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Work is progressing at the site of Muenster Lake as equipment digs out the "back drain" of the dam. The drain, 40-foot wide at the bottom located on the backside of the dam, will take care of any future seepage. Below - Heavy equipment works on the

topside (north end) of the cut-off trench in the center of the dam. The "center" will be replaced with good material for constructing the dam.

Janie Hartman Photo



Rohmer's displays KMB Achievement Award

Muenster was presented the Governor's Community Achievement Awards in San Antonio on July 12 at a luncheon attended by more than 600 delegates from all over Texas. Present to receive the award on behalf of Muenster were President of Keep Muenster Beautiful, MaryLee Alford and Carl Alford. Anita Perry, wife of Governor Rick Perry was present to help present the award and was the guest speaker.

The Governor's Community Achievement Award will be displayed during the annual Keep Muenster Beautiful membership meeting at Rohmer's at 8:00 a.m. this Saturday. This award was won by the citizens of the Muenster community who

participated in cleanup and beautification efforts from May 2001 through May 2002.

This award could not have been won without the concerted efforts of many who participated on the KMB Board of Directors, on committees or helped in other capacities. At the annual meeting Saturday, special recognition will be given to deserving individuals, organizations and businesses that helped Muenster win this prestigious award and another \$65,000.00 for the community.

Those interested in cleaning up and beautifying their communities may call KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL at 1-800-CLEAN TX.

CCAD completes tax roll certification

By Janet Felderhoff
As announced at the July 18 meeting of the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) Board of Directors, the CCAD finished hearing all scheduled property valuation protests and certified the tax roll Tuesday, July 23. This certification is necessary before the taxing entities can set their tax rates. The amount of taxable property in Cooke County is certified at \$1,560,090,617.00 according to Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson.

There were 1,400 protests filed, but only about 25% of them were actually heard by the Appraisal Review Board (ARB). Some of these were settled before the hearings and others simply did not show up for their hearing and others withdrew.

Hearings were scheduled every 15 minutes. The last two days, hearings were scheduled two every 15 minutes just to try and fill the times, said Smithson.

A proposed budget has been prepared for the CCAD and a Public Hearing set for Thursday, August 8 at 7 p.m. in the CCAD building. The CCAD budgets in two parts - Appraisal and Collections. Smithson said that the proposed Appraisal budget of \$725,150.00 is up about 1.019 percent from last year and the Collections proposed budget of \$196,750.00 is up about five percent. A decision on the proposed budget will be made after the Aug. 8 public hearing.

Smithson said the increases are due mainly to See TAX ROLL, Page 3

County updates personnel policy

Employees of Cooke County will no longer have a cap on the number of sick days that they can accumulate. This change was approved at the July 22 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court, along with several other amendments to the County's Employee Personnel Policy.

Currently there is a 240-hour cap on the Sick Leave. Employees accumulate eight hours each month and if they don't use any can acquire up to six weeks of paid time off for an illness or to take care of a family member with an illness. However, if they don't use any sick leave after 240 hours they lose any leave time that they would be accumulating.

"The employees who never take Sick Leave really wind up losing if they have a catastrophic illness," remarked Judge Bill Freeman. "After five or six weeks they're off the payroll other than using their vacation time or whatever time they've got coming. The people who use their Sick Leave every month or two never gets limited any way. Actually what we're doing by putting a cap on the Sick Leave Policy is punishing the employees who are really good and conservative with their Sick Leave that might get sick or might have family members sick where they have to have off for a long period of time. This will allow them to build some more time."

Commissioner Bill Cox said he would like to see a cap. Freeman said that there is a cap if the person is terminated, quits, or retires. They don't get to cash it in at that time.

Commissioner Phil Young inquired about the possibility of a sick leave pool where employees can transfer sick leave to a pool for use for sick employees who have used their time. Parrish and Freeman both replied that from what they'd heard from other counties with the pools it wasn't a good thing to do. "The counties I've talked to said that before they'd have another sick leave pool, they'd take the cap off of sick leave," commented Judge Freeman.

A person has to work 30 months without a day off sick before they max out the 240 hours. "If they're working that long without taking a sick day they're a pretty good employee," Freeman reflected.

Judge Freeman offered the scenario of an employee of 10 years who hasn't taken a day off and becomes sick or whose spouse becomes ill and needs his or her care for a long time. "Basically if he's sick after 30 (work) days he's off the payroll and he's off of insurance," he said. "You've got a guy who's worked diligently for you for years, now are you going to tell him after 30 days, 'Sorry buddy you've worked hard for me, but you're out on the street; we're not going to

pay your insurance for you either, by the way? I'd just hate to see us have an employee for 20 years and wind up with them losing their insurance and salary and everything for a catastrophic illness."

Commissioner Young said he hated to see abuse. Parrish said that there is abuse of the policy, but that can't be stopped and those people aren't building up any sick leave anyway.

There were a number of other changes, but the Sick Leave Policy was the major change.

Commissioner Jerry Lewis, County Auditor Gloria Parrish, and County

Judge Bill Freeman had recently met with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) representative Gerald Schroeder to discuss the Employee Personnel Policy. Schroeder made suggestions to clean up language and bring policies up to compliance with insurance, or state and federal regulations. Judge Freeman noted that about 99% of the changes were as recommended by TAC. The amendments to the Personnel Policy were unanimously approved as written.

Judge Freeman said that after all the changes are See PERSONNEL, Page 3

Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees accused of micromanagement

by Dave Fette
About 30 residents of the Lindsay Independent School District attended a special meeting of the District Board of Trustees Monday night to voice their disapproval of the Board's close scrutiny of Superintendent Winn's management of facilities maintenance. The comments were included in a public forum on the meeting agenda. The Board heard many requests to modify the recent long list of facility deficiencies given to Winn and "back-off" their pressure to have them corrected on a strict timetable. Former Board member Earl Cunningham read a letter to the Board. The letter is re-printed on page 2 of this issue.

Lindsay ISD Board president, Danny Nortman, thanked everyone in attendance for their comments and concern. He emphasized repeatedly that the Board of Trustees was working for the good interests of the school and community, and that the documentation concerning facilities maintenance was meant to provide a guide for Mr. Winn, as well as follow the advice of their legal counsel. Nortman kept order throughout the meeting to allow everyone to be heard.

Betsy Fleitman commented, "Most of these discussions have been held in closed session. We, as voters, don't know your thoughts and we don't know just where you stand. Please hold your discussions in public."

Donna Hess suggested



Lindsay ISD Superintendent Travis Winn conducted a walk-through inspection of deficiency items listed by the Lindsay School Board. All problem areas that needed repairing, cleaning or painting were completed to the Board's satisfaction on schedule. More problem areas are due for inspection on Aug. 11.
Dave Fette Photo

that she felt there was a personal agenda behind the Board pressure on Winn. She said the Board needed training to better understand their legal responsibilities.

Melinda Dieter asked the Board to move forward in a positive manner. "What kind of example are we showing our kids?" she said. She was disappointed that there had been no budget hearings yet, and that the misplaced priorities were just "band-aids on old issues." Dieter decried the bad publicity that the Lindsay District received and challenged the Board to "get their focus back, set policy, and let the

administration administer the District." That comment brought applause from the audience as did Donna Hess's suggestion for some volunteer work days to help fix some of the listed problems.

Milton Ward asked if the Board was going to stick to their requirement that every purchase for every little fix had to have at least two bids?

After some discussion, but no real answers, Nortman responded "We're not lawyers and this is not a perfect document (referring to the list of deficiencies and time-table), but I promise we'll get through this. We had a positive discussion

and he (Winn) agrees." Nortman is also concerned with the spirit in the community and the divisiveness.

Several members of the audience again expressed that they wanted to help out and would sign a waiver to free the school district from insurance liability.

Board member Damian Krahl said concern over liabilities governed their discussions in closed sessions and the warning about the superintendent's possible termination was information for the employee's benefit since Winn is an employee of the School District.

See LINDSAY ISD, Page 2

Stenholm, Counts and Ritchie to speak July 29

The Cooke County Democrats will meet Monday, July 29, at 6:15 p.m. at the Smokehouse in Lindsay. Everyone is invited to visit with U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm from the 17th District. He is the Ranking Member of the House Agriculture Committee in the U.S. Congress. Also, at the meeting will be David Counts, who now represents all of Cooke County as State Representative for District 30. Boyd Ritchie, Young County attorney, is newly elected at the Texas Democratic Convention in El Paso as Democratic Committee Chair for District 30, a representative to the State Democratic Committee.

Also invited and hopefully persuaded to attend is Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, John Sharp, former State Comptroller, Austin. Candidate, David Counts, Knox City, will give some of his campaign highlights as incumbent for State Representative. He is now Chairman of the Texas House Natural Resources Committee, part of which is in the Homeland Security measures.

Earlier in the day, Stenholm and Counts will be at the Gainesville Civic Center from 4 - 5 p.m. They will lead discussion on agriculture issues and on Texas water resources. Everyone is welcome to attend one or both meetings.



The Lindsay Junior High classroom north wall received a facelift and cleaning as part of the School Board's emphasis on maintenance and preparation for back to school. Dave Fette Photo

LINDSAY ISD

Donna Hess emphasized that they wanted everyone working together.

Betsy Fleitman introduced the idea of simply omitting the last sentence, the statement that failure to accomplish the listed repairs may result in termination. Nortman replied that the Board would take it under advisement as he responded to many requests during the meeting. Winn said he was happy to have all the discussion in public.

A long discussion ensued concerning when the Board started telling Winn about their concerns, the history of the issue, and his previous all satisfactory evaluations.

Fleitman said she had requested an action item - not a public forum - and she wanted the line about termination taken out of the document. Nortman said they could not vote on the modification as the agenda and Board policy would not allow it. They must protect the school district and they would consider the request. After more discussion, the audience agreed they did not see anything positive taking place. Fleitman said, as a voter and taxpayer, she wanted to poll each member to know how they really felt about the document. Nortman said they spent a long time on the document and would not alter it at this time. Cunningham suggested since it was signed during closed session it may be illegal. Milton Ward asked that the Board

seriously consider their letter and move on.

Winn asked to speak and thanked the people for their support and interest. "If I am to be gone, then let it be for the best of the students. You seven (the Board) need to tell me what you want and let me have some dignity in accomplishing it. But if it is not to be me here, then don't treat the next man the same."

Lou Ann Spaeth had agreement from several in stating that it was not the specifics of the list, but the way the whole thing was handled that was bad. She suggested slow, deliberate progress, not an all-at-once ultimatum.

Scott Fleitman asked for another special meeting to vote on modifying the document and the Board agreed to meet again on August 5 at 7 p.m.

Other items during the meeting included:

- Checks to pay bills were approved.

- Cody Hess requested delay on some of the deficiency list repairs on playground equipment so he could do repair and repainting as an Eagle Scout Project. That was approved.

- A walk-through inspection of several items on the list due for repair showed all satisfactorily complete.

- Winn requested modifications of several repairs in order to do them in a more timely or efficient manner and the Board approved.

Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Parade set for Saturday, August 17

The 22nd Annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Homecoming will be Saturday, Aug. 17. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Forestburg School building.

Trophies will be presented in the following categories: Judges Trophy -- Best All Around, Riding Clubs, Individual Horse Rider, Floats, Commercial and Business, Antique Automobiles, Antique Farm Equipment, and Miscellaneous. "Patriotism" is the theme for this year's parade.

Participants in the parade

should be at the west entrance of the school by 10 a.m. or shortly after to receive identification tags and be aligned. Anyone can participate in the parade; however, to be considered in the judging for a trophy, entry forms must be returned to Charles Edwards, 410 FM 1655, Forestburg, Texas 76239 by 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16. Anyone desiring

additional information may write to the above address or call 940-964-2289. Activities following the parade include a lunch served at 11:30, \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under; exhibits, music, entertainment, games, retail booths, etc. throughout the day and a rodeo at night. There will be free watermelon to eat all day long.

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Letter presented to the LISD Board

Lindsay I.S.D. Board of Trustees: July 20, 2002

During the last months, several issues have occurred that caused many concerns about our school. Our concerns lie not with one person or with maintenance issues. We do not appreciate the recent negative publicity in the local newspapers. Our real concern, however, is the Lindsay Board of Trustees over stepping their authority and interfering with the day-to-day operations of the school.

Currently our exemplary school district has a good working relationship with St. Peter's Church, operate within the budget approved by the board, and maintains a greater than 95% attendance rate. Our students enjoy a strong UIL program and a good athletic program. This is in addition to a dyslexic program not like that of any other. We have a good Special Education program, Pre-AP Classes, Dual Credit Classes, Advanced Placement Courses, and a wide vocational program. With all of these positive attributes, why does the school board feel it is necessary to interfere?

School is scheduled to begin in less than 4 weeks. The administration and staff need to be concentrating on the coming school year. But instead, many long hours have been diverted because of the board's micromanagement. At this time, there has been no budget adopted, no tax rate set, and many important preparations for the fall are not done. Is this good for our students? Is this good for our school? We think not! The recent actions of the board are setting a precedent that would prevent any administrator from functioning efficiently. If the board is successful in running off one administrator because of a personal agenda, it puts those that follow in a very vulnerable position. Future administrators will serve with the question hanging over them, "Will history repeat itself?" No one can work well under this cloud of uncertainty.

How can we do better? What can we do to improve the situation?

The school board needs to allow the administrators to administrate, the teachers to teach, and the staff to do their duties. The board needs to set policy. Leave the education of our students in the hands of our educators. The students need a secure, structured environment in which to learn. School board members, we feel your actions are not acceptable and are asking you to reconsider the path you have taken.

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Sunday, July 28, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, July 29, 2002 State Rep. David Counts, Cong. Charlie Stenholm speak at Gainesville Civic Center, 4-5 PM	Tuesday, July 30, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Story Time, Muenster Public Library, 10:30AM Grief Seminar, 6-8 PM, Home Hospice Office	Wednesday, July 31, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, August 1, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Postmark deadline to order trees from Keep Muenster Beautiful	Friday, August 2, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, August 3, 2002
Sunday, August 4, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, August 5, 2002 Muenster High School 1st day Football Practice, 1st day Cross Country Workouts City Council Meeting, 7 PM	Tuesday, August 6, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, August 7, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center TDH Immunization Clinic, Cooke Co. Elec. Co-op, 9-11 AM C of C Board Meeting, 5:30PM	Thursday, August 8, 2002 Kiwanis Swim Night 7-9 PM	Friday, August 9, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, August 10, 2002

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Sales tax holiday Aug. 2-4

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that the annual Sales Tax Holiday is coming up August 2-4.

"Start making your shopping list for school clothes for the kids and new clothes for mom and dad," Comptroller Rylander said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday, most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes."

Rylander estimates Texans will save \$42 million in sales tax during the three-day Sales Tax Holiday, including \$33.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.8 million in local sales taxes.

"I believe Texans will once again take full advantage of

this well-deserved tax break to make their dollars go farther as they shop for a new school year," Rylander said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday, shoppers save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on qualifying clothing and footwear."

The savings from Texas' three Sales Tax Holidays thus far total approximately \$108.2 million, including an estimated \$85.3 million in state sales tax and an estimated \$22.9 million in local sales taxes.

"That's \$108 million that Texans have been able to keep in their pockets for their families' priorities," Comptroller Rylander said.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 2-4 include kids'

clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, slippers, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family, as long as the items are priced under \$100 each.

Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and apparel that are not normally street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

"I asked the last legislature to expand the Sales Tax Holiday to include backpacks, school supplies, baby car seats, bicycle safety helmets and other safety gear for our most precious resource - our children," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also want to extend the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days. Texans don't need a three-day traffic jam. This must be a priority in the next legislative session."

No Texas community has opted out of the Sales Tax Holiday this year. To opt out, a city, county or other local taxing entity must notify the Comptroller by March 31.

Anthony Luke dies

Anthony T. (Tony) Luke died suddenly Wednesday morning at his home. Exact time of services were unavailable at press time. The obituary, photo, and article will be printed in next week in the Muenster Enterprise.



Classical Wizard of Oz - The Butterfield Stage Players, under the direction of Thom Talbot, are presenting the timeless favorite, The Wizard of Oz, this weekend at the State Theater in Gainesville. Pictured on their way to the Emerald City are, from left, The Tin Man (Shane Stoddard), Dorothy (Connie Richardson), The Scarecrow (Martin Richardson) and The Cowardly Lion (Arturo Garcia). Performances have been extended to Aug. 3 and 4. All shows start at 7:30 P.M. Call Butterfield Stage, 665-8152, for tickets. Dave Fette Photo

COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

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incorporated, he will have copies printed and distribute them to the employees.

County Clerk Evelyn Walterscheid presented a list of names of people who were suggested by the Republican and Democratic parties as election judges and alternate judges for the November 5 election. She said that all presiding election judges, with the exception of Precinct #34, are Republicans and the alternates Democrats. The Democrats submitted Tom Wood's name as an early voting judge, while the Republicans didn't submit a name for early voting judge. They will need a representative by the time voting begins.

Commissioners Court unanimously approved the list. It is printed on page 4.

It was a unanimous vote that salary will remain the same as last election, which is \$6 an hour plus an additional \$25 for the presiding judge. This is the maximum amount allowed.

Commissioners also approved the County Clerk being able to give permission to hire up to two additional people per precinct, as needed for the election.

Cooke County's 2003 holiday schedule was approved. It includes the following 12 paid holidays for employees: New Year's Day Wednesday, Jan. 1; Martin Luther King Day Monday, Jan. 20; President's Day Monday, Feb. 17; Good Friday, April 18; Memorial Day Monday, May 26; Independence Day Friday, July 4; Labor Day Monday, Sept. 1; Veteran's Day Monday, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28; Christmas Eve Wednesday, Dec. 24; and Christmas Day Thursday, Dec. 25.

Purchasing new carpet was approved for the County Judge's office. Freeman said that he attempted to have the carpet cleaned. This resulted in the carpet

turning loose at the seams. It is a possible safety hazard should someone get a toe caught, he said.

Roads in the Woods at Mountain Spring Subdivision located in Precinct #2 were accepted as county roads and are now known as CR 2261, CR 2262, and CR 2263. According to Commissioner Cox, the subdivision was accepted in 1997, but the roads have just now been brought into compliance with County standards by the subdivider. It required \$85,000 of improvements.

Cox said that nothing much was happening until Judge Freeman wrote a letter notifying the subdivider that the County would step in and use the subdivider's money to get things done if they didn't. That's what these bonds and Letter of Credit are for," said Freeman. "Everybody that's planning a subdivision in Cooke County needs to understand that the roads are going to be fixed or the bonds are going to be forfeited."

Other business addressed at the July 22 meeting included:

- Approve Temple See COUNTY, Page 4

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increases in postage and health insurance rates, and some salary.

It was announced that business manager Judith Barnhill had resigned to take a position at Muenster Memorial Hospital. A replacement has not yet been found. She agreed to work at both places until July 31. Her last official day was July 15.

In the Chief Appraiser's report, Smithson told the Board that there were about 176 checks still out standing from the Muenster Hospital District rollback refund. He said that Barnhill will take the rollback information with her when she goes.

"I'm very pleased. Everything in the rural area has been mapped," said

Smithson. He added that Pioneer Valley is completed and work is being done at Lake Kiowa. About 30% of in town Gainesville needs to be done. "I've had other people coming from out of town that go to other appraisals districts around and they would say that we're superior to most appraisal districts around here," Smithson noted. "We have surpassed Denton, Grayson, Montague - probably Collin County is the only county that is ahead of us because they have the capability on the Internet. They can pull maps up and plat houses on the Internet in Collin County."

All Board members were present at the July 18 meeting.

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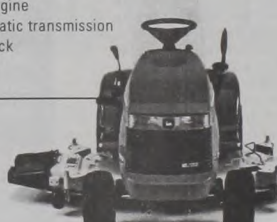
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Texans experience Nova Scotia

On Friday, July 12, forty people left for a ten day trip to Nova Scotia. Most of the trip was funded by a grant from Exxon and was planned by Experiential Education in Truro, Nova Scotia.

The trip began with a frenzy of suitcases being loaded onto a school bus. Once the luggage was on board, and the travelers loaded, the adventure began. Shanna Haverkamp, deftly delivered everyone to DFW. After leaving DFW, the next stop was Toronto. Bags were checked, customs cleared and on to Halifax. All of the bags arrived on time except Barbie Felderhoff's bag had to take a side trip to New York, and then to Boston before arriving. However, with the generosity and help of fellow traveler and roommate Julie Steelman Barbie survived just fine until the wayward bag arrived. The travel weary group arrived in Halifax about 10 hours later. Gail Goodwin, owner of Experiential Education, met the group and put them through their paces for the rest of their trip.

The first day in Nova Scotia was spent touring the city of Halifax, and a visit to the Museum of Natural History where a few brave souls were fed a diet of barbecued mealworms. Mealworms are very low fat and are high in protein. Next was a visit to Peggy's Cove. This little fishing village has a population of 64 and scenery that must be seen to be believed. There are several stories of how this place earned its name, but no one knows for certain. The seaside here is comprised of Devonian granite left by the last ice age. Next came a trip to Lunenburg where the rum-runners, in business with Al Capone, operated during prohibition. While in Lunenburg some of the travelers took part in launching a ship at the Nova Scotia Fisheries Museum. Everyone was treated to a "Trot-in-Time" Buggy Tour. Just ask any of the travelers about the

Lunenburg Bumps or a dory.

July 14 was spent at Owen's Natural Park panning for gold, hiking, and touring natural sea caves. This had been the site of a gold rush in the late 1800s. The sea caves have names of "Cannon Cave, Thunder Cave" and several are un-named. The caves were named for the sound the water makes when it strikes the back of the cave. Later everyone enjoyed Risser's Beach. Some went looking for sea shells, a few tried swimming in the 10 or 11 degree water (Celsius), while others just enjoyed lying on the sand and laughing at the swimmers because their noses were turning blue.

July 15 was spent in Tiverton for a whale watching trip on the Bay of Fundy. There were no whales because of an unusually cold spring. There were harbor seals sunning themselves and puffins flying around Debra Tobin, one of the world's leading authorities on right whales took time out from a right whale rescue to accompany the group. After a picnic lunch at the base of a lighthouse, Debra autographed her book *Tangled in the Web*.

Tuesday provided a look into Canada's beginnings with a trip to Annapolis Royal or Point Royal. The group had a guided tour through an Acadian habitation. At Grand Pre, more was learned about the plight of the Acadians and the Evangeline Trail. Finally the group was able to find Gail some sabots. She had been asking for them since the start of the trip. It was a great relief to have those sabots. If you need aboiteaux, the students on the trip can help.

Tom Valliere discovered that one of his ancestors named Michael Valliere was one of the original Acadians in Canada. The group toured the first tidal powered generator plant. The power station takes advantage of the unusually high tides in the Bay of Fundy.

July 17th was a trip back in time to the Ice Age. At Mastodon Ridge in Stewiacke everyone was halfway between the equator and the North Pole. The students had to tour the museum and fill in worksheets (can you believe worksheets on vacation?). Now it's time for a tour

though Stewiacke Wildlife Refuge. After a refreshing ice cream and a game or two of putt-putt golf it is time for tidal bore rafting on the Shubenacadie River! The Bay of Fundy is one of the few places in the world where you can raft on a tidal bore. The tidal bore is caused by the extremely high tides and huge amounts of water trying to enter the bay. The waves reached a height of 8 feet as the backlash of the incoming tide met the river water and sand bars. The group all survived although Elaine Koesler did take an unexpected trip out of the boat and into the river. Everyone agreed tidal bore rafting was the best part of the trip.

Day 7 was a trip into a coal mine. The students experienced some of the conditions in the coal mines and were able to mine for coal. Then it was back to the beach and a tour through Ottawa House. Here there was time for beach combing and a wiener roast. As the group toured the Ottawa House they were treated to more ice cream. The Bay of Fundy Geological Museum was next. The travelers made sample cards of minerals and rocks in the area, and a necklace (pronounce neck lace by the Canadians) of agate. Now if that wasn't enough for one day, Gail found a Mi'kmaq lady making jewelry from porcupine quills. Gail convinced her to teach the group how to make bracelets from quills and beads. The group toured Truro, the headquarters for Experiential Education, and visited pieces of the Berlin Wall brought back by a Truro businessman.

The next stop on the trip was P. E. I. (Prince Edward Island), the home of *Anne of Green Gables*. The bus crossed an 8.4 mile bridge across the Northumberland Strait. The Confederation Bridge is an engineering marvel. It is high enough for ships to sail under and is strong enough to withstand collisions with icebergs. The cost for a bus to cross was \$212.00 and \$43.00 for a car. The travelers had their first taste of Cow's Ice Cream and P. E. I. fries. After lunch, there was a quick visit to Green Gables and the Haunted Woods. Cavendish beach on Saint Lawrence Bay was the next stop. The water here was much warmer, at least 15 or 16 degrees Celsius. The last activity of the day was a



Muenster ISD students and parents pose for a picture in apparel for tidal bore rafting.

Courtesy Photo

trip to the theater in Charlottetown to watch a wonderful musical production of "Anne of Green Gables."

Day 9 finds the travelers on a seventy-five minute ferry ride back to Nova Scotia. This day was spent visiting the Halifax Citadel. The Citadel was built to defend against the French and those upstart Americans. There was never a shot fired from the Citadel. The students were dressed in kilts and pinafors and ushered off to school to perfect their penmanship. Of course there was a break for physical education. Next was a stroll on the waterfront in Halifax and a meal, then a visit to the cemetery of the victims of the Titanic. Later in the evening most of the students gathered in one room trying to answer questions about Nova Scotia science and history that they had "experienced" on the trip. For each correct answer students were rewarded with a postcard.

Too quickly the trip was coming to an end. It was time to make preparations to return home. On the bus at 4:00 in the morning, forty Texans were singing the song "Farewell to Nova Scotia" and vowing to return. There were many sad farewells to Gail and her assistant Diane at the Halifax airport. New experiences were awaiting the group at the Toronto airport however. Elaine Koesler was searched at every check point, and Jessica Walterscheid experienced a through search as well. But finally, all forty boarded the plane

home. All luggage arrives (this time), it is collected and placed back on the bus we left on 10 days earlier. Jerry Everett drove a bunch of bleary eyed "blue-nosed" travelers safely back to Muenster. Goodbyes were said and the group members returned to their homes for a well deserved rest.

This town can be very proud of the way the students represented Muenster. All of the guides made comments on how well behaved everyone was and how well they listened. Jerry and Gerri Eckart, Gail, who has been arranging trips for 22 years said she would put this group in her top 5 schools. This delightful group consisted of 25 students and 15 adults. The students were Kristi McAden, Julie Steelman,

Candice McCrary, Megan Felderhoff, Jessica Walterscheid, Christina Eckart, Noel Barnhill, Michael Valliere, Brad Endres, Zachary Swirczynski, Evan Koesler, Joe Coleman, Matt Beaver, Josh McAden, Matthew Abney, Kyle Caldwell, Joseph Cowden, Chad Endres, Michael Eckart, Chris Steelman, Noah Barnhill, Dustin Wimmer, Kit Morrill, Casey McAden, Keith Walterscheid, and Dustin Craig. The accompanying adults were Jerry and Gerri Eckart, Beckey and Larry Scott, Tina and Troy Lutkenhaus, Tom Valliere, Joyce Abney, Audrey Morrill, Connie McAden, Barbie Felderhoff, Leigh Hale, Elaine Koesler, and were Kristi McAden, Julie Steelman.



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Courtney Reilly to be honored at SMU

Courtney Marie Reilly, a freshman at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Reilly, of Algonquin, Illinois, and granddaughter of Marcie Klement of Muenster and the late Rody Klement, has been named to the honor roll for the past two

semesters. To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must achieve higher than a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

She has been accepted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at SMU. The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is a highly selective, national, nonprofit honors organization, recognizing first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically. The Society stresses that with scholarship, comes a responsibility to develop leadership, and a duty to perform service.... develop leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility.

Courtney Marie Reilly is a 2001 graduate of Jacobs High School in Algonquin, Illinois.



Courtney Reilly

Lindsay Franciscans Fraternity holds meeting

Members of the Lay Franciscan Fraternity of St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay met on July 17 in the home of Mary Ann Arendt. The meeting opened with the Song of St. Francis "Image Of The Lord." Prayers were led by Theresa Hermes, and traditional prayers were said in unison. Scripture, Phil. Chap. 3 vs. 8-14 was read by Mary Ann Arendt. Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$3,091.81 on July 11. A donation of \$200 was sent to Bishop Stephen of Alleppy, India. A donation of \$20.00 was sent to India to the family sponsored by the Lindsay Lay Franciscans. A gift of \$50.00

was given to Fr. Eugene Luke OSB who left for Subiaco Abbey on July 15.

A guest at the meeting was Fr. Lambert Liekam from St. Francis Village in Crowley. He spoke, giving a description of St. Francis Village and the work they are doing; and told of many places where he has traveled, and extended to them an invitation to visit St. Francis Village for a Sunday Mass, and their meeting at 2:00 p.m. He complimented the fraternity for the conduct of their meeting, then gave a special blessing.

Closing prayers and adjournment followed. The hostess, Mary Ann Arendt served dessert of pie and ice cream, with coffee.

Free photography contest

The International Library of Photography announces that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Muenster area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Sept. 30, 2002. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

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Bertha Hamric, far left, was honored by the Muenster Historical Commission, with the planting of a Bur Oak tree at the Muenster Museum. Bertha was surprisingly notified during the July Historical Commission meeting last week Thursday. The tree will be a lasting reminder of Bertha's spirited devotion in the creation of the Muenster Museum in the Centennial year.

Janie Hartman Photo

Benedictine College lists honor students

Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas has announced its honor students from the Spring 2002 semester. Included are two students from Muenster, Valerie Bartush named to the President's List and Andrea Bartush, named to the Dean's List. Valerie graduated summa cum laude this May with

highest honors. (Note her graduation story in this paper). Andrea Bartush, sophomore year at Benedictine. She maintained a 3.56 grade point average with a double major of psychology and history. At present she is employed for the summer on campus.

Cole Kubis is one!

Cole Kubis was honored by his parents, Ronnie and Cathy Kubis and his two brothers Casey and Devon, with a party for his first birthday on June 23 at Sycamore Lake. His actual birthday was June 19. The birthday cake and decorations featured the theme of "Rolie, Polie, Olie."

Special guests were grandparents Roberta and Rocky Dickerson of Muenster and Gilbert and Rosina Kubis of Lindsay. Also Aunt Theresa Pougé of Lindsay; Uncle and Aunt Chris and Candice Kubis of Muenster and their daughter Alaina; Uncle Mike and Aunt Coy Lynn Kubis and their son Trevor of Gainesville; Uncle John Moster of Muenster; Uncle Donald Dickerson of Muenster; and a group of friends.

A buffet of pick up foods, and dips were served, followed by birthday cake and punch. Pictures, games, and visiting made it a fun event.



Cole Kubis

Valerie Bartush graduates from Benedictine College

Valerie Jean Bartush graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas on Saturday, May 11, 2002. She is the daughter of John and Lanie Bartush of Muenster. Commencement exercises began at 11:00 a.m. in the Ralph Nolan Gymnasium. Valerie received a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in English, with highest honors, Summa Cum Laude, maintaining a grade point average of 3.94 in a possible 4.0 ratio.

On Friday, May 10, at 4:30 p.m. a Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated in St. Benedict's Abbey Church in honor of the graduates by celebrant and homilist Most Rev. James P. Kelcher, Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas. Sacred music was provided by the Chamber Singers. After Mass, Valerie, her parents, brothers and sisters, Grandmother Bartush, and Uncle Rick and Aunt Cindy Del Olmo enjoyed dinner at a favorite restaurant in Kansas City.

Valerie received various awards for her literary works. She was editor of



Valerie Bartush

Loomings, 2002, a magazine of the arts, published by students from Benedictine College. *Loomings* is an Associate Collegiate Press First Class magazine. Valerie also practiced and enjoyed her hand in calligraphy. She was also named on the President's Honor Roll all semesters of her college career.

Attending the ceremony on Saturday for Valerie were her parents; her grandmother Mary J. Bartush of Muenster; her brothers John, Bob and Joe, her sisters Andrea, Rose, Charlotte and Ginger; her Aunt Cathy Otto of Muenster, Aunt Cindy and Uncle Rick Del Olmo of Chicago, Illinois; her Aunt Janice Zordell and cousins Joy and Martin of Russell, Kansas; four friends from Denton, Becky Endres, Laura Klement, Jessamy Sicking, and their classmate, Missy; also three friends from Muenster, Paul Swirczynski, and cousin John Klement of Muenster, and Scott Poole of Muenster.

After the ceremony on Saturday, Valerie, along with six of her graduating friends hosted a reception for many friends, family members, teachers, and professors. They served a bountiful spread of ribs, casseroles, homemade desserts and other foods.

At present, Valerie is working in a Kansas City restaurant. In September, she will begin a ten month commitment to Americorp in Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School.

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Baptisms

Eldridge

Major Alan Eldridge was baptized on July 21, 2002 by Deacon Pete at St. Ann Catholic Church in Coppell. He is the son of Curtis and Vicki Eldridge and the baby brother of Morgan of Flower Mound. Godparents were Major's uncle and aunt, Steve and Yvette Kimborowicz of Tioga.

Used at the baptism was a blanket, hand-crocheted by great-aunt Martha McDaniel of Indiana, which was also used at Morgan's baptism. Attending the ceremony along with his parents, sister, and godparents were the grandparents, Peggy Walterscheid of Muenster and Ed and Phyllis Eldridge of Highland Village. Also present were uncles, aunts and cousins: Tim, Ramona, Kelly, Lisa, Derek, and Travis Felderhoff; Glenn, Jean, Melinda, and Collin Walterscheid; Mel, April, Amber, Cole, Allie, and Kody Walterscheid; Lloyd Walterscheid; Mark, Carol, Rebecca, and Blake Grewing all of Muenster.

After the baptism, everyone gathered at the honoree's home for visiting,

food, and picture taking. After gifts were opened, a special baptismal cake was served.

Hudspeth

Lindsay Elizabeth Hudspeth, four month old daughter of John and Sharla Hudspeth of DeSoto, Texas, was baptized on July 21, 2002 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Dallas, Texas, officiated by Deacon Don Forbrich. Godparents were an uncle James Hudspeth, and an aunt Shelly Moore.

Lindsay wore a baptismal gown brought back from Belgium by her maternal grandmother Dr. Judy Johnston on a recent trip there.

Following the Baptism the families gathered at the home of Robert and Judy Johnston for a brunch.

Lindsay's grandparents are Daniel P. and Paulette Hudspeth, and Dr. Judy Johnston of Dallas, and James Moore of Tool, Texas. Great-grandmothers are Clara Walterscheid of Muenster, Frances Hudspeth of Gainesville, and Effie June Moore of Tool, Texas.

Local students, teachers attend Farm Bureau events

Kevin Lutkenhaus and Nathan Smith attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 39th Annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo.

Approximately 350 high school students from over 150 Texas counties attended the event. "The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system," noted Demp Knight, Cooke County Farm

Bureau President. The students also participated in a "Congressional Insights" program, which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Several guest speakers addressed those attending and the students also participated in a panel discussion on "our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility."

Glenda Ward, teacher with the Callisburg ISD at Woodbine Intermediate School attended the Texas Farm Bureau's Summer Agricultural Institute at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. The purpose of the institute is to provide elementary school teachers science-based information, hands-on training, and resource material about agriculture to be used in the classroom. Cooke County Farm Bureau feels this is an excellent way to help our local teachers incorporate new agricultural education into their classrooms.

Top students shine at Texas Tech University

Texas Tech University has announced it's honors list for Spring 2002.

Earning a place on the Dean's List and enrolled in qualifying semester hours completing his junior year, Chad Alden Felderhoff, son of Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff of Muenster, has maintained a 3.68 gpr in a possible 4.0. He is majoring in Agribusiness and will graduate in May 2003. He is a graduate of Muenster High School.

Named to the President's List at Texas Tech is Kelly Ann Felderhoff, daughter of Tim and Ramona

Felderhoff. She is a senior majoring in Finance and has maintained a perfect grade point average of 4.0. A graduate of Muenster ISD, she will receive a Master's Degree in May, 2004.

Also from Muenster, Raegan Ann Koesler, daughter of Rudy and Martha Koesler, and a graduate of Muenster ISD, has been named to the President's List, with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She is majoring in General Business and is a senior. She will graduate in May, 2003.

Diabetes In-DEPTH provides total training

Individuals with diabetes are now able to receive comprehensive training in diabetes self-management through Gainesville Memorial Hospital's "Diabetes In-DEPTH" - Diabetes Education Program for Total Health.

Scheduled for August 3 and 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., this comprehensive two-part series will be taught by GMH dietitians Lucy Krahl and Kathie Robinson and certified diabetes educator Joan Walterscheid, RN. Both sessions will be held in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center at Gainesville Memorial Hospital.

"Diabetes In-DEPTH is ideal for newly diagnosed patients or for those who need improved control or a better understanding of their diabetes," according to Krahl.

Participants will receive two days of group training, individual sessions with Joan and Lucy, two follow-up sessions, a free

glucometer and personal instruction notebook. A nutritious lunch will be provided both days, giving participants firsthand training in meal planning.

Topics will include: Nutrition - meal planning, carbohydrate counting, Medication - oral medications, insulin therapy; Monitoring - keeping on track, reaching target goals; Staying Active - exercise, foot care and weight control; and Coping Skills - stress management, getting help.

For information and questions, call Joan Walterscheid at 940-759-2395 or Lucy Krahl, 940-612-8340.

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New Arrivals

Carroll

Meagan Carroll announces the birth of her little sister, Marissa Mae Carroll in Plano at 8:02 a.m. on July 1. Marissa weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Wayne and Deborah Carroll of Carrollton.

Marissa's grandparents are Herman and Gwen Carroll of Muenster and Walter and Marilyn Clements of Wichita Falls. Great-grandparents are Lois Pinkston of Muenster, Aurelia Cummins of Graham, and Katherine McCarley of Norman, Oklahoma.

Schumacher

Mark and Paula Schumacher of Dalhart, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their son, Justin Lee Schumacher. Justin was born on Monday, July 8, 2002 at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Justin weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long. Justin's proud big brothers are Clayton, age 6 years, and Travis, age 3 years.

Maternal grandparents are Cass and Sue Reasor of Burns City. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Florence Schumacher of Gainesville.



Marissa Carroll

Dangelmayr

Jack and Denise Dangelmayr announce with joy the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jessica Dale Dangelmayr. Jessica was born Thursday, July 18, 2002 at 4:37 p.m. in Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman. She weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann of Lindsay and Betty Dangelmayr of Muenster and the late Albert Dangelmayr.

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