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Muenster High School Cross-Examination teams competing at State were Jackie Henscheid, Lauren Dangelmayr, Brett Howell and Reagan Koesler. Janie Hartman Photo

Muenster medals at state CX debate

Lauren Dangelmayr and Brett Howell, Muenster High School juniors, placed third at the State Cross-Examination Debate Tournament in Austin on Mar. 13-14. Lauren also won the Bronze Gavel individual award as third highest speaker. Jackie Henscheid and Raegan Koesler, seniors, were

quarterfinalists finishing in the top eight teams in Class A which began with fifty-two teams. All four of these students are now qualified for scholarships from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation, which will award over one million dollars to recipients this year.

Springlake-Earth High School took the gold medals and Witharral High School took the silver.

The UIL Debate tournament is one of the oldest and most prestigious tournaments in the country, being the first academic or athletic contest created as a statewide competition.

Two hospital boards promote new facility

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County's League of Women Voters hosted members of the administration and boards of the Muenster Memorial (MMH) and Gainesville Memorial (GMH) hospitals on Thursday, March 16. Participants adhered to the League format which allows for oratory by individual panelists on specific topics, followed by written questions from the audience. Merging of the two hospital districts to form a county hospital district was the topic.

GMH Board member Dave Sanders spelled out reasons that the merger should take place. MMH Administrator Jack Endres explained the various steps required for the merger to be achieved.

Charles Bayer, MMH board, gave reasons that Muenster needs a new facility. He said that the Muenster Hospital was built in the 60s and wasn't designed for modern health care as it is today. Also the facility was built when it was common to use asbestos to promote fire protection. "That's the way they were all built," he noted. "The asbestos has remained through all those years. If you don't disturb it it's fine, but you cannot disturb it. Adding on would disturb the asbestos."

Sanders stated that GMH is landlocked and that the parking area is insufficient. "We need desperately an expanded emergency department, he noted. Surveys taken from patients pointed to the need for improvements in the emergency department, he claimed. Most of the rest of the hospital received positive comments, he added.

GMH Board member Earl Russell said, "I believe that the people of Cooke County want to have a locally based, locally controlled hospital. A national firm skilled in that type of work was engaged by GMH to do a study to determine if this area would support a new facility and whether it would be more feasible to remodel or build new. It was a carefully done study and the group had nothing to gain one way or the other. "They decided that it was a hands down situation and they should start with a whole new facility," he said.

Russell said that GMH found in a project a while back that if they do anything to the existing facility, a whole host of government mandates will have to be adhered to in the present facility. As long as it isn't touched, they don't apply, he explained. GMH learned that remodeling their present facility would take three to five

years just to bring it up to standards. "We wouldn't have any patients left here at all," he remarked. Everybody would have to be going to Denton or to Sherman. So in the process of trying to fix the hospital, we would actually kill it."

MMH Board President Don Flusche claimed that a new facility would attract physicians and specialists a lot easier. He said that there are a lot of people in Cooke County who are going to need to be taken care of and the best physicians were wanted.

When prospective businesses and industry looks at an area, the type of health care available is a big consideration, he said.

Russell gave details on the location of the new facility and why it was selected. GMH Administrator Andy Anderson explained how the facility would be paid for and what the pros and cons of Revenue Bonds and General Obligation Bonds were.

Saying that they were striving to be self sufficient, Anderson remarked, "We're not asking for funds to help us operate it, we're asking that the community help us build it. That's what our motivation is, to help us build it. We help us build it, we'll put the

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Mayor calls Town Meeting to rescue hospital district

by Janet Felderhoff
Those who attended a meeting at Muenster City Hall last Friday evening were deeply concerned about the future of health care in the local community. Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel called the meeting. He asked that all who would like to keep the Muenster Hospital District and possibly the Muenster Hospital try to attend. Many who attended had spent a number of years serving on the hospital board in the past.

Plans formulated during the meeting included selecting and promoting one or more persons to run for the seats on the hospital board which are up for election on May 6. The deadline for filing was noted to be Wednesday, March 22. John Aytes remarked that he felt that it was very important to get a voice on the Hospital Board that was of similar persuasion as those present.

"We need people to run for the Board to carry our voice and ideas to the current Board with new members," he said.

A discussion followed to determine who might be good candidates. Weinzapfel, Aytes, and Rufus Henscheid were appointed as a committee to seek candidates and be sure they were signed up in time.

Aytes stated, "We're not in opposition to the Board. We want to help them all we can, but we want a voice on there just to change that direction just a little bit to save our district." Henscheid added, "We're not asking somebody to go up there and have a fight or have a confrontation every time they have a meeting. The message would be seen that we want a change."

Dr. Currier suggested that after the group got a voice on the Board, that it be a goal to have the chief of the medical staff added to the Board as an advisor. "There are a lot of decisions being made by businessmen and they're good decisions, but when it comes to the medical implications, it sometimes hurts us," he remarked. The chief of staff would be an advisor only and not have a vote.

Ray Voth asked about the status of proposed Legislation regarding the Muenster Hospital District and what could be done to keep the district. Dr. Tom Currier explained that the hospital is currently in the process of drafting legislation to send to Austin. He noted that their attorney will look at it before it goes to the State Legislature for the hearings in 2001.

"The Senate will vote on it and it will be a 'rubber stamp' unless there is some agitation against it," said Currier. Next people from the Muenster Hospital District and the Gainesville Hospital District will vote on whether they want to dissolve their district. If both districts get approval to dissolve, a vote takes place asking if the people want to merge the two former districts into the Cooke County Hospital District. "If either votes no, that kills the whole thing," noted Weinzapfel.

In answer to the question of "How they can take the hospital district away from us?" Aytes said that he's been studying the hospital's Enabling Legislation. Essentially the Texas Legislature formed the hospital district, he explained. He showed the by-laws of the MMH district.

door now that the horse is out because the horse is still in the stall," he said. "We've got to go to vote." If the people vote to keep the district, it can't be brought up for a vote for another year. It can be voted on each year.

Henscheid remarked, "What we're really here for tonight is to keep our district. If you can keep the district, you can possibly keep the hospital open. If we lose the district our legs are cut off." Voth reminded them how hard it had been to get the district. "All of the people on the Board are good people and they want to do what's right," commented Weinzapfel. "However I think we all agree that they've been a bit misguided."

Aytes added, "Even if they do want to go ahead with some type of combination, they've chosen, in my estimation, the

the hospital was forced to close. The question of indigent liability was brought up. Henscheid said that past history showed very little indigent expense, but that could change in the future. "If we join Gainesville imagine how much more our liability will be," he noted. "Our exposure is going to be much greater than we've ever experienced here." Pat Stelzer pointed out that Gainesville would be the only public hospital along I-35 between here and Parkland. "We'd be the Parkland of North Texas," said Henscheid.

While discussing what it would take to make the Muenster Hospital more viable Dr. Currier said that a surgeon would help a great deal. Weinzapfel agreed, but said

that as citizens we could do nothing about that. It would take action by the hospital's Board members. What the average person can do is use the hospital and encourage others to do so whenever possible, said Dr. Currier. He gave facts showing that people aren't using the local facility enough. Some of the lack of use is due to local companies not providing insurance to their employees that can be used locally, he said. One major employer is the local parish with insurance being provided through the diocese for employees. All of the providers for that particular insurance are out of town.

Joe Bright commented, "I came mostly because there is an emotional involvement for me as well even though I don't

know how long I'm going to be in town. If you put these three folks up for the Board, you're hanging them out to dry if they don't have a plan on how to make the wishes come to be. You need more people to come to the Muenster Hospital. This town is guilty of not supporting its own hospital! How are you going to get the town to support its own hospital? You put folks on that Board they have to come to the Board and sell it, as well as the idea that you are disagreeing with. They have to sell it just as strong as the reasons to go to Gainesville. Right now that hasn't come out in this meeting. Nobody has a plan. It's great to go in there and say I disagree, we need to keep the Muenster

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"This town is guilty of not supporting its own hospital ... Nobody has a plan."
Joe Bright

"I've suffered under the same misconception as a lot of you and that is that it is a done deal because the Board has decided to do it this way," Aytes remarked. "After reading this (Enabling Legislation), let me assure you that that is not the case."

Aytes then gave his interpretation of what could be done. As he understands it, the Board by themselves may move to dissolve the hospital district or you can get a request from 15 percent of the voting public within the district to present a petition to the Board and they would have to act on that. Either way in acting on it they have to come up with a referendum, a vote of how do the majority of the voters in the district feel. "The majority vote in the district on the particular subject decide yes or no, is it going to be closed or is it going to be kept open," he noted. "It's just that simple. They cannot close it."

The hospital district is in the process of going to the Legislature in Austin to set it up so that if both districts agree to dissolve and to merge, then the Legislature will be in place to create the new combined district, said Aytes. "It's not the situation that I've heard many times that it's too late, no sense in closing the

very worst way of doing. There are all kinds of ways of doing the same thing without giving up your district. Joint venture comes to mind as the easiest way of doing it. You could do everything they want to do through a joint venture. They have worked long and hard to arrive at where they are. They do not want to throw a monkey wrench in the works with Gainesville representatives on the Board right now by saying we've changed our minds."

If the local Board is forced, either by the vote or by a strong enough voice of the community, to change their way of thinking, then they would have to approach Gainesville with a different plan, Aytes added.

Right now the hospital is operating in the black only because the revenue is being supplemented by \$350,000 generated by taxes, Aytes explained. Reserve funds are quickly being depleted because the revenue doesn't stretch far enough to cover the cost of things such as new equipment. He noted that revenue from reimbursement by government sources such as Medicare and Medicaid are decreasing which is putting more of a bind on the hospital.

Discussion centered around what could be done to keep a district open in the event that



Muenster High School Students competing in the State Math and Science Meet were, from left, back - Paul Fleitman, Doug Knabe, Chris Jackson, Amanda Felderhoff, Brett Howell; front - Chris McLaughlin, Brady Howell, Bronya Vogel. Janie Hartman Photo

Muenster High School students excel at TMSCA meet in San Antonio

Eight Muenster High School students traveled to San Antonio on Mar. 17 and 18 to compete in the Texas Mathematics and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) State Competition at the University of Texas at San Antonio. TMSCA is an organization similar to UIL Academics but only has Mathematics, Number Sense, Calculator Applications, and Science. It sponsors various invitational meets around the state each year, and also sponsors the state competition.

The competition is divided into categories according to school classification and grade level. Trophies are awarded to the top five places in each division and ribbons to the next five places. Points are awarded for each place for ranking

students in the topgun competition comparing their overall performance with the other competitors in their division.

Competing in the meet were Amanda Felderhoff, Paul Fleitman, Brady Howell, Brett Howell, Chris Jackson, Doug Knabe, Chris McLaughlin, and Bronya Vogel. Chaperones were Jerry Eckart and Gerri Eckart.

The students brought home eight trophies, nine ribbons, and two plaques for their achievements. In the Freshman division, Amanda Felderhoff took 8th place in Calculator and 7th place in Math. Brady Howell took the 2nd place trophy in Number Sense and placed 8th in Math.

In the Sophomore category

Paul Fleitman took the 8th place ribbon in Number Sense, 9th place Calculator, and 10th in Math. Chris Jackson brought home the 2nd place trophies in Number Sense and Science, and took 3rd in Math, placing him 3rd in the topguns. Chris McLaughlin earned a trophy for 5th place in Science.

In the Junior classification, Brett Howell tied for 4th in Number Sense. Bronya Vogel placed 5th in Math and 8th in Number Sense.

In the Senior division, Doug Knabe placed 2nd in Number Sense, 3rd in Math, and 10th in Science, earning him 7th place in the topgun rankings. In the Sweepstakes, Muenster placed 6th. While in San Antonio, the students toured the famous Alamo and the scenic Riverwalk.

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

I want to start by saying how proud I am that someone finally wrote in defense of Dr. Currier and the saving of our hospital. I hope more and more of you follow in this path. I also work for Dr. Currier and I can vouch for Mary's words when she states that he is a very compassionate doctor who genuinely believes in giving his all in patient care, regardless!

I'm so frustrated with the talk of a merger between our hospital and Gainesville's. When I attended the town hall meeting, I felt that instead of laughing at the comment I made, "people would rather come to Muenster's ER than Gainesville's," we should be extremely proud of that reputation. Our doctors and nurses have worked hard to

gain that reputation and respect for which they should be commended.

When the administrator spoke of barely meeting payroll each month, I spoke up and stated that maybe there should be some cut-backs. I was told "Who do you want me to fire?" That comment upset me terribly. My intentions were never to see anyone lose their job, but I can certainly see a few ways to cut corners. Isn't that what any CEO does in any company when you have dead weight and you're losing money?

If intentions are to close the hospital, why are purchases still being made such as: new telemetry machines installed, new computers which include internet service, new carpet and tile in every room, and

most recently, the passed proposal of building an awning over the CAT Scan truck? That's really cutting back.

Another point that was stated, when locating the right property to build this new hospital, they looked at several locations, one being on the corner of Highway 82 and Moss Lake Road, but there was a gas line running through the property. Not a good idea. But building next to a gas company is a good idea? Go figure!!

My words are not meant to hurt anyone and I hope everyone understands this. I just want people to open their eyes to see what's going on. You are definitely not receiving all the facts.

Cathy Kubis
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Sacred Heart's girls' chorus, Angelic Acapella, sings at the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City. Photo by Dave Fette

SH Chorus tours New York

Thursday, Mar. 16, the eleven member all-ladies chorus Angelic Acapella from Sacred Heart School's Department of Music headed to New York City for a singing and touring engagement. The ladies of the choir performed in the famed St. John the Divine Cathedral to a large crowd of tourists from many nations and also performed to a similar crowd on Liberty Island at the Statue of Liberty. The ladies and their chaperones attended the Broadway musical "Les Miserables" and toured the city for four days. They earned the entire cost of their trip by local singing engagements and fundraisers.

According to the ladies of the choir, their tour created memories of a lifetime. Andrea Bartush, senior, "Times Square was exciting" and Adrienne Bartel, senior, "the Empire State Building view of New York skyline was breathtaking." Noting "Les Miserables," the Broadway play the group attended as their favorite experience were Elizabeth Fette, Barbara Nussbaum, Diane Becker, Katie Cox, and Melanie Bartush. The Metropolitan Museum of Art was a high point for many girls including Kelly Fetsch. When touring Central Park the group stood at the spot where John Lennon wrote "Strawberry Fields" and Jackie Bartush was especially touched by the park. Walking Fifth Avenue was a thrill for Katie Cox and Dana Miller. The groups' tour of Ellis Island was a moving experience for Gina Yosten and many others. Just walking the streets of New York and experiencing all the different cultures and languages was unforgettable, such as Chinatown and Little Italy.

Perhaps the greatest experience for the choir, directors and the chaperones was the camaraderie, the fellowship and the faith experience of Saint Patrick's Cathedral Mass on Sunday morning.

"If anyone would like to hear more about the trip, just ask the girls or anyone who went.

Each person will relate some great moment or experience. We look forward to next year's experiences. Who knows where we will sing next... Ireland, Germany?" said Mrs. Fette.

Their next plans include State Music Competition in San Antonio at Trinity University, a concert at St. Monica's in Dallas, two concerts in Temple, Texas for the National Day of Prayer, and an end of year concert on May 14 at Sacred Heart Church.

The choir was formed last June and is under the direction of music teacher, Pamela Fette and rehearsal accompanist Barbara Brady. The ladies practice twice weekly in the evenings and began performances in September 1999. Auditions for next year's choir will open May 15.

The Sacred Heart High School Music program was begun four years ago and has grown steadily in competency and recognition. The choirs travel, perform, and attend

many musical events. The philosophy of the program includes the necessity of music reading training, music history, and attendance at great musical events, and the fundamentals of good choral and solo singing. Offering a comprehensive high school program is built on the grade school program and choir under the teaching direction of Ruth Felderhoff.

"Angelic Acapella is a result of the excellence that students of Sacred Heart School strive for," said Mrs. Fette. "Making do, dedication to people and not necessarily resources, a willingness of students to go the extra mile to achieve excellence and faculty to sacrifice the time it takes after hours are the keynotes of the success of the programs."

The final concert of Angelic Acapella is May 14, Mother's Day at 7:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Church. The public is invited and admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Dear Editor:

This week (March 20-24) is National Agriculture Week -- a celebration giving Texans the opportunity to rediscover the role agriculture plays in our everyday lives. Agriculture was the basis of our state's economy for many years; and although most Texans don't live or work on farms anymore, it is still a major contributor in our daily lives. Whatever we eat for breakfast, lunch and supper, along with many of the clothes we wear come from a farm somewhere.

In any direction we turn agriculture continuously makes an impact on our day-to-day lives. For example, farmers and ranchers provide us with an abundant supply of safe, high quality foods and products. That quality has earned Texas second place in agricultural producing states in the nation,

taking the lead commodities such as cotton, cattle, sheep, goats, wool and hay production. In keeping with this reputation, I passed legislation to provide tax credits to agricultural producing businesses who relocate to rural areas in Texas, in hopes of increasing our production of agricultural products even more.

National Agriculture Week has the same goals in focus--to increase public awareness of the agriculture industry. On a local level, this week's recognition will help give us the insight we need to determine what to feed our state. It will also bring attention to the many contributions we receive from our farmers and ranchers--they are key elements in our state's existence. To further that awareness, the State of Texas

last year launched a public campaign to promote Texas-made products through the Texas Department of Agriculture and Commissioner Susan Combs. Look for GO-TEXAN products at the grocery store and take time to educate our youth about the opportunities and experiences of agriculture.

In closing, I urge all Texans to buy and promote Texas products. Look for the GO-TEXAN logo and help keep Texas strong in the agriculture arena. It's what our state was founded on, and what its future relies on.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Tom Haywood
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FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

by Ed Cler

Last Sunday, Mar. 12, Aileen and I, accompanied by Jim, Tony, Phyllis, and McKenzie Molsbee, made a trip to Fossil Rim Wildlife Center near Glen Rose.

This was my and Aileen's third, and the four others first time to visit this one of a kind park of some 2700 acres.

I must say the third tour was as interesting as the first, although I think I paid as much attention to the behavior of some of the visitors as I did to the animals and birds.

When a visitor buys tickets, the management gives each driver several cards and explanatory leaflets containing rules that the visitors are expected to follow, as well as warnings concerning some of the dangers that can be encountered.

Small buckets of cubed animal food are also offered, for a price, but the buyer is instructed to throw cubes on the ground or the road. The animals will pick them up.

Yet there are some who will open their doors, and or windows and offer the feed in their hands, something they have been instructed not to do,

as some of the critters will bite the hand as well as the proffered food.

One fellow, driving an S.U.V. just ahead of us, would stop in the center of the single lane road, open his vehicle and offer food to each and every animal.

He seemed oblivious to the line of cars stopped behind him as he went about feeding each animal that would accept food. After he finally decided to move on, one of the boys yelled, and told him he had missed one.

Some of the animals have become regular beggars over the years.

Shortly after, the fellow again stopped to feed another type of animal that opened its mouth for the pellets and caught the man's finger too. The fellow jerked his hand free, and then his behavior was a lot easier to take. Live and learn.

This park is dedicated to giving animals that are on the endangered list a home that approximates their natural habitat, and an opportunity to breed and multiply.

The management has a record of great success along

these lines. They have one of the best Cheetah breeding programs in the Nation, but these are not allowed to run free, for obvious reasons. They are kept in a large enclosure that contains trees, rock formations, and some man-made shelters. This pen is large enough to allow them room to run, sleep in the shade of, as well as sometimes in the trees.

One can see a great variety of animals here, as well as emus and ostriches and cranes, and even some varieties of native species - jackrabbits, squirrels, armadillos, and even skunks.

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center now has several white rhinos, some buffalo, and a few genuine longhorns. One of these longhorn steers has a pair of horns that measure 8 feet from tip to tip.

This is a great place to spend a few hours of your time. Even the scenery is rugged and beautiful.

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It was a crisp, sunny morning on Liberty Island in New York Harbor when the tour group from Sacred Heart visited. Angelic Acapella had a permit to hold a public assembly at the base of the big flag pole with the Statue of Liberty in the background. They soon drew a small crowd of tourists enjoying a perfect moment at America's famous landmark.



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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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| Sunday, March 26, 2000 Lindsay 4-H Spaghetti Dinner - Conrad Hall, Lindsay, 11-1PM Sacred Heart Ranch Rodeo, 2 PM, Austin Arena | Monday, March 27, 2000 Sacred Heart Preschool Parents meeting, 7 PM | Tuesday, March 28, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board meeting, 7:30 PM, MMH Ag Marketing Club meeting, Gainesville Farm Bureau | Wednesday, March 29, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 PM, Old Muenster Gym Religious Ed. Mass at 6:30 PM followed by Class | Thursday, March 30, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center | Friday, March 31, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM | Saturday, April 1, 2000 Texas Trash-Off community Clean-Up, everyone meet at Keep Muenster Beautiful Park on Main Street, 8:30 AM |
| Sunday, April 2, 2000 Muenster Golf Assoc., 4-person scramble, Turtle Hill, 2 PM | Monday, April 3, 2000 City Council meeting 7:30 PM | Tuesday, April 4, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Hospital Merger Town Hall meeting, MISD Auditorium, 7 PM | Wednesday, April 5, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 PM Hospital Merger Town Hall meeting, 7 PM, Ross-Point Community Club Bldg. Religious Ed Class, 7 PM SH Alumni & Friends meeting, 7:30 PM Cafeteria / Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5:30 PM | Thursday, April 6, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center TDH Immunization Clinic 9-11 AM, Cooke County Electric Co-op | Friday, April 7, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM | Saturday, April 8, 2000 Lindsay High School Prom |

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OBITUARIES

Clella Sutton Murray 1942 - 2000

Clella Sutton Murray of Muenster died at age 58 on Mar. 15, 2000 at Baylor University Medical Center. She was born in Muenster on Mar. 1, 1942 to Albert and Joyce Akin Sutton. On June 29, 1962 she married Norman Murray in Gainesville. She was member of Mission United Methodist Church, and was employed at Plaza Pharmacy. Survivors are her husband, Norman Murray of Gainesville; her mother Alyce Sutton of Muenster; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Suzie Murray of Muenster, daughter and son-in-law Theresa and Donnie Lutkenhaus of Muenster. Also grandchildren: Tyler Murray, Zachary Murray, Treston Lutkenhaus; step-grandchildren LeAnn Yost, Matthew Yosten, Aaron



Clella Sutton Murray Yosten, and Andrew Yosten. Also brothers and sisters-in-law Gary and Gayla Sutton, Lloyd and Cheryl Sutton, and

Jim Sutton all of Gainesville; sister and brother-in-law Ina Faye and Donnie Fisher of Muenster. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Mar. 18 at 2:00 p.m. in Clement-Keel Funeral Chapel, officiated by Rev. Roslyn Eugster of Mission United Methodist Church and Rev. Bill Murray, Baptist Minister. Burial in Fairview Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Steven Butts, Richard Sutton, Matthew Sutton, Troy Murray, Steve Murray, and Tony Russell. Honorary pallbearer was Gene Watts. The family has suggested memorials sent to M.D. Anderson Hospital, 6723 Bertner, Houston, TX 77030.

Edgar Mages 1922 - 2000

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Muenster native, Edgar Mages in St. Mary's Church of Gainesville on Monday, Mar. 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Father at Murphy. Mages died on Friday, Mar. 17, 2000 at his home, at age 77. He was born on Sept. 18, 1922 in Muenster to Joseph Nicholas and Barbara (Sierschen) Mages. On Oct. 2, 1945 he married Marguerite H. Mages in Gainesville. He was a member and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Survivors are his wife, Marguerite Mages; one son and daughter-in-law Donald and Betty Mages of Gainesville, and one daughter and son-in-law Virginia and David Theford of Austin; and four grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews. Also one brother Robert Mages of Lindsay and

six sisters, Louise Schmidtkofer of Gainesville, Clara Schmitz of Lindsay, Albina Schmitz of Gainesville, Pauline Pelzel of Lindsay, and Hank Dieter and Chubby Reiter both of Gainesville. Vigil was held Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in Clement-Keel Chapel. Preceding him in death were his parents. Also participating in the special liturgy of the funeral Mass were: Father Harry Fisher of Valley View and Father Sebastian Beshoner OSB of Lindsay. Altar servers were Tiffany Schmitz, Keith Dieter, and Kayla Dieter. The First Reading, from the Old Testament, was given by Carmen Crowsey and the Second Reading, from the New Testament, by Gene Pelzel. Offertory gifts of bread and

wine were carried to the altar by Chubby Reiter and Albina Schmitz. Eucharistic Ministers were Hank Dieter, Clara Schmitz, and MaQuita Gossett. Meditation and Remarks of Remembrance were written by Albina Schmitz and read by Carmen Crowsey. Sacred songs were presented by the Angels of Mercy Choir, including "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," and "Song of Farewell." Burial in Fairview Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Bradley Frith, Devin Theford, Derek Theford, Charles Arend, John Dave Schmitz, and Kenneth O'Dell. Memorials may be sent to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 825 N. Weaver, Gainesville, TX 76240, or to Cooke County Home Hospice, P.O. Box 936, Gainesville, TX 76241.

Kit Carson 1916 - 2000

Edward T. "Kit" Carson, 83, of Valley View died on Monday, March 20, 2000 on his farm in Valley View. Born on June 24, 1916, he was the son of Thomas A. and Eva Lou Ryer Carson of Valley View. In June 28, 1959, he married Regina Mitchell in Gainesville. Survivors include his wife Regina Carson of Valley View; son and daughter-in-law Mitchell and Karen Carson of the Colony; two daughters and sons-in-law, Evelyn and Rod Elliott of Carrollton and Jane and Neil Simmons of Salt Lake City. Also six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. "Kit" was a graduate of Muenster High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1939 from Texas A&M in Agricultural Education. He taught Agricultural Education in Southmayd. From 1942-1946 Carson was B-24 flight engineer in the Army Air Corp in the South Pacific during World War II. He earned a Master's degree from the University of North Texas in 1963 and was the Cooke County School

Superintendent from 1962 to 1978. Carson was a member of the Cooke County A&M Club, served as a legislator in the Texas Silver Hair League, a charter member of the NorTex Federal Credit Union, and on the North Texas Council on Aging. He was a member of Valley View Methodist Church and a well known farmer and rancher and civic leader in Valley View community. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Valley View United Methodist Church, officiated by minister Rev. Wes Magruder and by Rev. Victor Casad, minister of Aldersgate United Methodist Church of Carrollton and by Rev. Larry Kruger, minister of Sanger United Methodist Church. Burial in Valley View Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were George Silk, Jerry Graves, Billy Vann, Lloyd Prescher, David Murphy, and Jack Thayer. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Cullington, Harold Watkins, and Ray Hadaway. Memorials may be sent to Valley View Senior Citizen Foundation, P.O. Box 101, Valley View, TX 76272.

Estate, gift tax revenues reach a record high

The administration's new budget shows estate and gift tax revenues totaled a record \$27.8 billion in the year ending Sept. 30, 1999. That was up sharply from \$24.1 billion the previous year and more than double the \$12.6 billion collected in 1993. These large gains primarily reflect soaring prices of stocks, real estate, and art in recent years. The Treasury projects further sharp revenue increases in coming years. Less than 2 percent of Americans who die each year leave estates large enough to be subject to the tax. Source: Texas Farm Bureau



Muenster High School performed "Persephone" at zone competition of the UIL One Act Play Thursday in Graham, along with plays from Era, Chico, Alvord and Graford High Schools. The top two finishers will compete at district Saturday for playoff advancement. Five of the performers are, from left, Jeff Klement Charon - the ferry-man, Amanda Felderhoff - Persephone - goddess of seasons, Jim Stoffels - Hades - King of the underworld, Lauren Dangelmayr - Demeter - goddess of earth, and John Flusche - Hermes - messenger from Olympus. Janie Hartman Photo

March rebates jump for Muenster, Lindsay

Monthly sales tax payments totaling \$196.1 million were sent to 1,104 Texas cities and 119 counties. It showed a 13.4 percent increase over the \$172.8 million allocated to cities and counties in March 1999. Sales tax rebates for the first three months of 2000 are up 8.4 percent, compared to the first three months of 1999. Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander sent sales tax rebates totaling \$179.8 million to Texas cities, 12.8 percent higher than last March's payments of \$159.4 million. Rebates of \$16.2 million to Texas counties were up 20.5 percent compared to allocations of \$13.4 million in March 1999. March sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in January and reported to the Comptroller in February. Muenster's March rebate of \$28,451.48 soared 116.80 percent from March 1999. To date in 2000 Muenster's rebates total \$68,539.93, up 25.22 percent from this time in 1999. For Lindsay the increase from March 1999 was 45.28 percent. The March 2000 payment was \$6,928.04. To date Lindsay has collected \$26,053.80, up 38.41 percent from this time in 1999. Gainesville's March rebate of \$232,192.80 is up 5.63 percent from March 1999. Total payments to date this year, \$883,068.62 shows a change of 0.78 percent. Oak Ridge received a payment of \$5,084.61 this March, up 3.76 percent. Valley View's March payment of \$4,402.03 dropped 78.12 percent from the amount received in March 1999. To

date in 2000 Valley View received \$24,560.56, a drop of 7.84 percent from this time last year. Cooke County accepted a rebate of \$99,308.22 this

March which is up 14.98 percent from the amount received in March 1999. To date Cooke County's payments total \$358,352.34, an increase of 4.76 from this time in 1999.

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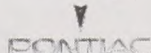
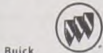
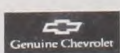
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Lifestyle

White, Austin wed in Decatur

by Elfreda Fette

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Austin have returned from a wedding trip and cruise that included Los Angeles, California, San Diego, California, Ensanada, Mexico, and Catalina Island off the coast of California. They were married on Feb. 26, 2000 in a traditional double ring vows, held in The Father's House in Decatur, Texas, officiated by Rev. Jerry Miller at 4:00 p.m. His location was chosen because it is the church where the bride grew up attending.

The bride is the former Tracey White of Decatur, daughter of John and Paula White. She attended North Central Texas College, majoring in Marketing. The groom is the son of Connie and Jessica Austin of Ringling, Oklahoma. He attended Vernon Regional Junior College and Oklahoma

State University. He is the owner of Muenster Livestock Commission.

Presented in marriage by her father, John White, the bride was wearing a formal white satin sheath dress, with bodice overlaid with elegant Venice lace; and designed with a sweeping organza cathedral-length train embroidered with matching lace appliques. She wore a brief illusion veil and carried a bridal cascade of white silk and blush roses.

ATTENDANTS

Shawna Stasny of Slidell, sister of the bride, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Kimberli Pruett, bride's cousin of Catarina, Texas, Sunnie Austin, groom's sister of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Nina Tackett of Decatur, and Janey Adams of Sunset, Texas.

They were identically gowned in sage-colored sleeveless A-line gowns designed with draped back necklines. Each carried a single long stemmed blush rose with sage ribbon.

Flower girls were Katelynn Kimbrough and Rumer Austin. Ring bearers were Jarrett and Jake Stasny.

Scotty Austin of Marietta, Oklahoma, groom's brother was best man.

Groomsmen were Kenneth Casbeer of Saint Jo, Texas, Michael McDonald of Ringling, Oklahoma, Curt Bayer of Muenster, and Dustin Allen of Ringling, Oklahoma.

Ushers were Cale Kimbrough and Corey Kimbrough of Edgewood, Texas, both cousins of the bride.

Candlelighters were Rayne Austin and Barrett Austin of

Ringling, Oklahoma and Brittany Tackett of Decatur.

Wedding music was given by Margaret Adkinson, organist and Shawna Stasny, Bill Hutchison, and Joy Roberts, vocalists.

Church decorations carried out a sage and blush theme. A white arch was threaded with greenery and roses. Tall floor candelabra held lighted candles.

RECEPTION

A reception followed in the National Guard Armory of Decatur for about 300 guests hosted by Anita Ross of Blessing, Weddings, Etc. A Mexican dinner was served, and guests danced to music by a live band.

Nikki Ross presided at the bride's book.

Since returning from their wedding trip, the couple is at home in Muenster.



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Austin ...nee Tracey White

Catherine Marie is two

Catherine Marie Fleitman turned two years old on Mar. 3. On Sunday, Mar. 12 her parents Ben and Carol Fleitman hosted a chicken paghetti lunch in their home. Attending were Catherine's grandparents, Diamond and Evelyn Fuhrmann of Lindsay, grandparents Maurus and Lynn Lacker of Myra, and Lu Ella Fuhrmann of Lindsay. Also attending were Catherine's brothers Matthew and Mark.



Catherine Marie Fleitman

Catherine's godmother made doll cake which was used as the table centerpiece.

In the evening, aunts, uncles and cousins Jim, Judy and Daniel Fuhrmann of Lindsay, and Leo, Peggy, Kristine, Pamela, and Patrick Hutkenhaus of Muenster, joined the group for a hamburger supper with all the trimmings. Gifts were displayed and pictures taken. Catherine received a lot of pretty spring clothes, which she happily modeled.

On Monday Mar. 13, Catherine, her mother Carol, godmother Lynn, brother Mark

and cousin Patrick enjoyed an Amtrak ride to Fort Worth. They strolled through downtown, ate out and visited museums and bookstores.

On Tuesday, Catherine took homemade snickerdoodles to share with friends at her caregiver, Donna Zimmerer in Lindsay.

Unable to attend any of the parties were her grandparents Ben and Josephine Fleitman of Muenster, who sent greetings and birthday hugs.

New Arrivals

Neusch

Laura and James Neusch of Lindsay announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Claire Neusch in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Mar. 17, 2000 at 12:25 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 8.6 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. She has one sibling Jacob Neusch, age 23 months. Their grandparents are Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann and Lawrence and Clara Neusch, all of Lindsay.

Medlock

William D. and Cristal Ann Medlock of Myra announce the birth of a son in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Mar. 20, 2000 at 1:46 p.m. They have named him William Anthony Paul Medlock. He weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. and measured 21 1/4 inches long. He joins a sister Cristan Nickole Medlock, age 4 years. Their grandparents are Betty Holloway of Saint Jo and Rita and Robert Romero of Springtown. Great-grandparents are Charles and Becky Tucker of Decatur and Richard P. Hutson of Silver City, New Mexico.

Morris

Alethea and Randall Morris of Muenster are parents of a daughter, Rae Ann Morris, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on March 20, 2000 at 7:40 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 11 oz and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length. Rae Ann joins two brothers, Colton and Wade. Grandparents are Linda and Melvin Morris of Texarkana, and Earl Hess and Mary Ann Hess of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Cecilia Hermes of Lindsay, Agnes Hess of Muenster, Gladys Morris of Lubbock, and Clara Spears of Pawnee, Oklahoma.

MHMR meeting set for Mar. 28

The Volunteer Services Council of Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma will hold its bi-annual meeting at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, Mar. 28, at the MHMRST Administration Boardroom, 5001 Airport Drive, Denison.

Agenda items are: fundraising results and

Large Muenster group travels to NYC

Many chaperones and family members joined Angelic Acapella and their director Pam Fette for their New York City trip. Each person brought

back many memories and said the trip was a memory that will never be forgotten. The group of adults and teenagers included: David Fette, Anne Poole, Ruth Felderhoff (who accompanied the choir on their trip), Tina Cox, Joan Colaz, Paul, Brenda and Joe Becker, Staci Miller, Elaine Schilling, Chuck, June, Daniel and Stephen Bartush, Celine Bartel, Lorene Dudley, Amy Truebenbach, Doug, Linda and Tara Yosten, Judy Klement, Linda Walterscheid, Sandy Felderhoff, and Herbie and Dolores Miller.

opportunities, appointments to nominating and finance committees, volunteer report, and audit report.

Please RSVP to Paula Cawthon, Community Relations Director, for lunch reservations at 903-786-4804. All MHMRST volunteers are urged to attend.

Area Happenings

SPAGHETTI DINNER

A spaghetti dinner will be held Sunday, Mar. 26, at Conrad Hall in Lindsay. Serving time is 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this Lindsay 4-H fundraiser. Advanced tickets may be purchased from any Lindsay 4-H member. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Spaghetti and meat sauce will be served with tossed salad, hot garlic bread, homemade desserts and drinks. Price for the meal is \$5

for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Come help support 4-H.

MEMORIAL BAR-B-QUE

The Era Volunteer Fire Department is hosting the annual Glenn Scott Memorial Bar-B-Que, this Saturday, Mar. 25. The event will be held at the Era School Cafeteria from 5-8 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Everyone is welcome to come and support the Era Volunteer Fire Department.

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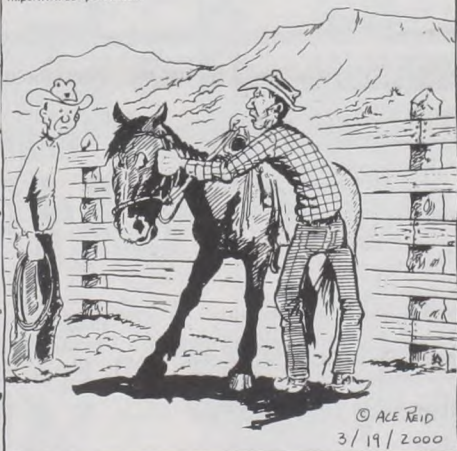
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Residents of St. Richard's Villa were feted with a party in observance of St. Patrick's Day. Refreshments were served, and included green punch and cookies decorated with green icing.

Kammi McCoy gifted each resident with a green St. Patrick's Day decorative button and a sack of goodies. Kammi is much-appreciated at St. Richard's and has endeared herself to the residents. The staff recognizes her friendship, the many times she has helped and the happiness she spreads.



A view of the sunny living room at Saint Richard's Villa, where residents enjoyed Saint Patrick's Day games and refreshments. Among those facing the camera is Mary Kappas. Others in the background are Teresa Vogel and Caroline Schilling. Courtesy Photo

Sons of Confederate Veterans present historians this Saturday

Lee-Bourland Camp 1848, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) will welcome noted authors Tom Goodrich and Deb Hiebert when they meet on Saturday, Mar. 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Antonio's Mexican Restaurant and Club, 901 E. Hwy. 82, Gainesville.

Historians and authors Goodrich and Hiebert have spoken to groups from coast to coast. Their audience-friendly program appeals to the historian as well as the non-historian, overlaying the dates and places of history with the personalities, actions and idiosyncrasies of the people involved. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of the Confederate citizen-soldier, is a historical, patriotic and non-political organization dedicated to insuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the Second American Revolution. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the

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Baptism Celebrations

Nervo
Dominic Xavier Nervo received the Sacrament of Baptism in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on Sunday, Mar. 12, officiated by Father Thomas Craig, pastor. Dominic is the son of Donna and Nicolas Nervo of Arlington and the grandson of Arthur and Rachel Hennigan of Muenster. Dominic was born Dec. 12, 1999. Baptismal sponsors are Lisa and Darrell Hess of North Richland Hills, an aunt and uncle.

The baby wore a family treasure white linen christening gown, cap and booties, worn also by his mother, grandmother, and godmother, made by his late great-great-grandmother Katie Seyler. He also wore a blue baby rosary with a gold dove pin and a gold cross pin, a gift from the godparents. The baby was carried in an antique crocheted blue blanket, gift from the maternal grandparents.

A reception followed in the home of Arthur and Rachel Hennigan. A beautifully decorated christening cake had blue and lilac roses and carried the lettering "Blessings to Dominic Xavier." An angel and a miniature Bible were accents. Banners carried the lettering "Joyous Christening" and "Happy Baptism." Also stuffed lamb toys and "Baby Christening" white balloons and a cross were displayed.

Others attending, in addition to parents, godparents, and grandparents were his brother, Alexander Nicolas, his great-grandmother, Odilia Lutkenhaus of Muenster; great-aunt and great-uncle Linda and Robert Coursey of Gainesville; and the godparents' children Jordan, Brandon and Brittany Hess.

Kubis
Alaina Marie Kubis was baptized on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000 during the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Father Thomas Craig officiated. Mike Abney and Michelle Shodrok are Alaina's godparents.

The baptismal gown worn by Alaina was a gift from her godparents. She also wore a gold crucifix which was a gift from her maternal grandmother.

Grandparents attending the baptism were Gilbert and Rosina Kubis of Lindsay and Joyce Abney of Muenster. Alaina is also the granddaughter of Don Abney of Muenster and the great-granddaughter of Catherine Kubis of Lindsay, Marcella Hellinger of Gainesville, Denver Abney and Bill and Kathy Pittman of Lexington, Oklahoma.

A breakfast brunch was held in Alaina's honor at the home of her parents, Chris and Candice Kubis, following the ceremony. Later cake and ice-cream were served as gifts were opened.

Herr
Daniel Jacob Herr was baptized on Mar. 4, 2000 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Daniel is the son of Captain James and Laurie Herr. His godparents are Daniel Sulak of San Marcos, and Todd and Patty Davis of College Station.

Those attending were his parents, his brother Andy, his grandparents, Richard and Anna Herr of Muenster, Jeanette Sulak of Austin, Steve and Dianna Klement, LeAnn and Devon Hacker of Muenster; Carolyn Davis of College Station; Fray, Nancy,

Tara, Brad, and Mark Webste of Colleyville; John, Eve, and H.R. Herr of The Colony; and Ray and Becky Rumley of Sherwood Shores.

Unable to attend were his great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John C. Miller of Sherwood Shores; William Rose, Michelle, Jacob, and Aaron Schmidkoff of North Richland Hills.

James Herr, a Marine Pilot became qualified in the KC130 as a refueler/transport aircraft, on Dec. 28, 1999 and was promoted to the rank of Captain on Jan. 1, 2000. He and his family are enroute to MCAS Futenma in Okinawa, Japan, where they will be stationed for three years. They have been visiting family and friends since Feb. 26.

Morton Museum presents second session of Spring Series

The second session in the Morton Museum of Cook County's Spring Series "Chautauqua: A Cultural Experience Gainesville Style" will take place at noon on Monday, Mar. 27, at the Chamber of Commerce in Gainesville.

Theodore Roosevelt termed "the most American thing in America."

For members of the Cook County Heritage Society, the cost to attend is \$3 and for non-members the cost to attend is \$4. Seating is limited. For more information or to reserve seat, call the Morton Museum of Cooke County at 940/668-8900.

Library News by Kay Broyles

We recently received a large donation of children's books from Jennie White, and those books are now available for your children to enjoy. Children's Easter books are very popular, and we have several new Easter titles. Also we have a new set of *Franklin* readers, and many of the new Bluebonnet award books.

New adult fiction titles are: *Carolina Moon* by Nora Roberts, *The Whole Truth* by Nancy Pickard, *Follow the Stars Home* by Luanne Rice, *The Brethren* by John Grishman, *The Cat who Robbed the Bank* by Lilian

Braun, *Secret Honor* by W.E.B. Griffin, *Vision of Emma Blau* by Ursula Hegi, and *Mrs. Pollifax Unveiled* by Dorothy Gilman.

Nonfiction choices are: *Secret History of the KGB* by William Shirer, *Vietnam* by Spencer Tucker, *Yoga* by Howard Kent, *The Three Tenors* by Nancy Shear, *VFW Our First Century* by Herbert Mason, *Martin Luther* by Richard Marius, and *Breaking the Chain of Low Self-Esteem* by Marilyn Sorensen. We also have a new set of books by John Steinbeck, and many other new titles as well.

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School News

Muenster Junior High advances to TMSCA State Competition

Nine Muenster Junior High students qualified for the TMSCA State Competition at qualifying meets. The students will compete on the state level Apr. 7 and 8 in San Antonio. There are three different ways at the students can advance. They can have a qualifying score, be a member of a qualifying team, or rank high enough individually. At the meet in Azle on Mar. 18, eight students advanced to the state level. Adam Vinson advanced in Number Sense and Mathematics as a member of the team. Derek Felderhoff advanced in Number Sense and Math after ranking high and being a member of the qualifying team in both events. Keith Walterscheid ranked high enough in Math and Science to advance. Michael Kart advanced due to his high rankings in Number Sense, Math, and Science. He so was a member of the

qualifying Math team. Nathan Privett's rank in Calculator Applications advanced him to the state competition. Clint Miller ranked high in Number Sense, Math, and Science, earning him a place in San Antonio. He was also a member of the qualifying Math and Number Sense teams and received a qualifying score in Number Sense. Travis Felderhoff qualified by ranking in Number Sense, Calculator, Math, and Science, as well as being a member of the qualifying Number Sense team. Ryan Fuhrmann will go to the state meet after ranking high in Calculator. At the Bridgeport meet on Feb. 26, two students earned the right to compete on the state level. Nathan Privett received a qualifying score in Science. Malcom Martin also scored well enough to allow him to advance to the state level.



Muenster Junior High students advancing to the TMSCA state competition are, from left, Ryan Fuhrmann, Michael Eckart, Derek Felderhoff, Keith Walterscheid, Nathan Privett, Adam Vinson, Travis Felderhoff, Clint Miller and Malcom Martin. Janie Hartman Photo

Two students represent Lindsay MS in Denton

On Saturday, Mar. 25 Chad Dieter and Jonathan Hall will represent Lindsay Middle School at the Texas Storytelling Festival in Denton. Students ages 5-18 were considered throughout Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Only 15 student storytellers for the Friday and Saturday performances were selected. Lindsay submitted 18 storytellers telling versions of different stories. Recently, Chad and Jonathan were notified that they had been selected.



Jonathan Hall and Chad Dieter

Farm Bureau Institute for teachers

The Summer Agricultural Institute (SAI) is a week long workshop sponsored by Texas Farm Bureau and Tarleton State University. The purpose of SAI is to inform educators about the importance of food and fiber production and show them how they can incorporate agricultural education into the classroom. The SAI will combine hands on learning activities about agriculture with practical curriculum development and usage. Two sessions of the SAI will be held at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. The first session will be on 26-June 30 and the second session will be held July 9-14. The SAI will be limited to 25 participants per session.

The Cooke County Farm Bureau and the Cooke County Young Farmers and Ranchers want to select three (3) teachers to represent our county at this year's institute. Applications and information have been mailed to the elementary school principal of each school in the county. Applications must be completed and returned to the Cooke County Farm Bureau office in Gainesville by Apr. 3 for the first session and May 1 for the second session. Tuition and fees, room and board, transportation on field trips, and all resource materials are paid. Transportation to and from Stephenville is not included in the cost.

Hartman attends leadership forum in Washington, D.C.

Jeff Hartman of Sacred Heart High School attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence, and Diplomacy in Washington D.C. from Feb. 8-13. He is the son of Don and Kathy Hartman and the grandson of Herman Hartman and the late Della Hartman and Bill and Eileen Luke, all of Muenster.



Jeff Hartman

Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career related to national security, Jeff joined more than 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across America at the conference. Students learned first-hand about national security, diplomacy, and global defense systems. Retired U.S. Marine Corps Colonel H. W. "Barney" Barnum gave the keynote address.

During the conference Jeff experienced how the U.S. plans for peace and prepares for crisis. He met with leaders from key agencies and institutions, visited several military institutions, the Pentagon, Marine Corps Command at Pataxentico, Naval Air Station at Patuxent River, and U.S. Naval Academy. He was privileged, while in D.C. to visit with Texas Senator Phil Gramm and had a one-on-one conference with Rep. Ralph Hall of Texas.

Pursuing a career in Intelligence, the 350 students heard a speaker from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The National Youth Leadership Forum is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational organization that sponsors highly specialized career-oriented programs for outstanding high school students who demonstrate leadership potential.

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In the selection process, each child selects a story, learns the story and performs it for a video recording of that story. Every child selects a different story and stories come from all types of background and venues. A committee from the Texas Storytelling Association views the tapes and selects a total of thirty tellers. The stories are limited in time to seven minutes. The stories are learned and not memorized. Selection is made by the story content, stage presence of the performer and the overall deliverance of the performance. Chad will be telling his version of Gary Paulsen's "A Soldier's Heart." This is an historical fiction story set during the Civil War. Chad is wearing a Civil War reenactment costume as part of his story. His story is told in a first person. Chad put this story together himself. Jonathan will be telling the comical story "A Squire's Bride." Jonathan gives the story its own personality and spunk. In his retelling of this delightful folktale, Jonathan brings to life a very funny story.

Chad and Jonathan have been coached by Phyllis Tucker, professional storyteller and librarian at Lindsay ISD. The students practiced at home and after school. Family support plays a big part in this preparation. These boys will be performing at 10:00 a.m., Mar. 25, at the Denton Civic Park in Denton.

Scholarship applications wanted

The Kiwanis Club of Muenster will award a \$500 scholarship to a senior from Muenster High School and to a senior from Sacred Heart High School. Seniors should contact their principal or counselor to obtain the applications. Completed applications should be turned in to their principal or counselor by Apr. 10, 2000.

School Lunch Menus

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- Wed. - Crispos, refried beans, lettuce, fruit.
- Thurs. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread, cookies.
- Fri. - Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, celery, fruit.

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- Mon. - Corny dogs, French fries, beans, fruit, sunshine square.
- Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fruit, hot rolls.
- Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, chips, fruit, cookies.
- Thurs. - Salisbury steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls.
- Fri. - Tuna sandwiches, French fries, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

- Mon. - Enchiladas, pinto beans, Mexican rice, peaches, bread.
- Tues. - Sloppy Joes, baked beans, French fries, apple crisp.
- Wed. - Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, bread.
- Thurs. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, corn, pears, bread.
- Fri. - Student Holiday - Teacher In Service.

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- Mon. - Chicken nuggets or country fried pork steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peaches, tossed salad, hot roll.
- Tues. - Crispy tacos, shredded cheese, trimmings, corn, sunshine bar.
- Wed. - Lasagna or fish sticks, green beans, mixed fruit, tossed salad, breadsticks.
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Tucker is region and state bound from UIL Region II

Lindsay High School Sophomore Kristan Tucker recently received two honors. On Feb. 26, she competed in the UIL Region II Solo and Ensemble Piano Division. Tucker played a Class I Solo. She received a superior rating and will advance to the state level of competition. She will compete in San Marcos at Southwest Texas State University at the end of May. Tucker will represent Lindsay High School in this UIL event. Her sponsor is Mrs. Fran Schully, music teacher at Lindsay ISD.

Homemakers of America. Tucker was among a number of qualified delegates from the Region II division of the state. Tucker gave a speech and was interviewed by the regional judges. She will serve as the Vice President of Financial Affairs for Region II. Tucker is the first Lindsay High School student to hold a regional or state level office. Her advisor is Mrs. Loretta DeBorde, teacher at Lindsay High School.



Kristan Tucker

Paw Prints

by SH Journalism Students

Preparing for the Big Event
by Jessica Koessler

Every year Sacred Heart's Drama and Music Departments put on an exciting spring production. This production is not only important to the school, but to the town of Muenster. The school takes pride in the show, because it displays the artistic talents of the students. The town looks forward to it, simply because it is good entertainment! It takes a lot of dedications and determination to pull the show off, and the work is already beginning.

After the success of last year's *Fiddler on the Roof*, the public has come to expect much from the students. This year, they will perform the musical *Bye Bye Birdie*. The story involves teenage life in the 1950's. On Nov. 16 and 17, auditions were held for the play. The students wishing to act in the play had to perform a three minute monologue. The students wishing to work with

the technical aspects of the play were required to perform a three minute duet. The theater teacher, Ms. Kelli Crane, and the music teacher, Mrs. Pam Fette, observed the auditions. These two teachers selected students for the various parts or to help with the other aspects of the play. Everyone had to be given a part. After the long two days of auditions were over, the students relaxed and waited for the results.

There are so many things that go into performing a show. The students will have to build the set, paint it, organize props, figure out makeup, costumes, lighting, sound, etc., etc. Only one thing has been taken care of, and that is who will do what. It will take a lot of sweat and tears, but the students promise to deliver an excellent performance. So keep April 14, 15, and 16 open for the show; everyone is in for a treat.



The Woodshop students of Muenster ISD built six teacher podiums for the new classrooms. Shown are some of the students who helped build the podiums. From left - Mark Mosler, Kyle Endres, Darrell Henscheid, Joseph Dangelmayr, Kirk Hartman, Jared Ledbetter and Bren* Mercer.

Janie Hartman Photo

Rep. Hall seeks academy applications until Oct. 15

Rep. Ralph M. Hall (D-TX/4th) is accepting applications for the nominations of young men and women to the U.S. Service Academies. Applications will be accepted until Oct. 15 for the classes entering in July, 2001. Hall represents the Fourth District, which includes all of Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Rockwall, Rains and Van Zandt Counties and portions of Dallas, Collin, Denton, Hunt, Smith, Kaufman and Gregg Counties.

"I would like to encourage all high school students who will be seniors this fall to consider applying for a nomination to our nation's academies," Hall said. "Serving your country is one of the greatest gifts you can give, and the leadership skills and experience you gain at one of these schools will last a lifetime."

To qualify for a nomination to the Military, Naval, Air Force or Merchant Marine academies, an applicant must be a United States citizen, reside in the Fourth District of Texas, be unmarried and without children and between the ages of 17 and 23 years of

age on July 1 of the year of admission.

Selections for nominations are based on SAT and/or ACT test scores, class rank, grade point average, school records, extra curricular activities, leadership potential and motivation. Rep. Hall uses the Principal with Competing Alternates method in making his nominations. He has the assistance of a Selection Board made up of retired military men. The purpose of this Board is to evaluate, conduct a comparative analysis and recommend the best candidates to Rep. Hall. The current Board includes Col. Mike Allen of Whitesboro, Col. Barney Echols, USAF (Ret) of Flint, Capt. Leo Hackney, USNR (Ret) of Greenville and Capt. Frank R. Miller, USN-R of Rockwall.

Interested students may write for an application to Rep. Hall, 104 North San Jacinto St., Rockwall, Texas, 75087 - Attention Bettye B. Meyers, District Staff Assistant/Academy Director. For questions, please call Mrs. Meyers at 972/771-9118.

Muenster kids jump for \$2,500 to aid AHA

Muenster elementary grades 1-4 raised over \$2500 in this year's Jump Rope For Heart. The fundraiser for the American Heart Association will help aid in research to help stop heart disease.

Top donation collectors were: Rebecca Grewing, 4th grade, \$300; Jodi Abner, 2nd grade, \$135; Jenni Luke, 3rd grade, \$101; Corey Sicking, 2nd grade, \$94; Micah Bayer, 4th grade, \$88; Natalie Yosten, 2nd grade, \$87. Several students had \$75 donations as well.

Coach Pat Hall, coordinator of the jump, said he was very pleased with the success of the program, how well the students jumped and how well they did on their donations. "Everyone is effected by heart disease, so I feel very good that the students did their part to help out."

Prizes were presented to the students by how much they collected.



Rameez Anwar

Anwar is Cooke County spelling champ

Winner of the Cooke County Division of the Dallas Morning News Spelling Bee is Rameez Anwar. Rameez Anwar is the son of Dr. Khawaja and Ghazala Anwar.

The Cooke County Spelling Bee was held in the NCTC Lyceum. Rameez Anwar is a seventh grader in Lindsay Middle School. He will represent Cooke County in the Dallas Morning News Spelling Bee in Dallas on Apr. 8.

"Centennial!" is focus of Morton Museum exhibit

The Cooke County Heritage Society is pleased to announce that in honor of Gainesville's Sesquicentennial, a new exhibit went on display at the Morton Museum of Cooke County on Mar. 20.

"Centennial!" focuses on life in Gainesville during 1950, the city's centennial year. In the exhibit, artifacts from the centennial celebrations, including a program and photographs from the Progressorama (a large theater production showcasing the city's history which was staged in 1950); the centennial issue

of the Gainesville Daily Register; commemorative wooden nickels; and photographs from various other special events that were held are being displayed. Items from Camp Sweeney, which opened that year, and the Frank Buck Zoo which was dedicated as memorial to Buck, are also being exhibited, among many other things. The exhibit will be on display until the middle of June.

For more information, call the Morton Museum of Cooke County at 668-8900.

Study shows substance abuse hitting rural youth hard

A new study by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA) reports alarming rates of substance abuse among our nation's rural youth. This is still another symptom of the worsening farm economy, according to the Texas Farmers Union (TFU).

Smoking, drinking and drug use among young teens is higher in rural areas than it is in the urban centers, according to the CASA study. The most striking statistic reports that eighth graders living in rural areas are 104 percent more likely to use amphetamines, including methamphetamine,

and 50 percent more likely to use cocaine than their urban counterparts. Additional findings show that rural eighth graders are:

- 34% likelier than in urban centers to smoke marijuana.
- 83% likelier to use crack cocaine.
- 29% likelier to drink alcohol.
- 70% likelier to have been drunk.

Rural teens in other age groups are showing higher rates of drug use compared to urban youth, while adults appear to be using at similar rates in both populations.

Farm Bureau announces scholarship program

The Texas Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee is pleased and excited to announce the Texas Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Scholarship Program.

The scholarship program, which is funded through Young Farmer and Rancher fundraising activities, will award four (4) \$2000 college scholarships to seniors who are

graduating from high school this spring and intend to pursue a degree in agriculture.

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Kay Moody, manager of the Continuing Education Division at NCTC said, "These workshops are designed to refresh and update technology skills. The Texoma School-To-Work Grant will pay tuition and textbook costs for all participants."

The primary goal of the School-To-Work Partnership, a five year initiative, is to appropriately prepare students for the workforce. "The intent of this program is for kids, beginning in grade school, to understand the skills that are needed in today's workplace. The training that teachers receive in these sessions will

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A course titled "Integrating Internet Into Your Curriculum" will be from 1-4 p.m. on June 19 through June 23 at the Gainesville Campus. Deadline for registration is June 1.

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Sports

Tigerettes shine in Tom Bean Tournament



2000-2001 Junior High Cheerleaders are, from left, back - Shannon Grewing, JoAnna Felderhoff, Whitney Watson, Stevie Klement, front - Kelly Endres, Jenna Felderhoff, Katie Endres and Megan Dangelmayr. Janie Hartman Photo

The Sacred Heart Tigerette softball team competed in the rain-delayed Tom Bean Tournament last weekend. After two wins, the Tigerettes were challenged by the Valley View Lady Eagles in the championship game.

Action began with the Gunter Lady Tigers. Because of the run rule, Sacred Heart ended the game 18-0 in three innings. Michelle Bayer hit a triple, Audrey Barnhill a double, and singles by Sarah Hess, Jana Truenebach, and Mary Jane Callahan. Callahan and Hess were the Tigerette pitchers.

In round two, the Tigerettes defeated the Farmersville Lady Farmers 12-2. Callahan threw eight strike outs and hit two singles. Hess got a triple and single, Anne Flusche a double and single, with Bayer, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Jana Coker, and Kayla Felderhoff each getting two singles. Barnhill added a base hit.

In the championship final with Valley View, Callahan scored the first run. The game was tied 1-1 in the fifth inning. The Lady Eagles then outscored Sacred Heart 4-2 for a 5-3 victory over the Tigerettes.

Also participating in the tournament were Tom Bean and Whitesboro. Standouts in the tournament were outfielder Michelle Bayer, Anne Flusche at first base, Jana Truenebach catcher, and Jana Coker for defensive plays.

"The bats are strong. Hitting is good and getting stronger," noted Coach Kip Callahan. "The Tigerettes are a good offensive team. In this first year program, they are a challenge to other teams."

Next fast pitch softball action for Sacred Heart will be Monday, Mar. 27 against Bethesda in the first district match.

Muenster ISD cheerleader tryouts held March 8

Cheerleader tryouts for Muenster ISD were held Wednesday, Mar. 8 at 3:00 p.m. at the Muenster High School gym. Tryout participants for the high school and junior high squads and high school mascot were judged by three University of North Texas cheerleaders. A previous teacher evaluation on classroom performance was also part of the student's total score. Preceding try-outs, the high school students participated in three clinics led by Jackie Henscheid, and assisted by Kelly Felderhoff and Ashley Klement. Junior high students participated in two clinics led by Jackie Henscheid. The judging of candidates was open only to participants, senior cheerleaders, sponsors, and several teachers assisting with the process.

The process for judging included each participant performing a group cheer and chant. Then each student individually performed tumbling skills, three jumps, and an optional cheer of their choice. The mascot contestants were required to perform a skit including character antics and use of props.

The high school varsity squad was elected by first determining one winner with the top score from each class. Then, the next four highest scores from any class filled the

remaining spots. To determine a junior high squad, the four top scores from next year's 7th and 8th graders designated the eight winners.

Those earning spots on next year's varsity squad were: Senior, Kacie Garcia (head); Junior, Brittany Haverkamp; Sophomores, Jami Gerstberger, Kami Klement; Freshmen, Chelsea Felderhoff, Robyn Hermes, Kristian Koessler, Alisha Walterscheid; and Mascot, Keri Felderhoff, Senior.

The Muenster Junior High Squad for 2000-2001 are: 8th graders - JoAnna Felderhoff, Shannon Grewing, Stevie Klement, Whitney Watson; 7th graders - Megan Dangelmayr, Katie Endres, Kelly Endres, Jenna Felderhoff.

The Muenster ISD cheerleading sponsors are Joni Sturm, high school, and Lisa Hettler, junior high.

4-Person scramble hosted by Muenster Golf Association

The Muenster Golf Association will host a 4-person scramble, Sunday, Apr. 2 at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Tee-off time is 2 p.m.

Interested golfers may register by calling Turtle Hill at 759-4896 no later than 12 noon on the 2nd. This is an absolute deadline to get discount rates.

For more information call Leo at 759-4292.

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Muenster Hornets varsity cheerleaders for 2000-2001 are, from left, back - Kami Klement, Keri Felderhoff, Brittany Haverkamp, Kacie Garcia, Jami Gerstberger, front - Robyn Hermes, Chelsea Felderhoff, Alisha Walterscheid and Kristian Koessler. Janie Hartman Photo



The Cooke County Youth Center's undefeated champions. The Muenster-Era Gold team was 10-0 for the season. The coach credits the girls for working great together and playing as a team. Team members are, front - Holly Greshaw, Katie Metzler, Hannah Hess, Abby Endres, Coach Jacque Endres, Joelle Fuhrmann, Whitney Immer, Kelly Greshaw. Courtesy Photo



Members of the Muenster II CCYC team include, from left, back - Dainah Hartman, Shannon Hartman, Nicole Bayer, Sandy Endres. Front - Katie Endres, Kelly Endres, Megan Dangelmayr and Coach Dan Endres. Courtesy Photo

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CCYC
The Muenster II team ended their season Monday with a 7-3 season which placed them third in the league.
Monday's game ended in a 30-6 loss to T&T Trailer. Scorers were Dainah Hartman, Kelly Endres, and Sandy Endres with 2 points each.
Abby Posey and Ashley Brown led T&T with 10 points apiece.
After the game, Muenster II team members were presented individual 3rd place trophies.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for Estate of Jeannette Meurer Wiesman, Deceased were issued on March 20, 2000 in Cause No. #15078, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas - Probate Division, to the following independent executors whose mailing addresses are listed below:

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO: All persons interested in the Estate of JOE WALKER, Deceased, including its creditors, if any.

Notice taken that on the 20th day of March, 2000, RUTH NICHOLSON was appointed independent Executrix of said estate in Cause No. 15080, styled Estate of Joe Walker, Deceased, now pending on the docket of the County Court of Cooke County, Texas.

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Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announces new sales tax exemption on over-the-counter medicines starting April 1

Starting April 1, Texas consumers will no longer pay sales tax on most non-prescription pills, potions and ointments kept in the average home medicine cabinet to treat minor illnesses and injuries, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced this week.

The tax break is expected to save Texas families about \$160 million in state and local sales taxes during its first full year, 2001.

"Exempting over-the-counter medicines from the sales tax is long overdue," Comptroller Rylander said. "Prescription drugs have been tax exempt since the state sales tax was enacted in 1961.

Paying sales tax on non-prescription medicine is a bitter pill to swallow. The tax burden on working Texas families is too high. This new tax exemption on over-the-counter medicines is a way to ease the tax burden and help families stretch their budgets a little farther."

To be tax exempt, a product must be a drug or medicine; an article or substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease or suffering. The drug or medicine must be intended for human use and must have a National Drug Code (NDC) number issued pursuant to U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations.

Approximately 100,000 products manufactured by about 800 companies qualify for the sales tax exemption. The following are examples of product categories that will be exempt from the sales tax. The list does not include all tax-

exempt drugs and medicines, but is intended for use as a guideline:

Allergy treatment products, analgesics, antacids, Anti-diarrhea and anti-nausea products, anti-microbial products, antiperspirants, anti-rheumatic products, anti-vomiting products and vomiting inducements, blood fortifiers (hematinics), bronchodilator and anti-asthmatic products, cold remedies, and cough suppressants.

Also dandruff products, dental products (medicated), ear care products, eye care and contact lens products, hemorrhoid products, laxatives, prophylactics, sedatives and sleep aids, stimulants, sunburn prevention and treatment products, vitamins and minerals, and wound care dressings and supplies.

"Any product that has an NDC number, meets the definition of a drug or

medicine, or prevents disease must be tax exempt," Comptroller Rylander said. "It's not a matter of interpretation, it's a matter of the law."

The sales tax exemption does not apply to medical equipment, appliances and devices such as thermometers, heating pads, toothbrushes and dental floss. However, the legislature voted specifically to apply the new sales tax exemption to blood glucose monitoring strips. Previous law exempts orthopedic braces, such as neck and back braces, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aids and their batteries, hypodermic needles, and syringes from the sales tax. That will not change.

More information about the sale tax exemption on over-the-counter medicine is available on the Comptroller's web site at

<www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx94_155.html>, or by calling 1-800-252-5555.

Keep Texas Beautiful

Home Ec class grand and reserve champions Cooke County Youth Fair



Grand champions of their class in craft were, front, from left: Karina Reiter, Savannah Bower, Tammy Johns, Kyllia Noggler, Lisa Rohmer; back- Lisa Felderhoff, Jeffrey Zimmerer, Jeff West, Travis Reiter, Adrienne Bartel, Jenny Stiles. Not pictured - Tiffany Euri, Misty Leverett, Jack Biffle, Kristen Smith.



Grand champions in food classes were, from left, front - Jani Gertsberger, Jenny Schroeder, Joseph Davis, Daniel Bartush; back - Dana Miller, Brandon Schroder, Jessica Berres, Travis Bayer and Debra Dangelmayr. Not pictured Kellie Steed and Christine Jordan.



Grand champion class winners in the clothing division were from left; Karissa Reiter, Jenny Stiles, Ellen Bezner and Lisa Felderhoff.

Photos by Janie Hartman



Reserves in craft classes were, from left, front; Mary Bayer, Dana Miller, Randi Reed, Paul Jones, Scott Schumacher; back - Lisa Felderhoff, Jana Truebenbach, Liym Guthrie, Travis Reiter, Lynda Schilling. Not pictured- Kristen Smith, Rachel Lively, Meagan Manning, Carla Cox, Lenzi Barthold, Mindy Arendt.



Reserve champions in food classes included, from left, front - Lul Weber, Jenny Schroeder, Debra Dangelmayr, Dana Miller; back Joseph Davis, Michael Voth, Lisa Rohmer, Jessica Koelser, Sarah Hess and Michelle Fuhrmann. Not pictured - Sarah Hawthorne and Jack Biffle.



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