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MMH Board sets vote on merger for Aug. 11

by Dave Fette

The Muenster Memorial Hospital District Board of Directors met in regular session Tuesday night with the proposed merger with Gainesville Hospital District occupying most of the discussion. However, Administrator Jack Endres first gave the statistical and financial report. Most patient categories continued their downward trend with total patient days down 188 for the year to date compared to last year. Patients using the emergency room were up a little, yielding 123 total patient/days for May 2001 compared to 125 for May of 2000, bottom line.

Hospital revenue for May was \$346,578.00. Expenditures were \$442,500.00. Thus showing a loss of \$86,522.00 compared to a profit of \$20,845.00 in May last year. St. Richard's Villa showed a loss of \$3,300.00, however some payments received in June will be reflected on the next financials and make that look better. No new equipment was purchased in May.

Endres next introduced the text of the ballot dealing with the proposed merger and confirmed that the referendum would be conducted on Saturday, August 11, 2001. The wording of the ballot follows:

An election is hereby ordered of the qualified voters of Muenster Hospital District, to be held on Saturday, the 11th day of August, 2001, for the purpose of voting on the following resolution:

The dissolution of the Muenster Hospital District and creation of the Cooke County Hospital District, providing for the levy of a tax not to exceed 75 cents on each \$100 valuation on all taxable property in the Cooke County Hospital District, and providing for the transfer to and assumption by the Cooke County Hospital District of all outstanding bonds and indebtedness issued or refunded for hospital purposes by the Muenster Hospital District and the transfer of the existing Muenster Hospital District's assets to the Cooke County Hospital District.

Early voting will be conducted beginning July 25, 2001, and ending August 7, 2001 at Muenster City Hall.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Ms. Micallee Matson, Early Election Clerk, Muenster Hospital District, c/o Muenster City Hall, P.O. Box 208, Muenster, TX 76252-0208. Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on August 3, 2001.

Discussion on the proposed merger of the Muenster and Gainesville hospital districts followed. Endres reported that the enabling legislation was approved and that a political action committee, "Citizens For Better Healthcare" had registered with the state and notified the hospital of their existence.

During the administrative report, Endres said they had received notice that the Saint Jo Nursing Home was closing. He anticipates most of the residents would go to Nocoña homes. St. Richard's is full.

Report item: \$50,000.00 was transferred from the hospital operating account to cover employee health insurance claims.

Report item: Approximately \$135,000.00 was received to the operating account from Medicaid cost settlements of about one year ago.

Report item: The following personnel have submitted resignations. Grace Walterscheid, Jason Endres, Anita McMahan, Pat Bragg, and Lisa Schilling. Grace Walterscheid introduced her replacement, Danny Lovelace from Bowie. Haley Dangelmayr (formerly resigning) and Herman Carroll, (formerly retiring) announced that they intend to stay on the hospital staff temporarily.

Report Item: Surgeons from Gainesville Memorial Hospital have agreed to assist Doctor Currier in surgery at Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Board member John Aytes requested an amendment to the meeting agenda as he had requested discussion on working committees to assist various

hospital functions at last month's meeting. The Board approved the amendment and merger discussion continued.

Board member Angelo Nasche has done some investigation on insurance company cooperation at MMH. He seeks the possible formation of a local health insurance option which would accept MMH. Board President Don Flusche asked Nasche to pursue the idea and report to the Board.

Aytes requested the formation of a committee to enhance communication with hospital employees. Flusche and other Board members felt that that function is properly left in the hands of the administrator.

Grace Walterscheid asked to address the Board and said that recent staff resignations were the result of shakiness after the recent district election. "Jack (Endres) has done a good job and there is no discord between the administration and staff," she said.

Connie Miller, RN spoke next saying they didn't like what government has forced upon the hospital, but nurses are anxious and morale is down. "We have helped out during lean times in the past and we want you to provide us with some peace of mind," she said. Miller requested:

- Promise of future jobs in writing.
- List of physicians to work with.
- Employment contract.
- Advance notice of job changes.
- Clarification of severance pay and vacation policies.
- Assured schedules for

assistant surgeons for Dr. Currier.

Endres answered that the November 1999 agreement with Gainesville Memorial Hospital District addresses jobs and just today (Tuesday) Dr. Currier had received an agreement from Gainesville surgeons for assistance and backup.

Aytes responded that a good faith effort as referred to in the 1999 agreement is not a guarantee. Endres said they could not write a contract until after the election. Discussion followed concerning whether a promise or good faith effort is as good as a guarantee or contract.

Then Aytes again requested establishment of the employee communication committee.

Board member James Walterscheid requested an explanation how auditors a couple years ago gave good reports on MMH financial conditions and the new auditors now thought the hospital was in trouble. Endres said it was a difference of before or after the Federal BBA (Balanced Budget Amendment) effects. Nasche commented on the idea that the answer to the problems was in increased patient volume at the hospital.

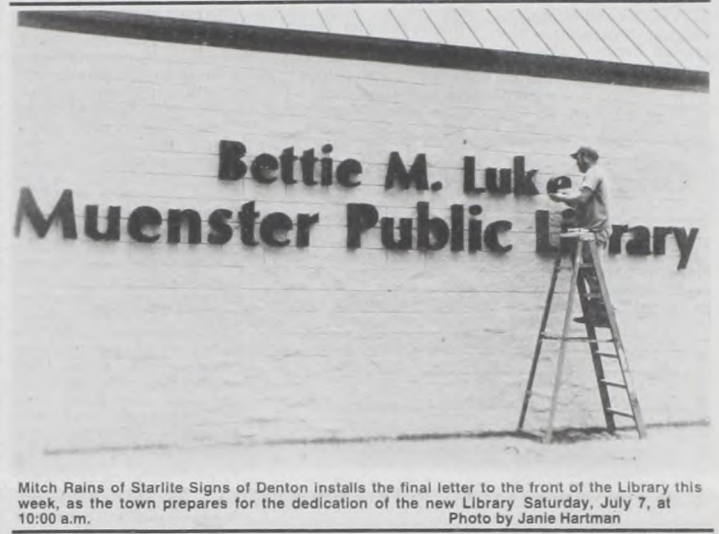
Doris Muller, bookkeeper asked to explain some points. She explained how medical criteria are stricter to allow payment by Medicare or Medicaid. The hospital gets less money per patient. There is no co-pay on lab patients. Doctors

have to admit twice as many patients to get the same money. Insurance contracts are stricter and harder. Some patients just can't pay.

Aytes said that audits have shown increased revenue even with all these problems.

Muller continued saying the real effects started in October and were not reported yet. "The real effects of the BBA are just starting, coming impacts will hit harder and harder," she said. Additionally, patients are getting older and the hospital must look to the future.

Haley Dangelmayr said that the employees understand the real problems and risks. They See HOSPITAL, Page 2



Mitch Rains of Starlite Signs of Denton installs the final letter to the front of the Library this week, as the town prepares for the dedication of the new Library Saturday, July 7, at 10:00 a.m. Photo by Janie Hartman

O'Grady named to Hall of Fame

by Dave Fette

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) George O'Grady of Saint Jo has been honored recently with membership in the Army Aviation Association of America Hall of Fame. The Association began this honor in 1974 and inducts new members every three years. There are now 101 members in the Hall of Fame. This year's convention was in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 5. LTC O'Grady and his wife Betty were guests of the Association for the event.

O'Grady's life has changed since his service with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, but it hasn't slowed down. He moved to his ranch north of Saint Jo, Texas 11 years ago from Bedford and moved his Farmers Insurance Group office to Muenster. Karol Thompson now operates the



LTC (Ret) George O'Grady Agency while George spreads his time between his Texas ranch and a ranch near Boncarbo, Colorado where Betty raises llamas. Last year one of her llamas won National Grand Champion.

George O'Grady is a 1957 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He commanded an assault helicopter platoon, and then a cavalry troop in Vietnam and he's very proud that his unit's proficiency was such that only one of his men was killed during his first tour and only three lost their lives during the second tour.

One of his junior officers, Bailey Jones, has published his diary in the form of a book called "The Year of the Snake." The significance of the title is evident not only because Jones tour with O'Grady was during 1965-66, the Vietnamese year of the Snake, but in other ways as described by the following account received with notice of O'Grady's Hall of Fame Induction:

Colonel George L. O'Grady excelled not only on the battlefield, but in

combining his combat experience with his engineering training to improve equipment.

In his first Vietnam tour in 1965-66, this Master Army Aviator commanded the Cobra (callsign) platoon of the 114th AHC in the Mekong Delta, providing gunship direct support to three ARVN divisions. The enemy were Viet Cong guerrilla units being supplied from Cambodia. Almost daily, the Cobra platoon was committed to air assaults into base areas and at night to protect villages, outposts and its home airfield under attack. Because divisional artillery 105s were piecemealed to outposts and could not mass fires, O'Grady's Cobras helped fill the void. The Cobras became so well known that their callsign was given to the Army's See O'GRADY, Page 2



John D. Bartush

Bartush joins staff of Muenster State Bank

Muenster State Bank is pleased to announce the addition of John D. Bartush to its staff. Bartush is a native of Muenster and is the son of John and Lanie Bartush. Bartush is a 1997 graduate of Sacred Heart School and in May, 2001 received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, majoring in Finance and Marketing. John is currently learning the operations area of the bank,

and will eventually be trained as a loan and marketing officer.

While at Marquette, John was on the cross country and track team for 2 1/2 years, and during his senior year was a volunteer at the Captain Pabst Mansion, handling accounting in the business office and various other duties as needed.

John is eager to learn the banking business and serve the customers of Muenster State Bank with the friendly and courteous service they have been receiving since 1923.

Commissioners hear concerns over proposed cement plant in Prec. #2

by Janet Felderhoff

Kelly Sand and Excavation's request to rezone 6.73 acres to Light Industrial was tabled at the June 25 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court. The company hopes to locate a cement plant at the property in Precinct #2. They must receive approval from the Lake Roberts Zoning and Planning Board and Commissioners Court. The Ray Roberts Board approved the request at its June 14 meeting.

Doris Heying expressed concern over several things regarding the plant. One is safety, she said. "That comes out at almost a blind entrance on to Old Denton Road," Heying explained. "There are school buses that go up and down it. There are parents taking their kids to school." She

calculated that the weight on a loaded truck was about 35,000 pound plus the weight of the truck. She worried about the danger of such weight in a collision.

Heying noted that just before you get to the private road entrance for the plant there is a complete dense line of trees blocking the view of the entrance. She requested signs warning of it.

A second concern voiced by Heying was where the effluent from washing sand for the plant would go. She wondered if it would drain into the lake and what problems that might cause.

Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox said that he would have TxDOT contacted about road signs.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess questioned how the concrete plant got a

Light Industrial designation. He said that in the city of Gainesville and some other surrounding cities consider a concrete plant to be Heavy Industrial. "I'd like to know how they determined that this was going to be Light Industrial," he said. Hess proposed that someone come to the next meeting and explain the designation. Other commissioners agreed and the item was tabled.

There will be a change in the wording of the reserve parking sign for county officials located on the west side of the Courthouse. County Judge Bill Harris remarked that the signs had been changed from designated spots to a general reserved parking sign several years ago. There had been an incident with the DA's car when

someone became upset. There was concern that the reserved parking might be mistaken for use by someone doing business in the courthouse. It will be changed to read "Public Officials Only - Tow Away Zone".

Departmental Hearings were begun for the 2001-2002 budget.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved request for a fresh water line to be placed across CR 136 in Precinct #1.
- Approved 2001-2002 budget calendar.
- Approved minutes from Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Minutes for the June 14, 2001 meeting.
- Reviewed preliminary budget and set departmental hearings.

Obituaries

Sue Oakley 1943 - 2001

Sue Oakley of Gainesville, long-time resident of Muenster who owned Cakes Galore here for many years, died at her residence on June 19, 2001 at age 57.

Survivors are her mother, Margurite Vanzandt Albertson of Amarillo, and five daughters: Nita and her husband Ricki E. Jones of Adelanto, California; Melanie Ellis of Wylie, Texas; Kristi Calzado of Arlington; Angela Pool of Mesquite, and Teddi Rae Oakley of Everman, Texas. There are 11 grandchildren. Also surviving are one sister and brother-in-law Ira Jean and Grady Mitchell of Gordonville, one brother-in-law and his wife Chuck Oakley and his wife Nancy of Stratford, Texas; and a close and loving friend, Anna Herr of Muenster.

Preceding her in death were her husband Teddy Oakley; her father Ira Franklin Vanzandt, and her step-father Dee Albertson.

Sue Oakley was born Aug. 11, 1943 in Gainesville to Ira Franklin and Margurite Morgan Vanzandt. She married Teddy Oakley in Amarillo on Aug. 21, 1964.

Services were held

Sunday, June 24 at Clement-Keel Chapel at 2:00 p.m. officiated by Rev. Greg Reed and Rev. Milton Pledger.

Soft, muted recorded music was played. A granddaughter, Kayla Calzado, sang "Amazing Grace." A grandson, Shawn Pool read an original poem in tribute to his grandmother. Granddaughter, Heather Calzado read her original poem and also one composed by another granddaughter, Amber Jones of Adelanto, California, who was unable to attend.

A number of close friends stood up to give memorials and tributes to Sue Oakley, expressing personal feelings and memories.

Rev. Greg Reed gave the Eulogy and Rev. Milton Pledger gave the concluding prayers.

Burial in Fairview Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Ira Mitchell, Kevin Mitchell, Gary Hess, John Herr, William Schmidkofer, and James Roper. Honorary pallbearers were Grady Mitchell, Richard Herr, and John Hensley.



Blue team member Dalton Koelzer waits for the Red team hind catcher, Madison Dugger, to place the ball on the tee before he can bat. Courtesy photo

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first attack helicopter. O'Grady's second tour in 1969 was in the III Corps Tactical Zone as commander of B Troop, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry. His troop provided reconnaissance and long range patrols blocking three divisions on three main infiltration routes leading south out of Cambodia.

Recognition: Three Silver Stars, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars, a variety of Vietnamese awards with fourragere and two Presidential Unit Citations, one for the 13th Aviation and one for 19th Cavalry. Each of those battalion commanders have cited O'Grady as one of the finest combat leaders they have known.

Subsequently, O'Grady drafted the Army's first FM1-40, Aerial Gunnery. He helped set up the first instrumented helicopter firing range at Fort Rucker

and established the first helicopter door gunner training program.

Innovation with hardware was a constant during O'Grady's aviation career. He designed a flight helmet shield to block flare light, constructed helicopter cargo door airflow adapters which reduced buffeting and drag, modified for helicopters an M-39 cannon using a jeep distributor cap, performed classified work on the Hellfire missile, redesigned the M-5 grenade launcher ammunition box, utilized the neglected XM-3 smoke adapter to load CS grenades into the rocket system and applied a microphone sensing element to develop a hostile fire indicator. He developed a Relative Wind Air Data System for more accurate rocketry and smoother flight that is in use today on attack helicopters.

O'Grady amassed 1900 combat hours in a total of 5000 hours.

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we're not getting their information from just the Board or just the newspaper. She indicated that those who resign are making a statement. At this time the Board went back to Aytes' committee question and voted against the committee, meaning Endres, the administrator, would continue as the primary contact with the staff. The majority of the Board felt staff relations through a committee would be confusing and disruptive.

At this point, Board member Charles Bayer made a motion to wait until after the election for action on any of the working committees. Aytes countered that during the ensuing 48 days, the working committees he proposed on the list presented to the board could be making progress. As a confrontation seemed to be possible, Al Felderhoff commented from the audience that he hoped the board would work toward solutions as suggested by the proposed merger agreement and refrain from personal attacks. Flusche stated, "We are not going to allow personal attacks." Board member Jerry Hess said he felt the board should not hinder the formation of the committees, but member Carol Grewing thought they should wait until after the election.

Aytes said if the committees were not working with, and through, the board it would not be proper. A motion was made to delay committee formation until after the Aug. 11, 2001 election and it carried.

Next, Leon Klement questioned from the audience what parts of current hospital services or functions would stay if the merger passed but the discussion was directed back to employment with the idea advanced that there is no guarantee of employment, just the good faith promise of all the existing board members that everyone would get a job under the merger. Pat Wimmer, RN, commented, "We're not stupid, we know they're trying to get the

best for us that they can, but we're not stupid." Flusche added, "Gainesville wants our employees. I will holler loud and long if any of our people don't get jobs."

Klement next questioned the tax rate and was assured that the rate would be 18 cents per \$100.00 property valuation. Technically though, if the merger passes and the new board is formed, they could set the initial tax rate and not be subject to any rollback restrictions. The statutory tax limit and, therefore, the highest they could set is 75 cents. However, Charles Bayer, who is slated to be a member of the initial county board if the merger passes, said there will be no raise initially over the 18 cents as stated in the agreement. Muenster district taxpayers currently pay 27 cents and Gainesville currently pays 9 cents.

The board adjourned the open meeting and continued in closed session.

DON'T FORGET
Swim Lesson
Registration
9 - 11 am,
Saturday, June 30
at Muenster Pool

Merger proponents would have you believe that there are only 2 options for medical care in Muenster — a day clinic or nothing.

There are other options:

- A. Affiliation with a larger not-for-profit hospital.
- B. Becoming a critical access hospital.
- C. Staying as we are with good management.
- D. Variations on these ideas.

Any of these options will provide excellent, full-time medical care in Muenster.

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VOTE AGAINST DISSOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT!

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John G. Aytes, P.O. Box 209, Muenster, TX 76252

NOTICE

Because July 4, Independence Day, falls on a Wednesday, deadline for news and advertising must necessarily be moved up one day. Therefore, the Muenster Enterprise will be closed Wednesday but mailing will follow the usual schedule on Thursday.

NOTICE

Plans for the dedication of the new **Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library on Saturday, July 7 at 10:00 a.m.** are announced as they are completed. In attendance will be **Norman and Evelyn Luke of Houston; U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall of Rockwall and Washington; Darryl Tocker with the Tocker Foundation of Austin; J.W. "Waddy" Bullion with the Meadows Foundation of Dallas and Dale Fleeger with North East Texas Library System, NETLS. Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel has been invited to give the Invocation. Several other dignitaries have indicated their intention to attend.**

Beginning with the dedication at 10:00 a.m. the Library will be open for viewing, in an aura of pride and joy until 2:00 p.m.

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, July 2, 2001.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on June 2, 2001, special meeting of June 12, 2001, and special meeting of June 18, 2001.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on items relating to 2001-2002 Texas Community Development (TCDD) Sever Grant:
 - a. Options relating to sewer plant;
 - b. Contract with Kinley-Horn & Associates for engineering services;
 - c. All other items.
2. Consider and act on opening of Second Street between Maple and Ash Streets.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on zoning change request from Dangelmayr Construction.
2. Consider and act on Stephen Gilland engagement letter to perform audit of city financial records for fiscal year 00-01.
3. Consider and act on proposed Ordinance 256 - Water and Sewer Line Extensions.
4. Consider and act on proposed Cooke County Appraisal District 2002 budget.
5. Review Texas Municipal League's letter regarding 2002 Municipal Contribution Rate, which includes changes adopted by Texas Legislature. Take action as necessary.
6. Consider and act on deed restrictions and adopt proposed plat changes to Fleitman Subdivision Unit 1.
7. Consider and act on approving sale of beer at City Park for Muenster Fire Department auction August 11, 2001.
8. Discuss tree and brush trash situation on South Walnut Street. Also discuss policy of requesting assistance from Fire Department. Take action as necessary.
9. Discuss general property clean-up in City. Take action as necessary.
10. Receive information update on city projects.
11. Information review of budget summary.
12. Review and act on monthly bills.
13. Adjourn.

CITY OF MUENSTER
JULY 4th TRASH COLLECTION
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE JULY 4th HOLIDAY, IESI CORPORATION HAS SET THE TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:
MONDAY, JULY 2 AND FRIDAY, JULY 6

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 1, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM St. Peter's Parish Picnic, Lindsay	Monday, July 2, 2001 Bereaved Parent/Grandparent Support Group Meeting, 7 PM, Home Hospice Office	Tuesday, July 3, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Storytime, 10:30 AM Muenster Library Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM	Wednesday, July 4, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center FOURTH OF JULY!	Thursday, July 5, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Blood Drive, 12 - 5 PM, KC Hall Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM	Friday, July 6, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM	Saturday, July 7, 2001 Dedication of Muenster Public Library, 10 AM
SWIM LESSONS — MUENSTER POOL						
Sunday, July 8, 2001	Monday, July 9, 2001	Tuesday, July 10, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Storytime, 10:30 AM Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM	Wednesday, July 11, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 2:30 PM	Thursday, July 12, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM	Friday, July 13, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9 PM	Saturday, July 14, 2001
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On August 11, 2001, the future of healthcare in our community will be on the ballot. The young voters of this community will have an opportunity to take part in an election that will dramatically affect the future of their community. There will be two options available. One option will be to keep the Muenster Hospital District in its current state. The other option will be to dissolve the Muenster Hospital District and create a unified Cooke County Hospital District with the current Gainesville Hospital District

Over the course of the last several years, the financial status of our hospital district has been deteriorating due to cuts in reimbursement. In recent years, many rural community hospitals throughout the state have closed their doors due to this very reason. We do not have to allow our hospital to fall to this fate. We can vote for the merger of the Muenster and Gainesville Hospital Districts and ensure that the future of healthcare in Muenster is kept alive. If we do not merge, we risk seeing healthcare die in our community.

By voting for the merger, we keep alive the tradition of quality healthcare in our community. The enabling legislation guarantees that physician offices and services, outpatient medical care, laboratory services, ultrasound, mammography, CT-scan, and St. Richard's Villa are all maintained in Muenster. State law guarantees all of this. The merger will also provide job security for the current staff of the Muenster Hospital.

I believe it is clear that the merger is in the best interest for the future of our community. The future of healthcare in Muenster is at risk. We can keep our district, but we are running a risky scheme, and when it comes to the future of my healthcare, I want a guarantee.

I urge all of the young voters to take to the polls on August 11 and vote for the merger. This is no time for voter apathy. The deadline for registering to vote in this election is July 12. This is our community and our future. By voting we are taking control of our future.

236 West 4th St.
Muenster, TX 76252
(940) 759-4779

Sincerely, Nicholas Taylor

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All at once a number of people have just now become aware that this merger issue involves St. Richard's Nursing Home, as well as the MM Hospital. Well yes, it certainly does. An election in favor of DISSOLUTION of our Hospital District will place St. Richard's future in the hands of a county-wide Hospital Board. With the precincts now reformed it means that the votes cast in the western third of the county will now be overcome by the votes cast in the Gainesville and Lindsay area of our Commissioners Precincts 3 and 4.... We just may not have any representation on that county-wide Board at all, after the first year!

So what does that mean as regards the future of St. Richard's? The answer lies in the form of another question. Because, once we reach the point of too few Muenster residents on that county-wide Board they can vote to change the Enabling Legislation, via amendment, so that it is no longer necessary to "maintain Nursing Home facilities in the city of Muenster"..... and there will not be a thing we can do about it. So the question is: How long do you think the tax payers in the eastern two-thirds of the county will be willing to support a money-losing nursing home, essentially for the use of Muenster residents? The rest of the county does not have a tax supported nursing home.

Yep, once you've voted to dissolve our Hospital District, you've also voted to relinquish control and future of St. Richard's..... better stop and think.....

John G. Aytes PO Box 209 Muenster, TX 76252

To the Editor, MERGER OPTIONS??

Some proponents of the merger have been saying we have two options, the day clinic or nothing. Well nothing could be further from the truth. At first we were told we were broke but we found out this was not true. Then we were told taxes would be lower but the legislation tells us this not necessarily true. We were also told all jobs would be guaranteed, now we find out that is not true. When you look back at the minutes of the board meetings during the past 4 years, you will read auditor reports stating that our hospital was doing very, very well for a not-for-profit

hospital. In fact it showed an average profit of around \$200,000. per year. It should be obvious from the auditor's reports and from our increasing revenue that the statements made saying that the government was causing us to have to close are also not true. In fact the real problem was caused by all the talk of merger and loss of jobs. I have been studying all the financials and where and how the hospital money is being spent and I am more convinced than ever that there never was a good reason to merge. It is absolutely the worst of all options. In our election the largest in our history and

we ran on the platform of keeping our district and hospital. We won with a large majority. This should serve as a mandate for the rest of the board to recognize what the majority of the people want and they should act accordingly to stop the damage being done to our hospital. DISSOLUTION OF OUR HOSPITAL DISTRICT IS NO SOLUTION!! Please contact one of the new board members to find out how you can help. This destructive fight in our community must stop.

Sincerely,
James Walterscheid
2919 CR 302
Muenster, TX 76252

To the Editor,

The decision facing the voters of the Muenster Hospital District regarding the proposed creation of a countywide entity is one of concern for the present and significance for the future. That decision should not result from fond remembrances of past glories nor wishful proprietary influences. The environment in which health care is provided today is entirely different from that of the past, particularly in relation to acute care hospitals.

I will vote for the merger of the two hospital districts. I have come to this decision based on my sorting of the facts offered and facts otherwise known to me. I am convinced this merger offers the best vehicle for the provision of care not only to the citizens of Muenster and Gainesville but to all people in and around all the other communities of Cooke County as well. It is financially feasible, logical and viable. On the other hand, I can easily envision the complete loss of medical facilities in Muenster if continuance of the Muenster Hospital District is mandated.

David M. Bright
P.O. Box 282
Muenster, TX 76252

To the Editor,

With mixed emotions we have tried to look at all the aspects of the hospital controversy. Since October 1964 our life has been an intrinsic part of Muenster Memorial Hospital. Though it is difficult to let go, we realize where the hospital can't continue with its various problems and lack of patients. So we feel the best for Muenster is to join together for the erection of a modern and well-equipped Cooke County Hospital with the guaranteed employment of our workers, while still maintaining facilities for our doctors, X-ray, and laboratory.

The issue that really upsets us - the character assassinations, lies and name-calling when this is over - and it will be! Can this great community be united and peaceful as it has been since the forefathers of many of you established it in 1889?

Looking forward,
The Kralickes
P.O. Box K
Muenster, TX 76252

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Here I am again, trying to think of a subject to write about, and I keep thinking of the Hoehn family reunion that took place in Cullman, Alabama last Friday and Saturday.

Wednesday, June 13, Aileen and myself, accompanied by our daughter, Sandra Fuhrmann and her daughter, Sharon, started to Cullman, driving through Arkansas, a bit of Tennessee, and spending the night in Olive Branch, Mississippi where we enjoyed a peaceful night's sleep.

The following day we arrived in Cullman around 1:00 p.m. After finding our room and getting located, we began meeting people, some we had seen before and many we had never met.

It turned out that, although Cullman, Alabama was the seat of the Hoehn family, the group from Texas out-numbered all others by far.

The town of Cullman came into being in 1873, the dream of Col. John Gottfried Cullman of Bavaria, and like Muenster, Texas, was settled mostly by German Catholics who were seeking a better life in America. The

town did well, and today is the home of approximately 13,400 souls, a clean and attractive city.

Couldn't help but notice the prices of gasoline as we passed through the several states. It seems that fuel costs were about 10¢ per gallon lower all the way, than in our home town.

I had a real good time. It was my first time to use my jazzy electric powered chair, and I must say, it beats walking, especially when we toured the N.A.S.A. Space and Rocket Center, near Huntsville, Alabama.

We were favored with moderate weather for this tour, and also for our tour of Ave Maria Grotto, at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Monastery, outside of Cullman. This is a most beautiful place, and I would recommend everyone who has the opportunity, to take the time to enjoy it.

It is located far out in the country in a very quiet and peaceful setting.

The Ave Maria Grotto, too is a very quiet and beautiful place, and anyone who spends a little time there will have long and pleasant memories of it.

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New Laws Affecting Health Care Coverage

The Texas Legislature has passed legislation that will require expanded health care coverage for the treatment and prevention of certain illnesses and allows grandchildren to be considered dependents for insurance coverage purposes.

House Bill 1676 prohibits insurers from excluding coverage for survivors of brain injuries incurred as a result of a health condition, accident or sickness and for therapy and neurological care. Each year thousands of Texans sustain brain injuries or are diagnosed with neurological diseases that require health care services. Survivors of a brain injury and individuals diagnosed with neurological diseases can lead meaningful lives with proper health care, medical techniques, and rehabilitation services. House Bill 1676 would take effect September 1, 2001, and would apply only to a health-benefit plan delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2002.

Senate Bill 1467 requires all comprehensive health insurance plans to offer routine colorectal cancer screening for people 50 years of age or older. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death from cancer in the United States. Early detection and intervention can reduce mortality from colorectal cancer by approximately 90 percent. The American College of Gastroenterology recommends that people over the age of 50 undergo colon cancer screening.

While each mandated coverage could be beneficial, Texas now has 67 mandates on insurance policies, more than any other state. We will have to decide if the costs of each of the mandates is worth the benefit or if together they cause businesses to drop employee health plans all together.

House Bill 1066 allows grandchildren under the age of 21 to be covered by their grandparents' health insurance policy if the grandchild lives with the grandparents. This law, effective 9/1/01, will apply to both group and individual accident and health insurance policies. This new law will allow grandchildren actually living with their grandparents to be considered eligible dependents even if the grandchild is not claimed as a dependent for federal income-tax purposes.

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Wedding vows recited by Knabe and Golden

Alison Joy Knabe and John Joseph Golden, III exchanged wedding vows at 7:00 p.m. on May 19 in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster. Father John Ohner officiated.

Alison is the daughter of Herbert and Edna Knabe of Muenster and granddaughter of Juanita Knabe of Muenster. She graduated from College of the Atlantic and works in the corporate office of Zale Corporation. John is the son of Carol and John Golden, Jr. of Hurst. He graduated from Tarrant County College and is employed by Golden Communications, Inc.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown designed by Alfred Angelo made of raw silk with a Venice waistline and full skirt that flowed into a semi-cathedral train. The corseted bodice was off-the-shoulder with silk dye-cut lace covering the front and back. Each cut-out was hand-embroidered and beaded with ivory seed pearls and clear sequins. For something old and borrowed the bride pinned a two-rose pendant of her mother's to her underskirt. For something new the bride was given a tin-cup pearl necklace and bracelet, a gift from the groom. For something blue, she wore blue satin pinned to her petticoat. The bouquet was an arrangement of larkspur, alstromeria, and galex leaves tied with sage ribbons.

Dawn Green, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Her bouquet was a smaller version of the bride's arrangement of larkspur, alstromeria, and galex leaves tied with sage ribbons. Her floor length gown was purple plum with the bodice gathered and draped to the left side. The back of the gown had a pressed pleat that flowed

into a short train. Her cream off-the-shoulder wrap, designed by the matron of honor, was held by a mesh rose brooch. Amber Knabe, niece of the bride, was Flower Girl. She wore a lavender dress with flowered lace overskirt and roses at the waist with sage ribbon streamers. She carried a straw basket of purple flowers with greenery and ribbons arranged by the bride.

Best Man was Thomas Golden of Hurst, brother of the groom. Eland Green,

are More Precious," "I Will Be Here," "There is Love," "Hymne," "Trumpet Voltaire," "Bridal Prayer," and "Mary's Song." Donetta Hess read a selection from Corinthians. Special out-of-town guest was Kathy Cavanaugh from Louisiana, stepsister of the groom.

A reception and dinner was held in the Sacred Heart Community Center hosted by the bride's parents, Dorothy Golden, sister of the groom, and family friend Missy Bowersock presented a

luscious strawberry cake with strawberry frosting. Chocolate dipped strawberries and chocolate shavings accented the top and surrounded the lower edge of the cake.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner Friday night in the Upstairs Room of the Center Restaurant. Special guests were the bride's grandmother, Juanita Knabe; and the bride's friends from California: Donetta Hess, John Corbett, and Julia DeBari.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas the couple is at home in Hurst.



The wedding of Lisa Marie Mosman of Gainesville and Billy Jaret Reaves of Bowie will be held on July 14, 2001 in Saint Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay at 5:00 p.m., officiated by Father Sebastian Beshoner OSB. The engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by parents of the bride-elect, Jimmy and Barbara Mosman. Parents of the future-groom are Bill and Louise Reaves of Bowie. The bride-elect is a graduate of Lindsay High School, holds an Associate of Science Degree from North Central Texas College and is attending Tarleton State University. She is employed at Staples, Inc. of Stephenville. The future-groom is a graduate of Bowie High School; holds a Farm and Ranch Management Degree from NCTC and a Bachelor of Agriculture Degree from Tarleton State University. He is employed by Bradbury's Best in Dublin, TX. The couple will reside in Stephenville.



Mr. and Mrs. John J. Golden III
... nee Allison Joy Knabe

nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. Candle lighter was Sunni Jo Bayer, cousin of the bride. Ushers were brothers of the bride Tim Knabe of Fort Worth and Bert Knabe of Lubbock.

Musicians were Ruth Felderhoff, accompanist; Dave Fette, soloist; Pam Fette, vocalist and guitarist. Selections were "Lord, You

silver tray on which guests etched their signatures and best wishes for the bride and groom. The three-tiered cake was white with lavender trim and raspberry filling. A lace vase of larkspur, alstromeria, mini carnations, and greenery adorned the top and accented between each layer. The groom's cake was



Alaina Reiter

Alaina feted on third birthday

Alaina Reiter celebrated her third birthday with a purple birthday party theme. The party was Saturday, June 17 at the Muenster City Park. Guests enjoyed cake and ice cream and playing in the park. Alaina opened presents and passed out purple goody bags to her friends.

Special guests included her parents Dave and Jill Reiter; brother, Dustin Wimmer; grandparents Arnie and Gertie Wimmer, and Doug and Chubby Reiter. Also family and friends Janet, Kevin, and Robyn Hermes; Wayne, Tammy, Wes, Whitney, Sam, and Calvin Wimmer; Chuck, Mistee, and Rylee Reiter; Marc and Kerri Reiter; Renate, Kelsey, Derek, Miranda, Collin, and Logan Pagel.

Holly Ann Harris earns TCU award

Holly Ann Harris of Saint Jo was recently named a TCU Scholar at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth for the Spring 2001 semester. Students who achieve a 4.0 GPA after completing a minimum of 12 credit hours during a semester are eligible for the honor.

Holly, a 1999 graduate of Saint Jo High School, is the daughter of Rebecca Harris and the granddaughter of Coy and Mary Nell Mosley, all of Saint Jo. Holly is an active member in the E-Business Association at TCU. Holly will be a junior e-business and finance major at TCU for the Fall 2001 semester.



Collin Pagel

4th birthday celebrated by Collin Pagel

Collin Anthony Pagel, son of Renate and Jacob Pagel, turned 4 years old on May 20, 2001. He celebrated with family on May 19 in his home. Collin chose a Pokemon theme. His cake was baked and decorated by his mother.

Those attending the celebration included his parents; siblings Kelsey, Derek, Miranda, and Logan; grandparents Pat and Tommie Sue Hess; great-grandmother Leona Hamilton; aunts, uncles, and cousins: Dwayne and Nicole Pagel; Cindy, Rodney, and Boone Hess; Stuart Hess; Lisa and Macie Pagel; and Glenda Russell.

Family Swim Nights

The summer schedule for Kiwanis Family Swim Nights is as follows: July 12, July 24, and Aug. 9, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Parents are expected to attend with their children.

Adrien is 5!

Adrien Rohmer, daughter of Greg and Melody Rohmer, celebrated her fifth birthday on June 24. Guests enjoyed backyard water fun. The theme of Adrien's party was Hello Kitty. Guests were treated to Hello Kitty cake and ice cream. Gifts were also opened and pictures taken.

Guests included her parents; sisters Lauren and Megan; grandparents Robert G. and Gloria Klement and Agnes Rohmer; and great-grandparents Frank and Lucille Zimmerer. Also attending were uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends Scott, Zonya, and Tressa Klement; Chris, Leslie, Kalyn, and Travis Dangelmayr; Cheryl and Christina Rohmer; and girls from Adrien's preschool class.

Adrien also shared M&M cookies with her friends at Tender Loving Care Daycare.



Adrien Rohmer

Fette family reunion slatea for July 7

The John and Annie Fette Family will hold a family reunion on Saturday evening, July 7, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. in Muenster City Park. Friends may visit the relatives from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Butkenhaus, Samford exchange vows May 26

by Elfreda Fette

The wedding of Connie Lutkenhaus of Denton and C.A. Samford of Allen, Texas was held on May 26, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. in the Wedding Chapel of Grand Traditions in Corinth, Texas, officiated by Reverend Dana Brown, with a double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Virgil and Judy Hess of Muenster and the granddaughter of Lucille Lutkenhaus and the late Bill Lutkenhaus, and Agnes Hess and the late Albert Hess, all of Muenster. She is a graduate of Muenster High School, North Central Texas College, and the University of North Texas. She is employed as a Project Analyst-Auditor at Bank of America.

The groom is the son of Ben and Bette Samford of Center, Texas. His grandparents are the late Lennie and Alex Lucas and Polly and Clarence Samford of Center, Texas. He is a graduate of Center High School of Center, Texas, and Texas State Technical College, TSTC of Waco, and Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. He is employed as a pilot for Alcatel USA, Inc.

Decorations in the altar space included a pair of tall, floor-standing ascending candelabra with lighted candles, greenery and white silk flowers; two white silk flower arrangements on white pedestals; and a Unity candle with greenery and white chain bows.



Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Samford
... nee Connie Lutkenhaus

Presented for marriage by her father, Virgil Hess, the bride was wearing an ivory matte satin formal wedding gown of Michael Angelo-design, with rum pink embroidery and pearls; a full skirt with chapel train. Her headpiece was a silk looped flower bunwrap of ivory and rum pink flowers. Seed pearls embellished the sheer, illusion waist-length veil caught to the headpiece. She carried a bouquet of fresh roses in shades of pale pink, coral, and rose. In

keeping with tradition she wore a silver ring made by her late grandfather, Bill Lutkenhaus, for "something old"; she "borrowed" a pink bracelet from a good friend, Jacey Skaggs.

ATTENDANTS

Bridesmaids were Carrie Hess of Denton and Heather Hess of Muenster, sisters of the bride. They wore identical dresses of boutique satin bodices and chiffon skirts, in empire design in their chosen color of raisin.

Each carried a single, long-stem, light pink rose with white babies breath and accent ribbon.

Groomsmen were Jim Chionsini of Roosevelt, Texas and Tom Freeman of Plano, both lifetime friends of the groom.

Music for the wedding ceremony was selected by the bride and groom. The song "I Could Not Ask For More" by Sarah Evans was played during the lighting of the Unity Candle.

RECEPTION

A reception and elegant buffet meal were hosted by the bride and groom at The Prairie House for 50 guests.

The bride's Italian creme cake decorated with fresh flowers, and the groom's chocolate cake decorated with chocolate-dipped strawberries were both made by Candy Heaven.

Decorations in the reception area included the bride's chosen color of raisin, with doves and rings scattered across the guest tables, with bride-and-groom confetti.

The rehearsal dinner hosted by the bride and groom at the bride's home on Friday, May 25, was attended by all out-of-town guests and the bridal party. Guests came from Rowlett, Cedar Hill, Roosevelt, Plano, Center, Sanger, and Muenster.

Since returning from their wedding trip to Los Cabos, Mexico, the couple is residing in Denton.



Danell Reiter of Houston and Thomas Stuckey of Houston have chosen July 7, 2001 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by the father of the bride-elect, Roy Reiter of Muenster. Parents of the future-groom are Kay Connor Stuckey of Houston and Joe Stuckey of Houston. The wedding will be held in Saint Paul's United Methodist Church of Houston, officiated by Rev. Charles Ruelh at 11:00 a.m. The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Muenster High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is currently a medical student at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston. Mr. Stuckey is a 1994 graduate of Second Baptist High School and a 1999 graduate of Texas A&M University. Currently he is a law student at the University of Houston Law Center, and is employed at a Houston law firm.

New Arrivals

Bayer

Weldon and Loren Bayer of Muenster announce the birth of a son, Corbin James Bayer on June 22, 2001 in Muenster Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lb. 14 1/2 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches long. He joins a sister, Emily Kay Bayer, at home. Grandparents are James and Karlyn Martin of Muenster, Clinton and Barbara Bayer of Muenster, and Randy Hermes of Houston. Great-grandparents are Juanita Knabe of Muenster, Theresa Hermes of Lindsay, and Edna Klement of Muenster.

Jones Hospital at 12:58 p.m. Warren weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches. Parents are Randy and Darlene Williams of Muenster. Grandparents are Florence Williams, Earl Hess, and Mary Ann Hess of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Agnes Hess of Muenster and Cecilia Hermes of Lindsay. Warren was named after his late grandfather Arthur Warren Williams and his late Uncle Gary Warren Williams.

Shell

Cody and Meghan Shell of Gainesville announce the birth of their second son, Cody Joe Shell, Jr. in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 14, 2001 weighing 7 lb. 1 oz. He joins Mathias Shell, age 2 1/2 years. Grandparents are Elaine and Keith Evans of Era and Joe and Angela Shell of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Joy Evans of Gainesville, Nona Shell of Woodbine, and Caroline Kimberlin of Gainesville.

Metzler

Joel and Susie Metzler of Lindsay are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a girl, on June 25, 2001. Hannah Mae Metzler arrived at 9:54 a.m. at Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman. She weighed 7 lb. 2 1/4 oz. and was 20" in length. Grandparents are David and Sharon Arendt and Bill and Ethel Metzler of Lindsay. Great-grandmother is Mary Ann Arendt, also of Lindsay.

Martinez

James and Maria Martinez of Forestburg announce the birth of a daughter, Perla Del Sol Martinez in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 11, 2001 at 5:59 p.m. measuring 19 inches in length and weighing 6 lb. 8 oz. She joins two sisters Brittany J. Martinez age 8, and Christina C. Martinez age 5. Grandparents are Baldomera Martinez of Del Rio and Maria de Jesus Martinez of Mexico.

Johnston

Debra and Jamie Johnston of Whitesboro are parents of a daughter, Ashley Belle Johnston, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 21, 2001 at 2:46 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 15.2 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. She joins a sister, Alora D. Johnston, age 4. Grandparents are Richard and Nancy Johnston of Whitesboro and Nancy Edwards of McKinney. Great-grandparents are Lettie Johnston of Whitesboro and Sara Borchardt of Leonard, Texas.

Williams

Brianna Bayer and Dalton Williams are proud to announce the birth of their baby brother Warren Lee Williams. Warren was born on June 4, the day after his mother's birthday. He was born at Wilson N.

Sr. Mary Lin Koesler celebrates 50th anniversary

Many members of the Congregation of Divine Providence in San Antonio, many friends and many relatives gathered there on Sunday, June 10, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. to help celebrate the diamond, golden, or silver jubilees of twenty-two members of the Divine Providence Order in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent.

Among the Golden Jubilarians was Sister Mary Lin Koesler, who entered the convent Sept. 8, 1948 and made her first profession of vows on June 21, 1951. She is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfons Koesler. Her oldest sister, Theresa Hermes of Lindsay, and many nieces, nephews,

grandnieces and grandnephews attended the ceremony, including Cyril Hermes, Francis Hermes, Ralph, Debbie, and Jessica Hermes, Tom and Rosemary Dankesreiter, Eric Dankesreiter, Bob and Ann Caplinger, and Patti Caplinger, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Caplinger, Gary and Diann Zimmerer and their children Stephen, Natali, David, and Lydia; also James and Susan Yosten, Joe Koesler, Duane and Mary Lin Knabe and daughters Diana and Amanda. Sister Mary Lin's brother and sister-in-law, Alfons N. and Mary Ann Koesler were unable to attend, but sent their congratulatory message. Also unable to attend the

Jubilee Mass were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Burns and Elaine Laux who visited the honoree at her residence in Floresville, Texas prior to the celebration in San Antonio.

Father Ed DeLeon OMI was celebrant of the Jubilee Mass. Music was presented by the membership of the Sisters of Divine Providence under the leadership of Sister Madlyn Pape, choir director of the Liturgical Choir, Sister Mary Florence Volz and Sister Evelyn Marie Reischner, organists.



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In The Service

John S. Eberhart has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

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His parents are Tom and Patty Eberhart of Lindsay.

Texasville Opry

The Royal Theater of Archer City has announced its newest show, The Texasville Opry, a Branson-style country and western music revue.

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New Arrival

Solosio

Mike and Alicia Solosio of Gainesville announce the birth of a son, Ruben N. Solosio in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 11, 2001, measuring 18 1/2 inches in length and weighing 5 lb. 8 oz. He joins a brother, Mike Solosio, Jr. and a sister, Yulidia Solosio. Grandparent is Maria Solosio.

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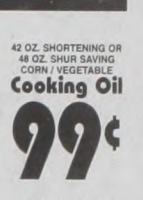
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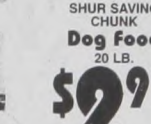
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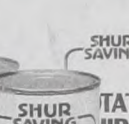
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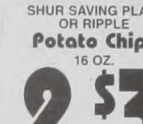
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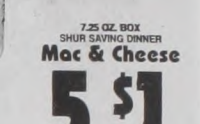
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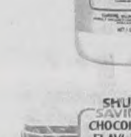
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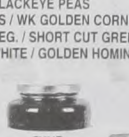
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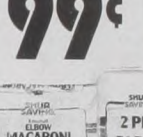
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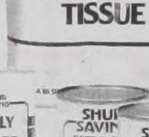
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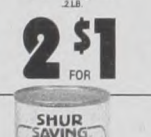
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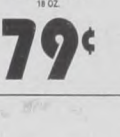
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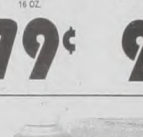
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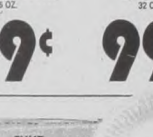
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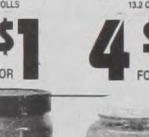
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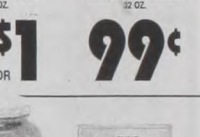
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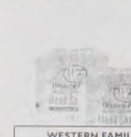
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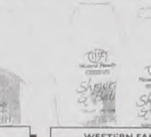
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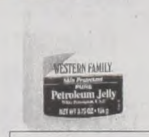
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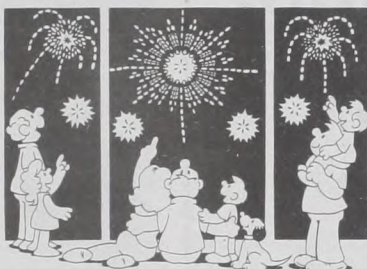
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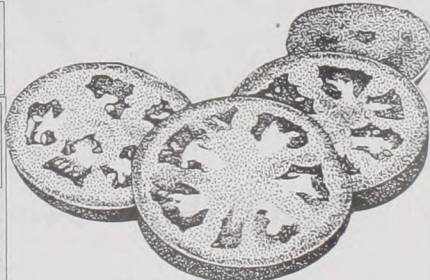
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Joe Hoenig honored

Mr. Joe Hoenig, Muenster native, was honored in May at a reception held for him at the Renaissance Care Center in Gainesville. Refreshments were prepared by acting Activity Director, Valerie Nelson, who is filling in for Terri Weaver who is home with her new baby.

Betty Boone, Director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program presented Mr. Joe with the first Cooke County RSVP Honorary Award. He was a charter member of RSVP, becoming a member when the program started in 1987. He was voted the 1992 Volunteer of the Year and had supported RSVP through the years. He volunteered with RSVP at the Muenster Snap Center delivering Meals on Wheels, visited the St. Richard's Nursing Home, as well as the Saint Jo Nursing Center. He entertained at the piano and greeted all the residents with his friendly smile and pleasant ways. At 97 years old he was still volunteering at the Muenster Senior Center and St. Richard's Villa in February before he began having health problems.

Many of the residents attended this event, along with his son and wife, Rupert and Jeanne Hoenig, and daughter and husband, Edna and Richard Hermes. Joe Hoenig died on June 11, 2001 at Renaissance Care Center.

Temple family reunion is set for Aug. 5

The family and descendants of the late Joe and Kate Temple will hold a reunion on Sunday, August 5 in Muenster Park, beginning at noon. All attending are reminded to bring covered dishes, drinks for their family, and extra folding chairs. If possible, also, it is requested that they bring family pictures.

In submitting the information and photo relative to this honor, Joe Hoenig's family requested that a brief mention be added from the eulogy given at his funeral, by a grandson, Steve Hoenig. He said part "Wouldn't it be great to live 97 years?... to be perfectly mobile and always coherent for those 97 years?... to live strong and independent all that time.... for Joe, never idle.... doing what he wanted.... when he wanted?"

"Wouldn't it be great to have six kids who gave you 39 grandkids who gave you 57 great-grandkids...."

"To see 97 years in a world that changed many times, many ways.... Joe was seven years old when the Wright Brothers flew the first airplane.... he was eight years old when the Titanic sank. Do you think he bothered to see the movie?... What do you think Joe thought about man setting foot on the moon?... He lived through W.W.I, W.W.II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, and the Gulf War.... He mailed letters with postage stamps that cost a penny, then, 2 cents, then a nickel, a dime, now over 30 cents only to be replaced by e-mail that costs about a penny again.... The way he lived it, he lived two or three lifetimes...."

"He enjoyed dancing, card games, dominoes, and Scrabble. How many of you got beat by Joe in dominoes? Joe liked to visit those "Old People" who were younger than he was.... he was always moving 100 miles an hour.... going to visit the rest home.... play the piano.... run errands for those "Old People".... cut the men's hair.... round up his friends and go dancing. We need to be like Joe, grab all of life all the time. Joe was the constant here, the common denominator...."

"Wouldn't it be great to live 97 years like Joe Hoenig did? wouldn't it be greater if he had lived 98 years? Don't you miss him already?"



Pictured with Joe Hoenig, from left, Richard and Edna Hermes and Joanne and Rupert Hoenig. Courtesy photo

Environmental guide for teachers now available

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has developed a new publication titled "Teachers' Guide to Environmental Education Resources." The guide lists numerous free brochures, posters, publications, programs, and resources for educators.

This resource was developed to share the wealth of materials with teachers, school administrators, parents, and others interested in environmental education. It includes information on school recycling, composting, air and water quality, solid waste, and

many other environmental issues.

Many of the publications listed in the guide were designed for the classroom and are adaptable to numerous subject areas and age levels.

"The guide is a great resource for teachers who want to incorporate environmental education into their lesson plans," said Mary Kelley, Education Coordinator with the TNRCC.

The guide is available on the TNRCC web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us (click on "publications") or by calling 512-239-0012.

NCTC honors students

North Central Texas College has released their roll of honor students for the Spring Semester, 2001.

Making the President's List were Adrienne Bartel, Jill Hess, Shelly Trubenbach, and Rachel Laster. To be eligible for the President's List students must have a GPA of 4.00 and be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours.

The Dean's honor roll

consists of students enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and a GPA of 3.50 or above.

Making the Dean's List were Polly Fette, Randy Grewing, Justin Walterscheid, Amanda Hellinger, Amanda Tamplin, Patrick Lusk, Kristopher Price, Stacie Sandmann, and Cody Secret.

Local teachers attend convention June 14-16

Over a thousand active and retired teachers and administrators recently participated in the 72nd annual state convention of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center June 14-16, the convention was attended by Gamma Sigma President Pat Bowden of Gainesville, Mu Epsilon President Betsy Fleitman of Lindsay, and Mu Epsilon Parliamentary Nelda Hudspeth of Valley View.

A display of 309 stars highlighting chapter activities formed a large galaxy in the Civic Center. Gamma Sigma's star was created by Program Chair Nancy Moore and Mu Epsilon's star was created by Treasurer Valerie Vaughn.

Local attendees participated in a Legislative Issues workshop. Chapter presidents from throughout Texas, including Bowden and Fleitman, met for an informative session, then attended a dinner for state personnel.

Lubbock Mayor Wendy Sitton welcomed the teachers to Lubbock. During the executive board meeting on Friday morning, June 9, delegates voted on a new slate of officers for the next biennium, the new editor/photographer, a variety of recommendations and a budget for the coming year. Other convention attendees participated in special interest workshops during this board meeting.

The annual birthday luncheon brought recognition to special members. The state president presented certificates to outstanding chapters throughout the state. Gamma Sigma was recognized with the Five Star Award for their newsletter, the Early Bird Award for their Yearbook,

and Honors Scholarship recognition for their contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma. Mu Epsilon was one of 67 chapters out of 309 in the state, to receive the highest Delta Kappa Gamma Award, the President's Award for Chapter Excellence (P.A.C.E.). Mu Epsilon also received the Five Star Award, the Early Bird Award, and an appreciation award for its Annie Award application.

Special brochures featured these two chapters along with others honored for outstanding newsletter and for contributions to scholarships and other Society projects. A formal presentation honored Pat Bowden and Betsy Fleitman along with the other 307 chapter presidents.

A memorial service honored members that passed away since the 2000 convention. Bowden and Fleitman joined the other deceased members of the Texas chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma including Gamma Sigma members, J. Kennedy and Marcia McCoy.

Installation of officers took place in the Civic Center Theater preceding the final banquet. Following the keynote address by the international second vice president, the state president gave a farewell address and formally handed over the gavel to the newly elected president Sheryl Minick. Minick addressed the assemblage on her goals and plans for the forthcoming biennium.

A reception following the banquet honored the international representative and incoming and outgoing state officers. A two-day leadership Orientation for state personnel took place at the Holiday Inn following the close of the convention.



Vacation Bible School attendees, teachers and families enjoy a swim party hosted by CLIU. Courtesy photo

Catholic Life hosts swim party for VBS

Catholic Life Insurance Branch # 18 of Muenster hosted a swim party for students of Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School and their families and their teachers at the Muenster Pool on June 16, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

After swimming, hot dogs and all the trimmings were served to more than 225 persons.

The party was held in observance of "Join Hands" Day. The event applies toward the Gold Award, bringing old and young together in a volunteer project.

Adults in attendance, who also helped serve the buffet line included Dan Haverkamp, Rick Stewart, Valerie Henschel, Delanne and Bert Walterscheid, and Pat Knabe.

Kendall to attend West Point

Michael Kendall has accepted the United States Military Academy appointment to West Point. He received nominations from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and from Rep. Ralph Hall. He leaves for West Point, New York on June 30 and will start basic training on July 2. West Point is specifically charged with preparing young men and women for service as officers in the U.S. Army.

Candidates are selected on the basis of academic performance (high school record and SAT or ACT scores), demonstrated leadership potential, physical aptitude and

medical qualifications. Each year the U.S. Military Academy admits approximately 1,150 young men and women from all corners of the U.S.

The demanding West Point experience transforms cadets into leaders, and that experience includes academic, military and physical development. A strong emphasis on moral-ethical program is woven into each developmental area.

Michael is the son of Mike and Alice Kendall, and is the grandson of Ed and Louise Schad of Lindsay, and JoAnne Kendall of Gainesville.

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Volleyball team visits Thailand orphanages

by Janet Felderhoff
 "They were so sweet! One girl was holding my arm while she was waving goodbye to the others on my team. We wanted to take them home with us. The sad thing is that these kids can't be adopted because they can't get papers. One little boy had an infected arm and they said it may not get better because it's so unsanitary there," wrote Sarah Hess in her journal.

girls around 14 years old. "They didn't speak a lick of American English except to tell me that they were too short to jump up high enough to block. Some how we managed," she remarked. Later that day they played volleyball against the Thai National Team from about 30 years ago. "It was the most fun ever, and we beat them in two (games)," Sarah said. "It was our funniest game because they were having fun and we were having fun. We were pretty evenly matched."

The purpose of playing the games was to open the doors for the Campus Crusade for Christ. Most of the people in Thailand are Buddhists, although some are Christians. While in Thailand the group went sightseeing. Included in their tour was a 30-minute ride on elephants, a tour of an orchid farm, a trip to the Golden Triangle to see Myanmar and Laos, and shopping. Sarah couldn't believe how inexpensive things, especially food, were compared to here. She did get frustrated because they didn't find a place to do their laundry until near the end of the two-week trip. At one point she lamented, "I have almost no clean clothes."

Sarah remarked on how nice the people were in Thailand. "There's hardly any crime, no road rage, everyone is polite," she said. One hotel where the group stayed was shared with lizards and ants. It was several stories high and had no elevators. Drinking the water wasn't advised. In some places the people bathed in the nearby river. Despite the living conditions, people seemed happy.

"The kids were the best part of the trip," Sarah said. She noted that she saw how spoiled we are here compared to the people of Thailand. Since returning Sarah is busy with her summer job of working in the prairie hayfields.

Sarah and other members of the LeTourneau University Yellow Jackets Volleyball team were on a goodwill trip to Thailand. Athletes In Action and the Yellowjackets' coach, Natalie Alred, put the project together. While in Thailand the team visited four orphanages in Chiang Mai. They played with the children, taught them games, and shared songs. At the orphanages the children are taught how to farm and to survive on their own. Two places they visited were refugee orphanages. "These were the kids who were used to fight the Burmese," said Sarah. She explained that there are border wars going on in the mountainous area. Orphan children, some as young as eight, are taught to fight in these wars. They are found and smuggled into Chiang Mai. Christians run the orphanages. They care for the children and teach them about Christianity. The children stay at the orphanage until they decide they are ready to leave, she said.

Sarah noted that the girls look like boys because their hair is cut short like the boys. She found all of the children to be happy and affectionate. Each orphanage they visited had about 30 to 40 orphans except the Rainbow Covenant House. Only 12 were present there. The children have only two sets of clothes. A shortage of staff means not enough attention to go around. By spending time with the orphans the group helped to give them time, attention, and affection.

Another thing the team did was to teach volleyball and to play other volleyball teams. These were played in schools and universities. In Chiang Rai they met and practiced with the Chiang Rai University's men's and women's teams. "It was tons of fun," said Sarah. She said they spoke some English, but not as well as people in Chiang Mai.

Their next stop was Bangkok. Here they visited a girls' school, which was described as the best in the country. She was told Queen Elizabeth attended the school. The volleyball team gave a clinic. It was Sarah's job to teach blocking to five groups of about 15



Sarah Hess and new friends found in Thailand

Summertime ... and the livin' is ... HOT!

Even though summer officially arrived this year on June 21, that doesn't matter much here in the Lone Star State. As any long-time Texan can tell you, summer begins when the best parking places are those under shade and that happened weeks ago. Texans also know the increasing heat that marks the change of season is nothing to fool around with. Make no mistake, without precautions, summer heat can be dangerous. Each year hundreds of people are victims of heat-related conditions, and many of them die.

Some of these heat-related conditions are:

- Heat cramps: Painful spasms and cramping of large muscles in the legs, arms or abdomen brought on by too much exertion in the heat and not enough fluids such as water or juice taken in.

- Heat exhaustion: Feeling of tiredness, weakness and dizziness, accompanied by headache, nausea and possibly vomiting. Like heat cramps, heat exhaustion is brought on by dehydration and too much heavy physical activity in the heat. Perspiration is heavy; skin feels moist.

- Heat stroke: Serious medical condition that includes feeling tired, weak and dizzy, but also includes disorientation and/or deliriousness, and possibly unconsciousness. With a few precautions and a little common sense, some of these dangers of summer can be a thing of the past.

First, Rice advised, reduce your risk of heat-related conditions by making sure you get plenty to drink and don't become dehydrated, be sure you are adequately hydrated before you go into the heat, and make sure you have plenty of water with you.

If you know you're going to be out in the sun doing heavy physical activity, the best thing to do is to drink a

couple of eight-ounce glasses of water, juice or sports drink about two hours before you go outside, and follow that up with another four to eight ounces of these liquids 15 to 20 minutes before you go. That way, she said, you give your body time to accumulate needed fluids.

The kind of fluid you drink is just as important as how much. In spite of a popular Texas cultural belief, beer is not the best beverage for hot weather because it acts as a diuretic and actually increases fluid loss.

Same with caffeinated drinks, such as colas and that other Texas favorite, iced tea. These drinks make you lose more water than you need to.

Instead, go for plain and simple water. It's the best drink for before, during and after heavy physical activity.

Remember: When the weather is humid, perspiration doesn't evaporate as quickly so the body cools down more slowly and heat injuries become more likely.

Drink about one-and-a-half times what your body tells you it needs, to make sure you don't get dehydrated. Drink at least a gallon of liquid a day about 16 glasses when the outside temperature is above 90 degrees.

Some of her other advice: - Don't think it's necessary to increase your salt intake to keep more fluid in your body. - Wear light-colored cotton clothing, and don't forget to wear a hat "to shade your head." - Try to take frequent breaks and drinks of cool water. Do not run or do other types of energetic exercise during the heat of the day.

- During these hot summer days, avoid drinks with caffeine they may cause muscle cramping.

And never, never, never take salt tablets. Too much sodium is not good for the body, and most foods provide enough.

Thomas Bright completes Old Dominion 100-mile Endurance Run June 24

A narrative of his experiences on the Old Dominion 100 mile Endurance Run by Thomas Bright and his running partner, Lt. Col. Mike Weber, has been sent to Bright's parents, David and Juanita Bright.

In it he relates that they completed the run in 22 hours, 47 minutes and 08 seconds, just under the 24 hour limit. In the race were 102 starters and 68 finishers. Bright and Weber placed 17th and 18th, crossing the finish line (wearing headlamps - by that time it was very dark) Sunday at eight seconds past 2:47 a.m., completing the race and earning the coveted silver belt buckle. Bright said, in their fatigue-lation, he had "sardine can-size" blisters on the balls of his feet.

Bright and Weber had trained together for about 10 months and ran the entire race together. Their training regimen included running two 50-mile races and four 50K (32 mile) races over a six month period. Additionally, there were numerous 20-30 mile training runs on weekends. Bright explained in his narrative that the Old Dominion 100 mile Endurance Run is more than just a race. It is more than just four marathons run back-to-back. It is the tradition of each individual against a difficult course, hot, humid weather, and the 24-hour-limit.

The first Old Dominion 100 mile Endurance Run started in 1979 with 45 runners. It was patterned after the Western States Endurance Run, considered one of the toughest in the country, and was designed to give East Coast runners an opportunity to complete 100 miles on foot in 24 hours, or less over the rugged terrain of northern Virginia.

Era FFA shines in competition

The Era FFA received some exciting news recently from the Iowa Livestock Judging Team Contest. The Era FFA show team received 18th place out of 297 teams from across the United States that competed. Show teams judged various livestock classes. In addition to the excellent team placing, team member Jennifer Burrows placed 17th out of approximately 1200 students judging this livestock. The group received rosettes for their outstanding effort. Show team advisor is Ed Perkins. Other members were Emily Burrows, Hannah Devers, and Nathan Smith.



Thomas Bright at the #17 aid station at Mile 65.

The race this year started at 4:00 a.m. Saturday from the Shenandoah County Fairgrounds in Woodstock, Virginia. The first six miles of the course traveled through historic Woodstock, and upon reaching the Shenandoah River bridge, the course approached the first of seven major ascents. In all, the total elevation change over the 100 mile course is 14,000 feet. After leaving the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, the bulk of the course meandered through Fort Valley and circled Massanutten Mountain. Fort Valley is a natural fortress that George Washington intended to use as an area to reorganize the Continental Army if he was defeated at Trenton.

After running mostly on graded, forest-service roads and single-track trails, Bright explained that the course approached mile 75 - i.e. Elizabeth Furnace Picnic Area and the final Medical Check. The next 11 miles had two significant climbs over Sherman and Veach Gap, and the rest of the run was done after nightfall, in complete darkness.

From Mile 86 to the finish line, footing was excellent. Both said that the most difficult part of the race was the first 34 miles and the last four miles. The first 34 miles were difficult only because of the uncertainty of the next 66 miles, after already experiencing fatigued legs. Blisters on his feet made the last four miles difficult. The most psychologically pleasant part of the run was between mile 47 and mile 86, Bright explained. At this point they had crossed the "unknown" and felt they would break the 24 hours.

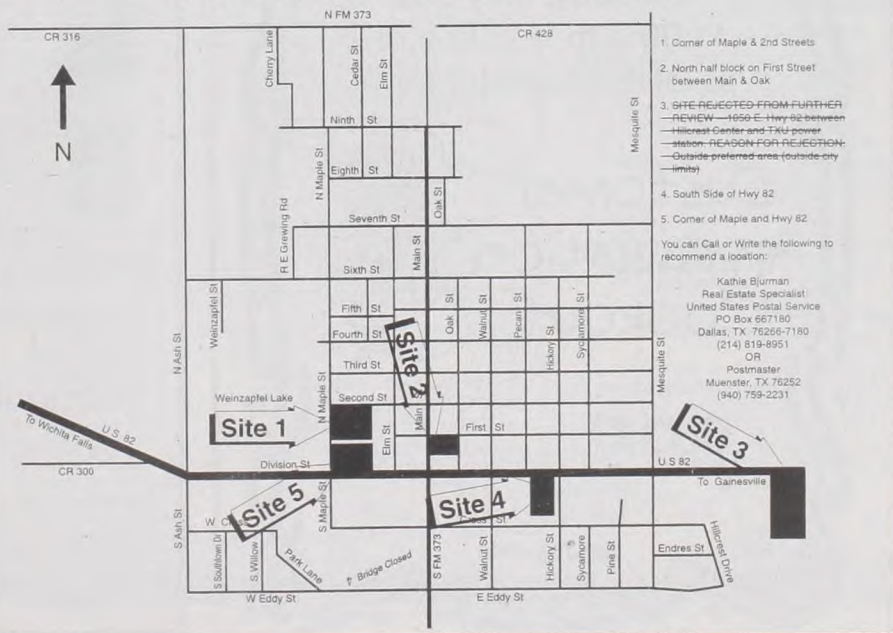
Having completed the 100 mile challenge, Thomas Bright's sights are set on participating in something with a bit more variety - perhaps a multi-day, multi-event enduro-challenge.

Happy Birthday DAD!



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Sports

SH Camp winners announced

The Sacred Heart Basketball Camp was held last week in the Tiger's Den.

"The campers came in with a great attitude and their progress was amazing. I am very pleased with the development skills of basketball that took place this week," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. Assisting at the camp was Ted Heers

Camp winners included One-on-one-- Aaron Walterscheid, Laura Heers

Two-ball-champs-- Laura Sweeney & Taylor Klement; Ben Walterscheid & Tanner Herr; Jace Koezler & Taylor Torcelini; Hannah Hess & Diana Knabe
Hot shot champs-- Tyler Acuna, Shaina Felderhoff, Megan Felderhoff, Tara Swirczynski

In-the-box champs-- Shannon Hartman & Sam Wimmer

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Top free throw shooters--

Taylor Klement, Kristin LeBrasseur; Tommy Torcellini, Laura Heers, Megan Felderhoff, Shannon Hartman

Most Improved Stevie Klement & Adam Dangelmayr
Top Teammates Joelle Fuhrmann & Brett Walterscheid
Coaches Award Joanna Felderhoff & Jessica Schilling

Top Gun Attitude Award Girls - Kara Felderhoff
Boys - Mark Gehrig



Jackie Klement of the coach-pitch Orange team waits for the batter to get a hit. Also watching the action are Purple team members, including infielders Taylor Klement and Lia Heers

Photo by Janie Hartman

Campbell's is on the stands!

It's Texas High School football time again with the newsstand release of this year's *Dave Campbell's 2001 Texas Football* magazine. The publication makes its predictions on all high school football teams from 5A to the private schools. So how do we rate locally?

The Sacred Heart Tigers, members of TAPPS District 1-2A are placed in second, behind Rockwall Christian. The Tigers, under Coach Kris Hogan, have 10 lettermen, 6-5 starters returning from a 9-3 playoff team.

Players to watch include Thomas Whitecotton, John Knabe, Johnny Krahl, and Michael Voth. Other starters named were Jack Biffle, Jared Zimmerer, and Luke Endres. Sacred Heart lost seven lettermen at graduation.

Leading the district are the 11-1 state finalist Rockwall Christian Warriors, with five all-state players returning to the squad.

Dallas Tyler Street is placed in 3rd, losing only five lettermen from a 6-4 team. Dallas Lakehill also lost five lettermen, noting that "Lakehill must improve in the passing game in order to complement its rushing attack." Balch Springs Christian returns from a 2-8 season, returning only eight lettermen.

On the other side, TAPPS District 2-2A is led by Hallettsville Sacred Heart,

followed by Shiner Saint Paul, Waco Parkview, Round Rock, and Waco Christian.

The Muenster Hornets, members of district 14-A were placed in third, behind Windthorst and Petrolia.

The Hornets, coached by Gordon Martin, lost nine lettermen from a 1-9 team. Fourteen lettermen, 8-7 starters will lead the 2001 team.

Players to watch included Blake Garrison, Grant Hartman, and Mitch Endres. Other returning starters listed were Shawn Hess, Brad Felderhoff, Cody Cory, Nathan Hess, and Chisam Cain. "Muenster's QB Endres had 1,498 yards in total offense with 10 TDs, but the Hornets managed to score only 97 points last season," the article stated.

The Windthorst Trojans, returning from an 11-1 playoff team returns 22 lettermen, 8-9 starters and lost six lettermen.

The Pirates from Petrolia, an 8-4 playoff team lost only four lettermen last May, led by Justin Creech "to lead Petrolia to its first district title."

The Saint Jo Panthers, picked 4th in the district, lost 11 lettermen and have seven returning with six starters. "Saint Jo has not been in the playoffs since 1973. Last year's 8-2 mark was the best since then."

Era has eight lettermen returning from a 3-7 season. Alvord rounds out the

district, returning from a winless season.

To the west, in district 13A, the Chico Dragons and Tolar Rattlers are predicted to lead the district. To the east, the Collinsville Pirates and Celeste Blue Devils were picked to lead district 16A.

The Lindsay Knights, the fourth largest school in 11 man football, is picked to finish in third. Coach Charlie Meurer lost 10 lettermen from a 6-4 team. Fourteen lettermen, 5-6 starters will lead the Knights in 2001. Players to watch listed were Josh Goldsmith, Rhett Rimmer, Adam Anderle, and Ryan Kasparek.

Collinsville returns 13 lettermen from an 11-1 playoff team that "registered six shutouts" last season. "The balanced Devils" of Celeste will be led by Rod Givens and Brody Lipsey.

Ladonia Fannindel lost only two lettermen from a 4-6 year, returning 10 starters. Quinlan Boles and Savoy round out the district.

Also in the county, the Callisburg Wildcats of District 12-2A are listed to finish 3rd behind Celina and Pilot Point. Valley View is placed in 4th, followed by Aubrey and Prosper.

The Gainesville Leopards are picked to win district 9-3A, followed by Pottsboro, Sanger, Little Elm, Lake Dallas, and Whitesboro.

Bits of Wisdom

Compost Sawdust
All sawdust should be composted before being added to the garden, because it is a high-carbon/low-nitrogen material. Raw sawdust can cause a nitrogen deficiency in the soil.

Dairy Manure
Dried dairy manure contains about 1.4% actual nitrogen, and fresh manure holds about half as much by volume.

Keep lime out
Don't add lime to your compost pile, it could result in loss of nitrogen. But lime in the garden is OK.

Grief Support & Guidance Seminar in July

Home Hospice will be conducting a Grief Support & Guidance Seminar on July 3, 10, 17, and 24. The seminar will be held at the Home Hospice office at 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The sessions will address various topics involved in the grief process. The purpose of the seminar is to assist bereaved persons in dealing with their grief and to find positive ways to cope with this painful experience. Topics addressed in the seminar are: "How do I go on from here?," "Dealing

with difficult emotions," "Surviving the holidays and other special days and memorializing," and "Bringing closure to your loss."

Home Hospice also offers support groups for ongoing bereavement care. Bereaved Parents/Grandparents meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Hospice office. The Caring Hearts Luncheon is held the last Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon at the Hospice office. The luncheon is for present

caregivers and bereaved families. The Eating Meeting Support Group meets the first Thursday at 5:30 p.m., alternating between The Center, Rohmer's Restaurant, and Dos Amigos in Muenster, and The Wooden Spoon in Lindsay.

Anyone who needs assistance is welcome to attend the Grief Support & Guidance Seminar or any of the support groups. There is no charge for any of these services. Please call Home Hospice to register for the seminar at 940-665-9891.

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SAN ANTONIO - The application deadline for the 2001 Leadership Scholarship Program, sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance, is July 11, 2001. The program will award 10 \$500 scholarships to Catholic Life Insurance members who are full time students at private or public colleges or universities.


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Swift action will remove uncertainty

By Rep. Larry Combest

Farmers face a fourth straight year of record-low prices commanding both immediate and long-term attention. Congress will address their immediate needs with 2001 crop year assistance. To meet producers' long-term needs for a predictable farm policy, the House Agriculture Committee will present a new farm bill by this August.

Producers are in the fourth year of a farm recession ranking among the deepest in our nation's history—along with the Great Depression, the post-World War I and II recessions, and the 1980s farm financial crisis.

Net cash income over the last three years fell in real dollars to its lowest point since the Great Depression.

Crop year 2000 prices were at a 27-year low for soybeans, a 25-year low for cotton, a 14-year low for wheat and corn, and an eight-year low for rice.

When the 1996 farm bill passed—with fixed, but declining contract payments—neither side of the political aisle predicted

today's high costs and low commodity prices. The farm bill's first two years saw record-high returns for producers—but in more recent years, producers have borne the financial consequences from rising fuel costs, a strong dollar, global crop surpluses and continued trade barriers.

For the 2001 crop year, diesel prices will average \$1.50 a gallon, up 50 percent from last year, while rising natural gas prices have fueled sharply increased costs for irrigation and nitrogen fertilizer. World markets awash in three years of bumper crops mean a large availability of suppliers in countries whose own currencies offer customers more buying power against the strong U.S. dollar. Despite some progress in lowering trade barriers, U.S. farm products arriving in foreign markets are slapped with an average 62 percent tariff.

If Congress had not provided more than \$25 billion in additional backing during the last three years, tens of thousands of farmers would have been forced out of business, devastating rural America. However, if

we have a new farm bill in place for the 2002 crop, farmers will no longer be forced to bank on a hope that Congress will provide additional assistance—they will have a permanent farm program in place.

When farmers are unsure about income, bankers are not sure about lending. That uncertainty ultimately affects local retailers, input suppliers and equipment dealers. Predictable farm income support programs are good budget management. In May, Congress and the Bush administration invested an additional \$79 billion over 10 years for agriculture—nearly doubling the federal commitment. But that money could be lost if it is not used for a new farm bill that the House Agriculture Committee intends to write this year.

House Agriculture Committee members have sat down with producers throughout rural communities, and focused commodity groups on specific plans to pass a new farm bill this year. We have the long-term budget commitment to build a strong countercyclical support measure into the next farm bill and maintain planting flexibility for producers. Their needs are clear. Our plan is for action now.

Rep. Combest (R-Texas) is the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.



Eland Green, age 5, won his father, Marvin (Bubba) Green, 20 pounds of ground beef from Fischers Meat Market. Eland won a Father's Day essay contest that was sponsored by the Texoma Cattle Women. Eland's dictated essay was: "My daddy is so special because he is so crazy. I love him. Daddy takes me places. He lets me watch TV. He lets me spend the night. The reason why I love him is because he lets me play in his bedroom." Pictured are Eland, his Dad, mother Dawn Green and Butch Fisher. Courtesy photo

Crop, weather conditions

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

NORTH TEXAS: very short to adequate. Large insect populations. Corn is silking and needs rain. Cotton is beginning to square. All oats have been harvested or baled for hay.

Grasshoppers feeding on sweet potatoes and watermelons.

CENTRAL TEXAS: short. Cattle conditions continue to be good for this time of year. Corn ear size is smaller this year. Field prospects not high. Grasshoppers are increasing and causing feeding damage.

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Vegetable Blooms are Dropping

Before long blooms will be dropping from squash, cucumbers and tomatoes in many home gardens. On squash and cucumbers, male flowers, which produce pollen, are separate from female flowers, which produce fruit. To complicate matters even more, male and female flowers may not be open on the plant at the same time. If this happens, flowers will fall off due to lack of pollination.

Usually male blooms will appear first on squash and cucumber plants. Male blooms are attached to the plant by a green stem while each female bloom has a small squash or cucumber attached directly behind the petals.

Female squash and cucumber blooms falling off early in a plant's life when male blooms are not present is normal. However, when female and male blooms are both present and female blooms continue to fall off, then there's a pollination problem.

Pollination means the transfer of male parts to female parts. Bees or insects visiting the flowers usually accomplish this task. Blooms of squash and cucumber plants are only open for one day. If pollination does not occur during this period when the bloom is open due to a lack of pollinating insects, then inadequate pollination occurs and fruit drop follows.

If pollination is a problem, you can hand-pollinate the blooms. This involves pulling off a male bloom and

rubbing or dabbing it on the female bloom. The result will be that you'll have squash to eat within five to seven days.

Tomato blooms drop off because of another type of pollination problem. The tomato bloom, unlike squash and cucumber is classified as a perfect flower, which means that the same flower has both female and male parts.

The problem is that female parts of the flower that must be pollinated are located above the male part, which produces pollen. If pollen is inactivated by high temperature or made sticky by cool, wet, cloudy conditions, the female flower part will not be pollinated and the entire flower and the potential tomato will fall off.

Tomato flowers are wind, or mechanically pollinated, so you don't have to worry about having bees. Flowers can be artificially set or made to stay on plants by using blossom-set hormone, which is sold by many local garden centers or nurseries. These tomato-setting products are most effective during early spring when cool temperatures and cloudy conditions cause poor fruit set.

Temperature is an important factor in tomato fruit set. Night temperatures can be as important as daytime temperature.

James Motes, with the Oklahoma Extension Service, offers the following on temperature effect on tomatoes. Greater day and nighttime temperatures affect plants:

◆79° degrees/68° degrees -

Fruit set begins to be interrupted;
◆95° degrees/79° degrees Fruit set severely interrupted. Tomato quality is poor, with few seeds and puffy fruit;

◆104° degrees - Only 4 hours at 104° degrees will prevent fruit set.

Generally, early, smaller fruited tomato varieties will set fruit at lower night temperatures than full sized, main-season varieties. Therefore, the smaller fruited varieties are best suited for early production.

So, if your blooming vegetables start dropping their flowers, try to figure out the reason why. A little time and attention paid to your plants during this critical period will result in more groceries on the dinner table.

Ag Briefs

Relief is on the way for pepper aficionados who love the flavor and aroma of the habanero, but can't stand the heat. Researchers are working on a milder version of the fiery orange pepper.

Crossing the Mexican habanero with wild habanero species from Bolivia and Colombia should develop a hardy plant that yields well, yet maintains the aroma and taste of the habanero pepper.

The *Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry* suggests that a component in citrus pectin may help prevent prostate cancer. Pectin has already been shown to reduce cholesterol and blood sugar and may inhibit other types of cancer. To get the best benefits of pectin, it's best to eat the whole fruit and not just the juice, since the highest concentrations of pectin are found in the meat of the fruit and in the membrane that separates the segments.

Ag experts are expected to reach \$53 billion this year, up 4% from last year.

The EPA predicts the new clean air regulations would lead to a 4 to 5 cent per gallon increase to farm diesel fuel prices.

Insect Answers new A&M feature

A new page called Insect Answers has been added to the Texas A&M department of Entomology's Web efforts. It is a companion site to the horticulture department's Web page's PLANTAnswers, said John Jackman, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Insect Answers is designed for people who have a problem with an insect and need management advice," said Jackman. "Or, if you're just curious about an insect, check out the Field Guide to Texas Insects on the Web."

There are about 30,000 insect species in Texas and

most insects have several different-looking life stages. About 200 species are regular pests, and 500 to 1,000 are occasional pests, Jackman said.

Insects play many different roles in the environment. Insects are important pollinators of most of the flowers, vegetables and fruit. Also, insects are extremely important in maintaining the balance of nature. Some are parasites or predators which help control other problem insects.

Perhaps the most important role of insects is as recyclers. Road kill, dead wood, grass clippings and

compost piles would accumulate without insects helping to break them down.

A number of other sites besides the original entomology web site have been created. Each has a specific URL, but is linked to the original site.

"Several faculty members now have their own sites that we do not host, such as the Digital Dragonflies site in Stephenville. This site has exceptional images of dragonflies from around the state," said Jackman.

"We do host insect images for several Web site projects in the department. The largest image collection is associated with the TIARA Biodiversity Project." This project, an interdisciplinary collaboration of biological and computer scientists, is designed to deliver fundamental biological information via the Web. The site provides distribution maps, images, proper names and other information about terrestrial and fresh water species occurring in the south-central United States. The insect information is based on the Texas A&M Insect Collection and a large number of other collaborators.

Get your tire pressures right

Proper tire pressures can make fieldwork more fuel-efficient by minimizing wheel slip. Alliance Tire offers some suggestions for maintaining proper radial tire inflation.

Check your tire pressure when the tires are cool. Measure the distance between the bottom rim and the bottom of the tire (where it meets the ground), and measure the distance between the top of the rim and the top of the tire. Then divide the first measurement by the second measurement.

The optimum value is between 0.20 and 0.25. (The higher end of the ratio is more suited for wet and heavy soils.) If the value is

higher than 0.25, your tires are under inflated.

Always check your owner's manual for inflation rates recommended by tire and tractor manufacturers.

EGG PRODUCTION

May egg production in Texas totaled 408 million eggs, up 11 percent from May 2000, and up 2 percent from April 2001. The number of layers during May averaged 18.9 million, an increase of 10 percent from last year. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,158 eggs. Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.6 million, up 2 percent from last year.

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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,586 head of cattle compared to 1,384 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, June 19, the market conducted the sale of 748 Goats, 332 Sheep and 117 Hogs. The numbers for last week were 395, 161 and 103 respectively. Results of both sales follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.28; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.15; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.22; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-93; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 89-98; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-89; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 84-91; 2 & 3, 72-84	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$700-\$780; medium frame, \$500-\$700. Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$750-\$920; medium frame, \$550-\$750. Holstein baby calves, \$65-\$120; Crossbreds, \$110-\$185.	Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$25-\$45; Ewes: \$25-\$40; Bucks: \$50-\$160. Ewes: Stocker, 45-50, Thin, 30-32; Fat, 32-40. Bucks: Thin, 32-34; Fat, 36-40. Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$30; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$70. Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$60-\$90. Nannies (per head) Stocker, \$40-\$50; Milk Type, \$50-\$60; Slaughter, Thin, \$25-\$35; Fat, \$40-\$50.
Feeder Hrs (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.07-1.18; Nos. 2, 98-107; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 98-107; 2, 90-98; 3, 85-93; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 85-93; 2, 80-87; 3, 75-80; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 81-82; 2, 75-80; 3, 70-75; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 71-81; 2, 65-70; 3, 60-65; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 64-70; 2, 58-64; 3, 53-59; 800-900 lbs. No. 1, 50-55; 2, 45-50; 3, 40-45	Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 46-50; US #2, 220-280, 43-46. Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs., \$40-\$65; 25-90 lbs., \$25-\$40. Sows: Feeder, 400 or less, 30-32; Light wt., 400-500, 32-34; Med. wt., 500-600, 36-40; Heavy wt., 600-up, 40-43. Boars: 300 lb. up, 15-17; 200-300 lbs. NT, Light wt., NT; 300 lbs. up, 15-17; 200-300 lbs. NT, Light wt., NT. Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 78-84; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 76-82; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 70-76.	Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders, \$85-\$100; Slaughterers, \$65-\$80. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, NT, 3/4 Nanny, NT; Full Nanny, NT. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT; Full Billy, \$75-\$160.

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