

City takes job of inspecting food services, increases fee

by Daryl Ferber

All areas of food service, year-round, seasonal, and temporary, in Muenster, will no longer be inspected by the state. The Muenster City Council, at its meeting Monday, voted to hire their own Food Sanitation Inspector. Terry Robinson of Fort Worth, former state employee, presented the low bid for the position. By hiring an inspector instead of using the state personnel, the city will receive the revenue. The first reading of proposed Ordinance #211 using state guidelines for food service sanitation and retail food store establishments was presented at this meeting.

The September billing for water service will carry an announcement of a raise in the cost of disconnection and reconnection fees for non-payment of overdue bills. The charge has been only \$2.00 for

too many years and does not cover the cost of city employees' time. The council approved an increase to \$15.00 beginning with September billing.

The street work in Muenster is proceeding well. Bids for gravel and curbing were opened and awarded. There will be some day street closings with reopening by evenings. City Administrator Steve Broyles will make notification to residents. Some of the streets being affected are North Sycamore, South Pine, North Cedar, Elm and 2nd Street.

A resolution was passed to apply for a 1997 Solid Waste Grant to help in purchasing a chipping machine. Muenster has long needed such a service for disposing of tree limbs and brush.

Senator Tom Haywood has proposed a plan of diverting five percent of Lotto ticket

sales for use by municipalities in which the tickets are sold. The City approved a resolution to support this plan which would bring added revenue to Muenster.

The council also approved the Cooke County Appraisal District proposed budget for 1997.

Consideration on the City's retirement plan with Texas Municipal League, was tabled.

Chris Yosten reported that final approval has been made for the new water well. It passed the tests with "flying colors" he said.

Steve Broyles reported that all departments are running within budget. Bills for the month were approved, amounting to \$66,162.35.

As the first Monday in September is Labor Day weekend, the regular council meeting will be held September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

School rises from the ashes ...

Forestburg ISD dedicates new school on anniversary

by Janet Felderhoff

Forestburg swiftly turned the tables on adversity. When fire destroyed the community's school building August 2, 1995, just days before classes were scheduled to begin, residents took action to ensure that students wouldn't lose any class time. Local churches offered space for classrooms and portable buildings were brought in to accommodate the rest. Assistance poured in from

In his welcoming address during Saturday's Open House and Dedication, Forestburg ISD Superintendent Jackie Barton reflected, "How things can change overnight. A year ago I was awakened from a deep sleep to a brightly lit sky. From that moment I was witness to a community come together in unity and committed to the task at hand. Because of the support and hard work of our community

will serve as a tornado shelter should there be a need.

Salvaged from the ruins of the old school affectionately known as the "Alamo on the Hill" was the stone archway inscribed with 1937 Forestburg. It is built into the east wall of the new school's cafeteria.

There are between 155 and 160 students enrolled for the coming school term which commences Monday, August



DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE at Forestburg ISD drew a crowd of about 500 filling the school's cafeteria to capacity. The only part of the former school salvaged was the brick and cement front which was built into the cafeteria's east wall. Janet Felderhoff photo

Forestburg and surrounding communities.

The community did not want to lose its school. Plans were made and the rebuilding began. Students, teachers, and staff put up with inconveniences that were made bearable by the knowledge that by the next school year they would be in a new building.

and surrounding schools and communities, in only one year to the day of the fire we have come to this occasion."

The school building is divided into five sections with fire walls. It would take a fire an hour and a half to burn through a fire wall. The elementary corridors are protected by fire walls and are also enclosed in concrete and

12. With an eye to the future the school was built to comfortably accommodate 250 students.

Principal Skip Mann recounted the school officials' and parents' concern for students during their time of strife. He commended a number of people for the extra work taken on while the new See FORESTBURG, Page 3



Muenster ISD holds special meeting Aug. 5

by Janie Hartman

The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees met Monday, Aug. 5, in a special session to take care of last minute business before school. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 15.

One item on the agenda was the 1996-97 budget. This will be officially decided at the next regular meeting. "It looks like a 2.9% increase over last year," commented Superintendent Steve Cooper, which will be a \$55,000 increase from 1995. Mandated teacher salary increases and an additional special education teacher were Cooper's main explanation for the increase.

The board also approved the first payment to TrackMasters, Please See MISD, Page 2

FAB CRETE SPEED CONSTRUCTION SERVICES of Fort Worth is erecting huge concrete wall sections this week as work on Fischer's Meat Market's expansion continues. This 27-foot-tall section is being welded into place by Fab Crete workers. Dave Fette Photo

MVFD issues invitation for meal, auction Aug. 10

The Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept. annual barbecue will be a fundraiser held for the special purpose of replacing the tank truck. It is set for Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Muenster City Park, with serving beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing until 9 p.m. featuring an "All You Can Eat" menu. Meal prices are \$6.00 for

adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.

Admission to the swimming pool is free. The Auction begins at 8 p.m. and the raffle drawing will be held at 10 p.m.

Donations to the Auction continue to come in, and the list has been swelled by a number of impressive items. This will definitely be an outstanding event.



SACRED HEART COACH DANNY WALTERSCHEID hands the ball to Bradley Tyler as the Tigers began two-a-days Monday morning. Twenty-eight boys reported to the first day of practice. Janie Hartman Photo



THE MUENSTER HORNETS began football practice Wednesday morning with 47 players reporting the first day. The first workout consisted mostly of drills for conditioning. Janie Hartman Photo

Saint Jo Opry set for Saturday, August 10

Sponsors of the Saint Jo Opry announce that their next show is scheduled for Saturday night, August 10, in the Saint Jo School Auditorium. The starting time will be 7:30 p.m. A \$2.00 admission is charged for adults, with children admitted free. Nursing home residents or groups from care centers will be admitted free.

1996 Property Tax Rates in the City of Muenster

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for the City of Muenster. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case, these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last Year's Tax Rate:

Last Year's Operating Taxes	\$209,724.00
Last Year's Debt Taxes	\$0.00
Last Year's Total Taxes	\$209,724.00
Last Year's Tax Base	\$49,947,527.00
Last Year's Total Tax Rate	0.42 /\$100

This Year's Tax Rate:

Last Year's Adjusted Taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$219,941.30
/ This Year's Adjusted Tax Base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$52,818,962.00
= This Year's Effective Tax Rate	0.416405 /\$100
x 1.03 = Maximum Rate Unless City Publishes Notices and Holds Public Hearings	0.428897 /\$100

This Year's Rollback Tax Rate:

Last Year's Adjusted Operating Taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred functions)	\$219,941.30
/ This Year's Adjusted Tax Base	\$52,818,962.00
= This Year's Effective Operating Rate	0.416405 /\$100
x 1.08 = This Year's Maximum Operating Rate	0.449717 /\$100
+ This Year's Debt Rate	0 /\$100
= This Year's Rollback Rate	0.449717 /\$100

**Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the City's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$389,865.48
Debt Service	\$0.00
Total:	\$389,865.48

**Schedule B
1996 Debt Service**

The City has no long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues.

Principle or Contract Payment Debt to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
None	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Total Required for 1996 Debt Service			\$0.00
- Amount Paid from Funds Listed in Schedule A			\$0.00
- Excess Collections Last Year			\$29,332.00
= Total to be Paid From Taxes in 1996			\$0.00
+ Amount Added in anticipation that the City will collect 100% of its taxes in 1996			\$0.00
= Total Debt Levy			\$0.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at City Hall, 400 North Main Street, Muenster, TX.

Name of Person Preparing this Notice: Stephen D. Broyles
Title: City Administrator
Date: July 31, 1996

1996 Property Tax Rates in the Muenster Water District

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for the Muenster Water District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last Year's Tax Rate:

Last Year's Operating Taxes	\$0.00
Last Year's Debt Taxes	\$54,181.00
Last Year's Total Taxes	\$54,181.00
Last Year's Tax Base	\$49,744,529.00
Last Year's Total Tax Rate	0.112177 /\$100

This Year's Tax Rate:

Last Year's Adjusted Taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$58,447.79
/ This Year's Adjusted Tax Base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$52,629,236.00
= This Year's Effective Tax Rate	0.111055 /\$100
x 1.03 = Maximum Rate Unless City Publishes Notices and Holds Public Hearings	0.114386 /\$100

This Year's Rollback Tax Rate:

Last Year's Adjusted Operating Taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred functions)	\$0.00
/ This Year's Adjusted Tax Base	\$52,629,236.00
= This Year's Effective Operating Rate	0 /\$100
x 1.08 = This Year's Maximum Operating Rate	0 /\$100
+ This Year's Debt Rate	0.149055 /\$100
= This Year's Rollback Rate	0.149055 /\$100

**Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the City's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Muenster Water District	\$426,000.71

**Schedule B
1996 Debt Service**

The Muenster Water District plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues.

Principle or Contract Payment Debt to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment	
1983 Series Bond	\$20,000	\$34,850	\$0.00	\$54,850.00
1996 Series Bond	\$5,000	\$32,615	\$0.00	\$37,615.00
Total:	\$25,000	\$67,465	\$0.00	\$92,465.00

Total Required for 1996 Debt Service	\$92,465.00
- Amount Paid from Funds Listed in Schedule A	\$0.00
- Excess Collections Last Year	\$13,083.00
= Total to be Paid From Taxes in 1996	\$79,382.00
+ Amount Added in anticipation that the City will collect 100% of its taxes in 1996	\$0.00
= Total Debt Levy	\$79,382.00

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JACKIE BARTON, Forestburg ISD Superintendent, greets guests during the school's dedication service. Others on stage included board of trustee members on Barton's right, guest speakers, architects, and building contractors on his left. Janet Felderhoff photo

Forestburg, up from the ashes

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school was being constructed.

Native resident Vesta Carter attended school at Forestburg and later taught there. She reminisced on the school's past from its very beginning in 1858 to the present. Disaster struck a number of times with fire destroying several schools, and a cyclone taking another.

Mrs. Carter told of a telephone call that she received from a friend in Houston in the late 1960's or early 1970s. Her friend said that Forestburg was on the map. A study by the TEA revealed that Forestburg ISD had the highest percentage of college graduates of any school in the state of Texas and the highest percentage of students on college honor rolls in the state of Texas. This

study was done at a time when some elected officials were trying to close small schools and Forestburg was used as an example by the TEA as to why rural schools should not be closed.

Other speakers included Dr. Ronnie Glasscock of North Central Texas College. Mike Miller gave the invocation and Bill Smith the benediction. Plaques of appreciation were presented to the churches "who donated space during a time of great strife and hardship".

After the dedication ceremony students assisted with tours of the facility. Included among the 450 to 500 visitors were three members of the Brogdon family. All were

graduates of Forestburg ISD. Veda Brogdon noted that four generations of her family had attended the school. She lives nearby and watched the day to day progress of the construction of the new school. Veda attended the Open House with her daughters Becky Scott, also of Forestburg, and Margie Brogdon of Dallas. Becky is a teacher at Muenster ISD. She said, "I'm jealous! I wish we had something like this." Margie agreed that the school was wonderful.

Concluding the day's celebration was a meal served for the community compliments of the Burlison and Singleton Architects and Compass Builders, building contractors.

North Texas Communications expands

North Texas Communications Company (NTCC) welcomes Lake Kiowa, Collinsville, and Lindsay to its growing family of cable systems. The purchase of these systems was recently completed and the operations were taken over on August 1. North Texas Communications has been a provider of cable service to Muenster and Valley View since 1967.

Plans are to first perform extensive maintenance on

these systems to bring the service up to their current design capacity. This will provide greater reliability and

better picture quality. Then, we will upgrade the systems to be capable of carrying up to 61 channels of television, which is the same number as Muenster and Valley View systems. Local information channels will be added for these systems as well.

Billing records are now being converted and the first cable bill rendered September 1, will reflect service for August and September. To comply with billing and systems regulations of the FCC, some changes will be made.

Customers who need additional information about cable services offered by North Texas Communication may call the office at 759-5544.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Muenster Water District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by 34.2 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Meeting Room of Muenster City Hall.

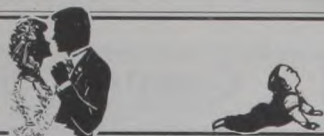
FOR the proposal:	Milton Knauf, Pat Stelzer, Charles Wimmer
AGAINST the proposal:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	Bob Bauer and Ted Henscheid

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 9, 1996. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$58,791	\$59,197
General Exemptions available (Amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's Or disabled person's exemptions.)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable value	\$58,791	\$59,197
Tax rate	\$0.112177 /\$100	\$0.149055/\$100
Tax	\$ 65.94	\$ 88.23

Under this proposal, taxes on the average home would increase by \$22.29 or 33.8 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.036878 per \$100 of taxable value, or 32.9 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Lifestyle



Golden wedding to be observed on Aug. 11

Francis and Clara Mae Wiese will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 11, with an open house from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Guests will be their six children and their families, Hal and Elizabeth Wiese, Diane and Paul Hoedebeck, Don and Kim Wiese, Janet and Randy Mansby, Gina and Gary Dill, and Jack and Lana Wiese.

Francis and Clara Mae lived for eighteen months in Wichita Falls where Francis studied watch making and jewelry repair at Hardin College (now Midwestern University). The couple then moved to Muenster where Francis opened Wiese Jewelry. In 1959, Francis joined Kinne's Jewelers in Gainesville,

becoming sole owner in 1974. Francis is now semi-retired after spending 48 years in the jewelry and watch repair business. Clara Mae is a homemaker and is also semi-retired from Kinne's Jewelers where she has worked part-time in the office for the past nineteen years.



CLARA MAE and FRANCIS WIESE

Father Frowin Schoech honored for 2 events

Father Frowin Schoech OSB, Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart, was honored at a reception Sunday, Aug. 4, in the Sacred Heart Community Center Meeting Room, following his 8 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church, until 10:30 a.m. Many friends and relatives attended, to observe his August 7 birthday and recalling the 30th anniversary of his June 4, 1966 Ordination to the Priesthood.

The event was planned by the Parish Social Committee. Hostesses were Monica Hess, Leann Mollenkopf, and Theresa Mae Walterscheid.

His brothers and sisters who were present included Dickie Schoech, Glen Schoech, Margie Wall and Peachie (Carolyn) Cooley. Distance prevented his brother Melvin Schoech of Kingsville from attending.

Many signed the guest book. Father Frowin is the son of the late Andrew and Tillie Schoech. He was born in Muenster on Aug. 7, 1940. Named Eugene, he attended Sacred Heart School and entered Subiaco Academy in 1954. In 1959 he entered the novitiate, and made his solemn profession in 1963.

The reception table held a decorated cake, a basket of symbolic wheat, and congratulatory cards. Guests were served cinnamon rolls and coffee.

He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Thomas K. Gorman in his native church, Sacred Heart, the first time in its history for the parish to witness the ordination of a native son. He celebrated his first solemn Mass the next day, Sunday, June 5, 1966.

1970 graduating classes hold reunion on Aug. 3

The 1970 graduating classes of Muenster High School and Sacred Heart High School celebrated their 25-plus-one-year class reunion on August 3 at The Center in Muenster.

Muenster High School included Carl Endres, Debbie Felderhoff Brittan, Jerry Fleitman, Sue Flusche Fisher, Dale Hellman, Tom Henschel, Alvin Hoenig, Gretchen Koessler Kostyniak, Terry Miller, John Monday, Glenda Pagel Russell, Janell Reiter Kupper, Ken Sicking, Robert Sicking, Sandra Sloan Hoenig, Pam Stoffels Dangelmayr, Kathy Swirczynski Sicking and Joni Wilde Sturm.

The following classmates attended and enjoyed an evening of lively conversation and reminiscing: Diane Sicking Clegg, Betty Stoffels Miller, Monica Yosten McCoy, Andy Truebennach of Sacred Heart High School. Classmates from

Ambrose accepted to nurse grad school

Yvonne Ambrose will be attending University of Texas Arlington graduate school in Fall and realizing a long

term dream of becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner, a Master's prepared degree.

A FNP is given limited prescriptive authority and can be reimbursed by third party payers. Nurse Practitioners work in a variety of settings. They may work with a physician in an office or hospital, they may be employed by hospitals in emergency rooms or they may work independently in rural clinics where limited access to healthcare may exist.

Yvonne graduated from Grayson County College in 1974 with an Associate Degree in Nursing. In 1993 she graduated from Texas Woman's University in Denton with a Bachelor Degree in Nursing. She is currently employed at Denton Regional Medical Center as a Unit Manager of the Critical Care Unit. Yvonne has been an active educator at DRMC and teaches a variety of subjects to prepare and precept nurses to critical care.



YVONNE AMBROSE

You are invited to attend a reception honoring Leo and Mildred Lawson on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Sunday, the eighteenth of August two o'clock until four-thirty Saint Mary's Parish Hall 927 North Weaver Street Gainesville, Texas

No gifts, please - Your presence is your gift to us

New Arrivals

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The birth of Abigail Dianne Pagel is joyfully announced by her parents Joe and Laura Pagel of Muenster. She was born at 8:04 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 1996, in Muenster Memorial Hospital. Abigail weighed 9 lb. 12 oz. and measured 21-1/2 inches in

length. She joins a 2 and 1/2 year old sister, Allison Nicole. Grandparents are Gerald and Monica Hess and John and JoAnn Pagel of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Jerome and Bertie Pagel, Gary and Caroline Hess of Muenster, and Herbie and Marie Herr of Gainesville.

Christian initiation classes to begin Aug. 27

The Rite of Christian Initiation is a year long process whereby a person who is baptized or baptized in a different denomination joins the Catholic Church. It consists of weekly classes, a retreat, and special rites that mark the ages of the processes. The high point is the reception of baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil service. In the case of someone who has been baptized in

another church, that person receives only Confirmation and Eucharist.

Classes for the "inquiry" or initial stage will begin on Tuesday August 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart High School Library. Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church should call Barbara Fuhrmann or one of the priests at 759-2511, Ext. 37, 21, or 22.

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Tuesday, August 20 - 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM - Time Permit Required
 LATE REGISTRATION * - Mon., Aug. 26 - 8:30 AM - Noon; 4:30 - 6:30 PM
 Tues. & Thurs., Aug. 27-29 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM; Fri., Aug. 30 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

DENTON CAMPUS - 601 E. Hickory, Denton, (817) 381-1142
Wednesday, August 21 - 9:00 AM - Noon & 2:30 - 7:00 PM - Time Permit Required
 LATE REGISTRATION * - Mon., Aug. 26 - 10:00 - 4:00 PM; Tues. & Thurs., Aug. 27-29 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

LEWISVILLE CAMPUS - 190 W. Main, Lewisville, (214) 420-0089
Thursday, August 22 - 9:00 AM - Noon & 2:30 - 7:00 PM - Time Permit Required
 LATE REGISTRATION * - Mon., Aug. 26 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM; Tues. & Thurs., Aug. 27-29 - 6:00 - 7:00 PM

*Late Registration will be held at Marcus HS, Flower Mound

BOWIE CLASSES - *Registration will be held at Bowie High School, 800 N. Mill, Bowie
Monday, August 19 - 6:00 to 7:30 PM

*A \$10.00 fee will be assessed for late registration and/or payment received after the deadline for payment.

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SR. ROSEMARY STANTON and SR. IMMACULEE

Two sisters of St. Mary of Namur visit Muenster

Sr. Immaculee, an African Sister and Sister Rosemary Stanton wanted to visit Muenster. They had heard many stories about Muenster from Sr. Roberta Hesse, SSMN. The sisters have come to know Muenster because of the generous donations given to the missions in Africa and expressed gratitude to people of Muenster. Sr. Immaculee had recently finished her studies in Belgium and will be

returning to her native country of Rwanda to teach high school students. While in the states, she was going to visit her only surviving family member, a brother in California. Sister Rosemary Stanton, originally from Fort Worth, has served in the missions in Africa and is now in a mission in Brazil. She too is a teacher. Both were guests of Sr. Mary Helen Fuhrmann SSMN, who is stationed in St. Mary's Parish in Gainesville.

Baptisms

Dangelmayr

Garrett Michael Dangelmayr was baptized in Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, by his great-uncle Fr. Nicholas Fuhrmann of Jonesboro, Arkansas. He is the son of Mike and Kerry Dangelmayr of Muenster. His sponsors are an aunt Monica Haverkamp of Southlake and an uncle Darrell Dangelmayr of Muenster.

Garrett wore a white satin tuxedo. He also had on a white satin bib that was worn by his sister Rashae. He was wrapped in a blue shawl blanket, that was used at the baptism of his mother and her brother and

sister and the other four grandsons in the Haverkamp family.

Dinner was held at the Center Restaurant for guests. Those attending included Fr. Nicholas, Garrett's grandparents Benny and Mickey Haverkamp and Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr; great-grandparents Tony and Sis Klement; uncles, aunts and cousins Glenn and Jeannie Hess and Shawn, Roger and Monica Haverkamp and Kody, Kirk, and Kyle, Darrell Dangelmayr and Amy Fette, Chris and Leslie Dangelmayr and Kaly, and Ron and Karen Dangelmayr and Amanda and Shelby.

Wish upon a falling star at local Texas state parks

Texas Parks and Wildlife celebrates the annual Perseid meteor shower with two special evenings of sky gazing and storytelling under the brilliance of nature's very own fireworks display.

Sky gazers of all ages are invited to a romantic evening under the "shooting stars" as Park Rangers weave myths and legends from around the world with facts about our mysterious night skies.

Saturday's program is at Ray Roberts Lake State Park, Isle du Bois Unit, Pilot Point and Sunday's is at Cooper Lake State Park, South Sulphur Unit, Sulphur Springs.

The programs begin at 9 p.m. with celestial sounds and stories. At 8:30 p.m. children ages 13 and under are invited

to "Make A Meteor" craft activities with Parks and Wildlife staff and volunteers.

Park guests are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, flashlights, insect repellent, and a special wish to make their dreams come true.

Admission for Texas Conservation Passholders and children under 13 is free; admission for adults at Ray Roberts is \$3 per person and at Cooper Lake State Park, \$2 per person.

Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

Don't forget to make your plans to come to the Forestburg Watermelon Festival Saturday Aug. 17, 1996. There will be a rodeo Friday night Aug. 16, and Saturday night Aug. 17. Also a parade Saturday at 10:30 a.m., Old West Gun Fighters, Wise County Cloggers, Barbecue lunch at noon, games for the children, and a variety show at 4 p.m. Everybody is invited, so come bring the family, your guests or whatever and enjoy the day. Any of you musicians out there that would like to come and offer your music free of charge are welcome. So see you there.

The Rosston Baptist Church will have as their guests Sunday morning Aug. 25, 1996 The Cross Roads Quartet. There will not be church - just good gospel singing. Dinner will be served at noon at the Ross Point Community Center. Now the regular 3rd Sunday monthly dinner at the Rosston Baptist Church will not be this month only due to the dinner Sunday, Aug. 25. So everyone is invited to come and hear good singing and have dinner and enjoy fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Barr of Nocona visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry. Jack Berry attended the 90th birthday celebration Sunday for Mrs. Gladys Balthrop.

Mrs. Inez Stevens and Mrs. Mary Ruth Kindiger visited Miss Lois Bewley and

Clyde Saturday evening. Mrs. Agnes Brandon visited Lois and Clyde Sunday evening.

Fred Christian of Stephenville spent the weekend with his parents Tip and Ruth Christian.

Jim Penton attended the 90th birthday celebration for Mrs. Gladys Balthrop.

Trey Payne and Brian Workman and their girl friends of Arlington visited Mrs. Juanita Greenead Saturday. They also did some fishing. Trey is Mrs. Greenead's grandson.

The Jackson Family had their annual reunion last weekend at the Harbor Inn Motel at Lake Bridgeport owned by Elvin Jackson. About 60 relatives attended. Todd McCandless of Kansas City, MO attended. Todd is an airline pilot. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson were among relatives attending as well as others from Forestburg.

Mrs. Gladys Balthrop's 90th birthday celebration was enjoyed by everyone. About one hundred and fifty people came to wish Gladys a Happy Birthday and many more. Many relatives came that she hadn't seen for a while. So, all and all, it was an enjoyable evening.

This week we are wishing for rain. The vegetation is pretty green for August. Didn't seem like we had any spring. Could the seasons be changing? Well it is good to see and hear the rain fall when it does.

- Ruth

Briana Bindel turns big 3 with celebrations

On Sunday, July 14, Briana Bindel, daughter of Ben and Tina Bindel, awoke to the tune of "Happy Birthday" from her family. She was immediately robed in the traditional family birthday t-shirt and pinned with the necessary "birthday button."

She was then escorted to the festive "party den," lovingly decorated by her big sister, Danielle and was served her favorite breakfast feast of donut holes with candles, of course. She especially enjoyed being showered with gifts and "posing" for pictures. After phone calls from both set of grandparents, she was ready to party!

She and her family moved the party on to Shoney's Restaurant, where they celebrated with a "birthday brunch." Briana was pleasantly surprised when the staff serenaded her with a "Happy Birthday" song complete with a delectable brownie dessert topped with lots of whipped cream and 3 candles just for her. She totally enjoyed it and so did her family.

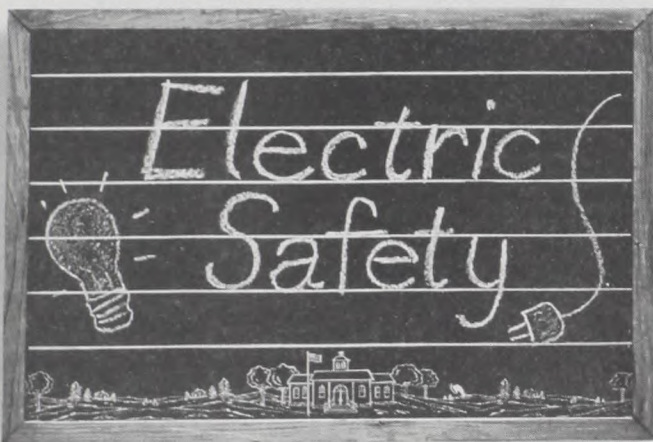
Her next destination of choice was the Kids KlubHouse in Sherman, where she and her family enjoyed playing all afternoon. Everyone had a "really, really good time," as Briana said. She added with a proud twinkle in her eye, "Mama and Daddy, I big now!" After a hamburger cookout at home, the "big" girl fell sound asleep so she could continue to celebrate the next day. Her Maw Maw Garrett treated her, her mom and brother Brandon and sister, Danielle to lunch at McDonalds and an afternoon at the Dallas Zoo. A great time was had by all.

At a later date, she will again celebrate at an extended family party, where she and her brother will be the guests of honor to celebrate their birthdays and the "grand opening" of their fort and playhouse, constructed by their daddy and Uncle Guy Bindel. Briana is eagerly looking forward to her 3rd party to officially celebrate her "big three!"



BRIANA BINDEL

LESSONS IN



Teachers are dusting off their chalkboards and preparing lesson plans for the school year just around the corner. Some lessons, however, should be practiced during the summer and the school year - lessons on electric safety. Electricity does a lot of great things for all of us. Yet it must be treated properly to ensure our safety and well being. Here are a few lessons in electric safety that will help to keep you safe:

1. Always respect electricity and ask your friends and relatives to respect it too. Unfortunately, electricity is very, very unforgiving when unleashed and one little mistake can be deadly.
2. Electricity and water do not mix. Always keep blow dryers, radios and other electric appliances well clear of sinks, bath tubs and swimming pools. Also, never plug in or operate an electrical device when you are wet or standing in water.
3. Always stay far away from electric wires and lines that have fallen down. Outdoor power lines are not insulated and any contact with them can cause serious injury or death. Remember, stay away and call Cooke County Electric Cooperative for help immediately.
4. Climbing trees is always great fun for children, but climbing a tree near an electric power line can be very dangerous. Always make sure there are no power lines running through or near a tree that your young one is about to climb.
5. Always look up. If you are installing a new television antenna or if you are positioning a ladder next to your home or business, make sure you are clear of any overhead power lines. Aluminum ladders and antennas are great conductors of electricity!

So remember, parents, when it comes to electricity, take all the necessary precautions to ensure your safety and the safety and well being of your children. It may be one of the best lessons in life that your children ever learn.



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Kyle Fuhrmann enjoys Elk camping session

This past week, Kyle Joseph Fuhrmann, son of Mark and Linda Fuhrmann of Muenster, attended the Texas Elks Camp in Ottine. The camp is located between Luling and Gonzales next to Palmetto State Park. The camp's primary purpose is to serve children who have special needs. Kyle Joseph Fuhrmann has had the opportunity to participate in all types of activities such as swimming, fishing, arts and crafts, hiking, athletics, field trips, nature studies, outdoor camping, campfire singing, cookouts, and therapeutic horseback riding.

The camp is free for qualifying youngsters courtesy of the Texas Elks Children's Services, a statewide project of the Texas Elks. Texas Elks Camp meets or exceeds all



KYLE FUHRMANN

standards set by the American Camping Association. The camp staff is composed largely of college graduates with degrees in recreational therapy or in related social sciences. Most have worked with camps before and all have been chosen based on their abilities to work hard and care for children with special needs.

If you are interested in sending your child or sponsoring a child next summer, please contact Texas Elks Camp, Rt. 5 Box 185, Gonzales, Texas 78629, 210-672-7561. Applications for Camp 1997 will be available after January 1, 1997.

Denton Elks Lodge, P.O. Box 1981, Denton, 76202, 817-387-8124, supports this statewide program and can assist children in gaining admission.



FORESTBURG ISD hosted an Open House and Dedication for their newly constructed school last Saturday. Visitors were allowed to tour the facility. **Top photo** - Forestburg ISD eighth grader Kristi Vannoy, center, conducts a tour of one of the classrooms. Visitors included, from left, Becky Scott, Margie Brogdon, and Veda Brogdon. **Below** - Forestburg students, from left, Krista Gresham, Lisa Massengale, and Carl Gresham check out the desks in one of the elementary classrooms.

Janet Felderhoff photos



Paper or plastic? Just reuse them

Choosing between paper or plastic bags at the checkout stand doesn't have to be a "lesser of two evils" decision. Neither have been proven to be significantly tougher on the environment. Reusing bags - whether they're paper, plastic or a tote bag from home - is the most environmentally sound way to go.

"The environment is affected by the manufacturing and use of both paper and plastic bags," said Oscar Carillo, a recycling market development specialist at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. "Both create air and water pollution and consume energy, resources and landfill space. The paper or plastic dilemma can be avoided altogether by bringing along a tote bag for a few groceries or by reusing paper or plastic bags that you may have received on your last trip to the store."

The paper versus plastic debate has been going on for years, but there has been no definite conclusion that one is more harmful to the environment than the other. There are differences in the pros and cons of each type of bag and it is up to the consumer to consider environmental effects as well as convenience when making a decision.

For instance, paper bags hold about four times more groceries than plastic bags. They're more biodegradable than most plastic bags and can even be added to compost piles. However, paper bags can take

decades to biodegrade after disposal because of the lack of sunlight and oxygen in landfills. Biodegradable plastic bags are available, but like paper bags, they can take years to breakdown because of landfill conditions. When they do degrade, these bags leave behind a non-biodegradable plastic dust. Regular plastic bags take an estimated 300 years to break down.

"If you're recycling your bags, it probably doesn't matter if they're paper or plastic," said Carillo. "Reuse is the most environmentally friendly option whether you use paper, plastic, or durable containers."

Imported plastic miniblinds pose lead hazard to young children

Those small plastic slats keeping the sun out of million homes, schools and office buildings are colorful, expensive and, potentially, a danger to young children. Tests on imported plastic miniblinds, the popular window coverings found in many major retail outlets and home centers across the country, show the presence of lead. The Texas Department of Health (TDH) is recommending that these imported miniblinds be removed from all areas here children under 7 years of age may be present because of a potential lead poisoning hazard. Neither metal nor cloth blinds have been found to pose this danger.

Lead has been added by manufacturers in China,

Taiwan, Mexico and Indonesia to stabilize the plastic in the blinds. Tests conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) indicate that exposure to heat and sunlight causes the plastic to deteriorate, and a lead-containing dust forms on the blinds. Young children can ingest the lead by touching the blinds and then putting their hands or fingers in their mouths. The risk to adults and older children is not as great because they are less likely to ingest the dust.

Exposure to lead can be a particularly serious problem for children, said Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health. "Elevated lead levels can cause irreversible damage to the brain and nervous system," he noted. "Children with elevated blood lead levels may form behavioral, learning and hearing disabilities as well as blood, nerve and kidney abnormalities. And lead exposure," he emphasized, "can cause a reduction in IQ by as much as 10 points."

Determining if the plastic miniblinds currently in use are

imported may be difficult if all labeling has been removed. Inexpensive lead test kits are available to individuals at major hardware and building supply stores. TDH recommends that, if in doubt about lead content of the blinds, consumers - especially those with young children at home, and day care centers and schools - should throw them away. The lead dust cannot be removed by washing the blinds.

Once the blinds have been removed and discarded, the window sills should be thoroughly cleaned with a solution of detergent and water. Floors under and near the windows should be wet mopped, and carpets should be shampooed. To avoid possible food contamination, water used in washing or mopping should be disposed of in the toilet or bathtub, not in the kitchen sink.

Parents who suspect their child has been in frequent contact with plastic miniblinds should consult a doctor about the advisability of having the child's blood checked for lead.

Whitney Hultstrand visits her Texas kin

Whitney Hultstrand, daughter of Diann and Bob Hultstrand of Raleigh, North Carolina, and ten and a half year old granddaughter of Arthur and Evie Felderhoff of Muenster, has been visiting her Texas relatives for three weeks.

Whitney flew to DFW on July 19, spent a week near ally with Gina Pape and Emily in Garland and was a guest for the two following weeks with her grandparents and the Ronnie and Dale Felderhoff families. The Hultstrands have recently built new home in Raleigh, N.C.

Tender Loving Care hosts Family Swim Night Aug. 11

All children and their families registered at Tender Loving Care Day Care now and in the fall are invited to attend the swim party at the Muenster pool on Sunday, August 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks will be served.

Awards await summer reading participants

Mrs. Pat Weaver, librarian at Muenster Public Library, announced that Thursday was the last day of the Texas Libraries Summer Reading Program. "Those who participated should come by the library to get their certificate, ribbon, and possibly medals," she said.

Poems wanted

Poems are now being accepted for entry in Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's new "Distinguished Poet Awards" poetry contest. Cash prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded, including a \$500 grand prize. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. Contest closes September 30, 1996, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest

also will be considered for publication in the summer 1997 edition of *Treasured Poems of America*, a hardcover anthology to be published in April of 1997. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be notified by Nov. 30, 1996.

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc. Dept. J, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, WV 26175.

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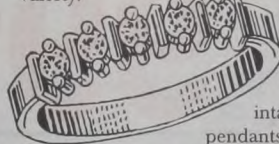
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JUMPING - Jumping jacks was just one of many drills the members of the Muenster Hornet football teams went through the first day of practice Wednesday. *Janie Hartman Photo*

The spike is just another buck

Deer management today involves a lot more than shooting a few does and any spikes hunters may see. Deer hunting has changed. Shooting antlerless deer and spike bucks to contribute to management goals has become socially accepted.

Legalizing spikes made sense, yet in a way it sent forth a wrong message. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department published the results of a study suggesting the spike was inferior both nutritionally and genetically. Shooting every spike possible seemed to be the answer, but gave false hope by overselling the spike buck thing. That did not solve the problem, a high percentage of spike antlered deer usually indicate a nutritional problem, not a genetic problem. Proliferation of spikes is a symptom of the problem, a lack of nutrition.

With a young buck, nutrition goes into body development first, antlers second. Antlers not developing properly shows lack of protein - sixteen percent protein is the minimum needed for proper body development. Over population makes this problem worse.

While many ranchers and hunters are aware of the need to shoot does, they are still convinced the spike buck is undesirable and needs to be shot.

In 1925, the spikes were protected under Texas hunting regulation, believing that the bucks were young deer that had not matured. Decades later the Kerr Wildlife Management Area convinced people that spike was inferior and should be a legal deer - but the public declared war on them.

In the rush to legalize spikes, one important fact was forgotten, the spike is a buck. Age and nutrition are important factors, not shooting spikes. It is a scientific fact that poorly nourished spikes respond with good antler growth when nutrition was improved.

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Jaycees host Trap Shoot Aug. 18

The Muenster Jaycees are sponsoring a semi-sporting clay style trap shoot. The 5 station shoot of 25 rounds includes a wolf chase with prize money awarded. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 18, and will be held one block west of Ash Street across from the Kountry Korner. Please park along the highway. For more information call 759-2887, 759-4773, or 759-4747.

Cooke County hunting season

WT DEER- 3 deer, limit 1 buck and 2 antlerless; **Archery**, Sept. 28-Oct. 27; **General**, Nov. 2-Jan. 5. (Archery season and during Nov. 2-10, no antlerless permit required unless MLD antlerless permits have been issued; Nov. 11-Jan. 5, antlerless by MLD permits only.)

SQUIRREL- No closed season, no bag limit.

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Dove hunting prospects not hampered by drought

Considering opening day of dove season in Texas is typically hot and dry anyway, don't expect this year's drought to have much of an impact on the birds or the hunters, according to state wildlife officials.

Texas will normally produce about 50 million mourning doves annually, and even though biologists around the state have documented a decline in numbers based on their breeding season surveys, there should still be plenty of birds in September.

Because mourning doves can travel upwards of 20 miles per day during the nesting season and prefer watering and feeding in relatively dry areas, bird activity could actually improve this year.

If the dry weather persists, it may actually be of benefit to hunters, too.

Allow the water to serve as an attractant. Back away from the water and take advantage of passing shots at birds coming by. Because grain crops may be somewhat reduced this year, doves will likely be more concentrated and hunting opportunity can be better than usual.

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