

Barnhill honored for service to Muenster Jaycees

Cromeens recognized as outstanding

by Elfreda Fette
Exemplifying their tenet that service to humanity is the best work of life, Muenster Jaycees named Frank Cromeens "Outstanding Citizen for 1996." It was their intent to recognize him for the work he has done to make Muenster a better place to live. The presentation was one of the highlights of the 34th annual installation and awards

assets to make their projects a success. He helped organizations such as the Muenster Jaycees, Muenster FFA and 4-H Clubs, Sacred Heart Home School Society and the Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

"This person also helped raise the necessary funds to open the new O/B Wing at Muenster Memorial Hospital. He also helped the Muenster

since then touched the lives of many people in our community. I am proud to call this year's recipient my friend. The Outstanding Citizen of 1996 is Frank Cromeens.

The standing ovation that followed the announcement attested to the Jaycees' respect for the honoree.

In recognizing their own members whose services earned them special awards, President Neal Flusche made the Key Man Presentation to Karl Barnhill "for service above and beyond the call of duty."

Presentation of the Outstanding Chairman Award went to Dale Swirczynski and Tim Schneider for their work with Little League Baseball. Again, Neal Flusche singled out Karl Barnhill for the President's Partner Award.

Doug Hermes was Master of Ceremonies for the program that was preceded by a Happy Hour from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a banquet catered by Rohmer's Restaurant. Karl Barnhill led the Invocation; Kevin Anderle led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Shawn Flusche gave the Welcome.

Installation of officers was conducted by State Jaycee Senator Jack Flusche. Officers for 1996-97 are Neal Flusche who will serve his second term as president. In accepting his re-election, Neal Flusche reminded his fellow members of his gratitude to them and restating two promises made as he began his first year. The first, he said was to enrich membership by ten new members, and that promise has been accomplished. The second promise, to finish procuring land for the new Baseball Complex, is within sight, a goal Jaycees hope to reach within the next year. With conviction he said: "We will purchase the land for the Baseball Complex."

Also installed by Jack Flusche were Kim Walterscheid, first Vice-President; Tim Schneider,

second Vice-President; Karl Barnhill, Secretary; Damian Hellman, Treasurer; and Craig Monday, State Director.

Local Jaycee Directors are Shawn Flusche, Head Director and Bret Walterscheid, Dale Swirczynski, Terry Felderhoff, Shawn Vogel and Ron Trubenbach.

Projects for 1995-96 cover a wide range of activities, including elections; installation

banquet; MDA; Ruth Hess Golf Tourney; Ranch Rodeo; horseshoe tourney; Punt, Pass & Kick; rifle raffle; trap shoot; big buck contest; Christmas candy; Easter egg hunt; Little League and Tourney; Coach Pitch; City Baseball Park Dirt; Texas Ranger game; Relay For Life; Friends of Muenster FFA and 4-H; Germanfest Committee; Sustaining Membership; Membership

dues; Membership Enrichment; Cooke County United Way; New Baseball Parks; Denton State School; Hospital plaque; Jaycee Scholarship and Fifth Thursday chairmen.

Particularly impressive are the donations made to "Special Funds": Relief Fund \$2,542.83; Youth Activities \$2,604.82; New Library \$1,500.00; Miscellaneous Donations \$33,000.00. Total: \$39,647.65.



JAYCEE PRESIDENT NEAL FLUSCHE presents Karl Barnhill as the Key Man and the President's Partner award winner at the annual Jaycee Installation and Awards Banquet on Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Bob Hermes



FRANK CROMEENS accepts the 1996 Muenster Jaycee award for Outstanding Citizen from Jaycee President Neal Flusche. Cromeens was honored for his continuous contributions to the Jaycees, church, hospital, and to the community. The award was presented last Saturday during the Jaycee Awards Banquet.

Photo courtesy Bob Hermes

banquet on Saturday, July 20, held in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

In presenting the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award is given to a person or group in our community whom the Jaycees help make Muenster a better place to live. This year's recipient was instrumental in bringing new business to Muenster. This person was ready and willing to help out in any youth program, whether by donating money or by donating

Jaycees raise money for the new Baseball Complex. This person was a sponsor for the Muenster FFA and 4-H Project Show for many years.

"He is on the Muenster Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and has served on the Muenster Industrial Board. He is also a member of the North Texas Cutting Horse Association, the Central Cutting Horse Association and the National Cutting Horse Association Youth Program.

"This individual moved to Muenster in 1980, and has

Good News!

When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you.

ISAIAH 43:2



COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS WEINZAPFEL presents Jewel Otto, Muenster Public Librarian Pat Jewell a \$10,000 donation toward the new library building. The gift was given in memory of his mother, Mrs. J.M. (Julia) Weinzapfel.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Thornberry votes to reform welfare

For the third time in just over a year, U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry has voted for legislation that will comprehensively reform the nation's welfare system and return control of the program to the states.

"This is a good, strong bill that will not only return control of the program to the states, but will also return welfare to what is was

originally intended to be — a helping hand, not a hand out," Thornberry stated. "We've spent more money on welfare programs in the last 30 years than we have on all the wars we've fought this century, yet what have we gotten for it? People are poorer and more dependent on the federal government than ever before in our nation's history. This bill seeks to change

that by restoring a sense of discipline and responsibility to the program. Not only does it put time limits on how long people can stay on welfare, but it also puts people on notice that if you're able to work, you've got to go out and get a job if you want to get a check. The bill also restores a sense of family to the program by providing states with several

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Muenster ISD recognized statewide for cost savings

by Steve Cooper
Muenster ISD recently received notification from the Office of the State Auditor that the district was receiving a commendation from that office for making maximum use of public funds for the 1994-95 school year. The Office of the State Auditor does a yearly savings profile on each school district in the state attempting to identify areas where school districts might more efficiently use their funds. Muenster ISD was one of only seven districts in the state receiving this commendation for no potential cost savings. This means MISD was recognized statewide for making maximum use of its resources.

This is especially significant as it is always good to be able to insure the taxpayers of this district, that maximum use is being made of their tax dollar. It is always good and in this case quite an honor for the state auditor to verify what the district tries to do each year, and that is give the taxpayer a good return on their dollars invested in the education of the youngsters going to our schools.

1996 first six-month report presented by Fire Chief Knabe

Fire Chief Herbie Knabe of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department has submitted his report covering conditions and activities of the first six months of 1996. He stated that the first half of the year has proven to be one of the worst, if not the worst period for fires in Texas history. Extremely low rainfall for all of last year, together with very low humidity are the dominant factors. Dry conditions are predicted to persist, causing future problems.

July has seen Montague County and several other

counties re-establish the No-Burn Ban. They have been advised by the Forestry Service that they are in a high risk burn area.

Summarizing calls, drills, extra training, etc., Chief Knabe stated, included in the numbers given, 12 of the calls were in response to mutual aid.

In January, Muenster Volunteer Firemen responded to eight calls, and along with drills and extra training totaled 264 hours.

February had 14 calls, totaling 575 hours, that

included drills and extra training. March had 12 calls, along with drills, totaling 219 hours. April had 16 calls with a total of 229 hours. There were five calls in May, totaling 94.5 hours and two calls in June, with drills and training that totaled 116.5 hours.

February was the busiest month - not in number of calls, but in total hours put in by the fire department.

A total of 1,509 hours have been invested in service to the community by fire department personnel since January 1, 1996.

Vince Vance captivates audiences of all ages

by Janet Felderhoff
Vince Vance is a man with a gift for entertaining. His sensational costumes and outstanding (or is that upstanding) hairdo create an image of someone open to the unusual who is ready to have fun.

Children in his audience watch in awe. Adults seem ready and willing to join in as Vince Vance works the crowd. The music is mostly rock 'n roll and the mood is festive.

"I like making people happy," Vince disclosed. "That's my main stick in life. ... I think that my greatest achievement in my life is not my singing or my playing or my characterizations. It's my ability to go out into the audience and make people feel good about themselves and make the crowd in general feel good relating to what I do." He likes for people to feel like they are part of the act.

Vince Vance has a variety of acts which he chooses according to the needs of the audience. He has a show, a stage show, a party down show, a hot concert act, a dance. "Throughout the years I have learned to accommodate every audience which is what the success of Vince Vance and the Valiants has been," said Vince. "You have to realize that I came from the beginnings of



VINCE VANCE of Vince Vance and the Valiants celebrates 25 years in the entertainment business this year. Courtesy photo

hard rock in 1971 to the disco era, through new wave, rap, the come-back of country, and now what ever is happening. No matter what does (happen) Vince Vance and the Valiants remains a constant or a very big staple with a demand for 200 or more concerts a year. No matter who calls or what their request, if the money is right Vince Vance will come up with a performance that fits

the request, he says.

They play anywhere from Canada to South America. Vince Vance and the Valiants supports a payroll of about 20 people including a four-piece band; a stage manager, Mad Dog; three Vivacious Valiantettes — Violet, Victoria, and Valerie. "The deeper idea behind the founding of the group was that it would be an

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
Special thanks to the Texas Highway Department for having installed a beautiful new guardrail on the Myra curves.

My thoughts see a touch of grandeur and an added feature of safety. Consider this - some people drive like maniacs on a daily basis. The guardrail might come in handy some day. The way I see it, if someone goes over the guardrail, they're just completely out of control. Now my friends and I can better relax by swimming in my pond, (enjoying a touch of privacy) provided by the nice guardrail.

My latest addition of ducks and geese (purchased from Phil Mullins Bird farm) give my pond an all new attitude - my plans are to hatch and raise smart ducks. See, here's how it all works. If a duck or two is so stupid that they get lost and wander out into the highway then they deserve to get run over. Since it is usually not a good idea to swerve out of your lane, stupid ducks will be selectively eliminated. Whoever said ducks don't evolve.

Anyway, back to the guardrail business. What I can't understand is why some people are scared of me and my curves. Take a look around: dangerous curves are everywhere. Gehrig's hill (multiple curves), Hess's Hill (dangerous and downhill) not to mention I lost control of my car on Bartush's curve one wild night and pulled out a bloody friend on another. I don't care if you don't believe me but just now my phone rings (10:30 a.m. 7-18-96) my best friend's first born son (a truck driver) had a bad accident; transferred to a Houston Hospital, got his right ear cut off; his mother asked us all to pray. Will it ever end? I doubt it. What can I do? Not a lot. I do have a suggestion. Why not put a guardrail at the bottom of Gehrig's hill?

Bryan Sicking
736-2233

Dear Editor:
I just want to thank your community and especially the DI One Stop for being so helpful and courteous during our recent unscheduled stop in Muenster.

On July 14 we had car trouble and stopped at One Stop. During our first hour of trouble we had numerous citizens from your community that stopped and asked if we needed assistance, along with the nicest lady Police Officer who would not leave us until we were sure that help was on its way.

The employees at One Stop helped in many ways as we were going to be stranded for a time that exceeded their normal business hours. We had three adults and two children in our party and as uncomfortable a situation as this can be, the people of Muenster made us feel at ease. That was very comforting to know that there are still people and communities that care about others. Our final comments as we left Muenster were confirmed by all in our party "If we ever moved to another town there would be only one choice, Muenster, TX". We will be traveling through your great town many times in the future and will always stop to use the services your town offers.

Thanks again and God bless you all.
Sincerely,
Joyce Crawford
Vernon, Texas

MISD budget hearing set

Muenster ISD School Board will meet on Monday, Aug. 5, 1996, in the school administration building. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct a budget hearing on the 1996-97 budget. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Time of the meeting will be 8:00 p.m.



NEW MUENSTER JAYCEE OFFICERS are, from left in back, Terry Felderhoff, Damian Hellman, Neal Flusche, Shawn Flusche, Shawn Vogel; front, Karl Barnhill and Dale Swirczynski.
Photo courtesy Bob Hermes

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

If my memory serves me right, a man named Erteley ran the ranch now owned by the Voth Bros., Ray and Tee, in the '20s.

Mr. Erteley kept a fairly numerous flock of sheep, and as the story was related to me, one of the sheds on the location served as a shelter for the sheep in the winter as well as a shade in the summer.

Anyone at all familiar with sheep knows that, unlike cattle, they are not very messy critters, but do leave many of their own peculiar calling cards just about everywhere they go.

After months, possibly a year or more, the droppings left in the shelter do build up, and being continuously trampled down by many small hooves, form a rather solid layer of fertilizer that, in proper form, is highly desirable to growers of roses and many other flowers, and shrubs.

Eventually the shelter must be cleaned, and as Mr. Erteley went about his unpleasant chore, he thought perhaps he could pick up some extra change by having a wagon load of the hard dry lumps of manure finely ground and bagged, so he could then offer it for sale.

After the load was finely ground, it had the appearance of cotton-seed meal, and, as Mr. Erteley sat on the wagon seat talking to three acquaintances, one of whom told me this story, one of the three asked him what the material, or product was.

He told them they should know, or if not, he was sure that anyone of them could tell by tasting.

Well, all three tasted, they spat out the offensive material. Two of them became angry and stalked off, muttering to themselves.

I asked my old friend if he too became angry, and he said that he was well past 21 year old and that Erteley had no forced him to do what he did then said "I just walked back to my hoopie and took a good drink of whiskey."

Notice! It Was News Then

10 YEARS AGO
May 9, 1986

Goodwill Industries removed their container from the alley between City Hall and the KC Hall. Do not leave anything in that area intended for Goodwill.

WELFARE

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important incentives to cut down on the number of illegitimate births. We've got to stop giving people more and more money to have more and more children."

The legislation was passed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 256 to 170. Also referred to as The Personal Responsibility and Work Act, the measure was designed with four key principles in mind. These principles include:

- Welfare Should Be a Way Out, Not a Way of Life.
- Work is More Important than Welfare.
- A Sense of Responsibility Needs to Be Restored.
- States Should Be Given More Control Over the Program.

Top students named at Muenster schools: Jean Pagel is valedictorian with a 97.981 grade point average at Muenster High and Francine Hudspeth with a 97.547 gpr is salutatorian. At Sacred Heart High Paula Yosten is valedictorian with a 96.3 gpr and Laura Flusche is salutatorian with a 96.0 gpr. At Muenster High School Meredith McDaniel, Jamie Walterscheid, Mikael Fette, Jean Pagel, Drue Bynum advance to state literary tournament in Austin. At Lindsay High School, Henry Schroeder is named to Superintendent succeeding Glenn Hellman who resigned due to poor health. New Arrivals: Bridgette Rose Klement to Leon and Christi Klement; Todd Robert Hess to Don and Martha Hess. Nuclear accident at Chernobyl cancels trip to Helsinki, Finland, only hours before they were to board the plane, for Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman. Muenster High School will send Rita Walterscheid, Tammie Reiter and Andy Burnette to the State Track meet in Austin May 16-17. In Zone 3, Upper Elm-Red

Soil and Water Conservation District, Frank and Donald Sandmann of Lindsay are winners.

30 YEARS AGO
May 13, 1966

A fishing tragedy on the detention reservoir on the Campbell Ranch about 5 miles east of Muenster claims lives of two men; accident is attributed to capsized home-made boat, said to be made from two car hoods welded together. Frank Klement, 86, dies in Muenster Memorial Hospital after extended illness. Muenster Jaycees will sponsor 1966 Little League Baseball program. Dale Klement's best mile run of this season earns third place for him at Interscholastic League track meet in Austin. Ola Roberg sells Dres-Tex Sewing Factory to a Dallas firm, Jr. Elite, Inc. New Arrival: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Miller. Seventeenth Awards Banquet and Program will honor 1965 Conservation Champs - the Arendt brothers, Paul, Johnny and Andy are Zone 3 Conservation Champs of Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Sunday, July 28	Monday, July 29	Tuesday, July 30	Wednesday, July 31	Thursday, August 1	Friday, August 2	Saturday, August 3
			Life Teen Rally Nite, 7:30-9:30 p.m., SH Community Center		Kiwanis Swim Nite, 7-9 p.m.	MMH Auxiliary Fish Fry, 6-9 p.m., Muenster Park MHS/SHHS Class Reunion, 7 p.m., The Center Restaurant
		Exercise Class, 10 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center		
Sunday, August 4	Monday, August 5	Tuesday, August 6	Wednesday, August 7	Thursday, August 8	Friday, August 9	Saturday, August 10
	City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. MISD budget hearing, 8 p.m. Administration Building MHS Registration 10 a.m. - High School 2 p.m. - Middle School	Lindsay High Registration Srs. - 8:30-11:30 a.m. Jrs. - 1-3:30 p.m. CC Pro-Life abortion discussion w/state senators & reps. 7 p.m., St. Peter's Old Parish Hall Exercise Class, 10 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Lindsay High Registration Soph. - 8:30-11:30 a.m. Fresh. - 1-3:30 p.m. C of C Board Meeting, 5 p.m. Exercise Class, 10 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center			
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Ida Flusche Neu, 92, dies July 15 in Muenster

Mass of Christian Burial for Ida Flusche Neu, 92, of Muenster, was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 15, at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay with son, Msgr. Hubert J. Neu officiating and Father Eugene O'SB assisting. Other clergy and religious attending included Bishop Joseph Roney, Reverends Philanson, Bob Johnson, Mike Con, Bill Winaski, Jim Miller, Harry Fisher, Karl Wilken, Albert Tyl, Tom Zappfel, Joe Schumacher, Wilson, David Klinghausen OSB, John Messy, Joe Scantlin, Erius Blank, and Deacons Bowden and Hector Salva. Sister Anna Marie Flusche, Liturgy readers were on Hoenig and Debbie Neu. Bobbie also presented the "Prayers and Aaron read 'Cely Home' after the Mass. Mass servers were Mark Neu, Jonny Bengfort, great-grandsons. This year's First Communicants, great-grandchildren David Richeson, Billy Bayer, Kevin Neu and Muelle Bindel were Offertory bearers. Hymns sung by choir included "Be Not Afraid," "Amazing Grace," "I Am I Lord," and "How at Thou Art." Burial was in Peter's Cemetery with hosp Delaney officiating, under the direction of Geo. J. Roll & Son Funeral Home. Mrs. Neu died July 15, 1996 at St. Richard's Villa in Muenster. She was born Sept. 1903 in Tioga, TX to Joseph Mary Koelzer Flusche. She died in the Tioga/Pilot Point

area until she was three and then moved to a farm north of Muenster. On Feb. 15, 1926, she married Joe J. Neu. Survivors include her son, Msgr. Hubert J. Neu of Ft. Worth; son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Mary Neu of Lindsay; daughters and sons-in-law, Ida and Wilfred Bindel of Muenster; Ann and James Bayer of Gainesville; Cecilia and Raymond Hoening of Lindsay; twenty-one grandchildren; and forty great-grandchildren. Also surviving include one brother Urban Flusche, sisters Anna Hemscheid, Magdalene Zimmerer, Marie Zimmerer, Armella Lutkenhaus, and Marcella Fetsch.

Ida Neu was preceded in death by her husband Joe J. Neu on June 17, 1988 and also her brothers Lawrence, Al, Conrad, J.P. and Andy Flusche, and six grandchildren including two infants, Gladys Bayer, Charlotte Bayer, Shawn Hoening, and Quentin Hoening. Pallbearers were grandsons Donald Neu, Chris Bayer, Guy Bindel, Brian Bindel, Mark Hoening, and John Hoening. Rosary was prayed at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Out-of-town relatives and friends attending the services were from Dallas, Arlington, Fort Worth, Cedar Hill, Wichita Falls, Lewisville, Grapevine, Canyon, Roanoke, Valley View, Carrollton, Garland, Decatur, Pilot Point and Houston.



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Local relatives attend funeral of Rev. Brekel

Mass of Christian Burial was offered for Father Bernard Brekel, of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate on July 9, 1996 at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine Church in Belleville, Illinois. Officiating the Mass was Rev. Wm. Clark, shrine director, Rev. A. Chalkey gave the homily, and Rev. W. Upson gave the eulogy. Burial was in the Oblate Cemetery in Belleville, Ill.

Among local relatives who joined a large number of area priests and friends were Beatrice Koelzer of Muenster, Henrietta Dankesreiter and Mary Stoffels of Lindsay, Ewald Fuhrmann of Idabel, OK and Howard Brekel of Omaha, Nebraska. From Colorado were Margaret Brekel of Sterling, and Lawrence and Betty Brekel of Fleming.

Rev. Bernard R. Brekel was the son of John and Anna (Orth) Brekel of Muenster, who

farmed in this area for four years. They moved to Fleming, CO in 1915. Father Bernard was one of nine children. He was born on Oct. 7, 1922. He attended St. Peter's School there, entered the U.S. Army in March, 1943, served as a Signal Corps radio operator in Gen. George Patton's Third Army in Europe, and was discharged in December, 1945.

He worked on the family farm until September 1949; began his seminary training at Our Lady of the Ozarks College in Carthage, MO; completed his training at Our Lady of the Snows Seminary in Pine Hills, Mississippi and was ordained there on May 31, 1956.

Volunteering for the Philippine missions in 1957, he often traveled on foot, serving the poor; he completed his Master's degree in Sociology at Santo Thomas University of

Manila; taught social studies in Notre Dame University of Cotabato for 10 years; was rector of Notre Dame College in Midsayap for three years; pastored three churches; and in 1980 was named pastor of Our Lady of Grace in Manila.

Returning to the United States in 1989, he was named assistant at St. Mark's in Houston, MO and missions in two smaller towns. In 1991 he was appointed pastor of St. Columban's in Littlefork, Minn. and a mission in Big Falls. He suffered a stroke in 1995 and was moved to Dammert Geriatrics Center in Belleville.

Survivors are three brothers of Sterling, Albert, Lawrence and Herman; three sisters Philomene Brown of Tucson, Catherine Helgoth of Boulder and Margaret Brekel of Sterling; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A contract with American Women: topic of Cooke County Pro-Life open discussion Aug. 6

A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN WOMEN: Protecting Those Who Seek Abortions will be the topic of an open floor discussion to be held in Lindsay on August 6, at 7 p.m. in the old Parish Hall. State Senator Tom Haywood, Rep. Ric Williamson, Rep. Roger Sanders, and Ron Clark, candidate for state representative, have all been invited by the Cooke County Pro-Life Group, which is hosting this event.

In **A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN WOMEN**, nine initiatives are presented to

help protect women by making the abortion industry more accountable to the women they claim to be helping. By raising community awareness of these initiatives, perhaps future legislation will be passed that will make abortion safer and force abortionists to be held to a higher standard of care than other physicians, not a lower one as is the case today. As the booklet states, "Unfortunately, many women discover too late that abortions are often more legal than safe." The nine initiatives are: 1. Revise the standards for informed

consent. 2. Reduce the incidence of abortion malpractice. 3. Reduce the time between abortion injury and medical treatment. 4. Make it easier for abortion-injured women to recover damages. 5. Increase malpractice insurance requirements. 6. Protect abortion-injured women through expanded third party liability. 7. Reform the system of identifying and reporting injuries and deaths. 8. Restructure state medical licensing boards. 9. Strengthen basic consumer protection legislation.

The format of the discussion will allow each invited guest to express his viewpoints on the proposed initiatives. This will be followed by a question and answer session open to the floor. Those interested in this issue are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion. All are invited!

Anyone interested in ordering a copy of the booklet, **A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN WOMEN: Protecting Those Who Seek Abortions**, may contact Life Dynamics, Inc. at 817-380-8800.

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New Forestburg P.O. holds open house July 21

An Open House, hosted by postmaster Olita Lanier, was held at the new U.S. Post Office in Forestburg from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July

Also attending were some one hundred other guests who came to enjoy fellowship, festivities, history documents, information pamphlets, and the lavish refreshments. There were some "freebie" handouts and four door prizes won by Anna Kirk, Willard Freeman, Jewell Dill, and Sue Sirman. Veda Brodgen, a renowned Forestburg historian, a very involved community participant and a longtime Forestburg resident, gave an historical summary of the Forestburg Post Office, beginning with its origin in 1876, naming all postmasters and dates of terms, up to and including the current postmaster, Olita Lanier.

Among those attending were five other postmasters from Ford, Aubrey, Coppell, Glen Rose, Greenwood, Ponder, Mt. Jo, and Southmayd, including Clara Hermes of dsay, Virgil Henscheid of Muenster, Rose Hudspeth of Muenster and Anna Kirk of Muenster.

VINCE VANCE

artistic community of artisans and artists and craftsmen, and technicians come together so that they can make a living doing this one trade," Vance explained. "I like people's major source of income coming from plying their craft, their art, or their technique."

Some people take a weekly paycheck for granted. For bands it is not always the case. Vince is proud that his group has provided a paycheck for 15 to 20 people for so many years. "For a band there is a chance every day that you aren't going to get paid," he said. "I believe that is the thing I should be most proud about because I have regularized my entourage's life. They all have families and a normal life. They can pay their house note or for their car and stuff like that."

This is the group's 25th anniversary. They started on Sept. 18, 1971 on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. The original idea of the group was to have the greatest hit stars of

rock 'n roll all playing at the same time on the same stage, explained Vince.

"The music was mainly centered on the 50's," said Vince. "Throughout the years it changed and now I'm doing the history of rock 'n roll from the 50's through the 90's." The group also plays patriotic and country music. Vince Vance and the Valiants can be heard at a variety of places including, fairs, festivals, concerts, night clubs, special events.

Vince notes that they have played everywhere from the Waldorf to the Whitehouse. Governor George and Laura Bush, President Bill and Hillary Clinton, Nolan Ryan, Calvin Hill, Randy Johnson, and Bobby Bonds are some of the distinguished persons who have attended Vince Vance and the Valiants' performances. Vince has many well-known acquaintances including Pope John Paul who says Vince's hair looks like praying hands pointed toward heaven.

For the past seven years the most requested Christmas song in the nation has been "All I Want For Christmas Is You". It was written by Vince Vance

and Troy Powers.

The group performed at the 1996 Germanfest and drew in a record-breaking crowd. "Although it says German and there's a lot of great German heritage here, this is Texas at its best because Texas is an amalgamation of all kinds and a conglomeration of all types of people," remarked Vince on performing at the Germanfest. "You've got a lot of people who settled this large, quite vast territory. This is a great place ... There's no place like Texas on earth." Vince was raised in Louisiana, but moved to Texas about 17 years ago because of the special place Texas is in his opinion.

Vince balances his job as a performer with the responsibility of being a single parent. He and his son, Stevie Ray Stone, live in Dallas. Vince's wife died in 1987. When he is on the road a nanny housekeeper/assistant takes care of Stevie.

One curious fan wondered what Vince Vance did to "let his hair down." "I haven't done it in a long time," reflected Vince. "I would like to be on a

deserted isle with a — it's a secret though really. I'd like to be on a deserted isle with some girl that I thought was fun."

On average Vince says he gets less than six hours of sleep a night. "I work incessantly," he said. "I have a publishing company called Bright Stone Publishing. I'm a writer. I've written several books, but I have a children's book due out this summer called the "Vince Vance Rock 'N Roll Reader".

The book is for children of all ages, but Vince feels that it will be great for parents to read with their child. It includes poems, songs, short stories, jokes, long stories and brain teasers. The brain teasers, he said, are meant especially for girls since girls get neglected in science. Another book he authored was "You Made Me Love Me". He has written a play and is now working on a television show called The Vince Vance Adventure Show.

"We have a brand new album coming out this summer called, "Don't Touch My Hair", and it is a humorous, fun, rock 'n roll summer album," said Vince. There will also be a video coming out from that album.

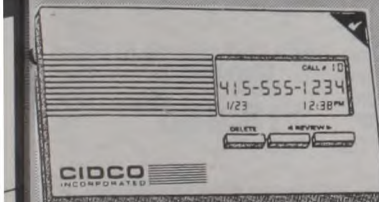
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Ray and Marcy Wilde mark 50th anniversary with July 14 celebration

Ray Wilde, son of J.B. and Loretta Eberhart Wilde of Muenster and Marcy Schmitz daughter of John R. and Mary Bezner Schmitz of Lindsay were married in St. Peter's Church in Lindsay on July 23, 1946 at 10:00 a.m. by Fr. Conrad OSB. The best men for the wedding were Marcy's brother Freddy Schmitz, just returning from the Air Force, and Johnny Schmitz joining with a hurried trip from his U.S. Merchant Marine duties, along with his cousin Rufus Bezner now deceased. The lady attendants were both of Ray's sisters, Gladys Bezner now from Lindsay, and Laurie Bezner, now of Hurst.

Ray was among the many servicemen returning to the civilian life after spending five years in the military service during World War II. He served in the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army Medical Service and U.S. Army Intelligence Service in the States and overseas during the invasion of Europe. Ray was in business with his father J.B. Wilde in the Chevrolet Agency since 1926, and continued after the war. In 1950 he purchased his father's interest and built a new dealership building on E. Hwy. 82 in Muenster. He continued until 1992 when his two sons Dan and Gregg took over when health required medical attention. During all these years he was also actively involved with his father in the oil exploration business, started his Wilde Insurance Agency, and Wilde Rental and Leasing business. Along with his sons, they had a GM car agency in Bowie and a Used Car, and Leasing & Rental operation in Gainesville. Ray is presently actively involved as

an independent representative for Excel Telecommunications Inc. out of Dallas as an Area Coordinator, Regional Director, and National Training Instructor. Marcy, besides raising six children and being on call to help care for their 24 grandchildren and one great-grandson, had been active in the office with her husband. Presently she is office manager for her daughter Jan Cain, a Mary Kay Sales Director, and for Jan's Tanning business in Muenster on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. However, Tuesdays she is with her bridge friends for one of her favorite pastimes. She has been president of the Muenster Garden Club and enjoys her horticulture pastime and is very proficient with it.

On July 14, 1996, at noon, there was a surprise celebration at the Radisson Hotel in Denton for the honor couple and members of their families. The surprise event was planned by son Dan Wilde's wife Nancy. All six of the celebrants' children were present. Dan and his wife Nancy Cozart Wilde of Corinth, along with his son Josh of Whitesboro, Melanie Wilde at North Texas University of Denton, however her twin brother Scott Wilde of Sherman had a car failure and couldn't make it. Jan Wilde Cain of Muenster, her husband Chris, their children Christin and her son Austin (the celebrants' great-grandson), Cory Cain of Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kansas, and Chisam and Chase of the home were in attendance. Joan Francis Wilde Sturm of Muenster, her husband Mike along with their children Amy Sturm of Texas

Tech in Lubbock, Kimberly and John of the home were present. Tina Wilde Womack and husband Donny of Nocona, attended with their children Hailey, Brad, and Chelsea. Gregg Wilde and his wife Shirley Monday Wilde, and children of the home, Jeff, Matt, and Kaitlin were also

present. The big surprise was the presence of the celebrants' youngest child Renee Wilde Martin, and the 24th grandchild, Carly. Renee had flown in the evening before. The flight was a gift by Nancy Wilde who is a flight attendant for American Airlines. Renee's husband Tom, son Steven Ray,

and Megan were not able to attend.

They were advised later of terrifying news that on the same day Steven Ray had fallen into a cooking pit of burning coals on the Ocean beach in San Diego burning the bottoms of his feet and between the toes. Ray and Marcy had planned to drive to San Diego, California instead of hosting a large formal party and instead to see for the first time their new granddaughter. Renee stayed over three days visiting locally, and flew back Wednesday.

Marcy Wilde, and Tina and Hailey Womack drove to San Diego leaving Tuesday, July 16 and plan to be back Saturday, July 27 to be present for the special Mass celebrating their Golden Anniversary on Sunday at 10:30 in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. Family and friends are invited to join in.

Ray's sister, Gladys Bezner of Lindsay was present on July 14, but his sister Laurie Bezner of Hurst was on an extended trip and was unable to get back. Gladys' daughter, Carol Revellette of St. Francisville, Ill. was present.

All of Marcy's brothers and sisters were in attendance on July 14 except one, Celestine Theimer of Oklahoma City. At

the last minute, bad Oklahoma weather set in and kept her at home. Her oldest brother Leonard Schmitz and wife Jenny of Dallas, and daughter Betsy, and Ann Young and her husband Roy of Carrollton along with Freddy Schmitz and his wife Oletta of Gainesville and Johnny Schmitz of Gainesville were in attendance. Johnny's daughter LaQuit Gossett and Johnny's son L. Commander U.S. Navy, Joe Schmitz harboring in Los Angeles, CA and his fiancée Annette Gruber joined in the festivities along with Marcy's youngest brother Lee Roy Schmitz, his wife Nancy C. Valley View and Lee Roy's son Tom Schmitz and wife Debbie of Flower Mound, TX and Le Roy's daughter Rosemary and her husband Oscar Martine and their son Parker of Dallas. Marcy's other two sisters Gertrude and husband Olli Horn of Muenster, and Rosale Cox of Dallas finished up the roster of her family this afternoon.

The dinner was followed with a toast by Dan Wilde, an serving of a large beautiful wedding cake. Visiting an picture taking completed the afternoon.

Many congratulatory cards were received during the past week from all over the U.S.



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The classes will be held in the meeting room of the Sacred Heart convent. For more information or to register call Gary and Mary Endres at 759-4810.

Notices

The 1970 MHS and SHHS graduating classes will hold a reunion on Aug. 3 from 7 p.m. to closing time in the upstairs reception area of the Center Restaurant. For more information, call Tom Henscheid.

The Illinois Bend Cemetery Association will have their annual meeting Aug. 6, 1996 at the Illinois Bend Cemetery.

The meeting will begin at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. All interested persons should bring food, hearty appetites, ideas and goodwill.

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Performances for "Here We Go Again," the title of this year's 13th annual production, are set for July 26, 27, and Aug. 2, 3, on the Mountain Springs Community Center's outdoor stage. The 8:30 p.m. performances each Friday and Saturday will display a wealth of local talent, with some 60 actors and actresses taking the stage to entertain audiences with a variety of song and dance numbers, ranging from hilarious to serious.

Mountain Springs is located along Farm-to-Market 922 about 8 miles east of Interstate 35 in northeastern Cooke County. Those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs to enjoy the performance under the stars. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12, with those under six admitted free of charge.

Longtime veteran director Sue Viktor again leads the way in working to make this year's production a success. More than 1,500 people attend the annual musical, which attracts both participants and audiences from several areas of Texas and neighboring states.

Viktor said she has had the privilege of watching people of all ages, many of whom have never been on a stage, turn into confident performers as they work to produce each Mountain Springs show.

"Certainly, having people in the show come back and do it another year is very fulfilling," Viktor said. "Kids who have really never done anything before come here and find their

niche," she said. "They make friends, learn the music, and dance. They deserve every ovation they get because they work hard."

Viktor creates the theme of each year's show, such as past themes which have used animation or color. "Sometime I come up with the idea first, and sometimes the songs come first," she said. This year's show will feature all new numbers utilizing more variety than theme, she said.

The Mountain Springs annual musical production started 13 years ago as the brainchild of Viktor and Nadine Pitzinger, longtime teacher and local historian at Mountain Springs. The local community club was looking for a fund raising project to pay for renovations to the community's historic one-room school house. Cooke County's first schoolhouse, built in 1847, serves as the backdrop for the show and is home to the non-profit Mountain Springs Community Club.

Numerous volunteers contribute to the effort each year, pitching in to help with all aspects of the show ranging from costuming to the stage crew. Local resident Billed Joy heads a costuming crew of about 10 volunteers who work feverishly to come up with colorful and professional-looking costumes at the lowest cost to match various musical numbers. Jerry Sicking of Muenster has been a mainstay heading up the stage crew, while the show is greatly dependent upon Pitzinger, with the show all 13 years, doing much of the organizational work.

Audiences in years past have reveled at the quality productions, but there have been a few humorous moments. "We've had people fall off the stage and into the trash can," Viktor said. "We had a canopy fall down during a storm one year, but they just kept on singing," she said.

One year a torrential rainstorm, rare for late summer, threatened to cancel an evening performance. "People came with their umbrellas and sat in their cars," she said. "It let up a little, so we finally put the piano on the stage and did the show with no sound system," she said. "They came, and they waited. That's loyalty."

Viktor is glad that the concept of the community production is alive and well in

Mountain Springs. "It's important for people who like to perform and important for the kids," she said. Several of the young people who have performed in Mountain Springs have gone on to pursue theater careers or participate in other community theater productions.

"They have pride in what they're doing, and I know they won't be afraid to get up on a stage or to give a speech once they've been in this show," Viktor said of the hard-working performers. "To plant a little seed and clear your mind of the word 'can't.' I think it's really important to continue the show," Viktor said. "It's tough, but worth every minute of it."

For more information about the Mountain Springs musical, call 637-2361.



ANGELINA MARIE ENDRES of Muenster and John Mark Mason of Texarkana, Arkansas have chosen August 31, 1996 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Sam and Karen Endres. Parents of the future-groom are Jim and Angela Eason of Texarkana, Arkansas and Larry and Pat Jacobs of Bee Branch, Arkansas. The wedding will be held in Sacred Heart Church, with Father Frowin Schoech, OSB officiating at 3:00 p.m. The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a 1995 graduate of Midwestern State University. She is employed by Denton Community Hospital as a Radiologic Technologist. The future-groom is a 1989 graduate of Arkansas High School; a 1995 graduate of Ultrasound Diagnostic School and is employed by Clinical Diagnostic Systems as an Ultrasound Technologist. The couple will reside in Denton.

MHS offers zero-hour class, MISD issues dress code reminder

Beginning the 1996-97 school year Muenster High School will offer a zero hour class in Computer aided drafting. The class will begin at 7:10 a.m. and will end at 7:55 a.m. This class is open to any student from Muenster High School, Sacred Heart High School, and any students from surrounding districts as space is available. It is hoped that by offering the class early in the morning students from other schools can be afforded the opportunity to enroll in this exciting class without interfering with classes on their home campus. Computer Aided Drafting is an activity based class that gives students the opportunity to use computers in the development of working with drawing and graphics. Students will be able to describe the size and shape of objects using the available software.

Muenster High School has a state of the art computer drafting lab and invites any students interested, whether they are MISD students or not to call the school at 759-4614 for more information.

Also, Muenster High School will offer more zero hour

courses as schedule and demand allows.

As students and parents prepare for the beginning of school, new clothes are usually part of the preparation. Please be aware that MISD's Dress and Grooming code states that skirts must be of a length that is between the top of the knee and mid thigh. As students and parents shop in the next few weeks, please be reminded of the dress code. In effort to shore up the interpretation of this part of the dress code, students whose skirts are questionable will be asked to kneel and a measurement will be taken from the floor to the bottom of the skirt. This should not exceed 6 inches.

Registration for those students that have not pre-registered is scheduled for August 5. High School students that pre-registered and made course selections may pick up their schedules at 10:00 a.m. and Middle School students may do so at 2:00 p.m. A brief orientation will be held for the students before schedules are passed out.

New Arrivals

Barker

Devan and Jami Sue Barker of Nocona announce with joy the birth of their first child, a son. Jesse James Barker was born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on July 4, 1996 at 1:40 a.m. weighing 7 lb. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. Her grandparents are Jim and Stella Grandfield of Nocona and Johnny and Marijig of Spanish Fort. Ella Iann of Southmayd, James and Catherine Grandfield and Mary Barker of California are Jesse's great-grandparents.

Caroline Holcomb of Ponder and Curtis Newberry of Gainesville. His great-grandparents are Flossie Manuel of Gainesville and Mary Dye of Lake Dallas.

Henry

The birth of their second daughter has been joyfully announced by Will and Noelle Henry of Muenster. She has been named Brooke Allison Henry, born Tuesday, June 9, 1996 in Muenster Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lb., 14 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length. Brooke Allison joins her sister Devan. Their grandparents are Tom and Lucille Hesse of Muenster and Brad and Candace Henry of Mission. Great-grandparents are Lawrence Dankesreiter and Ida Hesse of Muenster, Brad and Dora Lee Henry of Georgetown, and Edna Farrell of Tallahassee, Florida.

Royal

Jacob Macai Sontag Royal, son of Trent and Carrie Royal of Gainesville, was born July 6, 1996 at 7:18 p.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lb., 9 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. The grandparents are Greg and

Melon Festival Aug. 17

The sixteenth Annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Homecoming will be August 17, 1996. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. at the Forestburg School. Trophies will be presented in seven categories: Riding clubs, individual horse riders, floats, motor vehicles, antique farm machinery, miscellaneous, and Animal drawn vehicle. Participants in the parade should be at the Forestburg

School at 10 a.m. for alignment. Anyone may participate in the parade; however to be considered in the judging, entry forms must be returned to Charles Edwards, Rte. 1 Box 138 Forestburg, TX 76239 by 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16. The theme for the 1996 parade is "A New Beginning" in honor of the new post office building and school.

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They were accompanied to Minnesota and Wisconsin by Kaye, Ray and Kelly Wimmer and Jenny Corcoran. In St. Paul they toured the Cathedral of St. Paul and the state capitol. Ray and Doug enjoyed golfing while the rest of the group shopped at the much publicized "Mall of America."

On Sunday, July 7 they attended a Raleigh family reunion at a niece's home in Wisconsin. Eighty-five direct descendants of Wm. and Ida Raleigh attended the pot luck dinner, visiting and picture taking. Jenny and Kelly joined in singing entertainment.

It was the first time for many of the Minnesota and Wisconsin relatives to meet their Texas cousins. Jenny and Kelly flew back to DFW Sunday evening. Jenny's husband Steve met them at the airport.

On Monday morning, the Wimmers turned east to tour Door County, Wisconsin and other sights. The Klement-Yosten group drove west for a destination in Spokane, Washington; Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse were highlights enroute.

In Spokane, they visited at Charles and Terry Klement's home. They cruised on Lake Couer D'Alene; picked cherries in Washington's beautiful fruit orchards; saw the Grand Coulee Dam, lighted shows, and made a quick trip into Canada.

They visited Don Lehnertz' Longhorn Trading Post, enjoyed several meals at The Longhorn Restaurants and had an early morning coffee with Dave Lehnertz before leaving Spokane.

The trip was Tara and Gina's first visit to "Uncle Charlie's" and they were royally entertained with horseback riding, and horse and cart rides.

Melvin and Mary Jean Bayer of Lindsay arrived on Saturday, July 14 to surprise Charles and Terry Klement. They were also on a western tour.

Returning home, the Klement-Yosten group found Yellowstone Park and the Grand Teton National Forest awe-inspiring. "Old Faithful" put on a grand performance; and many wild animals were seen.

Although every mile and every moment were great, they said, after 15 days on the road Muenster and home looked very good.

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by Eric Gray
Life Teen Rally Hark

Okay, high schoolers! Get ready for an evening of excitement with food, skits, songs, games, prayer, and more! Come to the Sacred Heart Community Center on Wednesday night, July 31, and close out the month with a bang! We'll start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. If your calendar isn't already marked, then do it now! We'll see you there!

Life Teen Cool Pool Bash

Wednesday evening, July 17, upwards of thirty-five high school students and Life Teen Core Team members converged on the home of Butch Fisher for an evening of food and fun. Slated as a pool party, the obvious big hit of the evening was the pool, and was it cool or what?! As folks bolstered up their bravery for a splashdown, a game of water polo/net ball was gearing up. Object of the game? Just place the ball in the inner tube at the edge of the pool! Problem? The other team tries to prohibit the act. Consequence? Some serious splashing and heaps of fun!

Supper rolled around and Claude and Mary Bayer put in a hand with the Fishers and cooked up a whole mess of hotdogs and hamburgers, with all the trimmings. Chips of

different sorts, treats of several varieties and lemonade topped off the food list. And the tunes kept on cranking on the jambox.

More swimming happened, but also it was volleyball time. Two teams formed, squared off and a series of three games ensued, the last one going into overtime (overscore!) due to the closeness of the game. In the midst of game two, an incredible volley occurred, with the ball staying airborne for a bit more than a full minute!

The evening ended in a prayer of thanksgiving and an intense round of limbo! God won the prayers, and Matthew Bayer took the limbo: what a pair!

S.N.A.P.

July 30 and 31
Tues. - Chicken pot pie, cele slaw, jello w/fruit.
Wed. - Salmon patties, oven fries, garden salad, fruit.

Love Fund opened

Social Concerns Committee of Muenster has opened a Love Fund at the Muenster State Bank for the Paula and Gus Fleitman Family to assist with multi-medical expenses that require immediate attention.

Kristin Rose celebrates fourth

Kristin Rose LeBrasseur was the honoree at a party on June 25 to celebrate her fourth birthday. The party was enjoyed by Kristin's cousins Shannon and Dainah Hartman and Holly, Courtney and Nolan Hartman; and friends Garrett Walterscheid, all of Muenster and Hannah Ferguson of Whitesboro. Party goers enjoyed a hot dog supper with cupcakes and games.

On her actual birthday of June 26, Kristin awoke to early birthday telephone greeting from Grandpa Dick and Grandma Fern LeBrasseur. Although Kristin was not feeling well and had to visit the doctor she still enjoyed a Pocahontas birthday cake decorated by Christy Bezner.

Visiting on her birthday were Papa Alvin and Grandma Joanie Hartman; Aunt Pat Yosten and Christy Bezner. Sending greetings were Uncle Dickie and Aunt Karen LeBrasseur, cousins Andrea and Rick LeBrasseur; and Great-Grandmother Margaret Hartman.

On July 1, friends Amy and Megan Powell, along with their

mother Carolyn, stopped for birthday visit. Also helping Kristin celebrate four was Kristin's Godparents, Ann and Neil Hesse, and the children, Matt and Kaitly; and friend Kelsey Reeves and her parents, Sandra and Kevi



KRISTIN LeBRASSEUR

Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

The quarterly singing sponsored by the local churches will be Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. July 28 at the Church of Nazarene in Prairie Point. Rev. Marshall and the members invite everyone to come and enjoy the singing.

The Forestburg Watermelon Festival will be Saturday, August 17, 1996. Starting with a parade at 10:30 a.m. A barbecue lunch at the Community Center, Old West Gun Fighters, Wise County Cloggers, a Variety Show at 4 p.m., Games all day, a Rodeo Friday Night and Saturday Night.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun for all. The Forestburg United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School will start Monday, July 29 at 7 p.m. and will continue all week. Everyone is invited to attend.

Word was received in Rosston of the death Saturday of the father of Reverend Dennis Pallet pastor of Rosston Baptist Church in Lewisville.

The funeral was Tuesday a 10:00 a.m.

Miss Lois Bewley was admitted to Muenster Memorial Hospital Thursday for tests and treatment. She was dismissed on Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Balthrop had check-up with her doctor in Denton on Friday.

Blake Freeman had surgery in Bethania Hospital in Wichita Falls Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian kept their appointment with their doctor in Fort Worth Monday. Tip and Ruth got a good report and don't have to report back for 6 months.

Fay and Lee McKown, Ann and Mary Lea McKown of Dallas visited Odessa and Jack Berry Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Greene of Burleson visited Mrs. Jennifer Stapleton and Shad and Mrs. Juanita Greene during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson had as their guests for lunch Sunday Jewel and Carroll Dill.

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Thunderstorms are created when warm, moist air rises and condenses. The transition from a small cloud to a turbulent, electrified storm front can occur in as little as 30 minutes. Although fishermen may have better luck on cloudy or windy days, being out on a boat in bad weather can be very risky.

St. Jude's Golf Classic

The 4th annual St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Golf Classic will be Wednesday, August 7, at the Riverchase Golf Club in Coppell. The tournament is open to all ages. For more information contact Phyllis Phanes at (800) 531-7474.

When you go out on your boat, you should know the current forecast, and have a way to receive warnings and weather advisories while underway. You may want to purchase a small, inexpensive, battery operated weather radio.

Before setting out, equip your boat properly so you won't be stranded in an emergency:

- A sturdy anchor and line of the appropriate size and length.
- Paddle or oars in case of engine failure or torn sails.
- Visual distress signals to call for help.

If you are caught in a thunderstorm:

- Make sure everyone aboard is wearing a life jacket.
- Secure all loose gear, hatches or ports.
- Determine your location and the best course back to shelter.
- Keep a sharp lookout for other boats and obstructions.
- Once the Storm Hits:
 - Try to take the first (and heaviest) gusts of wind on the bow, not the beam. Heading into the wind is the most seaworthy position for most small boats.
 - Approach waves at a 45 degree angle to keep the propeller underwater, to reduce the pounding, and to provide a safer and more comfortable ride.
 - If there is lightning, unplug radios and all electrical equipment.
 - Stay low. Don't make yourself the tallest target.
 - Keep away from metal objects that aren't grounded to the boat's protection system.

There are rules for boating and there are rules for recreational activities

associated with boating. That includes skiing, one of the popular waterway sports. The rules also apply to some of the newer activities such as towing persons on kneeboards, wakeboards, and innertubes.

The laws applying to these activities include:

- Every vessel towing a person or persons on water skis, aquaplane or similar device must have an observer other than the operator 13 years of age or older or be equipped with rearview mirror of a size no less than four inches across and four inches top to bottom.
- Towing a person or persons on water-skiing surfboards or similar devices is prohibited between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise - except for recognized tournaments, exhibitions or trials if adequate lighting is provided.
- A person being towed on water skis, aquaplane or other similar device by a vessel is considered an occupant of the vessel.

Jaycees host Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tourney Aug. 18 in Nocona

The Muenster Jaycees are sponsoring the 9th annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament with a 4-person scramble at Nocona Hills Golf Course on Sunday, Aug. 18. Tee time is 8 a.m. Send the registration form (provided below) to: Brian Herr,

Remember these safety tips while in tow:

- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (Lifejacket).
- Have someone other than the driver act as a spotter. The driver should watch the lake.
- Always check your towline before each skier starts.
- Maintain a reasonable, safe speed at all times and keep an alert watch for other boats and watercraft.

Review water skier hand signals:

- Thumbs up: speed up the boat
- Thumbs down: slow down the boat
- Slashing motion over the neck: cut motor/stop
- Circle motion with an arm over head: point in desired direction, turn the boat
- Pat on Head: return to dock
- OK signal with hand: speed and boat path OK or signals understood

Take time to trouble shoot your fishing line

1. Tie knots carefully. Even the strongest knot can be weakened when tied hurriedly and with out proper attention to basic details.

A. Avoid twisting lines-where the knot is tied with a double line, keep the two lines parallel rather than twisting them together.

B. Pull loops slowly- when tightening the loops of a knot, be sure they pull up in a neat spiral.

C. Pull all knots tight: slippage in a loosely-tied knot can cut the line.

2. Checking the knot strength. If you've been losing fish due to breaks in knots, use this simple test to check your line's strength.

Tie an overhand knot in the line a foot or two from the terminal end. Wrap the line around your hands (WEAR GLOVES) on both sides of the knot and exert a steady pull. If the line breaks, move up the line and check again until you reach the point on no breakage. Cut off the weak section.

3. Check the drag setting. Many strong fish have snapped good line and escaped because the drag was too tight on the reel. After the line absorbs the impact of the strike, the drag must permit the fish to take line off the reel as it makes its run, yet be tight enough to slow it down and tire it out. A good rule is to set the drag at no more than half the pound test of the line. Remember breaking action increases as the spool empties.

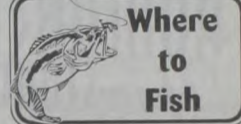
4. Check for nicks and cuts. Dragging line over rocks, tree trunks and other

obstruction can nick and free your fishing line. A fast strike can snap the line. A good way to check the line is to run it lightly between thumb and forefinger. If the line feels rough, cut off the worn part.

5. Storing line. Sunlight will weaken fishing line. Damage doesn't come from normal day light exposure while fishing, but to the line on the spool or reel which is stored outdoors (the back of your pickup) between fishing trips and other long exposure to sunlight that weakens the line.

Sun damaged line can feel dry and may seem brittle. Tie an overhand knot to determine the line strength-don't store line on a window sill or in the trunk of your car.

And please remember- Discard old line in a garbage can. Nylon degrades very slowly and the tangle line will clutter fishing grounds for years. This creates an eyesore, can be a nuisance and provide a lethal trap for birds and other wildlife.



Where to Fish

TEXOMA: Water fairly clear; lake level 616.30; 83 degrees; black bass are fair to good on spinners and topwaters; striped and white bass are fair to good on topwaters and slabs with the fishing hitting deep water after about 9:00 a.m.; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished in 10 to 30 feet of water; catfish are good on shrimp, stink bait, frozen shad and live minnows fished in the rip rap in 5 to 10 feet of water with the bigger blue cats hanging in 20 to 30 feet of water.

RAY ROBERTS: Water clear; normal level, 78 degrees, black bass 6 are good on minnows and Carolina-rigged worms, crappie are fair to good on small minnows and tube jigs fished over brush; catfish are good on rod and reels baited with minnows and prepared baits.

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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!

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 Dorothy Hodges, 2015 Stanford Drive, Gainesville, Texas 76240
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 DATED: this 17th day of July, 1996.
 Respectfully submitted,
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 Attorney for the Estate

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IN: UNIMAX HEARING INSTRUMENTS, DEBTOR CASE NO. 92-41031-S, CHAPTER 7
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S APPLICATION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES OF ATTORNEY FOR TRUSTEE TO THE DEBTORS, THEIR CREDITORS AND ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
 On July 17, 1996 the trustee in the above captioned case filed an Application for Fees and Expenses of Attorney for Trustee in the sum of \$2,224.00 for services rendered in connection with this case on behalf of the trustee and were actual and necessary services and \$233.51 in expenses (a detailed listing of the time, charges and expenses were filed with that application and will be furnished to you upon request to the trustee).
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Agriculture Department to include Texas in crop revenue ins. program

J.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX) applauded the decision of the Secretary of Agriculture to include Texas in a pilot program that would provide a new form of insurance, called Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC), to wheat farmers in the State.

The decision by the Agriculture Secretary comes early two months after Thornberry wrote the Farm Revenue Agency requesting that Texas be included in the CRC pilot program. Thornberry had written the letter after receiving several calls from farmers in the 13th District pressing interest in participating in the program. S. Rep. Larry Combest (TX-1) also signed onto the letter, which was mailed on May 13.

Under the CRC pilot program, wheat producers will be provided with coverage based on the amount of revenue, unlike the Multiple-Peril Insurance Program, which provides coverage based on the amount of production. Coverage will be provided to protect against lost revenue caused by low price, low yield, or any combination of the two.

"This is a good move that will provide farmers with an additional option," Thornberry said. "While I do have some concerns about the higher premiums that come with this kind of coverage, I'm also looking forward to test market it to see how it works. If it proves successful, it may be a good idea to consider it for other crops, as well."

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

ASTURE AND CROPLAND SOIL SAMPLING WEEK

Fertilizer costs can represent over one-half of the early pre-harvest cost of some pasture and hay crops. In many crops, this cost can be as high as one-third of the total economic input. Many producers need to decrease or eliminate fertilizer in tight economic times, but elimination of fertilizer can be very expensive decision.

A special Soil Testing Initiative will be conducted in Cooke County pasture and crop producers from Aug. 5 until Aug. 9. Dr. Jim Feagley, Extension Soils Specialist, is offering county producers a special soil analysis service during this week long period. Producers must take their soil samples and deliver them to the county Extension Office or one of the cooperating fertilizer dealers in Cooke County by Aug. 9. Fee for this service will include \$5 for the routine analysis (pH, NO₃, P, K, Ca, Mg, Na, S, & Salinity), and the routine analysis plus micro-nutrients (Zn, Fe, Cu, Mn) for \$7.50. This is a 50 percent savings to those producers who participate during the two week long soil fertility incentive.

Those fertilizer dealers participating include Tony's Seed and Fertilizer at Gainesville, Tony's Seed and Fertilizer at Muenster, Red River Farm Co-Op at Gainesville, W.B. Hudspeth, Inc. at Era, and Sicking Brothers Fertilizer at Lyra.

Producers can pick up a soil sample information form and soil sample sacks at any of the fertilizer dealer locations or the County Extension Office. Your payment for the sample must be in check form and must accompany the soil sample. Checks should be made out to the County Extension Office. Producers should take a single composite sample from each uniform area of 10 to 40 acres in a

field. One sample can represent up to 40 acres. A procedure for taking soil samples is listed on the soil sample information form.

With the increased need for proper fertility along with the cost of fertilization, producers need to regularly soil test their pastures and fields. Information gained from soil testing will help both producers and fertilizer dealers in better meeting your pasture and field crop needs.

When taking soil samples, observe these simple precautions:

- 1) Avoid sampling spots in the field such as small gullies, slight field depressions, terraced waterways and unusual spots.
- 2) When sampling fertilized fields, avoid sampling directly in fertilized band.
- 3) Do not use old vegetable cans, tobacco cans, match boxes, etc. to submit samples.
- 4) Do not use heat to dry samples.
- 5) Be sure to keep a record for yourself as to the area represented by each sample.
- 6) Be sure sample numbers on the boxes correspond with sample numbers on the information sheet.

AG MARKETING CLUB

The Ag Marketing Club Meeting will be held on Wed., August 7, at 9 a.m., at the First State Bank-North Branch located on Highway 82 in Gainesville.

The Marketing Club is open to agricultural producers with crop and livestock interests.

Purpose of the club is to explore various marketing alternative methods for agricultural commodities.

Look at those cows and remember that the greatest scientists in the world have never discovered how to make grass into milk.

Michael Pupin



FARMERS, out standing in the field, Garry Fetch, Joe Felderhoff, and Gene Sicking, discuss their findings at the Conklin Regional Demonstration Plot-Field Day Monday evening southeast of Muenster. Watch for Demo results in next week's paper. Photo by Janie Hartman

Shaking pecan trees could thin and improve your crops

Giving an early shake to overloaded pecan trees could help thin crops and improve nut quality, data from the Texas Agriculture Extension Service indicates.

"Sometimes trees overload and the pecans don't develop very well, so we looked at shaking the trees in July or so and thinning the nuts," said Dr. Larry Stein, Extension horticulturist at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Uvalde. "Decreasing the load can help the nuts mature, and so far our results indicate both size and quality can be improved."

Initial tests conducted with an Atascosa County grower found that by shaking overloaded Shoshoni pecan trees in mid-summer, the grower could improve the percentage of kernel within nuts from thinned shells.

What's more, the return set, or crop that set on the trees in 1996, was from 60 percent to 70 percent of a full crop on the thinned trees. None of the unthinned trees set nuts in 1996.

"What pecan trees tend to do is bear in alternate years so that one year you have a big crop and the next year there's none," Stein said. "So what you're doing by shaking is managing the crop load on your tree."

Thinned trees produced an average of 50.7 nuts per pound,

while unthinned trees needed 58.3 nuts to make a pound. In addition, nuts from the thinned trees averaged 51.3 percent kernel weight versus 46.8 percent for nuts from the unthinned trees.

For the test, randomly selected trees were shaken with a trunk shaker fitted with pads to avoid trunk damage. From one to three shakes were given each tree to dislodge approximately 25 pounds of nuts from each tree on August 1, 1995.

The remaining crop on both thinned and unthinned trees was allowed to mature. Both groups of trees were similarly managed.

Mature pecans were harvested in October. There were significant differences between harvests from thinned and non-thinned trees.

When orchard owners see that their trees are overloaded, thinning by shaking is less expensive than pruning or hedging trees to reduce nut load. Pruning and hedging work must often be contracted out, Stein said.

Stein doesn't expect to be able to replicate the experiment this year because there aren't enough overloaded trees.

"If we have overloaded trees, we'll go ahead and shake some, but most areas don't have heavy crops this year because of the drought and heavy insect feeding," he said.

Cattle care stressed in drought conditions

If you get to an emergency feeding situation because of the drought, there are several things to keep in mind.

First is that alternative feed sources should not make a cow's total diet. If grain prices go high, its tough for products to justify spending large amounts of money on corn, milo and hay. Remember it is a good investment to keep cattle in better shape longer.

Secondly, its important the cattle receive minimum protein

levels, 7 to 8 percent, during the drought stress. The producer needs to know how much protein cattle receive from these feeds.

Next, anytime cattle are kept on non-green feeds for extended periods of time, Vitamin A needs to be supplemented.

Lastly, the most overlooked, it is essential for cows to have adequate amounts of good water.

ICA calls on USDA to drop yogurt proposal

The Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA) called upon the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to drop its consideration of a proposed rule that would allow the nation's 93,000 schools that participate in the school lunch and breakfast programs to offer yogurt as a meat substitute. If approved, the rule would allow schools to be reimbursed by the federal government for the yogurt they purchase to use in school free meal programs.

"This ridiculous proposal reminds me of a time when certain individuals suggested to the Agriculture Department that ketchup was actually a vegetable," ICA President Jim Selman said. "I think it's time people quit monkeying around with our children's dietary health, just so they can squeeze some more money out of the taxpayers."

The proposed rule would permit yogurt to be credited as a meat alternative for all meals regulated by the USDA, which

includes the department's low-income and summer feeding programs. Currently, 25 million students participate in the Agriculture Department's school lunch program.

The plan is supported by yogurt makers who stand to make a substantial profit if the rule is approved. The yogurt and dairy industries have been pushing for yogurt as a reimbursed item on school lunch menus since 1981.

If the rule is approved after a public comment period, it could take effect as early as January, 1997.

Selman argues that while yogurt is a good protein source, it lacks other essential nutrients offered by meat. "According to the Department of Agriculture, there are four basic food groups: meat, dairy, fruits and vegetables. Yogurt is a dairy product, it's in a completely separate category. It defies reason that the Agriculture Department would even entertain such a silly proposal," Selman said.

Ag Briefs ...

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported last month that the second quarter beef and dairy cow slaughter in 1996 could be the largest for those three months since 1978.

Reflecting sharp culling, first-half 1996 cow slaughter was up about 13 percent from the same period in 1995, and beef slaughter was up about 27 percent.

Valley View youth awarded scholarship

Casey M. Kupper was awarded a \$10,000, four-year Houston Livestock show and Rodeo FFA scholarship recently in special ceremonies at the Texas State FFA Convention held in Houston.

Casey, the son of Billy and Lisa Kupper of Gainesville, was a member of the Valley View FFA Chapter and plans to major in chemical engineering at Texas A&M University. Casey recently graduated seventh in his class at Valley View High School.

He served as FFA chapter president and as a delegate to the state convention. Casey received the Greenhand and Chapter farmer degrees and was a member of the dairy cattle judging, horse judging, farm business management, pasture and range, radio and parliamentary teams.

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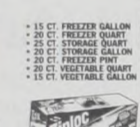


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