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Gusting winds whip fires,



will be located on Rice Avenue in Gainesville and in Woodbine.

Jess Cason of B.J. Construction offered five alternative building propositions to Commissioners at their regular Court meeting on Monday, Nov. 28. After a lengthy discussion on what would be best and with the knowledge that the County had no reserve money to spare, it was agreed that County Judge Bill Freeman would iron out the remaining details with Cason and sign the contract.

Judge Freeman charged Commissioner Hess with meeting with Cason next week to show him the Muenster location. Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell was assigned the Rice Avenue location and Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox the Woodbine substation location.

Will fireworks use and the

week. It's just going to be dry and above average temperatures."

Fletcher said there wasn't any way to know what it would be like, especially on New Year's Eve. "If it is anything like it is today with a little breeze, and people start shooting bottle rockets and aerial fireworks, we're not going to have enough fire coverage to take care of it."

Judge Freeman noted that most cities have bans on fireworks, so the order would be to protect the unincorporated areas.

Commissioner Al Smith commented that the fires in the County were not caused by fireworks. He worried about restricting the sale of the product.

Commissioner Hess said he felt that if there would be some rain and things get wetter, the restriction wouldn't be necessary.

It was decided to table action until the Dec. 12 meeting.

The County has 1,259 votes to cast on one or more nomi-

Crime rate escalates in Cooke County

According to statistics found in the uniform crime reports recently released by Texoma Council of Governments, Cooke County has experienced an extraordinary rise in crime in the past few years. This rural county with a population of 36,363 at the 2000 census has roughly a crime rate equivalent to the City of Dallas.

According to statistics few years in the City of County Texas over last 5 years;

• 4% decrease in neighboring Grayson County during same time period;

• 10% increase in Fannin. Over the past five years in the City of Gainesville, the RATE of reported burglaries

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Memorial Hospital has a new director of nursing. Renate Pagel stepped into the position on Oct. 28 after the resignation of Laura Stoffels, the former director of nursing. Renate has worked at the Muenster Hospital as an R.N. since 1990. Her experience with nursing began when she was 16 and worked as a nurses aide at the Muenster Hospital. Born and raised in Muenster, Renate lived in Denton a while when at school, but returned home to work and raise a family. She and her husband Jacob have five children, Kelsey, Derek, Miranda, Collin, and Logan. Renate was introduced to the Hospital Board of Directors at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

"I am excited about the new position and look forward to continuing to serve the hospital" remarked Renate.

Administrator Lynn Heller exercted that the Jaboratory.



cility and the mammography staff for achieving excellence in women's health care re-lated to mammographic stud-ie."

"B" at a rate of 50%; and "C" at a rate of 25%. Books wilb be reimbursed at a rate of 50%, and tuition, building fees, and lab fees, as listed. To be eligible, the applicant must be a full time or part time (20 hours per week) employee of Muenster Memorial Hospital and have been employed for at least 12 months. An employment agreement will be required.

It was noted that several people had taken advantage of the program in the past. "By doing this, you are kind of growing your own people,"

See PAGEL pg. 3

OBITUARIES

Margaret Bicsak 1918 - 2005

A memorial service for Margaret (Tykody) Bicsak, 87, of Saint Jo, was held Sun-day, Nov. 27 in her home with her family officiating. She died Nov. 22, 2005 at her home

home.

Margaret was born Aug. 8,
Margaret was not Catholic.

Survivors include: one son Frank Bicsak and wife Linda of Elyria, Ohio; one daughter of Margaret E. Heim and husband; a sister Elsa one of Elyria, Ohio; one daughter of Elyria, Ohio; one

Frankye Shields

Funeral services were held for Frankye Shields, 97 of Saint Jo, who passed away Nov. 26, 2005.

Born Sept. 21, 1908 in Midlothian to Jefferson Martin and Amma Hill Burks, Frankye taught school for awhile before she and Jesse Shields were married on May 29, 1927 in Litton Springs, Texas. They immediately moved to Saint Jo where they spent the remainder of their

- 2003
doing crossword puzzles, bird
watching, gardening, cooking, and being with her family.
Margaret attended church
at Sacred Heart in Muenster
with her family, even though
she was not Catholic.

1908 - 2005

ives together on a farm they owned and operated.
Survivors include daughter June Dickerman of Saint Jo; son Gene Shields of San Angelo; a sister; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in the seven should be seven to the seven seve

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son Dean Shields, two sisters, three brothers, and three great-grandchildren.

DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette returns to States after duty in Korea; Cpl. Jerry Hoenig is on duty at Camp Pendleton, California; Paul Hesse, airman apprentice, completes boot training in San Diego and will be transferred to Norman, Oklahoma. Wedding: Marian Berend and Gilbert Yosten; Helen Corcoran and Raymond Metzler; Rachel Voth and Herbert Schmidlkofer. Al and Marie Walter and Dorothy Hartman attend A&M/Texas football game at College Station on Thanksgiving Day, and go to Houston to visit the Ed and Loretta Mason family. New Arrivals: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Forest Rainey; Loretta to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Roewe.

25 YEARS AGO

65 YEARS AGO
Nov. 29, 1940
County Draft Board gains momentum; board has gigantic task of classifying some 3,000 draft age men. Heavy rains leave soil in fine condition. Playful children prove to be a handicap to progress on the sewer; the crew has had to go back over work completed to clean up behind children who had been playing at the ditch the preceding evening. Mrs. Carl Shetters of Des Moines, Iowa visits here with her grandchildren George Gehrig and Mrs. Al Eberhart and family. Matt Muller has pinochle party at his home with guests including Joe Endres, Matt Stelzer, Bill Becker, Bob Yosten, and Joe Yosten. Wedding of Dorothy Mae Schad and J.B. Whitaker in Gainesville is attended by Faye Brown, Lorena Fisher, and Herman Fette. New Arrival: John to Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Hogan. Mercury plunges to season low as Norther blows in with low of 19 degrees, followed by sleet and snow the next day. Mayor Urban J. Endres invites bids for construction of new sewage treatment plant. Men In Service: Cpl. Eugene Luke

I am writing in response to the enormous support for the 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat hosted by the Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Without the support of numerous citizens in the community, we would not have been able to have the vast success we had this year. It is so wonderful to know that the people of Muenster are behind us 100%. We had over 90 volunteers who helped contribute to this year's activity. It was with your help that we were able to handle over 500 children. I would like to personally thank each one of you who gave of your time and/or money. With your continued support, we can make next year's even money. With your continued support, we can make next year's even bigger and better. Sincerely, Darlene Williams MMH Aux. President

Sponsored

Edgar Klement 1917 - 2005

By Elfreda Fette
Mass of Christian Burial
was held for Edgar Klement
on Wednesday, Nov. 23, in
Sacred Heart Church at 10
a.m., officiated by Father Don
Brennan, assisted by Deacon
Jerry Klement.
Mr. Klement died at 9:30
a.m. on Nov. 20, 2005 in
Muenster Memorial Hospital
at age 88. He was a lifetime
resident of the Muenster
area.

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Survivors include four sons Kenneth and his wife Mary Klement, Ronald Klement, Robert and his wife Gloria Klement, and Leon and his wife Christi Klement, all of Muenster. There are 14 grandchildren and 18 greatgrandchildren Also surviving are a sister Marie Reiter and a brother Walter Klement, both of Muenster.

Preceding him in death were his wife Rose, who died on July 12, 2003; a son Glen Klement; his parents John Baptist Klement and Margaret Knabe Klement, six brothers Norbert, John Albert, Ray, Martin, and Rody; and a grandson Travis Klement.

Edgar Klement was born on June 29, 1917. On May 14, 1940 he married Rose Sandmann in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay. They

on June 29, 1917. On May 14, 1940 he married Rose Sandmann in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay. They owned and operated a dairy farm for most of his life. He took great pride in being the only Jersey dairy in the area. He and Rose were the parents of five sons, all of which remained on farms, dairy farms, and/or ranches.

Edgar enjoyed reading, gardening, watching baseball games, and the Dallas Cowboys, his Jersey cows, that he raised from calves; and especially enjoyed being with his family, in particular the grandchildren. He was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, and the Knights of Columbus.

In the afternoon at 4 p.m. preceding the day of the funeral, a Rosary Service was held in McCoy Chapel at 7 p.m. led by Father John Ohner OSA. Participating in the liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday morning with Father Don and Deacon Jerry Klement were altar servers Butch Fisher, Alvin Hartman, and Sylvan Walterscheid.

Andrea Klement gave the Frist Reading. Carol Krebs gave the Second Reading. Leslie Dangelmayr read the Prayers of the Faithful. Melody Rohmer, Shelley Kline, and Bridgette Klement presented the Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar.

Loretta to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Roewe.

25 YEARS AGO
Nov. 28, 1980

"Together We Build" campaign is big success; Muenster First Baptist Church announces it has been pledged \$90,636 for first phase of building project of \$100,000. Weddings: Doris Clark and Charles Koesler; Laura Richards and Richard C. Taylor IV. A total of 39 Cub Scouts attend annual Turkey Shoot. New Arrivals: Melinda Schmitz; Lucien to James and Cindy Gehrig.

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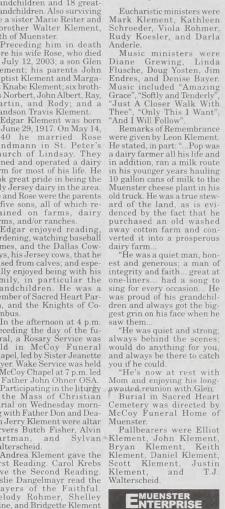
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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE - December 5, 2005

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, December 5, 2005

- Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

- 2. Opening prayer.
 3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on November 7, 2005.
 4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their
- 5. Consider any other business to come before the

OLD BUSINESS:

.Consider and act on contracting with Bureau Veritas to perform building inspections. Set up public meeting with local builders.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Consider and act on rescheduling January 2006
- council meeting.

 2. Consider and act on approving Ordinance 285 extending building permits and inspections to include Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

- 3. Discuss backflow prevention policy ordinance.
 4. Discuss sanitary control easement ordinance,
 5. Consider and act on CCAD budget excess funds.
 6. Consider and act on purchase of Muenster Marks for each employee for holiday bonus.
- Review and act on monthly bills Review budget summary report
- 9. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of

Thank You for all the prayers, cards, and donations after Dain's recent accident. He is now at home.

Please continue to pray for his recovery and for his family.

May God bless you! Butch & Doris & Derek

The Herbert Schmidlkofer Family The Ervin Henscheid Family

We are so grateful for all who showed concern during the illness and loss of our beloved Kenneth.

So many helped with their time, care, food, and donations, and we appreciate it deeply.

A special thanks to Brother Bill for the meaningful services

Everyone has been so good to us!

Kenya & family Kyla & family Kelly & family

Machinators Thank Sponsors

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The last five years have resulted in ever increasing success for the Sacred Heart Machinators. The foundation for their many successes was built on the generous sponsorships and continuing support of the area businesses.

As the Robotics team prepares for the Texas Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology (BEST) Competition, coming up on Saturday, they would like to thank all the people who have contributed to the success of the team. Their corporate sponsors this year, those who donated over \$200, were: Community Lumber, Muenster Drilling, North Texas Dental Specialists, Muenster Jayeees, Knights of Columbus, Superior Machining, American Filter Film, Knabe Tire, Llumar Window Tinting, and Nortex Communications.

The team's other generous sponsors were: Bayer's Kolonialwaren, Chuck Bartush, Jr. P.C., Gehrig Hardware, Hess Furniture, Muenster Building Center, Muenster Enterprise Muenster Farm Mutual, Muenster Garden Center, Muenster State Bank, and Steven's Floor Coverings.

Larry Wassell from Llumar Window Tinting has offered, for the second year in a row, to design a banner with all of the Machinator's sponsors on it. This banner will be displayed at the Texas BEST Competition. Again the Sacred Heart Machinators greatly appreciate the funds they received from all of these local businesses.

The Machinators would also like to thank Darrell Walterscheid for heading the Robotics Team for the past two years and for allowing the team to use his shop, JAW Construction, to build their robot and hold meetings.

Finally, the SH Robotics Team would like to thank the community for its continued support of the team. The Machinators encourage everyone to come and enjoy a day full of excitement and learning at Southern Methodist University for the Texas BEST Competition on December 3. They receive points in the competition for fan attendance, so please come out once again and support them!

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

Sunday, December 4, 2005	Monday,December 5, 2005	Tuesday, December 6, 2005	Wednesday, December 7, 2005	Thursday, December 8, 2005	Friday, December 9, 2005	Saturday, December 10, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1–4pm	City Council mtg., 7:30pm CCYF other animal entries due MISD Booster Club mtg., 7pm, girls locker room		followed by class & Kinder- garten Christmas program TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11AM, Cooke Co. Electric	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30	11:30AM, Stanford House	VFW Santa Party for members' children and grandchildren, 9:30AM, VFW Hall
Sunday, December 11, 2005	Monday,December 12, 2005	Tuesday, December 13, 2005	Wednesday, December 14, 2005	Thursday, December 15, 2005	Friday, December 16, 2005	Saturday, December 17, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	VFW & Ladies Aux. mtg. & Christmas party, 7:30pm	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P, Center	No Relig. Ed Class MISD Board mtg, 7:30 _{PM}	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30		

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It was decided to divide the County's votes as follows:
Knauf 383; David Clifton 425; and Jim Myrick 451. The vote was Hess, Smith, Freeman, and Cox for and Hollowell abstaining.

Bids were opened for a 2005 or newer pickup for the Cooke County Environmental Health Department. Glen Polk of Gainesville bid \$20,553 for a 2005 guad cab pickup. Klement Ford's bid was for \$12,977 with trade in on a 2006 regular cab and for

Come Celebrate!

Bertha Fleitman is turning 95, and her family would like to invite one and all to help her celebrate this momentous occasion on Sunday, December 4th at the SNAP

Room of Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 3 to 5pm. No gifts, please, your presence is best gift you could give



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The Board approved the policy, as it was written, but deferred it to the Staff Development Committee for fur-

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Michael Kent submitted a written update for the Board on two grants that the Board had previously approved. The first is a Rural Health Technology Grant from ORCA for \$40,000. The second is a Capital Improvement Grant from ORCA for \$50,000. If worked properly, and the grants are received as he hopes, Kent indicated that the Hospital would need to be prepared to fund about \$25,000 to \$30,000 to complete the PACS and CR systems for the Radiology Department.

"Michael has exceeded \$300,000 in grant money in the last three years. He's been outstanding," Heller commended.

Kent was appointed by the administrator as the chair-

outstanding," Heller commended.

Kent was appointed by the administrator as the chairperson of the Hospital's Safety Committee and as its Safety Officer. As was required, the Board authorized Kent to act on his own in critical situations where the administrator might not be available and as Safety Officer, he'd need to take action. Prior to giving the authorization, Board member Angelo Nasche asked if Kentwas qualified. Heller responded, "Michael is ex-military, served in Desert Storm, and he gets the job done for us."

Heller said that of the

Heller said that of the 2,000 flu vaccinations received by the District, 400 remained. He said that they had shared 200 with the Gainesville Hospital.

MMH's indigent and charity care program will be sent to the Hospital's attorney for review. It may require upgrading.

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Several years ago, the Hospital contracted with Joe Rogers, a Human Resource consultant, to develop a job description program. Part of that program is a wage and salary program which establishes a base rate and a grade level for salaries. Heller said that he can't find where it was approved by the Board or ever implemented.

"I do think that we need to look at something like that, but the problem with that is you can't just turn a switch with that sort of deal," Heller said. "It would result in some people getting tremendous

The program would have base salaries according to skill levels. "Our wage level is all over the place. I think we have some nurses, especially, who don't get paid enough money for the length of time they've been employees. Then we may have some that, compared to the experience of others, are getting more than what they should have. It's a tough thing. To pay people what they are worth is probably the hardest job that we do here, to figure out what's fair to everybody," Heller stated.

Heller continued explaining that he'd like to incorporate a way to pay people who do extra work. This is regarding things done in addition to their regular job.

Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the proposal. Dan Hamric said, "I like the idea very well, except for the part of merit. It is so hard to give somebody a raise on merit because you will be showing favoritism to this employees."

John Aytes and Dr. Walter Knight agreed that it was an ecessity to be able to reward the best performers.

Hamric and Danny, Walterscheid are on the Staff Development Committee and were charged with studying the program to make recommendations. Rogers will also be consulted again before any action is taken.

CFO Dick Teter gave the financial report for October. "It was a good month as far as revenue," he noted. "It was our best month since October of last year and that was an outstanding month."

Teter gave the net revenue as \$566.326 with gross revenue of \$698,330 and total adjustments at a negative 132,004 with total revenue were expense of \$20,729.

Taxes collected were \$14,083.

Swing bed patients was down. October's average daily census was 10.90 and the length of stay average daily census was 10.90 and the length of stay averaged 11.32.

In the absence of Kenny Klement, Board president, Dr. Walter Knight, vice-president, conducted the meeting. All members were present except Klement.

First Baptist Church and Sacred Heart Church wish to thank all the elementary students at Muenster ISD for their generous donations to our local food pantries. Your recent food drive will provide food for many families during the holiday season and beyond.

May God richly bless you for all you do to serve others.



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LIFESTYLE

Joe and Alice Hermes celebrate Golden Anniversary

Joe and Alice Hermes of Lindsay celebrated 50 years of marriage during an anniversary party held in their honor on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the The Roadhouse Restaurant in Lindsay. Approximately 70 guests, including the couple's children, grandchildren, siblings, and their spouses were in attendance.

The couple's actual wedding date is Nov. 10, 1955. They were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster, with Clem Hermes of Lindsay serving as best

The couple still manages a farming and cattle operation at their homestead.

Anniversary guests enjoyed a buffet-style meal of grilled pablano chicken, sirloin steak, new potatoes, green beans, salad, and a three-tiered anniversary cake, prepared by Claudia Zimmerer of Lindsay, a niece.

A family history was recited by Danny Nortman, a soninlaw, and a musical slideshow was presented by Glenn Hermes, a son.

Children and grandchil-





Alice and Joe Hermes r wedding day, Nov. 10, 1955

Jenna celebrates 1st birthday

Jenna Celebrates

Jenna Catherine Klement,
daughter of Cory and Brenda
Klement of Valley View, celebrated her first birthday
with a party on Oct. 23. She
was born Oct. 25, 2004.

The party was at her home
and the theme was "No. 1
Birthday Gril". Birthday cake
and drinks were served to
guests. Jenna enjoyed her
birthday cake and opening
her presents.

Those attending were her
parents; big brother Cade
Klement; grandmother Doris
Stephenson; uncle and aunts,
Daniel and Dana Aranda and
Melinda Reed; cousins Matt
Hagemann; Hannah and
Susanna Hagemann and
Camille Aranda.

Grandparents of Jenna are
Doris Stephenson and the

late Wallace Stephenson, and Marcie Klement-Pagel and the late Roman Klement.



Six from area attend Republican Convention

The Cooke County Republican Women elected six delegates to represent the group at the 25th Biennial Convention of the Texas Federation of Republican Women in Corpus Christi, Nov. 11-13.

Attending were Glenda Vowell, Phyllis Pitts, Pat Peale, LaVerna Nasche, Sharon McCormack, and Dorothy Hesse. Guests attending were Angelo Nasche, Nels Thomsen, and Mundy Peale.

The theme of the Conventional Columbia Call Quitting Is your best shot.

Nels Thomsen, and Mundy Peale.

The theme of the Convention was "Texas Federation of Republican Women Making Waves For 50 Years", as the Federation celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding in 1955.

Over 1,000 members from across the state gathered at the Corpus Christi Convention Center to hear inspiring speakers, elect new officers, revise the Bylaws, mingle with elected officials and candidates, and enjoy just being a part of the festivities.

To open the proceedings, a special celebration of Veteran's Day was held on board the USS Lexington, anchored in Corpus Christi Bay.

All statewide Republican

Bay.
All statewide Republican
office holders, including U.S.
Senators Kay Bailey Hutchson and John Cornyn, Gover-



Republican delegates and guests aboard the USS Lexington for Veteran's Day Celebration in Corpus Christi were, from left, Sharon McCormack, Angelo Nasche, LaVerna Nasche, Dorothy Hesse, Nels Thomsen, Phyllis Pitts, Glenda Vowell, The Honorable Don Willett, Texas Supreme Court Justice Place 2, Pat Peale, and Mundy Peale.

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Golden Wedding observed by Raymond and Helen Metzler

Raymond and Helen Metzler celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24. The date was exactly 50 years from their wedding day of Nov. 24, 1955. On that day, Raymond Metzler married Helen Corcoran in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville. The bride was the daughter of John and Catherine Corcoran of Gainesville. The groom was the son of Phillip and Frances Metzler of Lindsay.

They celebrated their anniversary with a special Thanksgiving Day dinner in the home of their daughter and son-in-law Sharon and Ronnie Felderhoff of Muenster. All of their family was present. They have five children: daughter and son-in-law Sharon and Ronnie Felderhoff; sons and daughters-in-law Karl and Kathy Metzler of Era, Chris and Brenda Metzler of Lindsay, Jeff and Karen Metzler of Bowie, and Brad and Ronda KLB celebrates

KLB celebrates Recycles Day

On Nov. 15, Keep Lindsay Beautiful celebrated Texas Recycles Day with a program for the Cooke County 4-H Council. The Council heard how using compost not only reduces waste that would ordinarily go into a landfill, but also benefits your lawn and the environment by reducing water and fertilizer needs. The Council was also told about the benefits of vermiposting. In Cooke County there are 11 4-H clubs and over 330 members.

Texas Recycles Day was the nation's first statewide "recycling day" and served as the model for America Recycles Day (ARD). In Texas, the Recycling Alliance of Texas works as the ARD affiliate. Community events are held statewide each year from mid-October through the officially observed day of Nov. 15. As Texans have made recycling a part of their everyday lives, additional events are held year-round. Donna Corcoran, president of Keep Lindsay Beautiful, and Pat Zimmerer, board member, presented the program to the Cooke County 4-H Council.

NEW ARRIVALS

Fleitman

Fleitman
Jody and Tanya Fleitman
of Muenster are proud to announce the birth of their first
child, a daughter, Alisha
Marie Knauf Fleitman. She
was born on Sunday, Nov. 27,
2005 in North Texas Medical
Center at 1;22 a.m. weighing
7 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 21
inches in length. Grandparents are Robert and Michele
Knauf and James and Nita
Fleitman, all of Muenster.
Great-grandparents are Edward and Louise Knauf of
Muenster, Joan Bauer
Huffine of LaFeria, Texas and
the late Albert Bauer, Augusta Walterscheid of Muenster and the late Alphons
Walterscheid, and the late
John and Anna Fleitman.

Gehrig

Gehrig
Michael and Kelly Gehrig
of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of a son,
their first child, Joseph Thomas Gehrig. He was born Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005 at 12:58
a.m. in North Texas Medical
Center. Joseph weighed 7 lb.
4 oz. and measured 20 1/4
inches in length. Grandparents are James and Cynthia
Gehrig of Muenster, Peggy
Thomas of Denton, and
Jackie Thomas of Losantville,
Indiana. Great-grandparents
are Herman Stoffels and
Josephine Schilling, both of
Muenster.



Joseph Gehrig

Metzler of Lindsay. There are 20 grandchildren.
At the dinner on Thanksgiving Day, a specially decorated cake was served, commemorating the occasion. Family members gave toasts. The grandchildren presented a special memory scrapbook to which each had contributed a page.

The Metzlers have lived in the rural area north of Lindsay/Gainesville throughout their entire marriage, and currently reside on the family farm northeast of Lindsay. Raymond retired from Metzler Brothers and contin-

ues to farm acreage and raise cattle, and Helen retired from Weber Aircraft. They are active members of St. Peter's Catholic Church and Parish in Lindsay.

In retirement, his special activities revolve around his cattle and his farming, conceding that these are more than hobbies. Her special activities revolve around reading, sewing, and crocheting, which she enjoys, and she creates beautiful keepsakes.

During dinner time, and reunioning, family conversations delighted in re-telling tales they have heard from the original wedding day, what the bride wore, what the bride original wedding day, what the bride original wedding day, what the bride wore, what the bride original wedding trip, etc.

Of special interest were the members of the original wedding trip, etc.

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Of special interest were the members of the original wedding party, Rudy and Annabelle Dieter, brother-in-lated to bride, and Vivian Kasparek, sister of the bride, was flower girl. The bride was presented at the bride was presented at the bride was presented at the bride wore, what the bride original wedding trip, etc.

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Helen and Raymond Metzler



Stevens earns Doctoral degree

January 3, 2006

Woman's University of Denton has awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology to former Muenster resident Suzane Huchton Stevens. Dr. Stevens received the degree on Aug. 13, with a final grade point 1000. She is currently employed by the Gainesville Interest of Bulls and Auron Stevens of Austin and Auron Stevens of Dallas, daughter 117 E. First • Muenster • 940-759-4311



Adolescent inhalent use jumps

National survey shows that nearly 10% of 8th graders used inhalants last year. The good news is that overall drug abuse by teenagers is still down, but the use of prescription drugs and inhalants has increased. The results of the 2004 Monitoring the Future Study showed that annual use of inhalants by 8th grade students has increased to 9.6%, up from 7.7% just two years ago. The survey is conducted annually by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) to assess drug use among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students.

The latest information from the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), which tracks drug-related emergency department admissions, showed an increase of 187% of inhalant mentions from 2001 to 2002. The total number of new inhalant users in 2002 was about one million Americans, with 78% of them under the age of 18. Inhalants are generally classified into three categories: solvents, gases, and nitrates. Examples of these chemicals include paint thinners, glue, gasoline, butane, nitrous oxide, ether, cleaning products, and aerosol sprays for paint, hair, and deodorant.

Most of the chemicals that are sniffed or "huffed" are commonly found in the household, where young children and adolescents can easily obtain them.

Use of inhalants brings many negative effects on a person aside from the initial high they may feel. Adverse effects of sniffing toxins include damage to the liver, lungs, kidneys, and brain, which opens up to a variety of symptoms and illnesses. Sniffing high concentrations of some chemicals can cause heart failure and even death.

"We've seen what inhalants can do to a person," comments Gary W. Smith, who is a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor and is the Executive Director of Narconon Arrowhead. The center is one of the nation's largest and most successful drug rehabilitation and education programs by using the effective drug-free methodology developed by L. Ron Hubard. "After pears of ryndelinitations of permethology feweloped by L. Ron Hubard." Starter harden and seven death.

even when the person is now drug-free."

A report released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) found that 12 and 13 year-olds who used inhalants were more likely to experiment with other drugs in the future and engage in delinquent behavior than kids who never tried sniffing.

Based on information from the 2002 and 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, young persons who used inhalants were twice as likely to be in a serious fight and six times more likely to steal something worth more than \$50.

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Effective drug education and prevention programs can help reverse this trend and the behavior associated with it. For more information visit www.stopaddiction.com. You may also view more statistics on inhalant use at www.inhalants.org and www.oas.samhsa.gov.

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Tickets now selling for The Littlest Angel

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"It's a wonderful, wholesome, entertaining show the whole family can enjoy to gether," said Thom Talbott of North Central Texas College in announcing the opening of the box office for the upcoming production of "The Littlest Angel." Tickets went on sale to the general public Monday, Nov. 21. For reservations, call 940-668-3355.

A joint production of the MCTC Drama Department and Butterfield Stage, "The Littlest Angel" is set for five performances in the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts. Dates are successive Friday–Saturdays, Dec. 2–3 and 9–10, plus a Sunday matinee on Dec. 11. Curtain is 7:30 p.m. for the evening performances and 2:30 p.m. for the matinee.

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angelic.
Considered a classic work of children's literature, Tazewell's original story was written first as a radio show and was later published as a book in 1946. Since then, more than seven million copies of the book have been sold.
Talbott said the show has a huge cast, including a large number of young elementary school age actors from throughout the area, along with several middle and high school actors reported, in fact, cast members represent 10 area communities including Gainesville, Lindsay, Muenster, Valley View, Whitesboro, Saint Jo, Era, Sanger, Decatur, and Denton.
Jenna Spivey of Lindsay will appear in the title role as the Littlest Angel, joined by Brandon Martin of Decatur as the Understanding Angel and David Gentry of Gainesville as the Gatekeeper.



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Fri. - Hamburger, sliced

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

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Clint is the son of Mark and Linda Fuhrmann of Muenster. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart School, and a junior Accounting major at OSU in Stillwater.

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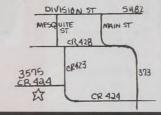
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Dec., 2, 3, 9, 10 Butterfield Stage presents "The Littlest Angel" at First State Bank Performing Arts The classic Christmas story of a little angel who is transformed from 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11th celestial pest to the toast of the Heavenly Host By: Patricia Gray from the story of 2:30.p.m. Charles Tazewell Annual Chamber Holiday Parade of Lights Theme: "A Christmas at the Circus"

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Thurs., Dec. 8th Christmas Victorian Stroll Step back in time in our historic Downtown. Historic Home. Candlelight and Porch tour 6-9 p.m. Horse Drawn carriage rides, carolers, live characters in stores and window displays depicting Victorian lifestyle. Shops open until 8p.m.

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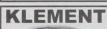
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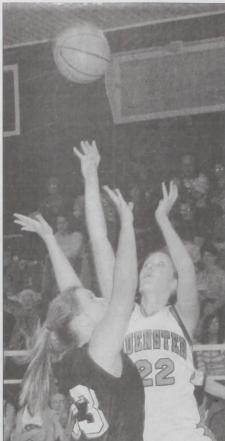




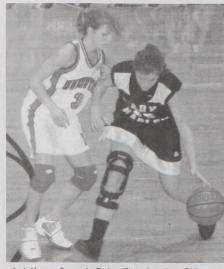
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Samantha Wimmer hustles to retrieve a loose ball for the Tigerettes Tuesday night. Bethesda 38 - 36 in the ball game.





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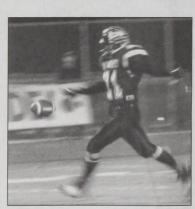
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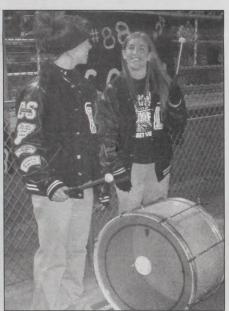
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SPORTS

Muenster wins one, loses one

The girls were 12 of 19 at the free throw line. M 17 13 15 15 60 J 9 10 16 15 50 Bellevue

The Muenster boys varsity basketball team earned a vic-tory last Tuesday night against the team from Bellevue. The Hornets pulled out a close, action-packed 47-43 win

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The Muenster Hornets and the Lady Hornets played Jacksboro Tuesday night. The Hornets were handed a loss, while the Lady Hornets came away with a win.

The Hornets traveled to Jacksboro and were leading after the 1st quarter. But they were unable to keep up the pace, and lost 56 to 46.

Derek Endres hit double digits with 10 points. Jordan Walterscheid made 9, with Zach Swirczynski and Chris

Muenster

Steelman each getting 8. Ryan Hennigan put in 5, 10 ustin Wimmer 4, and Collin Walterscheid 2.

The Lady Hornets hosted Jacksboro Tuesday night, improving their season record to 8-0. Three Lady Hornets hosted digits with 10 points. Jordan Walterscheid made 9, with Zach Swirczynski and Chris

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ut a close, action-packed 4743 win.

Muenster led most of the game by a few points. After a tied halftime score of 26, the Hornets outscored the Eagles 21-17 the 2nd half for the win.

Ryan Hennigan was high scorer with 11 points. Micah Flusche added 10, Jordan Walterscheid 8, Collin Walterscheid 8, Collin Walterscheid 6, Derek Endres 5, Chris Steelman 4, and Zach Swirczynski 3.

The Hornets were 11 of 19 at the free throw line.

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JH BASKETBALL ACTION

Tigerettes take close win Tuesday

win Tuesday
The Sacred Heart
Tigerettes hosted Bethesda
Tuesday night and came
away with a victory. "This
was our best team defensive
outing this season," said
Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We
did not shoot the ball very
well tonight, but we learned
that great defense will keep
you in most ball games."
Whitney Wimmer led the
scoring with 9 points.
Samantha Wimmer put in 8,
with Hannah Hess, Kara
Felderhoff, and Nicole Bayer
each scoring 4. Taylor
Torcellini and Shannon
Hartman scored 3 each,
Stephanie Krawietz 2, and
Brittany White 1.
Krawietz and S. Wimmer
each got eight rebounds, with
W. Wimmer and S. Wimmer
getting 6 steals each. The
team committed 14 turnovers, a season low. They got
42 rebounds.
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Lindsay Knights beat Albany 31-14

The Lindsay Knights advance to the Texas State 1A High School Football Quarter Final round after defeating the Albany Lions 31-14 in Regional. The Knights, District 16A Runner-up, and the Lions, 9A Champions, met last Friday at Elk Stadium in Burleson. Lindsay now faces Windthorst.

Lions, 9A Champions, met last Friday at Elk Stadium in Burleson. Lindsay now faces Windthorst.

"I'm real proud of the way the boys played, and the heart and character they are showing," noted Coach John Erwin. "Albany's a good team. Again, our defense played super, the defensive line and the secondary that picked off five passes." Erwin also noted that the Knight offense also picked up, putting 31 points on the board. "A super effort all the way around," Erwin added.

The Knights took the open-

on the board. "A super effort all the way around," Erwin added.

The Knights took the opening kick at their 28 yard line. Alan Trammell and Adam Kasparek gained 14 yards, then a flag lost 5. A Dustin' Hughes pass to Kristopher Creed moved Lindsay to the 48. Trammell got in a 15 yard run, with Hughes adding 2. From the 35, Hughes connected with Brandon Huckaby to the 13. A flagback field tackle, and dropped ball in the end zone were followed by a 13 yard pass to Trammell. On 4th and 5, Hughes picked up. 3 yards and Albany took the ball on their 5 yard line.

Two plays later, Dustin Hughes intercepted a pass, returning the ball to the Knights 33 yards from paydirt. Seven runs by Trammell moved the ball to the 2 yard line. Hughes got to the one. On 4th and goal, Dustin Neu kicked an 18 yard field goal for a 3-0 score with 17 seconds remaining in the 1st quarter.

John Mosman's kick was returned to the 2 yard line.

Lady **Knights** win two

The Lindsay Lady Knights added two more wins to their basketball record last week. On Monday, the Lady Knights took a 65-49 victory home from Callisburg. Twenty-one points the 1st quarter set the pace for Lindsay.

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Chelsea Hermes was the game's high scorer with 21 points. Christina Eckart added 10, with Stephanie Metzler and Mallory Block each shooting 9. Lauren Creed dropped in 6 points, Allison Hundt 4, Brittany Anderle 4, and Autumn Murrill 2.

Lindsay was 14 of 22 from the charity line.

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Tuesday, Lindsay hosted the team from Ponder. Higher scores in the 1st and 3rd quarters boosted the Lady Knights to a 56-50 win.

Hermes again put in the most points for the team with 20. Anderle added 18, Block 9, Metzler 4, Creed 4, and Eckart 1. Lindsay hit one 3-pointer and made three of four free throws.

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Due to the Knight football playoffs, no basketball is scheduled for Friday nights.

JV BB

Lindsay 42 Prosper 14 The JV Lady Knights adde

The JV Lady Knights added another victo.) to the season last Saturday Emily Fuhrmann pounded the boards with 19 points. Kayla Hess added 9, Beverly Knabe 6, and 2 apiece by Stephanie Neu, Karissa Reiter, Ashley Caillier, and Rachel

Lindsay 57 Callisburg 29
Monday the Lady Knights
ought home a win. Fuhrmann
rned the boards, scoring 30 points.
iter dropped in 16, with Neu getg6, Julie Hanson 2, Caillier 2, and

Lindsay 56 Callisburg 22
Twenty-three 1st quarter points
by the Freshman Lady Knights gave
Lindsay command of the game.
Beverly Knabe led all scorers with
20 points. Hillary Hoelker added 17,
with Elizabeth Martin getting 8,
Rose Hermes 4, Amber Nortman 3,
and 2 apiece by Ashley Hess and
Rachel Brewer.

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The Lions moved the ball into the 2nd quarter, getting a 1st down before Christopher Dieter, Josh Jones, and Creed defensively forced a kick on 4th and 9.

It was three plays and quarter the Keight.

It was three plays and punt for the Knights, and for the Lions after Trammell, Kasparek, Austin Buck, Levi Hermes, Michael Eckart, and Gary Anderle allowed only 4 yards.

Hermes, Michael Eckart, and Gary Anderle allowed only 4 yards.

The Knights started their next drive on their 20. Three Trammell runs, and a pass to Creed got Lindsay to midfield. Hughes, Derick Murray, and Trammell ran the ball to the 14. On 4th and 1, Hughes passed to Creed for a touchdown with 46 seconds on the clock. Neu's PAT gave the Knights a 10-0 lead.

Albany got in six plays before Hughes intercepted a pass to end the 1st half.

The Lions took the 3rd quarter kick. Two long passes assisted the seven-play drive, then ended with a touchdown. With 8:30 on the clock the Lions closed the point spread to 10-7.

The Knights moved the ball from their 18 to the Lion 30 before running out of downs. Albany threatened to score, but Creed picked off a pass at the 10. Unable to get 10 yards, Huckaby punted. Incomplete passes, a Buck tackle, and a flag forced an Albany punt on 4th and 17. Two plays later, Alan Trammell broke through the line for a 74 yard race to the

end zone. Neu added the PAT for a 17-7 score with 10 minutes remaining in the game. Two plays later, Levi Hermes picked off an Albany pass, placing the Knights 25 yards from the end zone. Runs by Trammell, Hughes, and Murray got a 1st and goal at the 1. Hughes then scored with 6:31 on the clock. Neu's kick gave the Knights a 24-7 lead.

The Lions built a passing

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The Lions built a passing drive, with gains of 12, 43, and 13 yards. A pass interference call helped move the ball to the 3. The next pass was good for the touchdown. With 4:32 on the clock, the scoreboard read 24-14.

Beginning at midfield, a Hughes to Levi Hermes pass was good for 37 yards. The four-play drive ended with a 13 yard Trammell run. Neu's kick gave the Knights a 31-14 lead with 2:44 on the game clock.

The Lions again went airborne, completing three passes and missing four, two of which were broken up by Clint Williams and Chad Dieter. The Knights got in three runs and punted, then ended the game with a Kris Creed interception.

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52/279 Rushes/yds 19/36
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3/33 Punts/avg 3/30

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RUSHING: Alan
Trammell 25/188; Derick
Murray, 10/44; Dustin
Hughes, 14/41. TACKLES:
Alan Trammell 11, Adam
Kasparek 10, Austin Buck 7,
Josh Jones 6, Dustin Hughes
6. INTERCEPTIONS: Dustin
Hughes 2, Kristopher Creed
2, Levi Hermes.

Josh Jones 6, Dustin Hughes 6, INTERCEPTIONS: Dustin Hughes 2, Kristopher Creed 2, Levi Hermes.

Next Action

The Lindsay Knights now face the Windthorst Trojans for the Regional 2 Finalist, Quarter Final round of the playoffs. Eight teams remain in the battle for a State Championship. Joining Lindsay and Windthorst are Stratford, Quanah, Iola, Big Sandy, Chilton, and Bremond.

The Trojans road to the playoffs started as District 14A Champions. They then defeated Baird 49-20, Valley View 28-20, and last week Haskell 42-20. Windthorst has a 13-0 season record compared to the Knights at 10-2.

"We're excited about playing another game," said Erwin. "Windthorst is a very good team. It's no surprise they're here (in the playoffs)." Erwin noted that both teams have strong defenses and the game will be decided on which offense can put points on the board.

The Regional 2 Finalist playoff game, Knights vs. Trojans, will be played in Decatur, Friday at 7:30 p.m.



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In playoff action last week, a Lindsay pass (top photo) falls incomplete in the end zone. Above right, Brandon Huckaby punts. Above, Derick Murray with the ball; at right, Alan Trammell gets a good gain. Anitra Anderle photos





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All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by

Dated this 7th day of November, 2005.

Respectfully submitted, /s/Russell Duncan, P. C. P. O. Drawer 1219 Gainesville, Texas 76241-1219 (940) 665-1671 Bar Card No. 06219000 Attorney for the Estate

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One of the most enduring symbols of the Christmas season is the focus of a special program, "The Story of the Star," to be presented in the John Parker Planetarium on the Gainesville Campus of North Central Texas College. Two shows, both open to the general public at no charge, are scheduled. They will be on consecutive Wednesdays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, beginning at 7 p.m. "Seating in the Planetarium is limited, so it will be necessary to make reservations," said Dr. Ron Bost, rofessor of chemistry who also teaches astronomy courses and is the facility director. The number to call is 940-668-4252.

Dr. Bost said that groups of our most popular shows, "Finally, the audience is representation numerous times over the years. It is a great the season." The "Story of the Star," Dr. Bost saylained, is narrated by a kindly grandfather who become quite a tradition, and many viewers have seen the become quite a tradition, and many viewers have seen the become quite a tradition, and many viewers have seen the become quite a tradition, and many viewers have seen the become quite a tradition, and many viewers have seen the become quite a tradition, and many viewers have seen the become quite a tradition, and many viewers have seen the season." The "Story of the Star," Dr. Bost salid "In fact, it has the star of Bethlehem is explored." The final identification of Bethlehem is explored. The viewer to decide for beauty of the holidays. He viewers to decide for beauty of the holidays. He viewers to decide for beauty of the holidays. He viewers to decide for beauty of the holidays. He viewers to decide for beauty of the holidays. He viewers to decide for beauty of the holidays. He viewers to decide for beauty of the holidays. He viewers to decide for beauty of the holidays. He viewers to decide for beauty of the holidays. He viewers to decide for beauty of the holidays. He viewers have seen the salice of the earth and in time, to view the skies over the view. The finally, the audience is replaced in the salor. The finally, the aud

Saint Jo Tour of Homes set for Dec. 10

The Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce will present its 19th Annual Tour of Homes on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. The tour will feature four historic homes in Saint Jo. Tickets go on sale at 2 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the Weger home at 300 S. Main Street, just off the square. The cost is \$5 per person.

Those purchasing a ticket will be entered in a drawing for a \$250 Wal-Mart gift certificate, and a \$100 Home Depot gift certificate. The drawing will take place on the square after the tour. Advance ticket purchases can be made at the Saint Jo City Hall any weekday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After visiting the homes, all are invited back to the square for the gift certificate drawings. A "Christmas on the Square" celebration will follow the tour. It will feature a lighted Christmas parade, the arrival of Santa Claus, pictures with Santa, live entertainment, and refreshments.

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factors play a much larger role.

Total food expenditures for domestically grown and produced food were \$618 billion in 1999. Only 20%, or \$121 billion, represented the gross return paid to farmers. So where did the other \$498 billion, or 80 %, go?

Most people are surprised to learn that the farmer and rancher receives only a fraction of each dollar spent on food. For instance, the average wheat farmer earns about 3 cents on every \$3.50 box of Wheaties. They earn about 5 cents on a loaf of bread.

Similarly, a corn farmer earns around 10 cents for a \$2 box of corn flakes and a little bit more for a pound of fresh corn.

And a cotton farmer? He

little bit more for a pound of fresh corn.

And a cotton farmer? He receives only 41 cents for the cotton used to make a \$35 dress shirt!

If the farmer receives solittle, why do food prices keep rising? One simple, but complex, word: MARKETING From 1990 to 2000, consumer expenditures for domestically grown food rose \$211 billion. Nearly 92 % of this increase resulted from higher MARKETING costs.

costs.

The cost of labor accounts for about half of all marketing costs. A wide variety of other costs—including packaging, transportation, energy, advertising, business taxes, net interest, depreciation, and rent and repairs—comprise the balance of the marketing bill. Of course, it's

China to become major pork importer

Put the dog with sheep and leave it there. The best companions for a small pup are a few head of bum lambs in a small pen, preferably in a barn or isolated away from the flock. Place the pups with lambs at eight weeks old, when pups develop a strong bond with sheep.

If the pup is very young, put a chicken wire fence between it and the lambs. This gives it regular contact with the lambs but protects it from being trampled. Even when the pup is old enough to be with lambs, it is a good idea to provide a place where it can get away to rest, eat, and be alone. A low fence or a creep with a few extra slats works fine. During this early exposure, check the pup regularly to ensure that it adjusts to being with lambs.

As the pup gets older, integrate it into the working operation. Introduce it to equipment, machinery, other livestock (horses, cattle, chickens); and herding dog(s) so later it will not guard the sheep from them. It is important to spend time with the pup so it is not afraid of you and will allow you to catch it later. However, always return it to the lambs after a short time and praise it when it goes into the pen and greets the lambs. Do not pet or reward the dog when it wanders away from the sheep.

Begin the dog in obedience training ("come," "no") during its early exposure to sheep. Supervise the dog when it is first introduced to newborn lambs and reprimand it if it chases sheep. Remember, the dog in obedience training from a from a few head of lambs to the flock it eventually will guard. Observe the dog carefully, especially after each move or change in roumajor pork importer

Which country produces
the most hogs? Answer —
China. It's estimated that
China accounts for an amazing 50% of the world's pork
production. Despite its massive human population,
China'is actually a net exporter of pork. Many analysts
expect that to change.

About 80% of Chinese pork
production is coming from
small backyard operations
raising only a few animals a
year. These kinds of operations can rely on table scraps
to make up a big part of the
hog ration. As rural China
advances, it's reasonable to
expect a drop in the number
of small farmers who want to
raise a few pigs. This is the
trend that has happened
around the world.

However, larger hog operations will need to rely on feed
grain rather than table
scraps and China doesn't
have enough feed grain to go
around. Will China import
grain to feed hogs? Probably
not. It would be difficult to
have a competitive pork industry using imported feed
grain. Instead, analysts expect China to become a
major pork importer, similar to
other Asian nations such as
Japan.

Kevin Hursh – Farm Watch

not only food costs that rise because of marketing. It applies to everything.
You're not the only one complaining about the rising cost of food. The farmer does, while food prices continue

While food prices continue

Meanwhile, retail food prices rose 2.4 %.

As food and fiber moves from the farm into the hands of American consumers, many jobs are created and everyone benefits. The farmer or rancher—the family that works the land—is the key to making it all work!

WAYNE BECKER COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

Raising Guard Dogs
Colorado State Extension
provides some good tips to
common questions about
guard animals. Their favorite remedy for predator control of sheep and goats is the
guard dog.
Treat your dog like a working partner in the operation
from day one. Most troubles
occur because the owners forget that the dogs are workers,
not pets. Do not let the dogs
play with children or herd
dogs or hang around the
house.

tine. Make sure it adjusts properly, and correct any undesirable behaviors early. It is especially important that the dog remains with the sheep. Return the dog to the flock any time it tries to leave. Always praise the dog when it stays with the flock.

Raise the pup with lambs that you intend to incorporate into the main flock. Once one group of sheep accepts the dog, other sheep unaccustomed to guard dogs tend to accept it more quickly. If your sheep are spooky of a new dog, it may be best to introduce them in a small corral.

Routine worming, vaccination, and examination of your dog are essential for good health and performance. Regularly check ear canals, eyes, mouth, and feet. Keep nails and hair on feet and under tail clipped, if needed. Look for cuts and scratches that can become infected or abscessed. You may need to shear or brush the dog's coat during hot weather. Provide high-quality dog food in a self-feeder near the sheep at all times. Put a barrier around the feeder to exclude the sheep, or the dog may remain near the feeder, guarding it from the sheep.

Guard dogs are an effective method to reduce predation on livestock. Guard llamas and donkeys also appear to reduce losses, but appear less effective than guard dogs.

Guard dogs can be used in farm flock/pashure operations, on open range, and in feedlots. Llamas and donkeys are most effective in fenced pastures less than 300 acres.

Raise guard dogs with sheep and treat them as working dogs. Introduce llamas and donkeys to sheep in small pens.



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Leaves can be composted.

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received 4.4% less for the food they produced. The farm value as a percentage of retail prices was slightly lower in 1997. Than in 1996. Meanwhile, retail food prices rose 2.4 %. As food and the state of the MUENSTER ENTERPRISE - DECEMBER 2, 2005 - PAGE 15 Motorola ROKR E1 Complete with T

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