



Tigerette golfers, from left, Kendall Sellers, Audrey Barnhill, Sarah Hess. Not pictured is Sara Rogers. Photo by Janie Hartman

Tigerette Golfers finish third at state

The TAPPS state golf tournament was held April 17-18 at the Cottonwood Creek Golf Course in Waco.

Four Sacred Heart girls competed on the 18 hole course, getting good scores the first day, but high winds on day two added strokes to their totals.

Tyler All-Saints won the tournament with a score of 832. Amarillo Trinity Fellowship followed at 882

and Sacred Heart third with 913 strokes.

Kendall Sellers, who finished 7th over all, scored a 192. Sarah Hess finished with 232, Audrey Barnhill 236 and Sara Rogers 253.

"I'm proud of the girls and am looking forward to next year," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We will miss Sarah and will have to find a replacement."

Spring time is cleanup time

Easter is fast approaching, with Germanfest right behind it. Now that we've had some rain and spring is here, new yard life with beautiful flowers is springing up all over the city. For the most part, yards throughout the city have been cleaned of trash and litter. Thank you for

your efforts in beautifying the city!!

We still have a few days left before Easter. There is still time to mow our yards and edge those curbs. There are lots of yards with grass 12" to 18" tall. Let's get out, enjoy the sun, and work on those yards.

by Steve Broyles

Park planned for site of the Great Hanging at Gainesville

by Janet Felderhoff

When Georgia Davis Bass Memorial Park is completed, a part of Cooke County's Civil War history will be told. The park is being planned for the site of the Great Hanging at Gainesville, an event not openly discussed for decades. Proof of the location of the Hanging was found in the Howeth Abstract office. It became the property of the City of Gainesville after the heirs of Georgia Davis Bass donated the property to the city. Entry to the park will be from Main Street.

Mrs. Hayes applied for and obtained a \$10,000 grant from the Summerlee Foundation with a matching \$2,560 from Gainesville. Gainesville also contributed \$6,000 to have the text written by a specialist from the Southwest Museum Services. The total anticipated cost for the project is \$193,560. Hayes hopes to raise the remainder with grants. Maintenance of the park will be the responsibility of the City.

It is the goal of those working on the park project to relate the story of the event in

names engraved. Behind the wall rose beds are planned so that roses will spill over the wall. These are to be old Texas roses that require little maintenance. The roses are to be in memory of Mrs. Georgia Davis Bass.

When this event occurred Cooke County was sparsely populated. Settlers worried about frontier dangers such as Indian attacks. With the Civil War came more problems.

Texas voted to join the Confederacy. Men up to age 45 were drafted into the Confederate Army. This left

hangings took place. It was said that fear was rampant.

Carlos Vigil, Gainesville's community development director, praised Hayes for single-handedly taking on the park project. He told Commissioners that plans are to make the Georgia Davis Bass Memorial Park a part of the city's overall park system which includes plans for walking/jogging paths.

Commissioners Court authorized \$43,800 for Komatsu Architecture to develop a bid package for the west steps and the east/west facades of the Courthouse. That includes money to repair plumbing problems.

District Clerk Pat Payne presented the plan she and District Judge Jerry Woodlock developed to comply with new laws and included some items prudent to Cooke County. All approved the requested changes.

The county judge's office will once again have Internet service. Commissioner Virgil Hess said he thought it was important since Judge Bill Harris is the civil defense coordinator and it is now tornado season. The wiring is already in place from when Paul Hesse was the county judge.

In other business Commissioners:

- Approved installation of a new door and door jam for the former tax appraisal office building. It will be ordered from B. J. Construction Company at a cost of \$1,298.00 due to the odd size.
- Approved a 35 mph speed zone on Bolivar Road located in Precinct #3 from FM 922 to FM 51 due to the many homes and churches along that stretch.
- Approved new copier for the county attorney's office from Dustin's the one now in use no longer makes double sided or legal size copies.
- Approved Texoma Council of Governments contract for Solid Waste project.
- Approved monthly bills, reports, and minutes of last meeting.

Muenster ISD hires Clyde W. Steelman, Jr. as new superintendent

by Janie Hartman

At the monthly meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees last Thursday night, the Board officially hired Clyde W. Steelman, Jr. for the position of school superintendent.

Mr. Steelman graduated from Burleson High School in 1978, receiving his Bachelor of Science, Master of Education, Mid-management Administrator Certification and Superintendent Certification all at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He and his wife Julie have three children, sons Christopher, age 13 and Colton, age 10, and daughter Jaci, age 7.

The 1984 through 1989 school years had Mr. Steelman teaching drafting and woodshop, and coaching an assortment of sports for Granbury ISD. In 1989-1991, he continued coaching, but taught history and computer science at Tolar ISD. From 1991-1996 Mr. Steelman was assistant principal at Glen Rose ISD before taking his first superintendent position at Bluff Dale ISD.

Bluff Dale, in Erath County is a K-8 grade school of 70 students. Bluff Dale has experienced much success the past three years, including being an Exemplary District in 1998 and 1999, the National Title I School Award in 1999, distinguished TEA Title I School Award in 1998-1999 and UIL academic championship in 1998.

"I have been involved in the education of children for over fifteen years and have a broad



Clyde Steelman

spectrum of experience working with children of various ages and capabilities. I truly enjoy children and working with other individuals in providing opportunities for children to have a positive school experience," said Steelman. "I have always placed high expectations on my performance and actions, and believe that I should be accountable to the district for its successes and failures for those areas over which I have control. In return, I require the same accountability from staff members and Board Members who share in that responsibility."

Steelman continued "There are times when the Superintendent makes

decisions that affect the curriculum or other district operations and may change the way some staff members have operated in the past. It is my policy to receive input from others that are affected by the changes and change should only occur if data shows that current programs and/or methods have become obsolete and ineffective. If there is a question about a decision that I cannot defend, I step back and reevaluate that decision. I am confident enough in myself that I can admit when I have made a mistake and will work to rectify problems."

Leon Klement, member of the Cooke County Appraisal District was present at the meeting, and forewarned the district of a possible cost increase. The CCAD board, Thursday morning, passed 5-0 to purchase a new computer system. "It's not cheap--I know it's a lot of money, but we have to do something. There is nothing left (to the present 5 year old system)," said Klement.

Muenster ISD board member Tom Hartman questioned Klement about the possibility of leasing over buy, but Klement noted that the major cost portion is software and support, things that can't be leased.

"We have not purchased the system. We have approved to make a deal (with True Automation Inc. of Plano), then see what the total cost will be," Klement explained. "We must install and be ready by fall." Klement added that hopefully things would run smoother with a new system.

"That's been part of the problem. We can't get bills out on time. Tax money last year was months late - we lost money," Cooper said.

"If the districts don't approve their increases, we'll just use the old system and continue the old way," Klement concluded.

In other business: Muenster ISD board meetings will begin at 8 p.m., until the time change in the fall.

• Approved the purchase of a Scag mower from Muenster Garden Center for a cost of \$5,719.00 with trade in.

• Approved Special Education Shared Services Agreement which was redone because Gainesville and Lindsay dropped out.

• Approved 2000-2001 audit proposal by Ted Neeb of Fremont, Schapard, and Story.

• Set May 11 to canvas trustee election results.

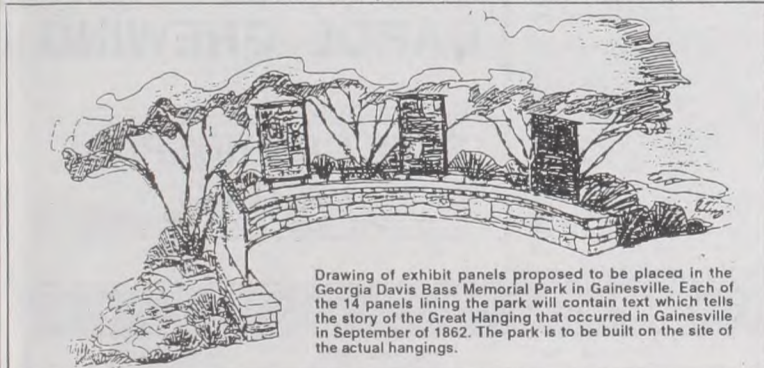
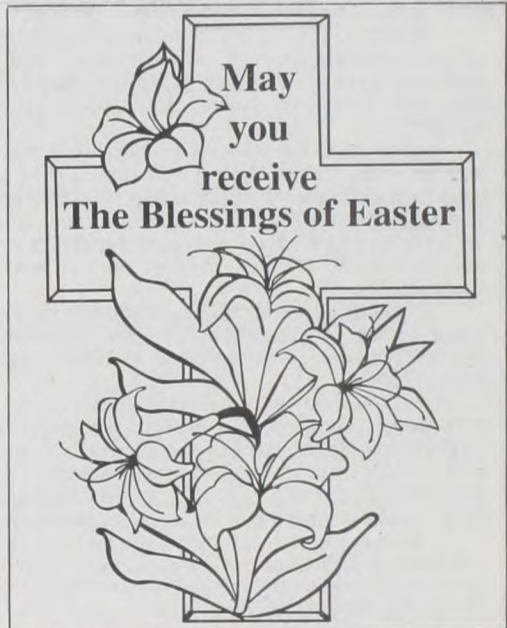
• Renewed contract for drug dog searches. Cost is \$200 per visit. Ten visits a school year, with random searches.

• Approved bid from Monte Barnhill for concrete work to handicap ramp and repairs to 125 foot of existing sidewalk at football stadium.

• Approved 69 transfers for next year, basically students that are attending now.

Also principal James Hopper noted to the board the success Muenster High had at the district UIL Academic Meet and the job Jerry Eckart has done heading the academic program.

In executive session, the board rehired all support staff for 2000-2001.



Drawing of exhibit panels proposed to be placed in the Georgia Davis Bass Memorial Park in Gainesville. Each of the 14 panels lining the park will contain text which tells the story of the Great Hanging that occurred in Gainesville in September of 1862. The park is to be built on the site of the actual hangings.

Margaret Hayes of Gainesville is spearheading the park project. She told Commissioners Court at the April 10 meeting that her great-great grandfather, was one of the hanging jurors in 1862. She wasn't aware of that fact until she began researching the event. "It is a tragic event, something we need to know more about," reflected Hayes. "There is an old saying, 'Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it.' We don't want to repeat that tragic event."

Hayes asked the County to consider contributing \$11,000 to the proposed park. The Court unanimously agreed to the \$11,000 contribution which will be taken from the Fund Balance. Also contributing \$11,000 are North Central Texas College and Gainesville.

an objective manner so that the citizens of today and tomorrow may hopefully learn to improve their own attempts at dispute resolution. This story, including pertinent background information, is to unfold on 14 panels placed along a pavestone path around the park. The route allows a leisurely walk from one panel to the next. On the final panel are reviews of the 20th Century interpretations of the Great Hanging and offers lessons to be learned from the tragedy. It is the visitor's introduction to the Name Wall.

Engraved on the Name Wall are the names of those who died because of events surrounding the Great Hanging. In the setting of the Name Wall, a semi-circular low wall made of natural stone will include 44 stones with the

their families alone to face frontier dangers that now included Indian attacks, Union invasion, outlaws, and uprisings by emboldened blacks.

Many North Texas counties, Cooke (221-137) included, had rejected secession from the Union. When a mail carrier got word of a plot in Cooke County to assist a Yankee invasion, he reported back to the Confederates. Those suspected of taking part in the plot were arrested. This resulted in a "citizens court" of 12 jurors who voted to hang seven leaders. Then 14 others were lynched by a mob. The court had decided to release all remaining prisoners, but reversed the decision when two of their own were ambushed and killed. More

Lindsay ISD School Board supports administration decisions

by Janet Felderhoff

Members of the Lindsay ISD School Board met in a special session that began at 6 p.m. and went far past the time of the regular meeting scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. As soon as the special meeting was called to order, the Board called for an Executive session to consult with their lawyer.

Later the two employees, Edward J. and Elaine Schad, whose grievances were being considered, met with the Board, its lawyer and the Schads' lawyer. When the meeting was re-opened to the public School Board President Earl Cunningham called for a vote. Board member Mike Kendall was present for the Executive meeting, but didn't participate since he is related to the Schads.

The Board voted to uphold the Level II decision against E. J. Schad. They asked the Superintendent to review the

sick leave and personnel leave policies and bring back recommendations and clarification to the Board. The vote was 5-0-1. Kendall didn't participate and Danny Nortman abstained. The other members voting were Cunningham, Pat Zimmerer, Rudy Zimmerer, Dave Arendt, and Donna Hess.

In its second action the Board voted 5-0-1 to deny the Level III grievance by Elaine Schad. The vote was the same as above.

Superintendent Travis Winn explained in a telephone interview that actually the administrative decisions made were upheld by the Board. The wording was such that it made it appear that one was approved and one denied. The Board didn't overrule the administrators' decision on either grievance, said Winn. The Board then re-opened See LINDSAY ISD, pg 2

Dispose of household hazardous wastes on April 29

by Janet Felderhoff

Do you have cans of paint, pesticides, oil, chemicals, or old tires that you don't know how to dispose of? If so, Texoma Household Hazardous Waste 2000 is for you. In a joint effort, the counties of Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson have joined together to sponsor a hazardous waste collection day. It will be Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sher-Den Mall, Texoma Parkway in Sherman.

Cooke County has paid a portion of the cost of sponsoring the event. Cooke County Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess remarked, "It is a real beneficial program." All four commissioners spoke highly of the program offered to the citizens. Some even participate.

Household hazardous wastes are materials that are harmful to human health or the environment if used, stored or thrown away improperly. These wastes are leftovers of common household products that are no longer usable or wanted. They can be identified by certain words on the labels such as CAUTION, WARNING, DANGER, or POISON.

Wastes from businesses or contractors will not be accepted. Items that will not be accepted include radioactive materials, biologically active materials, ammunition, explosive materials, and pressurized gas cylinders.

Some items have limits for individuals. Those are paints 15 gallons or less, oil 10 gallons or less, other liquids 10 gallons or less, tires eight or less, and no drums will be accepted.

Items to dispose that day include auto batteries, bug spray, aerosols, concrete cleaner, tires, lighter fluid, button batteries, driveway sealer, antifreeze, fertilizer, weed killer, drain cleaner, solvents, gasoline, insect killer,

fluorescent lights, latex paints, oil/solvent based paint, degreasers, pesticides, oven cleaner, oil, oil filters, pool chemicals, paint thinner.

Sponsors offer the following transportation tips:

- Keep fluids separate. Mixing two or more hazardous materials can be very dangerous and cause fire or explosions and can make them non-recyclable (such as gasoline in oil).
- Store oil in a leak-proof container, such as a reusable combination drain pan/storage container that will be emptied and returned to you. Also, detergent bottles, soda bottles, and milk jugs with screw top lids make good storage containers.
- Keep lids tightly secured and check container integrity prior to transporting.
- Do not store or transport solvents, gasoline, or other flammable liquids in glass containers. Use only containers approved for storing and transporting flammable liquids.
- If possible, hazardous materials should be transported to the collection site in a car's trunk or the back of a pickup, not in the passenger compartment.

For more information use the Internet: <http://www.tnrc.state.tx.us/tx/ce/0ppr/hhw/hhw.html>.

Interstate Batteries representative presents Herbie and Edna Knabe of Knabe Tire and Battery in Muenster the prize they earned, an all-expense paid, luxury Caribbean cruise for two. Knabe Tire and Battery is one of 50 other Interstate Battery dealers in the country to win a sales incentive for batteries sold during the Fall of 1999. There were more than 3,800 other dealers across the nation competing in this contest.



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Why does government want your land?

The Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 (CARA) is a step closer to being sent to the House floor. On March 17, the House Agriculture Committee released the bill with no hearing or amendments. Chairman Larry Combest (R-TX) commented "...several members have expressed their strong concerns with portions of Title II; including lack of a 'no net gain to federal acreage' provision, and insufficient protections to individual owning property within the boundaries of federal units."

Only House leadership can stop this land-grabbing bill, a bill with over 300 co-sponsors. Insiders report that leadership is leaning towards letting the bill out in hopes that the Senate will stop it. Don't let the House play politics with our land. Contact leadership and ask them "Why does government need to own our land?"

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their Executive meeting with the Schads and Superintendent Winn present. The meeting concluded after 8:30 p.m.

Winn could make no comment about the grievances since it dealt with personnel issues which were discussed in Executive Session.

Regular April 17 meeting

Principal Jerry Metzler reported that in UIL Academic competition, the high school teams again won the regional championship. At the junior high level he said Lindsay won the district championship by a 900 to 600 point comparison. On the Elementary level (2-5) Lindsay finished second behind Rad Ware Elementary of Callisburg. "We had a lot of kids and a lot of success," he said.

Superintendent Winn said

that the surveys sent out to parents and tax payers of Lindsay ISD were coming in. Donna Hess helped with the preparation of the survey. She said that those to parents went home in the students' report cards. Those going to the tax payers were mailed.

Counselor Tom Fluker said that the high school exit group, the sophomores, had 100 percent mastery in Reading, Writing was 95 percent mastery and Math was 98 percent, all on the first time around. "This keeps our high school in the Exemplary above 90, unless something else goes wrong," he noted. "We already have the drop out report in and we have none so that clears that. I guess attendance is probably the only thing left and I assume that's in pretty good shape. TAAS - great! We couldn't ask for it to be any better. That represents a couple of kids in writing and only one in Math. They just barely missed or we'd had a 100 all the way. The students, as well as the faculty, should be commended on their efforts to get them prepared."

Assistant Principal Scott Knight said that there are three textbooks to be adopted for the coming year. They met with teachers involved and looked at samples from the State and went to service centers for presentation by the textbooks companies before selecting the books. Those selected had a strong phonics program. The Board unanimously approved books selected by the committee of teachers.

In other business conducted the Board:

- Tabled a decision on copier contract waiting for more information.
- Discussed transfer policy for 2000/2001. Winn asked for Board input. Fees are now \$500 for the first student in a family, \$1,000 for two, and \$1250 for three or more. The current policy is that transfer students are welcome where space is available.
- Approved early release days for 2000/2001 school year.
- Heard Betsy Fleitman's reminder of the School Board Candidate Forum the following evening at 7 p.m.
- Approved minutes from previous meetings.
- Approved General operating checks.
- Rudy Zimmerer brought up outdated UIL signs. Board discussed changes.

Letter to the Editor

Letter To The Editor,

Do we of the Hospital District Support Group differ from what the Hospital Board is offering? Yes, compared to the Board, we see a much higher level use of our hospital into the future as a major goal.

It has been stated over and over that everyone in our community wants to see our hospital operation continue at its present level, but rough times are here for hospitals in general, and especially for rural hospitals. Even though no one is capable of looking into the future the Hospital Administrator and Board feel only rougher times lie ahead; therefore they plan to close it.... The Support Group takes a very different view and feel that we are near the end of this "pendulum swing" and are nearing a turn for the better. Based on what? Public opinion. Political pressure. The vote.

Our very recent U.S. history of healthcare and related legislative action are full of examples of policy reversal. Essentially, the Government has reversed direction when the public out-cried and demand made it perfectly clear what the public (read voters) wanted them to do. Also, you can bet

that by the time the news media are repeatedly offering up articles on any given subject, telling and retelling the facts of hardship brought about by legislative action, then that policy is in the beginning stages of an all-out public attack.... Today's media are full of articles decrying the bad state of all hospitals as a direct result of the Legislative Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Do not imagine the long list of rural hospital closings has gone unnoticed. After all, it is our rural hospitals that serve primarily the "gray panthers," the most important voting block in the entire nation! Yes, we are confident, that we are not far from a dramatic about-face of governmental policy regarding our hospitals. We want our hospital still alive when the reversal arrives! SAVE OUR HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

This position is not in opposition to working with Gainesville Hospital District in order to create better facilities within the county --- in fact, it is dependent upon close association with Gainesville --- but not through MERGER.

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From My Side Of The Fence by Ed Cler

It seems that Muenster is split on the question of what to do with Muenster Memorial Hospital.

On the one side are those who would simply merge with Gainesville Memorial, and on the other are those who would continue to support our hospital, and would like to see it and the district kept under, at least, some Muenster control.

MMH's days as a full fledged hospital seem to be numbered and it's coming to a close, as such, seems inevitable, yet that would be a great loss to the community.

Keeping some control is one of the big problems.

The Gainesville district so out-numbers Muenster's, that control would be in their hands unless some safeguards are put in place.

Muenster Memorial could be kept as a clinic that could take care of most minor injuries, such as setting a broken arm or suturing a cut, or stabilizing a patient to be transported, and

as a station for an ambulance, at least one of which should be available to the western section of the county.

Even this would require some funding, and with Gainesville in the driver's seat, and with no real local control, our Clinic could be declared a burden and be discontinued, unless we would be willing to carry the load through local taxes.

Here again, if we lose our district, that would not be possible.

I firmly believe that whatever is done, it should be by a vote of the people who gave of their time and money to build the fine facilities that make up MMH.

If Muenster loses the entire hospital there will be another loss in employment and, if when the new facilities are completed near Gainesville there is no way they will be able to use all of the employees from both districts.

Wish I were wise enough to know the answer.

MEET THE GMH BOARD PRESIDENT

When you and I face a difficult and important choice, the logical procedure is for us to line up our options, conduct as detailed an analysis as possible, and make an intelligent decision. Wouldn't this be the logical procedure for our Hospital Board to follow? So far, they haven't...

Instead, to a member, they have followed a leader with an apparent personal interest far out into left field, and are now ready to mortgage your property without even consulting you. Can they do this? Legally, they can if they insist on making choices "for our own good" and we let them, but morally?

Take a look at the leader of the decision makers; when Mr. Hutcherson took the oath of office, he committed himself to an honorable service on behalf of the citizens. Knowing he was in the insurance business, I asked the hospital for copies of current hospital insurance contracts; I was given two - the first carried an annual premium of \$20,560, and the second premium was for \$32,227. The agent listed on both was Hutcherson Insurance Company.

Local insurance agents have informed me that the fee earned by the agent normally ranges between 10% and 20% of the premium, or \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year; newer buildings, higher values, higher insurance - you figure it out.

Mr. Hutcherson has too much to personally gain in his conflicting roles of philanthropist and privateer to be objective, and his positions destroy trust in his decisions. He should be permitted to resign; otherwise, the Board should take up this matter immediately (which will test the Board's mettle for all to see). If the Board fails to act and Mr. Hutcherson doesn't resign, then the matter is in the public's hands - hopefully we know what to do.

To Muenster Hospital District, if you think the Gainesville Hospital Board is working in your interest, I will paraphrase the old Trojan Horse warning - BEWARE OF VISITORS FROM THE EAST BEARING GIFTS. Your hospital district might end up like the city of Troy.

P.S. Mr. Hutcherson's case is not the only case of conflict of interest on the GMH Board... — Paid Political Ad by Roger Martin —

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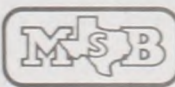
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 23, 2000 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Monday, April 24, 2000 Sacred Heart Preschool Parents meeting, 7 pm NO SCHOOL MISD Relay For Life Team Captain meeting, 5:30 pm, Cooke County Electric	Tuesday, April 25, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board meeting, 7:30 pm Grief Recovery Seminar, 6-8 pm, Home Hospice office NCTC Chorale Spring Concert, 7:30pm, 1st Baptist Church, Gainesville	Wednesday, April 26, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Mass, 6:30 pm followed by Religious Ed Classes Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Home Hospice Bereavement Teleconference, 12:30-3:30 pm	Thursday, April 27, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Cooke County BPW meeting, 6 pm, The Center	Friday, April 28, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm	Saturday, April 29, 2000 Texoma Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9 am-3pm, Sherman-Dennison Mall, Sherman
Sunday, April 30, 2000 <i>Germanfest cont'd</i>	Monday, May 1, 2000 Last day to return Muenster Jaycee Little League Baseball applications Lindsay FFA Blood Drive	Tuesday, May 2, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Lindsay ISD Spring Music Concert, 7 pm	Wednesday, May 3, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Religious Ed Class, 7 pm	Thursday, May 4, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 am, Cooke Co. Electric	Friday, May 5, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm	Saturday, May 6, 2000 American Heart Walk Texoma Cattle Women meeting, 11 am, BM Ranch Elections 7-7

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WHY DO WE NEED EASTER?

January you may have heard about the soldier from the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Agg, North Carolina who was charged with raping and murdering an 11-year Albanian girl in Kosovo. The soldier's unit was there to act as part of a peacekeeping force. The company commander of this soldier is a personal friend of ours, and when he came back on this 6 month deployment we took him out to eat and he told us the whole story how it happened. He has admitted to committing the evil and sinful deeds and will face a court at Fort Bragg soon. What would lead a person to do this? Do you or I believe we would ever be capable of doing this? The Easter story is this soldier's only hope as I believe it is for all of us, as I believe the Bible-God's Word teaches that all of us are capable of this and even worse. Even though we may never do something this sinful we have sinned and are in need of the power of Easter.

the epistle of St. Paul, Romans 3:9-18 it says, "What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; it is written, There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one. Their throat is an open grave, with their tongues they keep deceiving, the poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; their feet are swift to shed blood, destruction and misery are in their paths, and the path of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes." Yes, all of us have sinned and the standard is not that I am a little more moral than the next guy, but that we have fallen short of the only true standard (the standard that we do not add up of a holy righteous God). If we have sinned only once in life we have failed (in reality, if we are honest, our sins are into the millions of offenses against God and our fellow man).

am very thankful for the home I grew up in, the town - Muenster, the Church I attended, the schools I attended (Sacred Heart & Subiaco Academy) and the friends God gave me during my formative years. Of all the formal learning during those years I experienced, it is series of classroom lectures and homework stands out above all else in what I believe most impacted my life. My sophomore year while attending Subiaco Academy I was in a class with Father Nicholas Fuhrman, which many of you readers know. I remember he usually made us memorize the Easter story from the Bible and for our test we had to write the story in an assigned test paper. It is truly the greatest story ever told and impacts my life today and assures those whom truly believe of an eternal life in Heaven with my beloved Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Easter story tells us how to deal with the predicament we are in because of our sinful nature. In my sophomore year in college, a couple of people knocked on my dorm room door. They asked me if they could talk to me about my relationship with God. At the end of our discussion they asked me what I thought would happen to me if I died tonight. I hesitantly said I thought I would go to Heaven. I wasn't totally honest as I was having doubts about that and had pondered that question all throughout most of the year. I had heard throughout my life that God had come to earth in Jesus Christ, and He had lived a perfect life for me, that He had died on the cross for my sins and at I must repeat and believe. In reality, what I really believed at that time was that if at the end of my life I had done more good than bad and was a little better than the next guy would go to Heaven. Over the next few months I studied the scripture and 3 passages and out to me that clarified what Easter was all about. In Ephesians 2:8,9 it says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no should boast." That ruined my plan of trying to work my way to Heaven. Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." I began to realize that Christ did not die for Tom Hess's sins and there was hope for my future in eternity (Hell is a reality). John 5:24 says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgement, but as passed out of death into life." I eventually realized in February of 1970 what I had been taught in Father Nicholas's class on the Easter story, that I too could know God through Jesus Christ and live eternally with Him in Heaven because He had paid the penalty for my sins over 1967 years ago. I moved from an intellectual knowledge of these truths that I was taught to a willful and heartfelt desire to follow Christ.

In early August 1979 my youngest brother Jeff told my sister Barbie one night while driving the streets of Muester, "that if he died he wanted to be ready to meet Jesus." In August 31 of that same month he died a few hours after a 1-car accident within a mile of my parents home south of Muester. In Hebrews 9:27,28 it says, "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgement, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him. Each of us will one day and will have to face our Creator. What will you tell God?" The only answer according to God's Word is that "My dear Lord God, I gave my life to your Son Jesus Christ here on earth and I trusted in the shed blood of your Son at Calvary and committed to following Him as my Lord and Master." No other answer will suffice. On March 13 of this year, I had a malignant cancerous tumor taken out of my body. Presently, I am rayferally considering whether or not I should go through radiation therapy to insure that all the cancer is out of my body. I am at peace with the cancer, because I know if I could die tomorrow or 30 years from now I have an answer for God - Jesus Christ the savior of the Easter story.

Closing, let me tell you a little about my passion in life because of Easter. It can be best described in one verse, John 14:6 which says, "Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me." Each Wednesday morning at 5:30 at the Division Memorial Chapel in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina I meet with from 5-15 men to pray for soldiers, their families and our governmental and military leaders. These men are Chaplains, military Officers, non-commissioned Officers and civilian ministers/chaplains like myself in the military. They are from both Protestant and Catholic churches/chapels and some serve as Protestant Chaplains and Catholic Priests. We have two things in common, a devout faith in Jesus Christ and desire for the spiritual well being of those we pray for, (including ourselves) that is grounded in the only way to God the Father, Jesus Christ. Mark 9:36 says, "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?" This passion motivates me and other Christians to tell others the historic message of Easter, which includes the reality that people will either live eternally with God in Heaven or be eternally separated from Him in Hell.

Written by: Tom Hess, a former Muenster resident who has served for the last 22 years with his wife Paula and 3 children as a Christian missionary to the military with The Navigators, an International and Interdenominational Christian Organization.

Annual Fish Fry set this Saturday, April 22

The saddest day in the history of the Saint Jo Volunteer Fire/EMS Department occurred on November 18, 1999; for we lost one of our members in a line-of-duty death. James Dunham, 36, died of a heart attack while attempting to extricate a victim trapped inside a wrecked car. James, an active member of our department for over 12 years, served in several officer positions, including chief. James is missed very much.

As in the past the Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department is asking for your help in raising the funds necessary to operate for the upcoming year. We invite all to attend our annual fish fry this Saturday evening, April 22 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the Saint Jo School Cafeteria. The meal consists of fish with all the trimmings for only \$5.00 a plate for adults. All donations are greatly appreciated, with the hope that you will help us now so we can help you in your time of need. Our ambulance service is free of charge, but we need donations for truck maintenance, supplies, and equipment.

We have 23 men and 8 women serving on the fire department who answered 219 calls during 1999; 7 structure fires, 40 grass fires, 6 car fires, 126 medical calls, 24 traffic accidents, 1 search, 1 rescue, and 14 other miscellaneous calls. We also spent an untold number of hours on training, maintaining our equipment and conducting business meetings.

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Obituaries

Anna Marie Fleitman 1927 - 2000



Anna Marie Fleitman

by Elfreda Fette
Mass of Christian Burial was held for Anna Marie Fleitman on Tuesday, Apr. 18, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father Thomas Craig. She died at age 72 at her residence in Muenster on Apr. 15, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

Anna Marie Fleitman was born July 10, 1927 to John and Genevieve Schilling, one of eleven children. On Oct. 20, 1947 she married Anton Alois Fleitman in Sacred Heart Church. A member of Sacred Heart Church, she lived her entire life in the Muenster area. She was a homemaker, and helped on the farm where she and her husband lived for 47 years, while raising and caring for a large family. She enjoyed gardening, canning, bread making, and most of all, she delighted in spending time with, and caring for her children, grandchildren, and her great-grandchild.

She and her husband Anton "Tony" were parents of 15 children, 13 of whom survive. They include: Patsy Hermes of Muenster, Theresa Beane of Gainesville, Virginia Fleitman of Lindsay, Agnes Fleitman of Whitesboro, Nancy Paynter of Callisburg, Susan McKinzie of Callisburg, and Karla Fleitman of Wilton Manors, Florida; and Eugene Fleitman of Nocona, Alfred Fleitman of Mallard, Donnie Fleitman of Windthorst, Pat Fleitman of Bonita, Melvin Fleitman of Dye Mound, and David Fleitman of Saint Jo.

There are 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Also surviving are two sisters Augusta Walterscheid and Ella Haverkamp, both of Muenster and one brother, Carl Schilling of Muenster; and

a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband Tony who died on July 15, 1996, one infant daughter, Mary Elizabeth and one infant son; and one granddaughter, Kaitlyn Rose; five brothers, Mike, Frank, Albert, Andrew, and Arnold Schilling.

On Monday, a Rosary service was held at McCoy Chapel at 4:00 p.m. led by Ben Jr. and Carol Fleitman and Vigil at 7:00 p.m. led by Father Tom Craig. Family Rosary Tuesday morning was led by Richard Schroeder.

Participating in the Mass of Christian Burial with Father Thomas Craig were altar servers Sylvan Walterscheid, Alvin Hartman, and Butch Fisher.

The First Reading for the Old Testament was given by

Annette Anderle. The Second Reading for the New Testament was given by Kelly Lamkin.

Eucharistic Ministers were Ben Jr. and Carol Fleitman, Miriam Caplinger, Imelda Ronner and Peggy Walterscheid.

Music Ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, Christy Hesse, and Diane Grewing, Sacred songs included "Amazing Grace," "On Eagles Wings," "Hosea (Come Back To Me)," "Wherever You Go," "I Am The Resurrection and The Life," "I Have Loved You," and the Responsorial Psalm "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

Remarks of Remembrance were given by Geneva Schroeder, a sister of Mrs. Donnie Fleitman.

She mentioned Anna Marie's birth to John and Genevieve Schilling in 1927, her marriage to Anton "Tony" Fleitman in 1947; the 47 years they spent on the farm when 15 children were born, with 13 surviving. She also described the presentation made at the altar by grandchildren, of many items important in her daily living: a bucket of eggs, carried by granddaughter Morgan McKenzie, because Anna Marie enjoyed tending her chickens; a loaf of homemade bread, carried by grandson Rick Fleitman, because Anna Marie had baked hundreds of loaves; canned pickles and canned sauerkraut carried by granddaughter Mary Fleitman, representing her many summers spent in the garden and kitchen; a cookbook carried by granddaughter Shelby Fleitman representing hundreds of wonderful meals; a washboard carried by grandson Coby Fleitman, because she washed clothes by hand for

many years; the Family Album carried by granddaughter Lori Beane, representing many happy years with her family.

Anna Marie and Tony moved to town in 1994, to reside at 917 N. Main. She enjoyed having friends and family stop by to visit. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Saint Anne's Society.

A meditation poem followed. Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Clay Forshee, Eric Fleitman, Patrick Fleitman, Jr., Weldon Hermes, Charlie Hermes, and Travis Forshee, all grandsons.

All other grandchildren were honorary pallbearers.

For those who have asked, memorials may be sent to Home Hospice of Cooke County or the Cooke County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Out of town friends and family attending the funeral were Pat Maughan of Bowie; Delia Hernandez, Denise Veth, Keith Smith, and Mario Sciana all of Wichita Falls; Gail Schroeder, Mary Lou Schroeder, Tammy Schroeder, Rick Schroeder, Cyril Schroeder, Andy and Dolores Roewe, Geneva and Halley Schroeder, Richard and Rosalee Schroeder all of Windthorst; Clara Boyd of Nocona; Judy Dunn of Saint Jo; Henry Roewe of Oklahoma City.

Also Joe Pelzel, James and Catherine Hamilton, Ben and Rose Ann Sturm all of Pilot Point; Dolly McKinney, Clara Belle Trice, and Janis Sneed all of Illinois Bend; Oleta Lanier and Deanna Lynch of Forestburg; Gaiter Day of McKinney; Wayne and Dorothy McKinney of Collinsville; and George Maughan of Rosston

Lucas James Krahl 2000 - 2000

Infant Lucas James Krahl died on April 11, 2000, the same day he was born, both at Parkland Health and Hospital System. Graveside services were held on Monday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Cemetery of Lindsay, presided by Father Sebastian Beshoner OSB and directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

Surviving are his parents, David and Judy Schmidkofer Krahl; his great-grandmothers Regina Flusche of Decatur, and Catherine Schmidkofer of

Lindsay, his grandparents Eddie and Margie Krahl of Muenster, and Joe and Viola Schmidkofer of Lindsay; and four brothers, Jonathan Krahl, Adam Krahl, Aaron Krahl, and Mark Krahl, and three sisters, Lauren Krahl, Jessica Krahl, and Emily Rose Krahl all of Lindsay.

Pallbearers were his four brothers. The family has suggested memorials sent to ABBA Women's Center, 414 E. Elm St., Gainesville, Texas 76240.

Hall votes to ban partial-birth abortions

Rep. Ralph Hall (D-TX) joined a majority in the House of Representatives last week in passage of legislation that would ban partial-birth abortions unless such procedure was necessary to save the life of the mother. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act passed the House by a vote of 287-141.

"This important legislation reaffirms this Chamber's commitment to the preservation of life - and the rights of unborn babies to be protected from a procedure that is morally unconscionable," Hall stated in remarks that were inserted in the Congressional Record.

"It is time to put an end to this inhumane and cruel procedure that ends the life of a fetus while it is partially outside the body of the mother."

Hall noted that the President has vetoed this legislation twice. Twice the House has voted to override the veto, but both times the Senate has been unable to achieve the two-thirds vote necessary to override the veto. "Since 1995 we have had fifteen votes in the House on this issue - votes on the rule, votes on amendments, votes on final passage - and fifteen times I have voted in support of banning this procedure," Hall stated.

Hall has had a consistent pro-life record throughout his public service, both in the Texas Senate and in Congress. "I have listened to considerable debate and discussion from the experts on this issue over the years," he noted, and I have consistently come down on the side of life."

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Inaugural Torch Award presented to Affiliated Foods

Affiliated Foods Inc., was recently presented with the Inaugural Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics. The award was created by the Better Business Bureau of the Texas Panhandle and the T. Boone Pickens College of Business at West Texas A&M University to recognize businesses for their commitment to high standards of behavior in buyer and seller relationships. Criteria for selection included marketing, advertising, communications and sales practices that accurately reflect what is being offered in the marketplace and ethical policies designed to give long-term value to shareholders and customers.

Affiliated Foods was evaluated for the award based on its:

- High ethical standards of behavior toward customers, suppliers and shareholders.

- Long standing history and reputation of ethical practices.

- Ethical policies that are effectively communicated to employees.

As an Amarillo ethics winner, Affiliated is eligible for the National Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics to be held in September in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Other finalists in the large-company division, with 100 employees or more, included Amarillo National Bank and NTS Communications.

A supplier for independent retail grocery stores in Amarillo since 1946, Affiliated Foods services 661 independent grocery stores throughout five states including Fischer's Meat Market in Muenster. The cooperative also has a food-service division that caters to restaurants, schools, hospitals and other institutional organizations.

Honoring parents who served in the naval services

With Mothers Day and Fathers Day right around the corner, the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington D.C. is encouraging sons and daughters to honor their parents who served in the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines or Merchant Marine by enrolling them in the Navy Log in Washington, D.C.

Each Log entry contains the entrant's name, date and place of birth, dates and branch of naval service, highest rate or rank attained, up to five top medals, and awards and five duty stations. Log enrollments help support the Memorial's values-based educational programs, which honor, preserve and celebrate America's enduring naval heritage.

Sons and daughters desiring to enroll their mother or father should send his or her name,

date and place of birth, dates of naval service, highest rate or rank, up to five awards received and five duty stations served accompanied by a \$25 tax deductible enrollment donation to Navy Log Dept. Y2000, P.O. Box 96570, Washington, DC 20077-7685. A head and shoulders portrait photo may be added for an additional \$25 (photos cannot be returned). Enrollments make welcome gifts to veterans. Sponsored enrollments are also sought from relatives of deceased naval veterans.

The Navy Memorial Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization that receives no government support for building and operating the Navy Memorial or the Naval Heritage Center next to the Memorial.

Lifestyle



Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Phyllis Pike and Jerome Fuhrmann. Phyllis is currently employed by Dr. Nickell of Van Alstyne as his dental assistant. Jerome is in farming and ranching operation with Fuhrmann Brothers. The couple plans to wed at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2000 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Sherman, with Father Jeremy Myers officiating. After the wedding they will reside in the Muenster area.

North Central Texas Chorale Spring Concert set for April 25

The spring concert of the North Central Texas Chorale will focus sacred music reflecting on the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The concert will be held Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 308 E. Broadway, in Gainesville.

Under direction of Dr. Michael Linder, the Chorale will perform *The Seven Last Words Of Christ* by Theodore Dubois, and *Gloria* by John Rutter.

The 50 singers will be accompanied by an orchestra featuring a harp, and soloists Regina Walter soprano, Bryce Gage tenor, and Kevin Beall baritone.

French composer Theodore Dubois (1837-1924) won the Prix de Rome in 1861 and is most noted for the oratorio *Les Sept Paroles du Christ* (Seven

Last Words Of Christ) first performed in 1867. Dubois was associated with the Paris Conservatory. He is best noted for his religious compositions, although he has written operas, symphonic works and chamber music.

Noted British composer John Rutter, born in 1945 is an original in arrangement of hymns. His works, *Magnificat* and *Requiem* have been performed by the Chorale and held in awe because of lush and reverent sounds.

The Cooke County Chorale is proud to present music of Dubois and Rutter. Tickets may be purchased at the church doors or from any Chorale member. The admission money of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students is used solely to pay for the orchestra.

Illinois Bend "Pig Out" is coming soon

Plans are being made. The time has been decided. The Illinois Bend "Pig Out" is coming soon. The date has been set for May 6, on a Saturday evening. Tell your family and friends to make preparation to attend this fun outing.

As usual, there will be lots of food, fellowship and great entertainment. This year's

band will be "Ridin' South." If you haven't attended, you've been missing something special. Each year this event has been getting bigger and better. The Illinois Bend Community Club has sponsored this event for the past six years. Come make number "7" the best yet.

Loretta Wimmer receives "Volunteer of the Year" honor

Loretta Wimmer of Muenster was named the "Volunteer of the Year" by the Cooke County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, as one of the "Angels Among Us" Highlights, at their annual recognition luncheon on April 6 held at Stanford House. She also enjoyed a surprise greeting by several family members present. The award was presented by Robin McCoy, former director of Texoma RSVP. She cited the many hours of service given by Mrs. Wimmer to the Muenster S.N.A.P. program, Muenster Library, Nursing Home, Hospital, RSVP Board, AARP board, and any place she was needed.

Others receiving special recognition and gifts were four active volunteers over 90 years of age: Joe Hoinig, Margaret Kupper, Joe Walter, and Mrs. Frank Bayer. Special certificates went to those who had given more than a thousand volunteer hours.

Those attending were served a luncheon catered by Louise Schad, Mary Hundt, and Mary Jean Bayer. A musical program was presented by Lester Haynie, Janell Haynie, John Kee, and Tanya Dickenson. A skit *Is It Ketchin'* was presented by Raymond Miller, Brenda Bryant, John Bennett, Betty Boone Kee, Joyce Borden, Robbie Bradley, and Jo



Loretta Wimmer

Ann Fenly.

Five and ten year pins were presented to Bob and Rosemary Blessing, Claudia Brewer, Frances Covington, Lockie Owens, and Lawrence Wimmer.

The program ended with goody bags for everyone attending. RSVP is part of the Area Agency of Aging of Texoma and is sponsored by the Texoma Council of Governments.



Jonathan Frank Schilling and Michelle Samantha Landers have chosen Saturday, May 20, 2000 as their wedding date. The couple will be united in an outdoor ceremony at the Hopp Ranch of Muenster. Jon is the son of Jr. and Ellen Schilling of Muenster and is a 1991 graduate of Sacred Heart High School. He is employed by Pumpco of Gainesville. Michelle is the daughter of Mark and Connie Wagner of Saint Jo and is a 1993 graduate of Saint Jo High School. She is employed by Spraylat Corp. of Gainesville. After a honeymoon trip to Germany, the couple will reside in Muenster.

Laura Flusche earns PhD at University of Illinois

Laura Flusche, daughter of Harold and Jeannine Flusche and a 1986 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Illinois in January. Her major field of study for the doctoral degree was Etruscan and Roman art history and archaeology. The subject of her dissertation research was Etruscan monumental architecture of the orientizing and archaic periods (ca. 650-500 BC).

Laura holds a Master's Degree also from the University of Illinois in the field of Italian Renaissance art history. She graduated from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas with honors in art history in 1990. During her studies at the University of Illinois, Laura was the recipient of the University of Illinois Dissertation Completion Grant, the Samuel H. Kress Foundation Travel Fellowship, the Fondazione Lemmermann Trust Scholarship, the University of Illinois Dissertation Travel Grant, and the Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship.

Currently, Laura is a resident in Rome, Italy, where she has been employed for three years as Visiting Assistant Professor of Art on

the Constantin (Rome) Campus of the University of Dallas. There, she teaches art history courses to University of Dallas students studying in Rome for a semester. In addition to classroom teaching, she often travels with the UD group, offering art and architectural instruction throughout Italy and Greece.

In Rome, Laura is involved in the excavation and publication of an archaeological site on the Palatine Hill. During her ten year involvement with the project, she has served as an excavation supervisor, as author of excavation reports to be published in the *Bollettino di Archeologia*, and she recently presented a paper on findings of the excavation in a conference at the Ecole Francaise de Rome.

Cub Scouts wanted

Cub Scout Day Camp is scheduled for the week of June 19 to 23 in the Muenster City Park for boys in grades one through four. Those wishing to attend or needing more information should contact Kim Felderhoff at 759-2893 or 759-4455 by April 27. There is a \$45 fee for the camp.

Area Happenings

TWU Red River Chapter Texas Woman's University's Red River alumnae chapter will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Parish House of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Gainesville. NCTC's Patsy Wilson will review *Stirring Prose (Cooking with Texas Authors)*. All friends of TWU are welcome to attend.

Wise Co. Art Show The Wise County Art Association will hold its 25th annual art show and competition on May 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wise County Sheriff's Posse Grounds located on Highway 51 South in Decatur.

There will be cash awards for top winning entries in the adult division including a \$250 Best of Show award. For more information, call 940-683-4373 or 940-683-5610.

Aggie Muster Former students of Texas A&M University will assemble in Gainesville this Friday, April 21, for the annual Texas Aggie Muster, announced Muster Chair Brandt T. Dieter.

The Muster activities consisting of a social hour, a catered fish dinner, guest speaker Ryan Gehrig, and

the Muster ceremony will begin at 6:00 at the KC Hall in Gainesville, according to the chair. Muster is open to all former students and their families, parents of students and friends of Texas A&M.

NCTC Jazz Band presents family concert

The Jazz Band at North Central Texas College invites the public to attend their final concert of the semester at 2 p.m. on April 30 at the college's Little Theater.

The one-hour event, billed as the "Family Band Concert" is presented in conjunction with "Fine Arts Week" at NCTC which additionally encompasses an art show and creative writing contest.


"Many people think of our concerts as formal. Not so!" said Dr. Michael Thrasher NCTC instrumental coordinator. "We encourage people to dress comfortably bring their children and ever dance during the presentation if they wish!"

Those attending are urged to view the winning entries from the 2000 Art Contest in the NCTC Activity Center prior to the performance. The finalists in the competition will be honored at a 4:30 p.m. awards ceremony immediately following the concert.

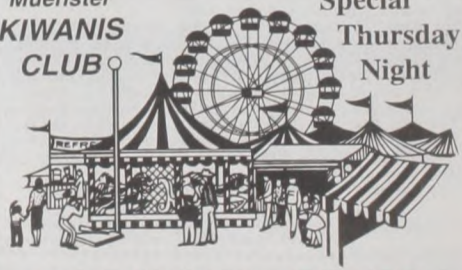
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Cooke County BPW April 27 meeting features Dr. Schocken

Chartered in June, 1940, the Cooke County Business and Professional Women's local organization is a "women helping women" organization whose membership is open to any individual who supports its goals and objectives and to those enrolled in a university, college, or any other accredited educational institution above the high school level. We do not limit membership to those women in the work world but we welcome those who have retired or who work at home. By working together on matters pertinent to women, members have the opportunity to develop valuable leadership and communication skills through educational programs, seminars, networking, and mentoring.

BPW/USA was founded in 1919. It was the first among women's organizations to formally endorse the Equal Rights Amendment in 1937, and it has led the drive for ratification ever since. The BPW has been a leader in the passage of the landmark civil and women's rights legislation of our time, from the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Pay Act, to Title IX and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. BPW knows the issues that concern women. BPW brings those issues to policy makers in Washington, in state capitals, and in city halls across the country. Involved in community affairs, Cooke County BPW has two on-going projects. The sponsorship of the Bertha

Arrington Scholarship at North Central Texas College and the adoption of Cooke County Friends of the Family who assist victims of violence. Over the years, Cooke County BPW has participated in National Business Women's Week which is in October, and it has supported the M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Center and the BPW/USA Educational Foundation. Cooke County BPW invites you to become involved in this dynamic organization. Dues include membership in Cooke County BPW, as well as membership in BPW/Texas and BPW/USA, our state and national BPW Federations, with opportunity for participation at all levels. Meetings are held at noon on

the 2nd Thursday of each month at The Wooden Spoon in Lindsay and on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Center Restaurant in Muenster. For the April 27 meeting, Dr. Monica Schocken, Marriage and Family Therapist is the guest speaker. Dr. Schocken will speak on being "Timelocked." She has a Master of Education from Louisiana State University and a Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from Iowa State University. She includes her presentation with a question and answer session. For further information, contact President Christine Weinzapfel at 940-759-4749 or Secretary Mary Baxter at 940-736-2440.



Nichelle Dawn Shodrok of Houston and Michael Don Abney of Houston, and formerly of Muenster, will be married in Annunciation Catholic Church of St. Hedwig, Texas on May 6, 2000 officiated by Canon Clifford Friesenhahn. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, James and Madelyn Shodrok of Marion, Texas. Michelle is the granddaughter of Adolph and Mary Scheel of Converse, Texas and Bridget Shodrok of Martinez, Texas and the late Louis Shodrok. She is a 1990 graduate of Samuel Clemens High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas A&M University, and is a member of Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity. She is employed at Continental Airlines. The future-groom is the son of Joyce Abney of Muenster and Don Abney of Muenster. He is the grandson of Bill and Kathy Pittman of Lexington, Oklahoma and Denver Abney of Purcell, Oklahoma and the late Margie Abney. Mike is a 1990 graduate of Muenster High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas A&M University. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and a minor in Environmental Design; and is a member of Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity. He is employed at Red Sky Interactive. The couple will reside in Houston.

Cooke County Heritage Society prepares for 17th annual Auction

The Cooke County Heritage Society's 17th annual Auction will be held on Friday, May 12 at the VFW Hall in Gainesville. The doors open at 6:00 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres being served until 7:00 p.m. while everyone has the chance to peek out the silent auction tables and begin their bidding. Starting at 7:00 p.m. and continuing until 8:00 p.m., a delicious meal of barbecue and smoked turkey with all the fixings will be served.

At 9:00 p.m. the live auction will commence. This is an excellent chance to get an early start on your Christmas shopping or simply just to treat

yourself! The items which will be auctioned include a Waterford crystal ice bucket, metal rocking chairs, a fish fry for twenty, barbecue ribs and beer for twenty, two hours of limousine service, gift baskets, and much more. Tickets are \$10 per person and include the cost of the meal; they may be purchased at the Morton Museum of Cooke County. This is the Heritage Society's largest fundraiser with the proceeds going to support the Morton Museum of Cooke County and its activities and programs. For more information or to donate an item for the auction, call the museum at 940-668-8900.

Sun smart: wear your skin well year-round

Do you take your skin for granted? Do you participate in outdoor activities without protecting your skin? Do you strive to achieve a golden tan? Do you don't practice sun-smart habits, you may be one of an estimated one million people to develop skin cancer this year, according to the American Cancer Society.

"The American Cancer Society recommends avoiding tanning between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun is at its strongest. When outside,

protect your skin by wearing protective clothing, including a hat and using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a skin protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher that will block both UVA and UVB type rays," says Dr. Ramsdell, MD, spokesperson for the American Cancer Society.

Those most at risk for skin cancer are people with light skin, fair hair, light color eyes and those who burn easily. However, darker-skinned people can also develop skin cancer, including malignant melanoma.

The most common warning sign of skin cancer is a change in a preexisting mole or the appearance of a new mole or growth. Non-melanoma skin cancers may appear as pearly, flesh-colored bumps or scaly bumps that may bleed. Melanomas look like moles with irregular coloration (various shades of black, brown, white, or blue) and ragged uneven borders. They may be flat or elevated. If any of these conditions exist you should visit a dermatologist.

"Early detection is the key to surviving skin cancer, especially malignant melanoma which can spread quickly if left undetected. When found early and with proper treatment, localized malignant melanoma is highly curable - up to a 96% survival rate," Dr. Ramsdell says. "If the cancer spreads to distant parts of the body, survival rates can drop to 12%."

By adopting a lifetime of simple sun-smart habits you can enjoy outdoor activities worry-free and wear your skin well year-round for more information on skin cancer and how to reduce your risk, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or www.cancer.org.

NCTC support staff schedules professional enrichment workshop

The North Central Texas College Support Staff Association will host a Professional Enrichment Workshop: "For the Whole You" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 26 at the NCTC Little Theater.

Karen Fletcher, vice-president of the NCTC Support Staff Association urged managerial personnel to reward employees with a gift that will make a lasting impression. "This is the perfect opportunity for employees to be honored for a job well done, increase their knowledge regarding vital workplace issues and enjoy a bit of personal enrichment. The occasion will feature a light luncheon and door prizes," she said.

Speakers from both NCTC and the corporate arena will enlighten participants with an informative and entertaining slate of topics.

Trisha Zellman-Beevers, a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards in Denton, opens the

workshop with "Introduction to Investing on a Budget." Pam Livingston of the NCTC Small Business Development Center will explore the differing communication styles of men and women during "Effective Office Communication Between the Sexes."

NCTC Director of Library Services Patsy Wilson, luncheon speaker for the event, promises to provide humorous and intriguing insights concerning group dynamics.

Karla Metzler, the president and owner of Metro Center in Gainesville will discuss "New Technology in the Workplace."

Ann Norcross, an NCTC counselor and faculty member will lead the final session titled "Humor Therapy: Stress Release." She will detail techniques for applying humor to decrease stress, thus improving the quality of life.

The fee for the workshop is \$15. Registration is required, noted Fletcher, by April 21 by calling 940-668-4220.

Lindsay Secular Franciscans plan spring and summer activities

The Secular Franciscan Fraternity of Lindsay met on Mar. 29 in the home of Elvira Flusche, with Theresa Hermes presiding. Ritual procedure included the St. Francis Image of the Lord song, prayers in unison, and a reading from Scripture by Marie Zimmerer.

A letter of thanks from Father Greg Joyright of the Amazon Mission in Brazil, expressed his gratitude for donations from the Lindsay Fraternity for doors and windows for his church building. He requested prayers for the Missions of Evangelization now in progress in Brazil.

Father Tom Gardner OFM sent thanks for the \$100 donation sent to him for his missionary work. He mentioned that, according to American Standards, it takes about \$15 per week to support a Seminary student during the first years and about \$30 a week for theological students as they get nearer to ordination. The Fraternity voted to send a donation to Fr. Gardner OFM for education of future priests in the Congo and Amazon areas.

Members planned a garage sale in July at the home of Theresa Hermes.

An invitation was received from the Retreat House at

Gospel concert to be held at Gainesville Civic Center

There will be a gospel concert held at the Gainesville Civic Center on Apr. 29. The concert will start at 7:00 p.m.

Headlining the event will be the nationally recognized Melody Masters Quartet from Bessemer City, North Carolina, along with The Legendary James Blackwood. The Toney Brothers from Allen, Texas will be the host quartet for the evening. The concert is designed to bring Gospel Music to the north Texas area, which has been a stronghold for this type of music for many years.

For more information, call toll-free (888)390-1452.



Keith Graf, regional director for U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, presented Muenster Public Library a certificate of appreciation from Gramm last week in celebration of National Library Week. Graf also read a letter from the Senator recognizing the library's "dedication to preserving and expanding the nation's body of knowledge." Pictured with Graf are, at far left, Library Manager Kay Broyles and volunteers, from left, Theresa Fowler, Evelyn Koesler, and Ethel Hesse. Janie Hartman photo.

Morton Museum presents final spring session, Apr. 24

The final session in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Spring Series "Radio & Literature in the 1930s" will take place at noon on Monday, Apr. 24 at the Morton Museum of Cooke County in Gainesville.

Patsy Wilson, head librarian at the North Central Texas College library in Gainesville, will conduct the first part of the program on the significant pieces of literature which appeared in the 1930s and the influence that the Depression had on some of those pieces. In the second part of the program,

it will be transported to the days of the old radio shows, complete with authentic sound effects! Look for the automobile from the 1930s which will be parked outside. Handouts will be provided. Refreshments will be served.

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

Managing your weight program

The Lindsay Homemakers, in conjunction with Gainesville Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a Managing Your Weight awareness program, Tuesday, May 2 at Conrad Hall in Lindsay from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Educational programs will be provided by GMH, Weight Watchers, Bosco's Gym and Aerobics Center, and Knoll Pharmaceutical Company. There will be goody bags and door prizes. An exercise demo will also be included.

A menu of croissant

sandwich, spinach salad, and fresh fruit will be served. There is no charge, but space is limited! Call Sonya at 668-6273 or Cyndi at 668-2228 for reservations or information. RSVP by April 28.

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Rodney and Julie Vogel of Camona, California announce the birth of a daughter, Carlee Rae on Mar. 18, 2000 weighing 11 lb. 1 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Larry and Kathy Vogel of Myra and Carl and Marian Chappell of Saint Jo. Great-grandparents are James and the late Winona Strain of Adrian, Missouri and Glenn and the late Winnie Chappell of Nocona, Paul Sicking and Bernice Sicking of Myra and the late Lawrence and Philomena Vogel of Muenster.

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School News



Sacred Heart Elementary and Junior High students who qualified for the TAPPS State Academic Meet in Waco. Photo by Janie Hartman

Muenster High sweeps regional

The Hornets from Muenster High School won the Academic team championship last weekend in Abilene. The 27 students that went to the HardinSimmons campus scored 209 points in academic contests and defeated the second place team from Henrietta-Midway by more than 100 points. Muenster High students won individual gold medals in Computer Science, Number Sense, Persuasive Speaking, and Spelling, and team gold medals in Computer Science, Mathematics, Number Sense, and Spelling for a total of 16 gold medals. Muenster students were also awarded 11 silver medals during the two-day event.

In the Informative Extemporaneous Speaking contest, Mary Skinner won the third place bronze medal while Raegan Koesler was bringing home the gold medal in the Persuasive Extemporaneous Speaking contest. Martha Koesler coaches both speakers. Mrs. Koesler also sponsors the Literary Criticism event. Jackie Henscheid placed sixth individually, and helped her teammates Kristie Lutkenhaus, Lauren Dangelmayr, and Kristin Smith place second in the team competition.

In News Writing, Kelly Felderhoff received the sixth place medal. Allison Endres received the silver medal and Kelly received the bronze medal in Editorial Writing. Mary Dangelmayr coaches Kelly and Allison. Doug Knabe placed second and Chris Jackson placed third in the mathematics contest. The math team of Doug, Chris, and Kelly Felderhoff received

the gold medal. The calculator team of Mary Skinner, Karen Cler, and Kristen Creed placed second. Danna Hess coaches both the math and calculator events.

Chris Jackson placed fifth in the science contest, and with the help of teammates Doug Knabe and Justin Fleitman brought home the silver medal for team competition. Eddie Green sponsors the science contest.

Kacie Garcia won the Spelling and Vocabulary contest, while Ashley Hess placed second and Kelly Grewing placed sixth. Their combined efforts won the first place gold medal. Gerri Eckart coaches the Spelling and Vocabulary event.

Chris Jackson won the Computer Science written contest, Doug Knabe placed third, and Pamela Lutkenhaus was sixth. Chris, Doug, and Pamela also won the Computer Science programming part of the contest, which is a team event only. When the programming scores were combined with the winning team writtenscores, these three students brought home the team gold medal. Doug also won the Number Sense contest, while Chris Jackson placed second, and Bronya Vogel placed sixth. Doug, Chris, and Bronya also won the team competition in this event. Jerry Eckart coaches Computer Science and Number Sense.

Alternates play an important role in team competition. They practice as members of the team, but only get to compete if another team member has a conflict with a different event. Alternates in the team events were Karen

Cler in math, Chris York in Computer Science, Krystl Sparkman in calculator, and Ashley Klement in Spelling.

Students who placed first, second, or third individually or were members of a first place team earned the right to compete at the state competition to be held May 6 on the University of Texas campus. Competing at the state level is considered to be quite an accomplishment, as competitors become eligible to receive scholarships that range from \$500 to \$15,000. These scholarships are awarded by the Texas Interscholastic League Fund. Approximately million dollars in scholarship will be awarded this year.

Other students who attended the regional meet included Darren Hennigan, Jeff Klement, Laur Drachenberg, Kaylee Price, Jennie Hermes, Shanell Spakes, Amanda Felderhoff, and Brett Howell.

Sponsors and parents who attended the meet include Danna Hess, Marth and Rudy Koesler, and Gerri and Jerry Eckart.

Lindsay High wins regional UIL meet

Lindsay students competed at the Region 2-AA Academic meet in Stephenville, April 14-15, and brought home the championship trophy.

Lindsay out-paced runner-up Grandview 223 to 150 points, bringing home three individual first places and two championship teams. Also two second place teams, five silver medalists, and two bronze finishers.

Individual results are as follows:

Persuasive Speaking - Alex Haayen, 3rd; Christina Otto, 4th; Scott Metzler, 5th. **Informative Speaking** - Brent Connett, 4th; Abbas Ravjani, 5th. **Computer Applications** - Leah Hermes, 1st; Abbas Ravjani, 2nd.

News Writing - Melanie Brown, 2nd; Leslie Schumacher, 6th. **Poetry** - Kristan Tucker, 2nd. **Calculator** - Jonathan Bengfort, 5th. **LD Debate** - Brent Connett,

3rd. **Spelling** - Alex Hellinger, 1st; Patrick Zimmerer, 4th; Sophia Rahman, 6th; Team 1st. **Ready Writing** - James Thomason, 2nd.

Current Events - Tommy Arendt, 2nd; Joey Arendt, 6th; Team 2nd. **Literary Criticism** - Courtney Miller, 1st; Ashley Privett, 6th; Team 1st. **Computer Science** - Michael Kendall, 4th; Team 2nd.



Lindsay High School Regional Academic Champions. Photo by Janie Hartman

Muenster High students place in NCTC art contest

The youth division of the 35th Annual Art Contest at North Central Texas College yielded more than 200 entries from public and private school students across the region.

Mary Frances Van Pelt, NCTC Art Professor and show coordinator said she was pleased with the response. "We are always amazed at the talent of our young people. This year was certainly no exception. We received drawings, paintings, photographs and sculptures of

superior quality that showed a great deal of artistic imagination. It's quite obvious that the art teachers in our area are intent on cultivating and showcasing the wonderful work of their students."

Muenster High School senior Darren Hennigan took first place in the 12th grade color art division, while Raegan Koesler followed in second.

Jason Lutkenhaus, Allison Endres, and Jackie Henscheid all received honorable mention in the same division.

Karen Cler won a second place in the black and white art, with Josh Luke following in third.

Kristin Smith and Keri Felderhoff received honorable mention in the 11th grade class.

Several Lindsay students also placed. Seventh grader Travis Reiter took home 2nd place awards in sculpture and black and white divisions.

Karissa Reiter won first and third in the fifth grade, while Alyssa Jones was the second place winner in the fifth grade.

Muenster High Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll

10th Grade - Gran Hartman, Chris Jackson, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Chris York.

12th Grade - Allison Endres, Kelly Felderhoff, Rand Grewing, Raegan Koesler, Jill Stoffels.

"A-B" Honor Roll

9th Grade - Michael Endres, Ricky Endres, Lisa Felderhoff, Karl Fisher, Kelly Grewing, Megan Grewing, Kam Klement, Megan Lippe, Cindy Tempel, Tyler Walterscheid.

10th Grade - Laur Drachenberg, P.J. Fleitman, Krystal Hale, Ashley Hess, Tracy Hess, Ashley Klement, Crystal Lutkenhaus, Chris McLaughlin, Kay Lee Price, Shanell Spakes.

11th Grade - Diane Brittain, Lauren Dangelmayr, Kacie Garcia, Ami Graham, Chris Grewing, Elliot Klement, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Mary Skinner, Kristin Smith, Bronya Vogel.

12th Grade - Karen Cler, Justin Fleitman, Crai Hartman, Darren Hennigan, Jackie Henscheid, Jef Klement, Cody Mask, Bryar Miller, Jennifer Tompkins, Casey Walterscheid.

School Lunch Menus

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- Thurs. - Fiesta salad, ranch style beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onions, corn chips, fruit.
- Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

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- Mon. - NO SCHOOL.
- Tues. - Burritos (beef and beans), chili and cheese, beans, fruit, banana bread.
- Wed. - Barbecue sandwiches, chips, onions and pickles, fruit, carrot sticks, strawberry cake.
- Thurs. - Baked ham, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls.
- Fri. - NO SCHOOL.

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- Mon. - Chili dogs, rice, ranch style beans, carrot and celery sticks, apple crisp.
- Tues. - Tacos, corn, applesauce, peaches, bread.
- Wed. - Deli sandwiches, green beans, macaroni salad, pineapple.
- Thurs. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, okra, pears, bread.
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- Mon. - NO SCHOOL.
- Tues. - Country fried pork steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed fruit, tossed salad, hot roll.
- Wed. - Crispy tacos, shredded cheese, trimmings, corn, rice krispy treat.
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Sports

Tigerettes out claw Van Alstyne Lady Panthers, 2-0

Sacred Heart traveled to Van Alstyne Tuesday after being eliminated by the 2A playoff and Lady Panthers. After seven innings, the Tigerettes left the field with a 2-0 outout. Only ten Sacred Heart players suited out due to officiating events. Freshman pitcher, Maryne Callahan, threw eleven strikeouts in the game. Jana Lebenbach hit a triple, while Ylva Felderhoff and Callahan singles and Jana Coker and Andrea Bartush got bunts.

Callahan and Anne Flusche found home base for 2 points. "We saw very good defense from the whole team," noted Coach Beth Bartush, "and we were able to capitalize on their mistakes."

Sacred Heart will host Bethesda Christian in district action Monday, April 24, tentatively set for 5 p.m., then travel to Harvest on Thursday to complete district play. The Tigerettes are undefeated in conference play.



Muenster Jaycees' and community support can be seen nearly every weekend at the new Muenster ballpark. Photo by Rick Walterscheid

Texas generates \$21 million for wildlife conservation

Texas anglers and hunters paid \$21 million in federal excise taxes on equipment purchases to fund state conservation and research through this year's Federal Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration program.

According to a final report from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released March 10, the \$21,121,301 represents Texas' share of \$434 million divided among all states. State fish and wildlife agencies such as Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) use the money for land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, education, and other programs.

The money pays up to 75 percent of fish and wildlife project cost in accordance with legislation and associated regulations. The state share must come from a non-federal source such as license fees.

TPW will receive an estimated \$12,046,000 from the Sport Fish Restoration Program to be used for fisheries programs and boating access. The agency also will receive \$8,198,000 for wildlife restoration, which will be used for projects from the Wildlife Restoration Program. Another \$876,000 was appropriated to fund hunter education programs in Texas.



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Applications are due April 28, 2000

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Phone _____ Sex: M ____ F ____

What grade will you be in next year? _____

Birthdate ____/____/____

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Phone _____ Relationship _____
Physician _____ Phone _____

Fill in your child's T-shirt size

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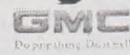
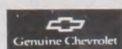
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PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS
There are only a few crosswalks in Muenster. The ones that exist are there to help pedestrians cross a street, particularly during busy times such as when children go to or from school, or when people cross the street to attend church.
Recently, there have been a lot of times when people drive through crosswalks without stopping for waiting pedestrians. Remember, in these cases, pedestrians have the right of way. If you approach a crosswalk and notice a pedestrian trying to cross a street at a crosswalk, please slow down and stop. It won't delay you very long and it will help another individual.

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Haywood deems first Ag policy hearing a success

State Senator and committee chair Tom Haywood gavelled the meeting adjourned with a smile, calling the first public hearing of the Joint Committee on Agricultural Policy a success.

The committee, made up of four senators and four state representatives, met to begin work on its interim charge: to develop a sound agricultural policy for Texas in the 21st century by studying the condition of agriculture, the state's current programs and the role of the state in preserving the industry.

"Agriculture has been a stalwart in our state's history, heritage and economy," Haywood said. "It has been a critical element in our economic, cultural and historical development as well as a vital component of a diversified state economy and a self-renewing natural resource."

"Today our plan is to begin formulating a statewide policy to ensure that it continues to be all those things to Texas and to our nation."

The committee heard testimony from Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs asking for more focus on rural areas expected to lose legislative power due to this year's redistricting, and others including several students' testimony.

Issues addressed included the impact of urbanization of

the industry, economic changes, adverse weather conditions, drought, the world commodities markets, water availability, transportation, state regulation, pest and disease eradication.

"Texas agriculture is in a fragile condition at the moment," Haywood said. "Due to drought, floods, pests, crop losses, changing federal policies, lack of marketing and a general disconnection from urban centers, the ag industry is suffering." Haywood went on

Texoma Cattle Women meeting set for May 6

The Texoma Cattle Women's meeting will be held on May 6 at the BM Ranch which is located just north of Gainesville and Whitesboro, at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Troy McKinney. He is the #12 District TSCRA Field Inspector, which covers the Cooke, Grayson, Collin, Hunt, Rockwall, Dallas, and Kaufman counties. He will share new information he received at a TSCRA seminar he attended.

Any woman connected to or interested in the beef industry in any way is welcome and encouraged to come and bring their husbands. Membership is open to anyone whether or not they are involved in the cattle industry and dues are \$40 per year. This session is open and free to the public. Meeting

starts at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon, provided by the Henderson's. Attendees wishing to stay for lunch are asked to call Bobby or Mike Henderson at 940-612-1629 weekends, 940-321-6244 weekdays, or e-mail at BMRanch@mcworld.com.

The Texoma Cattle Women will be sponsoring a new \$500 Scholarship. This will be awarded to a local rancher, between the ages of 20 and 39, to cover registration, hotel and travel to a Beef Cattle Short course held at College Station in August of 2000.

For information or directions please contact the following Texoma Cattle Women in your area: Gloria Klement 940-759-2912, fax 940-759-5898.

TFU reacts to latest budget agreement

The Texas Farmers Union (TFU) acknowledged House and Senate action to set aside \$7.1 billion for income assistance initiatives for farmers and ranchers. However, TFU President Wes Sims stated that this level of assistance is without a doubt totally inadequate to meet the ongoing economic crisis in agriculture.

"Because of record low farm prices, another assistance package for agriculture is absolutely essential," said Sims. "Still, we are concerned that this agreement provides assistance at a level lower than that of last year's package. It fails to identify funds for weather-related crop failures that we know will come to several regions of the country."

The agreement, which is the result of a compromise between the Republican House and Senate budget proposals, sets aside \$5.5 billion for direct payments to be paid this year. TFU believes that this assistance is insufficient given the prospects for continued pressure on commodity prices, higher fuel cost and lower AMPA payments.

Additionally, TFU challenges the authorizing committees in Congress to implement policies that result in greater program equity for producers and more effective distribution of this assistance than has occurred under the Freedom to Farm Act as a result of two prior emergency packages. Assurances need to be made that aid will be provided in a more timely fashion to farmers and ranchers according to need.

"The destructive impact of extremely low commodity prices for the last three years is taking a heavy toll on rural America," said Sims. "We are pleased Congress provided additional assistance in the budget, but I don't believe it is enough to address the problems. I am disappointed that they didn't do better."

Knights storm Capitol Hill

Over 120 Texas Farm Bureau members, including Cooke County Farm Bureau members Edwin and Ann Knight, stormed Capitol Hill in late March to air concerns of agricultural producers and the state's largest farm organization.

Edwin found the Texas group was well received in Washington, D.C., as most of the Texas Congressional delegation and both Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey

Hutchison personally took time out of extremely busy schedules to visit. He said the legislators listened with open minds.

"I think our lawmakers feel it's important to hear the concerns of actual agricultural producers," Edwin said. "We were able to talk directly with them about both the problems and opportunities of Texas agriculture."

One of the biggest concerns expressed to the legislators was establishing permanent normal trade relations with China. Edwin expressed the importance of opening up trade for agriculture with the world's most populous country.

"That seemed to be the front-burner of the issues on the trip," Edwin said. "Establishing new markets for our products - especially in these times of low commodity prices - is very important to agricultural producers."

Other issues discussed with lawmakers included the farm program, crop insurance, regulatory issues and taxes.

Edwin said this was the 25th anniversary of the National Affairs Awards trip. He qualified for the trip by actively voicing agricultural concerns to their representatives and senators at the national level.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

RUST DISEASES OF WHEAT

We are seeing quite a bit of rust showing up on wheat in the county. We normally have three rust diseases that affect wheat.

Leaf Rust - Leaf rust, sometimes called orange rust, can occur on either side of the leaf and may sometimes occur on the stems, especially the neck (that part of a stem between the head and flag leaf). The disease first appears on older leaves, and the fungus spreads up the plant to the flag leaf as the season advances.

Wind is an important means of distributing leaf rust spores. Leaf rust can survive during the summer months on volunteer cereals and wild grasses in our area. In addition, during the autumn months, leaf rust spores are blown northward in wind currents from northern Mexico and southern Texas. The fungus overwinters in the northern Great Plains.

Early in the growing season leaf rust is recognized as small, round or oblong, raised orange pustules on the leaf surface. These pustules are most abundant on the upper surface. As the season advances, rust spreads from older to younger leaves, and the pustules may become very abundant. As the wheat nears maturity, other pustules of about the same size but darker in color appear in great abundance on sheaths and leaf blades and even on the stems. Both types of pustules remain until the leaf dries, possible before ripening if infection is severe.

New races of leaf rust fungus originate by mutation; therefore, new wheat varieties which provide resistance are being developed constantly.

Stem Rust - Stem rust is one of the most destructive plant diseases known on susceptible varieties. It is highly epidemic and can increase at rates up to fifty percent per day. In contrast, leaf rust is much less

epidemic, probably not increasing at rates above twenty percent per day. Stem rust fungus produces two spore stages on wheat - the red and black stages. The red stage spreads during the growing season, but the black stage occurs only as wheat nears maturity. Stem rust is recognized by the elongated, ragged pustules it produces on stems, leaf sheath, blade, chaff, beard and occasionally on young kernels. Fragments of epidermis adhere to the sides and ends of the pustules, giving a ragged appearance. The brick-red color and large elongated pustules distinguish it from leaf rust which has small, round pustules and orange-red spores.

Stem rust develops optimally near 68 degrees Fahrenheit and is seriously hampered below 59 degrees Fahrenheit and above 104 degrees Fahrenheit. Delayed crop maturity especially favors the disease.

The fungus we're seeing predominantly now is stripe rust.

Stripe Rust - Stripe rust resembles leaf rust except that the pustules develop between the leaf veins as long streaks, and they are citron yellow. Mild, humid winters, cool springs and abundant rainfall permit this pathogen to spread throughout much of Texas. Stripe rust is confined to high elevations and cooler climates, thus it is not an important disease in Texas.

Stripe rust in Texas originates from spores blown in from distant hosts. Wheat at lower elevations is sometimes infected by spores from grasses growing at higher altitudes.

AG MARKETING CLUB

Marketing club covers market analysis using technicals, forward contracts, and hedging with futures & options. The next session will be Tuesday, April 25, at 7:00 P.M. at the Farm Bureau Building on Hwy. 82, in Gainesville. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

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