

German community proud

Credit firm leads state

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WINDTHORST — The financial barons of Windthorst have reason to be proud. They run what is perhaps one of the state's most efficient financial institutions — a small credit union at a rural crossroads just south of Wichita Falls.

The 1,408-member Windthorst Federal Credit Union has been around for nearly two decades; and has loaned \$12.5 million. But there has been only one loan default — a loss totaling \$144 in 19 years of transactions. "No other credit union can hardly stand in our shade,"

Louis Schroeder, WFCU's manager said. "Experts come in here and they are amazed." Windthorst, population 1,100, is a collection of tidy dairy farms and silver grain silos. It was settled by Germans and named after a distant immigrant-pioneer, Ludwig Windthorst.

Schroeder said about 60 percent of the credit union's loans go to dairymen for farm-related equipment and the rest go for homes, cars and the necessities of life. "Most of our loans come during the haying period between April and November," Schroeder said.

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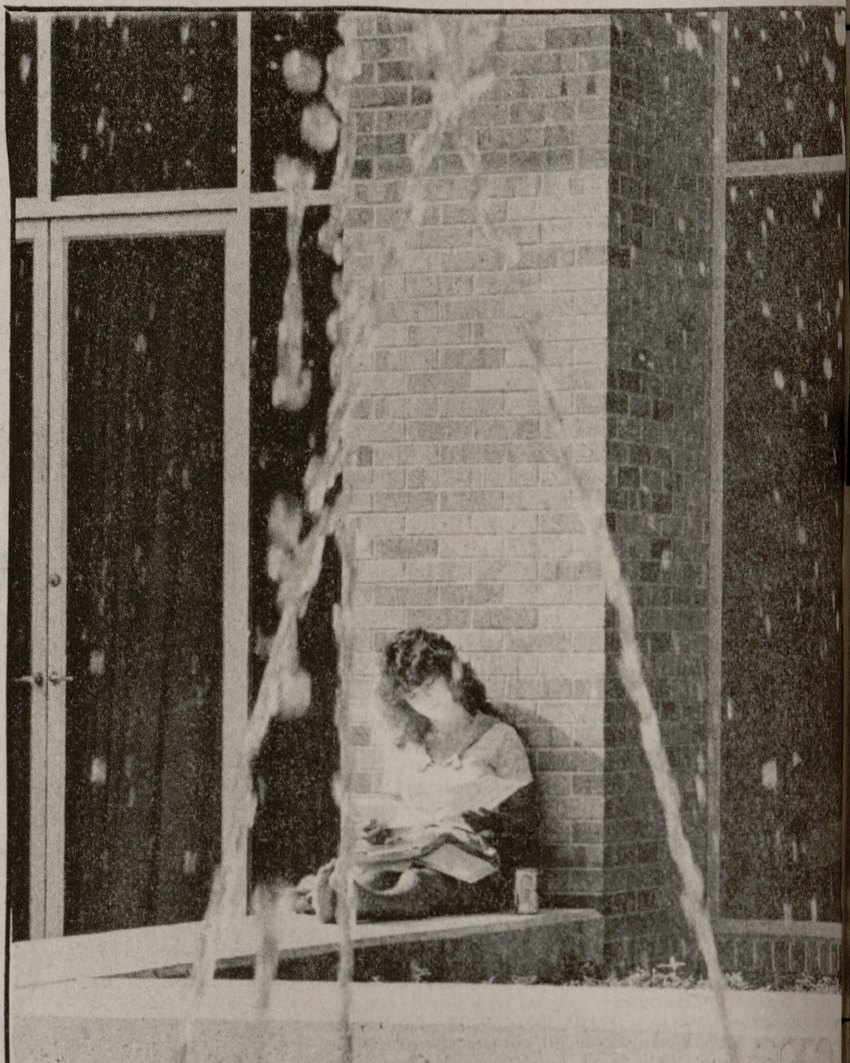
Girl, 14, shoots dad over rabbits

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RICHMOND — A 14-year-old girl who said she was having problems with her parents, admitted that she shot and killed her father and stepmother to end an argument over the care of her rabbits, the Fort Bend County Sheriff said Thursday. Christie Martin, an eighth grader at Needville Middle School, confessed to killing her father, Middie "Buck" Martin, 39, a plant foreman, and her stepmother, Connie Jean Martin, 26, on Sunday. Sheriff Ervin Hurta said the girl told investigators she had been having problems with her parents for some time and the final argument Sunday was over

the rabbits she was raising as a 4-H Club project. The girl had been living with her mother in Houston and moved in with her father about two years ago. Deputies said Christie was stopped in her father's car about Monday morning near West Columbia, 30 miles away from home, for driving with the lights off. A juvenile officer, who took charge of the girl, went to the Martins' home later that day and found the bodies.

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 Gray hair isn't just the result of loss of pigment. Hundreds of tiny air bubbles inside the shaft reflect light, giving it a silver or white appearance.



Fountain of Knowledge?

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Population of prisons declining
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AUSTIN — The number of inmates in Texas prisons is declining at a rate of 353 per month and has reached its lowest point of the year, a lawmaker said Thursday. However, police headen stressed that on to place Rang...
 Rep. Ray Keller, Duncanville, chairman of House Law Enforcement Committee and author of prison reform legislation in 1983, predicted the would have extra beds in 1985.
 This is in sharp contrast earlier predictions of growth of 500 inmates a...
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