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Fischer's expansion celebrated with grand opening

by Janet Felderhoff

In 1927 the Ford Company introduced a powerful 40-horse engine; Charles Lindbergh flew the Atlantic solo; Babe Ruth set his records with a 60 homerun season. In Muenster, Texas in 1927 the Wolf Hotel and the Wilde Chevrolet building were built; oil was discovered, creating a real boom for Muenster; and Fischer's Market opened its store on Main Street on March 17.

Through its 70 years in business, Fischer's Market has experienced a number of moves and remodeling. This year the store was expanded to a facility almost double in size. Owners Johnny and Louise Fisher and Butch and Eileen Fisher feel that a celebration is in order so the Market has selected May 19-24 as their Grand Opening Week. They have a variety of fun activities planned.

On Monday, if the alarm clock rings while your purchases are being checked out, you win a special Fischer's mug. On Tuesday those whose register tickets end in "27" will receive a mug. If the phone rings while you're checking out

on Wednesday, you get to pop a balloon and receive the prize indicated in the balloon. Thursday, cash register tickets ending in "70" receive a mug. Friday, refreshments will be offered. Tony's Pizza demos will be featured. Saturday's demos will be Tony's Pizza, Blue Bunny, and Frito Lay. Joe Paul Walterscheid will be demonstrating cooking techniques on a Holland Grill. Sausage sandwiches will be offered for 75 cents and cokes for a 25 cents.

Fischer's expansion and remodeling was done in stages. The project began with demolishing the old Wolf building north of Fischer's. Construction of the expanded area to the north was done first. Then the grocery operation was moved to the new area while remodeling work went on in the former store area. Construction is still ongoing in the meat processing area.

Fischer's used as much local labor as possible for the remodeling project. Bert Walterscheid and crew did much of the work. Johnny Fisher extended the business

thanks to surrounding business owners for their patience during the construction period. He also expressed gratitude to the loyal customers who continued to support the business despite inconveniences during construction. "We totally depend on them," he said.

According to Johnny Fisher, the facility has increased its floor space by about 17,000 feet, about double. Refrigerated cooling space has been tripled, holding pens have doubled in the slaughter area, there are now three smokehouses instead of two. Bob Bowlin

built the first processing plant under new required state inspection laws in 1971. until that time slaughtering was done on the Fisher's farm. Bowlin again was called on to build the new facility.

Production should triple with the state-of-the-art equipment now installed in the smokehouses. There is steam cooking with humidity control and a micro processor. "We can now cook off at night when USDA inspectors aren't present since installing the critical quality control units," remarked Johnny Fisher. "Temperature, humidity, and

heat control recorders satisfy the USDA's requirements."

Fischer's makes a variety of sausages, including the original German smoked sausage made since 1927. A viewing window in the remodeled facility now allows customers to view the sausage making process. Louise Fisher said that they will do tours and it is hoped that it will help draw people to Muenster.

Also processed in the state-inspected plant are custom beef, pork, lamb and deer. Beef from Fischer's own feedlot is also processed and sold. They mill their own feed with a basic

ration of corn. Antibiotics are never added to the feed's finishing ration.

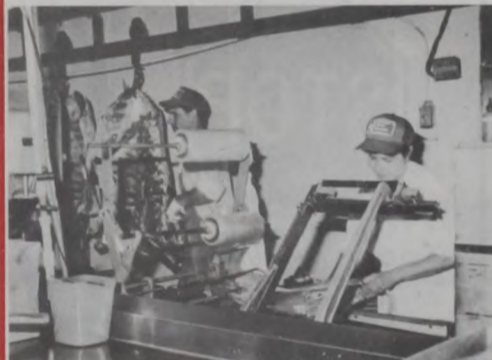
Unloading of merchandise is now done with a fork lift instead of the conveyor. Customers can unload in the rear of the building using a slab built for that purpose.

Fischer's now offers an appealing variety of produce from which customers can select. It occupies 56 feet of space compared to the former 20 feet. It is quite a change from the original market when ice was hauled from Gainesville in 300 pound blocks

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Fischer's Meat Market will celebrate their grand reopening next week to celebrate their remodeled, expanded store. At right, Susan Bryant and Tammy Gordon keep produce well stocked with fresh fruits and vegetables. Below, Steven Fisher and Sandy Wimmer custom cut and package beef for a customer. Janie Hartman Photo



Knighten sentenced, escapes, is captured

by Janet Felderhoff

Christopher Shawn Knighten, 18, of Gainesville was found guilty last Thursday of the aggravated assault of John Fangman, 27. Knighten was convicted by a seven-woman, five-man jury in the Cooke County 235th District Court with Judge Jerry Woodlock presiding. It took jurors only an hour to find him guilty.

District Attorney Janelle Haverkamp said that the jury had to determine if Knighten did or did not use a deadly weapon in the assault. They ruled that he did. That means that he will have to serve half of his sentence before he can even be considered for parole.

"That means the people of Cooke County can be assured that he will not be back on the streets for at least 10 years," said Haverkamp. In less than 30 minutes Friday the jury found that Knighten should receive the maximum sentence — 20 years confinement and a \$10,000 fine. Since Christopher Knighten had never been convicted of a felony, the jury

could have found that he was eligible for probation.

The offense Knighten was convicted of occurred at a party near Lindsay on August 11, 1996. Three other individuals were allegedly involved in the incident. They are juveniles and will be tried by the county attorney in juvenile court.

Knighten's trial drew a great deal of interest and there was standing room only. "The courtroom was full of young people," noted Ms. Haverkamp. "Some were there to support John and others were there for the defendant. I hope that the verdict will send a message."

Proceedings started Monday with jury selection and testimony beginning Tuesday. The DA praised the numerous people who were so willing to testify in the case for Fangman. There were many witnesses, lay people, law enforcement officials, and medical professionals. She especially credited Lindsay Police Chief Jody Henry for his work on the case.

Knighten's attorney was Ed See KNIGHTEN, Pg. 5

New school board members sworn in

Vice-president Clifford Sicking opened the meeting for Leon Klement. Other members present were Tom Hartman, Tom Flusche, Peggy Lutkenhaus, and Annette Anderle.

Carol Klement, notary, swore in newly elected members Neil Huchton, Jim Endres, and Tom Hartman.

New officers were nominated and voted on, electing Clifford Sicking, president, Tom Hartman, vice-president, and Annette Anderle, secretary-treasurer. The meeting was adjourned then the board reconvened.

The board approved the last monthly meeting minutes and the May 5 canvas meeting and approved and discussed accounts payable for April.

Steve Cooper gave his superintendent's report that included:

* board members training on June 7. New members are required to have a total of 15 hours, which could include a local meeting for "discussing and breaking in."

* There will be an employee appreciation meal in the cafeteria.

* High School graduation will be at 7:30 p.m. on May 30.

* Depository contracts are coming up again.

Bill Caraway of Chancellor Financing Co. was present to discuss lease purchase financing. "It's not new, school districts all over the state are

using them." Caraway explained that a school district hires his company to secure financing. "It's an installment type agreement." In a 20 year payout, after ten years you refinance the balance. A 15 year deal is better. Payment is a little more, but interest is less.

Caraway presented the board members with a detailed WebSite lease. "Lease purchase finalizing is a much more conservative way than a bond election. It is a much more conservative approach. This can be done!"

Caraway is also an ex-state

legislator and presented his beliefs on what's happening in Austin with the tax bill. "I believe that the senate bill and senate plan will prevail. There could be a taxing fee, like the old stamp tax, a tax on doing business (lawyers, etc.)."

He noted that the tax base should remain the same and school districts will be able to raise taxes .05 without a roll back. "Generally we should see the same system we have today. It will still be something like the Robin Hood approach," Caraway concluded.

Mr. Cooper then reported

that of the 399 surveys sent out questioning the school district's methods, ratings, etc., only 142 were returned. Though results are not complete, Cooper noted that 53% of the answered surveyors are willing to pay more taxes if needed to improve and enlarge the school system. Twenty percent said no and 27 percent had no opinion. Other concerns noted was funding, limited facilities and community growth. Complete survey reports should be ready by the next meeting.

After talking with different "folks", Cooper presented the board with "Option Six A" building plan. This ideal has a new high school, expanding the cafeteria, roof and other repairs. It gives the elementary 20 classrooms, and moves the junior high into the present high school.

Mr. Bob Chisam gave his principal report, including: * TAAS test results from the Sophomore class - Reading 100%, Writing 100%, Math 90%. Two students didn't miss a single question, while two others only missed one. Two students were borderline and two were absent.

* Received Iowa Test scores for grades 7-8-9-11. All classes did well according to national averages.

* Sent four students to the academic meet in Austin.

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Veteran board member Tom Hartman, left, along with Jim Endres and Neil Huchton, were sworn into the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees last Thursday. Janie Hartman Photo

Rebroadcaster authorized for Muenster VFD

by Janet Felderhoff

Members of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department have been experiencing about a 30 percent failure rate for their pagers. Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe explained the problem at Commissioners Court on Monday, May 12 and requested that they consider purchasing a rebroadcaster to alleviate the problem. Over the past eight months they have conducted tests to determine which pagers aren't getting the signals.

"It could create a problem if we had enough firemen out of town and we got a call and the 30 percent who didn't receive the signal happened to be the half who were in town," Knabe said. "We feel that to alleviate the problem we need to put rebroadcasters in similar to what Rosston did." There is a place on a tower near the fire station on which to put the antenna. It will cost \$1,487.49. Muenster will install the rebroadcaster.

When the new pager system was originally purchased it was thought that only Rosston VFD had a problem with reception. A rebroadcaster was bought and installed for them at that time. Since Muenster has found that there are certain "dead" areas in and around

Muenster that cause firemen to miss their emergency pagers.

One such area is the low area near H&W Meat Co. According to Knabe, two volunteer firemen were working on the roof of H&W when a call went out and their pagers didn't pick up the signal. Other problem areas are northwest side of Muenster and another spot south of town. These locations are within the city limits.

EMS Administrator Bob Harbin remarked that although the pagers work very well, they don't have a 40 watt receiver in them and the problem is caused by the distance being covered and the terrain. Commissioners agreed to the purchase unanimously.

Cooke County will be applying for dry fire hydrants from the Texas Forest Service. The request for the dry fire hydrant application came from the Cooke County Fire Fighters Association. "The additions of these dry hydrants to our current fire fighting arsenal would make Cooke County a safer place," stated Jason Moon in the Fire Fighters' written request. "It would help make everyone's job easier."

Cooke County Judge Paul See FIREFIGHTER, Pg. 2



An impressive display near the south entrance of Fischer's Meat Market and Grocery greets customers and visitors when they enter the recently-remodeled and newly-completed store. A treasured gift from members of the family of the late Henry and Elise Hennigan causes a pause, a pause lengthened into deep thought, smiles of appreciation and many shared conversations. The display covers 12 months, one full year of 1947, of Catholic Art Calendars provided by Fischer Store to Sacred Heart Church members. The year 1947 was the year Henry and Elise Hennigan and family moved from Muenster to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mrs. Hennigan saved the calendars, a reminder of their hometown and of their close friendship with the late Papa Joe Fisher; his sons, the late J.W. and John A. Fisher; and the present generation, the current owners, Butch and Johnny Fisher. Mrs. Henry Hennigan gave the collection to a daughter, Martha (Hennigan) Montoya of Rio Rancho, New Mexico. One of her other daughters, Rose (Hennigan) Johnston of California was employed by Fischer's for five years, 1942-1947. When Pat and Alice Hennigan of Muenster visited in Albuquerque recently, Martha requested that he bring the collection "home" to gift the first owners and to mark the family friendships, full circle. Accordingly, each has been individually framed and preserved. The calendars are unique in that they show Ember Days, Holy Days, Saints Feast Days, "fish days" in addition to standard calendar information, and carry the original phone number of Fischer's Store, No. 59. Pat Hennigan, left, and Johnny Fisher are shown here enjoying the display.
 Jamie Hartman Photo

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Hesse also noted that information received from the Texoma Council of Governments stated that the Texas Insurance Commission has approved a decrease for rural insurance premiums where dry fire hydrants are located.

Commissioners approved the application. The next step according to Judge Hesse will be to seek assistance from the NRCS in surveying and selecting the sites of the dry fire hydrants. After that the application will be submitted to the Texas Forest Service. If the Texas Forest Service approves the grants, the materials are purchased, the Volunteer Fire Department signs a water usage agreement with the land owner. The grant pays \$500 per hydrant.

Commissioners decided that the best solution to the ongoing need to replace damaged or stolen county road signs is to purchase a sign making machine. After watching a demonstration from Gerber, they approved the purchase with a five way split. Money for the purchase will be drawn equally between the four precincts and the 911 Rural Addressing fund. The cost of the sign lettering machine is \$4,995 and the additional computer with CD ROM required to run the program is \$1500.

Margaret Hayes, representing the Cooke County Historical Commission, reminded Commissioners Court that in 1998 Cooke County would be 150 years old. "It's time for a little celebration," she said. "The county was formed in 1858. The city lots were laid out in

1850. The city was not incorporated until 1873." Until Gainesville was incorporated the county commissioners ran the town. "It would be wonderful if the city and county could work together to celebrate a county/city sesquicentennial, whether you want it to be one year or two years, that's up to you," said Hayes. "What we think would be good would be if the county commissioners and the city council could jointly appoint a sesquicentennial committee."

Ms. Hayes distributed several examples of what Denton County did last year to help celebrate its sesquicentennial. She noted that it could mean a lot to Gainesville and Cooke County and that she could envision each community within the county having its own celebration, as well as a big celebration in the county seat.

Letters requesting the formation of a joint Sesquicentennial committee were submitted by Angela Antonetti, president of the Cooke County Heritage Society and Ona B. Reid, chairman of the Cooke County Historical Society. No action was taken by Commissioners. They will talk with the city before taking

action. In other business Commissioners unanimously approved:

- Application for indigent burial of Alburn Stephens.
- Preliminary plat of Emerald Glen Subdivision in Precinct #2.
- Preliminary plat for West View Estates Subdivision in Precinct #1.
- Preliminary plat for Shadow Wood Subdivision in Precinct #1.
- Awarding of bid for hot mix Hot lay to Overland of Ardmore and J. R. Thompson; hot mix cold lay to Apac and Overland; chip material to Joe Brown and Dolesee; RC250 to Coastal; and MC250 and MC800 to Bridges.
- Public official bonds for Sheriff's Department.
- Start date of April 19 for revised pay to commissioned deputies of Cooke County Sheriff's Dept.
- Preliminary plat for South Ridge of Lindsay in Precinct #3.
- Bid and contract on Cooke County Depository with Guarantee National Bank of Gainesville
- Minutes of previous meeting, reports and bills.

Fischer's expands market

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to keep the meat and the few fruits and vegetables available cool. Customers wanting to buy fresh produce had to ask for it because it was kept in the cooler, not on display.

Retail frozen food area has tripled. Aisles are now seven to nine feet wide, allowing ample room for shoppers to navigate grocery buggies, wheel chairs, or baby strollers.

When construction is completely finished, local customers will be able to park in the back of the building when needed. This will increase parking space.

Although it is too early to tell for certain, Louise Fisher said that there seems to be a trend for increased basket size (amount of products purchased).

Originally Fischer's was located at Main and Highway 82. Owners were John A. Fisher, Joe W. Fisher, Walter Pulte, and O.J. Huchton. Until 1933 only meat was sold. When groceries were added the business moved two blocks north on Main to where the current Muenster Gymnastics Center is now. In 1962, Fischer's was moved to the present location which the former Wilde Chevrolet building occupied.

John's sons, Johnny and

Butch, bought Fischer's in October 1975. In keeping with Muenster's German heritage, the brothers remodeled the store selecting a German look for the exterior. That is when the "c" was added to the name Fischer to again take on the German spelling of Fischer.

Doug Ousley designed the exterior of the building giving it a German facade with stucco and cedar beams. He also designed the look created with the recent expansion and remodeling. Yet to be added is a distinctive clock tower.

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City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for a special meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 8:30 a.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Wednesday, May 21, 1997.

1. Call meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
3. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act upon approving Ordinance #218, an amendment to Fire Zone Ordinance No. 45C, authorizing construction of a building with a properly protected wooden frame which has a R-1 fire rating.
2. Confirm that a committee has been established to review and update the current fire zone ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Gov. Code 561.071; Consultation with Attorney. Item to be discussed includes potential lawsuit against the City of Muenster.
2. Return to open session. Take any necessary action required on the subject discussed in executive session.
3. Adjourn.

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, May 18	Monday, May 19	Tuesday, May 20	Wednesday, May 21	Thursday, May 22	Friday, May 23	Saturday, May 24
SHYM Canoers return 5:30	SH Senior Awards Banquet, Center, 7 p.m. VFW Auxiliary Meeting, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, 8:30 a.m.	Slow Pitch Softball Clinic, Ball park, 5:30-7 CC Diabetic Support Group, 7:30 p.m., Gainesville Hospital	MMH Board Meeting, 8 p.m.	Student Council Swell Day Relay For Life Bank Night, 5-7 p.m., MMH	Muenster Museum Open, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		
Sunday, May 25	Monday, May 26	Tuesday, May 27	Wednesday, May 28	Thursday, May 29	Friday, May 30	Saturday, May 31
	Sacred Heart and Muenster - No School MEMORIAL DAY	MISD Kindergarten Graduation	SH Preschool/Kindergarten Moving On Ceremony	SH 8th Grade Graduation MISD - Last Day of School	Sacred Heart Graduation, 6 p.m. MHS Graduation, 7 p.m. Muenster Museum Open, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	DCYC at TCU
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		

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Representing the Upper Elm-Red SWCD to accept the Outstanding Conservation District Award were, from left, Tom Meador, James K. Brite, Charles Bayer, Clyde Hale, Carolann Corado and William Hermes. Dave Fette Photo

Upper Elm-Red wins big at area awards banquet May 6

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), The Muenster Enterprise, Sara Sepanski, and David Schniederjan were all recognized at the recent Area V Conservation Awards Banquet in Stephenville. Area V consists of 51 counties and 41 soil and water conservation districts.

Chairman William Hermes of Hood, Vice-chairman James K. "Rooter" Bright of Bowie, Secretary Bill Tom Meador of Saint Jo, and members Charles Bayer of Muenster and Clyde Hale of Sherman.

Receiving the first place News Media Award was the Muenster Enterprise for assisting the district in publicizing information on soil and water conservation. The Enterprise was represented at the banquet by David and Pam Fette, Alvin Hartman, Jamie Hartman, Janet Felderhoff and Brenda Rigby.

daughter of Bob and Linda Sepanski. Sara's essay also placed second in the Upper Elm-Red SWCD's contest.

David Schniederjan of Gainesville was honored as the runner-up Resident Conservation Farmer. Schniederjan runs a 1500 acre dairy operation south of Gainesville.

Prior to the banquet SWCD director Brite was elected to serve Area V on the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

In all, 25 people represented the Upper Elm-Red SWCD at the event which was held at the Student Development Center on the campus of Tarleton State University.

The Upper Elm-Red SWCD was honored as the Outstanding Conservation District. The district was organized in 1941 to oversee soil and water conservation activities in Montague, Cooke and Grayson counties. All five of the SWCD directors were present in Stephenville to accept the award. They include

Relay For Life Bank Night set for May 22

Walkers and runners will go around the clock on June 6 and 7, in the battle against cancer during the Cooke County unit of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Teams of walking and running enthusiasts from all walks of life will gather at the Hornet Stadium in Muenster for a 24-hour relay in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is a family-oriented team event where participants can walk or run around the track in a relay style for 24 hours. Participants can take part in a variety of family fun activities and entertainment, and camp out when not participating in the relay.

Teams sponsored by companies and organizations collect donations for the fund-raiser and the moneys are turned in on the first Bank Night, Thursday, May 22 from 5 to 7 p.m., or the second Bank Night on Monday evening, June 2, at the Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Relay For Life is as much of an awareness raiser as it is a fund-raiser.

Many of the participants will be people who have been cured of cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made, not only in cancer cure rates, but in the quality of life

following cancer treatment.

The funds raised will enable us to expand the county's services to cancer patients and their families, to offer more educational programs that will reduce people's risk of getting cancer, and to expand cancer research programs all of which are offered in Cooke County as well as nationwide.

Registration forms and information about the Relay For Life are available at Muenster Memorial Hospital Home Care or by calling 817-759-2271, Ext. 36.

It is not too late to organize a relay team and participate in the fight against cancer.

Downward trend continues for Muenster sales tax rebates

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts reported the delivery of \$216.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,086 Texas cities and 117 counties.

"The Texas economy continues its slow, steady expansion and May sales tax rebates to Texas cities and counties are \$19.7 million higher than those for May 1996," Sharp said. "Year-to-date, Texas allocations are

running 5.6 percent ahead of the first five months of last year."

Muenster received a check for \$13,168.00 for May 1997. It was a 5.66 drop from last May's payment. To date in 1997 Muenster has received a total of \$57,133.88 in rebate payments. That is 0.57 percent more than this time a year ago.

Lindsay's \$5,438.72 May payment was down 10.55 percent from last May. Total payments to date this year for

Lindsay, \$22,970.51 are down 9.12 percent from last May. Oak Ridge also experienced a drop with a May rebate of \$3,232.76. It was down 8.10 percent from a year ago.

Gainesville's rebate of \$301,129.73 was up 13.19 percent from last May. Total rebate payments to date for Gainesville in 1997 are up 7.36 percent from this time last year.

Valley View's payment soared 123.70 percent rising from \$2,656.79 in May 1996 to \$5,943.28 this May.

Cooke County was refunded \$106,075.40 this May. That was an increase of 14.85 percent from a year ago. Total payments to date for Cooke County are up 7.34 percent from this time last year.



Also receiving Area awards were David Schniederjan, left, and Sarah Sepanski, far right. Dave Fette Photo

Daily operations begins at 5 Six Flags theme parks and water parks in Texas

Summer fun of thrilling proportions has arrived as Six Flags theme parks across Texas begin daily operation. Parks in Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio are preparing for a season full of Texas-sized thrills and the best in family entertainment.

This year, each park will include plenty of new things to do, making visits to all five parks in Texas a summer necessity. Major new rides will

open this spring at Six Flags Over Texas and Six Flags Hurricane Harbor in Dallas/Fort Worth, Six Flags AstroWorld in Houston and Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio.

Daily operations began May 10 at Six Flags Over Texas, May 16 at Six Flags Fiesta Texas, May 17 at Six Flags AstroWorld and Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, and May 24

at Six Flags WaterWorld in Houston. The parks remain open daily until mid-to late August.

Although each Six Flags park has its own personality, with individual mix of shows, rides, shops and restaurants, the parks share many qualities and services. A Six Flags season pass, for instance, is valid at each Texas Park (excluding Six Flags Hurricane Harbor).

There are no free lunches!

The national School Lunch Program, created in 1946 and administered by the U.S.D.A., is operated on a non-profit basis on behalf of students who qualify for free or reduced price meals, as well as payments for students able to pay full price.

During the 1995-96 school year, schools were reimbursed \$1.80 for each free lunch, \$1.40 for each reduced price lunch and 17 cents for each full price lunch.

Also, for every lunch served, schools received 14.2 cents worth of commodity food, which

can include fresh, canned, or frozen vegetables, fruits, flour, vegetable shortening or oil, fruit juices or grain products. The USDA estimates that federal commodities account for 20 percent of the food served in the entire school lunch program.

During the 1995-1996 school year, Texas received \$563 million in federal reimbursements for the average two million school lunches served daily.

Source: Fiscal Notes, February 1997

SCHOOL BOARD

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* Next school year there will be extra honor classes in English and more AP classes.

Elementary principal Gwen Trubenbach also gave her report:

* Five teachers went to "It's the Law" conference.

* Elementary just completed testing, but no results are available.

* Presently have 28 kindergarten students enrolled.

* Three classes went on a field trip to the Jason Project in Dallas.

* Told of the SAC in Math and SAC in Phonics success in the elementary classes.

Cooper then reported on the 97-98 budget projections and timeline giving "ball park estimates assuming the new state legislation delivers the same money as last year" with the average daily attendance at 425. This school year the state funds were \$965,000, next years estimate was \$1,084,000, a difference of \$119,000.

Noted increase expenses included: mandated raises - \$30,000; other raises \$15,000, Co-op \$18,000; new bus \$16,000; health insurance \$5,000; internet \$3,000; normal increases \$10,000; with a total of \$87,000 increases for next school year.

Action items reported at the meeting included:

* Approved five transfers for next year that are already enrolled.

* Yearbook contract was awarded to Taylor Company after a bid of \$7,900. Josten's bid of \$8,000 was dismissed.

* Board approved asbestos reinspection collaborative, which would save \$200.

* Approved budget amendments - Scag mower \$5,594, water well repairs \$2,818, and woodshop equipment from Arlington ISD for \$1775.

The board then went into executive session to discuss personnel needs for the 1997-1998 school year.

Partners in Progress

Meat Market



Robert Weinzapfel, left, tours Fischer's newly-expanded and remodeled store with owners Butch and Johnny Fischer.

Muenster State Bank extends the heartiest of congratulations to everyone at Fischer's Meat Market. Your expansion is a beautiful and vital part of the Muenster business community. We are proud to be a partner in your project and proud that Fischer's is in Muenster.

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Estate Planning In Texas.

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Closer To Chemical Warfare

By Edwin Feulner

Imagine it's the year 2000 and you have a son or daughter in the U.S. armed forces, stationed in some hot spot like Israel's Golan Heights.

You receive some terrible news: Syria has launched an attack using chemical agents that wreaks hideous deaths upon a large number of U.S. troops. You pray your child wasn't in the wrong place at the wrong time.

As you are making urgent calls to find out whether your loved one is safe, a question is gnawing in the back of your mind: "Didn't the United States sign a worldwide ban on chemical weapons? Wasn't the treaty supposed to make it virtually impossible for renegade nations like Syria to get their hands on the frightful stuff?" You resolve to call your congressman and ask about this — as soon as you find out whether your son or daughter is all right.

When you make that call, what you learn is an outrage: The U.S. Senate ratified a treaty in 1997 that made the use of chemical weapons against American forces more likely, not less!

That's right. If the Senate caves in to a relentless pressure campaign being mounted by the Clinton administration and the professional "arms control" community, it will soon ratify — hastily and without proper review — the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), a treaty aimed at "banning" chemical weapons.

This treaty, one of the most potent pieces of politico/military naïveté to come down the pike since President Jimmy Carter, will not just fail in its goal to bar the production and stockpiling of chemical weapons. It actually will disarm the "good guys," like the United States, which are the only countries that will conscientiously abide by the treaty. This, in turn, will encourage "bad guys" — rogue nations like Syria, Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea — to build up their chemical stockpiles and possibly use them.

As usual, the Clinton administration is not taking foreign policy and U.S. security seriously.

If the Senate allows itself to be rushed to ratification, here's what will happen:

1) The United States will ban its chemical weapons, giving outlaw states an advantage they would be crazy not to use in a wartime situation;

2) We will be locked into a treaty that is unverifiable. As former Director of Central Intelligence James Woolsey admitted, "I cannot state that we have a high confidence in our ability to detect non-compliance, especially on a small scale";

3) Violations will likely go unpunished. The CWC calls for the United Nations to impose sanctions on violators, a weak prospect at best. Besides, the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — including two potential manufacturer/violators, Russia and China — can veto any sanctions imposed on them, or anyone else, by the others;

4) The risk of chemical weapons proliferation will increase. Article XI of the CWC requires "cooperation" among countries with respect to "the peaceful use of chemicals." Anyone familiar with a similar arrangement called "Atoms for Peace" in the 1950s knows this will spread the kind of knowledge we "good guys" shouldn't want the "bad guys" to have.

Why put the argument in terms of "good guys" and "bad guys"? Because that's precisely the point treaties like the CWC fail to recognize; the same truth liberals never faced during the Cold War: In this world there are, indeed, good guys and bad guys. "Moral equivalence" is as much a delusion today as it was when the Soviet Union stood on the brink of world domination.

By treating all nations as moral equals, the Chemical Weapons Convention makes the same mistake that almost lost the Cold War for America. One would think liberals would have learned this lesson by now.

Note: Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.

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Appellate Judge Selection, EMS Services

Last week, I asked for your opinion on a proposed bill that would change the method of selecting district judges by making candidates run with no association with a political party. This week, I would like your views on a similar proposal which deals with the selection of appellate judges. Under this plan the governor would appoint a judge to the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court. The judge's first election would be a regular partisan election like we have now. After the judge won one partisan election he or she would have a non-partisan retention election every six years.

As with the bill discussed last week, the idea is to depoliticize the judiciary. Supporters say that nonpartisan retention elections will help increase judicial diversity and result in overall improved quality. They also say judges will not have to raise so much money to run in contested elections. Opponents argue that party identification gives voters information about a candidate. They also say appointed judges will be less accountable to the voters, and will be more beholden to the governor.

In another matter, I am interested in your comments on a bill that recently passed the Senate and is now pending before the House. SB 102 would place a \$2 fee on driver's license renewal applications to help finance emergency medical services (EMS) and trauma care throughout the state. Currently, the state trauma system is financed primarily through grants, donations, and local money. The new fee is estimated to raise \$8 million in the next fiscal year and \$8.7 million the year after that. The money would go toward local EMS needs, 22 regional support areas on trauma, state trauma facilities and a special fund for extraordinary emergencies. Supporters of the bill say that an average of 30 Texans die every day from injuries and that the additional funding for EMS will save lives. Opponents are concerned that the money would go to large metropolitan areas rather than rural areas.

Remember, my office has had considerable success in aiding constituents with problems with state agencies. Please call or write if there is an issue with which I might be able to help.

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Letter to the editor

Thanks so much to you and your staff for publishing the special edition for the 1997 Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) awards banquet. We certainly appreciate your efforts to help

inform the public on soil and water conservation issues. If we can ever be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Richard Connert
District Conservationist,
Carolann Corado
SWCD Clerk,
William Hermes
SWCD Chairman

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Fishing has always been a pleasant sport for me, even when they were not biting, but during W.W.II with the long hours we were working, I had little time to indulge in it.

But then after the conflict was over and we were working only eight hours a day and getting off at 3:30 p.m. there was ample time to wet a hook from time to time.

Harold Sieber, a man I worked under for several years, and a good friend, loved to fish, but had little decent tackle.

We both liked to fish in Duck Creek, a stream that winds its way through the deep black lands of Dallas County, and is inhabited by a lot of real fine catfish.

One evening, feeling rather tired after work, I was little inclined to do much of anything, when Sieber rushed to the door, and was in a state of great excitement.

He could hardly tell me what the problem was, and I asked him if something had happened to Golda, his wife. I was a bit worried.

"No, no," he said, "I went fishing right after work and I hooked a huge fish in Duck Creek. Get your rod and reel and come with me." He went on to say the fish had broken his

line and gotten away. He knew I had a good silk line - nylon was not yet available.

Well, I was not really in the mood but I went with him, and to make a long story short, fishing with his bait, I hooked a nice cat - about 4 lb. - and in the next hour, as luck would have it, two more were added to my string - about 12 lb. in all.

Meanwhile Sieb was having no luck at all and was becoming more and more irritable.

With the sun about to set, I could hear the buzzing of mosquitoes, and I told Sieb I was going up the hill to the car to avoid the mosquitoes.

He soon followed, and without a word he started his car and drove like mad for home, still maintaining silence.

"Sieb, what's eating you?" I asked.

"I pick you up, furnish the bait, show you where the fish are, and you catch all the fish and I don't get a thing but a broken line," he answered.

Well folks, I couldn't help it. I just broke out laughing and the more I laughed the madder he looked, but then he suddenly began laughing too.

I guess that's what friends do.

Mac Thornberry

Americans Spent 128 Days This Year Working to Pay Off Their Total Tax Burden

This past Friday, May 9th, was Tax Freedom Day. What this means is that the average American spent 128 days this year working to pay off his or her total tax burden. It also means that May 9th is the first day in 1997 that people start working for themselves, their families, and their church -- instead of the federal, state and local government.

This is one week later than in 1993, and, in fact, is the latest Tax Freedom Day has ever fallen in a year. If Tax Freedom Day symbolizes anything, it's that the current tax system not only takes too much of our money, but also takes up too much of our time.

Think about all the taxes we pay during the course of a day. When we drink that first cup of coffee in the morning, we pay a sales tax. When we drive to work, we pay

a gas tax. At work, we pay an income tax. When we try to save and invest what we made, we pay a capital gains tax. When we retire, we pay a tax on Social Security benefits. The government even gets us when we die, making us pay a death tax.

We've reached a point in America where if you work hard, play by the rules, and do all the right things for yourself and your family, then the government punishes you with higher taxes.

Now that Congress and the President have reached a budget agreement that will provide some measure of tax relief, I can't think of a better priority to focus on next than overhauling the tax code and replacing it with one that's not only flatter, fairer, and simpler, but one that provides for a better quality of life for all Americans.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 412 Cannon Building, Washington, DC, 20515.

CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Government Regulation Reaches New Levels of Ludicrous

Offers beware. The federal government has its eye on your game. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is proposing new safety rules for golf carts that would require each to be equipped with seat belts, headlights and tail lights, turn signals, stop signals, reflectors, mirrors, windshields and parking brakes. This will add about \$1,000 to the cost of an average golf cart — a 25 percent increase.

Is there such vehicular mayhem on the links that a concerted government effort is needed to save lives? I suspect not.

This is just one example of how our regulatory efforts lack common sense — and a sense of proportion. Not only is every last detail of our lives being micromanaged by regulators in an effort to eliminate all risk from existence, but the cost of regulation to our society now totals \$650 billion. Federal regulations now fill more than 200 vol-

umes totaling in excess of 131,000 pages.

Congress has made some progress toward curtailing this propensity to over-regulate. In 1995 we enacted the unfunded mandates bill, which requires cost assessments for regulatory requirements expected to cost state and local governments \$50 million or more annually, and the private sector \$200 million or more annually. Last year Congress enacted a law allowing congressional review of proposed new regulations.

But that was only a start. Much remains to be done to bring the regulatory monster to heel. To carry out the intent of the Congressional Review Act, I have proposed that Congress establish a joint task force for ongoing review of all new agency regulations. We need to lower that \$200 million threshold for unfunded mandates on the private sector. And we must reduce the funding Congress allocates to regulatory agencies.

Regulatory reform is a matter of jobs and livelihoods. It also is a matter of privacy and personal freedom. The enforcement of regulations is turning hundreds of thousands of hard-working Americans — such as plumbers who install outlaw toilets that will flush the first time — into common criminals. Businesses large and small have been harassed, municipalities nearly bankrupted, workers thrown out of jobs and consumers forced to pay an estimated \$130 billion annually for the privilege of being regulated.

Max Weber, the great German sociologist, defined what must be changed when he wrote, "In a modern state, the actual ruler is necessarily and unavoidably the bureaucracy, since power is exercised neither through parliamentary speeches nor monarchical enunciations, but through the routines of administration." In the United States at the end of the 20th century, those routines need to be interrupted.

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Father Stephen Eckart dies May 7 at age 67

by Elfreda Fette
 Father Stephen Eckart OSB, former assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church and former coach at Sacred Heart High School, died suddenly at Subiaco Abbey on Wednesday, May 7, 1997 in the Abbey Health Center at age 67. His years of service were cut short by complications of Alzheimer's disease. His life was distinguished by outstanding service to others, by his generosity, enthusiasm and good will.

One of his former teachers, Father Harold Heiman said: "His goodness just radiated from him...he was most kind-hearted, loving and generous."

"He was a great person with fantastic memory. If he ever met you, he never forgot you; and he was very compassionate," one of the brothers at the Abbey commented.

"He will be remembered as a very gentle person who was helpful and kind," said Abbot Jerome Kodell OSB. "Numerous friends added, 'Oh, he did enjoy that football!'"

Born in Subiaco, Arkansas to John and Mary Eckart on Dec. 21, 1929, he attended grade school and high school there; in 1947 he entered the Monastery at Subiaco Abbey and was professed a monk on Sept. 15, 1949. On May 16, 1954 he was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend Albert L. Fletcher, D.D., Bishop of Little Rock. Continuing his theological studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., he received a Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 1957; then pursued further studies at Muenster State University and the University of Arkansas.

Father Stephen Eckart was a member of the staff of Subiaco Academy from 1958 until 1965, in successive years, as Academy Prefect, chaplain, football coach and Director of the Minor Seminary, along with his regular duties in the business and religion departments.

From 1973 until 1982, he served as assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church of Muenster and coach at Sacred Heart High School. Reassigned to the Abbey, he again joined the academy faculty. From 1985 to 1987, he was also director of the abbey's summer camp for boys, Camp Subiaco.

He was appointed pastor at Saint Peter's Church of Lindsay. Later he returned to Subiaco Academy as student chaplain for two years. His last assignment was pastor of Saint Boniface Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas; then retired to the Abbey in 1995.

Survivors of Father Stephen Eckart include three brothers



Father Stephen Eckart

and sisters-in-law Albert J. and Kay Eckart, and Gilbert A. and Marcella Eckart of Midwest City, Oklahoma, and Leo E. and Georgia Eckart of Paris, Arkansas, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother James Eckart of Muenster, and a sister Katherine Parque.

Wake Service was held Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m., led by Father Denis Soerries OSB. The Liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Benedict's Church of Subiaco on Friday, May 9, officiated by Abbot Jerome Kodell, who also delivered the homily. Following Communion, the monks sang their "Song of Farewell." "In Paradisum" was then sung by the Schola. The bell tolled in remembrance, as the monastic community, relatives and friends made their way to the cemetery. Surrounding the gravesite, all the monks sang, in four-part harmony, "The Benedictus," a haunting melody, a community tradition from co-founders, the Abbey of Maria Einsiedeln in Switzerland.

Among relatives and friends attending the funeral were nieces and nephews and their families from Muenster and Myra, including Mary Ann Koessler, Mary Lin and Duane Knabe, Carol Lin Luttmner, Don Eckart, Rose and Bill Black, Dale, Dolores, and Stephen Hofbauer, Agnes Hesse and Neil Hesse.

Also Julian and Carrie Ann Walterscheid, Virgil and Joalene Henscheid, Walter and Carol Grewing, Miriam Caplinger, Lucille Hess, and Ed and Ginnie Schneider.

Also from Lindsay were Harold and LaVern Nortman, Diamond and Evelyn Fuhrmann, Judy and Jimmy Fuhrmann, Greg and Shelly Zimmerer, Vernon and Alberta Badgett, Leonard Fuhrmann, Kevin Fuhrmann, Glenn Fuhrmann, Linus Fuhrmann, Mike and Jane Otto and Denise Schumacher.

Services held May 7 for Kenneth Zwinggi

Mass of Christian Burial was offered for Kenneth Henry Zwinggi on Wednesday, May 7, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay, officiated by Father Eugene Luke OSB.

Zwinggi died on Monday, May 5, 1997 at his home in Lindsay, a victim of kidney cancer, at age 73. He was born on Nov. 26, 1923 in Lindsay to Leo and Lenora Zwinggi. He served in W.W.II in the 739th Tank Battalion. On June 23, 1953 he married Rose Grewing in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster. He was employed at National Supply of Gainesville and retired after 30 years. A lifelong farmer, he always had a great interest in restoring old cars, tractors and trucks, and was a charter member of the Cooke County Antique Tractor Club. A member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, he was a life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors of Kenneth Zwinggi are his wife of 44 years, Rose Zwinggi; one daughter and son-in-law Kim and Steve Rohmer of Coppell; one son Kelly Zwinggi of Lindsay; two granddaughters Nicole and Michelle Rohmer of Coppell.

Also surviving are brothers Leonard Zwinggi of Gainesville, Oscar Zwinggi of Sherman, Roy Zwinggi of San Antonio, Alrich Zwinggi of Lindsay; and one sister Frieda Sutton of Harker Heights Texas.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one brother Joe Zwinggi and one sister Loretta Bassett.

A Rosary Service was led by Gene Pelzel of the Knights of Columbus at Clement-Keel Funeral Chapel on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. Another Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. in St. Peter's Church, and led by Father Eugene Luke OSB, pastor. The Lindsay church choir presented "Here I Am, Lord" and "Peace Prayer."



Kenneth Zwinggi

Lector for the Mass of Christian Burial was Rudy Dieter. Offertory gifts were carried to the altar by Kim Rohmer, Steve Rohmer and Kelly Zwinggi. "A Letter to Papa Kenny" was read by Nicole and Michelle Rohmer, a meditation in memory of their grandfather.

Eucharistic Ministers were Andy Bezner, Bill Rohmer, and Laurie Rohmer. Altar servers were Cody Secrest and Daniel Hellinger.

Sacred songs presented by the church choir included "Amazing Grace" at the entrance, "Be Not Afraid" at Offertory, "How Great Thou Art" at Communion, and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" for the recessional.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Jimmy Gray, Doug Martin, Jeff Grewing, Stan Zwinggi, Steve Zwinggi, and Danny Zwinggi. At the graveside, Johnny Rohmer of the Muenster VFW Post presented the Flag to Zwinggi's wife, Rose.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorial donations to Cooke County Home Hospice.

Area podiatrist attends seminar

Dr. Douglas Dresher, a Gainesville podiatrist, attended The Podiatry Institute's 26th Annual Seminar on Reconstructive Surgery of the Foot and Leg April 17-20 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The seminar featured continuing medical educational courses on the latest techniques and procedures for the diagnosis and treatment of foot disorders. The seminar focused on surgical techniques used in forefoot and rearfoot

reconstruction and was presented by a nationally renowned faculty in podiatric medicine.

Lindsay High places second at state UIL

Lindsay High School students took second place statewide honors in Class AA during the University Interscholastic League State Academic Meet held May 2-3 in Austin.

Lindsay's 66 total points was good enough for runner-up in the sweepstakes title competition. Stinnett placed first in Class AA with 96 points while Plains finished third. A total of 14 Lindsay students advanced to the state level based on their rankings at the regional UIL meet, where Lindsay took the Region II AA Sweepstakes Award.

The Literary Criticism Team took first place, while the Spelling and Mathematics teams placed second to lead the way for Lindsay. Seven students placed in the top six places of their competition to score points toward the sweepstakes award.

The statewide finish was the highlight to a very successful academic UIL year which saw Lindsay competing at the Class AA level for the first time. Lindsay has taken either first or second place at the UIL

state meet for six years in a row. "I am proud of these students as any who have ever come through this school," Craig Hertel, Lindsay UIL director, said. "They earned everything that they won through all of their dedication and hard work."

The Literary Criticism Team of Jennifer Hoberer, Julie Zimmerer and Elizabeth Luttmner placed first at the state meet. The Mathematics team of Steven Tepera, Nick Price, and Patrick Lusk placed second. The Spelling team of Amy Arendt, Erica Fuhrmann, and Emmy Schad placed second.

Individuals placing included Elizabeth Luttmner, fifth place in Editorial Writing; Richard Haayen, third, in L-D Debate; Michelle Murrell, second, and Erin Eberhart, third, in Informative Speaking; Carrie Hundt, third, in Persuasive Speaking; Patrick Lusk, sixth, in Science; Amy Arendt, fifth, in Spelling. Ashley Zimmerer finished seventh in Feature Writing and competed in the Computer Applications contest.

Valley View to celebrate 125 years on Wednesday

The Valley View Post Office and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a 125th year celebration Wednesday.

Over 200 guests and residents enjoyed viewing a table of postal memories, visiting and refreshments. A special cancellation was also available.

At noon a special program was held with Don Lucky as master of ceremony, Rev. Glenn Kersey, First Baptist Church delivered the invocation, and FFA members Kimberly Kupper and Ginger Andrew led the pledge to the flag. W.B. Hudspeth led the audience in singing the national anthem.

City alderman, Ken Pearce read the mayor's proclamation of "Post Office Appreciation Week." Mail contractor, Alan Ritchey spoke of the postal trucking system.

Postal stamp contest winners were announced and awarded prizes from Postmaster Jo Ann Leatherwood. Winners were: 1st, Chelsey Bush; 2nd, Mindy Williams; 3rd, Christine Bayer; 4th, Elijah Davidson; 5th, Katie Sharp.

County Judge Paul Hesse introduced commissioners Jerry Lewis, Virgil Hess and Richard Brown, and also Royce Martin. Judge Hesse delivered remarks to the guests.

Postmaster Jo Ann Leatherwood gave postal service history and facts of the Valley View postmaster and events that happened.

Greetings were read from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Rep. Ron Clark. Marlene Hess presented a flag from the office of Congressman Ralph Hall. Father Harry Fisher of St. John's Catholic Church gave the closing prayer.

KNIGHTEN

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Zielinski. The defendant said that he was acting in self defense and also to protect a third party. The DA argued that Fangman never attacked anyone before he was attacked. Dr. Leslie Porter testified as to the affects the crime will have on John for the rest of his life. Officers testified that Knighten had a record of theft of a car, another assault and school officials testified that he had been expelled from school for having a switch blade knife and fighting.

"Many people have asked me why we didn't try Knighten for attempted murder," said DA Haverkamp. "Aggravated assault is a second degree felony and has the same punishment range as an attempted murder charge. Aggravated assault is a much easier case to prove. Twenty years and a \$10,000 fine is the most severe level of punishment that either crime could have."

"It's unfortunate that whatever we got, it won't make John recover 100 percent," Haverkamp reflected. "We can only hope that the verdict will go a long way in preventing something like this happening to someone else."

Knighten escapes from county jail

Just hours after being sentenced Friday, Christopher Knighten made his escape from the Cooke County jail. He and another prisoner, Shannon Smith found a way out of the facility's recreation area. Smith was in jail for aggravated kidnapping and two charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

The escape occurred when a routine shake down of the jail cells was being done. This is done to search for items that prisoners shouldn't have. "They

can get stuff in there that you have no idea where it came from and this is the case in any jail in the world," said Sheriff Mike Compton. A shake down must be done for jail security. When this is done prisoners are put in the recreation area within the jail.

Cooke County Sheriff Compton described the area as being just like a jail cell except that it has 16 foot solid concrete walls and an expanded metal roof to let in sunlight (as required by law). It has been determined that the two agile men used a basketball goal to get high enough to make their escape. They apparently pulled themselves up on the rim, climbed to the top of the backboard, and wedged themselves against a beam pushed or kicked against the metal until they broke a spot weld holding the metal down. They pushed through the metal and escaped.

When it was time to bring the prisoners back into the jail cell one started arguing with a jailer to create a distraction. The jailers assumed that all prisoners were back in their cells. Later when a count was made, another prisoner tried to create a distraction, but it didn't work. "What the jailers did, they didn't violate any policy that allowed the escaped because the escape would have occurred (anytime)," explained Compton. "Where the violations came in was in the

amount of time before the escape was discovered. This is where they were negligent."

Knighten and Smith were both found Saturday morning. Knighten was found walking down Leach Street in Gainesville. He had his tee shirt pulled up over his face when he was spotted by Gainesville police officers and arrested. Smith was found at his girlfriend's house.

"Any time anyone gets out of jail in an escape, there're mistakes made," remarked Sheriff Compton. "The jailers who made the mistakes are not bad employees, but they made a slip. In our business sometimes a slip can lead to something like this. There have been disciplinary action taken against them I would be surprised if these folks ever have the same thing happen to them again because they realize have quick it can slip up on them. There was no intent on their part for this to happen. The responsibility is mine and mine alone because the people of this county elected me as their sheriff. Therefore I accept the responsibility for this." Steps are being taken to prevent such a thing from happening again. Compton said he couldn't promise that there wouldn't be another jail break, but he's bet that they wouldn't get out the roof of the rec yard again. Commissioners are looking into the situation and will take action to remedy it.



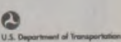
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May Crowning held in Sacred Heart Church May 1

May Crowning, the traditional service honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was held in Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, May 1. It began with a procession from Sixth Street, led by VFW flag bearers, followed by students by grade-level, and adults, high school students, altar servers and Father David Bellinghausen, OSB. Senior boys from both schools carried the statue of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Entering church, the congregation sang "Immaculate Mary." First Communicants, dressed in white, and carrying flowers, stood beside pews in the center aisle, forming an honor guard. The Sacred Heart School Children's Choir led

singing, directed by Pam Fette and Anne Poole, accompanied by Ruth Felderhoff. Leslie Grewing, SHHS Senior crowned the statue of Mary as the congregation sang "Bring Flowers of the Rarest." She was assisted by Jennifer Sicking, senior at MHS. After a Scripture Reading and response, Father David led the group in praying the Rosary and a prayer of Consecration. The school children's choir sang the Litany of the Blessed Virgin. Singing of "Hail, Holy Queen" ended the service. The Liturgical Commission, Jeannene Walterscheid, Rita Bayer, Carla Truebenbach and Kelly Bayer prepared and directed the service.



The Sacred Heart Liturgical Commission sponsored the annual May Crowning at Sacred Heart Church on May 1, to honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Queen of Peace. The service included the Rosary, Litany, Liturgical Readings, Benediction and sacred songs. High school seniors, carrying the statue of the Blessed Mother were, from left, John Bartush, Eric Miller, Glen Dangelmayr and Joel Schilling. Brenda Rigsby Photo

Leslie Dangelmayr passes the CPA exam

Leslie Dangelmayr received notice recently that she passed all 4 parts of the uniform Certified Public Accountant examination given November 6 and 7, 1996 at the Fort Worth

Convention Center. The uniform CPA exam is an extensive two-day long exam that is given twice a year, in May and November. The exam is divided into 4 sections, and each section must be passed with a grade of 75% or above. This examination is part of the requirements to becoming licensed as a certified public accountant. The November exam was Leslie's first time to take the exam.



Leslie Dangelmayr

Leslie is a 1992 graduate of Muenster High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of North Texas. In order for Leslie to receive her license, she must meet a working experience requirement of 2 years of experience under a certified public accountant. Leslie is currently employed by the accounting firm Anderson, Spector & Company, P.C. in Denton.

First Baptist Church hosts children's music camp

It is time to register for the 1997 Children's Music Camp at First Baptist Church, Gainesville. Camp dates are June 2-6 (Monday through Friday) from 9 a.m.- 12 noon each day. The camp musical, "Nic at Night" will be presented Sunday, June 8 at 7 p.m.

The camp is open to any child who has completed the 1st through the 5th grades. The cost is \$10 per child with discounts for families who have more than one child in music camp. The discounts are: \$15 for two children from the same family, \$22 for three children from the same family, \$30 for four children from the same family.

You may register your child by coming by the F.B.C. offices at 308 E. Broadway or calling 665-4347. Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible for better planning by camp officials.

If you have questions please call 665-4347.

Beta Kappa holds banquet

Beta Kappa held its Installation Banquet on May 5 at the Cooke County Co-op meeting room. Twelve members attended.

Christine Weinzapfel conducted a pledge ceremony to welcome new member Kay Broyles.

Newly elected President, Christy Hesse, was installed by outgoing President, Christine Weinzapfel. Christy Hesse then installed Vice-President, Sharon Felderhoff; Treasurer, Ramona Walterscheid; and Parliamentary, Christine Weinzapfel.

A short business meeting followed with a report that the bench at the park donated by Beta Kappa, would be receiving a plaque in memory of the late,

past Beta Kappa President Lynn Dangelmayr. Members were asked to sign up for walk times for the upcoming Relay for Life.

Ramona Felderhoff, treasurer, gave a Germanfest report with a net profit of only \$590. Members are selling left over apple strudel for \$20 a half case and \$30 a case. Each case contains approximately 72 pieces. Anyone interested in buying strudel should contact Christy Hesse at 759-4034.

Henry and Mary Fleitman descendants plan reunion

Descendants of Henry and Mary Fleitman will hold a reunion on Sunday, June 8, 1997 at Muenster City Park Pavilion, at noon. Please bring food and drinks for your own family, and some lawn chairs. For more information, call Eddie Fleitman, 759-2773.

Miller-Muller-Herr families set reunion for May 25

Members of the Miller-Muller-Herr families will hold their annual reunion on May 25 at Muenster City Park. They are asked to bring folding chairs and covered dishes. Charcoal meat will be provided by Andy and Julius Stelzer of Post, Texas. Plates, napkins, flatware and cups will be furnished also.

Michele Yosten graduates as nursing valedictorian

Nursing lamps with lighted candles were held by 27 graduates of the North Central Texas College Nursing Program. The traditional ceremony, held at the Gainesville High School Auditorium, was shared with friends, families, and other supporters.



Michele Yosten

"We always have a strong turnout of people who support our students," said coordinator of the NCTC Nursing program Maurice Robeson, RN. "One of the reasons that so many nursing students do so well is because of the strong support they get from their family and friends." The welcome and introductions at the ceremony were made by Robeson. A brief ceremony included the reading of a poem by Pam Switzer, RN which chronicled the joys, trials, and triumphs experienced in the life of a nursing student.

Presentations made during the ceremony included Michele Yosten who was honored as the class Valedictorian. Two students, Tope Babatunde and Jeannia Balentine, shared the honor of Salutatorian.

The nursing graduation was highlighted by the pinning ceremony in which each graduate was identified with an NCTC Nursing Department pin. After a clinical instructor's

brief introductory remark was made about each student, the pin was placed on the lapel of the graduate's uniform by Robeson.

The graduates in the Spring 1997 Nursing department class include Annette Davis, Jo Ellis, and Suzanne Goldsmith all of Gainesville, Dana Hellingier of Lindsay, an Sonda Monday and Michele Yosten, both of Muenster. The graduates were introduced by Arlinda Hefner, RN, Robin Caldwell, RN, an Pam Switzer, RN. The program closed with the nurses reciting the Nightingale Pledge led by Nora Miller, RN. Following the ceremony, a reception was held for the graduates and their guests.

Luncheon planned by Hospice Auxiliary June 5

Home Hospice's Auxiliary will have its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, June 5, at the Lake Kiowa home of Syd and Jacque Waghorne. The luncheon will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and will be hosted by the Auxiliary officers and County Representatives.

The purpose of the luncheon is to express thanks for all that the volunteers have done to help Home Hospice, especially during the Light Up A Life campaign.

During the luncheon, attendees will also have the opportunity to pay \$5.00 dues and become a member of the Home Hospice Auxiliary.

The Home Hospice Auxiliary provides financial support for Home Hospice, a non-profit organization dedicated to the care and treatment of terminally ill patients and their families. Their annual Light Up A Life campaign is the Auxiliary's major fund raiser. Last year's campaign raised over \$24,000 for Home Hospice.

For more information about the Home Hospice Auxiliary or about Home Hospice services, call 665-9891.

Guests of Whites

Emily and Alyssa White had a special treat as their Aunt Lori White of Newfield, New York came to visit April 19-27. Lori came to see her nieces and celebrate Emily's third birthday.

Lori is a middle school English teacher in a small town in New York, a little larger than Muenster.

During her stay, Lori enjoyed seeing the renovation of Jack and Jenny White's new home, a tour of Peterbilt, and trying out the local restaurants and

stores. She found lots of bargains in Muenster's shops. The much awaited Germanfest turned out to be smaller and damper than anticipated, but was fun none the less. "Muenster is a nice friendly town. The shops here are great!" Lori commented.

But when asked what she enjoyed the most about Muenster, Lori answered without hesitation, "My two sweet nieces!" Lori plans to return to Muenster this summer.

Area Happenings

Courthouse Cruise Nights

The first Saturday night of each month, June through September, is Decatur's Cruise Night. Antique and collectible automobiles can be viewed around the square.

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Nocona Fun Day

Nocona's 4th Annual Fun Day will be Saturday, May 17. Activities include games, food, and shows. For more

Memorial Day Weekend Memorial Day weekend activities at the DAV Vietnam Veterans National Memorial in Angel Fire, New Mexico will be held May 24-26. Highlights include a special POW/MIA candlelight vigil on Sunday May 25.

Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

The Rosston Baptist Church will have their regular dinner after church Sunday, May 18. Everyone is welcome to come.

parents Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian and attended the Rosston Cemetery Memorial Service Saturday. Bill and Dorothy Christian of Stephenville met Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian at the Forestburg Church of Christ and took them to the Center in Muenster where they treated them to dinner honoring Ruth for Mother's Day. Their son Fred Christian was in Tennessee and called in to offer Mother's Day greetings to his mother Ruth Christian. The Christians' granddaughter Shannan (Christian) Boyd who lives in Fort Worth called in Mother's Day greetings to Ruth Christian from Los Angeles, California. Shannan is a flight attendant for Delta Airlines and was on duty.

The Rosston Cemetery Association meeting and dinner was well attended. Prizes were given to the one coming the farthest distance, and the oldest man and woman attending, Jack Henderson of Buda received the prize for the farthest distance. C.H. (Tip) Christian received the prize for the oldest man. Mrs. Fannie Brandon received the prize for the oldest lady.

Tip Christian received the prize for being the oldest man at the Rosston Cemetery Memorial Services, that was a pretty mug.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kerr of Grand Prairie, Rickie Gaston and two sons, and Kenda Hutson all of Saint Jo and Brad and Betty Hutson and David. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson were in Sherman Sunday morning.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson were Gene and Houston Ensey of Dallas, Darrell and Janice McCandless, Bill and Jo Jackson and Camron McCandless all of Decatur, Ray McCandless of Lubbock, Clifford and Merle Hudspeth.

Mrs. Sandra Lehman and son Dustin of Iowa Park, Mr. and Mrs. David Beavers and Austin of Irving, and Mrs. Sybil Smith of Texarkana visited Mrs. Gladys Balthrop and other relatives and attended the Rosston Memorial Service Saturday. Jimmy Christian of Springtown visited his

Personal

After attending the funeral of Frank Hennigan in Albuquerque recently, Pat and Alice Hennigan continued on to spend a week with their daughter and son-in-law Sheila and Jean Gebman of Santa Monica, California and family. They also visited a grandson, Ryan Gebman at San Diego State University. The Hennigans returned home May 1.

Special Event Winners!



Peggy Grewing, far right, presents winner Carolyn Bayer with an M.I. Hummel figurine. Carolyn submitted the winning Hummel Look-a-Like photo for their Hummel Event Promotion. Lisa Miller, second from left, winner of the hand-signed Dreamsticle drawing, receives her prized figurine from Crafty Olde German associate Pam Foster.

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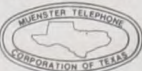


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Birthday Celebrations

Brooke Hess is two

Brooke Hess celebrated her second birthday on Thursday April 17 in the Muenster City Park. Guests enjoyed a hot dog cookout, and Brooke's favorite Winnie the Pooh cake.

Attending to help celebrate, and sing the Happy Birthday song were the parents, Clarence and Kellye Hess, sister Kristin and brother Chad. Also Brooke's grandma, Edna Klement, uncle and aunt, James and Karlyn Martin and cousin, Loren. The honoree enjoyed opening of gifts and posing for the video camera.



Kalyn Dangelmayr

and cousins, Rodney and Cindy Hess; Stuart Hess; Dwayne and Nicole Pagel; Glenda Russell; Marlene, Lacy, Kelly and Sandy Endres; Sharlene, Shannon and Dainah Hartman; Lisa Pagel; Lisa, Kailob, Taylor and Garrett Miller; friends - Jill Reiter, Dustin Wimmer, Danielle Bindel and Charlotte Bartush.

Those unable to attend, but sending birthday wishes were: godmother Brenda, Franklin, Frankie and Alicia Leon; Tom, Lora, Darren, Ryan and Garrett Henigan.

As guests departed, Miranda handed out Dalmatian loot bags.

around noon. The theme of the party was 101 Dalmatians, and balloons and other decorations illustrated this theme. Guests were served hamburgers, grilled by Kalyn's dad, with all of the trimmings, and afterwards cake and ice cream. The cake was decorated with Dalmatians by Kalyn's mom. Gifts were opened, and the children enjoyed playing outside on swings and with Kalyn's new basketball goal, a gift from her grandma.

Attending the party were: parents Chris and Leslie Dangelmayr; grandparents Robert and Gloria Klement; Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr; great-grandparents Frank and Lucille Zimmerman; Edgar and Rose Klement; aunts, uncles, and cousins Greg and Melody Rohmer and Lauren and Adrien; Mike Dangelmayr and Rashae and Garrett; Ron and Karen Dangelmayr and Amanda, Shelby, and Kassie; Darrell Dangelmayr and Amy Fette; Scott, Justin, and Shelley Klement; and Ronnie Klement. Unable to attend were Kerry Dangelmayr and great-grandparents Tony and Sis Klement.

Kalyn celebrated her actual birthday on Tuesday, May 6 with her friends at Tender Loving Care Daycare. Her mom sent cookies for Kalyn to share with her friends. On the evening of May 6, Kalyn was surprised by her parents with a trip to McDonald's along with Uncle Greg Rohmer and Godmother Melody Rohmer and Lauren and Adrien. Kalyn and Lauren enjoyed playing on the outdoor equipment after eating their happy meals.

Miranda celebrates second

Miranda Sue Pagel, daughter of Renate and Jacob Pagel, celebrated her second birthday with two parties.

On April 16, her actual birthday, Miranda celebrated in her home with a hamburger supper. Her cake was made by her mother with the help of Miranda, her sister Kelsey and brother Derek.

Guests included her parents, sister and brother and grandparents Pat and Tommie Sue Hess.

On Sunday, April 20, Miranda celebrated with a party in her back yard. One hundred and one Dalmatian storybook cake was baked and decorated by her mother. Guest enjoyed cake and ice cream and watching Miranda open her gifts.

Guests included her parents; grandparents Pat and Tommie Sue Hess; great grandmother Leona Hamilton; aunts, uncles,



Miranda Pagel

Emily Rose celebrates

Emily Rose White celebrated her third birthday on April 24 with friends and family. Her actual birthday is the 25th.

Guests enjoyed a Swiss cheese chicken meal followed by ice cream and a special birthday cake. The sheet cake was fashioned to look like a bed holding six little children, each "sleeper" was decorated to look like the birthday girl and each of her Muenster cousins.

Emily enjoyed opening presents and playing with cousins.

Guests included her parents, Jack and Jenny White; her sister Alyssa; grandparents Joe and Ruth Felderhoff; Uncle Bert, Aunt Christy, Joe Rebekah and John Paul Hesse; Aunt Anne, Matthew and Kaitlin Hesse. Special out of town guest included Aunt Lori White of Newfield, New York and Phil Lane of Houston.



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After the special awards, graduates received their diplomas in alphabetical order and by category. Students who received diplomas Friday include: Stacy Fleitman, Janelle Hellinger, and Amber Parsons all of Gainesville, Christy Bezner, Danah Hellinger, Sherry Hess, Courtney Hughes, Jennifer Moran, JoAnn Yosten, Leigh Zimmerer all of Lindsay, Candise Abney, Debbie Anderle, Jeanann Biffle, Amy Binder, Lisa Clark, Ellen Embry, Timothy Erwin, Melinda Fleitman, Nicki Hofbauer, Lori Klement, Cathy Kubis, Tina Lutkenhaus, Sonda Monday, Gina Pels, Traci Stoffels, Michele Yosten all of Muenster, Amber Hammer of Myra, and Stephanie Klement of Saint Jo.

New Arrival

Yosten

Adam Christopher Yosten welcomes his new baby sister Danielle Marie. Danielle was born at Medical City Hospital on Tuesday, May 6, 1997 at 7:47 a.m. She weighed 6 lb. 15 3/4 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Mark and Danetta Yosten of Frisco, Texas. Also welcoming the little girl are grandparents Gene and Olene Gray of Wylie, Texas, and Frances Yosten of Muenster. Great-grandmother is Dorothy Rhoades of Lewisville, Texas.

Wolf

Kent and Lori Wolf of Denton announce with joy the birth of a daughter, Kelli Marie Wolf, in Columbia Medical Center on April 24, 1997, weighing 8 lb. 12 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. Kelli Marie joins two brothers, Paul and Stephen, and two sisters, Michelle and Amy. Their grandparents are Ramon and Toni Stinedurf of Big Sandy, Texas and Ernest and Bea Wolf of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Elva Stinedurf of Big Sandy and Rose Wolf of Muenster.

Fleitman

Scott and Karen Fleitman of Gainesville are proud to announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Shane Fleitman, on Thursday, May 8, 1997. He was born at 1:34 p.m. in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Nicholas weighed 5 lb. 6 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. He is welcomed by a brother, Christopher, age 9. Grandparents are Leon and Betsy Fleitman of Lindsay and Vernon and Patsy Bell of Rowlett. Great-grandparents are John and Anne Fleitman of Muenster and John Reed of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Years Ago

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William Bergman, 78, dies of heart ailment. Fr. Herman Laux announces that the Bishops' collection for war relief amounts to \$910.83; and Urban Endres announces that the Red Cross drive amounted to \$595.90.



Paige Hennigan

Kalyn Rae turns 3!

Kalyn Rae Dangelmayr, daughter of Chris and Leslie Dangelmayr, celebrated her third birthday with a party at her home on Sunday, May 4

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NCTC commencement divided into 2 groups

The 445 new alumni of North Central Texas College marched down the aisles, cap and gown marking their achievement, to be conferred their degrees during the college's 71st annual graduation ceremonies last Friday night.

Due to the large number of graduates, ceremonies were split into two individual processions; one for allied health and another for non-health graduates. Both ceremonies took place at the Gainesville High School Auditorium.

"This is one of the largest graduation classes we've had and we're very pleased to see a rise in Denton and Lewisville students participating in commencement exercises," said Regina Organ, dean of student services.

The first ceremony opened with musical performances from the NCTC Singers, which included, "The Rose" and "Prayer for Peace." Dr. Mike Linder, who conducts the Singers, performed as a soloist in the second ceremony singing, "Climb Every Mountain." Janie Neighbors, director of admissions at NCTC, accompanied on piano, for both services.

Following the musical performances, graduates were congratulated by NCTC President Dr. Ronnie Glasscock who also introduced the Board of Trustees to the crowd.

NCTC Agriculture instructor T.J. Davidson presented the 1997 "Teacher of the Year" award to Dr. Gerald McDaniel of the English department. The Teacher of the Year Award was

sponsored by Guaranty National Bank and First State Bank.

According to Davidson, chairman of the committee that chose the 1997 teacher of the year, McDaniel was selected because, "He works hard for the college and the community." Davidson went on to say that McDaniel is "always willing to share his knowledge and his wisdom with the community through Continuing Education classes" and "is a great example of an excellent educator who enriches us all with a genuine enthusiasm for literature and language."

Also delivered at Friday's commencement was the "Distinguished Alumni Award," presented by President Glasscock to Leon Morris Liddell of Houston, with remarks from the NCTC Foundation Executive Director, Debbie Zimmerer, and the Director of Library Services, Patsy Wilson.

A Gainesville native, Liddell completed his first two years of higher education at Gainesville Junior College (to become NCTC) in 1938. He then transferred to the University of Texas in Austin where he received his B.A. and J.D. in 1937, at which time he was admitted to the Texas bar.

Although Liddell lives in Houston, he still remains an active supporter and advocate of NCTC, feeling that the college provides a valuable resource to North Texas and Southern Oklahoma students. Liddell has shown his support by providing four permanent

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First Communion celebrated at St. John's

Twelve children received their First Communion April 13 during a special liturgy at St. John's Catholic Church in Valley View with Rev. Harry Fisher, pastor, as celebrant.

Those receiving their First Communion were Christopher Corcel, son of Dan and Betty Corcel; Kenneth Hall and Matthew Hall, sons of Timothy and Pamela Hall; Thomas Hilliard, son of Dee Hilliard; Michael Hunter II, son of Michael and Melinda Hunter; Kennedy King, son of Mark and Daisy King; Maria Elizabeth Perez, daughter of Epifanio and Cristina Perez; Jerad Rauschuber, son of Joe and Julie Rauschuber; Justin Rauschuber, son of Diana and Don Rauschuber; Ediberto Rodriguez and Lina Rodriguez, children of Eddie and Lourdes Rodriguez; and Joshua Zimmerer, son of Albert and Jackie Zimmerer.

The children walked in procession to the hymn, "We Celebrate This Festive Day." Dee Hilliard gave the first reading and candidate Lina Rodriguez gave the second reading. Rev. Fisher delivered the homily, discussing the importance of the sacrament.

The candidates were assisted by their parents and godparents in lighting a candle

from the Easter candle. They renewed their Baptismal vows, symbolic of making promises that had been made by their parents when they were infants.

Offertory petitions were given by candidates Eddie Rodriguez, Jerad Rauschuber, Michael Hunter, and Thomas Hilliard with the Offertory hymn, "Here I Am, Lord." The Offertory gifts were presented by candidates Elizabeth Perez, Chris Corcel, Kennedy King, Justin Rauschuber and Josh Zimmerer. Candidates Matthew Hall and Kenneth Hall brought the collection.

The children received their First Communion along with the parents followed by the hymn, "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In." The children were then received into the Holy Scapular Society with a blessing from Rev. Fisher. The recessional hymn was "Then They'll Know We Are Christians."

Eucharistic ministers for the ceremony were Julie Rauschuber and Albert Zimmerer. Acolytes were Ronnie Avila and Adam Zimmerer. Usher was Jimmy Prescher. Organist was Kay Neu. The children's First Communion teacher was Linda Mendoza.



1997 First Communion Class of St. John's Church

First Holy Communion Day, for children or adults, holds a most important place in their memories, and in family observances of treasured events. In importance, First Holy Communion Day is second only to the Day of Baptism. Parents and other close relatives find various ways to mark the day for special memories. Reunions are frequently included to honor the children or adults.

Amber Joy Fuhrmann
Amber Joy Fuhrmann, daughter of Arnold and Cecilia Fuhrmann of Lindsay was a member of the First Communion Class of Sacred Heart Church. A family gathering followed, featuring a pizza dinner with trimmings and a special pink cake made by her mother, with a keepsake girl figurine. Special guests were her grandparents, Damon and Georgia Doye of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann of Lindsay; godmother Damona Doye; Harry Mapp of Stillwater, Oklahoma; Ted Fuhrmann; Denise and Jack Dangelmayr; Barbara Fuhrmann; Don Rohrer. Unable to attend was her godfather, Alex Fuhrmann and family. A special call from Amber's cousin Camille Metzinger of Albuquerque was a treat. She will be a First Communicant in May.

Matt Beaver, son of Troy and Tina Lutkenhaus and Allen and Christy Beaver was honored on his First Holy Communion Day, April 13, with a family gathering held from noon until 4 p.m. in Troy and Tina's home. A bountiful baked ham dinner was served to the honoree, his grandparents, Bobby and Angie Lutkenhaus of Muenster, Bessie Brinkley of Gainesville; uncle Earl and Aunt Polly, uncle Tony and Becky, uncle Marty and aunt Sue Nelson of Rowlett, Linda and Bobby Lutkenhaus of Muenster, Duane and Dana Lutkenhaus of Muenster. Gifts, games of horseshoes, other games and old-fashioned family visiting added to the special day for Matt.

Jessika Hartman
Jessika Harman's parents, Tim and Janie Hartman observed her First Holy Communion Day, Sunday, April 13, with a family gathering in their home during the afternoon. They hosted a late lunch after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Guests were the honored child, her sister Kristine and brother Kirk, their grandparents, Leonard and Emily Hartman, and Andy and Mary Ann Arendt, and Jessika's godmother, Jeanann Biffle, who gifted her with a gold cross necklace, a ceramic First Communion picture frame, and a special new summer playtime outfit, respectively. Jessika wore Kristine's First Communion dress and a new veil made by a family friend, Brenda Rigby.

Jessika Jean Bartel
Walter and Celine Bartel entertained for their daughter, Jessika Jean to honor her First Communion Day, April 13. They hosted a family gathering in their home at 1:00 p.m. with dinner and a specially decorated First Communion cake. Guests were sister and brother-in-law Lorene and Jeff Dudley, Juline and Jason Brogdon; brother and sister-in-law Terry and Katina Bartel; brother Tim Bartel; Staci Walterscheid; sister Bernice Bartel; George Spaeth. Her sister Marceline Felderhoff phoned but was unable to attend. Grandmother Margaret Truelsenbach was unable to attend. Special guests were nieces ShyAnn Bartel and Emily Brogdon.

Collin Walterscheid
Cousins Collin Walterscheid, son of Glenn and Jean Walterscheid and Bret Walterscheid, son of Kim and Lisa Walterscheid were centers of attention at a family gathering held in their honor on their First Holy Communion Day, April 13, in the Glenn Walterscheid home. Guests included grandparents Peggy and Handsome Walterscheid, Lloyd and Gwen Truelsenbach and Willie and Queenie Walterscheid; great-grandparents Arnold and Delores Friske and Louise Truelsenbach; Collin's godparents Tim and Ramona Felderhoff and Bret's godparents Tim and Kristi Schneider. A meal of brisket, smoked Turkey and trimmings was served. Two special cakes were decorated by Betty Rose Walterscheid. All the cousins enjoyed the great day.

Dainah Leigh Hartman
Sandra Michelle Endres
Dainah Leigh Hartman, daughter of Sharlene and Bobby Hartman and Sandra Michelle Endres, daughter of Marlene and Phil Endres shared two family gatherings that celebrated their First Holy Communion Days on April 13. They were members of the 40 children class in Sacred Heart Church who received First Eucharist. The first party was a formal meal at noon attended by the honorees, their parents; Shannon Hartman, Chris Pagel, Lacy and Kelly Endres, Mrs. Victor Hartman, Alvin and Joanie Hartman, Dainah's godparents, Jon and Monica LeBrasseur and Kristin, Rhonda, Kenny, Holly, and Courtney and Nolan Hartman; joined by Father David Bellinghausen, OSB, who led the meal prayer. A special lamb cake was made by Dainah's paternal grandmother Joanie Hartman.

The second party was a hamburger supper honoring both Sandy and Dainah, held in the Endres home Sunday evening. Attending were the hosts, Phil and Marlene Endres and their children Lacy, Ricky and Kelly; Troy and Lisa Pagel; godparents David and Laurie Ann Flusche and children Katie and Dylan; Bobby, Sharlene, Shannon and Dainah. There was a specially decorated cake by Betty Rose Walterscheid, inscribed to Sandy and Dainah. There were gifts, picture taking and home movies at both parties, and cousins having a great time playing together.

Roman Vogel
Roman Vogel, son of Claude and Linda Vogel received First Eucharist in Sacred Heart Church, with the class of 40 second graders of Sacred Heart Parish, on April 13. He was honored when family members gathered in the home of his great-aunt in Saint Jo for a noon meal. Attending were Roman's parents, Claude and Linda, and his brother Phillip; his godmother Pat Adair; aunts Ethel Harvill, Rhoda Harvill, Jeanne Parker, Jan Browning and Helen Patel; and uncles Louis Harvill; Roman's grandfather L.M. Harvill and cousins Louis Harvill and Nicholas Bass. Gifts visiting and pictures and cake were enjoyed in the afternoon.

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Nearly everyone in America has now heard of the potential dangers that air bags may pose to children. Unfortunately, education alone has not been enough to motivate all drivers to change their habits and buckle children 12 and under in the back seat. Surveys show that almost half of all Americans are still not following the safety advice --

Air bag safety means: Buckle Everyone! Children in Back!
This statistic translates into tragedy. Since January, reports indicate that four small children riding in the laps of front seat passengers were killed when an air bag deployed in a crash. "We've all seen children riding unbuckled -- sometimes leaning up against the dashboard or kneeling in the seat looking out with their little faces pressed up against the window-- and wished we could do something about it," said Janet Dewey, Executive Director of the Air Bag Safety Campaign. "Stepped up enforcement of child passenger safety and safety belt laws, and strengthened laws is what is needed to protect children who are in serious danger in the event of a car crash."

Motor vehicle crashes -- road disease or crime -- are the leading cause of death for children. The best way to address this startling statistic is to increase compliance nationwide with child passenger safety and safety seat laws.

That's why the Air Bag Safety Campaign has launched Operation ABC: Mobilize America to Buckle Up Children. In partnership with the Campaign, and with the support of the President of the United States and the nation's governors and mayors, law enforcement in all 50 states will be stepping up enforcement of child passenger safety and safety belt laws during Buckle Up America Week, May 19-26 in order to protect children and families from potential crash-related injuries.

Public support for strengthening child passenger safety laws and stronger enforcement of existing laws is very strong; 76 percent of those surveyed support it. It's time to make unbuckled children unacceptable in America, Dewey added.

Positive parenting class begins

Effective parenting is one of the most rewarding tasks in life--it is also one of the most challenging.

To help parents and caregivers improve their parenting skills, a "Positive Parenting" class will begin on May 21. The class provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be led by Evelyn Yeatts, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences.

The class beginning on Wednesday evening, May 21, from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M., will continue on May 28, and conclude on June 4. The class will be held in the Cooke County Library Meeting Room located at 200 South Weaver Street in Gainesville.

The curriculum is intended especially for use with parents of preschool and early-elementary school age children. The lesson topics are:

Physical Punishment
Reviews the major arguments against the use of physical punishment in the discipline of children. Overviews an array of alternative discipline tools.

Limits
Emphasizes that children must have both love and limits to feel secure and to develop self-control.

Offers several guidelines regarding the setting of limits in the family.

Consequences
Intended to help parents understand natural and logical consequences rather than punishment to change their children's behavior.

Listening
Emphasizes the importance of listening in parent-child relationships and offers a number of guidelines for effective listening.

Anger
Provides perspective on the nature and sources of anger. Offers guidelines to parents for dealing with their own and their children's anger.

Challenging Behaviors
Offers strategies and tactics for dealing with non-compliant or oppositional behavior of children. To register for the free Positive Parenting Class, call the County Extension Service Office at 668-5412 or stop by the Extension Office in the Courthouse Basement.

This Parenting Class, like all Texas Agricultural Extension Service educational programming, is open to people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

CC Friends of the Family appreciate community efforts

The Week of April 13-19 was National Crime Victims' Rights Week and was a special time to remember victims of crime. It is important to take time throughout the year to remember them and examine the magnitude of crime in our community. During the past year the toll of victimization has tolled for approximately 140 residents whose homes were burglarized and approximately 54 citizens whose automobiles were stolen in Cooke County. Moreover violent crime in our community continues to take its toll. Over the past year there have been 21 sexual assaults reported, 448 physical assaults reported, one fatal accident in which one individual was killed and 19 injuring accidents in which 28 were injured in drunk driving related crashes.

Cooke County Friends of the Family would like to give a special thank you to the Cooke County Sheriff's Office, Gainesville Police Department, Muenster Police Department, and the Dallas Department of Public Safety for their help in contributing to the finding of these statistics, their dedication in the judicial system, and their cooperation and time.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to the Gainesville Police Department, Muenster Police Department/City Hall, Valley View Police Department/City Hall, Cooke County Sheriff's Office, Gainesville Daily Register, Muenster Enterprise, Muenster Public Library, Muenster Elementary 3rd and 4th graders, Cooke County

Commissioners Office, and TCI Cablevision of North Texas during the week of National Crime Victims' Rights Week for their collaborative efforts in making this year's National Crime Victim's Rights Week a success and for supporting victims of crime.

Victims of crime deserve to be and should be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect with all individuals they may come in contact with after the crime. In addition, crime victims deserve to be treated with the same degree of justice as the offenders are allotted. All too often the victim becomes revictimized and treated, as if, he/she had provoked the perpetrator or actually committed the crime.

These victims of crime have the right to be informed of their case proceedings, to be encouraged to participate at all stages of the criminal justice process, to be ensured their voices are heard throughout the trial and beyond, and to be offered a safe, secluded area away from the suspect during trial.

As a community, please lend your support to these victims. Several ways to do this are to ask the victim what you can do to help, offer to watch their children so they can have time for themselves, offer to keep the victim company, and/or listen to what they have to say even if you've heard their story already. Talking about their victimization is part of the healing process. Another way to offer support is to volunteer at a local helping agency, such as Cooke County Friends of the Family. Let victims' rights truly ring across America.

- Years Ago -

50 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1947

W.R. Cannon, pioneer of Bulcher area, dies at age 81. Population of Muenster is 841; Census shows 40 percent growth since 1940. Mayor asks for special observance of Good Friday on April 4. City-wide cleanup will be held on March 28 and 29. Muenster's new soda and ice cream center, "The Shanty" will open March 30. Mrs. Joe Luke will open new floral business "The Blossom Shop" and greenhouse.

30 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1967

Funeral of Joe Lehnertz, 74, held on Good Friday - formal Requiem Mass will be on Monday. Muenster Memorial Hospital receives three year extension on accreditation from joint three association group. VFW gives \$500 to hospital auxiliary for purchase of cardiac equipment. Royce D. Rennels receives highest award

in peace time, the Soldiers Medal, for bravery. Improvement job now in progress at City Ball Park. Joanie Rohrer wins first place in 4-H Dress Revue for Cooke County. Muenster FFA Project Show will be held on April 29. Dan Luke elected president of St. Joseph's Society. New Arrivals: a son for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bayer; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reiter.

10 YEARS AGO

March 27, 1987

Recovery of a stolen, expensive 1986 Z-24 automobile, taken from Gregg Wilde Chevrolet, is announced by Muenster Chief of Police Helen Tompkins. There are no contested races in hospital, school district, and city elections. Al Hess is only candidate for alderman. Victoria Gremminger is honored on 85th birthday.

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School News



Spring field trip for SHS first grade

For their spring field trip, Sacred Heart's first grade class recently visited the Arnold Fuhrmann dairy farm, and what an information and fun packed day it was!

The day began with meeting Rex, the AMPI milk hauler, who was picking up the milk, and who delighted the children with his explanation of how the milk is kept sanitary, chilled and tested.

Hostess and tour guide Cecelia Fuhrmann reviewed the entire process of "Milk from the Cow to You," impressing the children with the fact that never once in the process is milk touched by human hands.

After touring the dairy barn, the children went on to sniff and see various types of feeds, view and climb into tractors and learn about the types and purposes of different kinds of farm equipment.

Next came a hay ride to the Don and Donna Schad farm, where the children had the chance to see a multitude of various animals, from horses, ducks and geese to exotic birds and guinea pigs, among others.

From there it was back on the hay ride to Arnold and Cecelia Fuhrmann's home for a farming video, potting of marigolds, and learning more about animals, from their eggs to skulls and bones.

Lunch time brought a walk to the meadow for a weenie and marshmallow roast, followed by a nature treasure hunt. Then it was back to the farmhouse for arts and crafts, with each student creating a montage of the beauties of nature each had collected.

After playtime it was time to sample a genuine dairy product-ice cream served up in a cone. The big day ended with a hay ride through the cows and back to the dairy barn, where the children were thrilled with tractor and four-wheeler rides, an exciting ending to a day they will never forget.



Above: First graders enjoy making lunch over an open campfire. At right: Much to the "kids" pleasure, first grade teacher Anne Poole holds a baby goat for all to see and touch. Courtesy Photo

Karl Fisher earns academic recognition

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Karl T. Fisher of Muenster, Texas has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

Karl Fisher, who attends Muenster ISD 6th grade, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy

winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The USAA National Honor Roll Awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability.

Karl Fisher is the son of Gary and Marlene Fisher. The grandparents are Earl and Velma Fisher and Ann Herr and the late Buster Herr.



Karl Fisher

Site-based management committee to meet May 21

The next Site Based Management Committee meeting will be held May 21, in the Elementary Office of Muenster ISD at 6:30 p.m. Memos have been sent by Gwen Trubenbach, principal, to community member Christine Weinzapfel; parents Tom Hennigan, Sharon Felderhoff; educators Jill Reiter, Darla Lile, Amy Popp and Kristi Schneider.

Agenda of the meeting includes: 1) Action on the Campus Plan - Academic Excellence Indicators; 2) Campus needs - space, foreign language, content mastery, technology; 3) Student Discipline Management Plan - unexcused tardies, unexcused absences; 4) Staff Development Plan - First Aid and CPR, technology; and 5) other business.

The public is welcomed to attend the meeting.



Mu Epsilon Chapter awards local students

Mu Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its Achievement Banquet on May 1 at the Center Restaurant in Muenster. Twenty members and three guests enjoyed the meeting, presentations and fellowship which began with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Patsy Wilson. A devotional was given by Stephanie Stogdill. A short business meeting followed concluding with the highlight of the evening - the presentation of two scholarships to two area high school seniors. Receiving scholarships were Andrea Goodwin, Muenster High School and Julie Zimmerer, Lindsay High School. Zimmerer's scholarship was accepted by her mother because Julie was in Austin competing in State UIL.

Goodwin thanked the members for the encouragement the scholarship allows her in pursuit of her education goals. The recipients and their mothers were guests for the evening.

Frances Moses, Valley View ISD, was presented Mu Epsilon's highest award. The Spirit of Delta Kappa Gamma award is presented to someone who has been an outstanding member throughout the year. Moses was Mu Epsilon president in 1994-1996 and is currently serving as chairman of the Necrology committee and the World Fellowship Fund committee.

This was Mu Epsilon's last meeting for this school year. The next meeting will be held on October 6 at 7 p.m. in the NCTC Lyceum. The hostesses will be Callisburg ISD members.

Patrick Miller accepted by Spectrum

Patrick Miller, a sophomore student at Sacred Heart School, has been accepted to the Spectrum Program at Midwestern State University.

Spectrum is a summer program for academically talented high school students. Spectrum covers a five and one half week period that runs concurrently with the Summer I term. Spectrum students enroll in two academic courses and attend class with regularly enrolled college students. Hours earned in the Spectrum Program may be applied toward a degree at MSU or at another institution of higher learning.

Spectrum is a competitive program with many students vying for acceptance to the program. Selection criteria include a competitive ACT, SAT, PSAT, or PLAN score; the quality of the applicants' high school transcript, including GPA and the level and nature of the courses taken; and the recommendation of school personnel. Spectrum is designed for students currently classified as juniors. Exceptional sophomore students are sometimes selected.

Patrick is involved in many activities at Sacred Heart. He is a strong academic student

across disciplines. Also, he participates in the athletic program and in other school opportunities. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Recently in the TAPPS State competition, Patrick placed 1st in Math and 5th in Number Sense. He aims for excellence in all of his endeavors.

Patrick will receive a Spectrum scholarship that provides tuition, fees and housing.

Patrick Miller is the son of Robert and Betty Miller. His grandparents are Albert and Wilda Stoffels, and Bill Miller and the late Terese Miller.

Well-known artist to speak at Sivells Bend graduation

Donna Howell-Sickles will be the featured speaker at the Sivells Bend 8th grade graduation May 22. Ms. Howell-Sickles combines western art and stories with Greek mythical themes. Her work is shown in a number of galleries, including Contemporary Southwest in Santa Fe, New Mexico; Meyer in Scottsdale, Arizona; Harris Martin Harris in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Pitzers in Carmel, California; and Sally Harvey in Aspen, Colorado. Her work is on view in five museum collections. This March 18 she was an honored guest at the Charles M. Russell Auction and Art Show in Great Falls, Montana. Her book, *Cowgirl Rising*, was just published this month by Greenwich Workshop Book Press. She is to be

featured in "Art of the West" magazine this summer.

Ms. Howell-Sickles grew up on the Howell homestead in Sivells Bend, and attended Sivells Bend School, later moving to Lovington, New Mexico with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Howell (she is the aunt of Brett Howell, one of this year's 8th grade graduates). She holds a bachelors degree in fine arts from Texas Tech University. She and her family presently live in rural Frisco, Texas.

"We feel very fortunate to have someone of Ms. Howell-Sickles' reputation and background to be our speaker this year," said Dr. James Masters, Sivells Bend superintendent. "We are grateful that she is willing to take the time to be with us."



MHS Students of the Month for May - Kacie Garcia, left, is an eighth grade student at MHS. She is involved in cheerleading, MHS Band, track cross country and basketball. She also participated in UIL spelling, oral reading and the Junior High One-Act Play. She is the daughter of Sherrie Garcia and Andy Garcia. She is class favorite and vice-president of her class, and has just been elected to the Student Council. At right - Kristin Chisam is the daughter of Bob and Judi Chisam. She is involved in cross country, track, tennis and UIL events. Her cross country team advanced to state in 1995 and regionals in 1996. She was a participant in oral reading for UIL. She is currently a sophomore at MHS.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAY 19-23

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cobbler, milk.

Tues. - Pizza (beef and cheese), corn, combination salad, Jello w/topping, bread, milk.

Wed. - Manager's choice.

Thur. - Chili dogs, baked beans, carrot/celery sticks, fruit, milk.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream, milk.

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Mon. - Cook's choice.

Tues. - Spaghetti and meat, green beans, lettuce, applesauce, hot rolls, milk.

Wed. - Crisпитos, Ranch Style beans, lettuce, fruit, milk.

Thur. - Ham, potato salad, baked beans, pineapple, bread, milk.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, oranges, milk.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Nachos, choice of sandwiches w/lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, milk.

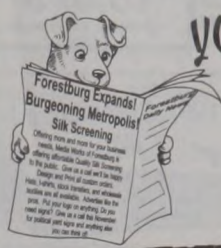
Tues. - Fried chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

Wed. - Frito pie w/chili and cheese, lettuce salad, beans, fruit, bread, milk.

Thur. - Barbecue sandwiches w/onions and pickles, potato chips, fruit, cookies, milk.

Fri. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

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COMMUNION

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Mitchell Sellers

Mitchell Sellers, son of Paul and Tracy Sellers of Lake Kiowa, was a member of the First Communion class of Sacred Heart Parish when forty little second graders received First Eucharist at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on April 13, in Sacred Heart Church. Following Mass, Mitchell's guests, grandparents, aunts, cousins, and friends joined him, his sister Kendal and their parents at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pattillo. A bountiful dinner of steaks and salads was served. Guests included Charlotte Smith; godmother Paula Patillo, Aunt Betty Williams; cousins Brittany, Jennifer, Mollie and Amy and a friend Don Prichard. Ball games and kite flying added to the family enjoyment.

Evan Joseph Koesler

Evan Joseph Koesler was honored with a family gathering at his home, when relatives and friends came to help celebrate his First Holy Communion Day. He is the son of Fred and Elaine Koesler. At noon a brisket meal with all the trimmings was served buffet style. The First Communion cake, made by Betty Rose Walterscheid carried an inscription: "Today Evan Received The Bread of Life." Aunt Lillian Walterscheid also brought a German Chocolate Cheesecake. Pictures, videos, gifts, and watching Uncle Leon Klement fly his remote control airplane all added to the celebration. Together were the parents and sons Evan and Andrew; grandparents Elizabeth Koesler and Steve and Juliana Grewing; Sister Francesca Walterscheid; Wilfred and Lillian Walterscheid; Danny and Mary Bayer; Denise Klement; Rudy, Martha, Raegan and Kristian Koesler; Gretchen Kostyniak; Leon, Christi, Andrea, Elliot and Bridgette Klement; Karl Koesler; Kathy Dodson; Marla, Becky, Polly, and Amy Fette; Darrell Dangelmayr; Glenn, Christopher, Megan, and Carrie Grewing; Jimmy, Diane, Randy, Craig, and Aaron Grewing; George, Sheila, Daniel and Kara Kleintert; Earl, Donna and Darrell Charles; and Carrie Hundt.

Meredith Hennigan

Meredith Emily Hennigan, daughter of Mike and Janie Hennigan celebrated her First Communion Sunday, April 13. After the 10:30 Mass relatives gathered in her home for a fried chicken dinner with cake and ice cream. Celebrating the big day with Meredith were her parents, her sisters Michelle, Mindy, and Megan, grandparents Vince and Trudy Felderhoff, godparents Debbie Brittain and Pat Hennigan Jr. also Jack Brittain, Roy and Carol Klement and Ryan, Kimberly, and Brandon; Dyan and Bradley Fisher; Corey Hennigan; Brenda, Shelby, and Grant Simpson. Meredith received two special phone calls that afternoon, her grandparents Pat and Alice Hennigan called from Albuquerque, New Mexico, they were there to attend the funeral of Frank Hennigan. Also Aunt Shelia Gebman called from Santa Monica, California, to wish Meredith a happy day.

Charlotte Jane Bartush

Charlotte Jane Bartush, daughter of John and Lanie Bartush was honored on her First Communion Day, with a family gathering in the home of her grandmother Mary J Bartush, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Included were her maternal grandmother Helen M. Yosten; godparents Chuck and June Bartush and their children; Uncle Martin Yosten and Uncle Matt, Sarah and Nessa Yosten from Sulphur Springs; Aunt Ruth and Frank Klement; Aunt Cathy Bartush and sons; Uncle Paul and Aunt Beth Bartush and sons; and Charlotte's brothers and sisters and parents. A brisket dinner with all the trimmings was served, followed by a dessert of a special cake decorated by Roger Dieter for Charlotte, Zachary and Theodore, cousins who were First Communicants the same day, April 13. A table was set up for the three cousins. It held a centerpiece with a free standing crucifix, surrounded by flowers and lighted candles. Charlotte wore the same veil her four older sister wore. Her dress was originally worn by her aunt Mary Beth Bartush 35 years ago. Gift opening and visiting were enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

PTO winds down year

The Muenster Public School PTO held its last meeting of the 1996-97 school year on May 9 in the High School Auditorium, following the spring band concert. Leo Lutkenhaus, PTO president, presided and led the opening, and Pledge of Allegiance. Diane Grewing, secretary, read minutes from the last meeting. Janie Hennigan, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report and also reported on ticket sales for the upcoming school awards banquets. Leo reported that PTO had sponsored Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9, and thanked all who helped. Stephanie Tankersley, chairperson for the awards banquets, reported on the progress of the decorations and set-up for these banquets. Stephanie Tankersley, and Trudy Felderhoff who has assisted in filling out P.A.T. certificates for several years, are to be commended for their hard work in preparation of the banquet. The theme for this

year's banquets is "Successful Education is Always Under Construction."

Leo introduced and led discussion on the number of PTO meetings held each year. A motion was made and carried to have two meetings a year, one at the beginning and one at the end of the school year. Laurie Rohmer, nominating chairperson, introduced the nominations of Kim Gerstberger for the office of reporter, and Jean Walterscheid for the office of treasurer. The nominations were accepted and elected by an overwhelming majority. They will serve a two year term. Leo thanked outgoing officers, Pat Fuhrmann and Janie Hennigan. Leigh Hale, on behalf of the teachers, expressed thanks for the effort put into Teacher Appreciation Week. Leo also congratulated Mr. Dietz, band director, on the excellent job he has done with the band. The meeting was then adjourned.

Laurel Green awarded \$4,000 scholarship

Laurel Green, daughter of Eddie and Ann Green of Muenster, has recently been notified of a \$4,000 scholarship awarded to her from the Stella



Laurel Green

County Farm Bureau scholarship goes to Flusche

Muenster High School senior, Greg Flusche, has been chosen to receive the 1997 Cooke County Farm Bureau Youth Scholarship. He will receive \$500.00 per semester for one year, towards his college education. The scholarship winner has been accepted to Texas A&M University, where he will major in mechanical engineering. Throughout his high school years, the young scholarship recipient has participated in a variety of academic and athletic events. He is valedictorian of his class with a grade point average of 6.4 out of a possible 7.0. Greg has participated in several UIL academic events, going to state finals in Cross-X debate, and Literary Criticism team. He has consistently been on the academic honor roll and has won district and regional honors in football and track. He also participated in

basketball and many community service projects.

His parents are Jack and Linda Flusche of Muenster, longtime members of Cooke County Farm Bureau.



Greg Flusche

Texas energy fact

Renewable energy is already used in every Texas county.



Kirk Hartman, fifth grade student in Leigh Hale's class, is Muenster Elementary's April Student of the Month. Kirk has been on target with all of his work, gets his work done on time and was first in his class to complete his research paper. His favorite subject is Social Studies because it is his highest grade and he gets to learn about different people and different countries. Kirk's parents are Tim and Janie Hartman.

Gramm Bill aims to protect

Protecting Americans who generously give their time as volunteers from the threat of lawsuits would give a needed boost to volunteer rolls across the country, says U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, a co-sponsor of legislation to limit civil liability for volunteer workers.

"We cannot permit the fear of being sued to force good people to turn their backs on their neighbors and their communities," the senator said.

Gramm is concerned about the growing shortage of volunteers.

"Volunteers are an integral part of our country and everyday life. It is good public policy to grant civil immunity to those who willingly provide free services to the community when they act in good faith and within the scope of their duties," the senator said.

Under the Volunteer Protection Act, volunteer workers who perform charitable work would be shielded from frivolous lawsuits. The law would not apply to willful, reckless or criminal misconduct, or to gross negligence -- and it would not exempt nonprofit organizations themselves from legal liability.



Students from Muenster Junior High School took an Earth Day field trip on April 21 to Energy Park near Dallas to study solar and wind power. The giant photovoltaic panels in the background, along with some giant wind turbines, produce nearly a million kilowatt-hours a year at the TU Electric research and demonstration complex. The teacher is Eddie Green. Courtesy Photo

WNJ Foundation awards \$25,000 in scholarships; two area students are recipients

Students from four counties and their guests were all smiles last Thursday evening as the WNJ Foundation presented \$1,000 scholarships to recipients from 25 area high schools at a Community Scholarship Awards Banquet at Benjamin's in Sherman.

Included among those receiving \$1,000 scholarships were Holly Mullins of Muenster ISD and Julie Zimmerman of Lindsay ISD.

Holly Mullins has been a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, and an active member of the Muenster FHA, serving her chapter locally in officer positions and as a regional officer during her senior year. She has been a Peer Assistance Leadership (PALs) member and has consistently been on the honor roll. She also has participated in UIL Informative Speaking events, winning first in district this year. She has served on the

yearbook staff all four years of her high school career. Her career plans include attending NCTC this summer and fall semesters, transferring to Tarleton State University. She would like to attend Texas A&M eventually and go to medical school. Her long-range plans include a career as a neurosurgeon.

Holly is a member of Sacred Heart Church and is the daughter of Phil and Pauline Mullins.

Julie Zimmerman, daughter of Rudy and Claudia Zimmerman, has been an active member of the Class of 1997 at Lindsay High School. She has served on the Annual Staff for the past three years, the last two being as Editor-in-Chief.

Julie has been a member of the KnightLites drill team all four years and was co-captain her senior year.

An active UIL participant, Zimmerman was a member of the Literary Criticism team which captured the state titles in 1995, 1996 and 1997. She was also a member of the Current Issues & Events team her freshman, sophomore and junior years, each year winning the state title. This year, she was a crew member in the One-Act play at Lindsay.

Julie is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay and currently serves as president of the Catholic Youth Group.

She plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station and major in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The idea for a community scholarship fund was initiated last year by a group of hospital employees and auxiliary members. Over \$340,000 was

raised by the WNJ Foundation in 1996 through the generosity of WNJ foundation employees, WNJ auxiliary, board members, medical staff, and community supporters. From this amount raised, \$25,000 was dedicated to the scholarship fund. "I am pleased to honor each of you as the first recipients of this scholarship award. This is one of many ways which Wilson N. Jones shows its care and interest in the future of our young people and our communities," explained Harry F. Barnes, President and CEO of Wilson N. Jones Regional Health System.

Jack Noble, chairman of the WNJ Foundation, offered the recipients seven guidelines for success in college and life. "Always remember that the decisions you make today are a reflection of your life tomorrow."

As Barnes presented each student with his or her scholarship, Noble presented each with another useful gift from the Foundation, a canvas laundry bag with a box of detergent and fabric softener.

Diabetic Support Group meets

The Cooke County Diabetic Support Group will meet Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gainesville Memorial Hospital Conference Room. Dr. Pervaiz Rahman will present a program on "The Evolution of Diabetes Management." For more information or to request a ride, call Joan Walterscheid at 759-2271.



Holly Mullins

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11th Hartman Campout creates lasting memories

by Judy Hartman

The children and grandchildren of Margaret and the late Victor Hartman gathered for the 11th Annual Hartman Family Campout this weekend, and a marvelous time was had by all. Each year the Hartman clan feels that the campout just gets bigger and better! Victor Hartman, the patriarch of the Hartman family, passed away in November of 1986, and many hearts were broken and heavy with their loss. They felt that something needed to be done to lift the spirits of the children and grandchildren, and to carry on the German tradition of togetherness! Thus, the Hartman Campout was born! Grandmother Hartman continues to lead, guide and direct her children and grandchildren through many, many hours of fun-filled memories! Each year Grandmother prepares a guessing game for the grandchildren, and they all look forward to her challenge. This year Grandmother had her jar filled with different shapes and sizes of candy. The game was won by Anthony Tompkins who was only three away from the exact amount in the jar. Anthony guessed that there were 143 pieces of candy, and the correct number was 140! Carmen Tompkins won the prize for being the farthest away from the number. This year brings youth to the championship in the Marble Tournament. Jory Wolf, of Gainesville, is the new 1997 Marble Champion! Jory defeated Uncle Alvin Hartman, who is a legend among marble champions, and his Uncle Gene Hartman, who thinks he is! Nolan Hartman, the only third generation Hartman son, carried on the Hartman tradition of winning, when he won the Fishing Tournament with the largest catch. Victor Tompkins (named for Grandpa Victor Hartman) was honored for his catch of the smallest fish! Dan Bezner and Gene Hartman won the Horseshoe Tournament. Dan was defending his title from last year when he and his father-in-law, John Yosten, teamed up for the championship! The prestigious Pastures Golf Tournament came down to a Sudden Death playoff this year. This is the first time in the history of the Pastures that a playoff was necessary. Mark Tompkins, Tim Sutton, and Jeff Fedor defeated Dana Bloedel, Randy Morrow, and Walter "Tiger" Wolf for the coveted Green Jackets and the beautiful Pastures trophy! Terry "Tee Time" Halbert and Doug "the Slugger" Hartman were in charge of the players, the judges, and the awards! Uncle Alvin Hartman delighted the children with his annual Hartman Farm Tours, and Uncle Harvey Schmitt brought squeals and cheers from all with his annual Hayrides! Mark Tompkins prepared another Hartman Trivia this year, and both young and old got caught up in the excitement of guessing and learning about their heritage! Mark, also, came up with the idea of burying a capsule with many, many mementos from each family to be opened at the 20th Annual Hartman Family Campout! It's opening will be greatly anticipated for the next nine years as this family continues to grow!

Again, the Mass (held in honor of all those who have gone on before us to prepare a place for us), reminiscing around the campfire, and music provided by the Tompkins brothers, Jim and Brian, were the highlights of the weekend!

There were only 14 members of the Hartman family unable to attend this year. There were 113 family members and 7 guests in attendance. Those attending were:

Grandmother Hartman; Alvin and Joanie Hartman; Monica and Kristin LeBrasseur; Bobby, Sharlene, Shannon and Dainah Hartman; Chris Pagle; Kenny, Rhonda, Holly, Courtney and Nolan Hartman; Edna Tompkins, Mike, Sharon, Jeff and Dana Fedor; Jim, Debra, Kate, Keith and Anthony Tompkins; Scott, Karen and Mark McMonie; Mark, Belinda, Victor, Carmen and Clayton Tompkins; Brian, Jennifer and Meredith Tompkins; Mary Beth and Chuck Cottingham; David, Christine, Angie and Susanne Tompkins; Randy, Kay, Sarah, Angela and John Morrow; Robert, Maggie, Elizabeth and Anna Gremminger; Carl, Brenda, Christian and Kathryn Cooney; Carolyn Hartman; Joe, Madonna, Joey, Olivia, Jessica and Jordan Ramos; Margaret, Will and Lily Doubrava; Mike and Amelia Hartman; Walter and Georgia Wolf; Terry, Deana, Shawna, Micah and Abbi Halbert; Chris, Marla, Brad, Jackie, Jory, Mary and Christin Wolf; Scott Wolf; Craig Wolf; Kevin Wolf; Gene and Judy Hartman, Tim Jeanna, Lance and Bailey Sutton; Dana, Pam, Kimberly, Trent and Brandon Bloedel; Doug Hartman; Harvey and Della Schmitt; Stephen, Michelle and Timmy Schmitt; Doug, Vickie, Mikayla and Mikenzie Fleitman; John, Debbie and Karli Anderle; John and Pat Yosten; Paula Yosten; Dan and Christy Bezner. Guests: Melinda Otwell; Fr. David; Fr. Bob; Craig Atcheson; Robert Friend No. 1; Ronnie Friend No. 2; Jessica Koessler.

Sacred Heart athletes honored at banquet

Sacred Heart athletes were honored for their achievements during the 1996-97 school year at a banquet held in their honor Thursday evening. With a full house in attendance at the Community Center, Mr. Neil Hesse opened the event with a prayer.

A lasagna meal was prepared and served by the SH Alumni Association. Following the meal, Tiger coach John Nasche and Tigerette mentor Jon LeBrasseur recapped the sports seasons and presented letter awards. All-state selections were presented certificates and letter jacket winners were announced.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of six \$100 savings bonds in the names of the six senior 3 sport letter winners. The savings

bonds, given by the Alumni Association, upon maturity will be used for the Sacred Heart athletic department.

The six seniors are: John Bartush, cross country, football, and track. John also holds school records in the 800m, 1600m and 3200m; Paul Swirczynski, football, basketball, track and golf; Jill Hess, swimming, basketball, and dance team leader; Leslie Grewing, basketball, head cheerleader, and track; Dobe Fleitman, cross-country, track, basketball, cheerleader, and school record holder in the high jump and triple jump; Kelly Rigger, football statistician, dance team, cross-country, and track with school records in the 100m and 200m dashes, swimming, basketball, and golf.

INJURIES DOMINO EFFECT

Old injuries lead to new injuries. "Of the 30 million young people involved in organized sports, 10 percent of them will suffer a sports-related injury," said Dr. Albert C. Hergenroeder, head of adolescent and sports medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

According to Hergenroeder, many new injuries occur as a result of past injuries that are not detected or rehabilitated. Athletes often suffer loss of strength, flexibility and endurance as a result of injuries that are ignored and not taken care of properly.

"The best way to prevent injuries is to rehabilitate old injuries," he said. "In addition, watch for the 'stars'. An athlete who is second in his district is more likely to return to competition before he is fully recovered."

- Hergenroeder recommends:
- Identifying conditions likely to be worsened by participation, ranging from unusual conditions such as cardiac disease to common muscular-skeletal injuries,
 - Learning proper techniques before moving on to the next level in a particular sport. This also requires good coaching.
 - Using safety equipment and checking it regularly.
 - Enforcing fair and safe rules of play by officials.
 - Having medical aid available for immediate treatment.
 - Getting an annual pre-sports medical evaluation.

About three million sports-related injuries are reported annually in children and adolescents at an estimated cost of \$1.3 billion. The sports with the highest injuries include football, softball, track and field, wrestling and gymnastics.

"Kids will always play sports and injuries will always occur," Hergenroeder said. "The job of health care providers, parents, and coaches is to identify and implement ways of preventing injuries."

It's rodeo time in Forestburg May 16-17!

The Forestburg Riding Club will sponsor an Open Rodeo beginning at 8 p.m. nightly on May 16-17 at the Forestburg Arena.

Feature events include bareback bronc, ranch bronc, calf roping and bull riding. Jackpots will be awarded nightly for Junior Barrel Racing, Senior Barrel Racing and Team Roping. A calf

scramble will be held nightly for youth aged 12 and under.

"Big L" stock producer Dale Lyons will open the books from noon to 10 p.m. only on May 13. Call (405) 276-5606 to enter.

Tickets for the event are \$5 for adults and \$2 for youth 4-12, while children three and under are free. Concessions will be available at the arena.

Big Red Basketball Camp set for June 2-5

This summer's Big Red Basketball Camp will be held on the Muenster ISD Campus from June 2 through June 5. Coordinating the daily sessions will be Coach Ted Heers along with Coach Stephen Heers of Huckaby, Texas. The morning session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. each day. It is for boys who have completed the 1st through 8th grades. The afternoon session is for girls that have completed the 1st through 8th grades and runs from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$40.00 for one child, \$70.00 for a pair, and \$90.00 for a triquetra.

Coach Heers has worked camps at the University of Kansas, Southern Methodist University, and for the Texas Association of Basketball coaches. Stephen Heers coached both Huckaby varsity

teams to district titles this year and also playoff victories.

Awards will be presented daily for various competitions, individually and team oriented. A swimming party is planned for Friday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Park. All family members of the campers are invited.

"We hope we can convince some of the youngsters to get into a practice routine, and practice correctly," commented Coach Heers. "To make yourself a competitive basketball player requires time spent alone with a ball and a goal. We intend to give the boys and girls some knowledge of how to maximize your practice time and hopefully create some passion for the game."

Call 759-5041 with any questions.

Summer track held in Gainesville

The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation will have a team from Cooke County this summer sponsored by Steve Skelton, coach at Callisburg High School.

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subsequent year is a \$25 fee.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frank Loerwald, Deceased, were issued on May 7, 1997, in docket No. 14541, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas, to: Leona Loerwald. The residence of the Independent Executor is in Cooke County, Texas, the post office address is: Rt. 3 Box 411, Gainesville, Texas 76240. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 7th day of May, 1997. /s/ Chuck Bartush Jr., Attorney for the Estate 5.16.97

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Farm & Ranch



TDA secures exemption for tilt to control ergot

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a crisis exemption to use Tilt fungicide (propiconazole) to control ergot on grain sorghum. Crisis exemptions allow producers to use a pesticide that is not labeled for use on that particular crop.

Estimated losses to commercial grain producers from ergot could be more than \$17 million, which does not include the potential impact on grain sorghum grown for seed production. Texas produces over 80 percent of the world's seed sorghum.

Ergot is an airborne fungus that attacks grain sorghum, Johnsongrass, and some forage used for haying. The fungus reduces yields and quality by producing a honeydew that makes harvesting difficult.

The crisis exemption for Tilt, began May 6, and applies to all grain sorghum producing counties in Texas. All applicable directions, restriction and precautions on the EPA registered product label for Tilt fungicide, as well as other restrictions that must be followed.

TDA has submitted an application for a specific exemption to EPA which will maintain the crisis exemption. For more information, contact your county extension office of TDA at 512-463-7407.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

BARN FIRES

Forage producers and purchasers need to be cautious of the moisture content of hay at time of baling and storing. Barn fire due to unfavorable conditions caused by weather and high humidity can be a problem during the year especially in spring. The problem has been more prevalent in past years because of the increase in small grains harvested as hay and the tendency to bale early to beat these summer rains.

Producers should keep a careful watch on hay stored in buildings the first four to six weeks. When the temperature of hay reaches 150 degrees to 175 degrees F., bacteria and molds that are present are killed, but oxidation continues and the hay may become extremely hot.

There is a serious danger that a barn fire will occur when the temperature goes above 160 degrees F. Fire pockets may be expected to occur in the hay when temperatures reach 175 degrees to 185 degrees F. Producers can best check the temperature of the forage by probing with a steel rod and inserting a thermometer attached to a wire. A dairy or similar type thermometer that will record a temperature of, at least, 200 degrees F. should be used.

If the hay reaches a temperature of 140 degrees F., it should be checked daily, at 160 degrees F., it should be checked hourly, and at 180 degrees F., it should be removed from the barn. Since removing the hay may hasten spontaneous combustion, a fire department may be called to stand by since the hay may burst into flames when the air reaches it.

To prevent a large economic loss of forage and facilities, producers should strive to bale the hay at the optimum moisture content of 13 to 15 percent moisture.

TIMING IMPORTANT FOR QUALITY HAY

As producers start to think about their first cutting of hay, they need to give major consideration to timing.

The key point in producing top quality hay from the first cutting as well as subsequent cuttings is timing. This means cutting the plant at the stage of development when it is high in protein and digestibility--when it has a lot of leaves.

All grasses and legumes will be high in protein and digestibility until seedheads begin to form. At that point, the plant quits making new leaves and begins a fiber buildup which reduces both digestibility and percent of crude protein. For example, studies have shown that coastal bermuda cut at a three-week interval produced 9.7 tons of hay per acre with 19 percent crude protein and 86 percent leaves. At the same time, coastal bermuda cut every 12 weeks yielded 11.6 tons per acre but crude protein dropped to 9.7 percent and leaf percentage declined to 51 percent.

Regarding coastal bermuda hay, the first two cuttings in May to early June usually produce the best protein level.

Also, producers should pay close attention to the fertility level of their pastures for top quality hay production.

Research by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has shown that one ton of forage from nearly any grass requires about 50 pounds of nitrogen, 12 to 15 pounds of phosphorus and 40 pounds of potassium.

Nitrogen is the key element and can produce noticeable variations in yield and protein content of coastal bermuda.



Albert and Imogene Zimmerer accept an Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District award for Zone 3 from Muenster State Bank Vice-President Henry Weinzapfel. The Upper Elm-Red held their annual meeting last Thursday at Whitesboro. Alvin Hartman Photo

Perry urges common sense solutions from Washington

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry is urging the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to take necessary measures so Texas wheat producers whose fields were destroyed by the late April freeze can get insurance on their follow-up crops. Current provisions prevent fields where wheat had headed to be insured for any second crops of cotton or grain sorghum.

"Texas wheat producers were hit hard by this freeze and we don't need the knock-out blow

coming from Washington," Perry said. "What we need is a logical, commonsense solution to this devastating problem."

Texas winter wheat production is expected to total 103.6 million bushels, down six percent from the April estimate.

Freeze damage has varied from field to field and region to region, depending on the stage of crop development. Currently about three-fourths of the Texas winter wheat crop is in fair to very poor condition.

Nutrient losses in hay can be minimized

Every farmer should be concerned about the quality and quantity of their hay. Harvesting alone robs an average of 24% of the nutrients from the hay. There are four types of forage loss: metabolic, weather, mechanical (harvesting), and storage.

Metabolic and weather losses are due to plant respiration. To speed the drying rate once the hay is cut, reduces these losses. Cutting early in the day so that the forage has optimum daylight to dry to the critical 50% moisture level and swath width are critical to getting hay dried as fast as possible. Swath

width should be compatible with the tires on your equipment, as driving on hay can slow drying.

To minimize harvesting losses, equipment operation must be geared toward saving forage. Every mechanical step taken - mowing - raking - baling - takes away from the quality of the hay. More nutrients are lost in round bales than square bales.

To minimize storage losses, it was suggested to put hay in a shed whenever possible, the shed will pay for itself in three to five years.

Juniper more thirsty than oak

Ranchers have long suspected juniper, or cedar, of being a water-hogging tree. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researchers now have support for that notion, and they hope to use their information to help others make crucial decisions about water.

The finding suggests that ranchers could save water by clearing juniper.

By comparing water use by similar-sized junipers and oaks, the researchers have confirmed that a 15 foot oak uses about 53 percent of the water a juniper would.

"There has been a lot of anecdotal information passed around that juniper uses up all

available water, and if you'd clear it, springs would start to flow and water would be everywhere," said Dr. Keith Owens.

"It's not quite that simple, but we have been able to quantify how much water can be used by juniper and oak communities. If your goal is water management, you might want to clear the cedar from your land."

Using a time consuming process, Owens and his colleagues have determined that a 15 foot cedar uses 35 gallons of water a day in a typical Hill Country ranching environment. A similar sized oak, meanwhile uses only approximately 19 gallons daily.

Cooke County 4-H horse show

County 4-H'ers are invited to the Cooke County 4-H Horse Show on Sat., May 24, at North Central Texas College Equine Arena.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$5 for one or all classes. Entry blanks and project record forms must be turned in to your club leader or at the time of entry.

If you are interested, you can pick up the rules and general information at the County Courthouse in the Extension Office. Please feel free to call the Extension Office at 668-5412 if you have any questions.

Weather forecast

Warmer than normal and slightly drier conditions is the predicted Texas weather through mid-June.

Predicted rain days for north central Texas are May 15-17, May 23-26 with scattered showers May 27-29. June 1 should have clear skies with generous rains expected mostly statewide June 8-14. July should be warmer and drier than normal.

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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. Primary 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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