

CCAD reviews budget

By Janet Felderhoff
Directors of the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) met on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson had the CCAD's Preliminary Budget ready for the Board to review. It is the Board's goal to have a budget hearing scheduled for mid August. It will be sent to the taxing entities in the county and they have 30 days to indicate their approval or disapproval. The budget must be completed by Sept. 15.

Board members questioned the increase in employee health insurance. Smithson told them that the insurer plans to increase rates on Oct. 1 by 20%.

Discussion was held on merit raises versus across the board raises. Mac Barnhart and Leon Klement said they preferred the merit system. Auditor Mike Edgin added his approval. Smithson noted that has been the method for the last three years. Job evaluations occur in January and raises are determined on merit at \$250, \$500, or \$750 increments.

Mathis, West, Huffines & Company CCAD's audit firm had representative Mike Edgin attend the meeting to report on the audit done in May for the year ended Dec. 31, 2001. He said the CCAD received an "unqualified" opinion, which means a good report.

Edgin presented a compilation report on the old County Education District (CED), which died

in 1991 or '92. "This is not an audit, it's not a review, and we're not expressing any type of opinion. This is the minimum required by Texas Education Agency (TEA) which still oversees the successor and interest to the County Education Districts that haven't been abolished through time," he explained. He said he was talking with Smithson about abolishing this one since it is a cost that must be passed back to the school districts.

Smithson said that it is surprising, but money still trickles in from the CED. As of Aug. 31, 2001 the cash balance was \$4,150.00 and delinquent taxes of \$66,000.00 total assets net of that \$23,000.00. He said school districts would have to buy their share of the receivable balance. Any delinquent taxes collected from it after they buy back their share will go directly to the school district it belongs to. Letters will be drafted and sent to each school district. Abolishing the CED was not on the agenda and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Edgin discussed some items in the letter distributed by the audit firm to all Board members. He noted that the note on the building purchased by CCAD had a balloon payment due on March 6, 2004. He suggested looking at refinancing it earlier rather than later due to the rates being reasonable, especially for a tax-exempt entity.

Business Manager Ruth Barnhill reported that of the 4,100 tax refund checks sent out by April 1 for the Muenster Hospital District, only 216 were still outstanding. The total amount left unclaimed is \$12,000.00. It is hoped that these will all be cashed by August 1, she said. It was announced that Smithson, Barnhill and Peggy Moore would attend the MMH Board meeting on June 25 to explain CCAD's part in the refund process.

Smithson reported, "I've been pleased with the appraisers and what they've got accomplished this past year including the number of appraisal notices that we mailed out this year versus last year. As of to date we're up to about the same number of protests we had last year. This week is the final week. Everybody waits to the last week." Tuesday, June 25 was the deadline to file protests on any increase in property appraisals.

It is hoped that the certified roll be ready by July 19. County-wide the property values have increased by 12%, said Smithson.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for July 18. In other business addressed at the June 13 meeting of the Cooke County Appraisal District the Board:

- Approved the Chief Appraiser to authorize bids for the selling of surplus equipment.
- Heard that Brenda Ing was hired for the Collection Department.



Angela and Marie Wimmer cool down in the Muenster swimming pool Wednesday afternoon as humid, hot temperatures remain in the 90s with no relief of rain. The girls are the daughters of Randy and Linda Wimmer. Janie Hartman Photo

County Commissioners hear complaints; honor state winners

By Janet Felderhoff
County Judge Bill Freeman asked those present at the Monday, June 24 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court to observe a moment of silence in honor of a faithful and long-time county employee Evelyn Walterscheid whose husband, Donald, passed away over the weekend.

A number of county residents took advantage of the opportunity to express opinions at the meeting. Each was limited to five minutes. Patrick McCage, Patrick Schully, and Kyle Nix asked the County Commissioners not to purchase the 53 acres near

their residential areas for the purpose of building a new jail. They expressed several reasons they thought it wasn't a good idea.

Steve Schmitz presented a history of rate values for each entity in the county, which he'd gotten from Doug Smithson at the Cooke County Appraisal District. "It's really grown in the last five years," he said of the tax base and the rate taxed at. "In 1997 y'all were able to tax one billion dollars on property in Cooke County and in 2001 it grew to \$1.4, that's a 40% increase in the tax base in four years. The rate went from 40 cents to 43 1/2

cents. So it almost increased 10%. It's working like it should not work. As values go up rates go." He said you should be rewarded when you get growth.

Schmitz said that the 2002 tax base had grown to \$1.6 billion and asked that they take that into consideration when they set the tax rate.

"The status of the contract on the land at this time is basically a moot point," explained Judge Freeman when asked about the status of the 53 acres the county was to have purchased. "The contract was contingent upon a change of zoning which did not happen so basically there is no contract at this time."

Judge Bill Freeman presented plaques to several state winners from Muenster. Honored were members of the Sacred Heart Girls' Softball Team and their coach, Beth Bartush for winning their second State Softball Championship; Sacred Heart Boys' Track Team and their coach, Dale Schilling for winning the fifth State Track Championship; Sacred Heart Girls' Track Team and Coach Dale Schilling for winning three 15th State Track Championships; and Muenster Hornets U.I.L. Team of Muenster High School and Coaches Jerry and Gerri Eckart for winning the State U.I.L. championship with a total

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Lindsay ISD holds special meetings

By Janet Felderhoff

A special called meeting of the Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 24. The agenda called for discussion and appropriate action relative to retaining the law firm of Hayes, Coffey & Berry, and P.C. to provide legal advice on various matters as determined necessary by the Board. It was reported that the firm was hired with the Board voting five in favor and two against (Wayne Fleitman and David Arendt).

Although no Public Forum was listed the public present were allowed to express opinions.

An Executive Session was listed for the purpose of consulting with an attorney for "Legal advice relative to the continued employment of the superintendent for the Lindsay Independent School District." And to discuss the superintendent's contract.

It was reported that no action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Another Special Meeting has been called for today, Friday, June 28 at 5 p.m. in the School Library. There are a number of items on the agenda including a Public Forum, a walk through tour of the facilities, compilation of facility deficiencies list, consideration of two local policy changes, and an Executive Session for deliberation regarding employment, evaluation, etc. of employees (construction of Superintendent Growth Plan), and possible action on the Executive Session.



Want-to-be future cheerleaders stare in awe as two Hornet Cheerleaders demonstrate a chant at the Muenster Hornet 20th Annual Mini-Cheerleading Camp this week. There were 112 participants, including four junior high squads attending the camp. Pictured are, from left, Kaitlin Hesse, Abby Pagel and Adrien Rohmer. See pages 11 and 13 for more camp pictures. Janie Hartman Photo

Facilities slammed at LISD Board meeting

By Janet Felderhoff
"Lindsay ISD's current program for facilities maintenance and repair and janitorial services is inadequate. Employee surveys, campus visits by the Committee members and interviews with maintenance personnel indicate that numerous major problems exist in these areas. We believe the Lindsay superintendent has the ultimate responsibility for maintenance and repair and janitorial problems and should be accountable for the overall condition of the facilities in the Lindsay ISD," states the Lindsay ISD Board Maintenance/Facilities Committee in its report summary.

Members of the committee were Richard Connett, Damian Krahl, and Carol Conaway. They volunteered for this service at the May Board meeting along with Danny Nortman. He dropped after it was discovered that four would be a quorum and not legal. It was the committee's objective to identify ways to improve maintenance on the LISD campus, including both janitorial services and facility upkeep and repair. To do this they looked at the Board, Administration, Budget, and Maintenance

Department to determine how each of these is functioning currently in regard to maintenance issues. This information was analyzed before making their recommendations to the Board at the June 17 meeting.

A survey with nine questions was placed in the mailboxes of employees with the exception of maintenance personnel who were interviewed

personally. About 50 were distributed and 32 were completed and returned. Anonymity was allowed and names kept confidential if supplied. A place was supplied for comments.

Richard Connett said, "It was kind of hard to summarize some of these things. A lot of them had a lot of different comments. Some would fill out parts of the things. Some would fill out the whole thing."



This water-damaged ceiling is just one of the maintenance concerns being addressed by the Lindsay ISD Board. Although there are many replacement ceiling tiles on hand, no action has been taken toward repairs. Courtesy Photo

Asked whom they thought was responsible for janitorial services and repair of facilities 15 said superintendent, 2 principal, 6 other, 2 maintenance director, and 1 Board.

Requests for maintenance work were reported to principal 14, other 6, superintendent 2, and maintenance director 1.

Asked if requested work was completed in a timely manner, 8 said yes, 13 no, and 4 other. To are services adequate? 13 answered yes, 9 no, and 1 okay. Do you feel facility upkeep and repairs are adequate in your room or office? 8 said yes and 15 no.

Grades were given by survey respondents with A=excellent, B=adequate, C=less than adequate, and D=failure. Maintenance employees received 10 As, 5 Bs, and 2 Cs. Maintenance director received 3As, 4 Bs, 9 Cs, and 6 Ds. Superintendent was given 7 As, 4 Bs, 8 Cs, and 4 Ds. The School Board got 8 As, 7 Bs, and 1 C.

Connett assembled a list of 79 random comments to share. He said he would have had to type for several days to list all of the comments. "Of this 79 listed here 15% were positive or in favor of the existing

conditions and 85% were to the negative," he remarked.

Comments ranged from positive such as "Mr. Simmel A+++ This man works constantly. Very good." "Nell is doing a good job. Bobby is tops." "Responsible parties are performing their jobs appropriately." "Janitorial in high school is excellent." to indignant "The Board's time and effort are not needed in this area." "You hire administrators to do a job - let them do it." This kind of paperwork does not encourage teachers at all. "Get real - Find something better to do with your time." to despondent, "Appreciate effort from the Board, but nothing will help unless it comes from the top." "Elementary is dirty - teachers have given up hope that things might get better."

Some of the other comments included:

- So many things are not done. All we do is talk about them.
- I believe the superintendent should be responsible for maintaining the facilities. We are too small for a maintenance director.
- Things are let go

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indefinitely. We have some things that were reported two years ago that are not fixed.

- Make repairs when it needs to be done, not two years from now.
- Takes forever to get something done.
- We don't know who to notify about problems.
- Bathrooms in gym lobby and at football field need attention and made ready when we have activities. These areas are such an embarrassment to LISD when they are not clean for guests.
- Elementary smells like urine a lot.
- Dripping ceilings are hard to ignore. Bad smells are uncomfortable.
- Simmel does a wonderful job. You need to keep Alexander away from him. He keeps him from getting his work done.
- Elementary restrooms are nasty.
- Elementary is very dirty. Same for the cafeteria.
- Buildings are clean, AC and heat works - we don't have problems, quit trying to make them.
- Need someone in elementary who knows that you should use hot water and soap and disinfectant - not cold water with a dirty mop.
- We shouldn't have to leave notes to get anything done by janitorial staff.
- Superintendent's job to see that Alexander is held accountable.
- Have heard reason that things don't get done is the Board won't give needed funds.
- Mr. Winn is supposed to be our leader, but what or who can make him lead?

Of the 32 surveys returned, eight were from elementary, eight from middle school, 10 from high school, and six from other. Seven people saw maintenance of facilities as improving, 19 as declining, and three as staying the same.

A maintenance director, David Alexander, and his staff, Bob Simmel and Nell Johnson, handle maintenance at LISD. The maintenance staff cleans the high school and middle school. Kessler Cleaning Service of Gainesville comes in five evenings a week during the school year to clean the elementary building and cafeteria. A part-time lawn man does mowing, etc. after school hours and contracted help comes in after football games and track meets. Also during summer vacation months one or two additional people are hired for maintenance work.

Damian Krahl commented on the survey, "One person did not fill out the survey, but on the right side said it was not our job to get involved and that was the best survey of the whole one. We should have just brought it up and said that's the way it is, but you know what, those going to? If things are wrong then something needs to be done and that's why we got involved at all.

"The old saying is a picture says a thousand words. We went around and took several pictures." The Committee went to the LISD campus Saturday morning before the Board meeting and did a walk through taking pictures of things needed repairs,

cleaning or other attention. He displayed three poster boards of photos they had taken.

Krahl pointed out a urinal in the elementary boys' bathroom. He said there had been a lot of discussion from parents around town whose sons' shorts rust stains were ruining. It was discovered that a urinal was the cause. It was supposed to have been sanded and primed, but Saturday was still rust covered. Most of the toilets in the girls' restroom aren't even attached to the floor. One had water shooting six inches up when flushed and getting on the floor, he said. "Those of you who have walked around campus can see all those things," Krahl noted.

A bucket sits under a sink in the cafeteria and Krahl said it has been there for a long time. When it gets half full the staff dumps it. Calking and glazing around many of the windows is completely gone.

On the middle school girls bathroom wall stall is a multitude of graffiti. The boys' bathroom has a broken stall that has been in need of repair all year. Cleanliness is an issue.

There is a window in the new high school with moisture inside from a broken seal. The men's bathroom by the gym hallway has one stall for visitors to use and it has no door. One sink was removed and never replaced in the bathroom. In the visitors boys' dressing room cola or something has dripped down into the locker room and not been cleaned. A storage facility on the football field has rotted areas. This was pointed out during last summer's Board walk through. These were only some of the points brought out.

"Really as we toured the whole place it just got worse," remarked Krahl. "I was really surprised at the condition of a lot of things - and troubled to be honest. This is what our kids go through every day and what our public sees and hopefully we can fix some of this."

Krahl pointed out that in the elementary boys' bathroom is a stall with no divider between the two toilets. "My kindergarten son came home one day and said, 'Dad, you know what? We can fit six kids in there to pee at one time.' That's something that needs to be done."

According to the Committee report plant

maintenance expenses have increased every year since fiscal 1995-96 when it was \$145,958.00 to \$245,967.00 in 2000-01. In 1995-96 Supplies and Materials cost \$16,012.00 and in 2000-01 they cost \$31,378.00. Conaway said that was a 50% increase in supplies and materials. Professional or contracted services saw a 35% increase during the same period.

"Our budget has definitely increased dramatically and that's why I went to some of the purchasing categories to look to see what I could find, went through returned checks to see what I could find," said Conaway. "The main thing I identified is the director of maintenance is still doing the bulk of maintenance purchasing even though I thought we had made it clear that we wanted all purchasing through the central office. When you get into the invoices there are no purchase orders that I can find from the maintenance department. Our policy says we have to have a purchase order system in place on all purchases." She also noted that the invoices don't define how much was charged for materials and how much for labor.

"We found stockpiles of supplies," said Conaway. She described soap dispensers purchased, but never installed, more deicer than could be used in several years, filters for air vents (it was reported that the filters now up need replacing), etc. Conaway said that these things aren't new purchases, but from several years ago.

After hearing the Summary the Board went into Executive Session. Action taken when they reopened the public meeting was to approve the five transfer requests as recommended by Principal Metzler.

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Krahl reports on Workshop held by MISD Board

By Janet Felderhoff

At the June 17 regular meeting of the Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees, Damian Krahl gave a synopsis of the Board workshop he attended at Muenster ISD. Superintendents Winn and Clyde Steelman, and all of the MISD Board members attended it. The main thing talked about was Board climate, running meetings, and ethical behavior of board members, running meetings, commitment to service. "The main focus of the whole thing was the care of the children of the District to do everything for their student success," Krahl said. He shared handouts with fellow board members.

An employee appealed to the Board because her request for extended sick leave was denied by the administration according to LISD policy. Winn said that approved, then Board Policy needs to be changed to reflect that. "She has some circumstances that were unforeseen," he explained, "She has some circumstances that she made a decision to go ahead and do some absences and I think she was well aware of that. At this point in time it is my recommendation that we don't approve it."

Personal days without pay were taken about what was allowed. "Leave without pay is not really fine," remarked David Arendt. "When a teacher leaves we are leaving our students with, at best, a substitute teachers and at worst sometimes a babysitter. ... Limit the days to what is justifiable and humane because when they are taken advantage of our kids suffer. A substitute is never as good as the teacher."

It was a consensus that

the Board Policy is liberal with the leave policy and that a change wasn't required. Teachers were wanted in the classroom. The appeal was denied.

Lindsay ISD Principal Jerry Metzler presented an updated enrollment report for the 2002-03 school year. It is anticipated that there will be 10 more students than last year. An enrollment of 478 is expected. He also said that teachers are attending many workshops.

In the Superintendent's report, Travis Winn updated the Board on information he received from a USDA specialist from Montague County. He recommended redistributing the dirt to create a crown for drainage. This would have to be done after the last football game this season.

Bus needs were discussed. Superintendent Winn noted that the Board might want to consider vans versus mini buses for transportation. The government has already prohibited car dealers from selling new vans to school districts. Used vans can still be purchased. They are unstable when fully loaded. Anyone driving a minibus must have a chauffeur's license.

In other business and with all members present the Board:

- Hired Sharon Hermes as a fourth grade teacher as recommended by Metzler. Are still looking for high school Spanish and Math teachers. Gordon Martin was hired and will teach Science.
- Approved 6-0-1 Management Information Systems Software and Support Service Agreement for 2002-03 from the ESC XI in Fort Worth.

City Council Agenda

MEETING DATE - July 1, 2002

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, July, 2002.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on June 3, 2002.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on policy for utilization of meeting room at Muenster Public Library.
2. Consider and act on amendment of City Code 10-2-2-3E concerning "Existing Mobile Homes"

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department purchasing 5 Aluminum Cylinders
2. Consider and act on Park Board recommendation to adopt ordinance for Muenster to become a "Tree City U.S.A."
3. Consider and act on Stephen Gilliland engagement letter to perform audit of city financial records for fiscal year 01-02.
4. Receive report on TNRC March inspection of wastewater plant.
5. Receive status report on City projects.
6. Information review of budget summary.
7. Review and act upon monthly bills.
8. Adjourn

Wanted

Enrollees for Basic Computer classes
 (first time users)
Classes start Thursday, June 27th and run for seven consecutive Thursdays.
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Sunday, June 30, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM St. Peter's Homecoming Picnic, Lindsay Park	Monday, July 1, 2002 City Council Meeting, 7:30PM Bereaved Parents / Grandparents Support Group Mtg., 7:00PM, Home Hospice Office	Tuesday, July 2, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Seminar, 6-8 PM, Home Hospice Office Story Time, Muenster Public Library, 10:30AM	Wednesday, July 3, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 AM, Cooke Co. Elec. Co-op C of C Board Meeting, 5:30PM	Thursday, July 4, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM INDEPENDENCE DAY FLY YOUR FLAGS! 	Friday, July 5, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, July 6, 2002
Sunday, July 7, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, July 8, 2002 VFW Meeting, 8:00PM	Tuesday, July 9, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Seminar, 6-8 PM, Home Hospice Office Story Time, Muenster Public Library, 10:30AM	Wednesday, July 10, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center C of C Breakfast Meeting, 7:30AM, Rohmer's Restaurant	Thursday, July 11, 2002	Friday, July 12, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Kiwanis Swim Night, 7-9 PM	Saturday, July 13, 2002

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Donald Walterscheid 1929 - 2002

by Elfreda Fette

Donald "Donnie" Walterscheid died at St. Richard's Villa at age 72 at 4:40 a.m. on June 21, 2002.

Mass of Christian Burial was offered in Sacred Heart Church by Father John Ohner, OSA, pastor, on Monday, June 24 at 1:00 p.m.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1929 to Conrad M. and Rosie Kleiss Walterscheid, the fourth of their nine children. He attended Sacred Heart School and Cooke County College. A member of Sacred Heart Parish, he belonged to Muenster Council, Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph's Society, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving in the Korean War. He was a farmer and rancher, and employed as an oil field pumper. On May 14, 1955 he married Evelyn Pelzel in St. Thomas Catholic Church in Pilot Point. They have resided in Muenster their entire married life.

Survivors are his loving wife of 47 years, Evelyn, and a son and daughter-in-law Craig and Donna Walterscheid, and two grandchildren, Ashley and Chad Walterscheid. Also surviving are a sister, Mildred Lawson of Gainesville and two brothers, Robert Dale Walterscheid and Conrad Walterscheid, both of Muenster.

Preceding him in death were twin daughters, Carol and Cheryl Walterscheid; his parents; one sister Bernice Mollenkopf; four brothers, Earl, Erwin, Herbert, and Tommy Walterscheid.

A Rosary service was held at McCoy Chapel in Muenster on Sunday, June 23 at 3:00 p.m. led by sister-in-law Marilyn Weber, with Vigil at 6:00 p.m. led by Father John Ohner.

Participating in the special liturgy of the Funeral Mass with Father John Ohner were altar servers, Aaron Walterscheid, a nephew, and Kirk Felderhoff and Kevin Neu, great-nephews.

First and Second Readings, from the Old and New Testaments, respectively, were given by Ruth Wells, a niece and Donna Walterscheid, the daughter-in-law.

Offertory Petitions were read by Gay Sandmann, a niece, and Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Ashley and Chad Walterscheid, grandchildren.

Eucharistic Ministers were Marilyn Weber, sister-in-law, Don Weber and Eugene Pelzel brothers-in-law, and Kim Felderhoff, niece.

Sacred Music included: "For You Are My God," "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," "Give Me Jesus," "This Alone," "On Eagles Wings," and "Holy God We Praise Thy Name." Music Ministers were Emily Klement, and Pam and Dave Fette, singers, and Ruth Felderhoff, pianist. Teresa Thompson, a niece, sang "On Eagles Wings" at the Meditation.

The Eulogy and Remarks of Remembrance were given by Ronald Pelzel, a brother-in-law. He stated, in part:

Words will never adequately express how much the outpouring of love and support from family, friends and community has meant to our family during the illness and loss of Peggy. Your kindness during her illness and death has touched our family. We are grateful to all who during Peggy's last days visited, brought food, sent flowers, cards, and well-wishes, and kept her in their prayers.

Thank you to all who donated, prepared and served the delicious family meal after the funeral and to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall. Thanks to McCoy Funeral Home for their professional and sympathetic support.

All of the gifts of food, flowers, cards, visits, words of support, and acts of kindness will be treasured always. The outpouring of love and kindness from family, friends, and community is felt and appreciated.

We thank you for your prayers, Mass offerings, visits, phone calls, flowers, cards, food, gifts to the Sacred Heart Trust Fund, Muenster Public Library, and the Muenster Museum. We thank Father John, the altar servers, the Eucharistic Ministers (those at Mass and those who made twice weekly trips during the past 2 years), music ministers, the kindnesses of the S.N.A.P. members, and the wonderful care of the local doctors and nurses.

The Bednorz Family - Norbert, Rhonda and Brian



Donald Walterscheid

Ann Klimpt Shepherd 1912 - 2002



Ann Klimpt Shepherd

Ann Christine Klimpt Shepherd, a native of Muenster, died in Davenport, Iowa on Saturday, June 15, 2002 at the Kahl Home For The Aged in Davenport, at age 89.

She was born on Nov. 10, 1912 in Muenster to Paul and Katherine (Brooke) Klimpt. She married Willis W. Shepherd in 1949 in Davenport. He preceded her in death in June 2000. She had worked as a nurse's aid at the Mercy Hospital in Davenport.

Survivors include a niece, Rosemary Reynolds of Forestburg, Texas; a nephew, Leon Knabe, who she raised after his mother passed away at an early age; and nephews Fred Knabe of Argyle, Texas and Richard Knabe and Harold Knabe of Muenster.

Preceding her in death were uncles Ed Klimpt, Leo Klimpt, and an aunt Mary Klimpt and nephews Gerald, James, and Gilbert Knabe.

A Wake Service was held on Monday between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was held in Holy Family Catholic Church in Davenport, Iowa at 10:00 a.m. on June 18. Burial was in Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery.

Attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knabe. Planning to attend were Fred and Della Knabe, but were prevented by illness.

Grief Seminar held in July at Hospice

Home Hospice will be conducting a Grief Support & Guidance Seminar on July 2, 9, 16, and 23. The seminar will be held at the Home Hospice office at 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home Hospice also offers support groups for ongoing bereavement care. Bereaved Parents/Grandparents meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Hospice office. The Caring Hearts Luncheon is held the last Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon at the Hospice office. The luncheon is for present caregivers and bereaved families. The Eating Meeting Support Group meets the first Thursday at 5:30 p.m., alternating between The Center and Rohmer's Restaurant in Muenster and The Wooden Spoon in Lindsay.

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

Wilfred J. Walterscheid 1926 - 2002

by Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Wilfred J. Walterscheid on Monday, June 24, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Fr. John Ohner, OSA, pastor.

Wilfred J. Walterscheid died at age 76 on June 20, 2002 in Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas. He was born on May 12, 1926 in Muenster to August Walterscheid and Anna Hesse Walterscheid, the second of four children. A U.S. Army W.W.II Veteran, he served in Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Ie Shima. On May 19, 1973 he married Lillian Vogel. He was the owner of Waves Drilling Co. from 1987 to 1996, and a partner in T&O Drilling Co. for many years. He farmed and ranched for many years, and since 1996 was his primary occupation. He was a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Survivors are his loving wife Lillian; one sister, Sr. Francesca Walterscheid, SSM of Fort Worth; one brother and sister-in-law Leonard and Betty Walterscheid of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one sister, Elizabeth Koessler.

Participating in the special liturgy of the funeral Mass with Father John Ohner, pastor, were altar servers Alvin Hartman, Chuck Butash, Jr., and Butch Fisher.

The First Reading, Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 was given by Leon Klement; and the Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8 was given by Donna Hess. Father John Ohner OSA read the Gospel, John 14:1-6 and delivered the Homily. Mary Jane Beyer read the Prayers of the Faithful and Andrea Klement and Raegan Koessler presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar.

Eucharistic Ministers were Sister Roberta Hesse, Regina Pels, Linda Zwingsi, Dorothy Hartman, and Agnes Rohmer. Music Ministers were Christi Klement, Diane Grewing, Denise Bayer, Linda Flusche, and Doug Yosten. Sacred songs included "Pilgrim Song," "The Lord Is My Shepherd," "Softly and Tenderly," "Be Not Afraid," "Only a



Wilfred Walterscheid

Shadow," and "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

The Eulogy and Remarks of Remembrance were given by Bob Hanson, who stated, in part: "Wilfred Walterscheid was a man not unlike many of you here today. Small, close-knit communities, like Muenster, quitted together by a common faith, often produce disciplined men and women. People of character who help one another, despite adversity, while going about their business without complaining. Wilfred Walterscheid was one such man...."

"In his youth, the Walterscheid family moved from Muenster to Tishomingo for a while.... When he started school, Wilfred spoke only German but quickly became fluent in English.... He learned to love school.... He became a talented engineer despite little formal education...."

"Drafted in September 1944, he served in the Pacific Theater, on the islands of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Ie Shima.... He distinguished himself during his stint in the military; he was awarded The Distinguished Service Medal for bravery performed during the rescue of personnel from a downed military aircraft.... a man of few words, he said little about this episode.... Returning to Muenster in November 1946, he began to work for various drilling companies.... In the early fifties, he and two partners bought an old drilling rig, spent eight weeks rebuilding it.... always resourceful, he put his engineering mind to good use.... Up and running soon,

the T&O Drilling Co. grew to five rigs in 1967.... They sold out in 1968 and Wilfred bought the family farm.... In 1987 he became a partner in Waves Drilling Co.... In 1996 he sold his last remaining rig....

"Wilfred and Lillian married in 1973. She worked in the banking industry and he continued farming.... Everything changed in 1994 when Wilfred was diagnosed with cancer at the base of his tongue. He underwent surgery several times.... his final surgery was last week.... although successful, he died quietly when a pulmonary embolism broke free...."

"Yesterday I toured their farm.... many wonderful projects in evidence: a remodeled home, custom cattle guards, a new shop, a cattle trailer, intricate fencing. Ever the optimist, Wilfred was planning his next series of projects...."

"Some of his greatest attributes can be listed thusly: 1. He was a feisty, independent thinker; 2. He was a man of few words; 3. He was determined and strong-minded; 4. He was a man who did not complain, enduring tremendous physical pain and frustration, a warrior to the end; 5. He was a man of service; 6. He Will Be Missed!"

"....What will heaven be like for Wilfred? ... I think it will be a never ending string of projects that serve others.... with vitality and the absence of pain.... I will ask God to grant him peace and an everlasting bliss full of projects."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Kenny Sherrill, Rudy Koessler, Dale Vogel, Karl Koessler, Ryan Hoeng, and Fred Koessler.

Military honors were provided by Muenster VFW Post 6205. The Rifle Squad was led by Art Bayer and included Virgil Henschel, Ben Hesse, Johnny Rohmer, Melvin Luke, Al Felderhoff, and Willie Fisher. The Color Guard included Don Hellman, Buddy Yosten, Don Hess, and James Hess. The Flag was presented to Lillian Walterscheid by Johnny Rohmer. Ron and Tina Weinzapfel played TAPS.



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Lifestyle

Goodwin joins Peace Corps

by Elfreda Fette

Fulfilling a dream she had treasured since age 16, but "side-tracked" by a number of events that occurred in her lifetime, Linda Goodwin is now finally able to join the Peace Corps. Until recently she has resided on West Park Lane in Muenster.

After raising her daughter, Andrea, Linda Goodwin returned to college, when Andrea enrolled as a Freshman, and earned a degree in Business Accounting from the University of North Texas in Denton, in December 2001. At age 56, she has applied for admittance for training in the Peace Corps, and was accepted in April 2002.

Departing on June 7, she first went to Philadelphia for two days, then flew to Almaty in Kazakhstan, the largest country that has split from Russia. Located in that area is Russia's Space Satellite Cosmodrome.

Linda Goodwin will be stationed in Kazakhstan for three months Orientation for her job: "Business Development With the Peace Corps Program on Economic Development in Kazakhstan."

She will live with a Russian family, and works with a four-member team of fellow Peace Corps members. Since English is the standard world-wide language in Business, she anticipates no major problems with language. Most of her time will be spent teaching Business Development. Because they have been promised electricity every day, but not all day, she will be able to use modern office equipment, computers, etc. by budgeting her time.

A going-away party for Linda was held on June 16 at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Gordon Hickey of Gainesville. It was attended by close friends and family. Linda's daughter, Andrea Goodwin of California also attended. She was enroute to Spain to join the "El Camino Pilgrimage." Andrea will return home in July to begin work on her Master's Degree in Scenic Design in Theater Arts at the University of Illinois in Champagne-Urbana, Illinois.

Linda Goodwin's assignment with the Peace

Corps will be completed in August 2004. When interviewed recently she shared the Aspiration Statement which she supplied to the Peace Corps:

I am looking forward to working with a new culture in the transition of a major change in economic policy. It is exciting to imagine the opportunities available during this change. A change in economics can bring more chances to improve the lives of those in lower living standards. Teaching small business practices or the theory behind a market economy should give people a chance to explore new jobs and new business endeavors. I hope to work with those I become acquainted with and offer some ideas and practices that make their dreams or new ideas possible. I have experience in small and large businesses from a market based economy. I have recently finished college, which expanded my understanding of the theories used in business. I feel I can offer experience to help build plans for many different businesses both in manufacturing products or service industries. I could help in establishing policies and procedures to carry out a business plan. The simplest business plan is better developed with goals and realistic expectations. I am open to learning the culture of Kazakhstan and trying to help teach their citizens our strategies of business. Incorporating the new and old will bring a more prosperous future.

Strategies for adapting to a new country include learning the history of that country. I wish to learn of the Kazakhstan culture and the traditions of their people. I hope to better understand their goals and their problems by living in a similar manner as the Kazakhstan people I am working with do. I am interested in learning the traditions, music, and lifestyle of the Kazakhstan people. By studying their history, their politics and their ethnic background, I should learn to function as an associate and friend. I need to dress, eat, work and play with this new culture to fully appreciate it.

My personal and professional goals in serving with the Peace Corps are life long. Since high school when

the Peace Corps was formed, I have wished for an opportunity to serve. Waiting to go at this time has only made the goal more desirable. Serving as an American in another country will enable me to bring better understanding to both sides. I wish to share some of the prosperity of my country with others still developing. This is an opportunity to see growth of our ideas and share some of the prosperity we enjoy. My reward will be to better understand changes of living standards. My hope is to learn enough to bring change in America's impoverished as well as those in Kazakhstan.



Linda Goodwin

Her assignment by the Associate Peace Corps Director for Economic Development has been lent more light with the following explanation: "The most important aspect of the Economic Development program is that you Volunteers are here to serve the people of Kazakhstan and contribute to its economic development. Serving as a Volunteer starts with American and Kazakhstan cross-cultural understanding. These exchanges between you and your Kazakhstani acquaintances will be the most valuable accomplishments of your two years. The challenge is witnessing the change from a centrally planned to a market-driven economy."

Linda's family and relatives at home have been provided a "Handbook For Families of Volunteers," which attempts to ease their natural trepidations, although involuntary, yet quite natural for family members and their fear of the unknown. The handbook is entitled "On The Home Front."



Patrick Miller, right, receives award from Dr. Alan Graham. Courtesy Photo

Miller named to Honor Roll

Texas Tech University presented a certificate to Patrick Joseph Miller for scholastic achievement qualifying for the President's Honor Roll. This is awarded only to those students who have attained a grade-point ratio of 4.0 during the spring semester. Patrick was also recognized as an outstanding Engineering student at the First Annual Engineering Honors Banquet.

Attending the banquet with Patrick were his parents Robert and Betty Miller, his girlfriend Jacque Roetzl, and his Chemical Engineering Professor Dr. Alan Graham.

Currently Patrick is on a Work-Co-op Program with Dow Chemical in Charleston, West Virginia. Patrick is a Chemical Engineering major at Texas Tech University.

Meeting Notice

Bereaved Parent/Grandparent Support Group

A meeting of the Bereaved Parent/Grandparent Support Group will be held Monday, July 1, at 7 p.m. in the Home Hospice Office, 1001 East Broadway in Gainesville. Call Kelly at 940-665-9891 for more info.

Grayson County Mental Health Support Group

The Grayson County Mental Health Support Group will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday, July 11, 7:00 p.m., at the Mental Health Community Supports Services, 106-B Sunset Boulevard, Sherman.

The featured speaker will be Kimberly Smith, Advocacy Network Coordinator, for Texoma Council of Governments. Ms. Smith will speak on Managing Medical Records. She will discuss how to keep good records, what to record, and the importance of having accurate records.

Family members, consumers, and interested community members are invited. For more information call Paula Cawthon at 903-786-4804.

Schmitz reunion attended over 2 days

The Theodore and Pauline (Loerwald) Schmitz Family Reunion was held on June 15 and 16 at the pavilion of Muenster City Park and was attended by more than 225 people. Relatives came from the Metroplex area and a wide local area over Cooke, Grayson, and Denton Counties. On the first day, a hamburger and hot dog feast were enjoyed at 4:00 p.m. A huge banner which read "Schmitz Family Reunion, 2002" decorated the area, and was a beacon-call for happy reuniting, lots of visiting, and lots of fun and picture-taking.

On Sunday, June 16, kinfolks arrived about 11:00 a.m. to attend a Mass celebrated by Father Harry Fisher. For the dinner that followed, tables were filled with delicious barbecue and chicken and a variety of covered dishes and casseroles, and lots of

sweets for all.

Fun, reminiscing, visiting, and picture-taking continued all afternoon. Many enjoyed swimming in the Muenster Swim Pool. A table-display held Schmitz family pictures. A narrative of the Schmitz Family Tree was read by Lanette Fisher. The Schmitz Family History is updated each reunion-time, and on June 16, 2002 shows the surviving descendants of Theodore Henry Schmitz and Louise Pauline (Loerwald) Schmitz to include two children, 30 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, 48 great-great-grandchildren.

Theodore and Pauline Schmitz were married on Feb. 13, 1912. They became parents of seven children, Louise, Lawrence, Francis, Patrick, Eugene, Harold, and Isabel. The two remaining are Harold Schmitz and Sis (Isabel) Klement.

2 Cooke Co. 4-H'ers make top 25 list at district show

Mary Beth Sigler and Kristin Spencer ranked in the top 25 overall point standings at the District IV Horse Show that was held on June 7-8 in Sulfur Springs. Mary Beth was in 9th place and Kristin was 16th. Both young ladies, along with Liana Stillman, Christine Sahliyah and Katelyn Brewer represented Cooke County 4-H at the competition.

The results of the 2-day event were: Katelyn Brewer received participation ribbons in Showmanship and Halter; Liana Stillman placed 3rd in Grade Geldings; Christine Sahliyah placed 4th in Registered Geldings 4

and under; Kristin Spencer placed 3rd in Hunter Under Saddle, 13th in Showmanship, and 11th in Western Pleasure; and Mary Beth Sigler placed 6th in English Equitation, 4th in Registered Mares 5 and over, 4th in Western Horsemanship, and 1st in Hunter Under Saddle. All participants are members of the Midnight Mustangs, the 4-H Horse Project Club in Cooke County. Christine, Kristin, Mary Beth and Liana will go on to compete at the State 4-H Horse Show in Amarillo during the week of July 22.

Submitted by: Phyllis Griffin, County Extension Agent, 4-H & Youth Development

Gardening Tips

Keep in mind, however, that not all plants use the same fertilizer. For example, flowers need a fertilizer that is high in phosphate, while vegetables need a well-balanced product. A simple vegetable fertilizer used in your garden, such as a 5-10-5, will help to produce an abundant crop.

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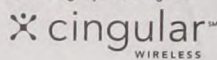
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25 years of Vacation Bible School celebrated

Saint Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay hosted Vacation Bible School with Saint Mary's of Gainesville during the week of June 17-21. This year was a special 25th anniversary of Bible School for the churches. It began at Saint Mary's under the leadership of Father Placidus Eckert O.S.B. and Michael Ann Bryson as the director.

The theme this year was Son Canyon Adventure and different lessons based on Proverbs for each day were presented. They were to follow God's instructions, choose friends wisely, make peace, show respect, and to trust Jesus. The children learned Bible verses, listened to Bible stories, sang songs and made crafts to reinforce these lessons.

Special crafts made during the week were wooden crosses built by John Kasparek that the 3 and 4 year olds painted, church calendars, necklaces, wall hangings of Daniel in the Lion's Den, Zachaeus, and Noah's Ark, rainbow magnets, bracelets and Jesus hats.

This year there were 139 children aging from 3 year olds to older children going into the 5th grade and 60 teen helpers. Teen helpers assisted in each classroom, the nursery, crafts, refreshments, music and at

recreation times. Each was given a Bible School tee shirt for their assistance.

Brenda Clark led music and Aimee Fogle and her helpers Mayme Haverkamp, Shirley Gibbs and Katie Eberhart organized crafts. Brenda Block headed refreshments. Teachers this year were Chubby Reiter, Rosanna Webb, Ronda Metzler, Ashlie Privett, Mary Bayer, Jeanie Wyrick, Robin Neu, Jane Otto, Donna Sikes and Amber Morris.

Father Eugene Luke, O.S.B. celebrated the Mass on Friday and was given a 25th anniversary tee shirt. The tee shirts were black and silver proclaiming the 25th year of Bible School for the churches and were designed by Patty Eberhart. Father Eugene wore a stole for Mass that the children made for him in 1995, the year the Bible School moved to Lindsay. The children participated in the Mass by carrying up craft items and the daily theme symbol, lecturing and singing. Each year at the Mass in honor of Father Placidus, "The Butterfly Song" is sung.

Attending the special Mass and dinner held afterwards at The Dutchmen hosted by Saint Peter's Church were former directors Diane LeClair, Michael Ann Bryson, Marla

Wolf, Doris Rauschuber, Diane Hermes, Brenda Fuhrmann and Denise Schumacher. Former priests and directors unable to attend were Patti Sicking, Suzanne Endres, Anna Sturgeon, Kathleen Schroeder, Margaret Barnes, Debbie Hundt, Sue

Hundt, Debbie Fleitman, Diane Neu, Catherine Bezner, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, O.S.B., Father Placidus Eckert, O.S.B., Father Dennis Soerries, O.S.B., Father Bart Bellinghausen and Father Sebastian Beshoner, O.S.B.

Submitted by Denise Schumacher



Father Eugene Luke shows Bible School students the stole he received from Bible School children in 1995. Courtesy Photo



Enjoying refreshments at Bible School are, from left, Dean Fleitman, McKenzie Neu, Taylor Stringfellow and Lucinda Krahl. Courtesy Photo

Register now for 4-H County Camp

The deadline to sign up and pay for 4-H County Camp is Monday, July 8 at 5 p.m. in the Extension office. The camp will take place on July 24-25-26 at Camp Rio Roxo on Lake Texoma. Lots of fun activities are being planned. The camp is open to any current 4-H member in Cooke County. The fee this year is \$40. Contact the Extension office at (940) 668-5412 for additional information regarding camp. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic

level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in this activity are encouraged to call 940.668.5412 for assistance.

Submitted by: Phyllis Griffin, County Extension Agent, 4-H & Youth Development

VFW Auxiliary holds meeting, plan for convention

The regular monthly meeting of the VFW Auxiliary was held June 17 in the Post Home. President Frances Bayer presided. After the opening ritual, minutes and roll call were read by secretary Ida Bindel. Lucille Hesse gave the treasurer's report. Sandra Hennigan reported on Buddy Poppy sales. Ethel Hesse, rehab chairman gave

her report. Members voted to give a donation to the Muenster Swim Program.

The VFW and Auxiliary State Convention will be held June 27-30. The National Convention will be in Nashville, Tennessee in August.

Julie Cunningham served lunch to 12 members, Frances Bayer won the door prize.

4-H County Council meets, elects officers

The 4-H County Council meeting was held on May 7th, 2002 at the Leonard Park Pavilion. Kevin Lutkenhaus presided over the meeting. After a short meeting, we elected officers for the 2002-2003 year. The officers will be Adam Zimmerman - president, Garin Taylor - first vice president, and Mark Brooks - second vice president. District

council delegate will be Randi Reed, the alternates will be Chelsea Laux and Ryan Zimmerer. Jeff West will be the secretary, the treasurer will be Kelly Laux, and the reporter will be Jeffery Zimmerer. A picnic was held to celebrate a year's hard work in 4-H.

Submitted by: Phyllis Griffin, County Extension Agent, 4-H & Youth Development

Discover fossils at the Fort Worth Museum

Both fossil hunters and art aficionados will find something to their liking in *Ancient Microworlds*, a new photographic exhibit which opened June 15 at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

The new exhibit uses high-magnification photography of ancient bones, shellfish, algae, and fern trees to reveal the inner beauty of fossils. Million-year-old dinosaur bones, ammonites (extinct mollusks), and stromatolites (algae) have been photographed and enlarged up to 50 times their actual size creating colorful, often abstract images that could easily be at home in an art gallery.

Some of the 30+ photos in the exhibit contain recognizable shapes from the natural world, while others feature loud blocks of color or twisting, geometric

patterns that transcend their origin. The leafy structure in "Brachulite" and the nautilus shape of "Ammonite" are readily apparent. Other pieces are simply works of art thanks to the deep reds, blues, and yellows created by the prehistoric fossil traces and mineral deposits. "Regardless of subject, the photographs are subtle reminders of life and death," said Dr. Foster. "Death, since all are records of extinctions, and life, because all are visual reminders that new life forms are always replacing the old."

Ancient Microworlds will be on display in the Museum's *Lone Star Dinosaurs* gallery through Sept. 2, 2002. The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is located at 1501 Montgomery Street.

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CE workshop set for Aug. 7 in Muenster

Kindergarten through 6th grade teachers will meet in Muenster. Keep Muenster Beautiful is sponsoring a continuing education workshop for kindergarten through 6th grade teachers on Wednesday, August 7 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Teachers from Muenster and other communities will receive six hours of continuing education credit for the workshop that has been designed to meet TEKS curriculum requirements. The Waste In Place (WIP) curriculum is interdisciplinary in its approach. The instructional activities are designed for easy integration into the subjects of art, drama, language arts, math, music, physical education, science and social studies. The curriculum is consistent with recommendations from the National Board of Education, the National Science Teachers Association, the National Science Foundation, Science for all Americans, and Project 2061 which include: utility, social responsibility, intrinsic value of knowledge, philosophical value and childhood enrichment.

Teachers who are trained in the Waste In Place curricula not only receive continuing education credit; they help their communities in their efforts to win Governor's Community Achievement Awards. Near by communities who've won these awards since 1999 include Muenster who won \$130,000.00, Callisburg who won \$60,000.00 and Sanger who won \$70,000.00.

The workshop is provided free of charge to the first 12 teachers to register. This is possible through donations by Carl Alford of Muenster and Brad and Terri Barrett of Barrett Aircraft Maintenance of Gainesville who paid the \$25.00 fee for the curriculum for each teacher. Keep Muenster Beautiful, a non-profit organization dedicated to the cleanup and beautification of Muenster, will provide the funding for the training, lunch and refreshments.

Public, private and home school teachers are invited to register for the workshop by contacting MaryLee Alford at (940) 759-2368 or email her at maryleex@starband.net.

Deadline approaches for leadership scholarship program

The application deadline for the 2002 Leadership Scholarship Program, sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance, is July 11, 2002. The program will award 10-\$500 scholarships to Catholic Life Insurance members who are full time students at private or public colleges or universities.

To be eligible for a Leadership Scholarship, students must be a Catholic Life Insurance member for at least one year prior to the application deadline and be attending a public or private college or university full-time beginning in the fall 2002. Scholarship selections will be based on scholastic

achievement, leadership qualities and community service. The recipients will be named in August.

Interested individuals may call the Catholic Life Communications Department at (210) 828-9921 for an application form. Application materials must be post-marked by July 11, 2002.

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Rhythm and timing were good as the 3rd and 4th grade group work on a chant at the Hornet Mini-Cheerleading Camp.

Janie Hartman Photo

Two attractions offered in the Texas Panhandle

Two premier attractions in the Texas Panhandle have joined forces to expand their marketing and promotional emphasis as promoted by the Texas Department of Economic Development, Tourism Division.

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Dear patients at MMH Family Health Clinic, MMH Home Health and Nursing Homes

Thank you very much for allowing me to participate in your health care in Muenster and Cooke County. It is with great regret that I have to inform you that I am leaving the clinic at the end of June 2002. You may know that Ms. Mary Endres, FNP has already left the clinic. All the records from myself or Ms. Endres will remain at the clinic unless you request otherwise. We will be happy to send your records anywhere you would like. Please call the clinic if we can be of any assistance.

Dr. Edd Advincula here at MMH has agreed to take over my positions of Medical Director at St. Richard's Villa and Home Health Director for MMH. He has also agreed to take any of my nursing home, clinic or home health patients who wish to continue with him. Please call the clinic to let them know of your decisions.

The clinic will have my future address if you or your new doctors have any questions. Thank you again, it has been a pleasure and an honor knowing you and your families.

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Era High announces class award winners

Era Principal Jeremy Thompson presented Class Awards to Era High School student for the year 2001-02.

Recipients were:
Government LouBee Zielinski; Economics Matt Anderson; World Geography Scott Schumacher; World History Ashley Lawler; Spanish I Ruby Ruiz; Spanish II Scott Schumacher; Spanish III Emelia Endres; Spanish IV Katie Coleman; Literary Genres LouBee Zielinski; Art Katie Coleman; Biology Jennifer Cook; Physics Josh Aljoe; BCIS 1 Stephanie Zielinski; BCIOA 2 Cristal Kirby; Accounting Katie Coleman; Yearbook Staff Mindy Arendt; Health Emily Burrows; World Geography Michelle Clark; World Geography Tera Puckett;

English II Josh Bruno; English II Scott Schumacher; English III Cristal Kirby; English III Emelia Endres;

Health Shea Skeleton; Algebra I Chance Huddleston; Algebra II Josh Bruno; Algebra II Brent Sullivant; Calculus Chris Farrell; PreCalculus Emelia Endres;

IPC Wendy Hudspeth; Chemistry Matt Anderson; Chemistry Scott Schumacher; Geometry Michael Hunter; BCIS I

Ruby Ruiz; World Geography Josh Bruno; World Geography Johnny Richardson;

Creative Writing John Enderby; Creative Writing Josh Morris; English I Stephanie Zielinski; Kenneth Hall; English IV Vincent Broadbent; Speech Vincent Broadbent; Speech Tiffany Ward.

Citizenship Awards went to the following students Ruby Ruiz and Danny Stevens freshmen; Brandi Barthold and Scott Schumacher sophomores; Ashley Lawler and Michael Underwood juniors; and Daniel Bowles and Rebekah Stevens seniors.

Receiving UIL Scholar Awards were Vincent Broadbent, Emily Burrows, and Chris Farrell. Honor graduates recognized were Vincent Broadbent, Emily Burrows, Chris Farrell, Josh Aljoe, LouBee Zielinski, Robert Burns, Chancey Graves, and Jimmy Rider.

Recognition for Perfect Attendance went to Michael Hunter, Ruby Ruiz, Danny Stevens - freshmen; Jonathan Cannon, Scott Schumacher - sophomores; Mindy Arendt, Ashley Bookout, Humberto Rodriguez - junior; and Chris Bentley and Josh Fever - seniors.

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There is so much that's in my heart that I want to say to you to convey the gratitude I feel for the overwhelming outpouring of concern and sympathy shown during the illness and following the death of my husband, Wilfred J. Walterscheid. The respect and friendship you showed during his lifetime are a tribute beyond measure, and will provide me with fond remembrances.

I hesitate to mention names, for fear I'll miss anyone, but I thank all who helped in any way, doctors, nurses and hospital and medical personnel, all who prayed with us; sent Mass intentions, cards, flowers, food; all who participated in the funeral service, Father John O'neer, the altar servers, Eucharistic and Music Ministers. Thanks to St. Anne's Society and ladies of the community for the family dinner; to Mc Coy Funeral Home for professional and guiding support; and to the Muenster VFW Post for the impressive ceremony and honor.

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Swim Class reminder!

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Classes are as follows: July 8 - 12 for Levels 1 through 5; July 15 - 19 for Level 7 at 8 a.m., Level 6 at 9 a.m., and Levels 1 - 5 at 10 or 11 a.m.

Call 759-5242 for phone registration at \$12 per student. Pool registration takes placement priority.

More teachers are needed for the swim classes.

Fast pitch tourney set for June 29

Muenster will host a girls summer league Fast Pitch Tournament this Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Both the City ballpark and the new Jaycee ballpark will be used.

There will be five teams - Muenster (A), Lindsay (B), Saint Jo (C), and Nocona #1 (D) and #2 (E). Games are as scheduled:

City	Time	Jaycee Field
A vs E	9 a.m.	B vs C
C vs E	10:30 a.m.	B vs D
A vs C	12:30 a.m.	D vs E
A vs D	2:00 p.m.	B vs E
C vs D	3:30 p.m.	A vs B

These will be the last games of the season. For more information call Jeff Gerstberger at 759-4036.



Muenster Boys' Baseball Team of Cooke County, sponsored by Nortex Communications, finished the season in first place, undefeated with a 14-0 season record. Team members are, from left, front row - Blake Voth, Landon Presnall, Dalton Koelzer, Kameron Heady, Sean Chism, Austin Hennigan; middle - Hunter Klement, Tyler Anderle, Luke Crabtree, Clay Hogan, Jimmy Abner, Joey McAden; back - Head Coach Kevin Heady and Assistant Coach Billy Hogan. Not pictured is Assistant Coach Ron Abner. Courtesy Photo



A celebration of the Muenster Boys' Baseball Team championship was held last Saturday at the ball park, sponsored by Nortex Communications. Hog dogs, soft drinks, chips and a special cake were served. A team photo and a trophy were presented to Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman for their support. Coach Kevin Heady, center, made the presentation. A fun game between the parents and the boys ended in a tie (so the boys say!!). Courtesy Photo



Learning cheers and chants at the Hornet Mini-Cheerleading Camp were, from left, above - Paige Hennigan, Allison Pagel and Kendall Reiter. At left - Chelsey Caldwell, Kendra Walterscheid, Andi Hess and Lacey Trubenbach. Janie Hartman Photos

Wanted! MHS track records!

If you believe you were the best and hold a Muenster High School track record, please contact Monte Endres at 759-2282, ext. 689.

All past track records, both boys and girls, were lost and Endres is attempting to re-post school records, naming all school record holders, going back to the 1950s.

Should kill switches be top safety priority?

Game warden Shawn Moore of Temple is more than just a little glad that Texas Parks and Wildlife, Department has policies requiring wardens to wear life jackets and kill switches on the water.

A kill switch is a mechanism whereby a cord is attached to both the boat operator's life vest and the ignition and if the person falls overboard, the engine is automatically cut off. The most common types of boating accidents can be attributed to excessive speed and lack of a proper lookout, according to TPWD data. In some of these types of accidents, the operator is ejected, making the use of a kill switch of utmost importance. Originally invented to avert an incident of a driverless boat heading into a crowded swimming area, the device is now considered one of the most important accessories aboard a vessel. Anyone operating a personal watercraft, (like a jetski), is required to have a kill switch attached while operating on public waters.

Recently, Moore and other wardens were out with TPWD's current class of game warden cadets on Decker Lake. The class was going through boating maneuvers. One cadet was driving a boat for the first time and Moore and another cadet were also on the craft.

"This basic course they were doing teaches them how a boat operates and handles, what the wake does," Moore said. "Part of the process is weaving. He turned too sharp and the boat slipped out of the turn and spun, hit a wake and then stopped, catapulting us from it. The operator who had the kill switch on actually went off the back of the boat and was right near the propeller," Moore said.

Moore said he's glad it happened then. "We'd much rather that happen in a controlled situation in training. It was a good lesson and I think the entire cadet class took note."

But the lesson here isn't just for game warden cadets, he said.

"This is where a good safety practice really hit home. Everybody should always wear the kill switch. It doesn't matter if you're in a little riverboat or in a little farm pond or out on a big lake. This was a pretty day. No wind, no fog. And it still happened," Moore said.

To register for TPWD's boater education course, call 800-792-1112 or go to www.tpwd.state.tx.us. Boaters younger than age 18 (born on or after Sept. 1, 1984) must pass the course to operate legally on Texas Public Waters. Certain exemptions do apply.



Above - Brooke Walterscheid and Amber Walterscheid practice a cheer. Below right - Olivia Haverkamp and Stefani Tucker work on their moves. Below left - Michelle Henschel has her own method to show school spirit. Janie Hartman Photos



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National Cowgirl Museum, Hall of Fame opens in Fort Worth June 7

On June 7, Sandra Day O'Connor, first female Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, was inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame as part of the Museum and Hall of Fame's Grand Opening celebration. Upon receiving her induction medal, Justice O'Connor, who grew up on a cattle ranch on the Arizona/New Mexico border, said: "As a child I grew up hoping to be a cattle rancher myself one day...My career in time took a different turn, becoming the first cowgirl to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, and I now find myself riding herd on lower court judges instead of some cattle."

Immediately following Justice O'Connor's induction, she joined 42 other Cowgirl Hall of Fame honorees, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Congresswoman Kay Granger, Texas Governor Rick Perry, Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr and President of the new Museum, Kit Moncrief, in cutting the ceremonial ribbon. The festivities marked the official opening of the new 33,000 square foot museum in Fort Worth, Texas, which honors and documents the lives of women who have distinguished themselves while exemplifying the pioneer spirit of the American West.

On Saturday, June 8, more than 1,400 men, women and children, led by cowboy singer Michael Martin Murphey, paraded through the Cultural District on foot and horseback, in the Grand Opening Cowgirl parade. The Cultural District is home to some of Fort Worth's most renowned institutions including the Kimbell Art Museum, the Amon Carter Museum, the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. It is also home to Fort Worth's Western Heritage Plaza and the Will

Rogers Memorial Complex, which hosts the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show (one of the premier rodeo and livestock shows in the western United States). Following the conclusion of the parade, more than a thousand members of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame toured the new building for the first time.

On Sunday, June 9, the Museum opened to the public. Francine Reed (who performs with Lyle Lovett) and Michael Martin Murphey sang both the "Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful" in a special flag-raising ceremony including a Native American blessing of the building performed by Sundancer Eddie Sandoval from Fort Worth. Overall, more than 3,500 individuals toured the Cowgirl's new home on its opening weekend.

Since its inception in 1975 in Hereford, Texas, the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame has recorded, preserved and

celebrated the dreams, determination and successes of the American cowgirl and the spirit she embodies. The Museum's archives currently house information about and artifacts from more than 400 remarkable women. The current 159 Hall of Fame honorees include pioneers, artists, writers, entertainers, humanitarians, businesswomen, educators, ranchers and rodeo cowgirls including: Sacajawea, principal guide for the Lewis and Clark Expedition; painter Georgia O'Keeffe; potter Maria Martinez; sharpshooter Annie Oakley; Enid Justin, who created the multi-million dollar Nocona Boot Company; and Hollywood film icon Dale Evans, as well as Alice Van Springsteen, her stunt double. Each November, at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame Annual Induction Luncheon, an additional four to six extraordinary women are honored with their place in the Cowgirl Hall of Fame.



Connie Reeves, 100 years young, one of the honorees riding in the parade. Courtesy Photo



Cutting the ribbon at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame were, from left, Texas Governor Rick Perry, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr, US Congresswoman Kay Granger and Museum President Kit Moncrief. Courtesy Photo

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of 134 points. Each team and their coach were represented at the meeting except Muenster U.I.L. June 24 was proclaimed Tigers' Day, Tigerettes' Day and Hornets' Day in Cooke County.

In other business conducted at Commissioners Court:

A low bid of \$199 was accepted for a fax machine and the purchase of fax machines for the Commissioners' office, County Court At Law office, and County Judge's office

were approved.

Preliminary plat for Long Branch Estates of Muenster Lots 1-12 located off CR 302 in Precinct #3 was approved.

Preliminary plat for Johnson Park Estates phase II, located off of FM 3442 in Precinct #2 was approved.

Requests by Temple Construction to place a fresh water lines across County Road 132, approximately 20 feet from CR 107 located in Precinct #1 was approved and across CR 111 approximately 1/2 mile south from CR 164 at a

90 degree curve heading due west were approved.

Approved indigent burial of Jackie Burleson.

Approved "the agreement to contribute funds" by the Texas Department of Transportation for acquiring right of way for a highway project on FM 922 from FM 1307 in Precinct #2 and #3. County's 10% match of \$29,210.00 will be taken from the Lateral road & Bridge Fund. "Any time we can improve Farm to Market roads we need to do it," said Judge Freeman.

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