Life Reflections followed by a time of quiet prayer before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30 p.m.

On Jan. 22, 1973 two Supreme Court decisions,

Roe v. Wade and its companion case, Doe V. Bolton, legalized abortion on demand in the U.S. through all nine months of pregnancy. Since that time, over 40 million babies have been legally aborted in our country, about 4000 every day.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have mandated that Jan. 22 be observed as a "day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life" in all dioceses of the United States.

Baptism

Hermes

Makenna Katherine Hermes received the Sacrament of Baptism at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003 in Saint Peter's Church in Lindsay. Makenna is the daughter of Kurt and Amy Hermes. Serving as Godmother was aunt Connie Hermes, and serving as Godfather was uncle Greg Hoenic. Father Ron Scheible, OSA performed the ceremony.

Makenna wore the gown her mother was baptized in, made by Makenna's great-grandmother, the late Katherine Lucille Lutkenhaus. She was draped in a white afghan with pink ribbon trim handmade by her grandmother Janet Hoenic.

Attending the ceremony were Makenna's parents, and brother Cody; grandparents Janet Hoenic, Gene and Peggy Hoenic, and Charlotte and Fritz Hermes. Also attending were great-grandparents Aileen Hoenic and Cecilia Schilling; Bryan and Stephanie Hoenic; Greg, Jennifer, and Will Hoenic; Doug, Susan, Darrell, and Savannah Hermes; Connie and Scott Filloon; and Brian Hermes and Jessamy Sicking.

After the ceremony, cake, punch, and personalized truffles were served to guests in Makenna's home.

North Central Texas College recognizes top students for 2003 fall semester

North Central Texas College this week announced its official listings of students recognized for outstanding academic achievement during the recently concluded 2003 fall semester.

Students named to the NCTC President's Honor List are those who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA) while enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours. The Dean's Honor List includes those students earning a GPA of 3.5-3.99 while taking 12 or more hours.

"We are so very proud to honor our students in this way," said Dr. Eddie Hadlock, vice president of instruction. "Performing at this high level in all courses is not easy, particularly in view of the fact that such a large percentage of our students work either full-time or part-time while attending classes."

Named to the President's Honor List for Fall 2003 included Megan Grewing, Janice Spakes, and Shanelle Spakes of Muenster.

Named to the Dean's Honor List for Fall 2003 included Audrey Barnhill,

Shannon Edington, Deann Muller, Stephen Osborn Jr., Tessie Scott, and Dillon Sicking of Muenster; Elaine Hess, Brandon Schroeder, Chad Stoffels, Jalynn Wilson, and Mark Zimmerer of Lindsay.

Winterize vehicles

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FMW offers United Healthcare coverage

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They recognized Richard Arnold, MMH hospital administrator, Lillian Taylor at the MMH Family Health Clinic, and all the employees at these facilities for their efforts in making this happen. Klement Ford's efforts also contributed to UnitedHealthcare working with the local hospital and doctors.

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New Arrival

Hess

Brian and Christy Hess of Gainesville proudly announce with joy the birth of their second son, born on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004 at 8:38 a.m. at Denton Regional Hospital weighing 6 lb. 8 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches. They have named him Grant David.

Grant is also welcomed by his two year old brother, Garrett. Grandparents are Lynn and Sharon Johnson of Gainesville and Dennis and Kathy Hess of Muenster. Great-grandparents include Lowell and Maidette Bransford of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Tommie Johnson

and the late David Johnson of Gainesville, Clara Walterscheid of Muenster and the late Paul Walterscheid, and Antonia Hess of Muenster and the late Alois Hess.

Deweber

Adam, Toni, and Ashleigh Deweber are proud to announce a new addition to their family. Kayla Lynne was born Friday, Jan. 9, 2004 at 10:54 p.m. Kayla weighed 9 lb. 6 oz. and measured 21 inches in length. Her grandparents are Gwen and Loyd Trubenbach of Muenster, and Stanley and Denise Deweber of Jacksboro.

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VFW announces VOD winners

VFW #6205, sponsors of the local Voice of Democracy audio/essay contest, have announced the winners for the year 2003-04. The theme of this year's essay was "My Commitment to America's Future".

First place winners were: Senior Kate Sepanski of Sacred Heart High and Senior Brooke Endres of Muenster High. Kate is the daughter of Bob and Linda Sepanski and Brooke is the daughter of Monte and Lucie Endres. Both audio/essays advanced to District I competition where Brooke Endres placed third which awards her a scholarship of \$300.00 to the college of her choice. District competition encompasses schools in an area from Muenster to Pottsboro, Denison, Bonham, Greenville, Plano, Lake Dallas, Lewisville, Roanoke, Denton, and Gainesville. Only 1st place goes on to compete on a state level.

Plano placed 1st in District. Other students placing locally were: 2nd place - Amy Trevino, SH, daughter of Leo and Maria Trevino, and Carrie Grewing, MISD, daughter of Glenn and Connie Grewing; 3rd place - Andrea Bonin, SH, daughter of Carmen Bonin and Stephen Bonin, and Sean Fuhrmann, MISD, son of Ronald and Patty Fuhrmann.

A total of 52 students participated locally and a total of \$350.00 was awarded on the program by the VFW.

Co-chairmen Ladies Auxiliary President Frances Bayer and Patriotic Instructor Juanita Knabe gave special recognition to the teachers, Mrs. Martha Koessler of Muenster ISD and Mrs. Jo Bedowitz of Sacred Heart for their assistance in helping to promote this program into their curriculum so the students could participate.



Essay winners, above, Amy Trevino, Kate Sepanski and Andrea Bonin. Below, Carrie Grewing, Brooke Endres and Sean Fuhrmann. Courtesy photos



Sacred Heart students participate in word power challenge contest

Sacred Heart students participated in the 2003-04 Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge as part of their second quarter reading program. Students in 4th through 8th grades competed in a written word definition contest at two levels.

Winners in the 4th and 5th grade level were: Quinn Sicking, 1st; Megan Hesse and Jesse Brundage, 2nd; Rebekah Hesse and Alex Turner, 3rd; Laura Sweeney, 4th; Zachary White, 5th.

6th through 8th grade winners included: Lauren Sepanski, 1st; Mitchell Hesse, 2nd; Joe Hesse, 3rd; Stephen Davis, 4th; Lauren Krahl and Janet Strothers, 5th; Kalyssa Pollard, 6th; Tommy Torcellini, 7th.

Lauren Sepanski and Quinn Sicking became eligible to take a written test that placed them in state competition.



Taking the Power Challenge were, above, front, Tommy Torcellini, Stephen Davis, Joe Hesse, back, Janet Strother, Mitchell Hesse, Lauren Krahl, Lauren Sepanski and Kalyssa Pollard. And below, front, Alex Turner, Quinn Sicking, Laura Sweeney, back, Zach White, Sydney Hoedebeck, Megan Hesse, and Rebekah Hesse. Courtesy photos

Muenster ISD Honor Roll

Third Six Weeks "A" HONOR ROLL
1st Grade (Mrs. Miller) Morgan Flusche, Zakary Ford, Blake Haubold, Kyla Haverkamp, Karson Heady, Brandon Hennigan, Chance Herr, Tressa Jones, Mikaela Lamar, Collin Pagel, Kristen Reiter, Zachary Trubenbach, Lora Walterscheid. (Mrs. Fleming) Colton Call, Tara Gunnels, Mikinzie Hess, Laurine McAden, Makayla Moster, Rielly Neal, Zachary Pollard.
2nd Grade (Mrs. Budish) Mason Binder, Sydney Huchton, Shelby Klement, Cristan Medlock, Garrett Miller, Jaisal Patel, Mariah Wimmer. (Mrs. Pagel) Hannah Bayer, Jared Endres, Jace Fredrick, Darrell Hermes, Clayton Hess, Erin Hess, Kylie Hess, Makayla Pumphrey, Adrien Rohmer, Shelby Sicking, Clint Sidwell.
3rd Grade (Mrs. Anderle) Brianna Bayer, Rosalee Bayer, Tori Dyess, Steven Flusche, Paige Herr, Trevor Hess, Christina Rohmer, Tony Schniederjan, Michelle Sicking, Travis Sicking, Alyssa Stewart, Abby Walterscheid. (Mrs. Endres) Austin Hennigan, Hunter Klement, Lauren Rohmer, Payton Sanders, Brooke Walterscheid.
4th Grade (Mrs. Presnall) Lana Heers, Andrea Hess, Allison Pagel. (Mrs. Sicking) Tyler Anderle, Taylor Endres, Andi Felderhoff, Olivia Haverkamp, Stefani Tucker, Kendra Walterscheid. (Mrs. Klement) Chelsey Caldwell, Luke Crabtree, Kameron Heady, Emily Hellman, Paige Hennigan, Cole McAden, Landon Presnall, Chloe Schneider.
5th Grade (Mrs. Knight) Hayley Hess, Taylor Klement. (Mrs. Chism) Michelle Henscheid, Shane Presnall, Taylor Reiter, Alexis Trubenbach, Garrett Walterscheid, Hannah Weger.
6th Grade (Mrs. Walterscheid) Matthew Bain, Shaina Felderhoff, Jackie Klement, Delana Sicking, Natalie Valliere, Steven Valliere. (Mrs. Hale) Jodi Abner, Lia Heers, Eric Hellman, Andrew Koessler, Katherine McAden, Ryan Neal, Levi Trubenbach, Christopher Valliere.
"A-B" HONOR ROLL
1st Grade (Mrs. Miller) Emily Brogdon, Trevor Cheaney, Jeremy Hess. (Mrs. Fleming) Trey Anderle, Tyler Boaz, Jonathan Cooley, Kassie Dangelmayr, Michael Durnberger, Parker Edmonds, Colton Nobile, Noel Rodriguez, Brianna Rohmer, Delaney Wright.
2nd Grade (Mrs. Budish) Kendi Bayer, Maegan Fleming, David Hutson, Christopher Jackson, Colton Moseley, Peyton Reiter, Dylan Serna. (Mrs. Pagel) ShyAnn Bartel, Ethan Hale, Ashley Hammer, Amber Knabe, Abigail Pagel.
3rd Grade (Mrs. Anderle) Charles Beecham, Brooke Hess, Ryan Los, Morgan McGrew. (Mrs. Pagel) Sean Chism, Madison Dugger, Tommy Harrison, Jack Hogan, Trevor Muller, Miranda Pagel, Emily Vance.
4th Grade (Mrs. Presnall) Jimmy Abner, Daniel Fleitman, Dalton Koelzer, Rishi Patel, Kendall Reiter, Jamie Salisbury, Blake Voth, Jace Wann. (Mrs. Sicking) Kayla Acuna, Christopher Green, Chase Hammer, Joseph Monday, Nicole Pagel, Dain Schmidtkofer. (Mrs. Klement) Kalynd Dangelmayr, Shelby Dangelmayr, Blake Grewing, Mark Jones, Demi Koelzer, Severen Pagonis.
5th Grade (Mrs. Knight) Tyler Acuna, Catherine Aston, Briana Bindel, Aaron Grewing, Jason Luke, Spencer Nielsen, Kelsey Pagel, Jacy Steelman, Lacey Trubenbach, Phillip Vogel. (Mrs. Chism) Dillon Bayer, Logan Cheaney, Ryan Hennigan, Lindsay Kelley, Brianna Klement, Devon Kubis, Danielle Lewis, Derek Pagel, Diana Velasquez, Joshua Voth.
6th Grade (Mrs. Walterscheid) Amanda Dangelmayr, Karissa Downes, Tobiah Dyess, Chad Henscheid, Jacob Klement, Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Tyler Pagel, Delana Rohmer, Derek Schmidtkofer, Corey Sicking, Leah Smith, Bianca Velasquez, Joshua Womble. (Mrs. Hale) Antonio Acuna, Erin Endres, Jessica Holder, Sara Walterscheid.
"A" HONOR ROLL
7th Grade: Jordanne Hellman, John Rohmer.
8th Grade: Cletus Fuhrmann, Laura Heers, Kim Patel, Alison Teafatiller.
11th Grade: Kristen Hess, Ruthie Muller, Adam Vinson.
12th Grade: Keisha Davis, Melinda Walterscheid.

Pancakes flip for SHHS baseball program

There will be an opportunity to feast on a breakfast of pancakes, fruit topping, sausage, and juice or coffee this Sunday, Jan. 18 from 8-11 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Community Center Cafeteria. This is a fundraiser for the Sacred Heart Boys Baseball team, which will have its first season this spring.

Funds raised will help to buy uniforms and other equipment for the team. About 17 boys have expressed interest in playing.

The boys are selling tickets until Friday. They will also be sold at the door for the same price. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JAN. 19-23 SACRED HEART
 Mon - No school.
 Tues. - Fiesta salad w/trimmings, ranch style beans, corn chips, pineapple chunks, bread.
 Wed. - Baked chicken, rice pilaf, gravy, green beans, chocolate pudding, bread.
 Thurs. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, corn, cinnamon rolls.
 Fri. - Hoagies w/trimmings, chips, pears.
MUENSTER ISD
 Mon - No school.
 Tues. - Corny dogs, potato wedges, beans, peaches, blueberry squares.
 Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, sandwiches (ham and cheese), lettuce, tomatoes, bananas, cookies.
 Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, pears, hot rolls.
 Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, pickles, onions, french fries, beans, applesauce, ice cream.
LINDSAY ISD
 Mon. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, bread.
 Tues. - Corny dog, baked beans, carrot sticks, pears, bread.
 Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, sandwich, lettuce, pickles, peanut butter brownie.
 Thurs. - Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, bread.
 Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, french fries, ice cream.
ERA ISD
 Mon. - Chicken crispiro, pinto beans, peaches, tossed salad, sugar cookie.
 Tues. - Chicken fried steak or barbecue wieners, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, sliced pears, hot roll.
 Wed. - Corn dog, broccoli and carrot sticks w/ranch dip, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, Missouri cookie.
 Thurs. - Ham and cheese hot pocket or steak fingers, tossed salad, green beans, pineapple salad, jello.
 Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, french fries, ice cream.

Thank You

I believe that God's greatest gifts to us are the people he surrounds us with. With that in mind I would like to thank my husband, children and grandchildren, my family, my husbands family - whom I love as my own - and all the wonderful people who offered prayers, sent cards, gifts, flowers and food during and after my surgery. The many kind words were very uplifting and have contributed very much to my recuperation. Thanks to Dr. Khaira and the nurses at Gainesville Hospital for their great care.

May God Bless all of you,
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Winter Weather History Briefs

Dec. 20-24, 1989 - a sharp cold wave spread over all of Texas. The cold temperatures froze many water pipes in the Metroplex causing them to burst. Around 25 million dollars in Damage resulted in Dallas County.



Alison Teafatiller, Muenster Jr. High Student Council president, Herbie Knabe and sponsor Kyra Mann. Below, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, Abe Fuhrmann and Samantha Endres. Courtesy photos



NHS and MHS completes service project over holidays

During the holidays the members of the National Honor Society at Muenster High School dug deep into their pockets and made a contribution to the HEIFER International Organization. The HEIFER International Organization has been operating since 1944. They have helped more than 4.5 million families in more than 125 countries and in 38 U.S. states. HEIFER helps impoverished families feed themselves, earn income, and care for their environment.

The students bought a share in a goat to provide milk and extra income from cheese and butter; a share in a pig to provide income from the sale of offspring, a source of protein, and natural fertilizer for crops; a share in a lamb to provide wool, meat, and income from offspring; a share in a trio of rabbits to provide food, natural fertilizers, and income from sales; a share in a flock of chicks to

provide eggs and income; and a share in a water buffalo to provide milk and draft power for planting.

These gifts will provide families across the world and in the United States much needed help in making their lives much more prosperous and will help struggling families survive.

Lindsay Elementary recognizes Royal Knights

Lindsay Elementary recognized the following students as recipients of the Royal Knighthood Excellence Award for the 2nd and 3rd six weeks.

2nd Six weeks recipients: Kindergarten - Payton Dill, Leah Fuhrmann, John Hess; 1st grade - Sarah Fuhrmann, Jeffrey Hellman; 2nd grade - Kendl Harris, Connor Polk; 3rd grade - Neely Rose, Brianne Sandmann; 4th grade - Katie Arendt, Ranece Morrison; 5th grade - Kelsey Hermes, Vanessa Hess; 6th grade - Jon Britain, Dillon Hanson.

3rd Six weeks recipients:

Kindergarten - Sammy Saucer, Molly Spivey, Jacob Sprouse; 1st grade - Aaron Martindale, Justin Ott; 2nd grade - Garrett Cooper, Maisoun Hweidi; 3rd grade - Dylan Hughes, Chisam Reiter; 4th grade - Dean Fleitman, Taylor Stringfellow; 5th grade - Macy Perry, Thomas Rohmer; 6th grade - Mitch Dieter, Sarah Redder.

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



Members of the Muenster FCCLA went Christmas caroling at Muenster Memorial Hospital for the holidays, including, from left, back - Kallie Gertsberger, Kristen Hess, Whitney Watson, Kristian Koelser, Bridgette Klement; front - Rachel Clark, Jace Koelzer, Tara Swirszynski, and Haylee Hess.

FCCLA has busy holiday season

The month of December was very busy for the Muenster High School Chapter of FCCLA. The organization started Christmas projects right after Thanksgiving, when the members decorated the doors at St. Richard's Villa. The members used wrapping paper and bows to make the atmosphere more in the Christmas spirit. They also had the opportunity to visit with the residents.

In the first week of December, the organization held their annual Christmas meal. For admission to the meal, each member was required to bring two canned food items or two dollars. The cans of food

were donated to Cooke County VISTO. The money was used to buy baby formula for ABBA.

For the organization's final project of December, the members gathered at Muenster Memorial Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 21, to sing Christmas carols. They also gave the nurses and patients homemade Christmas cookies which were made by Mrs. Sturm (the FCCLA sponsor) Food and Consumer Science classes.

FCCLA will be focusing on FCCLA week in February, and the Cooke County Youth Fair in March for their next projects.

submitted by Shannon Grewing
FCCLA Reporter



FCCLA members preparing a holiday meal in class at Muenster High School included, from left, James Fanning, Kyle Endres, Justin Wolf, and Chase Cain. Courtesy photo



Lindsay Royal Knight honorees included, from left, back - Dillon Hanson, Jon Britain, Mitch Dieter, Sarah Redder, Vanessa Hess, Kelsey Hermes, Thomas Rohmer, Taylor Stringfellow, Ranece Morrison; middle row - Kendl Harris, Dylan Hughes, Neely Rose, Dean Fleitman, Katie Arendt, Macy Perry, Maisoun Hweidi, Brianne Sandmann, Chisam Reiter; 2nd row - Sarah Fuhrmann, Garrett Cooper, Connor Polk, Justin Ott, Aaron Martindale, Jeffrey Hellman; kneeling front row - Molly Spivey, Jacob Sprouse, Payton Dill, John Hess, Sammy Saucer, and Leah Fuhrmann. Courtesy photo

KC members to be honored on Jan. 16

All members of the Muenster Knights of Columbus, Chapter #1459 will be honored on their 94th birthday, Friday, Jan. 16. The Muenster KCs began Jan. 16, 1910.

Members will be recognized during the Sacred Heart vs. Colleyville basketball game at the Sacred Heart gym, at approximately 7:15 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Eagles.....

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thus sealing his membership in the Order of the Arrow. John is also a member of the Nishkin Halupa pe Lachi Tribe.

For his Eagle Scout Project, John chose to build picnic tables, paint a fence and fire escape stairwell, as well as get an aluminum can collecting bin built for Tabernacle Baptist Church.

The formal Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on Dec. 14, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Muenster.

Call to Order was given by former Scoutmaster Chuck Bartush, followed by Presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance by Ricky Bell. Evan Koelser led the opening prayer. Members of the Color Guard were: Dustin Felderhoff, Evan Koelser, Chad Endres, Joe Hesse, Ashton Barrett, Kirk Felderhoff, Josh McAden and Brandon Bindel. The Court of Honor opening was conducted by Chuck Bartush, and Joe Hesse lit the appropriate candles during the Scout Oath.

Chuck Bartush led the Eagle Candidate Recognition, and Eagle Scouts Daniel Bartush, Jack Biffle, and Adam Bayer served as their Honor Guards. Gary Fisher, another former Scoutmaster, served as Voice of the Eagle.

Chuck Bartush, with Scouts lighting a green candle to represent each rank, described Growth Through Scouting: Ashton Barrett, Scout; Brandon Bindel, Tenderfoot; Kirk Felderhoff, Second Class; Josh McAden, First Class; Chad Endres, Star; Dustin Felderhoff, Life; and Jack Biffle, the rank of Eagle Scout.

Conferring the Rank of Eagle Scout upon Shawn and John was The Honorable Ralph Hall, United States Congressman, District 4. Scoutmaster Bert Hesse placed the Eagle Scout Neckerchief. At this time Congressman Hall also presented each Scout with a United States Flag that was previously flown over the Capitol of the United States. Shirley Knabe gave the Mothers Pins to the Scouts for presentation by the Scouts to their mothers. Gary Fisher presented the Fathers Tie Tac to the Scouts.

Scoutmaster Bert Hesse gave the Eagle Charge, solemn and sacred, for both Shawn and John.

Christy Hesse accompanied by Ruth Felderhoff led the assembly in singing "On Eagles Wings".

A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall.

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Sports

Lady Hornets begin district with win

Muenster hosted the girls opening district contest last Friday against the Lindsay Lady Knights. A high scoring first quarter opened the game in favor of the Lady Hornets, who then took advantage of a Lindsay low score third quarter to clinch a 61-43 victory.

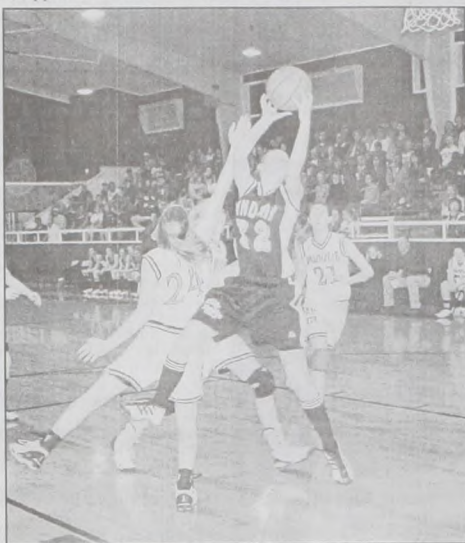
Four Muenster players hit double digit scores led by Melinda Walterscheid's 22 points. Robyn Hermes and Brooke Endres each scored 10. JoAnna Felderhoff put in 9 points, Alisha Walterscheid 8, and Tara Swirczynski 2 for the Lady Hornets.

Mallory Block led Lindsay's scorers with 16 points. Cheryl Knabe added 9, Brittany Anderle 6, Whitney Neu 4, and 2 apiece from Allison Hundt, Lindsey Williams, Lori

Kasperek, and Christy Hess. Lindsay hit three of seven free throws, while Muenster dropped in 15 of 21. The win

improves Muenster's season record to 15-4, while dropping Lindsay to 12-8.

M	24	18	11	8	61
L	16	13	3	11	43



Cheryl Knabe (32) grabs a pass drop inside the Lady Hornets defense. Also pictured are Kristen Hess (24) and JoAnna Felderhoff (21). Scott Wood photo

Longhorns lose to Lindsay

The Forestburg Longhorns traveled to Lindsay Tuesday night and were sent home in defeat. The Knights took an 87-31 victory. The Knights had 11 players drop in points, five with double digit scores. Cody Anderle was high scorer with 16 points. Brandon Huckaby hit 14, Jeffrey Shannon 12, Trinity Otto 12, and Clinton Kyle 10. Kristopher Creed added 6, Cody Hess 5, Michael Eckart 4, Levi Hermes 4, Bradley Anderle 2, and Dustin Hughes 2.

The Knights dropped in 7 baskets outside the 3 point line and hit 14 of 29 free throws.

L	25	18	22	22	87
F	6	9	5	11	31

Hornets lose to Bulldogs

The Muenster Hornets took a long bus ride to East Texas last Friday to challenge the Avery Bulldogs on the basketball court. Muenster had the lead the first half, then allowed Avery to get to within 1 point at the end of the third quarter. The Dogs then dropped in 20 points to take a 58-51 win.

Russell Endres was the game's high scorer with 29 points. Justin Wolf added 9, Chase Cain 6, Sean Fuhrmann 5, and Zach Swirczynski 2. Endres hit five 3-pointers. The Hornets were seven of 14 at the free throw line.

M	17	16	6	12	51
A	12	12	14	20	58



JoAnna Felderhoff drives the baseline past Lindsay's Cheryl Knabe and scores two for the Lady Hornets in their victory over the Lady Knights. Scott Wood photo

Hornet varsity teams win over Windthorst

The Muenster varsity basketball teams took two victories from Windthorst Tuesday night as the Lady Hornets increased their winnings to 16-4 and the Hornets improved their record to 14-7.

In girls actions, the Lady Trojans had an early lead, but 22 points by Muenster in the 2nd quarter turned the game around enroute to a 54-43 Lady Hornet victory. Brooke Endres was the game's high scorer with 25 points. JoAnna Felderhoff added 10, Melinda Walterscheid 9, Alisha Walterscheid 8, and Kristen Hess 2.

M	17	9	16	17	57
W	13	14	13	14	54

points. Sean Fuhrmann added 8, with Justin Wolf and Derek Endres each scoring 7. Dustin Felderhoff dropped in 6, Chase Cain 4, and John Fredrick and Clint Miller 2 apiece. Muenster was nine of 21 in free throws.

M	15	9	16	17	57
W	13	14	13	14	54

GAME WARDEN NOTES

500 Sharks Killed — A Cameron County Game Warden responded to a call from the U.S. Coast Guard pertaining to the capture of three Mexican fishing vessels fishing in U.S. waters. After all gear was recovered and transported to the shore, it took four game warden trucks to load all the net. More than 500 sharks were destroyed by the illegal netting.

Hornets honored in Lubbock Tournament

The Muenster Hornet basketball team was honored at the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. They were awarded the Kenneth Cleveland Sportsmanship Award. This award is voted on by those who officiate the tournament and is given to the team who the officials feel best represented themselves, their school, and their community during the tournament.

"I am very proud of the way the boys have conducted themselves all year long," commented Hornet Coach Kenny Mann. "It is a tribute not only to Muenster High School, but to the town as a whole. I would like to commend the parents on raising such fine young men. I am blessed to be their coach."

Muenster was chosen out of 32 teams to be this year's recipient of the award.

Tigers take Tyler Street

The Sacred Heart Tigers improved their record Friday night with a 53-38 victory over the Dallas Tyler Street Crusaders. Zach Barnhill led all scorers in the game with 20 points, which included four 3-pointers. Clayton Truibenbach and Jared Zimmerman each added 8, with Chris Hoedebeck getting 6, Wes Wimmer 5, Tony Koessler 4, and Andy Davis 2. The Tigers were 42% at the free throw line.

SH	7	17	16	13	53
TS	8	5	17	8	38

Junior High Action

Lindsay 29 Collinsville 40
The Lady Knights lost a district game Tuesday night. Stephanie Metzler was high scorer with 10 points. Meredith Bezner added 7, Kaylee Privett 4, Kaleigh Hess 4, Amanda Hess 2, and Brittany Selby 2.

L	11	5	8	5	29
C	9	12	5	14	40

Muenster 45 Windthorst 50
The Muenster JV Hornets lost a close match to the Trojans Tuesday night to drop their record to 9-2. Derek Felderhoff was high scorer with 16 points, with Jordan Walterscheid adding 12. Jeff Walterscheid scored 8, Ryan Hennigan 5, and 2 apiece by Dustin Wimmer and Keith Walterscheid.

M	12	10	6	17	45
W	17	4	12	17	50

Muenster 48 Windthorst 42
The Lady Hornets improved their record to 5-1. Seven girls put points on the scoreboard, led by Danielle Bindel with 14 points. Kallie Gerstberger added 9, Megan Felderhoff 8, Jace Koelzer 6, Sandy Endres 4, Stevie Klement 4, and Abby Endres 3. Muenster was one of four at the free throw line.

M	10	13	15	10	48
W	4	10	14	14	42

Muenster 43 Era 31
Monday night it was the battle of the Hornet Freshmen as Muenster hosted Era. Three Red Hornets scored double digits - Brad Endres 11, Micah Flusche 11, and Collin Walterscheid 10 points. Chad Endres added 6, and Travis Felderhoff 5 for Muenster.

M	7	11	12	13	43
E	7	7	3	14	31

Muenster 43 Lindsay 38
The Muenster JV Lady Hornets got a district win last Friday. Muenster had a 10 point lead at halftime, but the Lady Knights closed it to within 4 points going into the final period of play. Freshmen Megan Felderhoff and Sandy Endres led the Lady Hornets on the scoreboard with 12 and 10 points. Kallie Gerstberger added 9, Abby Endres 4, Stevie Klement 4, and 2 apiece by Danielle Bindel and Jace Koelzer. Muenster was seven of 15 from the free throw line.

Meredith Bezner and Kaylee Privett were high scorers for Lindsay with 14 and 10 points. Amanda Hess added 9, Stephanie Metzler 3, and Leanna Gustine 2.

M	14	11	6	12	43
L	7	8	12	11	38

LINDSAY TOURNAMENT
Sacred Heart 25 Lindsay 37
The JV Tigerettes began tournament action Saturday morning against the host team. "Nicole (Bayer) had a great game but she couldn't carry us by herself," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. Metzler and Bezner were too much for us this morning." Bayer scored 20 of Sacred Heart's 25 points, including 11 of 13 free throws. Joelle Fuhrmann and Paige White each added 2, and Brittany White 1.

Meredith Bezner and Stephanie Metzler were high scorers for the

Lady Knights with 13 and 12 points. Kaylee Privett and Kaleigh Hess both added 4, Amanda Hess 3, and Brittany Selby 1.

SH	12	2	4	7	25
L	11	2	9	15	37

Sacred Heart 38 Valley View 33

The Tigerettes had an 11 point lead going into the final period, then allowed Valley View to close the gap, but didn't give them a win in Sacred Heart's second game. "We woke up," said LeBrasseur. "Joelle (Fuhrmann) got us off to a nice start and Jessica (Schilling) controlled the boards the second half." The Tigerettes were nine of 13 at the free throw line. Schilling was high scorer with 10 points. Bayer and Fuhrmann followed with 9 apiece. Stephanie Krawietz added 4, with B. White, P. White, and Taylor Torcellini each scoring 2.

SH	7	15	8	8	38
VV	10	4	5	14	33

Lindsay 34 Plainview 39

The Lady Knights lost round two of the tournament in a close game. Five Lindsay players put points on the board, led by Privett and Metzler with 11 points each. Bezner added 6, K Hess 4, and Selby 2.

L	6	9	11	8	34
P	9	8	11	11	39

Sacred Heart 18 Lindsay 47
The young Knights slew the Tigers at the tournament after taking a 15-0 first quarter lead. Mitch Sellers scored 5 points, with Tim Otto and David Walterscheid each getting 4. Adam Dangelmayr and Arlie Bayer put in 2 points apiece, with Jon Ambrose getting 1. Levi Hermes was high scorer in the game with 13 points. Jacob Fuhrmann added 9, Brian Sandmann 8, and Michael Eckart 6 for the Knights. Dustin Neu put in 4, Jeff Shannon 3, Dustin Hughes and Joe Otto 2 apiece.

Lindsay was three of four and Sacred Heart one of five at the free throw line.

SH	0	8	5	5	18
L	15	12	10	10	47

Sacred Heart 33 Paradise 40

A slow first quarter by the Tigers allowed Paradise to get the needed 7 points for the victory. Bayer was high scorer for Sacred Heart with 10 points, Mark Fleitman, Mark Gehrig, and Dangelmayr each added 5, with Sellers and Walterscheid getting 4 points apiece. Sacred Heart hit only three of 12 free throws.

SH	7	8	11	7	33
P	14	7	10	9	40

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Tiger Tony Koesler puts in a lay-up in Sacred Heart's district opener last week. Janie Hartman photo

Tigerettes get two easy district wins

The Tigerettes got season wins 19 and 20 last week as they began district play with two one-sided victories.

Last week Tuesday, all 11 Sacred Heart players put points on the board in a 69-27 win over The Highlands of Irving. "Our defense continues to improve," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur, adding "The juniors are starting to step up their play." Stephanie Henscheid and Karen Gehrig were high scorers with 12 and 11 points. Jayna Biffle added 9, Jacqueline Bauer 8, Katie Flusche 7, Courtney Hartman 6, Maggie Farrell 5, Whitney Wimmer 4, Shannon Hartman 3, and 2 apiece from Diana Knabe and Hannah Hess.

SH	14	20	17	18	69
H	2	5	5	15	27

Last Friday the Tigerettes clobbered Dallas Tyler Street 83-35. Karen Gehrig got a triple double with 15 points, 10 assists, and 11 steals. C. Hartman also got 15 points, with Bauer adding 12, Wimmer 10, and Henscheid and Biffle 9 apiece. S. Hartman put in 6 points, Hess 4, Flusche 2, and Farrell 1. "Courtney and Karen were on fire and Jacqueline ran the floor," noted LeBrasseur. "The young guns are getting better and all had a nice outing."

SH	28	21	20	14	83
TS	6	9	8	12	35

Lindsay sinks Collinsville

Lindsay hosted the Pirates of Collinsville Tuesday night, earning two district wins. The Lady Knights won by 15 points and the Knights took a 22 point advantage.

Mallory Block scored 15 points to lead the Lindsay girls to a 45-30 victory. Cheryl Knabe added 9, Brittany Anderle 8, Lori Kasperek 7, Joni Erwin 3, Whitney Neu 2, and Allison Hundt 1. The Lady Knights scored 19 of 28 free throws, while Collinsville hit only 4.

Thirty points by Cody Anderle pushed the Knights to an 87-65 district opening win. Brandon Huckaby added 21 and Kristopher Creed 18 for Lindsay. Other scorers were Clinton Kyle with 9 points, Trinity Otto 4, Josey Kyle 3, and Dustin Hughes 2. The Knights took command of the game after dropping in 31 points the first quarter.

L	31	15	19	22	87
C	17	17	21	10	65

Reminder:

Deadline for submitting Tuesday basketball results in *The Muenster Enterprise* is Wed. noon.



Lindsay High Lady Knights powerlifting team. From left, front - Stephanie Hermes, Allison Conaway, Laura Hellman, Jenny Schroeder; middle - Coach John Erwin, Amy Polk, Kristen Alexander, Kelly Mitchell, Samantha Whyson, Sabrina Bezner; back - Elizabeth Neu, Jessica Bezner, Melissa Fuhrmann, Olivia Erwin, Madison Montgomery. Courtesy photo



Stephanie Henscheid moves past a Lady Crusader for a lay-up during the Tigerettes blow-out victory over Tyler Street. Scott Wood photo

Lindsay girls compete in Powerlifting

Lindsay Lady Knight Powerlifting team tied for first place in points with Mineral Wells at the Weatherford Kangaroo Cup Powerlifting Meet on Friday, Jan. 9, but received the second place trophy because of the tie breaker. Both teams had 47 points.

Individual weight class results were as follows: Sabrina Bezner, 5th; Jenny Schroeder, 3rd; Allison Conaway, 1st; Stephanie Hermes, 2nd; Madison Montgomery, 3rd; Sam Whyson, 4th; Olivia Erwin, 1st; Kristen Alexander, 2nd; Melissa Fuhrmann, 4th; Jessica Bezner, 1st; Amy Polk, 5th; Liz Neu, 3rd; Laura Hellman, 2nd.

Junior High Action

Muenster 15 Lindsay 27
The Lindsay 8th grade Lady Squires took a win from the Lady Stingers. Scoring for Muenster were Allison Teatattler with 8 points, Alison Miller 3, Lindsey Watson 2, and 1 apiece by Laura Heers and Rebecca Grewing.

Chelsea Hermes was Lindsay's leading point maker with 13 points. Christina Eckart, Hillary Hoelker and Madisen Burrows each added 4, with Lauren Creed scoring 2.

M	4	2	6	3	15
L	2	7	10	8	27

Muenster 14 Lindsay 39
The Muenster "red" team fell to the Squires on Jan. 8. Scoring for Muenster were Colton Steelman with 5 points, Nick Flusche 4, Brian Womble 3, and Tanner Herr 2.

Lindsay scorers were led by Preston Mendez with 14 points. Garrett Block added 8, Clayton Starnes 6, Nathan Martin 5, and Joey Block 4.

M	3	7	4	0	14
L	7	6	12	14	39

Muenster 8 Lindsay 45
The Lindsay junior high boys

dominated the Muenster "white" team at Lindsay. Brandon Bindel scored 4 points, Jared Flusche 2, and Jeff Schniederger 2 for the Stingers.

Sam Sparkman and Nicholas Bezner led Lindsay with 14 and 13 points. Derek Hundt added 7, Jon Michael Sweeney 5, Casey Shauf 4, and Mustafa Hweidi 2.

L	4	0	2	2	8
M	9	16	8	12	45

Sacred Heart 35 Slidell 11
The 8th grade Lady Cubs earned another victory Jan. 5. Lauren Krahl was high scorer with 11 points, with Kara Felderhoff adding 10. Samantha Wimmer added 6, Sunni Bayer 4, and 2 apiece by Lauren Sepanski and Kaitlyn Felderhoff.

SH	16	10	7	2	35
S	3	6	2	0	11

Sacred Heart 52 Slidell 41
The 8th grade Cubs out-scored the Puppies. Matt Flusche and Colby Richey were high scorers with 16 and 14 points. Josh Yosten added 8, Dylan Flusche 5, Nolan Hartman 5, Stephen Davis 2, and Tyler Rohmer 2.

SH	13	12	13	14	52
S	8	5	15	13	41

Sacred Heart 39 Texoma 21
Monday night the 7th grade Lady Cubs earned a victory over Texoma Christian. Six Sacred Heart players put points on the board, led by Samantha Wimmer with 13 points, and Kristin LeBrasseur with 10. Natalie Endres added 6, Lisa Miller 4, Kalyssa Pollard 4, and Kaitlyn Felderhoff 2.

SH	7	10	12	10	39
TC	2	0	10	9	21

Sacred Heart 23 Texoma 28
The 7th grade Cubs lost a close match in the final quarter. Richie Sweeney and Kirk Felderhoff each scored 7 points for Sacred Heart. Mitch Hesse added 4, Ben Walterscheid 3, and Kyle Knabe 2.

SH	5	5	10	3	23
TC	3	9	10	6	28

Sacred Heart 36 Texoma 12
The Lady Cub 8th grade team sent Texoma Christian home with just a dozen points Monday night. Three Sacred Heart players scored double digits - Lauren Krahl 12, Sam Wimmer 10, and Kara Felderhoff 10 points. Kaitlyn Felderhoff and Kristina Koesler each added 2.

SH	10	10	8	8	36
TC	0	4	3	5	12

Sacred Heart 25 Texoma 38
Texoma Christian took a victory away from the 8th grade Cubs Monday night. Sacred Heart hit three 3s, but made only six of 25 free throws. Colby Richey was high scorer of the game with 13 points. Josh Yosten added 5, Nolan Hartman 4, and Matt Flusche 3.

SH	4	11	6	4	25
TC	12	6	14	6	38

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BEGINNING at a 3" iron pipe located on the north R.O.W. of U.S. Highway 82 and being South 60° East a distance of 40.0 feet from the northwest corner of Block 12 of the Thomas Scott Survey as shown on the plat of record in Plat Cabinet B Slide 41, also recorded in Book 1 Page 37, Cooke County, Texas;

THENCE South 70° 13' 02" East with the south line of the Muenster Water District Property (845/693) a distance of 171.76 feet to a concrete R.O.W. marker;

THENCE South 76° 11' 03" East a distance of 400.50 feet to a concrete R.O.W. marker;

THENCE a curve to the left having a radius of 11369.16 feet and a curve length of 1002.74 feet with a chord bearing of South 72° 59' 06" East and a chord length of 1002.41 feet to a concrete R.O.W. marker;

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A public hearing will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Muenster, Texas on the 27th day of January, 2004 at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Muenster, Texas, for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

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Meat safety, convenience and taste are top priorities

Meat safety is "No. 1" for producers, processors, and retailers, but taste also ranks pretty high on the list, according to Mike McGinnis, vice president for meat and seafood with the Safeway grocery chain.

McGinnis noted that as the supermarket meat case continues to expand with dozens of new cuts and pre-packaged, "natural," oven-ready, custom-portioned, and pre-cooked products, displays of marinades, dry rubs, cooking bags, and other meat-related amenities are also proliferating in the meat department.

they keep eating beef," McGinnis said. "These are things that keep them buying beef."

Capturing the consumer dollar has become a greater challenge for meat marketers due to the increased variety of consumer goods being sold in supermarkets, mega-discount stores, member "club" stores, and convenience-oriented deli departments, McGinnis said. He reported that fresh meat and seafood purchases had declined a percentage of average total in-store sales, from 15.6 percent in 1992 to 14.4 percent in 2002.

individually portioned frozen chicken leg quarters and "heat-and-eat" pulled pork barbecue in tubs are just a few of the newer convenience offerings today.

Consumers also have more choice within meat categories today, McGinnis estimates some stores carry up to 50 varieties of sausage and 25 varieties of bacon. Poultry has also shown stunning growth in recent decades in terms of the type of cuts that are marketed.

His company also developed a new processor "spec" for tenderness, and devised a Ranchers Reserve brand designed to simultaneously summon consumer images of "an open-prairie cattle drive" and "reservations at classy restaurants."

McGinnis, whose company owns a variety of grocery chains across the country, emphasized "customers will continue to spend less of their limited time on meal preparations," and processors, retailers, and, in some cases, producers must provide consumer "solutions." Safeway has added to its meat service counters a selection of marinades and rubs that can be bagged with meat purchases.

"We have to make sure

Meeting increasingly specific consumer demand is key to building supermarket market share, McGinnis said. Beyond meeting both low-fat and newer, Atkins-related low-carbohydrate demands, retailers are catering to choosy customers with naturally produced, "antibiotic-free" products and a full range of convenience items for time-starved consumers. Marinated kabobs, oven-ready pork tenderloins, stuffed chicken breasts

Safeway then offered a customer pledge of "guaranteed 100 percent tender" product. "It is virtually a double-your-money-back guarantee - I haven't noticed anyone else doing that," McGinnis said. "And, by the way, we have not seen a significant increase in refunds because of that commitment, because of that guarantee."



A new culvert, above, falls into the opening after the County Precinct #3 crew "pushed" it with equipment. The drain "pipe" was placed next to the original concrete bridge wall, on the east side of the ditch, built before 1923. Below, the workers discovered four names and an initial on the wall of the old bridge. Names found were F. Becker, V. Hartman, F. Klement, and J. Hesse. The guys wrote their names in the wet cement over 80 years ago. (Names were enhanced on photo to improve visibility.) Janie Hartman photos



County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
CEA - AG/NR

HORTICULTURE OIL

According to Cynthia W. Mueller, of College Station, now is a good time to control scale insects on evergreen shrubs and trees such as camellias, hollies, bay laurel, myrtle, ononchus, citrus, photinias and boxwood through use of a horticultural oil spray. Fruit trees may be sprayed at this time of year in order to control insect eggs that may have been laid in bark and twig crevices.

but then live and feed under a protective hard, waxy shield as adults. Tea scales, oyster scales, eucalyptus scales and wax scales are examples of these. Control sprays work best at a time when the young, unprotected 'crawlers' are present on twigs and bark and can also aid in protection against aphids, white flies and spider mites.

For successful spraying, look for a period in the early spring that will be relatively warm, but without a forecast of rain for at least two days (45 - 70 degrees F). Carefully follow the label directions in order to apply the correct dilution formula, especially if you plan to spray fruit trees beginning to break dormancy. If there are any doubts, spray a small area and wait a few days to check the results.

Usually, the oil treatment will need to be applied only once a year, and is an excellent way to smother a pest that is difficult to eradicate. At times even live oaks fall prey to scale, but due to difficulties of size these plants are much harder to work with. Horticultural oils also have the benefit of being less environmentally harsh than pesticides.

Scales often secrete "honeydew", a sweet solution that is soon invaded by fungus, creating a darkened, sticky appearance on leaves and even on other nearby plants known as "sooty mold". After scale insects have been killed, the bodies will still stick in place and the blackened, sooty mold effect has to wear off the leaves over time.

After a few weeks, check to see if spraying has killed most of the scale present. Pry off a domed scale with a thumbnail and press. If the shell is dried, the treatment has worked. If there is still yellow, orange or white viscid material, the scales are still living.

Trees and shrubs are often unable to withstand the continual drain of sap from these sucking insects, and may ultimately be killed. Treatment consists of thoroughly spraying with horticultural oil according to directions, from every direction over the leaves and twigs.

Other species of scale present a more cottony appearance. Some, such as Mealybugs (Pseudococcidae), are able to move about on plants throughout their lives, and may be found down inside bulbs as well as in clusters over plants, or concealed in debris such as fallen leaves nearby.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Jan 21 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Meeting, Fair Grounds, 7:00 PM
Jan 27 - Marketing Club Meeting, Gainesville Farm Bureau Building, 7:00 PM
Jan 29 - Master Gardener Compost Workday, 10:00 - 3:00
Feb 12 - Evaluating Crop Insurance Alternatives, Gunter

There are several thousand species of "Scale insects". Armored scale insects are capable of navigating to fresh feeding grounds when very small,

They keep eating beef," McGinnis said. "These are things that keep them buying beef."

Ag Facts

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Sale Date: January 8, 2004
Market Very Strong on Calves & Yearlings. Packer Cows \$2 to \$4 Higher. Bred Cows & Pairs \$50 to \$100 Higher.

Steers: 300-400 lb. \$100 to \$117;
400-500 lb. \$92 to \$100;
500-600 lb. \$85 to \$92;
600-700 lb. \$85 to \$90;
700-800 lb. \$77 to \$85

Heifers: 300-400 lb. \$95 to \$113;
400-500 lb. \$85 to \$95;
500-600 lb. \$80 to \$90;
600-700 lb. \$77 to \$85;
700-800 lb. \$75 to \$80

Packer Cows: Utility Boning \$50 to \$54.50; Canner/Cutter \$35 to \$50. Bulls \$52 to \$67.50.

Bred Cows: Choice, \$600 to \$750;
Med.-Good, \$550 to \$600;
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<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.17; Nos. 2 & 3, .95-1.05; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.03-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, .95-1.03; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, .95-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, .92-.95; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, .91-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.91; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .85-.90; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.85; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .83-.89; Nos. 2 & 3, .73-.83.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.00-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, .95-1.00; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.00-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, .87-1.00; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, .90-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-.90; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, .87-.92; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-.87; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .80-.89; Nos. 2 & 3, .72-.80; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .72-.83; Nos. 2 & 3, .55-.72.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050/lb.; 56-65. Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 47-54.50; Culler, 25-47.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$700-\$780; Medium Frame, \$400-\$700; Cow/Calf Pairs/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame, \$800-\$900; Medium Frame, \$625-\$800.</p> <p>Holstein Baby Calves, \$60-\$115; Crossbreds, \$135-\$245.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 230-270, 48-52; US #2, 220-280, 40-48</p> <p>Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs. \$30-\$55; 25-90 lbs. \$10-\$25.</p> <p>Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 or less, 27-38; Light wt., 400-500, 25-30; Med. wt., 500-600, 25-28; Heavy wt., 600+, 25-27.</p> <p>Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up, .02-.04; 200-300 lbs., .20-.25; Light wt., 20-30</p> <p>Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs, 40-60 lbs., NT; Light lambs, 60-90 lbs., 90-1.00; Fat lambs, 90-120 lbs., .85-1.00.</p>	<p>Ewes (per lb.) 40-65; Thin, 40-50; Fat, 55-65.</p> <p>Bucks (per lb.) Thin, 40-50; Fat, 50-80.</p> <p>Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$30-\$60. Ewes: \$30-\$65. Bucks: \$50-\$100.</p> <p>Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs. \$25-\$40; 35-55 lbs. \$30-\$55; 55-75 lbs. \$50-\$70. Yearlings: 75-120 lbs. \$75-\$115.</p> <p>Nannies (per head) Stockers, \$75-\$125; Milk Type, \$50-\$115; Slaughter, Thin, \$25-\$45; Fat, \$45-\$55.</p> <p>Billies (per head) 120 lbs. up Breeders, \$75-\$125; Slaughterers, \$75-\$100.</p> <p>Burr Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, \$60-\$85; 3/4 Nanny, \$75-\$105; Full Nanny, \$75-\$210.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT, Full Billy, \$100-\$210.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(940) 665-4367</p>
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Ag Briefs

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