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Local races bring voters out to Republican Primary

by Janet Felderhoff

Voters in the Cooke County Republican Primary outnumbered those in the Democratic Primary almost five to one. There were three contested local races on the Tuesday, March 12 Republican Primary ballot and only one local race on the Democratic ballot which affected only parts of the county.

Many voters expressed pleasure at finally being able to support local candidates and still have a say in the state and national selections for the Republican party. In the past they had to weigh their votes to decide whether it was needed more by the local candidates who were primarily Democrats or in the Republican Primary for district, state and national offices.

Debbie Hess, former County Republican Chairman, commented, "I've waited 12 years for the Republican Party to take the elections by storm. Especially since I had been told that it could not be done. Myself and a small group of people struggled to build what we hoped would someday be the majority party in Cooke County. Thanks to the continuous hard work of those who dared to dream and to the present hard workers of the Republican Party who dared to keep building that dream, did that dream become a reality."

Voter turn out seemed to surprise even some of the election judges. Republican Party Precinct 21 ran short of ballots by 11 a.m., according to County Clerk Evelyn Walterscheid. This caused some delay in getting election results since the paper ballots had to be hand counted. Ballots are made from a certain type of paper and the machine used for counting will not accept copies.

In nominating presidential candidates county voters favored Republican candidates Bob Dole, 2,603 votes and Pat Buchanan, 1025 votes and Democrat Bill Clinton, 1095 votes.

On the county level incumbent Bill Freeman retained his title as Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Place 1. He was challenged in the Democratic Primary by J.W. (Dub) Caraway. There was not a Republican challenger.

All other contested county races were on the Republican ballot. The race for Republican District

Attorney nominee seemed to receive the most attention. Janelle Haverkamp, incumbent, won the right to have her name on the ballot this fall when she will go up against Democrat Thomas (Larry) Claxton. Janelle received 2574 votes to Cindy Stormer's 2226.

Cooke County Attorney Tanya Davis defeated Ed Zielinski by 385 votes. There were no Democrats seeking the positions so she will continue in the position she was appointed to last year when D.

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RONNIE FELDERHOFF, at far right, presents Certificates of Recognition to retiring members of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, 1 to r Bob Vogel, Erwin "Red" Henscheid and Harvey Schmitt. Photo by Janie Hartman



MUENSTER EXHIBITORS TOOK MANY awards at the 1996 Cooke County Youth Fair. In the picture above, Jack Biffle shows his Grand Champion Steer during the livestock sale. Heath Bayer (at left) receives \$50. bonus from County Extension Agent Evelyn Yeatts, for his Grand Champion German Sweet Chocolate Cake, in the home Economics Foods Division. Watch for a full report and more pictures in next week's Muenster Enterprise. Photo by Dave Fette

Council honors retiring firemen

by Dave Fette

Three Muenster men were honored at the city council meeting Monday, May 4 for their long and unselfish service to protect the Muenster area from fire. Framed certificates were presented to Erwin Henscheid for 26 years service, Harvey Schmitt for 30 years service and Robert R. Vogel for 31 years service. These men have retired as volunteer firemen. The certificates were presented by Mayor - pro-tem and fellow fireman Ronnie Felderhoff. As the meeting continued, City Administrator Steve Broyles reported good results for recent efforts to get residents to trim low hanging trees over city streets. More letters have gone out requesting various property clean-up.

The council has approved starting the appraisal process on the street paving project involving Second Street and part of N. Elm Street from First to Third Street. The appraisal procedure is to determine the effect of street paving on adjoining property values. The city's projected share of the paving has decreased to \$35,000. and it is still under study with help from Highway Department engineers. The city cannot assess paving costs

to property owners if the paving does not raise their property values a corresponding amount.

Other city council action included:

- A favorable auditor's evaluation and report was received for Fiscal Year 1995.

- The council authorized preparation of an application for federal grant money to be used to construct an elevated water storage tank. This grant has no requirements that any of the money be applied to housing assistance.

- The new water well drilled south-east of the city has gone through quality testing and will be on line within 45 days. Current water use is about 100,000 gallons more per day than normal for this time of year.

- City employee, Dave Dittfurth has earned his Class C Wastewater Operator Certificate as of February 21. Dittfurth will receive a \$25. per month raise commensurate with the educational level.

- Monthly bills totaling \$53,489.78 were approved for payment.

Turtle Hill named to Top Ten new golf courses

by Elfreda Fette

Honors have a way of coming to Turtle Hill Golf Course, earned by the quality of the fairways, the incredible perfection of the bent grass greens and the spectacular hill country views that provide surprises (as golfers tell guests) "just around the next bend."

Turtle Hill is located about eight miles north of Muenster, just off

FM 373 and is owned by Dick Murphy, a retired American Air Lines Captain and his wife Kim. The 18 - hole course that's open to the public claims justifiable pride for the couple and is an asset to the area and particularly this community.

One of the most recent honors was accorded the Murphys and their See TURTLE HILL, Pg. 3

Main Street loses a little charm

by Murlin Evans

The Charm Shop was founded by Pearl Evans on Oct. 7, 1946.

Main Street lost a little charm when, with much sadness, The Charm Shop closed its doors for the last time on Feb. 29, 1996 after nearly 50 years of service to Muenster and the surrounding communities. An even wider area that reached into other states had drawn countless customers who trusted Pearl's advice, judgment, sincerity and innate sense of style.

Current owner Queenie Walterscheid cites the loss of National Supply Co., the prevalence of discount stores, and the fact that "people just don't dress up the way they used to" as some of the factors that made it difficult to keep the store open.

Unfortunately, it's a sign of the times. All independent business owners are feeling the crunch. More and more, customer service has been replaced by customer convenience. Like gas stations, the retail business has gone from "full-service" to "self-service" in the name of consumer frugality. But these lines seem silly in a story about a store whose number one selling point was "The customer is always right."

The Charm Shop was a dream come true for Pearl Dickerson Evans, store founder, who remembers as a child, ordering free samples of Pepsodent so that she could play store. Her brother and sister always found better use for

the toothpaste, however, and she had to keep ordering more. Finally, after she had ordered Pepsodent in the name of every remote member of her family, young Pearl got a letter from the Pepsodent Company stating that they could send no more Pepsodent to the Dickerson household. But she already had the bug.

"People weren't used to a place where you could come in and actually try things on like that," Pearl says of Muenster's reaction to the Charm Shop. "And of course we always carried top quality merchandise." Unlike today, the emphasis was on quality, not quantity. "Pearl and I always stood by our merchandise," says Queenie Walterscheid, long-time employee and latest owner of the Charm Shop. "It's hard to find that kind of commitment today."

To illustrate this point, we will compare two entirely different shopping experiences. First, the discount store - (this of course is a worst case scenario, but we have all been there). You walk in the store and there is no salesperson for miles, so you begin to browse through the disheveled mess of racks. After 10 minutes of chasing store employees, you walk up to the front counter and wait for the brunette teenager to put down the book she is reading. Finally, the girl behind the counter sighs and reluctantly helps you locate your size. When you get the pants home, you discover a small tear and

promptly return them. After 30 minutes of haggling over receipts and return slips, you exchange the slacks for another pair. Of course when you get home, the zipper rips off and the whole process starts over again. It is what we have come to expect.

Now let's walk into the Charm Shop in November, say 1985: You walk in the store, the bells over your head jingle, and the four or five saleswomen spring to attention. In front of you stretches a selection of high quality national labels worthy of any Beverly Hills Boutique.

You are greeted with a warm welcome. "Hi (insert name), it's so good to see you!" If the mood is right, you are invited in the back to take off your shoes and sit and chat with "the girls." With coffee in one hand and a cigarette in the other, you leisurely shoot the breeze until you are ready to shop. Pearl (who remembers that you are a size 14) gladly pulls out an elegant Nardis of Dallas, or Lillie Ann selection. You think the outfit looks great, but Pearl wants you to try something else - perhaps something from R&K. You try it on and lo and behold, you look even better. Add some earrings and a hat and voila! Instant fashion. And rest assured, if any part of that outfit rips, stains or falls apart, you can bring it back, no questions asked and Pearl or one of the girls will fix it up in a jiffy. Perhaps it was this attitude that brought people from as far as

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REPRESENTING THE CHARM SHOP, the above group was attending a showing at the Fashion Showcase in the Apparel Mart in Dallas in 1975. They include, 1 to r Anna Prather, Queenie Walterscheid, Pearl Evans, and Dude Sunnerland. Standing, next to Pearl is her son, Murlin Joe Evans. Inset photo shows the front entrance of The Charm Shop and the shared front door of Hamrie's Men's and Boy's Wear.

Courtesy Photo

Letters to the Editor

Friday, March 8, 1996
Dear David,
Re: The use of my name in a campaign oriented letter
I have received calls from friends back home who believe that your use of my name in an editor's note that appeared under a letter in today's "Letters to the Editor" column was somewhat misleading. I asked for a copy to be faxed to me, and after reading it, I must agree.
To clarify the issue, my name did, in fact, appear on an endorsement list over two years ago for Betty Marshall. Since relocating to Austin, I have scrupulously but politely declined any approaches made to me by candidates or others to document my support (or opposition) with respect to law enforcement related candidacies. This is not because I do not care, for I have my personal and private preferences just as do all of the Cooke County voters. I have declined because 1) my association is in the business of equipping prosecutors and their staffs to do the best they can do to protect the citizens of this state regardless of party or personal preference, and endorsements hamper our ability to build an open rapport that leads to our imparting the tools prosecutors

need, 2) those who trust my judgment already know me well enough to discern my preferences, even without talking to me, and 3) those in Cooke County with whom I'm at philosophical odds or who I've not had a chance to meet wouldn't give a farthing for what I thought anyway.
If I was still a prosecutor there, I would still endorse Betty under the belief that the citizenry might appreciate knowing who the prosecutors in Cooke County thought would advance law enforcement issues. What I think presently is (at least for most folks in Cooke County) irrelevant.
I regret, therefore, that your decision to include my name under a letter that appeared to have a bias in support of a particular candidate has been misunderstood by some to mean that I had somehow negated my decision to remain neutral. Perhaps if you had said "This letter was accompanied by a 2-year-old list of endorsements for Betty Marshall, on which appeared the names of..." it would have been clearer.
Sincerely,
D. August Boto
1210 Nueces, Suite 200
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Editor:
St. Patrick's Day provides everyone an opportunity to celebrate our nation's rich Irish heritage. As many of us here in Muenster toast St. Patrick on March 17, we should take a moment to consider the contributions of those who volunteer to be designated drivers.
Why? Because designated drivers help do what even the luck of the Irish cannot: stop drunk driving. According to a 1995 Roper Poll, 73 million American adults have been a designated driver or have been driven home by one, and 90 percent of the public endorse the designated

driver concept as an excellent or good way of curbing drunk driving. In fact, designated drivers have contributed to a 37 percent decline in drunk-driving deaths from 1982 to 1994.
This St. Patrick's Day, Ben E. Keith Beers, along with several of the most popular St. Patrick's Day gathering places in Muenster will be working to continue that progress by reminding customers to use a designated driver.
Sincerely,
Edward F. Frantz
General Manager
Ben E. Keith Beers

Rep. Haywood applauds action taken by Red River Commission

Senator Tom Haywood (R-District 30) praised the action taken Thursday by the Texas Red River Boundary Commission at its meeting in Wichita Falls. "Finally, Texas has taken a position that is both legally defensible and practical," said Haywood. The six-member Red River Boundary Commission, appointed last year by Governor George Bush, adopted an official position paper, which will serve as a basis for negotiations with Oklahoma, according to

Commission Chairman Bill Abney. "We adopted a set of three goals for our negotiations with Oklahoma, as well as a statement of Texas' interpretation of the laws and court decisions involving the boundary dispute," said Abney. "We agreed to work to establish a permanent, easily identifiable jurisdictional boundary at a reasonable cost, to recognize, preserve and protect private property rights, and to provide forums to resolve private property boundary disputes," Abney

continued. "The Commission has been charged with establishing an easily identifiable and permanent boundary between the two states, resolving years of legal battles between property owners, law enforcement agencies, and local governments," explained Senator Haywood. "While our State needs to work with Oklahoma to resolve this dispute, we need to protect the rights and sovereignty of Texas. This action by the Commission

recognizes past decisions by the United States Supreme Court as binding on the citizens of the Red River Valley, protects the jurisdictional rights of Texas law enforcement agencies, and provides a readily identifiable border for hunters, fishermen, law enforcement officials, and local governments," added Haywood.

In Thursday's meeting, the Commission adopted a legal interpretation that would provide for a jurisdictional boundary between Texas and Oklahoma at the "gradient boundary" on the south bank of the Red River. "For all practical purposes, this means that the water's edge would be the boundary," explained Haywood. "That makes sense to everyone, is easily identifiable, and allows for adjustment due to changes in river conditions."
According to Haywood, who supported legislation creating this commission during the last legislative session, the approach taken by the Texas Commission represents a different way of dealing with the problem than past efforts. "Rather than adopting a position that Oklahoma could not accept, this commission recognized political reality, while at the same time preserving property rights on both sides. By focusing on the strictly legal issue of jurisdiction, I believe we have an excellent chance of a lasting agreement with Oklahoma."

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY		COUNTY									
Precinct	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	21	21	Total	
PRESIDENT											
Steve Forbes	13	4	7	3	16	39	3	11	511		
Phil Gramm	3	0	2	4	1	16	2	10	139		
Bob Dole	57	14	30	25	76	331	21	158	2,603		
Lamar Alexander	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	68		
Alan L. Keyes	5	3	7	3	6	16	0	9	160		
Mary France LeTulle	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2		
Patrick J. Buchanan	19	6	9	12	29	133	20	59	1,025		
Susan Ducey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10		
Charles E. Collins	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4		
Richard G. Lugar	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6		
Morry Taylor	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
Uncommitted	7	0	2	1	8	11	1	9	201		
U.S. SENATOR											
David Young	18	1	6	4	8	36	1	15	500		
Henry C. Grover	3	0	3	2	7	17	4	23	300		
Phil Gramm	85	27	46	41	123	475	42	211	3,802		
U.S. REP., Dist. 4											
Jon Newton	47	24	11	67	196	22	80	1,888			
Jerry Ray Hall	39	25	25	34	194	16	104	1,815			
U.S. REP., Dist. 13											
Mac Thornberry	25										28
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER											
Carole K. Rylander	37	18	22	15	60	187	24	75	1,890		
Robert A. Wood	48	9	23	17	43	209	14	116	1,923		
CHIEF JUSTICE, Supreme Court											
Tom Phillips	78	25	41	25	80	343	31	148	3,150		
JUSTICE, Sup. Ct., Pl. 1											
John Cornyn	75	24	37	23	74	321	28	144	2,992		
JUSTICE, Sup. Ct., Pl. 2											
James A. Baker	77	23	37	22	74	321	27	149	3,033		
JUSTICE, Sup. Ct., Pl. 3, Unex. Term											
Greg Abbott	76	23	38	23	75	309	28	143	2,925		
JUDGE, Ct. Crim. App., Pl. 1											
Matthew Paul	15	5	5	0	15	61	3	17	496		
James Boone	23	7	11	7	17	92	12	60	953		
Sue Holland	15	7	15	7	24	57	12	29	791		
Glen Beaman	7	1	2	1	7	27	2	11	242		
Jeffrey B. Keck	5	0	2	1	10	21	1	14	157		
Susan Baetz Brown	6	2	3	3	4	16	0	12	319		
Janice Law	6	0	3	3	5	20	1	12	291		
JUDGE, Ct. Crim. App., Pl. 2											
Paul Womack	26	9	12	7	32	106	3	67	1,053		
Brad Wiewel	6	2	3	2	11	25	4	9	265		
Mike Keasler	18	8	12	6	15	82	12	28	842		
Ray J. McQuary	10	0	2	1	5	17	4	10	233		
Pat Barber	15	5	10	7	14	63	5	33	707		
JUDGE, Ct. Crim. App., Pl. 3											
J. Gary Trichter	5	5	4	6	14	24	1	29	397		
Cheryl A. Johnson	21	2	10	4	11	64	8	39	874		
Tom Price	26	6	14	4	23	101	11	55	943		
John Bradley	21	10	9	9	22	92	10	28	886		
STATE REP., Dist. 61											
Ric Williamson	77	23	44	26	91	407	37	185	1,922		
STATE REP., Dist. 62											
Clark	1,307										
Justice, 2nd Ct. of App. Dist., Pl. 2											
Dixon W. Holman	71	22	35	24	74	297	27	135	2,837		
JUSTICE, 2nd Ct. of App. Dist., Pl. 3											
William H. Brigham	71	22	35	22	74	289	25	133	2,810		
JUSTICE, 2nd Ct. of App. Dist., Pl. 7											
Terrie Livingston	48	11	20	14	40	138	17	69	1,782		
George Petrovich	23	9	14	10	35	133	13	72	1,180		
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 235th Judicial District											
Cindy Stormer	77	17	25	6	57	155	11	35	2,226		
Janelle Haverkamp	36	11	33	44	82	403	37	234	2,574		
COUNTY ATTORNEY											
Tanya Davis	46	12	25	26	68	216	16	110	2,489		
Ed Zielinski	66	17	31	20	63	315	29	139	2,104		
SHERIFF											
Michael E. Compton	99	26	46	41	97	363	32	203	3,883		
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Pct. 1											
Phil Young	689										
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Pct. 3											
Bob Grundy	76	23	43	23	81		29		735		
CONSTABLE, Pct. 1											
Doug Dixon				14		130	20	88	1,576		
Taylor W. Vestal				28		294	21	127	1,451		
CONSTABLE, Pct. 4											
Terry Murphy	73	23	40		70				912		
COUNTY CHAIRMAN#3											
Patricia C. Peale	78	26	42	34	87	364	32	177	3,364		
Write-in	64										
PRECINCT CHMN, Pct. 17											
Debbie Hess						114			116		
Write-in	3										
PRECINCT CHMN, Pct. 18											
Mary Endres						486			499		
Write-in	3										

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

According to a publication by Mr. R.K. Wimberly entitled "The History of Automobile Registration in Texas," (that is the counties of Texas). Not all of Texas was divided into counties by 1907, the year the law required vehicles to be registered in the counties where the owners resided.
For a fee of 50¢, the County Clerk entered the owner's name and number in consecutive order, in the record book.
It was the duty of the owners to supply and affix their numbers in a conspicuous place on the rear of the vehicles, the numbers to be at least 6 inches in height.
Some simply painted them on, while others bradded bright numbers to a metal plate or a piece of heavy leather which they then attached to their vehicles.
In 1917, a State Highway Department was established by the Texas Legislature, with the requirement that the Department take responsibility to have all cars, trucks, and motorcycles registered annually with a fee of \$3.00 per motorcycle, and 35¢ per horsepower for autos, with a \$7.50 minimum.
The Department also issued a numbered metal tag and a radiator seal. The tag was to be attached to the rear of the car and used year

after year, while the radiator seal, about the size of a silver dollar, was to be stuck to the radiator or front of the car, and replaced annually.
In January of 1923, with the enormous increase in the number of cars and trucks, the Highway Department declared all existing plates to be null and void, and each person who registered a vehicle, was issued a pair of plates that still did not carry a year number but did have the letters TEX stamped, along with the numerals.
Plates for 1925 through 1942 displayed the year of issuance along with the numbers, but during the forties, due to the heavy use of metal for the war effort, small metal tags were issued, to be attached to existing plates.
The year 1973 saw the issuance of multi-year tags that were validated each succeeding year with a sticker. New tags are issued only when the old one becomes unserviceable.
In 1975 the Highway Department began issuing tags on a staggered or monthly basis, to avoid a big rush in April. This has worked out real well for all concerned.
So the present day tags are still much the same, but the cost has risen considerably.

CONTESTED

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August Boto resigned.
Doug Dixon squeaked by W. Taylor Vestal, 1576 votes to 1451 votes, and won the Republican nomination for Constable, Precinct No. 1. Dixon will challenge Charles (C.J.) Rabenau in the November General Election.
For county totals and how votes were cast in Precincts 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 21, please see chart on this page.

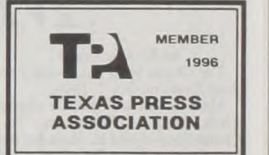
Recycling bin correction

Last Week's notice incorrectly stated that magazines could be placed in the recycling bin beside the newspaper recycling bin. This is incorrect. Magazines cannot be placed in either recycling bin. Also, please do not put feed bags in the newspaper bins.

Please watch for complete Democratic Primary results in next week's Enterprise!

2 incumbents, 1 newcomer file for college trustee seats

Incumbents Jerry Headrick and Dr. Milton Dickson have both made official their intentions to seek reelection to the North Central Texas College board of trustees, according to Jerry Metzler, NCTC dean of administrative services.
Headrick, representing Place 3, and Dr. Dickson, representing Place 5, have both filed for a place on the May 4 ballot. Dr. Dickson currently serves as the board's vice chairman.
The two incumbents will be joined on the ballot by Jack Endres of Muenster who filed this week for the remaining open seat representing Place 4.
Metzler reported that March 20 (Wednesday) is the last day candidates may file an application in his office on campus for a place on the ballot for college trustee. This date falls during NCTC spring break, he said, but his office will remain open on March 18-19 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on March 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
A Muenster native and graduate of Muenster High School, trustee candidate Endres currently serves as administrator of Muenster Memorial Hospital.
After earning his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin, the candidate completed his law degree at SMU School of Law and later graduated from the graduate tax law program at the New York University School of Law with a Master of Laws degree in taxation in 1986. He was in practice as a tax specialist with a Dallas law firm until returning to Muenster to assume his current position in 1992.



2 WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR							To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!
Sunday, March 17 SH Junior Class Spaghetti Supper, 4:30 p.m. Comm. Ctr. Life Teen Movie Night 6-8 p.m., CC Meeting Room Muenster Golf Assn. 4-Man Scramble, 10, Nocona Hills	Monday, March 18 VW Aux. Meeting, 8 p.m. SH School Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. SH SPRING BREAK	Tuesday, March 19 Ag Marketing Club Meeting 9 a.m., NT Bank & Trust Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, March 20 Religious Ed. Classes, 7 p.m. Filing Deadline - MISD Board & Muenster City Council TDH Immunization Clinic, CC Elec. Co-op, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. MMH Board Meeting 8 p.m. Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, March 21 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, March 22 JELLY Meet 4 p.m., CC Parking Lot for AFM Retreat Muenster Mash, CCC Arena, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.	Saturday, March 23 SH Ranch Rodeo 7 p.m. AFM Retreat Shallowater for JELLY MHS & SH at Hennetta Meet	
Sunday, March 24 SH Ranch Rodeo 2 p.m. JELLY back from Retreat, 6:30 p.m.	Monday, March 25 SH Preschool Meeting 7 p.m. SH Home/School 8 p.m. TAEX Applicator Program, Extension Office, 8 a.m.-noon, 5-9 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #664 Meeting, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.	Tuesday, March 26 TAEX Applicator Program, NCTC, 5 p.m. Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, March 27 Religious Ed. Classes 7 p.m. MMH Auxiliary Meeting 7 p.m., MMH Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, March 28 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, March 29 Muenster Mash, CCC Arena, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.	Saturday, March 30 Muenster Mash, CCC Arena 3-Day Barrel Race, 10 a.m. SH Track Meet MHS at Valley View Meet	

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Firemen request equipment from county precincts

by Janet Felderhoff
As extremely dry, windy conditions persist in North Central Texas, Cooke County volunteer firemen know that how quickly they respond and what type of equipment is available can make a great difference in controlling fires. Monday during the regular monthly meeting, firemen from Lake Kiowa asked Commissioners Court for assistance to that end.

Difficulty in locating a commissioner to assist with a county bulldozer during Sunday's fire near Lake Kiowa prompted the request. Joe Rider, Chief of the Lake Kiowa Fire Department, said that on Sunday they had a large grass fire and had tried to contact all four commissioners to bring a dozer to their assistance. "I'd like to know the reason that we weren't able to get a hold of anyone to help with this fire," he said. "We had the dispatcher call all four of you. I don't know whose houses she tried calling, but we couldn't get a hold of no one."

Commissioner Jerry Lewis said that he wasn't at home all day, but his wife was and there was no call. Commissioner Harrison said there were only two messages on his machine — none about the fire. Commissioner Hess added that someone was home all day at his house and he'd gotten no messages. Commissioner Brown noted that he would have been the first one called since it was in his area. It happened to be a day that he was out of pocket for about three hours.

"We were hung out to dry with that wind and everything," said Rider. He asked if a private dozer could be contracted for such occasions. He also asked that phone numbers of someone besides the commissioners who could bring out a dozer be made available.

"I've got a list of all my men and all the equipment ... if they can't contact me," said Hess. "There was

somebody at my house all day yesterday and I was there for the biggest part of the day. I never got a call that I'm aware of, but if they can't get me they've got a second man to go to or a third man to go to. They all live right there in Muenster. No one said anything this morning about getting a call."

Since the request for a private contractor was not on the agenda it couldn't be addressed.

Bids were opened on County surplus property and equipment. Twelve items were bid on. The bids on trestle bridges #1,2,3,4, and 6 were considered too low and were rejected.

The other seven items went to the highest bidders as follows: bridge #5 went to Allen Sicking of Muenster for \$506; John Deere backhoe to Lynn Huchton for \$5,200; Ford Bronco from Sheriff's department to Gary Way for \$1,234; 1977 International cab over truck to Mickey McElreath for \$1,250; belly dump truck to Julius Hess for \$1,551; 1979 tandem axle truck to E & J Truck Parts for \$854; pipe threader to Mickey McElreath for \$180.

hardware and software. All of the school libraries could then be connected with the county library to share information, etc.

Cooke County's library is one of the few not county libraries in the state not to be automated, said Ms. Wood. The cost for maintenance is estimated to be between five and six thousand dollars per year.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Changed zoning from agriculture to residential estates for a 49 acre tract located on County road 246.
- Approved preliminary plat for High Point Subdivision on County Road 246 in Precinct #2.
- Changed zoning from agriculture to highway business on five lots on FM 3002 and County Road 246.
- Approved preliminary plat for Ray Roberts Estates Subdivision on FM 3002 and County Road 246 in Precinct #2.
- Gave final approval for plat for Indian Creek Subdivisions Section 2 located in Precinct #2.
- Tabled acceptance of final plat for Cler Acres Section #3 because it wasn't ready.
- Gave go ahead to removal of non-historical wall in county attorney's office to make two offices into one large office. Texas Historical Commission has approved the modification.
- Took no action on modification to Department of Public Safety office in courthouse since it was deemed historic.
- Approved minutes of last meeting.
- Approved monthly bills and reports.



VOLUNTEER FIREMEN FROM MUENSTER and Myra finish work on a grass fire south of Muenster Friday. Joe Pagel (right) was one of several firefighters answering the call. Photo by Dave Fette

Public education program sponsored by Pipeline Group March 26

The Pipeline Group's annual Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver (1 block east of Holiday Inn) in Gainesville.

The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by Wint's Barbecue for all persons involved in excavation-related activities in Cooke and Grayson counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights-of-way, use of One-Call systems and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

Sponsors provide promotional materials that include notification information for their companies, safety-related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in

repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents - someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optics cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party.

The safety program on March 26 is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations. For more information, call 800-982-8752.

Sponsors for the program include Cigo Products Pipeline Company - Koch Pipeline Company, L.P. - Lone Star Pipeline Company - Seaway Pipeline Company - Texas Utilities Fuel Company.

Henry DeBorde dies March 10 at age 81

Henry Wilbur DeBorde of Era died Sunday, March 10, 1996 in Baylor Hospital of Dallas at age 81. Services were held Tuesday, March 12 in Era Church of Christ at 2 p.m. Officiating were Rev. Ben Willingham of Era Church of Christ, assisted by Gene Davenport, Minister.

Survivors of Wilbur DeBorde are his wife Wanda DeBorde; two sons and daughters-in-law Bill and Cynthia DeBorde of Lake Kiowa, Jack and Loretta DeBorde of Moss Lake; four daughters and sons-in-law Kay DeBorde of Amarillo, Jo and Gary Kirk of Thackerville, OK, Judy and Steve Schmitz of Gainesville, Jean and Clegg Hazel of Gainesville. There are also 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; also four sisters Hallie Berry of Amarillo, Edith Richardson of Gainesville, Wilma Thurman of Forestburg and Dorothy Riley of Sanger; a host of friends and other relatives; and four sisters-in-law Odessa Berry of Rosston, Fay McKown of Dallas; Katie Cook of Laguna Hills, California and Geneva DeBorde of Gainesville.

Preceding him in death were a grandson, Brian DeBorde; a great-

grandson Carl Moring; two sisters Beulah Dill and Mildred Berry; and a brother Nig DeBorde.

Henry Wilbur DeBorde was born on Sept. 16, 1914 in Carlsbad, TX to Henry and Maude Duff DeBorde. On August 10, 1940 he married Zora Clea Fletcher. She passed away Aug. 20, 1943. On July 26, 1945 he married Wanda Geneva Fugate in Kiowa, OK.

He was a member of the Era Church of Christ; member Myra Masonic Lodge #878; Past Worshipful Master Myra Lodge #878; member Eastern Star Sanger Lodge #1027; Past Worthy Patron Lodge #1027 Sanger.

He retired after 42 years employment with the Fisher-Crossen Ranch.

Following services in the Era Church of Christ, burial was directed by Clement/Keel Funeral Home in Rosston Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Riley, Ray Kent Dill, Charles Berry, Bill Johnson; Jerry Don Dill and Jerry McKown.

The family has suggested memorials to Rosston Cemetery Association, Rosston, TX 76263.

TURTLE HILL Continued from Page 1

Turtle Hill by the "Dallas Morning News" in its Sunday edition, February 25 and its Texas Golf '96 Sunday supplement, wherein it was stated that ... "Turtle Hill became a surprising choice among the Top 10" ... the Murphys "can thank the nine new challenging holes with outstanding views," (i.e. the relatively new back nine.) Turtle Hill was included in the "Dallas Morning News" annual Best of Texas Golf. Courses opened in the past two years were considered for the list.

Other honors are in the foreseeable future as the fame of the golf course is carried like the wind from across the not - too - distant Red River, into the metroplex and other cities, by golfers who are fascinated by their discovery of one of Texas' most dramatic, but fun courses just north of the small town already famous for its cheese, sausage, fine restaurants, ethnic crafts shops and antique stores.

Not yet old enough to rest on its

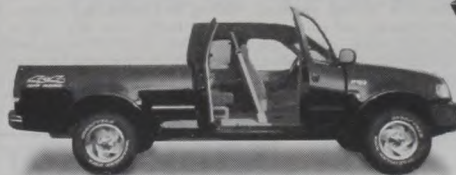
"tradition," Turtle Hill looks forward to its potential, offering a challenging but fun golfing experience on its impeccably maintained acres.

Dick Murphy responded; "We were very surprised and pleased that we made the 'Top Ten', allowing that the other courses named on the list are very high profile facilities representing megabucks. We consider it a great honor to be included."

He added "We have been working all winter, from a physical standpoint and also from a personnel standpoint, on improvements. We have hired five (5) new people on staff and now we are all looking forward to Spring." ... He concluded: "We are particularly gratified by the turnout. It is obvious players are pleased with us, because most weeks we are booked out by Wednesday, with every available round filled for the weekend."

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Lifestyle

March 9 ceremony in Sacred Heart Church unites Denise A. Anderle and Craig J. Neu

The wedding of Denise Ann Anderle and Craig John Neu was held in Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, March 9, 1996. Father David Bellinghausen OSB was celebrant of the Nuptial Mass, and officiated for their vows in a double ring ceremony at 5 p.m.

Daughter of Johnny and Annette Anderle of Muenster, the bride is a 1990 graduate of Muenster High School and a 1995 graduate of the Court Reporting Institute of Dallas. She is employed by Stoffels and Associates of Denton as a court reporter. The bride is also the

granddaughter of Marcus and Catherine Fuhrmann of Lindsay and Ethel Anderle of Windthorst.

The groom is the son of Leroy and Dolores Neu of Lindsay. He is a 1989 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of North Texas, and is employed as a personal banking officer by Point Bank of Pilot Point, Texas. He is also the grandson of John and Edith Hess and John Neu of Lindsay.

In a setting of multi-colored floral arrangements on the altar, tall spiral floor candelabra and lighted candles

in the altar space, and the special Unity candle, the bride was given in marriage by her father, Johnny Anderle.

She was wearing a formal white satin wedding gown, featuring a sweetheart neckline; beaded Basque bodice with a dropped waistline; long slim sleeves with hand beaded lace inserts. The skirt swept into a cathedral train adorned with lace appliques.

She carried a bridal bouquet of Bridal White roses, mini-carnations, larkspur, freesia, Queen Anne's lace, and English ivy. A crystal rosary, a gift from her godmother Becky Bauer, was entwined in the bouquet.

ATTENDANTS

Kim Anderle of Muenster, bride's sister was maid of honor.

Beverly Neu Menassa of Carrollton, groom's sister; Jenny Corcoran of Krugerville, friend of the bride; Kim Hess of Muenster, friend of the bride; and Darla Anderle of Muenster, sister-in-law of the bride were bridesmaids.

They wore floor-length, two-piece suits of pink shantung. Each carried a long stem white rose with purple staccie, tied with a pink tulle bow.

Kristen Hoberer, daughter of Tommy and Pam Hoberer of Lindsay, was the flower girl. Jonathan Neu, son of Steve and Kay Neu of The Colony, was the ring bearer.

Serving the groom as his best men were friends Regi Klement of Gainesville and Mike Dieter of Denton. Groomsmen were Steve Neu of The Colony, groom's brother; Bobby Fleitman of Denton, friend of the groom; and Corey Anderle of Muenster, bride's brother.

Ushers were John Anderle and Kevin Anderle of Muenster, bride's brothers, Curtis Weems of Dallas and Eddie Krebs of Lewisville, friends of the groom.

Mass servers were Christopher and Clint Fuhrmann of Muenster, cousins of the groom.

Wedding music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse of Muenster and Bret Menassa of Carrollton. Selections included, for the prelude, "The Rose" and "Endless Love," and "Sunrise, Sunset" as mothers of the couple entered, and were seated; Pachelbel's "Canon in D" as bridesmaids entered, Clarke's "Trumpet Volantare" as the bridal march; "Psalm of the Good Shepherd"; "One Hand, One Heart" for the Unity candle; "Household of Faith" at Offertory; "The Wedding Song" and "How Beautiful" at Communion; "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" at Mary's altar; and Purcell's "Trumpet Tune" as the Recessional.

During the wedding liturgy, Scott Neeb of Windthorst served as lector and gave the First Scriptural Reading; Stephanie Wimmer of and Sondra Bauer of Sherman read Prayers of the Faithful.

RECEPTION

A reception and dinner followed in the New Centennial Hall of Lindsay, hosted by parents of the bride and groom.

Presiding at the guest registry were Debbie Anderle of Muenster and Stephanie Davis of Houston.

The white, five-tiered bride's cake was decorated with fresh flowers. The chocolate groom's cake was two tiered and decorated with nuts and chocolate-dipped strawberries.

Cake servers were Emily Fuhrmann, Dee Ann Fuhrmann, Melissa Fuhrmann and Katie Hoberer.

The rehearsal dinner hosted by parents of the bride and groom on Sunday March 4, was held in the home of the bride's parents.

Upon return from a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in Denton.



Pam Felderhoff and Gary Knabe have chosen Saturday, March 23, 1996, as their wedding day. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Young of Marysville and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Knabe of Muenster. The wedding will be held in Sacred Heart Church with Father Frowin Schoech, OSB, celebrating the Nuptial Mass at 5 p.m. Maid of honor will be Robin Links. Bridesmaids will be Lorie Grewing, Mikki Jones and Phyllis Riggs, with Amy Hilton as junior bridesmaid. Flower girl will be Jillian Bezner. The best man will be Paul Becker and groomsmen will be Donnie Grewing, Sam Hess, Darrell Knabe and Vince Felderhoff. The bride-elect is a graduate of Muenster High School and attended Cooke County College. She is manager of Encore Video. The future-groom is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is a partner in Knabe and Son Dairy. The couple will reside in Muenster.

Charity Gilbreath earns court reporting degree

Charity Gilbreath, daughter of Donnie and Yvonne Gilbreath has completed the requirements of the Court Reporters Institute of Dallas, and has earned her Associates of Applied Science degree in court reporting. She plans to take the State test in April to become certified in the State of Texas.

Charity has already accepted a position in Memphis, Tennessee where she will work most of the time in the County Courthouse and part of the time going out on depositions for attorneys. She will begin her new job in May. She is a 1992 graduate of Muenster High School.



CHARITY GILBREATH

New Arrivals

Pape

Ken and Gina Pape of Garland announce the birth of a daughter, Dana Marie Pape in Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas on Feb. 23, 1996 at 1:12 p.m., weighing 9 lb. 4 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Dana Marie joins a sister Lauren and a brother Russell at home. Their grandparents are Arthur and Evie Felderhoff of Muenster and Anson and Marianne Pape of Houston.

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Baptisms

Popp

Nicole Leigh Popp, daughter of Frank and Amy Popp, was baptized on January 21, 1996, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. Nicole's godfathers were her uncles Curtis Henscheid of Fort Worth and Andy Popp of Lindsay. Nicole wore a baptismal gown which was also worn by her mother.

Special guests included grandparents Ted and Carol Henscheid of Muenster, and Henry and Jeanette Popp of Lindsay; aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, Debbie, Craig and Tony Hartman of Muenster; Peggy, John, Lori, Adam and Ryan Kasparek of Lindsay;

Brad and JoAnna Henscheid of Muenster; Kenny, Paula, Brad, and Jenna Hermes of Sanger; Curtis and Kathy Henscheid of Fort Worth; Andy Popp of Lindsay; Jerry and Betty Rose Walterscheid of Muenster; Brooke, Holly and Cody Hess of Grapevine; and great-grandmothers Anna Henscheid of Muenster and Lena Zimmerer of Lindsay.

Following the baptism the family and friends of Nicole gathered together for lunch and enjoyed a special baptismal cake that resembled Nicole's baptismal gown, made by Betty Rose Walterscheid.

Fundraising Auction April 20

The Cooke County Chapter American Red Cross needs your good used furniture or any item that we could auction off (no clothes, please). If you have something, please call 665-4365 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If anyone has an empty building we could use in Gainesville, please let us know.

Volunteer training scheduled in April for county Home Hospice volunteers

A laugh between friends. An errand run. A house hold chore completed. A confidence shared. Time taken to listen to fears. A gentle touch. A burden eased. These are descriptions of experiences of a Home Hospice volunteer. Home Hospice is a non-profit, community based organization dedicated to the care and treatment of terminally ill persons and their families. When facing a life-limiting illness, a person needs more than physical care alone. Therefore, using a team approach, Hospice cares for patients not only physically, but emotionally and spiritually as well. Hospice staff includes medical personnel,

personal care providers, and social workers. Additionally, every important part of that team is the Hospice volunteer. Volunteers provide emotional support as well as practical help for patients and families who are facing a very difficult time of life. Hospice volunteers help add life to days when days cannot be added to life.

Training will be held in April for persons interested in becoming a volunteer for Home Hospice. Dates are April 2, 9, 11, 13, 23, 25, and 26. For more information about training, or information on how Home Hospice can help, call the Home Hospice office at 665-9891.

TRIAD to hold meeting in Gainesville March 21

A three-way effort, called Triad, among sheriffs, police chiefs and retired leadership (AARP) will hold an organizational meeting March 21, 7 p.m., at the Stanford House in Gainesville.

The American Association Retired Persons (AARP), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) signed a cooperative agreement in 1988 to work together to reduce both criminal victimization and unwarranted fear of crime affecting older persons. They believe, by working together, a true community policing would better serve the population.

The senior advisory council, called SALT (Seniors And Lawmen Together) is the key component for the success of a Triad. In each community, the SALT Council acts as an advocacy/advisory group and provides a forum for the exchange of information between seniors and law enforcement.

Dan Morales strongly supports the Triad and gives advice and help in organizing. The Colony has a very active group. Cooke County associations have agreed to the March meeting which is open to any interested persons. It will take the cooperation of many to make this work for Cooke County.

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Meetings Notice

COOKE COUNTY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

The Cooke County Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will take place in Gainesville Memorial Hospital Conference Room. Joan Walterscheid will present the program, "Managing Your Diabetes". If you have questions or need a ride please call 759-2271.

Decatur plans unique dinner theater event

"Murder on the Square II," a play set in August 1959 in small town America, will be presented by the Decatur Main Street Economic Development Committee at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27 on the historic Courthouse Square in Decatur. Tickets for the event are now on sale at Beads Beautiful and Words Worth book store on the courthouse square in Decatur. The tickets are \$20 each and only 160 tickets will be sold for the event, said Margaret Atkinson, chairman of the Main Street Economic Development Committee. The dinner will feature gourmet hamburgers and an ice cream soda bar. The murder mystery play will be followed by a rock hop on the square. Reservations can be made by calling 817-627-7355 or 817-627-818.

Answers to Heritage Quiz
1. Thanksgiving Day 1936.
2. The "Junior Miss America" contest with the winner receiving a full year's selection of dresses.
3. Trees and numbers.
4. Meinrad J. Endres.
5. In 1932.

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100th birthday achieved by Mary Walterscheid

Mary Walterscheid of Carlsbad, New Mexico celebrated her 100th birthday on Feb. 27. A spry 100, Mary still plays bridge as often as possible, writes letters, and enjoys her life to the fullest. She lives in the Landsun Retirement Home.

Joining Mary for her birthday were Muenster relatives Margaret Kupper, Joan Walterscheid, Jerry and Betty Rose Walterscheid, and Doc and Billie Reinart. Mrs. Kupper's sister, Agnes Gore of Big Sandy, Texas, traveled to Carlsbad with the Waltersheids. An added surprise for Margaret and Agnes was that their brother and his wife, Mike and Tootsie Neu, were also there.

On Saturday, Feb. 24 a covered dish luncheon was held at the St. Edward's K of C Hall for more than 200 people followed by Mass that evening. On Sunday a come and go birthday party was hosted by the Catholic Daughters. Many pictures were taken and relatives and friends enjoyed visiting.

When asked what her secret for living to 100 was Mary said that it was not in diet or an exercise plan — she admits to loving food including fattening foods. She just says, "Hard work." When asked what her wish for the future might be she said, "That my next husband has a shorter name."

With strong faith in God and good health Mary has had a full life, said her relatives. She is still healthy, walks without a cane, and is very alert.

Mary has 67 grandchildren, 126 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great grandchildren. She is the mother of four and step mother to 10. Eight step-children and three of her children are still living.

When Mary was 10 days old her mother died. Her father Nick Reinart, a farmer with several other children, was forced to give Mary to her uncle and aunt, Joe and Elizabeth Neu, to raise. Margaret Kupper is Mary's first cousin, but also considers her a sibling. Doc Reinart is Mary's half-brother. She grew up with two sets of families since her real brothers and sisters lived down the road.

Mary married in her early twenties, had two children and was widowed before she was 30. Several years later her sister Helen, who was married to Will Walterscheid, died in Carlsbad. Mary and her two children helped Will and his children. Later Will and Mary were married and had two children of their own.

The Muenster group came home the Monday after Mary's birthday. Agnes Gore stayed in Muenster for a few days to visit with her sister Margaret.



Agnes Gore, Mike Neu, Mary Walterscheid, Doc Reinart, Margaret Kupper.

CHARM SHOP

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Houston, Dallas, and Oklahoma City to the Charm Shop.

Ms. Prue Selby, a Charm Shop customer for over 25 years, comments on what she feels made the Charm Shop so exceptional. "Pearl had a great way about her...she has a big heart, but she was always candid and truthful with you. Her clothes were always exceptional and you felt like you had a unique outfit."

And the Charm Shop had more than a few brushes with greatness over the years. Mr. Forrest Gregg,

(head coach for the Green Bay Packers and the Cincinnati Bengals) was a good customer. Pearl remembers how he used to spread his "giant hands" across the glass jewelry counter. Mr. and Mrs. Judge Holland (the judge in Jack Ruby's trial) were frequent customers, as were Mr. and Mrs. Medders. Once, on a Channel 12 news special, Pearl was asked how the Medders' spending affected local business. She clapped her hands together and said, "We thought Santa Claus had come to town!"

The Charm Shop even played a small role in the Civil Rights Movement in late 1967. Pearl is sure it was some kind of sit-in strike. Two black men and one black woman came in the store one morning at around 10:00 a.m. and did not leave until 4:00 p.m. as the woman tried on dress after dress, outfit after outfit. There was neither riot, nor water hoses, nor TV cameras, and no one fulfilled their expectations by asking them to leave. There was an acceptance in Pearl's tolerance that speaks volumes about her character.

But it was those early years that were the real heyday for the Charm Shop and small businesses in general. The post-World War II economy was in high gear and the future of independent business never looked brighter. Pearl gladly shared her advice with anyone who would listen and played no small part in helping other independent businesswomen get their starts. Hamric's, The Hut, and Pauline's were just a few.

But it was so much more than money and selling. The Charm Shop was just an extension of Pearl's personality. She had this innate ability to make you feel special; she loved what she was doing and that love carried over to her customers. "Pearl would greet everybody with a hug and you felt at home there," says Marguerite King, Charm Shop customer and long-time friend of Pearl's. "Pearl could always tell good jokes...You could go in, take off your shoes, sit in the middle of the floor and just laugh and have a good time."

Pearl gives gracious thanks to the late Mr. J.M. Weinzapfel, without whom there never would have been a Charm Shop or much else in Muenster. Pearl still remembers Mr. Weinzapfel's advice as she and Bertha Hamric set off to Dallas for their first Market. "You can't sell out of an empty wagon," Mr. Weinzapfel said. From that day on, Pearl made sure that the Charm Shop always had a full wagon.

The genuine emotion expressed by so many people throughout the writing of this article is testament to what made The Charm Shop such a success. It was as much a social forum as it was a retail clothing store. It was a place where people remembered your name and your size, asked about your family, and wanted you to come back. Sincerity was the rule and I can safely say there will never be another Charm Shop. Anyone who has ever set foot in the store can't help but feel a little sad as they pass by the empty building at 205 North Main.

Pearl Evans is my grandmother. She is the greatest!

Check out Women's history at Morton Museum

Have you ever heard of Lizzie Darwin, Madame Laura Bier, Ida Wilson, Irene Hathaway, or Gussie Watkins? If you have not then it is time to check out the new display at the Morton Museum of Cooke County which is honoring Women's History Month (March) and the achievements and lives of Cooke County women, including those mentioned above. Focusing on the experiences of women, "Through the Eyes of Women", examines life in Cooke County over several decades beginning in 1887 and ending in the 1940s. Clothing, including wedding dresses from 1930 and 1942; accessories, including hats, parasols, and purses; photographs; and artifacts from and information on businesses owned and utilized by women are among the items on display. The exhibit will be on display through the middle of April. For more information, please call the Morton Museum of Cooke County at 668-8900.

And who can forget the style shows? I think Pearl helped raise money for almost every organization in the state. There was the Muenster PTO, The Hospital Auxiliary Program, The Bowie Methodist Church, The River Valley Country Club and many others. The style show featured all the natural-born talent Muenster had to offer, modeling clothes from Hamric's, The Hut, Pauline's, Browning's, Manhattans, and of course, The Charm Shop. I'll never forget the "Clothes Closet Capers," a play written and performed by the Charm Shop Girls (Queenie Walterscheid, Celie Wimmer, Anna Prather, Bertha Hamric, Dorothy Endres, and Pearl) at the Muenster High School Auditorium in 1980. All I know is, by the end, everyone was covered in cream pie and laughter. I thought they were movie stars. And, as Queenie later told me, "We thought we were, too."

Annual Spring Flings set for April for folks 55+

By Evelyn Yeatts
County Extension Agent-FCS
Experience spring and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas". That's what folks 55 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when several hundred will enjoy the annual Spring Fling during April.

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Boat rides (weather permitting) and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards,

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Father Frank Pavone to speak Sunday, March 17 in Denton

"What Makes Being a Christian So Hard These Days?" will be the topic of Father Frank Pavone, M. A.'s talk at Immaculate Conception Church in Denton on Sunday, March 17. He will speak from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Father Pavone is a dynamic speaker and host of a pro-life series on EWTN. He travels

internationally motivating clergy and laity to defend the lives of the pre-born.

On-site baby-sitting will be provided with advance reservation at \$1 per child per hour. Also a "Love Offering" will be taken up at the talk. For more information contact Sandra Guajardo at (817) 382-3441.

Joshua Arthur Biffle rides onto 2nd birthday

Josh Biffle celebrated his second birthday on Friday, Feb. 9, at his babysitter's home, hosted by his brother Jack and sister Jayna. Everyone enjoyed cupcakes and punch and playing outside. Each child was given a party hat, candy bag and balloon.

Attending the party were Josh's parents, Jim and Donna Biffle; brother Jack and sister Jayna; babysitters Shelly Sicking and Rhonda Green; friends, David Hudson, Clayton Fangman, Delana and Michelle Sicking; Shane, Joshua and Travis Sicking;

Christopher, Johnny and Michael Green.

On his actual birthday, Sunday, Feb. 11, Joshua's second party was hosted by his Grandpa Jimmy Jack and Mary Biffle at their home in Myra. Josh had another beautiful day to celebrate his birthday. Everyone enjoyed the party outside because the yard was decorated with balloons and streamers.

Guests enjoyed the afternoon on the swing set, playing baseball, breaking a large piñata, and Josh's favorite fun, riding horses. Pictures and movies were made. Gifts were opened and cake and ice cream were served. His cake was made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, featuring some of Josh's favorite farm animals and a pumping unit.

Those attending were Josh's parents and brother and sister; Grandpa Jimmy Jack and Mary Biffle; Aunt Tammy and cousin Dylan Hess from Muskogee, OK; Aunt Linda (Josh's godmother) and cousins Kenneth and Matthew Grewing; Josh's cousins Ashley, Kristen, Haylee and Andrea Hess; Aunt Judy and Uncle Ron (Josh's godfather) and Alley Trubenbach; Aunt Cindy Biffle and children Jacob and Jade; Anne and Austin Little; and Louise Trubenbach.

Unable to attend but sending her birthday wishes was Grandma Lou Lou Hess.



JOSHUA BIFFLE

Health Notes

(March 17-23 is National Poison Prevention Week)

When stocking up for grandchildren's visit, remember ipecac

Grandparents, like parents, need to keep a fresh supply of ipecac in the medicine cabinet. Used to induce vomiting, the over-the-counter medicine should be used only when a physician or poison center advises.

"Children can be poisoned more seriously at their grandparents' homes because the medications grandparents may have on hand are stronger, and the grandparents aren't used to having to poison-proof their home," says Dr. Chris Keyes, an assistant professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Always keep one bottle of ipecac for every child younger than 12 because sometimes we have to use two doses to get a child to vomit."

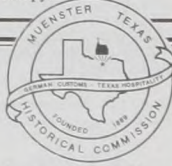
Keyes, the North Texas Poison Center medical director, reminds grandparents to check the expiration date on their bottles of ipecac, as well. They also should memorize the telephone number of the nearest poison center, where experts are ready to answer questions. In Texas, call 1-800-POISON1 to reach any of the state's six poison centers.

Changes may ease PMS

As many as 70 percent of menstruating women suffer from PMS, premenstrual syndrome. Symptoms include irritability, anxiety, sadness, insomnia, fatigue and bloating.

Women with mild PMS can make changes to relieve the symptoms and improve their health. Exercising more and cutting back on salt and caffeine — including chocolate — often help.

A small percentage of women suffer from a severe form of PMS, dysphoria disorder, which may require medical treatment and psychotherapy.



Heritage Quiz

The Muenster Historical Commission will again sponsor the Heritage Quiz. Students are urged to study the questions and answers and are invited to participate in the contest. Details and dates will be announced.

1. When was the first copy of The Muenster Enterprise printed?
2. For what national event did the Junior Elite dress factory make dresses for several years?
3. After what were the streets of the original townsite north of Division named?
4. Who owned and operated one of the first general stores called the "Fair Store"?
5. When was the Volunteer Fire Department organized?

Sacred Heart Parish clings to special feast

When Julie Rohmer wrote a piece to be printed in "Today's Catholic", the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, she recalled her childhood memories of the observance of the feast of St. Joseph in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster.

Julie is the daughter of Arnold and Imelda Rohmer. She is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and of Saint Mary's University in San Antonio, and is employed as a staff writer for the Archdiocese's newspaper.

Of the two articles she submitted for a week in March one carried the headline "Where Does All the Money Go?" — budget for the archdiocese. It was most informative, but the second article was more timely coming near the date of March 19, when Sacred Heart Parish observes the Feast of St. Joseph.

Julie Rohmer revealed "When I think of St. Joseph, I think of tornadoes. Not a very natural association, unless you consider where I grew up... in Muenster, a rural German Catholic farming community which happens to lie in what is sometimes called "Tornado Alley." ... Unfriendly windy gusts paid frequent visits in the town's early history... In December 1891, the town's first church was blown down by a tornado just before its completion. Beginning again, a new church was built, but was destroyed by another twister on July 31, 1893. The struggling parish felt quite helpless. Seeking a new source of hope, parishioners turned to St. Joseph, and arranged to keep March 19, Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, as a holy day beginning in 1894. They asked his intercession for protection from tornadoes and other terrible storms."

Julie added that instances of people turning to St. Joseph for guidance and protection are not unique to only Muenster. People pray to him for financial help,

physical and spiritual health, for a happy marriage, for help with family problems, for a happy death, and for other special concerns. Our devotion to Saint Joseph is because of his relation to Jesus and Mary. Our present idea of the Holy Family is featured in a beautiful new picture shared by the Sisters of St. Joseph and the St. Joseph Guild of Chestnut Hill. The picture features the Holy Family with a role reversal right out of the 1990's. Joseph holding a tiny Infant Jesus while a weary Mother Mary naps peacefully nearby. The director of the Guild states that the picture is so popular it is difficult to keep in stock.

St. Joseph was a quiet man in the Scriptures... a regular fellow who did his best without fanfare or applause. Saint Joseph is a role model for modern men. St. Joseph Day is observed on March 19, every year in Sacred Heart Church.

Years Ago

50 YEARS AGO, FEBRUARY 8, 1946

Special election will be held on \$85,000 bond issue for purchase of highway right of way through Cooke county. Appropriations of more than two million dollars by the state and federal governments depend on outcome. More than 500 Muenster, Lindsay, and Gainesville citizens attend meeting to hear explanation. Muenster Telephone Company's post-war improvements get under way again, delayed by shortage of materials and supplies. Need for the repairs caused by the severe ice storm damaged in 1945. Forty local Boy Scouts of Troop #164 will receive Tenderfoot advancement. Shadows were plentiful on groundhog day here. If the groundhog didn't see his shadow he was blind. The day was one of the clearest in this area for some time.

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JELLY ACTIVITIES

by Eric Gray

Sacred Heart's Junior High Youth Ministry — JELLY gathered to celebrate the 160th birthday of Texas on Sunday, March 3.

Among the festivities was the blowing out of the candles on a Texas flag cake baked and decorated by Pam Dangelmayr. Games included roping, cow chip throwing, barrel racing on broom — stick horses, horse shoe throwing, and Texas Trivia. Points were accumulated in each event with Jo

Sparkman winning the top point prize.

A session on anecdotal facts about Texas history was enhanced by information supplied by Robert McDaniel and Mary Moster.

During the final session the group listened to two 'cowboy' songs which depicted the deep faith enjoyed by many of those who lived and worked on the West Texas Plains.

WHAT'S UP WITH TEEN LIFE AND JELLY?

Sometimes people wonder what's going on with the high school and junior high youth ministry of Sacred Heart Parish. You folks "at large" can get information on this through The Muenster Enterprise, the parish bulletin, and on Channel 2. One thing in addition to all that which the students themselves receive in the mail is the "SHYM STUFF Newsletter". This tells them about upcoming events and gives them a two month calendar of STUFF (Situations To Understand For Future). If you don't have a junior high or high school son or daughter, you probably don't get one of these though. So, Sacred Heart Youth Ministry has a newsletter now.

JELLY events usually occur about every 3 weeks, and sometimes once a month. So far this calendar year, JELLY has played rugby, had an afternoon retreat on talents, gone skating in Gainesville, celebrated Texas' 160th birthday, and are now about to have a weekend retreat in Shallowater, Texas, home of the Ambassadors of the Flame of Mercy (AFM).

Life Teen usually has something going on every weekend, and usually on Sunday afternoon or evening. Some of the activities done this year so far are a rugby game, movie nights, Super Bowl XXX party, a visit to St. Richard's Villa retirement home, the Youth 2000

weekend retreat in Windhorst, skating in Gainesville, a sports afternoon in the park, and now comes a NET Rally and more in the near future.

One often used comment about SHYM activities is that it seems to be more fun than not! Shouldn't it be more religious or something? Well, our students already receive their religion instruction through Wednesday evening religious education and the Sacred Heart School religion classes. What SHYM is striving to do is to provide more of the social and service oriented projects, as well as liturgical celebrations. Of course, it all has to do with living life to the fullest as a Roman Catholic. If being a Roman Catholic was all business and no fun, I wouldn't stay in it, and that's a fact. It's fun being a Catholic and SHYM helps to show that. (A bunch of grown ups need to learn this, too!)

As with the Church, the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry changes as it needs to, to suit the needs of the students and the needs of the times. If you ever need more information about it, or about anything going on with it, please contact the youth minister (me!) Eric B. Gray in the youth office in the convent, or just call 759-2511 ext. 44 or 759-4743. I'll always be happy to talk about SHYM with you. God bless!

SHYM EVENTS

A High School rally will be held tonight (Friday, March 15) at the Lindsay Centennial Hall! It's a North Deany rally put on by team # 8 of NET. We'll meet at the CC parking lot at 6:25 PM to head over together. Bring a treat or soft drink

to share, and enjoy an awesome action packed evening with fellow high schoolers of the North Deany and with the NET Team! We'll be back by 10:30 PM, or so.

Life Teen Movie Nite is this Sunday, March 17 in the CC Meeting Room. The Feature is "Field of Dreams". Grab some munchies at the Spaghetti Supper in the CC Cafeteria beforehand, and come check out the movie, etc. from 6 to 8:15 PM. See ya there!

JELLY Retreat in Shallowater is on March 22-24. Applications due no later than Monday, March 18. We'll meet at the CC parking lot at 4 PM on Friday the 22nd. Come on by!

Television Ties!

by Tanya Knaut

Growing up in today's society, one must be at least slightly influenced by television! Most American people are becoming more and more influenced by the home television set, and it is becoming easier and easier for the media to influence the opinions and actions of society. No matter how much society does not want to admit it, television does have an impact on behavior. In fact, we can not just ignore this problem by flipping to another station!

To survive in this world, one should not allow society to walk all over him! Is this not what the media does to us every day? How can we, as every day people, change the amount of consumer influence? Educating ourselves may give us more power to control the T. V. programs viewed by thousands, including children, every night. Along with making ourselves aware of the type of television programs, voicing concerns can move us to make changes in the entertainment

industry. Personal opinion could bring about more socially responsible media programming. The price of accepting what is shown in our homes is too high.

Controlling TV. viewing habits is as simple as voicing our concerns to the television industry. Television broadcasting centers are always taking polls, listening to advice, public opinion, likes and dislikes. We can make our wishes known by simply filling out viewer's questionnaires found in magazines, newspapers, and the "TV. Guide." We should learn how to control television before it learns to control us! Our comments may change television viewing for the better!

Determination

by Kelly Rigler

Determination plays a big role in everyone's life. Although most do not realize it, many things would not be accomplished without determination. School, sports, friends, and family relationships all require a certain amount of determination.

Here is an example. A big basketball game looms ahead. The team is considered an underdog. Can that team win without determination? The answer is clearly no. Determination is the force that drives a person to accomplish the task being tackled. It is the extra shove needed to get the impossible done. Without it, the impossible is exactly that.

In school, there are many assignments given out to students. Many times a student finds him or herself wondering if they will ever make it. The student who does nothing about this problem quickly can find themselves sunk. The students who say to themselves, "I will get this done" more often than not manage to achieve their goal.

This force is present in everyone's lives. It is a matter of mind for that force to be put into use. Without it, the impossible stays impossible while the final goals always stay just out of reach. Determination is not often considered important. More and more often though, it is being used and often leaves the user with a victory.

Sacred Heart Student Council

by Leslie Grewing

The Sacred Heart Student Council has completed many projects throughout this year. They have done activities like games night during Homecoming week where each class, from freshmen to seniors, competed against each other to see which class could gain the most points. Student Council held a Homecoming dance after the football game, as well. StuCo, as the students call it, went Trick-or-

Treating on Halloween, and collected canned foods for the Steve Kohler family. StuCo has sponsored many pancake breakfasts.

The next big project StuCo is doing is on February 20, which is the day after Presidents Day. This deals with StuCo's Patriotism theme. All plans have not yet been "carved into stone", but these plans are being put together gradually. StuCo plans to have a non-uniform day for the whole school. There will be a contest of some sort between each class, and prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.

Patriotism is a new addition to StuCo's list of topics for fun learning experiences. Some representatives of Student Council attended a Student Council Convention this summer, and this is where our StuCo got the idea for Patriotism topic. StuCo hopes to plan many exciting events with this new topic.

Sacred Heart's Student Council is very involved in many activities. StuCo continues to gain members every year! This is a great group club to be in because they do many fun and exciting activities that all can enjoy!

April Activities

by Tara Yosten

April is a very "fun" month. April 1 is April Fool's Day. This is the day that a person always tries to trick another person. Some common pranks are phone calls, jokes, and fooling people. April Fools Day is a great way to get away with things that usually would not go over.

On a more serious note, April 4 is Holy Thursday. That is the day that high school has their Paschal Meal. The following Friday is Good Friday. Sacred Heart will not have school that day. There will still be a morning Mass.

April 7 is Easter Sunday. That is the day on which Jesus rose from the dead. The Masses will stay the same. That is also the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. The clocks need to be set one hour ahead.

An exciting event happening that week is the junior/senior prom. The event will take place at the Community Center. The meal and events will be traditional. The photographer will be Lemons of Nocona. The theme is to be kept secret. The juniors have been working very hard this year.

The week of April 22 to the 27 is the Week of the Young Child. Sacred Heart will celebrate this with a Special Mass on Monday, April 22. The Mass will involve the preschool, kindergarten, and the first grade. One activity which is taking place in celebration of this is an Artfest. That is happening April 24. It will be in the afternoon.

Muenster ISD announces staff development schedule

Muenster ISD has chosen Friday, March 22 and Friday April 12 as its two final staff development days. Students will not be in school on these dates.

MISD will also designate Thursday, April 4 as the day we want to honor our students for their performance on last year's (94-95) TAAS tests. MISD was named an EXEMPLARY DISTRICT for the second year in a row. Students will be given a Pizza Party and then will be dismissed early, 2:45. MISD's school board has asked for our students to be rewarded for a job well done on TAAS tests the past two years. Buses will run at 2:45 PM. Parents that can't pick up students at that time can make arrangements for their youngsters to stay at school until regular dismissal time.

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Sports

Knights host Relay

Lindsay hosted their 3rd annual Knight Relays Saturday, with 10 teams participating.

Liberty Christian of Denton won the girls division with 153 points. Lindsay came in 2nd at 103 and Sacred Heart 3rd at 69. The Muenster Lady Hornets settled for a 5th place with 55 points.

The Knights dominated the boys division with 151 1/2 points. Class 3A Little Elm finished 2nd at 86, with the Tigers of Sacred Heart getting 3rd place with 66 1/2 points. The Muenster boys came in 8th with 32.

The Lindsay 400m relay team of Zach Bowman, Robert Sharp, Casey Forson and Kenny Jones set a new meet record with a winning time of 45.13. Williams from Little Elm also made the record book with a 51.96 run in the 400m.

Sacred Heart tracksters broke or tied several school records Saturday. Jake McCoy broke his own school record set in 1994 in the triple jump by 2 1/2 inches. He leapt to 40' 11 1/2". Kelly Rigler tied the

school record in the 100m dash. Distance runner John Bartush also tied the record in the 800m run. His time of 2:01.1 is shared by Bruce Fuhrmann in 1976 and Aaron Berres in 1994.

"As a whole our times are 5-7 weeks ahead of where we were as a team a year ago," commented Coach John Nasche about his Sacred Heart Tigers. "That's really encouraging. These boys are working extremely hard and their times are dropping fast." The Tigers set 25 personal records in this meet.

Coach Ted Heers also commented on the Muenster Hornets' progress. "The kids learned they have a lot of hard work and improvement to make to be competitive in our track district. I know our kids will work to improve each week and be ready for district."

Muenster will host a meet Friday after school at the Lindsay track. Muenster, Lindsay, and Sacred Heart are included in the competition.



THE GIRLS 800 M RUN at the Knight's Relay. Saturday involved a close race between Muenster's Julia Fleitman, right and Molly Trammell of Lindsay. Photo by Dave Fette

Lady Cubs play exhibition

Sacred Heart's Lady Cub basketball squad traveled to Dallas last week to play an exhibition basketball game with a select 13 year old team. The Freedom team consisted of some of the best junior high girls in the south Dallas area.

"It was a very good experience for our girls," said Coach LeBrasseur. "They have a very talented team and our girls stayed right with them."

The Dallas squad defeated the Lady Cubs 62-48. The Lady Cubs took the first period lead by a 13-12 count. They continued to press in the second period. The Dallas squad scored 16 in the quarter to take a 28-24 halftime advantage.

The Lady Cubs, behind Kayla Felderhoff's 14 points, regained the lead with 30 seconds in the third period before two turnovers put the Lady Cubs down by one entering the final quarter. "We were very

impressive in the quarter," said LeBrasseur. "The defensive play was outstanding."

In the final quarter the team battled hard, with both teams playing excellent defense. The tall Dallas squad wore down the Cub on the boards and took a 55-48 lead with 1:48 to go. The Lady Cub were scoreless the remainder of the game as the youngsters from Dallas scored a 62-48 win over the home town crew.

Kayla Felderhoff led the Lady Cubs with 24 points. Joanna Gehri hit for 9, Anne Flusche scored 8, J. Sparkman swished a half dozen and Jennifer Hess scored 4. "The girl did a great job," said LeBrasseur. "We played an outstanding team and now we know where we have to go to become one of the best team in North Texas."

RESULTS

VARSITY GIRLS	
3200m Run	
2 Valerie Bartush SH	12:48.94
4 Hollie Fuhrmann M	13:35.74
5 Misti Klement M	13:46.10
6 Bonnie Deborde L	13:51.2
800m Run	
1 Molly Trammell L	2:30.89
2 Julia Fleitman M	2:31.53
6 Shauna Endres SH	2:48.67
100m Hurdles	
1 Christine Fuhrmann L	17.60
4 Crystal Klement SH	19.17
5 Jeanna Trammell SH	19.20
6 Brandi Lutkenhaus M	19.27
100m Dash	
1 Kelly Rigler SH	12.49
400m Dash	
2 Amanda Hellinger L	64.63
6 Stephanie Huchton M	68.42
300m Hurdles	
3 Megan Sandmann L	53.23
5 Christine Fuhrmann L	53.69
6 Crystal Klement SH	55.15
200m Dash	
1 Kelly Rigler SH	26.91
1600m Run	
2 Valerie Bartush SH	5:51.52
3 Julia Fleitman M	6:05.43
4 Hollie Fuhrmann M	6:19.53
5 Misti Klement M	6:28.34
6 Shauna Endres SH	6:31.43
Triple Jump	
5 Theresa McCarty SH	29' 1/4"
High Jump	
2 Amanda Hellinger L	4' 8"
5 Emily Felderhoff M	4' 6"
Discus	
2 Leslie Grewing SH	85' 1/2"
5 Lydia Garcia L	78' 6"
6 Andrea Klement M	76' 9 1/2"

Shot Put	
2 Sharon Colwell L	31'
5 Leslie Grewing SH	27' 3/4"
Long Jump	
2 Christine Fuhrmann L	15' 1 1/2"
400m Relay - 3rd, Lindsay, Stacie Hogan, Amanda Hellinger, DeeDee Dudenhofer, Megan Sandmann, 55.19; 4th, Muenster, DeeDee Walterscheid, Stephanie Huchton, Emily Felderhoff, Brandi Lutkenhaus, 55.54; 5th, Sacred Heart, Crystal Klement, Amanda Russell, Leah Rigler, Theresa McCarty, 57.22.	
800m Relay - 3rd, Lindsay, Stacie Hogan, DeeDee Dudenhofer, Sara Eberhart, Molly Trammell, 2:03.68; 4th, Muenster, Toni Trubenbach, DeeDee Walterscheid, Keisha Dill, Kristine Hartman, 2:03.85; 5th, Sacred Heart, Theresa McCarty, Angel Sicking, Amanda Russell, Debra Voth, 2:07.73.	
1600m Relay - 2nd, Lindsay, Megan Sandmann, Molly Trammell, Christine Fuhrmann, Amanda Hellinger, 4:28; 4th, Muenster, Brandi Lutkenhaus, Stephanie Huchton, Emily Felderhoff, Julia Fleitman, 4:33; 5th, Sacred Heart, Angel Sicking, Leah Rigler, Valerie Bartush, Kelly Rigler, 4:41.	
TEAM TOTALS	
1 Liberty Christian	153
2 Lindsay	103
3 Sacred Heart	69
4 S&S	68
5 Muenster	55
6 Gunter	43
7 Little Elm	40
8 Callisburg	26
9 Collinsville	23
10 Pantego	8

VARSITY BOYS	
3200m Run	
4 Keith Fuhrmann L	11.13
6 Lucien Gehrig SH	11:18
800m Run	
1 John Bartush SH	2:01.17
2 Garret Hellinger L	2:08
5 Michael Becker SH	2:10.7
6 Brian Covington L	2:17
110m Hurdles	
2 Jake McCoy SH	15.37
3 Cory Booher L	16.24
6 Brad Perrin L	17.91
100m Dash	
1 Kenny Jones L	11.53
4 Casey Forson L	11.89
5 Jeff Hale L	12.07
400m Dash	
4 Eric Miller M	53.76
5 Garret Hellinger L	54.56
6 Michael Becker SH	55.76
300m Hurdles	
2 Jake McCoy SH	42.30
3 Zach Bowman L	42.93
4 Cory Booher L	44.52
200m Dash	
1 Kenny Jones L	23.43
5 Glen Dangelmayr SH	24.68
6 Joseph McCoy SH	24.76
1600m Run	
1 John Bartush SH	4:39
Triple Jump	
1 Jake McCoy SH	40' 11 1/2"
2 Garret Hellinger L	40' 11"
6 Zach Bowman L	38' 3 1/2"
Pole Vault	
4 Shawn Hanks L	10' 6"
High Jump	
2 Dylan Newberry L	5' 10"
5 Robert Sharp L	5' 6"
5 Jake McCoy SH	5' 6"
Shot Put	
1 Jeff Hale L	49' 9 1/2"

3 Michael Boydston M	44' 11"
4 Clint Gallagher L	43' 6 1/2"
6 Chris Escobedo L	39' 8"
Long Jump	
4 Shawn Hanks L	18' 5 1/4"
5 Brent Sicking M	18' 2"
6 Jeff Hale L	18' 1/2"
Discus	
1 Darrell Charles M	128' 1"
3 Clint Gallagher L	118' 1"
1/2"	
4 Aaron Krebs L	117' 10 1/2"
5 Matt Chisam M	117' 1 1/2"
6 Chris Escobedo L	111' 7 1/2"
400m Relay - 1st, Lindsay, Zach Bowman, Robert Sharp, Casey Forson, Kenny Jones, 45.13; 5th, Muenster, Chad Roller, John Roller, Brian Fleitman, Eric Miller, 47.77.	
1600m Relay - 1st, Lindsay, Robert Sharp, Garret Hellinger, Casey Forson, Zach Bowman, 3:37; 3rd, Sacred Heart, Jake McCoy, Joseph McCoy, John Bartush, Michael Becker, 3:43; 5th, Muenster, Eric Miller, Brian Fleitman, Jeff Flusche, Brent Sicking, 3:49.	
TEAM TOTALS	
1 Lindsay	151 1/2
2 Little Elm	86
3 Sacred Heart	66 1/2
4 Liberty	66
5 S&S	48
6 Callisburg	42
7 Collinsville	41
8 Muenster	32
9 Gunter	22
10 Pantego	0

Sturm advances in gymnastics

The Achievers gymnastic teams of Denton, Level 8 and Prep Optional, competed in the USA Gymnastics North State Qualifying Meet on March 2nd.

Kimberly Sturm, a Muenster ISD Sophomore competed with the Prep Optional group. The competition (optional routines) had 5 Achiever gymnasts competing with over 80 other Texas USAG gymnasts. "This was only the 2nd optional competition for our team," commented Coach Frank Kudlac. "They all did very well and qualified for the North State Championship. I am very proud of their efforts." North State will be held March 16 in Garland.

The Prep Optional team of Kimberly Sturm and Katie Krause placed 4th with a team score of 95.2. Sturm, individually, scored 2nd all around with a 33.00 score. She was first in floor competition at 8.85 and 2nd on the bars with 8.20. On the vault she scored 8.00 and a

7.95 on the beam. Kim is the daughter of Joni and Mike Sturm of Muenster.

Fleitman is a shining star

Sacred Heart's Dobe Fleitman led a 4th period rally to pace her North Squad to a 71-62 win in the TAPPS North-South All-Star Game. Fleitman scored 7 of her 11 points as she led the North Squad from a 2 point deficit to the win. "Dobe showed why she was an all-star in the 4th period," said Tigerette Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "She turned the game around with her defensive play."

Fleitman is just a junior and was the Tigerette leading scorer and leader in assists. In the All-Star Game she also dished out 5 assists and swiped the ball 5 times.

Fun Run update

by Bob Bauer

The 21st Annual Germanfest Fun Run is off to a great start. The mailing has already yielded dozens of applicants ready to trot the streets of Muenster for the honor of victory and the pleasure of the beer garden.

The Fun Run this year will be a mirror image of last year except for some fine tuning to help in the organizational department. We intend to streamline the registration on the morning of the race and we have a professional timer coming to provide the times for all our winners. We will use a tote board to visually list all the trophy categories of both men and women at the Beer Garden.

I intend to contact the committee heads from last year personally to assure them the only changes made will be to help them as volunteers. Their input is very important to me.

Anyone who wishes to help out please contact Bob Bauer at 759-2573 or any of the committee heads from last year.

Dry conditions prompt parks to take action

The high fire danger resulting from extremely dry conditions in most parts of the state has prompted the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to issue a ban on prescribed burns at all state parks. In addition, a number of state parks have banned all types of fires from campgrounds or strictly limited the types of fires that campers can have for cooking and other purposes.

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MICHAEL BECKER STARTS a lap in the 1600 m relay after the stick hand off from John Bartush.

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TONI TRUBENBACH hands the stick to Kristine Hartman in the final race of the 800 m relay.

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GARRET HELLINGER takes the stick from Robert Sharp in Lindsay's 1600 m relay.

Photo by Dave Fette

Scramble March 17

The Muenster Golf Association will hold a 4-man scramble Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Nocona Hills Golf Course. Barbecue sandwiches will be served.

Sign up for Little League

Application forms to play Little League baseball in Muenster this summer were distributed to students at Muenster ISD and Sacred Heart. Any child who will attain the age of 10 years before Sept. 1, 1996 and will not be 13 years old at that date are eligible to compete in Little League baseball.

Applications should be returned to the teachers by March 18. For more information call Dale Swirezynski at 759-4500 or Tim Schneider at 759-4023.

DISTRICT 34A GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Most Valuable Player
Lisa Baker, Lori Crider, P
Offensive Player of the Year
Keleigh O'Dell, L
Defensive Player of the Year
Melissa Crider, P

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Tracy Barclay, A
COACH OF THE YEAR
Thomas Osborn, P
FIRST TEAM
Christine Fuhrmann, L; Molly Trammell, L; Carrie Hess, M; Catherine Nivens, M; Kallie Simmons, A; Heather Matthews, A; T.J. Cannon, SJ; Aide Rodriguez, E.

SECOND TEAM
Andrea Gieb, L; Amber Geray, L; Brandi Lutkenhaus, M; Andrea Klement, M; Kelly Graves, E; Najla Khoury, P.

HONORABLE MENTION
Muenster - Hollie Fuhrmann, Julia Fleitman; Lindsay, Jennifer Beizer, Donna Lester.

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT
Muenster - Julia Fleitman, Hollie Fuhrmann, Carrie Hess, Andrea Klement, Misty Klement, Mary Knabe, Brandi Lutkenhaus, Keisha Dill; Lindsay - Jennifer Beizer, Christine Fuhrmann, Andrea Gieb, Keleigh O'Dell.

Muenster = M
Lindsay = L
Era = E

DISTRICT 34A BOYS' BASKETBALL
Most Valuable Player
Matt Wilson, P
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Ben Botello, SJ
COACH OF THE YEAR
Joel Pitman, P
FIRST TEAM

Zach Bowman, L; Justin Morris, P; Preston Hartfield, A; Cassidy Bostick, P; Joseph Hennigan, SJ; Matt Redmon, E; Chris Morris, SJ; Darrell Charles, M.

SECOND TEAM
Mark Chancellor, A; James Pittman, A; Jason Barnes, A; Brent Ivie, E; Scott Hermes, M; Eric Miller, M; Bob Bruton, SJ; Robert Sharp, L.

HONORABLE MENTION
Muenster - Jake Luke, Corey Anderle; Lindsay - Garret Hellinger, Aaron Krebs.

Muenster = M
Lindsay = L
Era = E

TAPPS DISTRICT II GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Most Valuable Player
Belle Sathid, PC
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Aaron Mitchell, SC
COACH OF THE YEAR
Judd Williams, TC
Sharlene Robertson, SC

FIRST TEAM
Belle Sathid, P; Dobe Fleitman, SH; Amber Merritt, P; Cassie Allen, C; Rachel Kasovaryk, S; Lisa Watson, T; Kelly Riegler, SH.

SECOND TEAM
Lee Hamilton, HH; Aimee Merritt, P; Courtney Waldrop, T; Misty Wright, MH; Julie Goodwin, S; Rachael Hunt, P; Bonny Dyke, C.

HONORABLE MENTION
Sacred Heart - Nicole Endres, Leslie Grewing, Melinda Vickers, Crystal Klement.

Plattego = P
Sacred Heart = SH
Covenant = C
Southwest = S
Temple = T

Happy Hill = HH
Masonic Home = MH
Harvest = H
Ambassadors = A

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

3200m Run

2	Stephen Bartush SH	11:48.19
3	Charlie Schilling SH	11:48.23
4	Chris Anderle L	11:49.14

800m Run

1	David Leonard L	2:20
2	Lambert Hess L	2:26
5	Chris York M	3:32
6	Jeremy Rinner L	2:34

110m Hurdles

2	Levi Seeds L	17.74
3	Jeff Bezner L	18.91
4	Aaron Klement M	19.41
6	Brian Neu L	19.93

100m Dash

3	Michael Mosman L	12.60
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400m Dash

3	Richie Alfrey L	58.18
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300m Hurdles

2	Brian Neu L	47.56
3	Jeff Bezner L	47.74

1600m Run

3	Chris Anderle L	5:27.72
4	Stephen Bartush SH	5:33.46
5	J. Bezner L	5:39.65

Pole Vault

4	Jared Odell L	8'
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High Jump

3	Chris Garner L	5' 2"
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TAPPS DISTRICT II BOYS' BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player
Nate Van Cleave, PC
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Jonathan Mawire, TC
COACH OF THE YEAR
Kevin Mosley, H
FIRST TEAM

Nate Van Cleave, P; Rodney Morgan, H; Jonathan Patten, C; Jeremy Newell, S; Josh Gleich, T; Matt Thomas, P; Tyrone Patterson, HH.

SECOND TEAM
John Klement, SH; Brent Dugan, S; Alfred Latu, H; Damen Johnson, A; Hugo Ramos, MH; Clayton Nunnally, S.

HONORABLE MENTION
Sacred Heart - Brandon Bayer, Jake McCoy, Johnathan Grewing.

Plattego = P
Sacred Heart = SH
Covenant = C
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Happy Hill = HH
Masonic Home = MH
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Results

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Discus

3	Lucas Hartman M	104'
4	Jamie Baggs L	94'

1/2"

5	Fuhrmann L	94' 4"
6	Chris Garner L	92' 9"

Shot Put

3	Larry Evans L	N/A
4	Lucas Hartman M	N/A
5	Cody Perryman M	N/A
6	Danny Evans L	N/A

Triple Jump

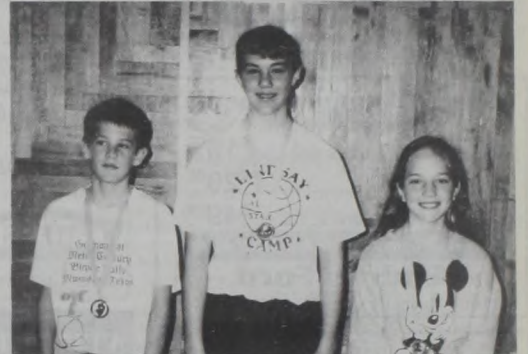
6	Richie Alfrey L	34' 1/4"
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400m Relay - 3rd, Lindsay, 49.02; 6th, Muenster, Aaron Klement, Bryan Hudspeth, Fernando Arakaki, Vince Felderhoff, 51.76.

1600m Relay - 2nd, Lindsay, 3:53.07.

TEAM RESULTS

1	Callisburg	125
2	Lindsay	122 1/4"
8	Muenster	20
9	Sacred Heart	18



CHRIS FUHRMANN, KAYLA FELDERHOFF, AND AUDREY BARNHILL will compete at the regional Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest this Saturday at Flower Mound. They were first place district winners in the 10, 14, and 11 year age group respectively.

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The date and place of birth of the children who are subject of the suit: December 14, 1989, Fitchburg, MA; July 29, 1991, Gainesville, Texas; August 24, 1992, Gainesville, Texas.
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Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Gainesville, Texas, this 8th day of March, A.D., 1996. Attest: Pat Payne, Clerk, of the 235th District Court, Cooke County, Texas /s/ Jean Rawls, Deputy 3-15-96

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Country Tidings by Ruth Smith

The local communities have been saddened by deaths.
Mrs. Norma Mann of Forestburg, 69, passed away February 28 in Wichita General Hospital. Funeral services for Mrs. Mann were held Saturday March 2 at 10:00 a.m. in Burgess-Fry-Owens-Brumley Chapel in Bowie. Rev. Marshall Stewart and Rev. Mike Miller officiated. Interment was in New Harp Cemetery. She is survived by her husband Hoyt of Forestburg; one son Skip Mann and daughter-in-law; one grandson, Alan Mann of Plano; one granddaughter Jennifer Mann of Forestburg; and her father Fred Campsey of Bowie. She was born May 5, 1926 in Kirkland, TX. She and Hoyt Mann were married in Forestburg on July 19, 1946. She was a member of the Church of Christ faith, a homemaker, and worked as a bookkeeper for oil companies. Pallbearers were Ray Ford, Willie Wayne Volkman, Rex Parker, Donny Russell, Alan Mann II and Jack Campsey. Honorary pallbearers were Glenn Gilmore, Bob Smith and Tony Bensen.

Funeral services for Dean Johnson, 82, of Forestburg were held March 4 at 2 p.m. in the Forestburg Church of Christ with C.E. (Sonny) Cole, Church of Christ minister in Saint Jo, officiating. Interment was in Perryman Cemetery at Forestburg under the direction of Burgess-Fry-Owens-Brumley Funeral Home of Bowie. Mr. Johnson passed away in Denton Regional Hospital Saturday, March 2. He was born October 22, 1913 in New Harp. He was a member of the Church of Christ faith. He served as an Elder and taught a Sunday School Class in the New Harp Church for 15 years. He was a retired Montague County Commissioner of Precinct #1. Mr. Johnson served on the Forestburg School Board for several years, and was a farmer and rancher. He and Katie Hollingsworth were married in January, 1931 in Ryan, OK. He lived in Forestburg all of his life. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Katie Johnson of Forestburg; one daughter, Mrs. Wanda Monroe; one son, Bobby Dean Johnson; two grandsons, Gary Johnson and Lynn Johnson, both of Forestburg; four granddaughters, Mrs. Tana May and Mrs. Cindy Parker both of Forestburg, Mrs. Janet Rhodes of Grand Prairie and Mrs. Jacqui Holley of Forestburg; two great-grandsons; four great-granddaughters; three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Grimley and Mrs. Yvonne Mosler, both of Alvord, and Miss Jackie Johnson of Bowie. He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters. Pallbearers were Gary Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Garrett Johnson, Lance Johnson, Mike Parker and Wyle Hopson.

Funeral services for Ray Brock, 66, of Hardy were held Monday, March 4 at 2 p.m. in the George J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Jerry Davis, pastor of Calvary Baptist, officiated. Interment was in Hardy Cemetery under the direction of George J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Mr. Brock passed away March 1 in Denton Regional Medical Center. He was born March 22, 1929 in Bowie. His parents were R.T. and Daisy Cox Brock. He and Carolyn Hazlerig were married in Ardmore, OK October 19, 1979. He operated Ray's Trade Shop in Hardy (Montague County). He was a member of the Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife Carolyn Brock of Hardy; father, R.T. Brock of Bowie; step-father Lee Beich of Kamay; sons Robert Brock of Hardy, Steven Brock of Lufkin; step-son Mike Beaver of Gainesville; daughters Linda Thompson of Marietta OK, and Niki Powell of Thackerville, OK; step-daughters Marisa Forrester and Dina Arterbury; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Laura Belle Jackson had surgery Thursday, March 7 at Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Laura Belle was dismissed from the hospital Saturday and is doing real well. Family members have been attending her bedside.
Clyde and Lois Bewley were in Bowie Sunday evening. Kenneth and Mozelle Hutson visited Lois and Clyde Bewley Sunday night.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Christian had their grandsons Mike Christian of Stephenville and Barry Christian of Dallas and grandson Richey Christian and wife Jody and their children Ryan, Hanna, and Todd of Springtown all visiting them Sunday.
Mrs. Gladys Balthrop received word of the death of her nephew Royce (Dock) Milligan, 66, in Slidell Funeral services were held Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m. in the Baptist Church at Slidell. Mr. Milligan is survived by his wife and two children and one brother. Interment was in Slidell Cemetery under the direction of Coker Funeral Home of Decatur. Mrs. Balthrop, Mrs. Anna Kirk, and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lehman and Dustin of Iowa Park attended the services.
The Rosston Baptist Church will have their regular dinner after church Sunday, March 17. Everyone is welcome.
Rev. Marshall Stewart is feeling fine and doing better and on the go again.
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth spent the weekend in Wichita Falls. They visited all three of their daughters and families and Clifford's sister and family.
Mrs. Montez Nivens, Mrs. Virginia Lynch, Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, Mrs. Carolyn Wood and two friends visited Mrs. Norma Moore in New Rhodes, LA over the weekend.
I had the pleasure of talking with an owner of a Livestock Market and Auction in West Texas recently. I asked his opinion of the livestock market conditions - so it seemed to be about the same as my comments last week on the drought. He said the last two weeks the local market had been a little better and cows with calves were up a little. If it would just rain, things would improve. Well, rain is predicted again for this week, so maybe???? What is your opinion on my Comments?
- Ruth

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Texas has always been proud of being self-sufficient and leaders in agriculture. The state's agricultural industry should be a cause for pride and celebration, and National Agricultural Day on March 20 seems like a good time to pause and salute our tremendous system of food and fiber production in Texas.

For openers, the sales of farm and ranch products totaled some \$14 billion in Texas in 1995. Add to that the multiplier effect of agriculture's impact and you come up with a statewide contribution of about \$45 billion. That's a big part of the Texas economy and one of which we should all be proud.

Texas is the number two state in agricultural receipts behind California, but it is the leading state in the production of a number of commodities, including cotton, cattle, sheep, goats, wool and mohair. Texas also is first in value

of farm real estate, the number of farms and ranches (185,000), and the amount of farm and ranch land.

In addition, Texas' food and fiber industry has a huge impact on the state's workforce, accounting for about 20 percent of all jobs.

Perhaps more important than the economic impact of the state's agricultural industry is the fact that Texas farmers and ranches produce a wide variety of high quality food products for our dining tables.

Let's be proud of our food and fiber system! It's helped make Texas great and has contributed immensely to our independence and our quality of life. March 20 is Agriculture Day. Let us all stand up and salute Texas agriculture and celebrate the lifeblood of this state. Please join me in a hearty "pat on the back" to those who work so hard daily to give us sustenance.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

SPRING RECERTIFICATION SHORT COURSE

Again this year we will be offering a six-hour Continuing Education Credit Short Course for agricultural producers with Private Applicator Licenses. Also individuals holding Commercial and Non-Commercial Licenses through The Texas Department of Agriculture will be able to pick up six Continuing Education Units. The short course will be held Tues. and Wed., Mar. 26 and 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. at North Central Texas College in Room 511 of the Business and Computer Science Building.

In addition, producers can now attend the short course at the high schools at Muenster, Sacred Heart, Era or Forestburg. These locations have a NTEN (North Texas Educational Network) Interactive Video Lab. These sites will enable you to ask questions and view the program at a convenient location to your farming or ranching operation. To enroll, you need to call the Continuing Education Department at North Central Texas College at 817/668-4272 or call the County Extension Office at 817/668-5412. The short course is free and open to the public.

The topics for this year include: Worker Protection Standards, Private Applicator Record Keeping, Pasture Weed and Brush Control, Crop Insect ID, Weed ID and control, along with Sprayer Maintenance, Calibration, Equipment Selection, Fire Ants, Home Orchards, Soybean Herbicides and Wheat Herbicides.

Mark your calendars now to attend this training session.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR LICENSE TRAINING AND TESTING

The Texas Pesticide Law requires attending a TAEX private applicator training program as a condition for obtaining a private applicator license.

In order to meet the requirement for training, two training sessions will be held for those wishing to receive a Private Applicator License. These will be held on Mon., Mar. 25, in the County Extension Office. The first session will be from 8 a.m. until 12 noon, with the second session being from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. (For this session enter the Courthouse through the South Basement door.)

Mark Evans, with the Texas Department of Agriculture, will be presenting the test at 5 p.m. at North Central Texas College on Tues., Mar. 26. If you plan to attend a training or testing, you must pre-register by contacting the County Extension Office at 668-5412 by Thurs., Mar. 21.

It is recommended that you purchase Using Pesticides - Private Applicator Manual (\$10) to read before the training session. It will better prepare you for the examination. Manuals are available at the Extension Office.

AG MARKETING CLUB

The March Ag Marketing Club Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Tues. Mar. 19, at North Texas Bank & Trust Building, Gainesville. Ag producers are invited to attend the monthly sessions which cover various marketing alternatives for agricultural commodities.

Ken Stokes, Extension Economist, will present this month's program on Opportunities and Awareness of Price Setting.

Top Angus bulls offered April 20

The Texas Angus Association has evaluated 120 registered Angus bulls for rate of gain and carcass quality, and will offer the top 80 percent for sale in San Saba on April 20.

The test was conducted at two locations, Gainesville and Castroville, and ended February 22. The 120 bulls were fed for 112 days. The top bulls in each location gained 4.73 and 5.18 pounds per day.

In addition to the feed test, all bulls were evaluated by ultrasound to determine carcass quality. The top 60 bulls based upon the ultrasound evaluation will lead off the sale.

Sale catalogs contain complete feedlot and carcass data and are available by calling the Texas Angus Association at (817) 831-2641. The bulls may be viewed, along with their performance data, by calling (800) 962-7426 or (817) 668-7731, ext. 353.

New agricultural treasure hunt featured on WEB

Question: Are there more cows, hogs, sheep, goats and horses than people in Texas?

Answer: Go to the Web during National Agriculture Week and play an online treasure hunt game to find out.

The online game, an effort to teach the public more about the state's No. 2 production industry, was developed by Texas A&M University's Agriculture Program with cooperation from the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Farm Bureau. It targets elementary school aged children.

Players can access the game March 18-22 beginning at 9 a.m. daily at URL: <http://agcomwww.tamu.edu/agcom/news/agweek/adgame.htm>. The first 10 players who answer the questions correctly will receive an imprinted computer mouse pad.

There's always tomorrow... if you work safely today

Texas milk consumption has stayed on a relatively even keel in the last two years, but 7 percent of Texas dairy farms were capsized during the same period by low prices and high input costs, according to a dairy specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Most dairies in Texas have become more efficient, better-managed operations in the last decade, but many dairy farmers are finding they just aren't efficient enough for the dairy economy of the mid-1990s. Only the larger, most efficient dairies are turning a monthly profit. Most farms have been losing money for months. In the last two years, the number of Texas dairy farms has decreased from 1,960 to 1,820.

The 7 percent decline may be a harbinger of a more severe shakedown coming. Industry experts predict there will be 51 percent fewer dairy farms by the year 2000.

Those fewer dairies are expected to have much larger herds than today's farms and produce more

milk per cow. The state's population will most likely expand to 20 million by the turn of the century, with a concomitant increase in demand for dairy products, yet one out of two of today's dairy farms will not be in business to meet that demand. As a result, experts expect the average Texas dairy herd of 2000 to be 44 percent larger than the current average of 243 cows.

The average cow produces 15,250 pounds (1,773 gallons) of milk yearly. If projections are correct, and farmers adopt the prescribed management strategies, the average cow's production could increase to 16,058 (1,867 gallons) by the year 2000.

Historically, the number of Texas dairy farms has steadily declined since 1945, when the total Texas herd peaked at 1,594,000 head. Since then, cow numbers have decreased to 400,000 head. But the herd in 1992 produced nearly 6.3 billion pounds of milk, while the four-times larger herd of a half-century ago only produced about 4 billion pounds.

7% of Texas Dairy farms go out of business in the last two years

Farm accident victim Arlen Sieg has to constantly remind himself to slow down. Although he often finds himself racing Mother Nature to complete his field work, he tries to remind himself to "slow down for safety."

The 46-year-old farmer from central Illinois learned this valuable lesson when he did not take time to think and found himself trapped in a grain bin. "For awhile, I thought it was all over," he says. "I was afraid the corn would pull me down into the auger."

"I don't know what would have happened then," he adds. "I don't even want to think about it."

Ironically, the accident happened on September 21, 1993, during National Safety Council's Farm Safety and Health Week. Sieg and his neighbors were unloading corn from a 10,000-bushel grain bin. When the corn stopped running out of the bin, Sieg climbed inside to see what was wrong. Using a broom handle, he poked around to loosen any rotten corn that might have been causing the clog. That broom handle broke off, so Sieg called to one of the other men to get him something else to use. With a new stick in hand, he continued his attempt to free the corn.

"The corn started running out and just kept flowing faster and faster," he says. "I tried to crawl up the corn, but I couldn't get out; it kept pulling me back. Next thing I knew, I was buried up to my waist... then to my neck."

Suddenly the auger stopped. The broken broomstick had wedged in it and stopped it. By that time, the corn covered Sieg's neck.

The other men quickly realized what had happened and called 9-1-1. If they had jumped into the bin, they would have knocked the corn loose, burying Sieg. Rescue workers cut holes in the bin to empty it and free Sieg. Although he had been trapped in the bin for about an hour, he was not injured. The corn had put a lot of pressure on his legs and waist, but less on his chest and lungs.

"That stick going into the auger was just a miracle," he says.

Having spent his entire life on the farm, Sieg knew that the grain bin was a potential death trap, but in the past, he had unclogged the bin auger without incident.

"I just never thought I wouldn't be able to get out," he says. "I figured I could climb right out like I always do. But I'd never had the auger running when I was in the bin."

That brush with death is always in the back of his mind, Sieg says. He is now more aware of the potential safety hazards on his 1,000-acre grain farm.

"I just didn't think about the dangers until it was too late," Sieg says. "You get used to doing things a certain way, even if it's not the safest way, especially if you've always gotten away with it."

Catch a falling star!

How many times have you picked rocks out of a field and tossed them on a rock pile or along a fence row? Did you ever pick up one that was heavier than most, or an odd looking stone? Anyway, you probably didn't give it a second thought.

Chances are good that you may have tossed aside several hundred or thousand dollars, if one of those rocks were a meteorite. Even though the internal value of a meteorite is scientific, good prices are now being paid for them - right out of the field!

What is a meteorite? And how can one recognize one. Most meteorites are made up of dense stony materials with metallic nickel-iron granules mixed in. The internal colors of these stones range from white or gray to shades of dark green or black. Some may contain lots of metal and can be attracted to a strong magnet.

If you carefully grind off an edge you should see bright metallic specks scattered throughout the stone. Stony-iron specimens may reveal yellowish-green crystals mixed throughout.

Never beat a suspected meteorite with a hammer or heat it with a torch. This ruins any scientific value it may have.

Meteorites come in almost any shape, with edges dulled. Freshly fallen stones have a texture like fine emery paper. The surface will be a black color and rarely are chalky white.

Another common surface are shallow pits that look like thumb prints pressed in soft clay. In time, all meteorites become brownish because of rusting and soil staining. It is not uncommon for a meteorite stone that has been in the ground several hundreds years to look like an ordinary dark rock.

If you find a rock that is heavy and is attracted to a magnet, carefully break off a piece, no smaller than a pecan. Send the sample, by mail, to The Oklahoma Meteorite Laboratory, PO Box 1923, Stillwater, OK 74076, or call 405-372-2311 for more information. All test are free. If the stone proves to be a meteorite, a purchase price may be made.

Texas sheep numbers still declining

The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 1.65 million head on January 1, 1996, down 3 percent from last year's level.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the inventory of breeding sheep and lambs was down 4 percent.

Breeding ewes one year old and older decreased 2 percent, while replacement lambs decreased 13 percent to 170 thousand head.

The 1995 lamb crop totaled 910 thousand head, the same as in 1994. Market sheep and lambs in Texas were unchanged from last year totaling 350,000 head. Sheep from marketing totaled 15,000 head, 50 percent more than last year while lambs for marketing totaled 335,000 head, 1 percent below last year.

A Sodbuster's Sentiment

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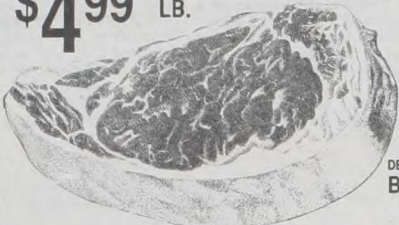
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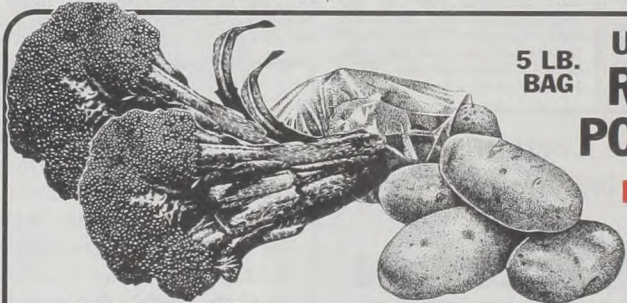
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