

Views expressed by MMH Board candidates

by Janet Felderhoff

There are six candidates vying for three vacancies on the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors. Board members with terms expiring this May are Phil Endres, Lora Hennigan, and Jack Murdock. Endres is the only one who decided to seek another term. He is nearing the completion of his second term. Terms are for three years. Other candidates are John Aytes, Kristi Dangelmayr, Angelo Nasche, Claude Walter, and James Walterscheid.

Aytes is a retired engineer, business manager, and investment executive VP. Dangelmayr is employed as a secretary for Tony's Seed and Feed. Endres is a co-owner of The Center Restaurant. Nasche is a businessman. Walter is an investor. Walterscheid is a business owner.

Each candidate received a list of questions on Tuesday afternoon and was asked to return their answers to the Enterprise by 10 a.m. Wednesday. Their responses follow.

What qualifies you to serve on this Board?

Aytes: Fifteen years in investment business, interpreting and analyzing financial reports; 20 years in management, determining business viability, forecasting future business levels and requirements, and directing personnel - in other words, running corporate business.

Dangelmayr: I have some experience in the medical field. I worked as a medical assistant for a surgeon in 1991 and 1992. I attended nursing school in 1993 and 1994. I have a son who has had a near fatal disease that caused serious kidney damage. I am aware of the cost of high tech medical equipment and how expensive medical care can be. I feel that with these experiences and the will to help our community, I am amply qualified.

Endres: Mostly my two complete terms on the MMH Board.

Nasche: Muenster resident 25 years, tax payer, business and financial experience.

Walter: Having spent 40 years in the practice of pharmacy, part of which was spent in a hospital pharmacy, I am acutely aware of the evolution of comprehensive medical care over the years. During this time I served two terms on the board of a 32-bed hospital. In my business I dealt regularly with third party payers, both governmental and private, which is the way today's hospitals now receive the overwhelming majority of reimbursements for services rendered. I have served on a number of boards over the years, governmental, civic, corporate, and church. I am a team player and strive to listen to opposing arguments before taking a stand.

Walterscheid: I am a tax-paying citizen of the district, and a business and property owner. I have a college degree in engineering and a college degree in business. I have a great respect for our community, its citizens and their well-being. I also have a great appreciation for those past and present who had the foresight to provide us with the hospital district and hospital and I am concerned about what we will provide for the generations to come.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed merger of the Muenster and Gainesville Hospital Districts and why?

Aytes: Absolutely disagree on Merger. There are better methods available for working with GH District wherein the two Districts work together for mutual benefits, as opposed to the GH District receiving all the benefit and Muenster left without hospital facilities.

Dangelmayr: I agree with the proposed merger. I feel that our community deserves the best medical technology and equipment as well as a modern facility, which at present state MMH cannot afford.

I do not want to see the nurses and staff of MMH lose all of those years of hard work and start all over somewhere else when the hospital here is forced to close. I see the merger not as the end of Muenster Memorial Hospital but a chance for something so good to get even better.

Endres: Certainly, I agree with the proposed merger of the two hospital districts. As a board member, I've been keenly aware of the many obstacles that our hospital faces. Despite the MMH Board's efforts, there is nothing that can be done about the low Medicare reimbursements. However, one county hospital can qualify as a "sole community provider" making it eligible for a much higher reimbursement from Medicare. The merged hospital would be in a better position to contract with insurance plans that currently exclude MMH. Also, medical care has become specialist oriented. Because of low volume, MMH hasn't been an attractive location for medical specialists. The proposed merged hospital would be much more attractive to a variety of specialists, as well as a general surgeon. Medical technology continues to expand by leaps and bounds. A hospital has to stay reasonably modern. It is financially difficult for our small hospital to keep pace. The

merged county hospital would be in a much better financial position to keep up with medical advances. MMH is currently staffed by a well-qualified and dedicated group of employees, but if we fail to merge with GMH it will become extremely difficult to keep this same level of personnel. Be honest with yourself, most employees will go where the best opportunity exists.

Nasche: Disagree, why should we give up our debt free Hospital District to join Gainesville which is over \$600,000 in debt, and build a new facility that will cost \$20 million plus. Gainesville stated that they would build the hospital with or without Muenster Hospital district.

Walter: After reading news stories and letters to the editor in the Enterprise for the past year and attending the last Town Hall Meeting I have made the decision to support the proposal of the two Boards to merge the Districts into a new County district. Usage of our local facility has been trending downward for years and cost of operation continues to soar. A single county district is the best way to utilize both the fixed assets and human resources of both hospitals

Walterscheid: I totally disagree with the merger because it is not necessary. When I first learned of the idea of a merger, I started taking my own survey. I found virtually no one who wanted to close our hospital or merge. Furthermore, many people related to me their experiences with the hospital and what they thought was wrong. Contrary to what we have been told I found that the administrator was ignoring insurance company applications for representation, turning away doctors, not supporting the doctors we have, turning away the patients or in general, not taking care of business. Of course, why would you bother to properly manage something you were secretly working to shut down? The hospital is debt-free and not broke and most certainly could continue if we had an administrator who would be dedicated to keeping the hospital.

Should you be elected to the Board and the merger vote doesn't go our way, how will you conduct yourself on the Board?

Aytes: If the Election results in Merger then there will no longer be a Muenster Hospital Board ... it will be dissolved with the District. At that point Muenster and the western third of the county will be reduced to a very small, weak voice, regarding its health care future.

Dangelmayr: I will serve my community as I have promised. I will do my very best and conduct myself professionally.

Endres: If the merger vote fails to pass, the MMH Board will have a mandate to do whatever it takes to keep the hospital open. I will work to accomplish that goal for as long as it is feasible.

Nasche: If the voters decide to merge the districts there would be no need for a Muenster Hospital Board.

Walter: As a team player I will endeavor to carry out the will of the voters within the parameters of my oath of office.

Walterscheid: I would always do my best to conduct myself honorably. If the merger passed, of course, there would soon be no board. If the merger failed then I would work to represent the views of those who elected me.

Without the Muenster Hospital emergency room, the western half of Cooke County and the eastern part of Montague will be without close emergency care.

What are your possible solutions?

Aytes: Under that condition an ambulance service based in the western part of Cooke County is absolutely necessary.

Dangelmayr: I disagree that they would have no other alternative. They have the option of Nocona or Bowie for those areas.

Endres: The ideal situation would be for the merged county hospital to maintain an emergency room in Muenster and maybe that is a remote possibility. The best available solution would be to work with the county EMS to get an ambulance stationed in Muenster.

Nasche: Our hospital already provides this service, but if the Hospital District closes or merges with Gainesville, we are at the mercy of the majority of voters in the merged Cooke County District, rather than the voters in our area.

Walter: See next question.

Walterscheid: If we merge, Gainesville will then have our hospital and our equipment and our money. We will probably have to raise money to buy it back or build a new facility or do without.

Some have suggested stationing ambulances in places like Muenster, Callisburg, and Lake Kiowa should the two districts merge. The County presently runs the EMS and it is not a money making service. It actually loses money. Muenster lost the ambulance once stationed here because the cost was too great. What are your thoughts on a merged hospital district running the local ambulance service?

Aytes: This makes good sense. Regardless whether or not the Districts merge it should be the Hospital District operating Emergency Services. A well-run hospital in a near-by county utilizes the emergency vehicle personnel to the greatest advantage at the Hospital Emergency Room whenever they are not in the ambulance. It makes sense to do so, and is cost effective. Especially so in a rural setting, as we are.

Dangelmayr: If we merge and become the only hospital in the county, the government is more likely to give funding for ambulatory services. If elected I plan to work very hard for ambulatory service in Muenster.

Endres: On the surface, it seems like a great idea for the new hospital district to take over the county ambulance service. However, I don't know enough of the details to determine if it is a workable proposal.

Nasche: It could work provided that the Ambulance system was integrated with the emergency system of the hospital. Utilizing as much cross training as possible would be necessary.

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Theresa Fowler and Alice Davidson place new spine labels on books in the Bettie M. Luke - Muenster Public Library. After years of fundraisers and donations from friends, the library opened Tuesday, April 17. Furnishings in the new building are not complete but, thanks to the hours of work from volunteers, the library is in full operation. Janie Hartman Photo

LISD to hold tax cap election forum

Lindsay School District Trustees, meeting in regular session on Apr. 16, voted to host a public forum about the upcoming tax cap election. The forum, set for Apr. 30 at 6 p.m., will be held in the high school library. The tax cap election will be held in conjunction with the trustee election on May 5.

A proposal to increase the property tax cap from \$1.25 to \$1.50 has been added to the upcoming May school board election ballot. LISD Superintendent Travis Winn said that the current rate cap of \$1.25 has not changed since 1970. Winn added that during its

annual budget process last fall, the LISD Board approved an increase of approximately seven cents to the district's effective rate, from \$1.17 to \$1.25. Therefore, the district cannot approve any further rate increases without raising the cap.

The Apr. 30 forum will give the voters of Lindsay ISD an opportunity to ask Board members and school administrators questions about the issues in this election.

Finally, Winn said, "The thing we want to make really clear, is that this request to go to \$1.50 is for the cap only. It is not to raise the tax rate to \$1.50."



Chico scores the lone run Tuesday to defeat the Tigerettes. The Lady Dragon slid into home before Mary Jane Callahan could tag her out. Janie Hartman Photo



Benny Southstreet (Tony Koesler, middle) and Nicely-Nicely Johnson (Patrick Knapp, right) press Nathan Detroit (Oliver McElroy) to find a place for "the game" in Sacred Heart High School's production of Guys and Dolls, running this Saturday and Sunday at Sacred Heart Community Center. It's their biggest and best Broadway musical ever! Dave Fette Photo

Muenster School Board recognizes student achievement

by Janie Hartman
The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees recognized several students at their regular board meeting on Apr. 11. High school student Krystal Hale earned a trip to Washington, D.C., winning the Cooke County Electric Youth Tour Contest. Kristie Lutkenhaus recently took first place in the Texas Educational Region 11 Service Center essay contest that had over 500 entries. She also won the Voice of Democracy essay contest.

Also recognized was Malcolm Martin who took the State Championship in the 7th grade division in Number Sense, Math and

Science in the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) competition. Krystal Wolf won the 6th grade Math division at State TMSCA.

Items discussed in the superintendent's report included:

- Five Board members are planning to attend the San Antonio Conference at Lamar University on June 1-3.
- Jeff Presnall will be the master teacher of the Intel Teach to the Future Program, for which 17 Muenster ISD teachers have signed up for the 20 available positions.
- Architects will interview staff on the

education programs offered for the district's master plan - confirming where the district is going academically for possible future building growth.

- The survey of the school property is complete; the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Committee reports are compiled; and 55 students are requesting transfers for the 2001-2002 school year.
- Clyde Steelman reported that the superintendent's luncheon was attended by 29 community citizens. Discussion included the District Report, state funding, and legislation in the making. Steelman was in Austin Apr. 9-10 for the

latest legislation.

- Coach Gordon Martin reported that repairs to the football field have begun. The Board also approved the request by Boy Scouts Adam Bayer and Daniel Rohmer to paint the visitors stands and home side handicapped ramp this summer as part of their Eagle Scout.
- Pre-registration for Kindergarten totaled 40 students, with Pre-K starting with 25. Principal Phil Newton noted that Muenster's 10th graders had a 100% passing rate on the TASP test and that over 80% scored high enough to be exempt from taking the college test.

Other items discussed were:

- No investments were transferred to the Lone Star Investment Pool, but stayed in the local banks, who are competitive with the Pool.
- The elementary building air conditioning unit went out. The age of the unit makes repairs non-cost-effective. Hesse and Schniederjan gave the Board five options, ranging from \$7,000 to \$12,000. They approved a four ton AC unit for a cost of \$8,600, to be installed within a week.
- A staff appreciation dinner was approved for May 19 at the KC Hall. The Energy Management

report noted that the older buildings cost rate was 63¢ per square foot to heat and cool. The U.S. average is \$1.15 and Southern region approximately \$1.00. To heat and cool the new gym is 15¢ per square foot, compared to the U.S. average of \$1.18 and Southern region of \$1.00.

The new high school building is costing an average of \$1.24 per square foot, seven cents higher than the U.S. and 24¢ higher than the Southern region average.

It was discovered that there is no insulation above the ceiling tile in the classrooms. This problem is being worked on and should be fixed this summer.

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Walter: If and when the Hospital's emergency room is shut down I suggest a portion of the money saved be used to subsidize the County's EMS provided a unit is permanently stationed here in Muenster.

Walterscheid: Many know that Gainesville's \$20 million price tag for a new facility is very unrealistic with most estimates going in the range of two to three times that amount.

For the merged district to run the ambulance service taxes would have to be raised even higher. I do not think a Gainesville dominated board will choose to do this.

Do you feel that Muenster, if it gives up its hospital district, will have fair representation on the merged hospital board, and why or why not?

Aytes: Only so long as Muenster health care services are not a recognizable cost to the Merged District.

But whenever an economic crunch hits and cuts become mandatory, then at that point, since this western one-third of the County represents only 10% of the total county vote, Muenster services will be the first lopped off. Reduction in Muenster's representation is always only one election away. Whenever fairness becomes a contender to the voting public's pocket book, you can bank on fairness coming out loser! Remember that since Muenster's District is spread over two Commissioners precincts, our strongest precinct has only about 27% of "Muenster voters", that means in actuality all Muenster health services are going to be determined by the non-Muenster voters.

Dangelmayr: I feel that we will make a very strong representation on the board if we merge. I know most of the board members in Gainesville. I know that they are very hard working and reputable people and will welcome the Muenster board members.

Endres: Yes, I do think that Muenster will have fair representation on the new board. Considering the quality of citizens in this area, I have no doubt that we will have an ample amount of people willing to serve on the board. We will have four of our present board members serving on the initial county board. I do not think that we could ask for a more fair make-up of the county board. The opportunity to serve and have a voice will be there.

Nasche: No, representation in taxing entities is based on head count. The last time I looked the Gainesville Hospital District has 31,000 plus people, and the Muenster District has 4,500 plus people.

Walter: I have full confidence in the ability of the people of the Muenster Hospital District not only to achieve parity in representation, but also to be among the leaders in a county-wide District. For generation now the children born, reared, and educated have gone on to leadership positions in our county, state, and across the entire nation.

Walterscheid: With the redistricting, most of Gainesville will now be in our two precincts. It is unlikely Gainesville will support a Muenster candidate. In all probability we will have no representation.

If the Muenster Hospital remains open, what are some of the services you feel it would be practical to offer there?

Aytes: The three of us pro-Muenster candidates are in agreement that we need to incorporate a Wellness Program, including Therapy/Exercise facility in order to attract more users to MMH. With an unusually high incidence of cancer in this North Texas area I would like to see a medical association made that would allow treatment facilities - Oncology treatment facilities - to be established here in Muenster. Also, it is time for this community to bridge the gap between those healthy retirees staying in their own homes, versus those living in the nursing home. The bridge is an in-between called "Assisted Living". It would best function in our community by arranging for the not-yet-ready-for-nursing-home individuals to stay in their own homes, with assistance from a corps of care-givers working out of our integrated Hospital/Nursing Home System, similar to, and in conjunction with Home Health Care. The service would be much less costly to the residents than nursing home care, and has proven much preferable to all involved.

Dangelmayr: Unfortunately, not much. We thought that having Obstetrics at MMH would be a strong financial avenue, but it has been very underutilized.

Endres: The most obvious need is for general surgery, but the board hasn't been able to locate a surgeon who would be willing to join our staff. I think the bigger concern would be to find a way to get better utilization of the services that we currently offer.

Nasche: The same that are offered now, and work to keep improve and expand them. Utilize unused space for a Health and Wellness Center that emphasizes exercising and dietary control.

Walter: This is the most difficult question you pose. Since the Hospital was opened this is the question every single Board has struggled with. The unfortunate truth is that every service makes sense and has been tried and still the hospital is not able to attract sufficient business to break even without tax subsidies. In this age of specialization we simply do not have the population or tax base to attract these types of doctors. The sad result is many that would love to be hospitalized here are forced to travel to Gainesville, Denton and beyond. Obstetrics which is now offered should actually work but for reasons I do not understand the service is being underutilized.

Walterscheid: I think we can consolidate the nursing home with the hospital and possibly include ambulance service as a part of this package. The increased efficiency of this combined unit along with efficient management that we are now lacking would make us more profitable. I also feel that people are looking for more and better service and we should look into expanding into non high tech areas. If we take a more positive outlook we will then again attract more doctors and keep the ones we have. With the new high-speed medical link-ups now being put into service it will be possible for examinations and consultations to be performed virtually at any small hospital anywhere by any specialist anywhere in the world. The cost of this equipment is falling rapidly. Some large schools already have it. We could have it. As this new technology spreads small rural hospitals will again become the center of more activity because there will be more emphasis on keeping all people well as opposed to curing only the sick. This is why we need to keep our district and keep our hospital. It is the future.

Brief comment:

Aytes: Be well aware that our current MH District enabling legislation has gone through a multitude of legislative changes, mostly at the request of the MH Board of Directors, and the new proposed Merged District Legislation will also be subject to future changes. In other words, all the promises in the proposed Legislation regarding facilities and services for Muenster are subject to cancellation at the pleasure of any future hospital Board elected by the Gainesville majority. Protect us from Merger. Vote pro-Muenster - only three want to keep the District.

Dangelmayr: As I have said before, the future of those who staff MMH is of great concern to me. I also want to look ahead for the future of my generation and my children. I want the best for all of us and I

strongly believe that the merger is the best thing for our future.

Endres: I sincerely ask that people will put aside their emotions and look clearly at why The MMH Board is pushing for the merger. It is the duty of a board member to strive to provide the best possible medical care for its citizens. I would feel like I wasn't doing my duty if I didn't support the merger. We can't look to the past for answers just as we can't look only at today. We have to look down the road. It would be irresponsible to turn down this merger, just to cling to the remote chance that MMH will survive. A board can't be satisfied with survival only. We have to reach into the future and the proposed merger is the best way to do that.

Nasche: The foundation of any rural community is its people and service organizations - these being the churches, schools, hospital, financial and business institutions. We should work to keep the vital medical services that the Muenster Hospital District provides for our community.

This election is not a personality contest. There are three candidates who are working to keep our Muenster Hospital District, and against merger. These three candidates are John AYTES, Angelo NASCHE, and James WALTERScheid.

Walter: This community is at a cross road in medical care. It can continue as is, which I believe will lead to the eventual closing of the hospital. It can merge into a County Hospital District and participate in the building of a facility that will be far superior to what is available in the County now.

I believe that the Merger is right for many reasons. It allows us to continue all current services except overnight care and emergency service. A new building with state of the art equipment will be within minutes of our city limits. The taxpayers will get a break with lowered rates. Our excellent medical staff will have jobs assured them without having to drive or move out of the area.

Walterscheid: We three, Aytes, Nasche, and Walterscheid, are running as a team to keep the district and hospital. If you support our plan please vote for all three of us.

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Sunday, April 22, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM St. Peter's First Communion Divine Mercy Sunday, Sacred Heart Church, 3-4 PM	Monday, April 23, 2001 Relay For Life Team Captain's meeting, 5:30 PM, GMH Culwell Conference	Tuesday, April 24, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8 PM, Home Hospice MMH Board meeting, 7 PM	Wednesday, April 25, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Rel Ed Mass, 6:30 PM, Class follows	Thursday, April 26, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, April 27, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Applications for ballot by mail must be received	Saturday, April 28, 2001 Texoma Cattlewomen's Trail Ride, 9 AM; Auction, 2:30 PM; Raffle 7 PM
Germanfest Weekend						
Sunday, April 29, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, April 30, 2001 Lindsay ISD Tax Cap Election Forum, 6 PM, High School Library	Tuesday, May 1, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, May 2, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 AM, Cooke Co. Electric Religious Ed Class, 7 PM C of C Board meeting 5 PM	Thursday, May 3, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Blood Drive, 12-8 PM, KC Hall	Friday, May 4, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, May 5, 2001 Local elections - School - City - Hospital, 7-7 JC Ballpark Benefit Raffle, 6 PM, Sacred Heart Community Center

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Fellow Cattle Producer:

I have just finished reading an article about Mad Cow Disease in *Newsweek* Magazine dated Mar. 12, 2001, and I am furious! This article is totally misleading and filled with half truths.

First, they devoted the whole front cover to stating that this could become an epidemic. They do not say that it is here but they know that is the impression people will get, and that is the intention.

At the beginning of the article, a T-bone steak, with the label "Caution Do Not Eat," again a full page, devoted to the Mad Cow Disease impression.

The article is started with the mention of cannibals and study conducted in 1953 found a disease in cannibals in New Guinea, with symptoms similar to BSE or Mad Cow Disease. They show a picture of a young French woman, who died of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease or (CJD) not Mad Cow Disease but with similar symptoms.

Again, they tell about a young woman in New York who died because of a growth stimulant made from pituitary hormones, not Mad Cow Disease, but similar symptoms. They do the same with a young woman from Denver, Colorado, and a young man from Nevada, both who died of CJD, not BSE.

The impression is that the two diseases are the same, and that we have Mad Cow Disease in this country. This is sensationalism and tabloid journalism at its worst!

After devoting nine pages to telling horror stories, (and probably on the advice of their attorneys) they devote three quarters of a page to what they call a "quick guide to assessing your real risk." They answer a series of questions about the risk of contacting CJD and that it is very small. **Excuse me?** I thought we were talking about BSE, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or Mad Cow Disease. How come we keep bringing in CJD, and masquerading it as BSE? It seems they go to great lengths to create the impression that Mad Cow Disease is here. They even go so far as to say the "Some experts believe we have BSE here we have just not looked far enough." Another blatant attempt to scare people away from beef. If you have any doubt about that intent just look at the insert at the bottom of the page. It says "Is red meat still a part of your diet?" Vote on NEWSWEEK MSNBC.COM.

I am also furious at the Beef Council, and our Cattlemen Organizations for allowing this kind of debasement to go unchallenged.

Every newscast has something about Mad Cow Disease, and now Hoof and Mouth linking them together when actually there is no link with the exception that either one can devastate the beef industry. I have not seen one case where we have done anything to counteract this all-out attack by the news media.

In the March issue of *Beef Today* the NCBA and the Beef Council devote three pages telling us what a great job they have done to "prevent a crisis." They talk about working with the news media giving them a "prepared response statement." "Attention is being paid to several network programs that are being produced to make sure that the facts are known and that the Beef Industry side is included." They also mention that Dr. Gary Weber has been interviewed for an upcoming article in *Newsweek Magazine*.

This is the *Newsweek* article from which I have been quoting and they use **exactly** one sentence to quote Dr. Weber. They use a whole paragraph to **dispute what he says!**

Is this your idea of cooperation from the news media? The way I see it we have all been double crossed and shot in the foot.

My message to the NCBA and The Beef Council would be -- Don't break your arm patting yourself on the back. Most of all don't spend any more of our money telling us what a great job you are doing. We can see for ourselves!

We should concentrate all our resources on damage control. We need credible people from the medical and scientific community telling about the dangers or lack of danger, not some old ignorant cowboy like me.

We do not need to wait for the Government to come to the rescue. The American people do not trust the Government and believe as I do, that a lot of the people working on behalf of the Government are too busy trying to do something to us to do anything for us.

As for myself, I would like to have the author of this article caught in my headgate and me with a dull rusty knife. This is one surgery I would enjoy performing.

Please -- don't waste any time wondering who I am. I am a nobody who has spent a long lifetime in the cattle and meat business.

Sincerely,
Bill Braudrick
submitted by Muenster Livestock Auction

Letter to the Editor,

In response to the article about A.J. Knabe's concern about the safety of the children at Wanda Flusche's Tender Loving Daycare Center: Mr. Knabe, do you think a person can go pick out a location anywhere and open a business? Apparently, you do not know how to go about starting a business. There are rules and regulations that must be met on local and state levels. Then, there are yearly, if not more, follow-ups at these businesses to ensure that they are in compliance with the laws to be able to stay in business.

Wanda Flusche's Tender Loving Daycare Center is not the only business in Muenster that has some of your safety concerns. Take for instance, Muenster Independent School and Sacred Heart School - both schools are located by a busy highway, both have gravel around their campus and there are creeks nearby. Do we need to find a new location for these schools? Let's not forget to mention Muenster City Park and the swimming pool - do we need to move these to a new location? What about Muenster School of Dance, Gymnastics Sports Center, Muenster Public Library (old and new locations), guess we can move all these businesses because they are too close to a busy highway also.

And YOU have the nerve to say that some one needs to put in a teen center "where kids can hang out," in the old Klement Ford building? What a GREAT idea... put it at the BUSIEST intersection in Muenster!! That would be the safest place we could let our children go.

As for the safety at Wanda's, our child went there from the time she was an infant till her kindergarten year in school and we NEVER had a doubt in our minds about her safety at anytime. These children at Wanda's are not just "another child" to her and her staff... these children are considered "her kids"!!! Wanda and her employees will do everything in their power to protect these kids. If Wanda felt a business near her was a danger to these children, she would be the first person to take action. I would not think twice about sending a child to Wanda's.

Sincerely,
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Dear Editor,

As you may already know, I have filed as a candidate in the May election of the board of Directors of the Muenster Hospital District. The purpose of today's message is to list my qualifications for the job. I received a B.S. degree in Pharmacy in 1962 and spent my entire professional life in the medical field. After graduating, I received a commission in the United States Public Health Service. My first assignment was as a Pharmacist in a large hospital in New York City. Later I was transferred to a clinic in the U.S.P.H.S. headquarters in Washington D.C. where Nancy and I met and married.

In 1966 I left the Service and opened my first retail pharmacy in Miami, OK. Nancy and I spent our next 18 years there, and 3 of our 4 children were born there. While in Miami along with several other pharmacists I founded True Quality Pharmacies, Inc. I was also active in various civic organizations and in the church. I served as president of the Parish Board and held various positions in the Jaycees, Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. I was also elected to the School Board and served two terms on the local Hospital Board.

In 1984 the family moved to McKinney, Texas where I was involved full time as Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of our pharmacy company and was responsible for expanding into six states. In the mid 1990's we sold our pharmacies and moved back to Muenster where both Nancy and I have been actively involved in community affairs. I believe that my past work and civic experiences will be valuable to the Hospital Board.

There are those that say we should continue on "as is" but that is not good enough; the people of this community deserve better. The fact is we can and will continue as is. The hospital must continually update and improve its services or it will go into steady decline.

The medical staff and support personnel of our facility are excellent but they must have up-to-date technical tools to do their job. Our small district is incapable of raising sufficient tax revenue to continually provide and update these tools.

Our current board has come up with a plan to deliver better care. We should give it our full consideration.

Claude Walter Muenster

Comment on last week's story on daycare safety

"A.J. Knabe feels that his side of this issue was not given a full and complete explanation, and that some readers may have developed misconceptions about his motives for bringing up this issue. If you have a question or comment, he requests that you address him directly by e-mail or by mailing him a letter."

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Lindsay ISD Board learns of TDLR compliance directives

Lindsay ISD Trustees met in regular session on Monday, Apr. 16 at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

The Board heard a report from Superintendent Travis Winn concerning improvements ordered by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

The Texas Department had visited the district and inspected the high school addition, completed four

years ago. They have issued directives for compliance with State regulations. Winn told the trustees that the corrections would not be expensive and should be completed by the start of school.

Lindsay Trustees called a special meeting for Apr. 30 to host a forum to discuss the upcoming tax cap election. The public will be invited to give their input

and ask questions about the proposal to increase the tax cap to \$150 per \$100. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the high school library.

The Board approved a budget amendment to increase the budget by \$16,155.94. The budget increase will fund the replacement of two air conditioners at the middle school and two AC compressors at the cafeteria.

Trustees then called a special board meeting for May 8 to canvas the board and tax cap election. The trustees will also hold a budget workshop after the canvass.

With Superintendent Winn's recommendation, the Board tabled School Board Association Update 65 until the May meeting. Winn told the trustees that the update required further study before adoption.

The Board heard reports from Principal Jerry Metzler and Superintendent Travis Winn. Metzler gave an attendance update, gave the trustees a schedule of activities, and reported on student activities. Winn and trustee Mike Kendall gave the Board a report on the Meurer scholarship.

No action was taken as a result of a short executive session.

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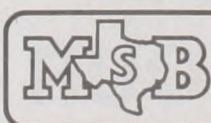
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Amanda Fuhrmann 1912 - 2001



Amanda Fuhrmann

by **Elfreda Fette**
Mass of Christian Burial was held for Amanda Teresa (Kupper) Fuhrmann on Monday, Apr. 16, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father Edward Andrews OSA, Father Denis Bellinghausen OSB, and Father Sebastian Beshoner OSB.

Mrs. Fuhrmann died on Apr. 13, 2001 at 6:22 p.m. in St. Richard's Villa in Muenster at age 88.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1912 in Lindsay to Joseph Kupper and Rosa Hofer Kupper, and lived all of her life in Lindsay and Muenster. She attended elementary school in Lindsay. On Sept. 6, 1933 she married Adolph Fuhrmann in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay. She was a member of Sacred Heart Parish and of St. Anne's Society, a homemaker, and spent most of her life on the dairy farm. For a while she was employed at Weber Aircraft. She spent a lot of time cooking for the priests of Sacred Heart Parish.

Survivors are a daughter, Margery Bass of Waco and three sons, Robert Fuhrmann of Lindsay, Michael Fuhrmann of Denton, and Ronald "Buff" Fuhrmann of Myra. Also a brother, Robert Kupper of Marlin, and a sister-in-law, Margaret Kupper of Muenster and a brother-in-law, Dick Bump of Wimberley. There are 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, who died Feb. 2, 1972; her parents; one infant daughter; one sister, Ann Bump; four brothers, Raymond, John, Andrew, and Mike Kupper.

Preceding the day of funeral, a Rosary service was held in McCoy Funeral Home Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening.

On Monday morning, assisting Fathers Andrews, Bellinghausen, and Beshoner were altar servers Jacob Fuhrmann, Sean Fuhrmann, and Ryan Fuhrmann, grandsons of Amanda Fuhrmann. Giving the First and Second Readings were grandchildren Brian Fuhrmann and Kelly Huston. Granddaughters Jessica Reiter and Megan

Bass presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar and granddaughter Ranae Fuhrmann carried Amanda's baptismal candle and a pink rose that was a gift from Betty Rose Walterscheid, a godchild, to place on the Blessed Virgin's altar.

Eucharistic Ministers were Ramona Felderhoff, Lisa Kupper, and Betty Rose and Jerry Walterscheid.

Music Ministers were Emily Klement, Ruth Felderhoff, Christy Hesse, and Pam and Dave Fette. Sacred music included "Here I Am, Lord" for the entrance; "Psalm Of The Good Shepherd," "On This Day" at Offertory; "Amazing Grace" at Communion; "May The Angels Lead You Into Paradise" at the incensing; and "Alleluia, Alleluia" for the recessional.

Father Edward Andrews delivered the homily.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Thomas Bass, Scott Fuhrmann, Toby Fuhrmann, Zack Fuhrmann, and Simon Fuhrmann.

Among relatives and friends attending from out-of-town were Robert and Florine Kupper of Marlin, Doug Kupper of Leander, Texas, Chris Kupper of Little Rock, Doyle Kupper and his son Phillip of Arlington, Phil Kupper of Aledo, Rose Kupper of Dallas, Andy Kupper of Leveland, and Tommy Kupper of Lewisville.

Helen Hofbauer 1905 - 2001



Helen Hofbauer

by **Elfreda Fette**
Helen Hofbauer died at age 95 in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Apr. 15, 2001 at 2:25 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was held in Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday, Apr. 17, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Father Edward Andrews OSA. Altar servers were Alvin Hartman, Sylvan Walterscheid, and Joe Felderhoff.

Also participating in the special liturgy for the funeral Mass were grandchildren of Mrs. Hofbauer, including Denise Pagel with the First Reading from the Old Testament and Cheryl Martin with the Second Reading from the New Testament. Laurie Rohmer read the Responsorial Psalm. Offertory Prayers and Petitions were read by Alyce Cler. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Michelle Bell, Angie Tempel, and Debbie Bradshaw.

Eucharistic Ministers were Dale and Dolores Hofbauer, son and daughter-in-law; Bill and Laurie Rohmer, granddaughter and grandson-in-law; and Harold Flusche, nephew-in-law.

Music Ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, Christy Hesse and Katie Cox. Sacred selections included "Amazing Grace" at the entrance; "We Remember" at the Offertory; "God Has Chosen Me" and "The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation" at Communion; "Song of the Angels" at the incensing and farewell; and "How Great Thou Art" for the recessional.

After Communion, Leslie Cler read a poem "Safely Home."

Helen Hofbauer was born on Nov. 23, 1905 in Muenster to Michael Kleiss and Angeline Rohmer Kleiss. She lived her entire life in the Muenster area and attended Sacred Heart School. On Aug. 27, 1929 she married Clem Hofbauer in Sacred Heart Church. She was a homemaker, a devoted wife and mother and beloved grandmother; a member of Sacred Heart Parish and St. Anne's Society. She liked and excelled at sewing, and particularly enjoyed gardening with Clem.

Survivors are two daughters, Mary Evelyn Hermes of Gainesville and Irma Fuhrmann of Idabel,

Oklahoma, and two sons, Denis Hofbauer and Dale Hofbauer both of Muenster. There are 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Also one brother, John Kleiss of Muenster.

Preceding her in death were her husband Clem Hofbauer; one infant son, Giles; three sisters, Rosie Walterscheid, Sister Aloysia Kleiss OSB, and Louise Kleiss; and two brothers, Joe Kleiss and Al Kleiss.

On Monday, Apr. 16, a Rosary Service was held in McCoy Funeral Chapel at 4:00 p.m. and Vigil at 7:00 p.m.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Pallbearers were Jason Hofbauer, Stephen Hofbauer, Gary Hermes, Glen Hermes, Mike Hofbauer, and Melvin Fuhrmann. Honorary pallbearer was Timothy Hermes.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to Sacred Heart Trust Fund, in lieu of flowers.

Thomas A. Trachta 1912 - 2001

Former Muenster resident Thomas August Trachta died at age 89 on Apr. 15, 2001. Preceding him in death were his parents, Muenster natives Frank and Anna Trachta; his first wife Doris Raymond; two brothers Raymond and Harold Trachta; two sisters Marie Henscheid and Dorothy Russell; and his son, Richard.

Survivors are his second wife of 20 years, Jane Lorene Trachta; two daughters Janie Cain and husband Bill, and Roxie Dexter; brother Vincent Trachta and wife Margarette; sister, Sr. Berenice Trachta C.D.P.; two grandsons, four granddaughters, one great-granddaughter, five stepsons, and their wives, three step-grandsons, and four step-granddaughters.

He was the uncle of Richard Trachta and Dave Trachta.

A Rosary service was conducted by Deacon Jack

Murrell on Tuesday, Apr. 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Crofts Funeral Home in Blanco, Texas and Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, Apr. 18 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Ferdinand's Catholic Church in Blanco officiated by Rev. Michael O'Gorman of San Antonio and Rev. John Finn of Blanco. Burial was held in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Twin Sisters, Texas conducted by Crofts Funeral Home of Blanco.

Pallbearers were Mark Trachta, Bob Trachta, Joe David Riba, Frances Hartman, Matt Hernden, and Tony Gonzales, Sr.

Honorary pallbearers were Tom Sanchez, Michael A. Cosgrove, Lonnie Humrichouse, Art Sitterle, Tom Streeter, and Marvin Reiningier.

The family suggested memorials sent to the Good Samaritan Center in Blanco, or St. Ferdinand's Catholic Church Building Fund, or a charity of choice.

Carol Lee Fights 1943 - 2001

Funeral services were held for a Muenster native, Carol Lee (Sicking) Fights of Denton on Thursday, Apr. 19, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, officiated by Msgr. Charles King. She died at age 58 on Apr. 16, 2001 in Denton Community Hospital.

She was born on Jan. 1, 1943 in Muenster to Leo and Martha (Knabe) Sicking.

A member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, she was employed for some years in church secretarial work.

Rosary was prayed on

Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Goen-Hudgens Funeral Home Chapel.

Survivors are her husband, James Garth Fights of Denton and one son Keith Fights of Denton. Also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sicking of Muenster; and four brothers Charles Sicking of Plano, Texas, Dan Sicking of Bay City, Texas, Kevin Sicking of League City, Texas, and Dean Sicking of Lincoln, Nebraska. Also three sisters Sharlene DePold of Lake George, New York, Annette Anderson of Dallas, and Karen Wiggins of Richardson.

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Lifestyle

Nine receive Sacraments at Easter Vigil April 14

Eight children and one adult joined the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, Apr. 14 at 8 p.m. It began with a service of light with the blessing of the fire and Easter candle. This was followed by a number of readings recounting salvation history. Then the Gloria was sung for the first time since Lent began. After the gospel and homily, those who were to be baptized were called forward. After blessing the water, Father John Ohner baptized eight children. They included Casey Bayer, son of Cathy Kubis. His godparent was Roberta Dickerson. Another was Danielle Lewis,

Brittany Green; all are children of Rhonda and John Green. Their godparents were James and Nita Fleitman.

Later Jason Brogdon, who had been baptized in another denomination, made a profession of faith and was confirmed. His sponsor was Jeff Dudley. The children over the age of seven were also confirmed: Casey, Stephanie, Johnny, Michael, and Danielle. The children who were confirmed brought up the offertory gifts. All the newly confirmed received the Eucharist for the first time as well.

The choral group provided music for the service. The social activities commission held a reception in the cafeteria in honor of the new Catholics. These new members continue on into the "mystagogia" stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation as they reflect on the "mysteries" or sacraments they have just received.

daughter of LeAnn Lewis. Her godmother was Christen Creed. Two others were Stephanie Buhrman and Ryan Los, children of Erica Monday. Their godparent was Jane Monday. Others who were baptized included Johnny, Michael, Christopher, and



Amanda Jade Russell and Michael Gregory Sofio have chosen June 2, 2001 for their wedding day. They will be married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster at 3:00 p.m., officiated by Father John Ohner, OSA. The bride-elect is the daughter of Bryan and Glenda Russell of Muenster. Parents of the future-groom are Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Sofio of Coppell and Mrs. Joanne Ballash of Las Vegas, Nevada. The bride-elect is a graduate of Sacred Heart High and is employed as an administrative assistant at HCA The Healthcare Company in Dallas. Sofio is a graduate of Coppell High School, and is the owner and chef of Rocco's Pasta in Arlington. The couple will reside at Valley Ranch in Irving.

New members inducted into NCTC Honor Society

Forty-three new members were recently inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at North Central Texas College.

Kathy Bauer, the prestigious organization's advisor at NCTC, said this is the largest single class ever inducted into the honor society at one time at NCTC. Psi Iota is the subchapter of Phi Theta Kappa that represents this region.

"We have not inducted this many new members since I have been involved," she said. "All of these students should be very proud to be inducted. They have all worked very hard to reach this goal."

Dr. Ronnie Glascock, NCTC president, said this is indicative of the hard work and dedication of the students. Dr. Glascock

himself was recently inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Hall of Honor at the regional conference in El Paso for his support of the organization.

"This is a very proud day for the students and for this college," he said during the ceremony. "These students represent the values of this fine organization through scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service."

Patsy Wilson, a retired teacher and head of library services at NCTC, gave the keynote address where she told the students the importance of community.

Following is a list of local students inducted into the Psi Iota Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society: Adrienne Bartel, James Waylen Poole, Dana Ruth Wells Lewis, Rachel Laster, and Leslie Schumacher.

Community choruses to present Schubert, Vivaldi

The North Central Texas Chorale will join with the North Texas Civic Chorus to present in concert the Franz Schubert "Mass in G" and the Antonio Vivaldi "Magnificat."

The first presentation will be Sunday afternoon, Apr. 29, at 3:00 at the First Baptist Church in Denison. Bryce Gage, a noted tenor and director of the North Texas Civic Chorus of the Sherman-Denison area, will direct this concert. Donations would be appreciated.

The second presentation will be Tuesday evening, May 1, at 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. Dr. Michael Linder, coordinator for Performing Arts at North Central Texas College and director of the North Central Texas Chorale, will direct the Tuesday concert. Tickets are available at the doors of the Muenster church or from

any Chorale member.

The Schubert "Mass in G" is typical of the German composer's style of the Romantic era. Some changes have been made in the liturgical text. The greatest omission is at the end of the "Credo."

The Italian composer Vivaldi challenges the audience with his music, the English translation of Mary, "My soul doth magnify the Lord."

Both works have been well rehearsed and should be a treat to its listeners.

It is hoped that this outreach attempt to join the two choirs would enable the public to be exposed to classical choral singing.

Admission at the Muenster concert will be adults \$7.00 and students \$4.00. The money is used solely to pay for the orchestra.

submitted by Linda Luttenhaus
Courtesy

New Arrivals

Shaffer

Neal and Leslie Shaffer of Gainesville announce a son, Dakota Neal Shaffer, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Apr. 12, 2001 at 10:33 p.m. weighing 9 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches long. He joins a brother, Neal Wayne Shaffer, Jr., age 4 years and a sister Britni Shaffer age 9 years. Grandparents are Jenni and John Hicks of Sherman and JoAnn and Weldon Shaffer of Gainesville.

Harper

Robert and Tara Harper of North Richland Hills are parents of a son, Blake Ryan Harper, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Apr. 17, 2001 at 10:56 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 14.8 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. He joins two brothers Kyle James Harper age 5 and Robert Dale Harper III age 21 months, at home.

Southerland

Jim and Penny Southerland of Kiowa Drive are parents of a son, Chance Dalton Southerland, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Apr. 12, 2001 at 1:15 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 6 1/2 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. He joins two brothers Jimmy Southerland, age 33, Thomas Hamilton, age 16 and three sisters Ginger Cravens age 31, Tiffany Hamilton age 18, and Patty Hamilton age 14. Grandparents are Jessie Southerland of Gainesville and Lanora Neville of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Simmons

Curt and Dawn Simmons announce the birth of a daughter, Mattie Alleen Simmons in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Apr. 11, 2001 at 7:09 p.m. She joins a sister, Hannah Simmons age 4. Grandparents are Norman and Diane Simmons of Henderson, Texas.



Last Thursday, the kindergarten students at Muenster ISD visited the residents of St. Richard's Villa. While the residents watched, the kindergarten students enjoyed a traditional Easter egg hunt, then sang and visited with the residents. The class prepared Easter baskets to share with the residents. Pictured from left are Tori Dyess, Abby Walterscheid and Caroline Schilling. Courtesy Photo

Parenting information kit now available at library

Parents and caregivers in the Muenster area will have convenient access to bilingual parenting information and tools through local libraries, thanks to a collaboration between KERA-Dallas/Fort Worth, the Texas Library Association, and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Visitors to Muenster Public Library will be able to check out parenting materials, which include:

- A VHS copy of "ready for Life" - An award-winning documentary produced by KERA that examines the first five years of life: how children develop an identity, form attachments, move toward independence, and learn to relate to other people.

- "Helping Families Make Their Children Ready for Life," - a discussion guide to accompany the documentary that includes summaries, family activities, discussion questions and resources.

- "Helping Baby Grow," - KERA's award-winning bilingual book, designed to be appealing to children while offering parents positive examples of parent/child interactions.

- Directions for using www.firstimpressions.org - The Web site is intended to serve as a bilingual gateway to information on the

parenting topics explored in "Ready for Life." The site provides an interactive tool with the most up-to-date and reliable resources, information and materials needed by parents and primary caregivers. Features include an interactive directory of service agencies across Texas, expert advice for parents and primary caregivers, and links to other sites where parents and caregivers can find the latest information on research, products, programs and services. "Ready for Life" is KERA's initiative to focus attention on the critical importance of a child's experience during the first five years of life.

Other "Ready for Life" resources include the Family Information Line which offers free parenting information and referrals to local parenting resources to millions of parents and caregivers across Texas through a 24-hour bilingual hotline. Texans in need of parenting services or resources can receive referrals on everything from general services - such as childcare resources or parenting classes - to more specialized resources and counseling opportunities. The toll-free number is 877-315-KIDS (5437).

Deadline nears for Day Camp

Sporting a circus theme, "The Greatest Show On Earth", Muenster's annual Cub Scout Day Camp is set for June 18-22 in the Muenster City Park. It is open to all boys entering grades 2-5.

Activities planned include

swimming, shooting BB guns, bow and arrows, arts and crafts, and games.

For more information or to sign up contact Kim Felderhoff at 759-4455 (days) or 759-2893 (evenings). The deadline to sign up is Monday, April 30.

LISD accepting transfer students

The Lindsay ISD is accepting applications at this time for new transfer students for the 2001/2002 school year. Transfer applications will be picked up at the Superintendent's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Parents of returning transfer students are reminded that the application form must be signed each year. All forms must be signed on or before Apr. 30, 2001. For more information, please call the Superintendent's office at 940-668-8474.

I want to extend sincere gratitude to the many who helped my wife, Leona when she became sick in church Sunday morning during the 8 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church, while I was playing the organ for the Men's Choir, totally unaware that she had collapsed. To Mary Lamkin who reached her side, to Herky Biffle and Herbie Knabe and the Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept. who responded to the 911 call - to Dr. Currier MD and Dr. Advincula and Beverly Fuhrmann RN and Mary Lamkin RN all who remained at her side and all the nurses of Muenster Memorial Hospital.

To all the others who helped her - only you and her Guardian Angel know - my thanks are offered. There are still many unanswered questions. Our children and their spouses stayed with her throughout the next day and night with her in the hospital.

Can you imagine my chagrin, seeing her so ill Sunday morning in the hospital?

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Team Captains' Meeting scheduled for Relay For Life

The first Team Captains' Meeting for the 2001 Cooke County Relay for Life was held at Cooke County Cooperative Association on Mar. 22. As of Apr. 13, 26 teams have registered.

The second Team Captains' meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Apr. 23, at the Culwell Conference Center at Gainesville Memorial Hospital. All Team Captains are asked to attend or send a representative for your team. This meeting will give the latest information and allow you to ask any questions you may have, and help you to get your

team organized and motivated.

For more information contact Kim at the Relay for Life headquarters at 940-759-2271, ext. 136.

submitted by Wanda Eikman,
Public Relations

Gardening

A good start in life is as important to plants as it is to children; they must develop strong roots in a congenial soil.

Vita Sackville-West

School News

MISD Freshman Force attends College Day

The members of the Muenster High School Freshman Force attended a College Day at Midwestern University on Mar. 21. The day was filled with activities designed just for the Muenster students. Chris Gore, Assistant Student Relations Director, provided opportunities for the students to observe and participate in Chemistry and Engineering Technology labs, gave them packets on how to prepare for college and life, and gave them a tour of the campus. The students ate lunch at the MSU Clark Hall. Several of the students won MSU T-shirts in contests provided by Dr. Jerry Faulk, Chair of the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program.



Michael Kendall

Kendall named National Merit finalist

Michael Kendall, a senior at Lindsay High School, has been named as a 2001 National Merit Finalist. He was selected based on scores on the 1999 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. The exam was taken by more than 1.2 million students nationwide in over 20,000 high schools. Fewer than one percent of these students were named as Merit Finalists.

Finalists are selected based on outstanding high school academic record, an endorsement and recommendation from their high school principal, significant extracurricular accomplishments, and demonstration of leadership in school and community activities.

Michael is the son of Mike and Alice Kendall and the grandson of Ed and Louise Schlad and JoAnne Kendall of Lindsay.



Dr. Jerry Faver and an MSU senior engineer student with Muenster High's Freshman Force. Courtesy Photo

Raegan Koesler honored

Raegan Koesler, a junior at Texas Tech University and a graduate of Muenster High School, was honored at a Beta Gamma Sigma induction ceremony and banquet on Apr. 4, 2001, at the McInturf Conference Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honor society recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs.

Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest national recognition a student can receive in an undergraduate or master's program in business or management accredited by the American Assembly of

Collegiate Schools of Business. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the upper seven percent of the junior class, upper ten percent of the senior class, or upper twenty percent of the graduating master's class.

The student is named by the faculty of the school. The selection not only recognizes academic achievement, but also expresses confidence in the student's ability and promise to become an outstanding business leader.

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble, but pride is what keeps us there.



Raegan Koesler

Gardening

Flowers are restful to look at. They have neither emotions nor conflicts.

Sigmund Freud

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MISD Bands to attend music festival

Sandy Lake Amusement Park will celebrate 31 years of Fun-Fest and the 6th, 7th, and High School Bands from Muenster ISD under the direction of Jerry Everett will participate in the 31st Annual Music Festival at Sandy Lake Amusement Park in Dallas. Sandy Lake will welcome over 1500 bands, choirs and orchestras during the 35 days of competition in April and May. Over 52,000 students from a five state area are drawn to the annual event. Nationally known judges give constructive help to the groups, and each group is awarded a division trophy in the contest. Directors consider the contest a learning experience since students have time and the opportunity to listen to other groups perform, along with meeting personally the world's most renowned array of judges.

A first, second, or third division trophy will be awarded to each group depending upon performance, and each classification is presented an outstanding trophy at the end of each day.

Forestburg Honor Roll

Forestburg Honor Roll "A" HONOR ROLL

- Grade 1** - Monica Huddleston, Emily Jones, Gilbert Morales, Emily Steadham, Tiffany Tipton.
Grade 2 - Alisha Beasley, Deshea Malone, Hunter Maxwell, Thad Murphy, Gregory Wilhite.
Grade 4 - Melissa Johnson, Shari Joplin, Benny Malone, Bryan Malone, Gunnar Maxwell, Alecia Parker, Chad Reynolds.
Grade 5 - Christal Malone, Meagan Scott, Kayla Weger.
Grade 6 - Randa Fain, Krista Gresham, Chelsie Vann.
Grade 7 - Ivana Darling, Cori Hayes.
Grade 8 - Kody Kunkel, Robert Phillips, Zachary Scott.
Grade 11 - Rashonda Hayes, April Phillips, Chad Ulbig.

Muenster ISD Honor Roll

Fifth Six Weeks "A" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade (Mrs. Anderle) Jimmy Abner, Tyler Anderle, Chelsey Caldwell, Jordan Fredrick, Blake Grewing, Chase Hammer, Olivia Haverkamp, Kameron Heady, Andrea Hess, Andrew Loyd, Noble Hunter, Kendall Reiter, Shane Sicking, Jace Wann, (Mrs. Danesreiter) Kayla Acuna, Kaly Wright, Dangelmayr, Lana Heers, Emily Hellman, Paige Hennigan, Cole McAden, Joseph Monday, Allison Pagel, Nicole Pagel, Chloe Schneider, River Stewart, Blake Voth, (Mrs. Fredrick) Courtney Bell, Luke Crabtree, Andi Felderhoff, Mark Jones, Dalton Koelzer, Demi Koelzer, London Presnall, Dain Schmidtkofer, Stefani Tucker, Kendra Walterscheid, Stacy Youngblood.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Heers) Dillon Bayer, Michelle Henschel, Brianna Klement, Taylor Klement, Danielle Lewis, Shane Presnall, Taylor Reiter, Jacy Steelman, Tiffany Teafattiller, Alley Trubebach, Lacey Trubebach, Garrett Walterscheid, (Mrs. Hess) Tyler Acuna, Cathy Aston, Briana Bindel, Hayley Hess, Lindsey Kelley, Devon Kubis, Spencer Nielson, Josh Voth.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Endres) Scott Endres, Shaina Felderhoff, Lia Heers, Eric Hellman, Jackie Klement, Abigail Loyd, Tyler Pagel, Derek Schmidtkofer, Corey Taylor, Diana Velasquez, Phillip Sicking, (Mrs. Popp) Jodi Abner, T.J. Acuna, Jacob Klement, Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Levi Trubebach,

Christopher Valliere, Natalie Valliere, Steven Valliere, Sara Walterscheid.

4th Grade (Mrs. Klement) Brandan Bindel, Paul Crabtree, Samantha Endres, Jordan Hiser, Elizabeth Martin, Joshua Sicking, (Mrs. Presnall) Noel Barnhill, Brandy Dangelmayr, Jordanne Hellman, John Rohmer, Tori Wright.

5th Grade (Mrs. Chism) Christina Eckart, Cletus Fuhrmann, Laura Heers, Garrett Hennigan, Kim Patel, Hillary Swirczynski, Alison Teafattiller, Lee Walterscheid, (Mrs. Hale) Caitlyn Barrett, Emily Endres, Cassie Hale, Matthew Harrison, Dillena Hundt, Alison Miller.

6th Grade (Mrs. Schneider) Matthew Abney, Brad Endres, Megan Felderhoff, Amber Fuhrmann, Evan Koesler, Zachary Swirczynski, Michael Valliere, Collin Walterscheid, Jessica Walterscheid, Krystal Wolf.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL
1st Grade (Mrs. Anderle) Daniel Fleitman, Peyton Roberts, (Mrs. Dankesreiter) Seth Bewley, Daniel Lutkenhaus, Caleb Winters, (Mrs. Fredrick) Christopher Green, Kelley, Devon Kubis, Spencer Nielson, Josh Voth.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Heers) Aaron Grewing, Derek Pagel, Kelsey Paryl, Tanner Sillion, (Mrs. Hess) Zachary Gunnels, C.J. Harrison, Jason Luke, Zachary Pierce, Will Pagel, Diana Velasquez, Phillip Sicking, (Mrs. Popp) Jodi Abner, T.J. Acuna, Jacob Klement, Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Levi Trubebach,

Christina Hale, Andrew Koesler, Pierce Morrill, (Mrs. Popp) Toby Dyess, Allen Fette, Amanda Hundt, Dustin Humphrey, Delana Sicking.

4th Grade (Mrs. Klement) Brooklyn Caldwell, Abe Fuhrmann, Kailob Miller, Madchen Moseley, Seth Pierce, Holly Rohmer, Brittany Shaw, (Mrs. Presnall) Shelby Hess, Stacie Knabe, Trey Lancaster, Jenni Luke, Johnathan Monday, Brett Morris, Derek Sicking.

5th Grade (Mrs. Chism) John Crabtree, Craig Grewing, Rebecca Grewing, Ricky Grewing, Heather Harrison, Megan Harrison, Taryn Schningoi, (Mrs. Hale) Jessica Fisher, Adam Fredrick, Cameron Gilliland, William Vogel, Lindsey Watson, Paige Winters.

6th Grade (Mrs. Schneider) Kyle Caldwell, Catherine Cox, Renee Dittfurth, Sandy Endres, Jennifer Neel, Kalyon Rohmer, Roman Vogel, Bret Walterscheid.

"A" HONOR ROLL
7th Grade - Ryan Fuhrmann, Tiffany Klement, Malcolm Martin, Leah Vinson.

8th Grade - Eric Endres, Joanna Felderhoff, Sean Fuhrmann, Clint Miller, Tara Swirczynski, Adam Vinson.
9th Grade - Melinda Walterscheid.
11th Grade - Chris Jackson, Pamela Lutkenhaus.

12th Grade - Kacie Garcia, Chris Grewing, Mary Skinner.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL
7th Grade - Noah Barnhill, Danielle Bindel, Dustin Craig,

Meagan Dangelmayr, Michael Eckart, Jennifer Endres, Katherine Endres, Kelly Endres, Travis Felderhoff, Brianna Fleitman, Jace Koelzer, Patrick Lutkenhaus, Nathan Privett, Jared Sicking, Chris Steelman, Jordan Walterscheid, Keith Walterscheid, Dustin Wimmer.
8th Grade - James Fanning, Derek Felderhoff, Lana Fisher, A.J. Fleitman, John Fredrick, Shannon Grewing, Kristen Hess, Stevie Klement, Whitney Watson, Justin Wolf.
9th Grade - Rachel Clark, Kristian Koesler, Kristi McAden, Daniel Russell.
10th Grade - Michael Endres, Richard Endres, Amanda Felderhoff, Mitch Felderhoff, Jacob Freeman, Kelly Grewing, Brady Howell, Kami Klement, Megan Lippe, Kenna Mack, Cindy Tempel, Dustin Walterscheid, Tyler Walterscheid.

11th Grade - Eric Bayer, Chisam Cain, Laura Drachenberg, Krystal Hale, Grant Hartman, Ashley Hess, Ashley Klement, Chris Luttmner, Kay Lee Price, Shanelle Spakes, Toby Walterscheid.
12th Grade - Casey Bell, Lauren Dangelmayr, Keri Felderhoff, Josh Freeman, Ami Graham, Gladys Guerrero, Megan Hennigan, Jennifer Hermes, Greg Johnson, Toby Johnson, Elliot Klement, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Mary McCourry, Dillon Sicking, Kristin Smith, Bronya Vogel.

"Baby Think It Over" experienced by Skills For Living Class

Twenty-four Skills for Living seventh and eighth grade students of Muenster ISD recently participated in a teenage pregnancy prevention program. With the use of simulated life-like computerized dolls, provided by Girl Scouts, and Muenster High School Family and Consumer Science Department, the program, "Baby Think It Over" was presented to the students over a six day period. The program was led by Girl Scout Leader, Barbara Reynolds of Cross Timbers Council. Topics covered in the program were issues dealing with making the right choices, cost of raising a child, male and female responsibilities and the commitment necessary when a teen is the primary care giver to an infant. Abstinence was the basis for the workshop.

The core of the program was a parenting simulation in which each student used a computerized infant simulator, caring for it for up to 24 hours. The infant simulator (Baby) cried at random, unpredictable times 24 hours a day and required the student to care for it by inserting and

turning a care key in its back. The care key had to be held in place from one to 30 minutes, approximating the time needed to care for an infant. The Baby also cried if held in a position it did not like or if it was roughly handled. Parents were asked to participate by offering advice during the care period and allowing the student to do the actual caring for the Baby.

The Skills for Living

Class is a Junior High Home Economics course taught at Muenster ISD by Joni Sturm. This comprehensive foundations course provides

opportunities to explore family relationships and personal development, personal management, and planning for the future. Emphasis is on the importance of the family, effective communication

skills, management skills, how to get along with others including family members and peers, decision making, acceptance of responsibility, and child care practices that

promote positive development. Other content addresses positive self-image, nutrition, wellness, personal appearance, managing multiple roles, and career options.



Barbara Reynolds, center, checks out "babies" to students Brianna Fleitman (left), Haylee Hess and Stephanie Buhrmann. The Skills for Living class at MISD participated in a teenage pregnancy prevention program. Janie Hartman Photo

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF APR. 23 - 27 SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENUS

- Mon.** - Ham and cheese on a bun, baked beans, pineapple.
Tues. - Fried chicken, rice, gravy, peas, peas.
Wed. - Crisпитos, lettuce, green beans, fruit.
Thurs. - Spaghetti and meat, corn, lettuce, applesauce, hot rolls.
Fri. - Hot pockets, ranch style beans, salad, oranges.
MUENSTER ISD
Mon. - Corny dogs, potato wedges, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, pears, brownies.
Tues. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peaches, hot rolls.
Wed. - Chicken patty sandwiches, chips, lettuce and tomatoes, carrot sticks, apples, cookies.
Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, black-eyed peas, pineapple, hot rolls.
Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, French fries, pork and beans, onions and pickles, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

- Mon.** - Tacos, pinto beans, pineapple, applesauce, bread.
Tues. - Cheese enchilada w/chili, ranch-style beans, vegetable sticks, peaches, bread.
Wed. - Hot dogs, French fries, baked beans, pears.
Thurs. - Chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, bread.
Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.
ERA ISD
Mon. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, or steak fingers, corn, tossed salad, pear half, breadsticks.
Tues. - Country fried pork steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.
Wed. - Turkey pot pie or fish sticks, black-eyed peas, mixed fruit, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie.
Thurs. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, strawberry applesauce, tossed salad, Texas toast.
Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, tator tots, trimmings, ice cream.

Bits of Wisdom

The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being successful.
 Irving Berlin

The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us.

Sports

Tigerettes tested in pre-district

The Sacred Heart softball team played two close games the past week in preparation for the TAPPS State Playoffs.

On Wednesday, Apr. 11, the Notre Dame Lady Knights came to town in a 1-0 battle. A strong defensive game by Catherine Bartush, Crystal Hess, Alicia Cochran, catcher Jana Truelsenbach, and pitcher Mary Jane Callahan gave the Tigerettes the slim victory.

Callahan faced 26 batters, striking out 9 and allowing no runs.

Offensively Sacred Heart batted 22 times, getting struck out seven, one walk, one run, and three hits.

Crystal Hess hit a double, advanced to third base on a pass ball and scored on a hit by Audrey Barnhill in the bottom of the sixth inning. Jana Truelsenbach also got a hit that drove down the third base line.

On Tuesday, Apr. 17, Sacred Heart hosted the Chico Lady Dragons. "It was a good experience against a

good pitcher," noted Coach Beth Bartush. "We got the bat on the ball, but no walks."

Callahan threw lots of pitches, striking out 12 and walking four. Truelsenbach had a good defensive game, catching a couple of pop-ups. Bartush and Hess are also credited for good defense.



Charlie Sue Switzer gets a bite out of the ball, but not a hit. Janie Hartman Photo

Sacred Heart got four hits, Callahan, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Truelsenbach, and Michelle Bayer.

A wild pitch allowed a Chico runner to score for a 1-0 final.

The Tigerettes hosted Prestonwood on Thursday, Apr. 19, and will play Nolan High School on Wednesday, Apr. 25 for warm-up games before bi-district play.

Muenster advances 11 to regional

The Muenster track teams competed at area last week, qualifying eleven athletes in nine different events.

The Lady Hornet 1600m relay won the race with a time of 4:12.71. Members were Pamela Lutkenhaus, Alisha Walterscheid, Brittany Haverkamp, and Kristie Lutkenhaus. The 800m relay team of Robyn Hermes, Megan Lippe, Walterscheid, and K. Lutkenhaus finished in second place clocking in at 1:50.18.

Other girls advancing to regional with 4th place finishes were Jami Gerstberger, 6:06.91 in the 1600m; Lippe, 27.94 in the 200m dash; and K. Lutkenhaus 64.16 in the 400m. Haverkamp's time of 64.28 in the 400m places her as an alternate.

The Hornets have four field event participants advancing to regional. Elliot Klement's discus throw of 131' 11.5" earned a second place. Muenster took second and third in the pole vault, with Derek Elliott clearing 10' 6" and Josh Freeman

10'. Greg Johnson will compete in regional in the long and triple jumps after his 40' triple jump earned a 3rd place and his 20' 2.5" long jump finished in fourth.

The Regional Track and Field Meet will be held at Abilene on Apr. 27 and 28.

Ted Heers finishes the 105th Marathon

Muenster resident Ted Heers traveled to Boston with wife Lou to participate in the 105th running of the Boston Marathon held Monday, Apr. 16 at noon. Heers qualified for the race with a 3:19.43 time at the Dallas White Rock Marathon in 1999. Monday he ran a 3:34.53 in the third largest field in history of 15,606 runners.

"It was unique and the people lined both sides of the road for the entire 26 miles," Heers said. "They look your number up in the program and cheer. I even spoke to two different runners who had run in Muenster when they worked in Dallas, and bumped into a couple from Wichita Falls who will be here again this year like always."

Heers began the race in the 6799 position and finished 5345. The winner was Bong-Ju Lee from Korea with a time of 2:09.43.



Lou and Ted Heers in Boston

ATTENTION! Coaches needed

There will be a girls softball coaches meeting on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center Restaurant. Coaches are still needed. If interested, please attend or call Nick Walterscheid at 759-4308.



The Sacred Heart Tigerettes gather in the outfield after the Chico game Tuesday. Coach Beth Bartush discusses the game with the players and assistants Kip Callahan and Annette Bayer. Janie Hartman Photo

Annual Big D Charity Horse Show set for May 3-6

The 31st Annual Big D Horse Show will be held May 3-6, 2001 at the Las Colinas Equestrian Center. All proceeds will benefit Our Friends' Place, a residential home for abused, neglected or abandoned girls and young women in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

The event will kick off on May 3 with the Milligan Fish Fry and Silent Auction. Some of this year's auction items include: Gift baskets, dinners in Metroplex restaurants, stays at local hotels, Mother's Day gift items, and other interesting selections.

Free and open to the public, the competition will begin on May 4 and will feature American Saddlebreds, Tennessee Walking Horses, Racking and Country Pleasure Horses. The 2001 Horse Show Manager is W. Russ Walther, Jr.

General admission to all events is free. Reserved seats are available through the purchase of a six-seat "Big D Box" for \$190 or an eight-seat "Lone Star Box" for \$250. For more information on the show, call 972-612-8007.

Bits of Wisdom

The most important six words: "I admit I made a mistake." The Most important five words: "I am proud of you."

Victories that are easy are cheap. Those only are worth having which come as the result of hard fighting. H.W. Beecher

Good eye! Alicia Cochran watches the ball go past in Sacred Heart's game with Chico. Janie Hartman Photo

Quail Appreciation Day

The latest developments concerning the management of bobwhite quail will be presented during a special "Quail Appreciation Day" on Apr. 26 at the Lampasas

County Farm Bureau Building, then at the Paul Culp Ranch in the afternoon.

Topics include quail ecology, habitat management, and the "Quail Decline Initiative," now before the Texas Legislature.

For more information contact Mike Mallett at 512-556-8271.

T-Ball Application

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Sex: M ___ F ___
 What grade will you be in next year?
 Birthdate ____/____/____
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 Alternate emergency call, other responsible person:
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 Physician _____ Phone _____

Fill in your child's T-shirt size
PARENTAL PERMISSION (please read carefully)
 I give my child permission to participate in the summer T-ball program and I will assist in observing the rules and regulations set up for the league and I will stress to my child that he/she also observe the same rules and regulations. I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of my child and I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of sickness or accident. In case of sickness or accident, I authorize the calling of a doctor and/or providing the other necessary first aid or medical services at my own expense. I also will not hold the Muenster KC Chapter responsible for any accidents afflicted to my child while playing or practicing the sport of T-ball.

Applications are due April 27, 2001

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Local girls are Mavericks' 2Ball champs



Delana Rohmer and Kristin LeBrasseur

Kristin LeBrasseur and Delana Rohmer brought home the girls 8-9 Division 2001 Dallas Mavericks' NBA 2ball Team Championship last Friday.

Kristin and Delana, along with Colby Richey and Nolan Hartman won the North Texas area 2ball competition in March, advancing to the Team Championship at Reunion Arena on Friday.

The NBA 2ball competition took place on the court prior to the Dallas Mavericks - Sacramento Kings game. Each contestant was given a NBA 2ball uniform, two complimentary tickets to the game, and two meal vouchers. The local competitors also toured the Mavericks locker room and met with several players. The Mavericks won 101-97.

One team per division participated from four areas, North Texas, West Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Colby and Nolan also participated, but were eliminated.

From a pool of all 29 team championships, the highest scoring Eastern Conference NBA 2ball Team Champions and the highest scoring Western Conference NBA 2ball team champion from each category advanced to the National Finals.

Also attending the 2ball competition and Maverick game were Jon and Monica LeBrasseur, Terry and Lisa Rohmer and family, Brenda Green, Kenny and Rhonda Hartman, and Joanie and Alvin Hartman.

Knights advance to Regional

Sixteen Lindsay Knights advance to the Regional Track and Field Meet after dominating the Area Meet last week.

The Knights tallied a total of 221 points, towering over second place Celeste with 80 points. Trinidad followed with 70, Collinsville 55, Era 46, and Boles 42.

The following are Regional qualifiers from Lindsay, their placing and times earned at Area:

3200m Run: Mitch Creed, 2, 10:41.4; Brandon Schroeder, 3, 11:07.3; Phillip Fleitman, 4, 11:16.4.

800m Run: Sam Hellinger, 1, 2:11.0; Phillip Fleitman, 2, 2:13.4; Mitchell Ward, 3, 2:14.4.

400m Relay: Adam Anderle, Travis Alfrey, Nathan Bruce, Rhett Rimmer, 1, 44.25.

110m Hurdles: Skyler Shauf, 1, 15.2; Adam Anderle, 2, 15.24.

400m Dash: Travis Alfrey, 1, 51.42; Preston Henry, alt., 55.76.

300m Hurdles: Skyler Shauf, 1, 41.18; Adam Anderle, 3, 43.86; Chuck Hinds, 4, 44.65.

1600m Run: Brandon Schroeder, 1, 4:45.7; Mitch Creed, 3, 4:55.6; Michael Kendall, 4, 4:56.4.

Shot Put: Brad Minnix, 1, 47.75.

7.5"; James Almon, 3, 46' 1.5"; Josh Goldsmith, alt., 42' 6.5".

200m Dash: Nathan Bruce, 4, 23.93.

1600m Relay: Skyler Shauf, Rhett Rimmer, Preston Henry, Travis Alfrey, 1, 3:28.3.

Discus: Marcus Dennis, 2, 124' 9"; James Almon, 3, 123' 2"; Brad Minnix, alt., 111' 8".

Long Jump: Chris Horner, 2, 20' 2"; Preston Henry, alt., 18' 9.5".

Triple Jump: Preston Henry, 3, 40' 11.25"; Chris Horner, alt., 37' 10".

Pole Vault: Jonathan Klement, 1, 10' 6"; Dominic Fuhrmann, 4, 8' 0".

Registration is now in progress for b'ball camp

Final registration is now being held for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp for boys, ages 8-19 and girls, ages 10-19. Camp locations include Commerce and Fort Worth.

For an evaluation form call 704-568-6801.

Rashae competes

Rashae Dangelmayr, 8 year old daughter of Mike and Kerry Dangelmayr, has completed the spring gymnastic season by competing at the Oklahoma State Meet. She is a Level 6 gymnast competing in the 8-9 year old division of USA sanctioned gymnastics. This is her third year of competition.

She trains three days a week at Gym-ettes in Thackerville, Oklahoma and is coached by Joëtte Duvall. During the last two months she has also been training several days a week at Nation's Gym in Denton.

To compete in the state competition, Rashae had to qualify on vault, uneven bars, beam, and floor at required regional meets. She qualified at her first Level 6 meet in Yukon by winning the All-Around. Other meets were held in Ardmore, Norman, and Durant. She placed first in all events and won the All-Around in Durant. At the state meet, held at

Dynamo's Gym in Oklahoma City, she placed on bars and beam. This placed her sixth in the All-Around.

Rashae also competed at gymnastic meets in other states this past season. At World Olympic Gym in Plano, she placed second on beam. At meets in Denver, Colorado and Shreveport, Louisiana she placed first in all four events and won the All-Around trophy. She, along with her coach and several teammates, also traveled to San Diego, California for an exhibition meet. While there, they went to see the ocean, visited San Diego Zoo, and Disneyland. Accompanying her to Shreveport were her parents and grandparents.



Rashae Dangelmayr

Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr, and Benny and Mickey Haverkamp.

She plans to continue training this summer at Nation's Gym in Denton. For next season she will move up to a Level 7 optional.

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Muenster Junior High Ends Successful Year

The M.I.S.D. coaching staff would like to congratulate the Junior High Hornets on a very successful athletic year. This year's success started with football, we were able to field a seventh grade team and these boys played very well. The Seventh grade team finished the season with a 2-2-1 record. Many of these players also contributed to some important victories for the Eighth Grade team. The Eighth Grade Hornets had a very good football season as well; these Hornets were able to capture a share of the district title with a 3&1 record and a 5&3 record overall.

Basketball season was also a success for the Hornets. The Seventh Grade team finished with a 5&4 record with two of those losses coming to a very good team from Lindsay. The Eighth graders were undefeated district champions for the second year. These boys have compiled a junior high record of 25&3 with two district championships and two Muenster Junior High Tournament Championships. All three of this group's losses have come at the very competitive Ponder Junior High Tournament.

The Junior High Hornets have also been successful in Track & Field. The Seventh graders were able to win the team championship at three of the four meets that they competed in this year. Included in these championships were hard fought victories against Lindsay at the Sacred Heart Meet and against St. Jo in the District Meet. We were also able to win the Eighth Grade District Championship. These Hornets competed well all season and were able to put their best efforts of the season together for the District Meet.

As coaches we are extremely proud of the selfless attitudes, determination and hard work of all these athletes. We are equally proud of them for their accomplishments in the classroom. The majority of these young athletes are excellent students and they have been very instrumental in numerous District Academic Championships won by M.I.S.D. The entire community can be proud of the achievements of these young student athletes.

Muenster Junior High athletes for the 2000 - 2001 school year are:
7th Grade: Greg Price, Nathan Privett, Travis Felderhoff, Derek Endres, Malcolm Martin, Ryan Hennigan, Ryan Fuhrmann, Dustin Wimmer, Michael Eckart, Kit Morrill, Jordan Walterscheid, Keith Walterscheid, Jose Velasquez, Dustin Craig, Keaton Haverkamp, Chris Steelman, Noah Barnhill, Casey McAden, Patrick Lutkenhaus, Jared Sicking and Aaron Yosten.

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Texas, US previously faced foot-&-mouth disease threat

The United States has faced the foot-and-mouth disease threat before, and eradicated it from its soil.

Nine outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease occurred from 1870 to 1929. In all but two outbreaks, relatively small numbers of animals were involved, and foot-and-mouth disease was eradicated and quarantines were lifted within a few months, said a veterinarian with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the College of Veterinary Medicine department of large animal medicine and surgery.

"The outbreaks which began in 1914 and 1924 were very extensive," said Dr. Bruce Lawhorn. "Texas and 21 other states were affected in 1914."

The 1914 outbreak required the slaughter of 204,741 cattle, swine sheep and goats. More than 22,000 in the 1924-25 California outbreak were slaughtered due to extensive foot-and-mouth disease in this wild population (2,279 deer showed lesions), Lawhorn said.

A minor California outbreak in 1929 from waste food off-loaded from a cruise ship and fed to livestock was quickly controlled and eradicated. Foot-and-mouth disease virus-contaminated meat scraps from a South American country was the cause, he said.

"After the eradication efforts of the 1929 outbreak, the foot-and-mouth disease quarantine notices that every American recognized became a thing of the past," Lawhorn said.

"The U.S. continues to be free of foot-and-mouth disease but threats of the disease by North American neighbors have come several times."

Canadian livestock officials reported foot-and-mouth disease for the first time in February 1952, but due to quick and efficient work, that country was placed on the list of countries considered free of foot-and-mouth disease by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on March 1, 1953.

In December 1946 in Mexico, the U.S. was put at risk by an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, or aftosa, as it is commonly called in Latin America. Even though the northern most Mexican states remained free, within a year or less, the disease had spread extensively throughout Central Mexico, posing a severe threat to the southern U.S. border states. The American Mexican Commission for the Eradication of Aftosa was formalized April 2, 1947; and through the considerable and combined efforts of both countries, foot-and-mouth disease was eradicated and Mexico was given free status in September 1952.

This effort required the slaughter of nearly 1 million animals plus the manufacture and use of nearly 60 million doses of foot-and-mouth vaccine, Lawhorn said.

"Another foot-and-mouth disease outbreak occurred in 1953 and it was not until Dec. 31, 1954, that restrictions on the

importation of livestock from Mexico were again lifted," he said.

For the first time, the U.S. had undertaken an animal disease eradication effort with another country.

This was a remarkable achievement; prior to this, only the U.S., United Kingdom and Denmark had been successful in the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease from their own soils. The aftosa campaign was the birth of U.S. involvement in international activities to control exotic disease of animals, Lawhorn said.

Homer Faseler of Raymondville, Texas, who served as a chief livestock inspector during the aftosa program in Mexico, said, "I like to take pride in the fact it was one of a few government programs funded to eradicate foot-and-mouth disease, and then it was disbanded. Our job was done and everybody went home, so to speak."

This international cooperation included the isolation and identification of the Mexican foot-and-mouth disease virus (type A virus) at the Virus Research Institute in Pirbright, England. Early in the aftosa campaign, the U.S. also helped establish and cooperated with a group of vaccine production facilities near Palo Alto, outside of Mexico City.

The lack of a secure foreign animal disease laboratory in the U.S. and the close proximity of foot-and-mouth disease in Mexico became a real concern to U.S. scientists and animal health officials. These concerns led to an important development that has positively impacted our nation's biosecurity during the last 45 years, Lawhorn said.

In 1948, serious Congressional deliberation eventually led to the creation in 1956 of the USDA high containment, foreign animal disease laboratory at Plum Island, off the eastern tip of Long Island, New York.

"The Plum Island laboratory, with its excellent staff of veterinary scientists and support personnel, has given the U.S. the ability to rapidly diagnose potential foreign animal disease cases that might threaten our nation or other free areas in North America," Lawhorn said.

"Rapid diagnosis and containment efforts are the lifeblood for elimination of these threats, if such diseases are introduced," he said.

"Considering that foot-and-mouth disease may have been present in the United Kingdom for up to three weeks prior to being diagnosed, and knowing how that lag time may have contributed to extensive spread of the disease, the ability of our nation to rapidly recognize and eliminate such threats cannot be over emphasized."

Faseler said he believed the aftosa campaign helped pave the way for the eradication of screwworms and other cooperative programs. "I think the screwworm program wasn't entirely contingent (on the aftosa campaign), but some of the logistics and inspections were straight out of the aftosa book."

"One can't help wonder, what if the U.S. had never had the cooperative experience of the aftosa campaign? How well would we be prepared to diagnose and contain such foreign animal disease threats like foot-and-mouth disease?" Lawhorn asked.

Cattlemen provide opportunities for ranchers

Pat Grote, president of Texoma CattleWomen, has recently announced that the Texas CattleWomen will again be providing an opportunity for 27 young ranchers (ages 19-39) to participate in the 2001 Texas A&M Beef Shortcourse in College Station. The process to locate worthy applicants in the area to each receive a \$450 Young Rancher's Scholarship to this prestigious event has already begun. The \$450 will be given to the selected young ranchers to offset their tuition and travel costs to the TAMU Beef Shortcourse in August 2001. Interested candidates

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Texas crop, weather report

District Extension Director Charles Neeb said producers are being invaded with weeds on their pastures. "Everyone is just waiting to see what the grass is going to do after the recent rainfall," he said. Small grasses are beginning to appear. "Producers are beginning to prepare land for spring planting."

District Extension Director for Central Texas reported that soil moisture is adequate. Grain sorghum planting is underway in drier areas. Some wheat fields are water-logged, delaying planting for most crops. Bermudagrass is starting to grow.

Texas wheat producers are expecting reduced yields due to late planting, but a cool, wet spring is improving the outlook for the crop. Wheat yields are below average across the state, with much acreage being grazed out or cut for hay and silage.

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