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## Area enters new year with alarming wildfire threat

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Warnings of the dire threat from wildfire proved to be a reality for many in Montague County on New Year's Day. Low humidity, high, gusting winds, and warm temperatures combined to endanger the lives and properties of hundreds of residents.

The Red Cross responded swiftly, setting up shelters in Muenster, Bowie, and Henrietta. In Muenster, the Muenster Jaycees stepped in to assist with setting up cots and other necessary items. The Sacred Heart Community Center became a place to gather and

done. We sort of have to play it by ear because we don't know. There is a shelter in Henrietta, in Forestburg. Pungent odors of burning materials hung heavy in the air around Muenster Sunday evening and ashes could be seen floating through the air like fine snowflakes. The ac-

evacuees out. We're managing resources going in and while leaving enough to take care of us," he remarked that evening. Four brush trucks and a tanker were sent. He said, "We'd have liked to have sent more, but we can't. We've got to be sure we have some stuff here to take care of our-

other states, including Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Wisconsin, and support from the U.S. Forest Service." In the first 24 hours of 2006, the State responded to 58 wildfires, which destroyed 72 homes and burned almost 50,000 acres of land. Ringgold was particularly hard-hit, with its approximately 100 residents losing 32 homes. To battle these blazes, Texas aircraft flew 122 missions, dropping more than 147,350 gallons of fire retardant.

**Keeping structures safe**  
Earlier in the evening Sunday, there was concern that the fire might make its way to Saint Jo, and then on into the Muenster area. There was concern over what might be done to save homes should that happen.

Fletcher and Gainesville Fire Chief Wally Cox offered the following advice, "Stop the chain. Number one mow around it. Get your garden hose out and have someone mow while the other follows with the hose in case a spark ignites a fire. Otherwise, water first and then mow, but get the grass as short as you can around your home." "People stack their woodpile right up on the back patio. If a spark blows into that, bang, it's gone. So if they can, move their woodpile or anything combustible out of the way."

Fletcher added, "You've got to stop that chain. As the fire comes out of the pasture or out of the woods toward your house, don't give it anything to catch. First it will burn the car, then it will burn the lawnmower, and then it will



One of many homes destroyed in Ringgold. The small community was consumed by wildfires on New Year's Day. The fires also threatened Nocona, reaching its northern boundaries late Sunday night. Janie Hartman photo

The raging fires cut a path that was roughly 20 miles by four miles wide. Forty buildings in the wildfire's path were obliterated and others suffered fire damage. "You go down Hwy. 82 and go through Ringgold, both sides are gone," said Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher. "Everything from the church on the south side and the school on the north side pretty much is gone. Nocona was evacuated and the fire did come close, but the town was spared. Fortunately the fire took only possessions and spared human lives. Some livestock caught in the path of the blaze were killed.

Residents perceived to be in danger from the blaze were warned that quick evacuation would be wise. Most grabbed a few possessions and headed for safety. Five buses from Muenster ISD and two from Sacred Heart School were sent to assist with the evacuation.

An estimated 3,200 residents from Ringgold, Stoneburg, Nocona Hills, and Nocona were all evacuated. spend the night, if needed. Dozens came, but only about a half dozen spent the entire night. Most chose to return home after the danger subsided and the roads were reopened. Hwy. 82 westbound was closed to traffic for several hours. Enough cots were set up in Muenster to accommodate nearly 200 evacuees. If the ones in the Community Cen-

ter were filled, another 100 would be set up in the Muenster ISD gymnasium. Sharon Watson, executive director of the Cooke County Red Cross noted, "Being at Callisburg last week as we opened the shelter, a lot of people have family and places to go and they preferred to do that. We are doing whatever has to be

rid smoke smell remained outside even on Monday morning. Many from Muenster poured into the Community Center Sunday to offer assistance by signing a volunteer sheet. Red Cross volunteer Sharon Forrester said that people would work in shifts, with the shelter staying open as long as it was needed. She said that people weren't being asked to bring any items because the number of people was unknown. Those volunteering food would be notified later as to how many people or if the shelter closed.

Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall was on the job despite the fact that he had evacuated his wife from their home near Nocona and was uncertain of its fate for some time. Backburns, dozed brush, and firefighters and units from many departments across the state failed to stop the blaze that danced its way with the winds across the dry Texas prairie brush and grasses. As the wind speeds lessened and humidity rose with nightfall, the fire was finally contained.

A command center for the area east of the fire was set up in the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department. Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher headed the operation. "We're trying to help them as best we can to get the

self. I'm monitoring all of that to make sure that we don't send too much."

Forest Service resources were being used. Although there were helicopters for water drops, that resource couldn't be used at night since they wouldn't be able to see well enough for the low flight that would have been required. Dozer teams were on the way at about 7 p.m. Precinct #4 supplied a water tank. TxDOT took over traffic control and supplied some fuel.

**Governor pledges help**  
On Monday, Texas Gov. Rick Perry went to Nocona and Ringgold, where he met with local officials and took a helicopter tour to assess damage. Perry remarked, "Yesterday was a tough day in Texas. More than 50,000 acres burned - an extraordinary day." He promised that the State of Texas would step forward to help Ringgold and the area around it.

"Texas is continuing to make every effort to protect lives and property," Perry said. "And we have received much-appreciated aid from



Jack Flusche, Dale Schilling, and Wayne Klement ice down drinks in preparation of the arrival of evacuees from Montague County to the Community Center. Courtesy photo

aircraft fighting the blazes from above, in addition to the 88 bulldozer crews and 32 fire engines fighting the fires from the ground.

Since the rash of wildfires began in December, 139 fires have consumed more than 80,000 acres of land and destroyed 241 homes across the state. Three Texans have lost their lives.

burn the doghouse. It may have been 30 feet, but bam, bam, bam."

Cox said that people have been letting the grass grow right up to their homes. The tall grass allows the flames to jump higher, endangering the structure. Short grass burns slow and easy while tall grass is much harder to fight with a water hose.

**Governor Rick Perry visited fire ravaged Ringgold Monday afternoon, praising the local volunteer fire departments.** Janie Hartman photo

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## Highway Patrol numbers increased in Cooke County

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
With the closing of the Tarrant County Highway Patrol office, Cooke County's number of troopers was increased. Since October of 1997, Sgt. Ray Sappington said he's had six troopers in Cooke County and five troopers in Denton County with four patrol units in Cooke County. As of Christmas Day he's had three more troopers added to his charge, to make a total of nine troopers with an addition of two cars. He is no longer in charge of Sanger. "We've got a pretty sizeable increase in manpower here," he noted. One more may be added in the near future, he said.

ley View Farms, Lot 13, which is located off of I-35 and Love Trail in Precinct #2. Dorothy and Bill Dearing, who were unable to attend, submitted a letter of objection. Present and objecting was another neighbor Alfred Enzensperger.

Landowners in the subdivision were notified of the request to subdivide the property that was zoned commercial into four smaller commercial lots. Judge Freeman said that if all the landowners were in agreement with the request, he wouldn't object. "My belief has always been and I've always said on these re-subdivisions, that anybody who buys a lot in a subdivision has a reasonable expectation for that subdivision to remain the same," said the Judge.

After more questions and discussion, a decision was tabled until more studies could be done. Commissioner Virgil Hess said that he'd met with Jess Cason on Friday to stake out the location of the Muenster EMS substation. Cason requested that the building's location be moved more to the north. Hess told him to go ahead. Also all of the buildings have been ordered.

The retirement of architect Norris Fletcher of the firm Burns, Fletcher, Gill Archi-

ects was announced. He has worked with the County on the planning and construction of the new Cooke County Justice Center. Taking his place as project manager on the Justice Center is Steve Gill. "Things won't skip a beat," Fletcher promised. They said that things are on schedule and the quality of the workmanship is very good.

In other business Commissioners Court:  
• Approved payments of bills with the exception of one to G&H Backhoe that Commissioner Hess noted should have been charged to Phoenix, not Precinct #4.  
• Approved the Lake Ray Roberts Planning & Zoning Commission minutes for its Dec. 21 meeting.

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The problem is that one of the cars given to them is not equipped with radar. Sgt. Sappington requested that Cooke County Commissioners Court purchase the radar equipment at a cost of \$3,265. Some of the fine money from tickets issued by the troopers goes into the County's coffers. The request was unanimously approved.

The increase was attributed to more traffic and more accidents. "We've been wanting that here for some time now," noted Sappington. He said traffic on I-35 has tripled in this area.

Drawing some protest was a request to re-subdivide Val-

## County prohibits more activities to reduce area wildfire danger

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman acted swiftly with an executive order issued Dec. 28 after a large wildfire in the northeastern area of Cooke County claimed property and endangered lives. There were 5,600 acres burned and 14 homes destroyed or damaged. According to Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher, at one point the burn was seven miles by one and one half miles. The Texas Forest Service measured this.

Judge Freeman declared a state of disaster created by the threat of wildfires due to drought and adverse weather conditions. This enabled him to enact this order for a short period until the Court had time to meet and consider the matter.

It was ordered that the following are prohibited until such time that the state of disaster is terminated:

- The sale and use of all fireworks and other pyrotechnic materials;
- Any and all activities

such as welding (unless proper fire suppression equipment is in place) and any other activities that could result in a fire.

To knowingly or intentionally violate this order is a Class C Misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Commissioners Court voted to approve the emergency measures taken by Judge Freeman. They remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated.

To clarify the welding in emergency situations with suppression equipment, Fletcher said they asked for a 100-gallon capacity and a spray capability. Someone to act as a spotter would be best. A garden hose attached to a home's water supply was said to be sufficient. The person needing to weld is asked to call dispatch to alert them or to have any questions answered.

"We don't want to take somebody's right to make a living away from them, we just want to protect the safety of our other residents," the Judge stated.

Fletcher added, "When something you do can affect somebody 20 miles downstream, you need to be careful."

Also the 90-day ban on outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of the County was about to expire. Commissioners voted to approve another 90 day burn ban.

In reporting on Cooke County's assistance with the fire that started in Montague County on New Year's Day, Fletcher said, On Sunday we

coordinated a Red Cross Shelter at Sacred Heart Church. We had five buses from Muenster ISD and two from Sacred Heart that went out to evacuate. It was amazing to see. We called the Muenster ISD superintendent and he was there. The Sacred Heart transportation director showed up within minutes. In about 20 minutes we had those buses fueled and on their way over there. It worked out very well. The shelter was opened pretty quickly. TxDOT responded with traffic and fuel." Those coming from the east to assist at Montague were briefed first at the Muenster Fire Station as to where to go and what was going on.

Judge Freeman remarked, "I want to applaud our volunteer fire services. They are doing a wonderful, wonderful job. The Gainesville Fire Department is also doing a wonderful job. Gainesville ran command on this fire at Callisburg. The rural fire departments are stretched thin now and they are all tired. Everybody is worn out. I want to encourage all the citizens to be very, very careful."

Bill Campbell of FEMA told the Court, "Cooke County's support for Montague County in that fire was invaluable. The resources that came in to Muenster and were coordinated by Ray. They needed every bit of help that they got. You ought to be very proud of the effort that the whole Cooke County and Ray provided. I don't pass out compliments very easily. It was a very important contribution."

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# OBITUARIES

## Robert Hacker

1938 - 2005

By Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Robert Francis Hacker of Gainesville, formerly of Muenster, on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father John Ohner, OSA.

Mr. Hacker died at age 67 on Friday, Dec. 23, 2005 in Denton at 6:30 a.m. of cardiac arrest.

He was born on April 23, 1938 in Muenster to Andrew and Annie Sicking Hacker; and was a parishioner of Sacred Heart. He was raised in and around Muenster. He was employed in railroad construction, and by Hacker Brothers Well Service.

He loved his family, the outdoors life, and fishing.

Survivors are his daughters Cathy Lynch, Sandra Bickers, and Sherry Burgan, sons-in-law Bobby Lynch and Mike Burgan; son Robert Brian Hacker of Alabama; and two grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister Agnes Brandon; brothers Jim and wife Lynda Hacker, Louis and wife Karen Hacker, Walter and wife Laurie Hacker, Freddie and wife Odessa Hacker, and Kenneth and wife Wanda Hacker.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his sister



Robert Hacker

Anna Margaret Tempel; and his brothers Paul, John, Henry, and Edward Hacker.

A Rosary Service was held in McCoy Funeral Chapel on Tuesday at 6 p.m. led by Imelda Rohmer.

Music at the Funeral Mass was presented by Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse. Songs included "Daddy's Hands", "Wind Beneath My Wings", "Victory in Jesus", and "I'll Fly Away".

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Shane Evans, Christopher Hacker, Charles Hacker, William Stafford, Bryan Peterman, Allen Hacker, and James Hacker.

## August Lutkenhaus

1920 - 2005

By Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held for August Joseph "Gus" Lutkenhaus of Muenster on Monday, Jan. 2 in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor, Father Ron Scheible OSA of Lindsay, and Father Joseph Meledom of Valley View.

Mr. Lutkenhaus died on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005 at age 85.

He was born on March 18, 1920 in the Gainesville Hospital, was raised and attended school in Cooke County at Linn School and Sacred Heart School, living most of his life in and around Muenster. He served honorably more than two years in the U.S. Army, MP Detachment during WWII.

On Nov. 21, 1944, he married Armella Flusche in Sacred Heart Church. They proudly became the parents of two daughters and four sons. Gus was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, and was a farmer/rancher most of his life. He enjoyed his cattle and his sheep. Fishing was a favorite pastime. He enjoyed his family and his friends.

Survivors are his wife of Muenster; daughters Norma Kubicek and husband John of Valley View, and Doris Muller and husband W.C. of Muenster; and sons Walter and wife Kathy of Lindsay, Dennis and wife Carolyn of Lindsay, Leo and wife Peggy of Muenster, and Charles and wife Lori of Mesa, Arizona. There are 20 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Also surviving are his sisters Irene Wilson of Gainesville, Lorene Sandmann of Valley View, and Pauline Sicking of Muenster.

Preceding him in death were his parents George and Mary Loeffelholz Lutkenhaus.

On the afternoon before the day of the funeral, a Rosary Service was held in McCoy Funeral Chapel at 4 p.m., led by Walter and Kathleen Lutkenhaus. A Vigil was held at 7 p.m. at the funeral home led by Father John.

Participating with Father John, Father Ron, and Father Joseph in the liturgy of the Mass on Monday morning were altar servers Nicholas Flusche, Jenni Luke, and Jordanne Hellman.

The First Reading was given by granddaughter Mary LeMarr. Responsorial Psalm was read by granddaughter Charlene Lutkenhaus, the Second Reading was given by granddaughter Pamela Lutkenhaus. Kristie Becker, granddaughter, read the Prayers of the Faithful. Great-granddaughters Ashton, Amy, and Alex Kubicek and granddaughter Jenna Lutkenhaus presented Offertory gifts.

Eucharistic ministers were Harold and Jeannine Flusche, Mark Lutkenhaus, grandson, Kevin Lutkenhaus, grandson, Father John, Father Joseph, and Father Ron.

Music ministers were Linda Flusche, organist, and Phillip and Brenda Flusche, Christine Fetsch, and Kelly Fetsch, vocalists. Sacred songs included "Amazing Grace", "One Day At A Time", "I Am the Bread of Life", "On Eagles Wings", and "How Great Thou Art".

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August Lutkenhaus

Remarks of remembrance were given by granddaughter Donna Neu. She said in part: "... As a young boy, Gus worked at his father's side on the family farm, planting crops, working cattle, horses, and mules, and raising chickens and turkeys..."

"Following his discharge from the Army, Gus... began threshing grain for neighbors, while raising his own crops and livestock. Cattle and sheep were raised for many years. Gus would also work in the oil field..."

"Gus and Armella enjoyed spending their free time with friends... play dominoes, sheephead, and other games. They also took various trips... Of course no trip with Gus could officially begin until you 'went by way of Forestburg..."

"We have many memories of Grandpa Lutkenhaus. Most of them begin with a glimpse of him standing on the porch in his blue overalls, straw hat, and red handkerchief in his pocket as he welcomed you in for a visit..."

A poem "Footprints" was read by granddaughter Laura Fisher.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were grandsons Michael Lutkenhaus, Steve Kubicek, Clifford Lutkenhaus, Matthew Muller, Patrick Lutkenhaus, and George Lutkenhaus.

Honorary pallbearers were Dave Kubicek, Chris J. Muller, Robert Lutkenhaus, Mark Lutkenhaus, Kevin Lutkenhaus, and Greg Lutkenhaus.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department.

## Doris Hernandez

1941 - 2005

Doris Jean Reed Hernandez, age 64 of Saint Jo, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005 at Nocona General Hospital. Funeral services were held Jan. 3 at First Baptist Church of Saint Jo with burial in Reed Cemetery.

Doris worked 30 years as an LVN. She was born Aug. 5, 1941 in Bonita to John and Oleta Living Reed.

She is survived by her husband Jesus "Chuy"

Hernandez of Saint Jo; children Terry Baker, Jerry Montgomery and wife Becky, Maria Hernandez, Angela Hernandez/Sloop, Ron Sloop, and Michael Sloop; seven stepchildren; a sister-in-law Ann Reed; and brother John Reed and wife Mary; and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department.

## Clarence Hoyt

1929 - 2005

By Elfreda Fette

Clarence Joseph Hoyt of Muenster, known to his many friends as "Joe", died at age 76 in Muenster Memorial Hospital at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 23, 2005.

He was born on Nov. 28, 1929 in Independence, Missouri to Clarence and Martha Jane Hoyt. On Feb. 3, 1988 he married Carolyn Walterscheid in Florida.

He served 30 years in the U.S. Air Force, primarily in maintenance. He was a member of the VFW Post 1922. Career honors included: Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Air Force Longevity Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters; National Defense Service Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; and Vietnam Service Medal. He served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Joe and Carolyn lived in Muenster some 15 years. They enjoyed traveling together. His hobbies included traveling, fishing, and enjoying family life.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Gainesville.

Survivors include his wife; daughter Debbie Larson of Topeka, Kansas; son Dennis Hoyt of Boonesville, Virginia; brother David Netz of Independence; and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his first wife Micky, who died in an accident; a daughter Charlotte; his parents, a



Clarence Hoyt

sister, and a brother. Visitation was held at McCoy Funeral Home at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 26.

Funeral services were held in McCoy Funeral Chapel, officiated by Rev. Mark Loewen at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27. The eulogy was given by Brent Larson and Blake Larson. Sacred songs "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" were presented.

Burial services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home at the Veterans area of Sacred Heart Cemetery. The Muenster VFW Post 6205 provided the Honor Guard. TAPS on the bugle was played by Tina and Ronnie Weinzapfel. The Folding of the Flag ceremony was held by Johnny Rohmer and Joe Bright. Rohmer presented the flag to his wife.

Pallbearers were Chet Larson, Blake Larson, Dennis Hoyt, Brent Larson, Gilbert Bindel, and Jim Hermes.

## DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1940

and

Jan. 3, 1941

Obituaries: Edward Beyer, 25, dies in pedestrian/car accident; Agnes Wilde, 83, Wedding; Faye Brown and Herman Fette. New Arrival: Francis "Butch" to John and Margaret Fisher. Muenster Hatchery has prospects for a record year; Felix Becker, manager, said he expects the Hatchery's good record to bring in quite a number of new patrons; the business has extended its trade territory and increased; its season's volume each year. Herman Dangelmayr sustains serious injury to left eye when hit in the eye by a fencing staple; he is hospitalized, enduring considerable pain. Ben Voth has endured breaking his right arm just above the wrist, while loading wheat at his farm.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 30, 1955

and

Jan. 6, 1956

Jake Pagel sells store to Maurice, his son, and retires Jan. 1; one of the oldest businesses in Muenster changes hands, with Jake Pagel ending his 46 year business career. Men in Service: Max Rumlhart has been advanced to lieutenant, junior grade and is on a tour of Japan; Raymond Hoenig is advanced to Private First Class;

Pvt. Richard Hellinger is stationed at Fort Hood; Delbert Walterscheid and Wilmer Walterscheid have been promoted to Airmen Second Class. Obituary: Debra Ann Beyer, 6 month old daughter of Randy and Marilyn Beyer. Weddings: Pauline Myrick and Cpl. Patrick Stelzer; Jeanette Fisher and Airman First Class Joe Galloway; Mary Jo Walter and William Graham. New Arrivals: Steve to Anthony and Sis Klement; a daughter to the Leon Krebs; Brenda to the Johnny Bartholds; Peggy to the Tommy Philipps; First New Year's baby born in Muenster is son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dennis of Saint Jo; a daughter to the Nick Mayers; Mary Jane to the Russell Herbs. Austin firm gets contract to build Muenster's City sewer plant. George Letson hands back theatre ownership to F.E. Schmitz; Letson was owner and operator since 1953; F.A. Kathman, Jr. is managing the business part time for Schmitz, while continuing his job at Endres Motor Company.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 26, 1980

and

Jan. 2, 1981

1980 building permits total \$408,200. Harvey Schmitt continues as Firemen's Chief; other officers include Chris Sicking, assistant chief, Ronnie Felderhoff, secretary/treasurer, and Herbert Knabe, trustee. Residents of Muenster experience a rash of sonic booms that has progressed from simple annoyance to possible residential damage; the culprit was the F-16, which had been making test flights, and the flight pattern includes a run directly over Muenster; damages to the Dankesreiter Garage Building was investigated; there has been extensive damage in Lindsay and in Nocona. Obituaries: Father Herman Laux OSB, 69; Leon H. Ferber, 81; Oneta May Rennels, 65; Jack Hogan, 66. Wedding: Milissa Weinzapfel and Charles Roper.

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## 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, January 8, 2005	Monday, January 9, 2005	Tuesday, January 10, 2005	Wednesday, January 11, 2005	Thursday, January 12, 2005	Friday, January 13, 2005	Saturday, January 14, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM	City Council mtg., 7:30PM VFW mtg., 8PM Grief Support Group mtg., 6PM, Home Hospice office	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice	Relig. Ed Class, 7PM C of C Breakfast mtg., 7:30AM, Rohmer's MISD Board mtg., 7:30PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Historical Comm. mtg., 8AM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Membership lunch, 11:30 AM, Stanford House, Gainesville	
Sunday, January 15, 2006	Monday, January 16, 2006	Tuesday, January 17, 2006	Wednesday, January 18, 2006	Thursday, January 19, 2006	Friday, January 20, 2006	Saturday, January 21, 2006
Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM	VFW Aux. mtg., 7:30PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice	Relig. Ed Class, 7PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM	

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# OBITUARIES

## Paul Brewer

1932 - 2005

Paul Jackson Brewer, 73 of Forestburg, died Wednesday, Dec. 28 at his home. Funeral services were Dec. 31 at Forestburg Baptist Church, with burial following in Perryman Cemetery.

Brewer was born Nov. 19, 1932 in Denver, Texas. He was a long time truck driver, moving to the Forestburg Community in 1992. He was a past fire chief with the Forestburg VFD. He loved country music and had a band called the Texas Swingsters. He enjoyed fishing, squirrel hunting, and above all, loved and enjoyed his family. He married Billie Louise Butler in 1955 and

they were the parents of three daughters.

Survivors include his wife; daughters Paula Earnhart and husband Glen, and Billie Beasley and husband Mike Gibbs, all of Denison, and Kim Williams and husband Abe Haas of Whitesboro; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and brothers David Brewer of Forestburg and Keith Brewer of Denton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter Kristin Beasley.

Memorials may be made to Perryman Cemetery or to the Forestburg Volunteer Fire Department.

## Catherine Teague

1914 - 2005

Catherine L. Teague, age 91, passed away Dec. 26, 2005 at the Gainesville Convalescent Center. Born April 4, 1914 in Montague County to John Briscoe and Della Cook Webb, she married Enlow Teague in 1934. She was employed at Montgomery Ward for 25 years and was a Gainesville resident since 1948.

She is survived by one

daughter Sue Ann Hays of Gainesville; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Also surviving are brothers Corky Webb of Gainesville and Doyle Webb of Jal, New Mexico.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, and brothers Gilbert and J.W. Webb.

Services were held Dec. 28 at Fairview Cemetery.

## County.....from Pg. 1

• Approved the recommendations made by Judge Freeman and Commissioner Bill Cox for the Lake Ray Roberts Planning & Zoning Commission. The County Judge makes three recommendations and the Precinct #2 commissioner makes one. The mayor of Valley View also serves on the Commission. Freeman's three were Pat Crawford, Jim King, and John Gurke. Bill Cox's were Ralph Mordue and Charlie Bahr.

• Approved Service Agreement with the County Information Resources Agency for maintenance of the Cooke County Web-Site and related technology services.

• Approved indigent burial of Anthony Hernandez.

• Approved contract with SBC Communications for cabling services at the Cooke County Justice Center. They will pull wire for entire telephone system. Contract cost is \$24,847.78.

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, January 9, 2006.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on December 5, 2005.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on contracting with Bureau Veritas to perform building inspections.
2. Consider and act on approving Ordinance #287 Backflow Prevention.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive presentation from Ray Fletcher, Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator. Consider and act on Resolution on National Information Management.
2. Receive quarterly Police Department activities report and yearly racial profiling report.
3. Review and act on monthly bills.
4. Review budget summary report.
5. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
6. Adjourn.

### NOTES:

1. The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this agenda.
2. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, when it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.
3. People with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact Micallee Matson at 759-2236 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

This is to certify that I, Micallee Matson, posted this agenda on the outside bulletin board by the front door of City Hall at 5:10 p.m. on January 3, 2006.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Letter to the Editor,

How thankful we all should be for our Muenster firemen. I suggest we all give them a big friendly wave when we pass by any of them. Think of all of the volunteer hours they have been giving, especially lately with all of the fires in the area.

My daughter lives on Nocona Lake and called and said they were on their way to our house and had three lady friends that also wanted to come. So we had a house full of Nocona refugees, with their children, dogs, and cats! It was really a fun time however much anxiety of how close it was getting to their homes. Thanks to the GOOD LORD all of their houses were spared.

Ray J. Wilde  
Muenster, TX

## Police Report

Dec. 14 - 31, 2005

Calls for service 16  
Citations issued 1  
Accidents 1

On Dec. 22, an accident occurred at the intersection of Hickory Street and the 400 block of East Division. Two vehicles were eastbound, a 1992 white Cadillac and a 2000 green Ford Focus. The Cadillac changed lanes, side-swiping the other vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Someone was playing Grinch this Christmas season. Four reports were received about someone damaging the air-filled Santa Claus and snowmen in people's yards. On one incident, a vehicle was driven across a yard and over a snowman. On the other reports, someone got out of their vehicle, entered the property and damaged the items. I received one report of someone damaging two reindeer in a yard.

These are acts of vandalism. You can be given a citation for criminal mischief if the damage is under \$50. If it is more than \$50, charges can be filed in County Court.

# Governor Perry asks SBA to assist fire-ravaged counties

Gov. Perry asked the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make citizens in Callahan, Cooke, Eastland, Erath, Hood, and Montague Counties eligible for long-term, low-interest rate loans to defray the costs of losses from wildfires that scorched those counties this week. More than 25 homes and businesses in the region have suffered damages equivalent to more than 40% of their values.

"Today I am expanding my request for federal aid so that families across the state who have lost homes, land, and loved ones can get the help they need to rebuild their lives," Perry said. "I am also asking the federal government to make low-interest loans available to agriculture producers and business owners in an additional six Texas counties that have been impacted by wildfires, so that local economies and communities can rebound as quickly as possible."

The request comes on the heels of several other requests Perry has made to assist counties impacted by the wildfires. Perry has also:

- Issued a statewide declaration of emergency on Dec. 27 for all 254 counties due to the extreme wildfire threat;
- Requested the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make low interest loans available to farmers, ranchers and business owners in impacted counties to be designated when appropriate;
- Requested a presidential disaster declaration on Dec. 28 to make impacted counties eligible for federal public assistance to help rebuild communities and defray the millions of dollars spent by local governments to fight the fires;
- Amended his presidential request on Dec. 30 to request to make individuals and families eligible for assistance to cover temporary housing and other basic needs.

Perry's requests for federal public assistance, if approved, will enable state and local

agencies to be reimbursed for costs associated with fighting fires before they pose an immediate threat to lives and communities.

Since Monday, the state has responded to 20 wildfires which consumed 97,795 acres of land, destroyed 26 homes, and forced the evacuation of 78 individuals. The state responded vigorously from the air with 659 aircraft sorties dropping 795,600 gallons of retardant to battle the blazes.

"Texas is continuing to coordinate an aggressive statewide effort to contain, control, and extinguish wildfires, particularly in West Texas where new fires have cropped up," Perry said. "Because we have pre-deployed firefighting assets to critical areas, we are responding to emerging fire threats as soon as possible. The state will continue to make every effort with federal and local leaders to protect lives and property."

More than 520 state and out-of-state fire fighters are on the ground helping the thousands of local and volunteer fire fighters. Texas has 97 aircrafts fighting the blazes from above, in addition to the 88 bulldozer crews and 32 fire engines fighting the fires from the ground.

Since the wildfire threat became extremely severe on Dec. 26, 159 fires have consumed 254,555 acres and destroyed 238 homes in counties across Texas. Three Texans have lost their lives.

"I will continue to pray for the families of these Texans who lost their lives last week," Perry said. "All Texans must be vigilant when it comes to fire prevention."

The wildfire threat is expected to continue in the days and weeks ahead. Forecasts call for sustained low humidity and above average temperatures, as well as high winds.

# Protection methods noted against wildfires

Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

1. LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.
2. Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.
3. All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats, stacked lumber, etc. should be kept away from structures.
4. Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid

build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.

5. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.
6. In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures.
7. Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake, and a bucket or two for water.
8. Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.
9. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.
10. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

## Wildfire.....from Pg. 1

Another topic addressed at the Jan. 3 special meeting of Commissioners Court was a change in TRSC's rules on which County employees are to receive retirement pay. Prior to the rule change, any employee with less than 900 hours per year was considered part-time and ineligible for retirement pay. Those eligible to receive the retirement pay must have worked 900 hours or more per year; must have worked for the County for 20 years, and be 60 years of age or older to get retirement pay.

County Auditor Kent Lashley said, "The new rule is you throw out full-time and part-time. You just determine is this position a permanent position or a temporary position."

Since there was no money budgeted this year for such a change, by passing a resolution, the County can wait until Jan. 1, 2007 to enact this change.

There are several employees whose positions are permanent, but who work only

10, 20, or 30 hours per week. There are between 10 and 15 such employees.

Commissioner Al Smith questioned how this would impact other areas such as health coverage and other benefits.

It was noted that some department heads might decide to combine part-time positions into a full-time position. Some areas where part-time help is used include the library, County Clerk's office, tag office, and road crews.

Commissioner Smith said, "I still would like to see some numbers. What are we looking at here? I'm not as confident as the rest of you that we are not being pushed into a situation where there will be some potential legal pressure to combine what we recognize as one policy, retirement versus what we recognize as insurance, what we recognize in all of the benefit programs. It could have a significant financial impact."

The resolution to delay the change until 2007 passed unanimously.



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# LIFESTYLE

## Couple joined at St. Peter's Church



Kristen Fleitman and Zack Fuhrmann were married in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay at 4 p.m. on Sept. 17, 2005, with Father Ron Scheible officiating. Parents of the couple are James and Nita Fleitman and Bob and Jolene Fuhrmann. Jill Reiter was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Heather Long, Jaime Lloyd, and Jessica Reiter. Lambert Hess served as best man. Groomsmen were John Floyd, Jamie Baggs, and Travis Fuhrmann. Danny Wolf, Kacey Sandmann, Toby Fuhrmann, and Keith Fuhrmann were ushers. A reception followed in the Centennial Hall.

## Mason celebrates his first birthday

Mason John Liles, son of Todd and Judy Liles of Rowlett, celebrated with a party on his first birthday, Saturday, Dec. 17. The party was held at The Center Restaurant. A "Sports" theme birthday cake was served to guests. Mason enjoyed his cake and opening gifts.

Those attending were his parents; aunts Charlene Hartman, Marlene King, Glenda Russell, Lisa Pagel, and Denise Pagel; uncles J.T. Pagel, Dwayne Pagel, and Bryan Russell; cousins Macie Pagel, Dainah Hartman, Lacy Endres, Sandy Endres, and Nicole Pagel.

Grandparents of Mason are Lexie and Johnny Liles of

Dallas, and the late Maurice Pagel.

Mason was also surprised the next day with a birthday party celebrated by the entire Liles family before their Christmas celebration on Sunday. Chocolate cupcakes were made especially for Mason's birthday by his Aunt Carolyn.



Mason Liles

## Cook and Corcoran marry in Houston

Cori Gail Cook and Patrick William Corcoran were united in marriage on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005 at Westbury Baptist Church in Houston. The candlelight, double-ring ceremony was officiated by Dr. Milton E. Cunningham.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carlton Cook of Sugar Land, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Josephine Tuxson of Missouri City, Texas and the late Robert Tuxson, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cook.

The groom is the son of Sandra Walter Corcoran of Gainesville and the late Tommy Corcoran. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Al "Shorty" Walter, and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Corcoran.

Tori Thompson, niece of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Kelly Thompson, sister of the bride, served as the matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Jenell Cook, sister-in-law of the bride, Laura Tuxson and Holly Tuxson, cousins of the bride.

Honor attendants were Erin Bibb, Kelly Brizzolara, Jenny Brown, Tracy Edwards, Rosemary Marroquin, Emily Roberts, Leanne Rockwell, Susan Sawicki, all friends of the bride, and Josephine Tuxson, grandmother of the bride.

Caitlin Corcoran and Sarah Corcoran, nieces of the groom, served as flower girls. The house party included Donna Corcoran, sister-in-law of the groom.

Greg Roller, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Mike Corcoran and Steve Corcoran, brothers of the groom, Chip Cook, brother of the bride, and Todd Thompson, brother-in-law of the bride.

Chace Thompson, nephew of the bride, served as junior groomsman, and Tyson Thompson, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. Junior attendants included Justin Corcoran and Tanner Corcoran, nephews of the groom, and Kreece Thompson, nephew of the bride.

Vocalists for the ceremony included Jenny Corcoran, sister-in-law of the groom, and Casey Burden and Tracy Edwards, friends of the bride. Scripture readings were given by Erin Bibb and Kelli Brizzolara, friends of the bride, and Nancy Walter, aunt and Godmother of the groom. Emily Roberts, friend of the bride, offered a prayer.

Dinner and dancing followed the ceremony at Lakeside Country Club.

After honeymooning on Paradise Island in the Bahamas, the couple now resides in Munday, Texas.



Mr. and Mrs. Patrick William Corcoran ...nee Cori Gail Cook ...

## Pamela graduates Summa Cum Laude

Pamela Lutkenhaus graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Texas at Arlington on Saturday, Dec. 10 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Engineering. With an overall GPA of 3.962 out of 4.0, Pamela was second in her graduating class. She is the daughter of Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus of Muenster.

A party in her honor was held that evening at the Lutkenhaus home, where she celebrated with her family and friends. She is employed by

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics as an Embedded Software Engineering Associate, working on communications in the FA/22 program.

## Meeting Notice

**Grief Support Group**  
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General Grief Support Group will meet Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Home Hospice office in Gainesville. Call Kelly at 665-9891 for more information.

## Porter speaks on Taovaya Indians

Many have crossed the Taovaya Bridge between Montague County and Oklahoma and wondered why such a name was selected. Shirley Porter shared "the rest of the story" as to who were the Taovaya at the monthly meeting of The Century Club of Saint Jo. The public was invited to attend and listen to Mrs. Porter at the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce building at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5.

Mrs. Porter has been researching the Indians of Spanish Fort in preparation for another one of her books. She previously published *Red River Dust*, as well as numerous articles in professional journals. She is in the

process of writing two additional stories reflecting life along the Red River.

## NEWS OF THE SICK

Marcie Klement Pagel has been hospitalized since Sept. 19 due to complications of Crohn's disease (an inflammatory disease of the small intestine). She is slowing improving after undergoing two separate surgeries. Cards and notes can be sent to: Marcie Klement Pagel, Baylor Hospital, 3500 Gaston Ave., Roberts Bldg. Room 710, Dallas, TX 75246.

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## Local winners named in Voice of Democracy

Winners of the 2005 Audio/Essay Voice of Democracy contest, which is sponsored on a local level by the Veterans of Foreign Wars #6205, have been announced.

Sacred Heart School winners are: 1st, Joelle Fuhrmann, daughter of Francis and Kathie Fuhrmann; 2nd, Stephanie Krawietz, daughter of Dennis and Jean Krawietz; 3rd, Shannon Hartman, daughter of Bobby and Sharlene Hartman. Seventy-two students participated with the guidance of their teacher Jeff Lawson.

Muenster ISD winners are: 1st, Amber Fuhrmann, daughter of Arnold and Cecilia Fuhrmann; 2nd, Megan Felderhoff, daughter of David and Barbie Felderhoff; 3rd, Sandy Endres, daughter of Phil Endres and Marlene King. Twenty-six

students participated under the guidance of their teacher Martha Koelser.

The theme of this year's written essay was "How I Demonstrate My Freedom". The person then tapes the three to five minute essay in their own voice. The tape is judged on: originality, 30 points; content, which means clearly expressing their own ideas and development of their theme in a smooth manner, 35 points; delivery, which is a clear, credible speaking manner, 35 points.

Joelle Fuhrmann, Stephanie Krawietz, and Amber Fuhrmann went on to District I competition. In that competition, Joelle Fuhrmann placed 3rd and receives a scholarship of \$300.

Francis Bayer, president of VFW Ladies Auxiliary #6205, was the local chairperson.



Riley and Dawson Anderle

## Party marks Anderle siblings birthdays

On Nov. 19, Dawson and Riley Anderle celebrated their birthdays with friends and family at their home. The theme of the party was Star Wars/Princess. Dawson turned seven on Nov. 30 and Riley turned three on Dec. 2. Dawson had a Star Wars cake, and Riley had a Princess cake.

Attending the party were their parents Corey and Megan Anderle; grandparents Donnie and Linda Sandmann and Johnny and Annette Anderle. Also aunts, uncles, and cousins; Stephanie, Steven, Elizabeth and Kyle Zwinggi; Kevin,

Darla, Tyler, Trey, and Trent Anderle; John, Amy, Karli, Bailey, Annie, and Marcus Anderle; Craig, Denise, and Macie Neu; and Kim Neeb. Friends attending were: Chad Cheaney and Michelle Prescher; Coy Fisher and Ashley Walterscheid; Tony, Misty, and Nathan Hartman; and Jeff, Nancy, and Emily Darwin.

Dawson also shared cupcakes with his classmates in Mrs. Miller's class on Nov. 30, and Riley brought doughnut holes to share with her friends at Grandma Net's on her birthday.



Local winners in the Voice of Democracy Essay contest were from left, above, Sacred Heart students Shannon Hartman, Stephanie Krawietz, and Joelle Fuhrmann; and below, Muenster High students Sandy Endres, Megan Felderhoff, and Amber Fuhrmann.

Courtesy photos

## COLLEGE HONOR ROLLS

**University of Oklahoma**  
Christopher John Fuhrmann, a junior Civil Engineering major at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, has been informed that he has made the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall of 2005. He finished with a 3.82 out of a possible 4.0. Chris is the son of Mark and Linda Fuhrmann and a graduate of Sacred Heart High.

has made the President's Honor Roll for the Fall 2005 semester at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Clint maintained a 4.0. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart High and the son of Mark and Linda Fuhrmann. He is a junior majoring in Accounting.

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## Muenster Memorial Hospital presents service awards



Muenster Memorial Hospital recognized employees for their many years of service during the Christmas party held Dec. 22. Honorees included Darlene Miller, R.N., upper left, with 30 years of service; Doreen Taylor, R.N., at left upper right photo, for 10 years and Shelly Trubenbach, L.V.N. for five years; and below, from left, Darla Anderle, R.N. 10 years of service, Renate Pagel, R.N. 15 years, and Johnnie Bohannon for five years.

Courtesy photos

## Safe Sitter Class set for Jan. 28

North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville will offer Safe Sitter classes for girls and boys ages 11 to 13 on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Registration for the program is open until Jan. 13.

The Safe Sitter program is a medically accurate program that teaches young adolescents how to handle emergencies when caring for younger children.

Thousands of young adolescents across the country have been trained by Safe Sitter to handle life threatening emergencies. All information is taught by trained instructors. During the course, students get hands-on practice in basic lifesaving techniques so they are prepared to act in a crisis.

Safe Sitters also receive helpful tips to make them more confident caregivers. They learn safety precautions and how to understand and deal with children of different ages. They even learn about the business aspects of

babysitting.

To successfully complete the Safe Sitter program, students must pass a rigorous practical and written test to show that they have mastered the key concepts and have the skills necessary to handle an emergency.

The cost is \$35 and includes all materials. To register your son or daughter or your child's babysitter, call 612-8610 or go online at [www.ntmconline.net](http://www.ntmconline.net) for a registration form.

## Fall cleanup

Because the heavy-duty polymer used to manufacture the furniture can hold up to the elements, there's no need to drag your lawn furniture into the garage or basement in the fall, only to drag it out again in the spring - simply leave it in your yard year-round. What could be easier? All you need to do is hose the furniture off in the spring and you're ready to enjoy it. Because the material weighs about 20% more than cedar, it won't blow around outside like lightweight furniture does. The material is also extremely flexible, which makes it as comfortable as it is durable, even without cushions.

Courtesy of ARA Content

## Healthy lunch items

Replace donuts and cupcakes with a natural, fat-free treat, such as a banana. A banana offers the sweet taste that your child craves, but, unlike traditional desserts, will provide your child with essential nutrients including fiber, Vitamin C, Vitamin B6, and potassium.

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**Mangum**

Johnny and Jennifer Mangum of Forestburg proudly announce the birth of their first child, Taylor Nichelle Mangum. Taylor was born on Monday, Dec. 26, 2005 at 5:17 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Larry Scott of Forestburg, Beckey Scott of Waco, Wilma Mangum of Amarillo, and John and Mary Kay Mangum of Clarendon, Texas. Veda Brogdon of Forestburg is the great-grandmother.

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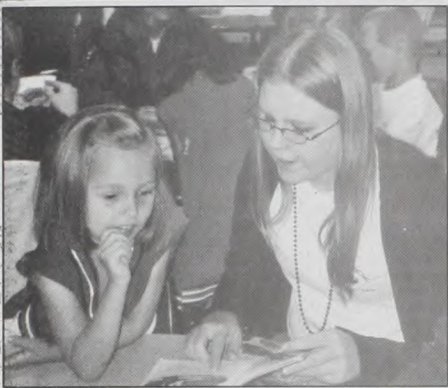


# SCHOOL

## SH students spread Christmas cheer



Sacred Heart Preschool and Kindergarten Classes recently visited Saint Richard's Villa to spread some Christmas cheer. They sang a selection of Christmas carols accompanied on the piano by their music teacher, Mrs. Ruth Felderhoff. Courtesy photo



Paige Saucer listens to Heather Harrison.



Josh Dooley, at left, and Ashlee Pike, at right, read to Breanna Pate. Courtesy photos



## Sacred Heart 4th-8th students compete in Reader's Digest National Word Power contest

Sacred Heart 4th-8th grade students competed for honors in an academic meet that challenged their vocabulary skills. Five top vocabulary students from each grade were chosen during individual classroom competitions. The top winners from each grade were invited to compete in the school level competition held in conjunction with Sacred Heart's Grandparent's Day on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Grade level winners were: 5th place - Kevin Flusche, Michael Weinzapfel, Elizabeth Marshall, Sarah Strother, Amanda Knabe; 4th place - Morgan Hesse, John

Paul Hesse, Raynee Hogan, Victoria Endres, Mark Bartush; 3rd place - Tavi Saldana, Morgan Swank, Ian Barnhill, Jessica Krahl, Michael Davis. 2nd place - Mikayla Fleitman, Isaac Barnhill, Ginger Bartush, Ryan Felderhoff, Quinn Sicking. 1st place - Chris Bartush, Madeline Hanson, John Nystrom, Alex Turner, Valerie Nystrom.

Overall Champion for the 4th and 5th grade level competition was Madeline Hanson, with Isaac Barnhill receiving 1st runner-up, and Chris Bartush finishing as 2nd runner-up. In the 6th-8th grade competition, a brother and sister combo battled for the top honors. An elimination round tie-breaker was required before John Nystrom was designated the champion. His sister, Valerie Nystrom received 1st runner-up medal. Alex Turner and Ginger Bartush tied as 2nd runner-up in the middle school division.

John will be eligible to take a written qualifying test which will determine whether he advances to the State level. State winners will compete in Orlando, Florida for \$50,000 scholarship.

At left, Chris Holder reads to Chase Hacker. Below Colby Parsons reads to Jon Hess.

## Era to host show

The annual Era Classic Open Sheep and Swine Show will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Cooke County Fairgrounds in Gainesville. The event will be awarding prize money, belt buckles, rosettes, ribbons, and show bags and prize money in the showmanship division.

"We invite all our area youth with swine, goat, and sheep to come out and com-

pete at this show," states Era Youth Supporter President T. Jack Martin. "We have two excellent judges, Larry Lamonica from Krum and Rickey Moeller from West Texas to judge."

Weigh in time for sheep and goats is 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and show time is 9 a.m. with swine weigh in beginning at 11:30 and show time at 1 p.m.

## LUNCH MENUS

### WEEK OF JAN. 9 - 13

#### SACRED HEART

Mon. - Chili dogs, potato wedges, celery sticks, pears.

Tues. - Chicken, rice, green peas, peaches, bread.

Wed. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, corn, cinnamon rolls.

Thurs. - Fiesta salad w/ trimmings, ranch style beans, corn chips, salsa, pears, crackers.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/ trimmings, French fries, trail mix, pudding cups.

#### MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Beef tacos w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, beans, macaroni and cheese, peaches, cake.

Tues. - Chicken strips, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, apples, cookies.

Thurs. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, hot rolls.

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

#### LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Cheese pizza, corn, lettuce salad, fresh fruit, bread.

Tues. - Cheese enchiladas w/chili, pinto beans, Spanish rice, applesauce.

Wed. - Oven fried chicken, cheesy potatoes, carrots, peas, pineapple, bread.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, peaches, garlic bread.

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

#### ERA ISD

Mon. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, pear half, wacky cake.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, sliced peaches, tossed salad, breadstick.

Wed. - Pepperoni or cheese pizza, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, sugar cookie.

Thurs. - Salisbury steak or fish sticks, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, tossed salad, fruit mix, hot roll.

Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, potato wedges, ice cream.



Winners of the Sacred Heart Word Power Contest

Muenster FCCLA students read to the kindergarten students at Muenster Elementary School as part of their Preparation for Parenting Class.



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# SPORTS

## Sacred Heart in Holiday Classic

The Sacred Heart basketball teams competed in the annual KGAF-NCTC Holiday Classic last week in Gainesville.

The Tigerettes settled for 2nd place after winning two, then losing the championship match.

Tigerette action began Wednesday afternoon against the junior varsity Denton team. Sacred Heart took an early lead, building to a 48-34 finish.

Stephanie Krawietz dropped in 11 points the 1st half and pulled down 12 rebounds for the Tigerettes. Hannah Hess also scored 11. Samantha Wimmer added 7 points, had five assists, and 11 steals. Whitney Wimmer and Shannon Hartman each scored 6, Nicole Bayer 5, and 2 by Brittany White. The Tigerettes were 40% from the free throw line.

SH 11 15 12 10 48  
D 9 12 7 6 34

The semifinal round matched Sacred Heart with

the Lady Eagles of Valley View. After a 34-19 halftime score, the Tigerettes soared to a 59-36 win, advancing to the championship final.

S. Wimmer led all point makers with 19. Hartman added 14, and W. Wimmer 9 points with six steals. Lauren Krahl dropped in 5, White 4, Kara Felderhoff 3, Hess and Lisa Miller 2 each, and Krawietz 1. White also pulled down nine rebounds. The Tigerettes hit 22 of 31 free throws.

SH 18 16 13 12 59  
VV 11 8 10 7 36

The Tigerettes met the Howe Lady Bulldogs in their final tournament game, falling 72-50 for a 2nd place finish. "I am proud of our girls' efforts. We got beat by a very good squad," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Hartman led the Tigerettes in scoring with 15 points. W. Wimmer added 12 with 11 rebounds, five assists, and four steals. Hess put in 10, Felderhoff and S.

Wimmer 5 apiece, and Krawietz 3. The Tigerettes hit five 3s and were 11 of 21 at the line.

Sacred Heart begins district action Saturday in Abilene.

Howe had two players score 47 points, while completing 25 of 30 free throws.

SH 9 5 15 21 50  
H 18 24 13 17 72

### Tournament Honors

Whitney Wimmer and Samantha Wimmer were named to the All Tournament Team. All Academic awards went to Nicole Bayer, Shannon Hartman, Brittany White, Hannah Hess, and Whitney Wimmer.

(No other tournament results were submitted by press time).



Sacred Heart Tigerettes - Holiday Classic Runner-up Scott Wood photo

## Muenster teams take victories

It took a 6th quarter for the Muenster Hornets to get a win Tuesday night, but the 10-8 points gave the Hornets a 57-55 win over the Alvord Bulldogs. The Lady Hornets were challenged by an energetic team from God's Academy, taking a 56-36 victory from the Ambassadors.

In boys action, the Hornets allowed Alvord a 7 point half-time lead, then closed to 2 going into the 4th period, tying the game 47-47 in regulation time. Six free throws and two baskets in overtime were enough for a Muenster win.

Three Hornets scored double digit points. Derek Endres and Zach Swirczynski each scored 13 points, with

Micah Flusche adding 12. Jordan Walterscheid put in 9, Ryan Hennigan 7, and Tanner Herr 3. The Hornets were 11 of 16 at the free throw line.

M 15 6 16 10 10 57  
A 14 14 11 8 8 55

Sandy Endres was high scorer in the Lady Hornets' victory Tuesday night.

Endres hit 10 of 10 free throws, and made 18 points. Lindsey Watson, Alison Teafatiller, and Megan Felderhoff each added 9 points. Laura Heers dropped in 5, with Rebecca Grewing, Jacé Koelzer, and Samantha Endres all scoring 2. Muenster was 14 of 19 from the free throw line.

M 15 10 14 17 56  
GA 5 5 9 17 36



Lindsay Knights - 2005 Holiday Classic Tournament Champions. Scott Wood photos

## Hornets compete in Windthorst tournament

The Muenster Hornet varsity basketball team finished out the 2005 year participating in the Windthorst tournament Dec. 29-31. The Hornets got an opening victory, then lost two close contests.

Muenster started with a big 69-33 win over Midway. Quarter scores of 23-7 and 27-2 boosted the Hornets on the

scoreboard.

Ten Hornets scored, led by Jordan Walterscheid and Micah Flusche with a dozen points apiece. Ryan Hennigan added 11, Collin Walterscheid 9, Zach Swirczynski 8, Chris Steelman 6, Derek Endres 4, Tanner Herr 3, and 2 apiece from Dustin Wimmer and

Eric Johnson.

MU 23 6 27 13 69  
MI 7 15 2 9 33

Game two matched the Hornets with God's Academy. A close game throughout went into the final period tied 29-29. Muenster was then out-scored 18-13 for a 47-42 loss.

Hennigan was high scorer in the contest with 17 points. Endres added 10, J. Walterscheid 7, Flusche 6, and C. Walterscheid 2. The Hornets hit five of nine free

throws.

M 12 10 7 13 42  
GA 19 6 4 18 47

The final game was against the Windthorst Trojans. Another close game, but not in Muenster's favor, as the Hornets fell 55-53.

J. Walterscheid and Swirczynski led the Hornets with 16 and 15 points. Scoring 6 points were Herr, Endres, and Hennigan. Flusche added 4.

M 14 9 16 14 53  
W 14 15 14 12 55

## Endres is head skiing coach for Boston College

Peter Endres, son of Dr. Richard and Dr. Martha Endres of Sodus, New York, and grandson of Marie Endres of Muenster and the late Paul Endres, has been named the head coach of Boston College men's and women's skiing program. He is a 2004 graduate of Williams College and was a two-year captain of the EPHS ski team.

Peter has much experience in coaching skiing. He was the ski team captain his junior and senior years at Williams, and represented the team at the NCAA championships his freshman year. While at Williams, he spent summers coaching ski camps in Mt. Hood, New York, and for the New York Ski Education Foundation.

Endres graduated from Williams College cum laude with a degree in geosciences and a concentration in environmental studies. While coaching, he is pursuing graduate studies at Boston University.

Endres is a native of Sodus, and grew up spending time skiing and racing at the Brantling Ski Slopes. He spent four years of high school at National Sports Academy in Lake Placid, New York.



Lindsay Knight Jeff Shannon aims for the basket.

## Muenster over Alvord

In holiday action, the Muenster varsity basketball teams brought home victories on Dec. 27 from Alvord.

The Lady Hornets, 17-1, had a slow start the 1st quarter, allowing the Lady Bulldogs to take a 1 point lead. Muenster made the shots in the 2nd for a 31-26 halftime lead. Alvord got back in the game in the 3rd, out-scoring the Lady Hornets 14-8, but Muenster gained 3 in the final period for a 53-51 victory.

Megan Felderhoff was high scorer with 18 points. Alison Teafatiller added 13, Sandy Endres 9, Laura Heers 6, Sam Endres 4, and Jacé Koelzer 3. Muenster hit 20 of 33 free throws.

M 16 15 8 14 53  
A 17 9 14 11 51

In boys action, the Hornets



Chelsea Hermes gets the ball in play.

also had a close game, defeating the Bulldogs 56-55 in overtime.

The Hornets had the lead through most of the game, but allowed Alvord to score 15 points to Muenster's 10 to tie the game 50-50 at the end of four quarters. Five points by Micah Flusche and a Ryan Hennigan free throw in overtime gave the Hornets a win.

Hennigan and Flusche were high scorers for the Hornets with 15 and 14 points. Jordan Walterscheid added 6, Derek Endres 5, Collin Walterscheid and Eric Johnson 4 points each, Zach Swirczynski and Chris Steelman 3 apiece, and Tanner Herr 2. The Hornets dropped in 17 of 32 free throws.

M 15 15 10 10 6 56  
A 9 14 12 15 5 55



Lady Knight Brittany Anderle shoots for two. Scott Wood photos



Kristopher Creed lays the ball into the basket.



Michael Eckart takes a shot for the Knights.

## Junior Varsity Basketball

### Muenster 41, Alvord 33

The JV Lady Hornets improved their season record to 7-4 on Dec. 27 at Alvord. The Lady Bulldogs had an early lead before Muenster took control of the game. Alison Miller was high scorer with 11 points. Hillary Swirczynski added 9, Jenni Luke 6, Jordan Ledbetter and Meredith Hennigan 4 points each, Jessica Walterscheid 3, and 2 apiece by Tori Wright and Brandy Dangelmayr. The Lady Hornets hit 50% of their free throws.

M 8 10 13 10 41  
A 10 3 7 13 33

### Muenster 60, God's Academy 42

The JV Lady Hornets started 2006 with a big win Tuesday night. Eight Muenster players put points on the board, led by Jenni Luke and Alison Miller, with 16 and 14 points. Brandy Dangelmayr and Hillary Swirczynski each added 8, Jordan Ledbetter 5, Mara Erickson and Tori Wright 4 apiece, and Jordanne Hellman 1. Muenster dropped in 71% of their free throws.

M 17 16 15 12 60  
GA 16 10 6 10 42

### Muenster 48, Alvord 34

The young Hornets got another notch under the win column Tuesday. Led by Matt Flusche and Evan Koelzer on the scoreboard with 15 and 13 points, Muenster pulled out the win in the final period. Nick Flusche added 6 points, with Chad Endres and Matt Beaver scoring 4 apiece, and Garrett Hennigan and John Monday 3 points each. The Hornets hit only 12 of 27 free throws.

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Colby Richey



Sam Sparkman (14) pulls down a rebound.



Colby Richey (10) goes in for the shot.



Sam Sparkman (14) works around a defender as Mark Fleitman blocks.



Samantha Wimmer moves the ball under the basket.



Sam Sparkman



Shannon Hartman



Mark Fleitman (34) and Colby Richey defend the basket.



Whitney Wimmer (21) gets the shot.

**Sacred Heart  
action at the  
Holiday Classic**



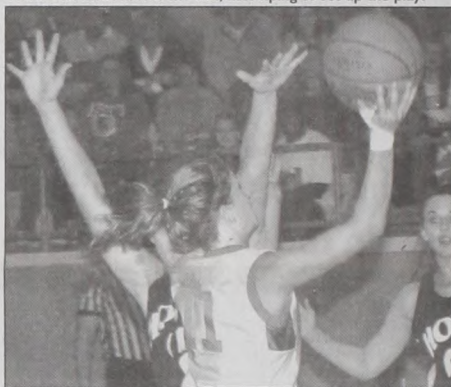
Hannah Hess



Samantha Wimmer (10) under attack.



Nolan Hartman moves the ball, attempting to set up the play.



Hannah Hess (11) makes the basket count for two.



Stephanie Krawietz (41) attempts to move around a Howe defender.

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Derek Endres fights for the ball, and wins.



Ryan Hennigan moves in for two points.



Laura Heers



Jacé Koelzer



Sandy Endres (13) pulls down a rebound.



In setting up the play, Ryan Hennigan (44) passes the ball to Derek Endres (10).

Muenster Hornets vs Alvord Bulldogs

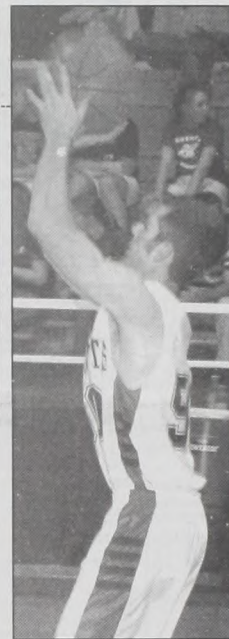


In action Tuesday night, clockwise, above left, Micah Flusche tries to keep a Bulldog from getting a shot. Top, Jordan Walterscheid fights for the ball, as teammates, including Zach Swirczynski (20), wait to get the ball. Above, Samantha Endres goes down in an attempt to block. At left, Sandy Endres gets the free throw.



Lindsey Watson

Lady Hornets vs God's Academy



Eric Johnson



Laura Heers (33) battles for a loose ball.

Correction... Samantha Endres and Lindsey Watson were incorrectly identified in last week's Muenster Enterprise.



Derek Endres (10) gets the ball to Ryan Hennigan (44), who makes the shot.

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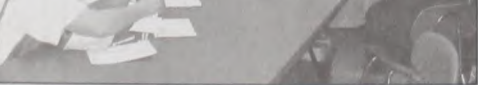
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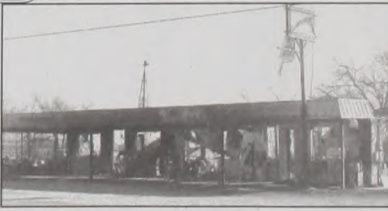
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Above, Red Cross workers organize the relief effort in Muenster. Also pictured is Tara Bayer (standing center). Below is the Sacred Heart Community Center which served as center of operations for the area.



Below, Muenster JC Dewayne Weger unloads Red Cross supplies into the Sacred Heart Community Center to set up a shelter for residents of Nocona.



Pictured above and below are scenes of the devastation the wildfires brought upon the town of Ringgold.





# FARM & RANCH

## FSA accepting emergency loan applications from Cooke County

Cooke County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on Dec. 19. Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30% of their production due to damages and losses caused by drought that occurred April 1, 2005 and conditions are continuing, are eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

FSA Farm Loan Manager Cynthia P. Kruger is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their applications into FSA as soon as possible. Kruger said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is Aug. 21, 2006. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid back-

logs and speed up the process."

The FSA office is located at 604 N. Main, Suite 100 in Weatherford. The telephone number is 817-599-7329.

## U.S. may lift ban on older Canadian cattle

USDA plans to propose a new rule on the ban on older Canadian cattle in the next six to eight months, according to Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Administrator Dr. Ron DeHaven. BSE-related restrictions on the import of Canadian cattle, in place since 2003, were lifted earlier this year for younger animals, but cattle 30 months of age and older and the beef derived from them are still barred.

The rule will analyze the situation extensively and will likely require a minimum 60-day comment period, followed by adequate time to review comments and develop the final rule. If the proposed rule is published in the spring of 2006 as anticipated, it would not be implemented before summer. - National Cattlemen's Beef Association



The agricultural communities of Texas have been hard hit by recent wildfires. Beside the loss of much needed hay (above), equipment, fences (at right), and livestock were also lost in great numbers. As pointed out by Governor Rick Perry in Ringgold Monday, the vegetation will come back stronger (if it ever rains), and federal will be available to assist with other losses. Janie Hartman photos

## United States livestock not wanted in Mexico

Mexico is not accepting U.S. origin cattle or breeding sheep and goats at this time, says Kathleen Burda, DVM, assistant veterinarian in charge for import/export in Texas. She warns that it is a violation of U.S. regulations to illegally export breeding ruminants into Mexico.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture has the authority and will take enforcement action for any illegal export movements of animals into Mexico," Burda said. "Monetary penalties are assessed when violations occur, and repeat violations are subject

to increasing penalties. Should Mexico decide to reopen the border to U.S. cattle and breeding sheep and goats, all animals must be officially identified, tested for brucellosis and tuberculosis (except) sheep, and be accompanied to the port by an origin health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian and endorsed by USDA Veterinary Services."

Dr. Burda's office, (512) 916-5555, will be the point of contact for information on the import and export of livestock through Texas ports. TX Animal Health hCom.

## County Agent Report

### Pursing Rural Economic Opportunities scheduled Jan 18 in Waco

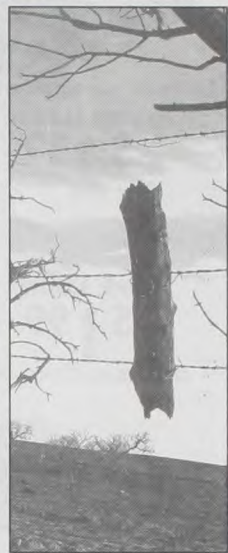
A workshop focusing on creating and extracting wealth from the resources in a community is scheduled for Jan. 18 at the Waco Convention Center. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the 44th Blackland Income and Growth Conference.

"This conference is for resourceful Texans who are thinking of starting a business, or who may be looking to expand for a niche market or other value-added opportunities," said Dr. Ashley Lovell, Texas Cooperative Extension specialist for economic development. With the increased oil and gas leasing and ex-

traction activity in many counties, the conference also includes hints for negotiating an oil and gas lease.

The cost is \$15, if pre-registered, or a \$25 registration at the door for the day's sessions and lunch. Registration is from 8:30-8:50 a.m.

To facilitate seating and meal arrangements: make checks payable to "Tarleton State University Account 221400" for \$15 per person and mail to Carol Moring, Box T-0040, Stephenville, TX 76402 by Jan. 10. If unable to pre-register through the mail by Jan. 10, then send your name, address, and phone number to lovell@tarleton.edu or to register by phone, call (254) 968-1984.



A Montague County rancher lost his winter hay supply in the new year wildfire that wiped out thousands of acres, destroying everything in its path. Janie Hartman photos

## 2005 concludes as dry, dangerous

It was a dire ending for 2005, and 2006 presented itself on a grim note as moisture levels are well below normal, temperatures are warmer than normal, and days of low humidity and high winds are numerous. Wildfires threaten lives and homes, and residents live under the fear that a small spark could result in huge losses. Many thousands of acres have burned, numerous homes were destroyed, and lives have been lost due to the hard-to-control wildfires. Burn bans are in effect across Texas, and most recently, fireworks and welding without proper fire suppression equipment are prohibited. Comparable years are 1952 with a total rainfall of 23.01 inches; 1956 with 19.06 inches; 1963 with 21.32 inches; and 2003 with 23.72 inches. Janette and Bob Hess keep Muenster's official moisture totals.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
'50	2.25	2.45	.09	2.53	7.64	5.51	7.71	10.47	4.74	.02	.09	.03	43.53
'60	3.48	1.37	1.80	1.76	3.24	1.17	6.26	1.25	3.19	4.35	.29	3.54	31.70
'70	.36	3.83	2.57	4.83	4.05	1.09	1.09	.13	11.61	1.56	.52	.57	32.21
'80	1.58	1.71	.56	1.72	2.19	1.61	.26	.12	8.94	5.42	1.30	1.73	27.14
1946 to 1955													
10-yr. avg.	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6.43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.21
1956 to 1965													
10-yr. avg.	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.15
1966 to 1975													
10-yr. avg.	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	6.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
1976 to 1985													
10-yr. avg.	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.01
1986 to 1995													
10-yr. avg.	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.73
'90	3.30	3.55	6.63	11.79	6.46	3.45	2.46	3.25	2.31	1.97	3.97	1.38	50.52
'91	2.45	.89	1.99	1.29	4.36	2.54	1.87	3.21	5.30	7.16	1.47	7.36	39.89
'92	3.16	1.65	2.07	1.23	5.35	4.18	.77	.81	5.80	7.10	4.45	4.25	34.42
'93	1.98	3.94	3.30	3.35	4.43	3.67	.05	2.11	6.12	7.14	.96	2.84	40.89
'94	1.20	3.49	3.63	5.77	3.59	1.06	4.02	1.10	5.49	5.65	5.20	2.17	42.37
'95	1.48	0.42	3.34	3.34	5.88	3.92	2.89	3.72	0.00	1.42	1.15	2.31	33.94
'96	.78	trace	3.30	3.65	.18	4.50	2.47	5.32	7.75	2.94	5.18	1.8	36.25
'97	.49	7.44	2.69	5.31	8.48	3.32	.52	1.47	.97	4.29	1.26	4.91	41.15
'98	4.15	1.89	5.44	1.92	1.00	5.20	0.00	.87	1.82	3.17	2.42	2.67	30.65
'99	2.40	.24	3.62	2.80	6.94	4.41	0.00	0.16	0.99	1.76	0.81	2.49	26.62
'00	1.75	0.70	2.93	2.80	1.00	4.66	2.69	0.00	2.07	7.92	7.12	3.50	37.14
'01	3.78	7.93	4.32	2.15	4.41	1.75	2.23	0.89	3.98	1.61	3.34	2.95	37.14
'02	1.11	3.63	6.43	4.94	2.50	4.42	5.10	0.89	2.06	8.44	1.54	4.07	45.13
'03	.05	3.24	1.07	1.33	4.05	3.07	0.15	1.97	5.31	0.08	2.29	1.11	23.72
'04	1.77	3.87	2.13	5.51	3.16	12.15	5.30	1.85	1.51	6.34	6.82	.71	51.12
'05	1.92	1.79	0.70	0.33	2.48	2.86	3.54	5.53	.23	2.88	.42	2.0	22.88

## Higher quality beef supplies remain tight.

Choice boxed beef prices are well above year-earlier levels as supplies of high-quality beef remain tight. In September and October the proportion of steers and heifers grading Choice and higher was near 54%, well below the near 55 to 56 percentage range of a year earlier. Numerous reasons have been discussed recently as to the culprit in the grading proportion shortfall in cattle grading Choice and higher. Heavier placement weights for much of this year may create a grading problem because of their inherent tendency to grow rather than finish. But while the weights are heavier, the impact is likely to be more as a marginal contributor rather than the main problem.

The last couple of quarterly Cattle on Feed reports indicate heifers continue to comprise a smaller proportion of the cattle on feed inventory. The July 1 Cattle on Feed report indicated the number of heifers on feed was 4.6% below a year earlier; the October 1 report indicated a drop of 10.6%.

Consequently, heifers are making up a smaller share of total slaughter than in 2004 or 2003. The reduced share of heifers in the steer/heifer slaughter mix is likely a contributing factor in lower-

grading wholesale beef because of heifers' slightly higher propensity to grade.

Another concern that has come up over the years is the protein levels in rations. Excessive protein rations tend to result in growth, while higher carbohydrate rations favor higher fat placement and finishing.

There is also the consideration that fed cattle are being marketed ahead of schedule and before reaching their full market finish potential, which seems counterintuitive given the low grain prices, negative profits, and lack of sufficient numbers of Choice cattle. An apparent single issue has not materialized, and may not.

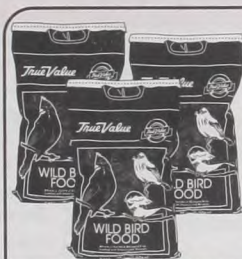
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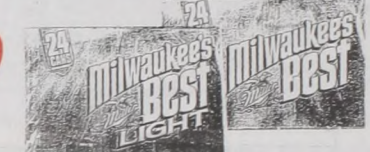
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