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Muenster Water District awards first lake contract

by Don Rohmer

Muenster City Hall was packed with contractors at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 9. All were waiting anxiously for the opening of bids for phase-one construction of Muenster's long-anticipated new lake. The project had been advertised in local newspapers and about 100 solicitation letters had gone out across the country to firms known to bid on similar projects. Eight bids were received by the 10 a.m. deadline. Some firms that could not assemble all the components of a valid bid by the deadline requested notification for bidding on the second, final phase. The contractors had previously gathered at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 2, to hear Tom Beach of the Natural Resource Conservation Service explain the requirements for the project and answer technical questions, after which they were taken on a tour of the site.

The firms that submitted the first three bids to be

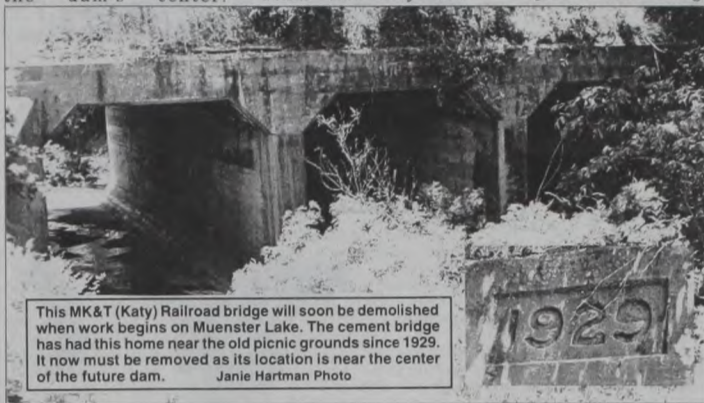
opened were disappointed, as the fourth turned out to be the lowest, at \$1,478,812.66. It was submitted by Beavers Construction, of Bowie, Texas. In second place was Sewell Brothers Inc., of Oklahoma City, at \$1,498,846.00. M. Hanna Construction of Sulphur Springs, Texas, placed third with a bid of \$1,526,559.30. The highest bid was for \$3,210,987.22. After the winning bidder's references checked out and no liens for claims of shoddy work or other complaints were found, the contract was awarded to Beavers Construction on Monday, May 13. Construction is to begin within 20 days of that date, then be completed in 330 days. As reported previously, this first phase of construction will include moving soil to put the right kinds of soil at the right places, defining channel flow, and building a significant part of the dam. One end of the dam will be near the old Medders show

barn, (now Austin Arena). From there, it will run southwest to the bluff near Highway 82. A railroad trestle built in 1929 will have to be removed, because it cannot support the weight of the compacted earth that will form the dam. Its present location will be at the dam's center.

Alternatives were considered, but removal is the most effective and least expensive option. And some pavement will have to be removed from CR316 (the old picnic-grounds road), because leaving it in place would compromise the integrity of the dam. Texas has only one

naturally occurring lake - Caddo Lake, on the Texas-Louisiana border. Water Board President Bob Bauer explains that all of the other lakes in Texas, except some small flood-control lakes, were built to serve as water sources, since state officials realized decades ago that the aquifers were being

depleted. Even Caddo Lake was artificially dammed in the early 1900s, apparently to enlarge it when oil was discovered in the area. A lake to supply water for Muenster was conceived in 1970, and the Muenster Water District was established in 1973. On Nov. 17, 1975, Texas Water Permit #3204 authorized construction of the lake. So the awarding of the contract for phase one is the first step in the culmination of a 32-year effort. Celine Dittfurth was involved from the beginning, and she still serves on the water board today. Another board member, Claude Walter, succeeded his father Al, who was also involved in the initial effort. Bauer says that this is the best board he has ever been on. Even when opinions differed, the board had no problem in reaching the best decisions for the good of the community. Differences were aired and considered, and every vote has been unanimous.



This MK&T (Katy) Railroad bridge will soon be demolished when work begins on Muenster Lake. The cement bridge has had this home near the old picnic grounds since 1929. It now must be removed as its location is near the center of the future dam. Janie Hartman Photo



Sacred Heart Tigerettes - TAPPS 2002 State Softball Champions Courtesy Photo

Tigerettes win TAPPS 2002 State Softball Championship

The Sacred Heart Tigerette Softball team traveled to Waco last weekend and brought home the TAPPS 2A State Championship. With an undefeated season record (one tied game), the Tigerettes beat Sacred Heart Hallettsville in the semi-final round, then took the State trophy in a close victory over Saint Paul of Shiner.

Four Tigerettes were named to the All-Tournament Team - Audrey Barnhill, Mary Jane Callahan, Jennifer Hoedebeck, and Crystal Hess.

The semi-final game - Sacred Heart vs. Sacred Heart - was played Friday at Veterans Field in Waco. For the second year, the Tigerettes eliminated the Lady Indians from advancing to the finals with a 8-2 victory.

"Our offense did great. Only four strike-outs and 11 hits, the difference in the game," noted Coach Beth Bartush. "Defense played good, except for three errors." The Tigerettes got

13 put-outs. Pitcher Mary Jane Callahan threw seven strike-outs, had one walk, and gave Hallettsville five hits.

Offensively, Callahan was two of two at the plate, with two walks and a home run. The home run came with the Tigerettes' first batter to the plate.

Audrey Barnhill was three of four with two RBIs and a double. Jennifer Hoedebeck was one of four with a double and RBI, and Michelle Bayer two of four, scoring two runs with a stolen base. Lilly Nasche and Alisha Cochran also hit doubles, with Crystal Hess getting two-four and Catherine Bartush one-three.

Saturday morning's championship game was played at Baylor University's Gutterman Field against the Lady Cardinals of Shiner Saint Paul. The Tigerettes had no errors in the 5-1 State triumph.

"This team did not quit," said Bartush. "They played tough to the final batter."

Callahan got 10 strike-outs, three walks, and allowed only three hits. "We had 11 put-outs," added Bartush. "We had great defense in the infield." Bartush also noted that Cochran made two back-to-back defensive plays in the 6th inning in a "pick-me-up" to get the Tigerettes through the game. Shiner had five errors, giving up four in earned runs.

Offensively Callahan was three of three with three runs, a double, and a triple and a walk. Karen Gehrig and Hoedebeck each got two RBIs, while Cochran hit a triple over left field, and Barnhill was two-three at bat.

The Tigerettes got only seven hits, three by Callahan and 12 strike-outs. Jana Truebenbach batted in the final games after being benched with an injury.

Bartush stated that the championship was "a team effort." Other members include Lisa Endres, Becca Stalling, Cindy Hartman, Ashley Walterscheid, Lynn Sicking, Charlie Sue Switzer, and Amy Trevino.

May 6 banquet honors seniors of Sacred Heart High School

By Janet Felderhoff

Achievements of members of the Sacred Heart Class of 2002 were recognized at a banquet held in their honor on Monday, May 6 at The Center Restaurant. Sara Sepanski, senior class president, welcomed guests. Kristen Zimmerer, class vice-president, gave the invocation.

Following dinner, Andrea Bauer, class secretary, introduced the master of ceremonies and presenter of awards, Dr. Jack Murdock, principal.

Dr. Murdock revealed that Sara Sepanski had earned the honor of Class Valedictorian and Elizabeth Fette that of Class Salutatorian.

Scholarships totaling more than \$485,000 were awarded to 11 of the 16 graduating seniors according to Dr. Murdock. Many of the scholarships

were presented at the Senior Banquet. Representing the Muenster Knights of Columbus, Bob Bauer presented the annual \$500 scholarship to Luke Endres. John Bartush presented the \$500 Muenster State Bank Scholarship to Kristin Yosten. Kelly Fetsch received the \$500 1st National Bank of Saint Jo Scholarship. Don and Barbara Rohmer presented the \$500 Muenster Kiwanis Scholarship to Andrea Bauer. Gus Ashley awarded the \$500 Muenster Jaycee Scholarship to Mattie Sicking. Mattie also received the \$500 Huchton/VF District I Scholarship. The \$500 Walterscheid Scholarship went to Aaron Walterscheid.

Sara Sepanski was awarded the \$250 Guaranty National Bank Scholarship. She also received the State of Texas Honor Graduate Certificate (\$1500) from the University of Dallas she received Art and Trustee scholarships (\$74,000). The Catholic University of America awarded her University, Parrish, and Alumni scholarships (\$89,000). Elizabeth Fette was offered the Trustee Scholarship (\$32,000) from College of Santa Fe, the Presidential Scholarship (\$32,000) from Oklahoma City University, and the Arch Diocese Scholarship to the Catholic University of Americas (\$88,000) where she plans to attend college. Mattie Sicking was the recipient of a Merit Scholarship (\$1000 renew) and Housing Scholarship (\$3,000) from Midwestern

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Top students in each senior academic subject were named at the May 6 awards program. They are, from left, front row - Jeremy Yosten, Matthew Grewing, Aaron Walterscheid and Luke Endres; back - Elizabeth Fette, Sara Sepanski, Mattie Sicking, Christin Smith, Sara Rodgers and Kelly Fetsch. Dave Fette Photo

Cooke County to buy pagers for volunteer firemen

By Janet Felderhoff

Bob Harbin, Cooke County EMS director, appealed Monday, May 13 to Commissioners Court for funds to purchase new pagers for use by volunteer firemen in the County. Currently there are 240 pagers used by the various volunteer fire departments in Cooke County.

"We can't get parts for them," Harbin said of the pagers. "There has for the last about a year and a half been third party parts to repair these pagers, but the pagers are getting in such bad shape that they just can't be repaired. Even the ones we're getting repaired still aren't working properly."

Harbin said it is getting to be a problem. The firefighters are also first responders for the County Emergency Medical Service. Since funds aren't there for replacing pagers, Harbin suggested replacing half this year and half next year. He estimated that the cost would be \$37,968.00 for half.

New pagers will be divided equally among the county fire departments and the fire chief will distribute them to the most active members. "It's the only fair way to do it," said Harbin. Each department will then turn in that number of broken and nonworking pagers and these will be issued to any new

firefighters who come in.

County Auditor Gloria Parrish noted there is only \$14,000 remaining in the budget for firefighters' equipment for this year. Commissioner Jerry Lewis said, "I think we ought to go ahead and amend our budget. It's a necessity, an emergency, to do that."

"I think the Court wants to help the firefighters," noted Judge Bill Freeman. Parrish said they could approve taking the money from the Fund balance. This was unanimously approved. Harbin said they will be going out for bids for the new pagers.

Also in need of repair is the Courthouse elevator. Maintenance Supervisor

Junior Durham explained that when the closing doors hit an object like the body, it doesn't retract like it should. He spoke with a repairman and was told that the elevator is so old that it will probably be impossible to get parts to repair it. It will have to be taken to the machine shop for repairs.

Durham brought cost estimates of \$14,916.00 for repairs that included new doors and an infrared door detector that would keep something like a walker from getting caught in the closing door. Judge Freeman said he stood in the elevator door and left it close on him. It closed and held him instead of

retracting and had to be manually forced to open.

Commissioner Virgil Hess expressed concern over the amount of time the elevator might be out of commission. He said there are a lot of elderly who use the south door and elevator when they have business at the Courthouse. It was decided that they would try to arrange to have repairs done over a long weekend if possible. The vote was unanimous to approve funds for the repair work.

Commissioner Hess reported on the proposal by Komatsu Architect for the Courthouse's west facade restoration and restroom upgrade. Hess noted that the project includes totally

remodeling the restrooms in the basement to bring them into ADA compliance; cleaning the stone from the terra cotta on down; repairing the west steps; and repairing the sewer lines. Hess said something had to be done about repairing the steps and waiting for grant money was no longer an option.

Commissioners approved 5-0 the A&E (Architect & Engineer) fee allowing Komatsu to advertise for bids on the proposed project. It is expected that bids won't be received before July or August.

Ricky Kerr was hired as maintenance supervisor for the Courthouse. The See MAINTENANCE, Pg. 2

City gets tough on unpaid water bills

By Dave Fette

The City Council of Muenster has changed the ordinance regarding water and sewer fees. Any unpaid water bills at the end of the month are subject to disconnection and the accompanying reconnect fee if the customer desires further service. The City has experienced problems with late paying customers leaving town without paying water bills. Reconnect fee is \$25.00.

Other agenda items acted on at the recent City Council meeting included:

- The bid for washed stone for 2002 paving projects was awarded to Dolence Brothers for \$11.45 per ton.

- Under City Ordinance #260, four residential properties adjoining the north city limits and

currently buying city water were annexed into the Muenster city limits.

- Henry Weinzapfel was nominated to be representative for Cooke County to the Governing Body of the Texoma Council of Governments. If elected he will serve a three year term.

- New emergency warning sirens are installed and operational. The system is no longer sounded for fires except the regular 5 p.m. Thursday test and call to meeting for volunteer firemen. A long continuous signal indicates a general emergency such as a tornado sighted and nearing the City. City officials are working to update the emergency procedures and publish them.

- Monthly bills totaling \$110,686.72 were approved for payment.



Muenster Volunteer Firemen responded to a fire call in Muenster City Park at 4:50 a.m. Monday. "It was burning like heck when we got there," remarked Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe. Play equipment on the east end of the Park was engulfed in flames. Knabe said that there is no electricity or anything to have accidentally ignited the fire, which appears to have been set. The equipment is badly damaged and has been cordoned off so that children don't play on it.
Photo by Janie Hartman

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

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decision to hire Kerr was made after an Executive Session. Commissioners Lewis and Phil Young had been appointed to study the application and interview applicants. They recommended Kerr saying they felt he was the most qualified. "We did have some real good applicants, but we felt like Ricky was the most qualified," noted Lewis.

There is now a 35 mile per hour speed limit posted on County Road 406 at the intersection of CR 403 and continuing until intersecting with CR 402. This was done at the request of a resident in that area who was concerned about small children who live there. It was noted by Hess that according to the law if a speed limit isn't posted it is automatically 55 mph.

Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis was appointed as Cooke County's representative on the board for the Tri-County Senior Nutrition Project, Inc. Judge Freeman said he'd been looking for a representative for some time. Al Mulreen served until his death several months ago. There was a danger of losing United Way funding for the

program if a representative wasn't found.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved ATEX Exploring and Operating's request to replace existing salt water transfer line on County Road 178, beginning at the intersection of FM 678 heading west for 1.7 miles, approximately 457 feet south of the first "T" on CR 178.

- Tabled approval of replat of lots 128-R and 130-R in The Ranch at Lake Ray Roberts Subdivision in Precinct #2.

- Approved the preliminary plat for Oak Hill Estates, lots 1-7, located off CR 136 in Precinct #1.

- Approved appointment of Judge Bill Freeman as Cooke County's representative for P3.

- Approved the recommendation by the technology committee to purchase an Inspiron 650 notebook computer for the Cooke County Law Library.

- Approved May 2002 minutes of Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

- Approved indigent burial of Mary Beth Monroe.



WHY? It is a known fact that the destruction of county road signs has been a major problem and expense to the county since the 911 addressing system has been in effect. The smaller, three-numbered CR signs cost the taxpayers approximately \$27 (not counting labor) every time one is destroyed or stolen. In the last six months, Precinct 4 has had to replace 180 county road signs, which is the least amount of all other precincts. The east precinct has replaced 250 signs in the last six months. Several weeks ago, someone destroyed this private road sign that was mounted proudly at the entrance of the property. This was a county 911 sign that will cost roughly \$27 to replace. The thief didn't even get away with the complete sign. A small part of the marker (pictured) and lettering remain, so the vandals' effort gave them only a busted board. The delinquent(s) that sacrificed the sign for his/her own pleasure also stole the small American flag that has honorably flown at the entry since Sept. 11. Hope you enjoy your stolen treasures.
Janie Hartman Photo

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Change noted in Memorial services

Due to conflicting schedules, Muenster Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary to Post 6205 will hold its annual Memorial Day Services on Sunday, May 19. Ceremonies begin with the 8 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church followed by procession to Sacred Heart Cemetery. All are invited. The Memorial Day Banquet will be held in the Post Home on Sunday, May 26 at 6 p.m.

Buddy Poppy fund-raiser will be after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. Please help the VFW and Auxiliary #6205 to help others.

Texas Country Cleanup scheduled for May 20

Keep Muenster Beautiful encourages everyone to participate in the Texas Country Cleanup from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20. This is an opportunity to rid yourself of used oil, oil filters, lead acid batteries and rinsed pesticide containers. Do not empty pesticides to discard the containers. If you have pesticides in containers, keep it for the Household Hazardous Waste collection day to be announced. If you

have empty pesticide containers you may rinse them and take them to the cleanup collection site located at D&D Farm and Ranch at the Ganzer Road exit off of I-35 North of Denton. It is located on the West side.

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| Sunday, May 19, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Buddy Poppy Sales after all Masses - Memorial Day after 8AM Mass Hornet Band Concert in the Park, 3PM, with Hamburger Benefit Supper, 4PM | Monday, May 20, 2002 VFW Auxiliary Meeting 8PM SHS Advisory Council 7:30PM Relay For Life Bank Night, 6PM, Cooke Co. Elec. Co-op Hornet Booster Club Meeting, 7PM, Girls' Locker Room | Tuesday, May 21, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Diabetic Support Group Mtg., 5PM, Camp Sweeney MISD Kindergarten Graduation, 7PM, Auditorium | Wednesday, May 22, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center | Thursday, May 23, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM MISD Last Day of School | Friday, May 24, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SHHS Graduation Celebration in Muenster Park, 6PM, for Kyle Walterscheid | Saturday, May 25, 2002 Ordination Mass for Kyle Walterscheid, 10AM, SH Church, Reception follows |
| Sunday, May 26, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM | Monday, May 27, 2002 MEMORIAL DAY - Fly your flags! Sacred Heart - No School | Tuesday, May 28, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board Meeting, 7PM, MMH Board Room | Wednesday, May 29, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center | Thursday, May 30, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM | Friday, May 31, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Sacred Heart Last Day of School SHS 8th grade graduation | Saturday, June 1, 2002 |

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Obituaries

Joe B. Walter 1906 - 2002

by **Elfreda Fette**

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Joe B. Walter of Gainesville, and a native of Muenster, on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Officiating for the Mass were Abbot Jerome Kodol OSB, of Subiaco Abbey, Rev. Nicholas Fuhrmann OSB of Subiaco Abbey, Rev. Reinhard Sternemann OSA of St. Mary's Church in Gainesville, Father Eugene Luke OSB, and Father Bruno Fuhrmann OSB. Also present in the sanctuary was Brother Michael Fuhrmann OSB attending from Subiaco Abbey.



Joe Walter

Joe B. Walter died on May 11, 2002 in Gainesville Memorial Hospital at age 97; his almost century of living was spent in service to his family, his God and his fellowmen, in unparalleled service to humanity.

Surviving him are daughters Mary Jo Graham of Gainesville, Rita Chapman of Plano, daughter and son-in-law Florence and Barry Blevins of Kerrville; son John Walter of Subiaco, Arkansas, son and daughter-in-law James Frank and Marguerite Walter of Hammond, Louisiana. There are 21 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren. Also five sisters: Romana Bayer, Rose Hofbauer, and Marie Endres all of Muenster, Genie O'Dowd of Houston, and Sylvia Everette of Illinois.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Anna Walter, a daughter Betty Sicking, and a grandson Trey Chapman; three brothers Al Walter, Oscar Walter, and Alfred Walter, and one sister Terese Miller.

Joe B. Walter was born on Dec. 14, 1906 in Muenster to John and Susie Trachta Walter, the second of ten children. He attended Sacred Heart Elementary School; went to Subiaco as a high school student in 1920; graduated in 1924; entered

Subiaco College as a seminarian; left after one year and subsequently attended LaSalle University to pursue a degree in Higher Accountancy.

On Apr. 2, 1929 he married Anna Marie Walterscheid. In their 57 years of marriage, they became parents of six children. Joe Walter knew the range of daily labor - he was an oil field worker; a yard boy in a lumber yard; he served in the Armed Forces in W.W.II. In 1947 he founded the Joe Walter Lumber Company in Gainesville and was a business leader and role model.

Among civic positions he held were secretary and president of Texas Regional Planning Commission, serving on the Board of Directors; Gainesville City Council for six years; Board of Directors of Gainesville Hospital; headed United Way campaigns; president of Gainesville Kiwanis Club; chairman of Cooke County Red Cross; treasurer of Gainesville Chamber of Commerce; founder of Boys Baseball League of Gainesville.

Serving his church and his fellowmen, he worked as a volunteer at Gainesville State Training School; assisted with religious services; provided counseling for 30 years;

headed the CCD program; served as Eucharistic Minister and Lector in his parish; taught religious education classes in neighboring parishes; visited the sick; made thousands of rosary beads; was past Grand Knight for the local Knights of Columbus Council, and a District Deputy; won the Bishop Gorman award for outstanding Catholic Lay Action.

He had a life-long interest in giving help to retarded children, and began a program providing gainful employment for older youths, creating the Joe Walter Sheltered Workshop.

Honored by Congressmen, Governors, Mayors, Bishops, Abbots, and dozens of organizations, among awards he received was the Bill King Award for his contribution to youth; he received the Texas Governor's Award for Volunteer Service on Behalf of the disadvantaged; he received the Cooke County Senior Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award; in 1962 he received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Abbot Michael Lensing OSB for service to his Church, his community and Subiaco; he received the Subiaco Academy Distinguished Alumnus Award. For many years he served on the Board of Directors of Subiaco Alumni Association. He created a scholarship fund for needy students to enter the academy, and was a major contributor to Subiaco projects for more than 50 years.

Joe Walter was an accomplished musician. He was famous for his trumpet playing. Favorite selections with his listeners were "Amazing Grace," "Always," "Happy Birthday" on anniversaries, birthdays, and special days.

Knights of Columbus of Gainesville stood honor guard from Monday Rosary Services until conclusion of Tuesday graveside services.

A Knights of Columbus Rosary was prayed at 4 p.m. Monday in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rosary, Wake and Visitation were held at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's.

Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial with readings from the Old and New Testaments were Kyle Graham, a grandson; Prayers of the Faithful by Jo Sparkman and Pamela Clegg, great-granddaughters. A special playing of a tape made by Joe Walter of "Amazing Grace" was offered for the Communion hymn. School children of St. Mary School sang "The Bells of St. Mary." Father Nicholas Fuhrmann delivered the eulogy. Special family remembrances were presented by granddaughters Diane LeClair and Peggy Sparkman.

Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented by great-grandchildren. Roses from Joe Walter's garden were carried up with Offertory gifts, placed on the casket by the great-grandchildren. One child carried up his rosary.

Burial in Fairview Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Grandsons were pallbearers.

TAPS and a surprise Happy Birthday presentation were played on Joe Walter's personal trumpet at the graveside services, by a family friend, John Martin.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to St. Mary's School, or the Joe and Anna Walter Fund at Subiaco Academy and Abbey, 405 North Subiaco Avenue, Subiaco, Arkansas 72865.

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A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922, and

WHEREAS: VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans, and

WHEREAS: The basic purpose of the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living", therefore

I, Henry Weinzapfel, Mayor of the city of Muenster, Texas do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through your donations for Buddy Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

Attested *Michael Stehr*
City Secretary

Signed *Henry Weinzapfel*
Mayor

Iris Cathey Vallier 1949 - 2002

Iris Cheryl Cathey Vallier of Ontario, California died there at age 52 on May 3, 2002. Memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Cemetery in Lindsay on Saturday, May 18, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Father Eugene Luke OSB, pastor of St. Peter's Church. Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery will be directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vallier was born on Aug. 13, 1949 in Compton, California to Glenn and Myrtle Friske Cathey.

Survivors are her father and step-mother, Glenn and Rosabel Cathey of Muenster; a daughter Stephanie Vallier of

Ontario, California; brother and sister-in-law Pat and Vicky Cathey of Chiono, California; sister and brother-in-law Joy and Bob Buys of Anaheim, California, niece Crystal Cathey of Chiono, California, and nephew Travis Cathey of Chiono, California. Also an aunt Mrs. Alvin (Gracie) Fuhrman of Muenster.

Following the memorial service, a reception will be held at the Glenn Cathey residence in Muenster.

For those who have asked, memorials may be sent to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Texas 76265.

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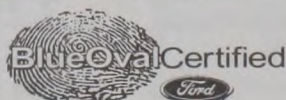
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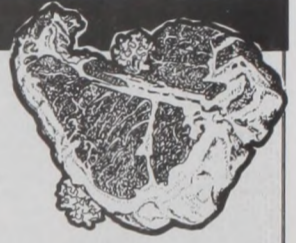
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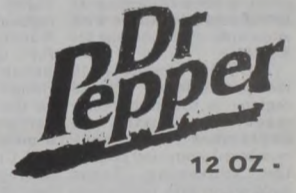


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Crackdown takes aim at unbelted teens, adults

For many teens, a driver's license is a ticket to freedom. No more car pools. No more embarrassing pickups and drop-offs at school. No more dates with chaperones behind the wheel. But tragically a license is also a ticket to an early death for too many teens. Caught in a lethal intersection of inexperience, risk taking, and low seat belt use, teens are dying at disproportionately high rates.

How do you get teens to buckle up when they think tragedy will never happen to them? Simple, warn them about heavy fines, enlist the support of 11,000 law enforcement agencies in all 50 states, launch an unprecedented media outreach campaign and pray that the media take notice.

With a sincere hope for the latter, that's exactly what's going to happen this Memorial Day week during **Operation ABC**

Mobilization, a nationwide law enforcement effort to protect teens and young adults from the leading risk they face - traffic crashes. With more than 50,000 seat belt check points, saturation patrols and special enforcement activities, the **Mobilization** is proven to save lives. But if seat belt laws are for everyone's safety, why focus on young people?

According to the new data from NHTSA's Fatal Analysis Reporting Systems (FARS), 4,437 teens, ages 16-19, died and thousands more were injured in traffic crashes in 2000. Fatality rates for teens are twice that of older drivers and the risk of crashes for teens are four times that of older drivers. This year, approximately 8,000 Americans, adults and children, will die in crashes because they failed to buckle their seat belts.



Shauna Endres of Muenster and Shane Huchton of Lindsay will be married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on June 8, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. with Father John Ohner OSA officiating. Her parents, Gary and Mary Endres, have announced their engagement and approaching marriage. Parents of the future-groom are Lynn and JoAnn Huchton. Attendants will be Nicole Hennigan matron of honor, Trisha Endres, Jessica Berres, Lisa Endres, Anne Tudor; Brian Hermes best man, Hank Huchton, Zach Bowman, Jeff Bezner, and Shelby Bezner. The bride-elect is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is a full-time student in the dental hygiene program of Midwestern State University, to graduate in 2003. The future-groom is a graduate of Lindsay High School, attended Midwestern State University for two years, and is employed by Huchton Construction. The couple will reside in Lindsay.

CDA convention held in El Paso Apr. 25-28

Catholic Daughters of the Americas convention for 2002 was held in El Paso Apr. 25-28. Delegates to the convention were Christel Vogel, Stella Hess, Yvonne Ambrose, and Dorothy Hesse.

The opening Mass was consolidated by Bishop James A. Tamayo, CDA State Chaplain, Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, Diocese of El Paso, Rev. Donald Rupert, and Rev. John C.

Peters, JCDA State Chaplain.

The theme of the convention was "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas." It was voted upon to use the above title for our Mother throughout this year as requested by Pope John Paul II.

The closing Mass was in honor of the installation of new officers with music by St. Pius X Parish Octet of El Paso.



Muenster Jaycee David Felderhoff, left, awards John and Judy Hoberer the \$10,000 raffle prize on Saturday, May 4. The Jaycee fundraiser brought in over \$15,000 towards the new baseball complex. Dave and Dianne Muller supplied the DJ service at the social. Texas Rangers tickets, donated by Ponderosa Pools, brought in an additional \$500 donation. Courtesy Photo



The engagement and approaching marriage of Yvonne Marie Martin and Nathan Craig Sandmann of Gainesville have been announced by her parents, Ernest and Laneta Martin of Muenster. Parents of the future-groom are Gary and Betty Sandmann of Gainesville. The wedding will be held on August 3, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor. The bride-elect is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a 2001 graduate of North Central Texas College. She is employed by NCTC and by Rohmer's Restaurant. The future-groom is a graduate of Gainesville High School and will be attending NCTC in the spring of 2003. He is employed by Excel Aviation. The couple will reside in Gainesville.

NCTC announces 2002 local graduates

Following is a list of local graduates for the Spring 2002 Class of North Central Texas College:

Adrienne Bartel, John Cook, Mindy Endres, Keri Felderhoff, Kimberly Walterscheid, and Darlene Williams - Muenster; Cristal Medlock, Teresa Smith, Angie Tempel -

Myra; Melissa Covington - Forestburg; Christie Dickerson, Katie Eberhart, Brandy England, Christopher Escobedo,

Travis Huchton, Sarah Knabe, Patrick Lusk, Lori Mollenkopf, Stacey Owen, Cody Seerest, Jo Sparkman - Lindsay.

Nathan Hacker is one!

Nathan Charles Hacker, son of Maurus and Sally Hacker, was the center of attention at his first birthday party on Sunday, Apr. 28, when his parents entertained in their home. The party was themed "Tropical Fish." The children guests enjoyed being together to break the fish piñata. Hot dogs, hamburgers, birthday cake and ice cream were served. The children sang "Happy Birthday" to Nathan. He had his own little cake and got to "dig in." Gifts were opened and displayed.



Nathan Hacker

Attending the party with the honoree and his parents were grandparents Chuck and Vicky Fisher and Maurus and Lynn Hacker; great-grandparents Clyde and Polly Fisher, Dan Haverkamp, Diamond and Evelyn Fuhrmann; aunts

Jessica Fisher and Cheryl Hacker; uncle Michael Hacker; friends April, Amber, Cole, Allie, and Kody Walterscheid, Jeff Joyce, and Jade Walterscheid, Dalana, Sean, and Natalie Chism, and Michelle Abbe; many great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins. Nathan's actual birthday was April 25.

New Arrivals

Klement

Leslie Jo Klement, daughter of Lyle and Margie Klement of Bokchito, Oklahoma, was baptized on May 11 at St. William's Catholic Church in Durant, Oklahoma by Father Valerian Gonsalves. Baptismal sponsors are an uncle and aunt, Ron and Karen Dangelmayr of Muenster.

Leslie Jo was born Mar. 19, 2002. Attending the baptism with her parents were her sister Trisha Klement of Moore, Oklahoma, brother Jarrod Klement of Norman, Oklahoma, and friend Dana, brothers Lance and Tyler of the home and sister Rae Ann of the home. Also cousins Kassie, Shelby, and Amanda Dangelmayr; friends Lauren, Lee and Vicki Shattuck of Durant, and Deacon Albert Miller

and wife Janet of Durant. They all were guests for a sumptuous meal at the home of Leslie and her parents.

Leslie's grandparents are Ray and Irene Klement and Adam and Alma Wolf, all of Muenster. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Catherine Kubis of Lindsay.

Car Care Tips

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Get Your Team Ready For The American Cancer Society's 2002 RELAY FOR LIFE of Cooke County June 7 & 8 ★ Muenster Hornet Stadium

If you need more information, would like to schedule a presentation or sign up a team, call RELAY FOR LIFE HEADQUARTERS at 940/759-2271, ext. 136

This is a list of teams already grouped for the 2002 RELAY FOR LIFE There's still time for YOUR Team - Come Join Us!

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| ★ Diane's Team | ★ Mac's Team | ★ Renaissance Care Center |
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Megan celebrates two!

Megan Rohmer, daughter of Greg and Melody Rohmer, celebrated her second birthday on Sunday, May 12. Her actual birthday was May 9. Guests were treated to a backyard BBQ cookout at Megan's home with the "Clifford" theme. BBQ, birthday cake, ice cream and lemonade were

served. Megan enjoyed riding her tricycle and playing with her cousins. Gifts were also opened and pictures taken.

Guests included her parents; sisters Lauren and Adrien; grandparents Robert G. and Gloria Klement and Agnes Rohmer; and great-grandparents Frank and Lucille Zimmerer. Also attending were uncles, aunts, cousins and friends Justin and Amanda Klement; Shelley Klement; Chris, Leslie, Kalya, and Travis Dangelmayr; Scott, Zonya, Toby, Tori, and Tressa Klement; Dwayne, Cheryl, John, and Christina Rohmer; Tom, Lora, Garrett, Ryan, and Darren Hennigan; and Allison Endres.

On Megan's actual birthday, she shared cupcakes with her friends at Tender Loving Care Daycare.



Megan Rohmer



Amy Marie Lomme of Arlington and Neil Joseph Berres of Arlington have chosen June 22, 2002 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tod Weder of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Parents of the future-groom are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Berres of Muenster. The wedding will be held in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster at 7:00 p.m. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Plainview High School in Ardmore and a 1999 graduate of Midwestern State University, with a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. She is a marketing consultant for Merritt Hawkins and Associates of Irving. Mr. Berres is a 1995 graduate of Sacred Heart High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from Midwestern State University and is a teacher and coach for Highlands School in Irving. The couple will reside in Arlington.

First Bank Night is scheduled for May 20

The first bank night for the 2002 Cooke County Relay For Life is scheduled for Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m. at the Cooke County Electric Co-op in Muenster. All Team Captains or team representative should attend.

If you are a cancer survivor and have not registered for the survivors' activities, you are urged to take part in this year's event. A number of cancer survivors have registered for the survivors' events and opening lap. Cancer survivors can continue to

sign up for the cancer survivors' activities by contacting any team member. A picture of all cancer survivors will be taken.

It's not too late to form a team for the 2002 Relay Event. If you would like more information concerning the Relay For Life or about registering for the cancer survivors' activities or would like information about forming a team, contact Kim at the Relay For Life Headquarters at 759-2271, ext. 136.



The engagement and approaching marriage of Monica Ashley of Henrietta and Jason Huchton of Wichita Falls have been announced by her parents, J. B. and Robbie Ashley of Henrietta. Parents of the future-groom are Neil and Peachie Huchton of Muenster. The wedding will be held in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on July 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The bride-elect is a graduate of Midwestern State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. The future-groom holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from Midwestern State University. He is a biology teacher and football coach in Wichita Falls. The couple will reside in Kaufman, Texas.

St. Anne's Society plans summer projects

The St. Anne's Society of Sacred Heart met in the Community Center Snap Room at 3:00 p.m. on May 5. President Imelda Rohmer led prayers to open the meeting.

A guest speaker, Becky Bezner from Lindsay spoke to the group about Scripture prayer. Her inspiring talk was entitled "Praying God's Word," and she told of how she takes a verse of scripture and phrases it into a prayer appropriate to her situation. She encouraged the members of the Society to try Scripture prayer in their life.

After Becky's talk, the regular monthly St. Anne's meeting was held. Secretary Nancy Nystrom read the minutes from the last meeting.

Mary Callahan gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Lanie Bartush. Donations were made to Sister Roberta Hesse and for Masses for Liz Koessler. Letters were sent to St. Anne members who have not paid their yearly dues, and there has been a good response from the members. Dues can still be paid to Lanie Bartush or Imelda Rohmer.

Lucille Hess sent get well cards to Florence Fisher, May Streng, Viola Rohmer, and Nellie Martin.

Mary Callahan also reported on the Society's plans for Kyle Walterscheid's reception after the 8 a.m. Mass. Members will be providing orange juice and breakfast

bread or cookies for the reception. Donations for donuts and sweet rolls were also collected. It was decided that baked goods could be dropped off at Mary Callahan's house the night before the reception, and Bertha Knabe and Louise Knauf would be helping at the Sunday reception. If any member still wants to make a contribution for the reception, please get in touch with Imelda Rohmer or Mary Callahan.

Imelda read a letter about the Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School and members voted to increase their donation to VBS this year.

Bertha Knabe gave out brochures on the National Catholic Women's Union state meeting that is coming up soon.

Tillie Otto reported that she and Leona Eberhart made 130 rosaries and sent them to St. Paul's Hospital. Members were urged to learn how to make rosaries in order to help with this important project. Rosary supplies are furnished by St. Anne's Society. Tillie also read a thank you note from Fr. Paul Scheoder, Guadalupe Apostolate for rosaries sent to him.

Florence Fisher won the door prize. She, Gen Pels, and Adeline Sicking were taken on a Spring Drive around Muenster on Monday by Imelda Rohmer as part of the prize. The meeting adjourned with prayer, then the members enjoyed refreshments.

Michael builds 4th parties

Michael John Fleitman, son of Douglas and Vickie Fleitman, began his birthday celebration on Apr. 15 in Galveston. He had a Bob, the Builder party on the beach. Between wave-jumping and sand castle building, everyone enjoyed a fried chicken lunch with birthday cake.

Joining him on the beach were his mom and dad, sisters Mikayla and Mikenzie; grandparents John David and Patsy Fleitman; aunts, uncles, and cousins Sam, Jannet and Daylen Fleitman; Jon Fleitman and Julia Fleitman.

Michael celebrated again at the 16th annual Hartman Camp Out on May 4. Hamburgers, and hot dogs were served, followed by a decorated "Bob, the Builder" cake.

Those attending the party with his mom, dad, and sisters, were grandparents Harvey and Della Schmitt, aunts, uncles and cousins, Stephen, Michelle, Tim and Daniel Schmitt; Karli Anderle, Debbie, Billy, Raynee, and Clay Hogan; Pat and John Yosten; Gene and Judy Hartman; Dan, Christy, Katy, and Keith Bezner; Sharlene, Shannon and Dainah Hartman. Many

other cousins stopped by the campsite to wish him well.

On May 6, Michael's actual birthday, he was joined by friends at the Gainesville Park for pizza and cupcakes.



Michael Fleitman

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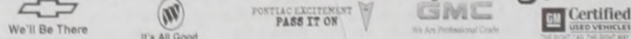
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Mary Luke King promoted to responsible positions at Dillard's

Mary Luke King, daughter of Tony and Leona Luke, sent this picture of herself and her family from Little Rock, Arkansas. She is shown with her husband, Doug King, and their two children, Jarrod age 10 and Meredith age 8.

Mary attended Sacred Heart School, graduated from Sacred Heart High in 1978, later graduated from the University of Texas, Austin, with a degree in "BBA Marketing" in 1982. Since graduation from UT, she has been employed by Dillard's Department Stores.

In her new assignment she has been promoted to the position of PRODUCT Coordinator for the "DANIEL CREMIEUX" line at Dillard's Department Stores. Her corporate responsibilities include all 319 Dillard's Stores. This promotion required her to relocate with her family from the Dallas Metroplex area, where her many positions were during the past 20 years, to the Corporate Headquarters in

Little Rock, Arkansas. In her new position, she will be traveling four times a year to Paris, France, working on the design portion of the line and twice a year to Hong Kong, China to work on the production process of the merchandise. "DANIEL CREMIEUX" is an exclusive line in the United States to Dillard's. There are CREMIEUX stores worldwide including France, Middle East, and Japan.

In Mary's 20 years at Dillard's she has had a wide range of responsibilities. She started as a trainee for the Dress Department and was then promoted to an Area Sales Manager, first over the Children's department, then for Cosmetics and Accessories areas. She was then promoted back to the Buying Office where she worked first as an assistant Buyer in Cosmetics, then as Buyer for the entire Texas Division for the Cosmetics departments.

Next she was promoted to a Buyer for Men's Designer

Sportswear. It was here that Mary worked with such designers as Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, Calvin Klein, Liz Claiborne, and many others. Her next step was as a Merchandise Manager for the Dillard's Valley View, then for Dillard's North Park. Her promotion to Store Manager took her to the Dillard's Southwest Center Store. And now she has been moved up to her new position at Corporate Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Last week Sunday morning as Tony and Leona were getting ready to go to the 10:30 Mass in Sacred Heart Church, the phone rang and Mary was calling to wish Happy Mothers' Day to Leona. She said that "it's late Saturday evening here. I just got back from visiting at The Versailles in Paris, after work. I'll be back home next week!!" In admiration Tony could only say "WOW!! I was in the Army in France in the 82nd Division for a long time, but I never did get to see The Versailles!!"



Mary Luke King and her family

"Great American Grump Out" to be held May 22

A recent survey revealed that most people experience an overwhelming amount of rudeness from other people in America. In the wake of that dismal news, one U.S. company is looking to turn that frown upside-down by declaring Wednesday, May 22, 2002 the "First Annual Great American Grump-Out."

Much like the Annual National Smoke Out, the National Grump-Out urges people all over the world to abstain - from being grumpy for the day. Of course, people are also urged to take that one step farther by doing at least one nice thing for another person on that day.

"In light of all that people have been through in recent months, I wondered what it would feel like to try to create peace and harmony for just one day," says Janice Hathy, organizer of the Great American Grump-Out and President of a Kalamazoo stress management business called Smile Mania. "Could Americans share a smile and treat each other with respect for just 24 hours," Hathy asked. "I created the Great American Grump-Out to find out."

There are a number of activities that people can take part in during the Grump-Out including: People nationwide are asked to wear anything with smile on it: clothing, hats, buttons -- your face!

"The Million Smile e-Walk" -- Hathy will begin the day by emailing a colorful "SMILE chain letter" of sorts to friends who are urged to forward the SMILE to their friends. (We do it with jokes why not with a SMILE?) Recipients can then print out this page, cut out the SMILE hang it on a wall or even wear it on Grump-Out day.

Schoolchildren at the Kazoo school in Kalamazoo will wear handmade Smile T-shirts, draw smile pictures for their halls and hand out Smiles during the day. School children across the country are urged to do the same.

Implement a "Frown Fine" at your home, office or business. Anyone caught frowning will have to pay some sort of monetary fine and the money collected for the day will be donated to a local charity.

Anti-grumpers are also welcome to come up with their own ideas and submit them to the SmileMania.com website for others to consider using.

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Emily White, daughter of Jack and Jenny White, celebrated her First Holy Communion Apr. 21 at Sacred Heart Church. After Mass, Emily was joined by her family for a German sausage meal. Celebrating with Emily were her parents; sisters Alyssa, Amy, and Grace; Grandparents Joe and Ruth Felderhoff; Bert, Christy, Joe, Rebekah, John Paul, Daniel, and Julian Hesse; Neil, Anne, Matt, Kaitlin, and Samuel Hesse; and Rose and Ben Ganzon. In the afternoon Emily was joined by lots more family and friends for a barn dance. Great fun!

EMILY WHITE

Blake's guests included his sister Tausha Kemp and brother Zane Kemp; his godparents and Emily's godparents, Jenny and Bruce Bezner; grandparents Della and Joe Hellman, Fran and Jim Voth; great-grandmother Loretta Wimmer. Also Shawn and Kristi and Colton Dangelmayr; Bret, Jennifer, and Brady York. Emily's guests included her godparents; her grandparents Kenneth and Marilyn Bierschen; and Terry, Kristy, Taylor, and Aaron Felderhoff.

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School

FCCLA ends year with banquet

Muenster High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter ended the school year with their annual banquet on Tuesday, May 7. Emphasizing the importance of family, the banquet honored members' mothers and gave recognition to each student's membership. Held in the Muenster ISD cafeteria, decorations carried out a western and patriotic theme which gave meaning to the tragedies occurring in our nation this year and also for the Regional theme in FCCLA this year: "Saddle Up for Success."

A large banner centered behind the head table carried the banquet theme words: "FCCLA Round-Up 2002" and was accented with cowgirl and cowboy silhouettes. Blue and white silk flower streamers centered the tables. Western silhouettes placed over red bandanna print fabric on the walls further carried out the western effect. At each place setting were red and blue programs. Mason jars placed on a red or blue bandanna holding fresh daisies tied with red, white, and blue ribbon were used as centerpiece. A small Texas flag completed each arrangement. The daisies were later give to each mother as a gift.

President Ashley Klement emceed the program and began by thanking officers, members, and parents for their support throughout the year. Each member then introduced themselves and their guest. Vice President Kimberly Klement welcomed guests and members. Deb Klement, mother of Ashley Klement, responded to the welcome on behalf of all the parents. Parliamentarian Crystal Lutkenhaus gave the invocation to begin the meal.

After the introduction, the meal was served by Mrs. Anita Luttmmer, Mrs. Dorothy Endres, and the eighth grade Skills for

Living class to 125 guests and members. The meal consisted of a tossed green salad, BBQ Chicken Breast Filet, cheesy potatoes, relishes, homemade buttered Texas toast, and Mexican cobbler with Blue Bell ice cream. All of the banquet food was prepared by FCCLA members.

Following the meal, Reporter Tara Swirczynski gave a lively report on the year's activities. The report briefly included the installation ceremony, Christmas gifts fundraiser, Halloween cookie baking with the kindergarten, the field trip to the Tom Landry Fitness Center and the Hard Rock Cafe, the Christmas meal for staff and members, observation of National Vocational Education Week with FCCLA activities, Senior field trip, participation in the Cooke County Youth Fair, Christmas caroling at the rest home, decorating at the rest home and the Red Cross collection.

Entertainment was provided by Personal and Family Development and Apparel students who modeled their classroom sewing projects. Modeling capris were Christine Eanes, Brittani Eanes, Kallie Gerstberger, Tara Swirczynski, and Mindy Walterscheid. Modeling dresses, pants and skirts were Jessica Bengfort, Kelly Grewing, Crystal Lutkenhaus, Lacy Endres, and Kimberly Klement.

The style show was emceed by Recreation Leaders Kami Klement and Shanna Jones. Following the style show, Treasurer Colby Calabrese and Secretary Kay Lee Price recognized and presented red roses and certificates to seniors that participated for four years as FCCLA members. They were Laura Drachenberg, Lacy Endres, Krystal Hale, Ashley Hess, Ashley Klement, Kimberly Klement, Jennifer Reid, and Shanelle Spakes.

The next special

recognition went to the Muenster FCCLA Who's Who nominees, Ashley Klement, Kimberly Klement, and Kami Klement.

The evening ended with a special thanks and gifts presented to the cooks, servers and chapter advisor, Mrs. Joni Sturm by Kay Lee Price and Colby Calabrese. The benediction was provided by Historian Shaina Sheaff.

Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Cooks' choice, vegetables, salad, fruit.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit.

Wed. - Fiesta salad, ranch style beans, lettuce, fruit.

Thurs. - Taco soup, ham sandwich, fruit.

Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Ham and cheese hot pocket, pinto beans, pineapple cake, peaches.

Tues. - Burritos, refried beans, Spanish rice, pears, pumpkin bread.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwiches, nachos, lettuce and tomatoes, carrot sticks, oranges, cookies.

Thurs. - Pizza, lettuce salad w/dressing, carrot sticks, fruit, ice cream.

Fri. - School is out.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Hot dog w/chili sauce, corn, vegetable sticks, pears.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, green beans, creamed potatoes, peaches, bread.

Wed. - Burritos, refried beans, applesauce, pineapple, bread.

Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Fri. - Manager's choice.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit mix, cornbread.

Tues. - Sliced turkey or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.

Wed. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or barbecue wieners, tossed salad, green beans, pear halves, breadstick.

Thurs. - Pepperoni or cheese pizza, corn, strawberry applesauce, tossed salad, sugar cookie.

Fri. - Chicken sandwich, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.



Klement Ford of Muenster awarded cash prizes to winners of the drawing in their "Reward for Making the Grade" program Monday. Ben Bindel and Mark Klement presented to, from left, Chad Henschel, Joelle Fuhrmann, Tyler Anderle, Mitch Felderhoff, Clint Miller, Aaron Feltman, Jimmy McMains and Jacqueline Fiusche. Also winning but not present were Nicole Popp and Melinda Walterscheid. Dave Fette Photo

SH SENIORS

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University. Andrea Bauer was awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship (\$32,000) by Austin College. Kristin Zimmerman was awarded the Freshman Leadership Scholarship (\$8,500) from the St. Gregory University. From St. Mary's University, Luke Endres received the President's Scholarship (\$26,000).

Awards presented included the National Merit Commended Scholar to Elizabeth Fette and the Principal's Leadership Award NASSP/Herff Jones to Sara Sepanski. Yearbook Cordis Staff certificates were presented to Jeremy Yosten and Cristin Smith and Co Editors Kristen Zimmerman and Mattie Sicking received plaques and certificates. Andrea Bauer and Sara Sepanski received SMU Economics for Leadership Program recognition. Elizabeth Fette was awarded a certificate as a semifinalist for Christian Athlete of the Year. National Honor Society Certificates of Merit went to Elizabeth Fette and Sara Sepanski. Mathew Grewing received recognition for Honorable Mention in TAPPS All State Art.

Class Subject awards were presented to the following students: Civics, Sara Sepanski; Religion IV, Sara Sepanski; Journalism, Mattie Sicking; Musical

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Theater, Sara Rogers; Calculus, Sara Sepanski; Accounting, Elizabeth Fette; Spanish II, Elizabeth Fette; Economics, Sara Sepanski; Advanced Science, Elizabeth Fette; Advanced Biology, Sara Rogers; Art, Matthew Grewing; St. Cecilia Award in Music - Elizabeth Fette and Kelly Fetsch of Angelic A Cappella Choir; Chemistry, Aaron Walterscheid; World history, Luke Endres; English IV, Sara Sepanski; Journalism I, Christin Smith; Food and Consumer Science II, Jeremy Yosten; Computer Science II, Luke Endres; Computer Science II, Sara Sepanski. Trophies for Password Award were presented to school champions Sara Sepanski and Elizabeth Fette. Ribbon/medals were awarded to school runners-up Mattie Sicking and Kristin Zimmerman.

Dr. Murdock presented

class officers Sara Sepanski, president; Kristen Zimmerman, vice-president; Andrea Bauer, secretary, and Kristen Yosten, treasurer, certificates.

The honor of being named Mr. Sacred Heart and Miss Sacred Heart went to Luke Endres and Elizabeth Fette.

In closing comments Dr. Murdock imparted his traditional words of wisdom borrowed from his wife, Shirley. She wrote them for their children. Since the students are like his children Dr. Murdock shares with the graduating seniors each year as they celebrate their accomplishments.

Kristen Yosten, class treasurer, closed the banquet with benediction.

Dr. Murdock noted that a third of the class will be attending Catholic Universities, something he is very pleased about.

Daily departures to space station begin

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Sports

Area tracksters at State Meet

Two Muenster Lady Hornets, freshmen Kallie Gerstberger and JoAnna Felderhoff competed in the 1A Texas Track and Field Meet last weekend in Austin.

Gerstberger finished in 4th place in the 3200m run with a time of 12:12.52. The winning time was 11:25.28.

Felderhoff settled for a

7th place finish in the 1600m, clocking in at 5:49.38. The first place runner had a time of 5:20.07.

Lindsay's Lady Knights, Alex Shauf, Joni Erwin, Jacque Bezner, and Hannah Trammell, raced the 4x400 relay, finishing at 4:20.61 for an 8th place.

The Knights 4x400 relay

came in 5th place with a time of 3:28.99. Team members were Matt Brennan, Sam Hellingner, Trinity Otto, and Rhett Rimmer.

Hellingner also finished 4th in the 800m run, clocking in at 2:02.34, just 2.28 seconds behind first place. Adam Anderle's time of 45.54 gave him 5th place in the 300m hurdles. Mitch Creed finished 6th in the 3200m run, clocking in at 10:27.66.

In the field events, Matt Baugh threw the discus 135' 09" for 7th place. The state winner threw 155' 6".



Coach Kip Callahan watches as a Tigerette takes a swing at the ball.

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Muenster team goes undefeated in 1st round

The 7 and 8 year old coach pitch league of boys baseball of Cooke County is led by the Muenster team with a 9-0-0 record half-way through the season.

Thirteen local boys are competing in a league of 10 other teams. The Muenster team consists of: Landon Presnall, pitcher; Luke Crabtree, catcher; Blake Voth, 1st base; Dalton

Koelzer, 2nd base; Kameron Heady, short stop; Clay Hogan, 3rd base; and outfielders Jimmy Abner, Hunter Klement, Tyler Anderle, Sean Chism, Austin Hennigan, Joey McAden, and Jace Wann.

Kevin Heady is the team's coach, assisted by Billy Hogan and Ronnie Abner.



Above - The Sacred Heart Tigerettes pre-game lineup at the state tournament. At right - Coach Jon LeBrasseur presents senior Audrey Barnhill her State All-Tournament medal.

Alvin Hartman Photos

Dates announced for SH basketball camp

Sacred Heart Coach Jon LeBrasseur has announced that June 17 - 20 will be dates for the 2002 Basketball Camp. The camp is a fundamentals camp with a special emphasis on shooting. "Our primary purpose is to provide boys and girls the opportunity to improve their knowledge and enthusiasm for basketball," said Coach LeBrasseur. Assisting Coach Jon will be coach Ted Heers.

The camp is open to all boys and girls who are entering grades 3-9 for the 2002 school year. The camp will begin each morning at 8:29 and conclude at 11:30. The fee for the camp is \$40 and enrollment will be limited and will be based on a first pay first play basis.

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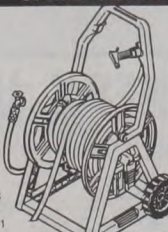
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All are welcome but the bus is filling fast. For more information contact Doyle Klement at 759-2261.



Lucy Hess displays Yard of the Month sign in front of her remodeled home. Courtesy Photo

Lucy Hess awarded Yard of the Month

Lucy Hess of 933 N. Main has made some major home and yard improvements. The actual structure of her home has been refurbished and with the new landscaping her house looks like a brand new home. She didn't physically do the landscaping herself, however, but her willingness to invest in the landscaping and maintenance that improves the beauty of North Main is greatly appreciated by her neighbors and the community. She is tremendously proud of her new yard and Keep Muenster Beautiful is "Muenster Proud" of her investment!

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February Oil and Gas Completions

In February 2002, operators reported 243 oil, 471 gas, 12 injection, and five other completions, compared to 207 oil, 363 gas, 6 injection, and one other completion along with 398 holes plugged and 115 dry holes during February 2001. Total well completions for 2002 year to date are 2,886 up from 1,382 recorded during the same period in 2001.

March permits to drill

The railroad Commission of Texas issued a total of 671 original drilling permits in March 2002 compared to 1,224 in March 2001.

Oil news from Railroad Commission of Texas

The February total included 496 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 31 to re-enter existing well bores, and 144 for recompletions.

Permits issued in March 2002 included 131 oil, 232 gas, 283 oil and gas, 22 injection and 3 other permits.

In March 2002, operators reported 361 oil, 540 gas, 41 injection and one other completion.

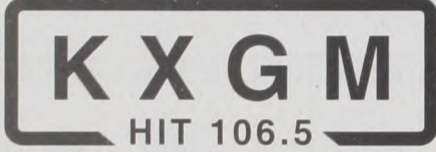
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Texas downgrade for cattle TB status due around June 1

Texas livestock health officials are alerting cattle producers, veterinarians and livestock markets that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will strip Texas of its "Free" status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication on or around June 1. The TB status downgrade will mean that the 150,000 or more breeding cattle hauled out of Texas each year must have a negative tuberculosis skin test prior to being moved. The USDA has placed a moratorium on additional restrictions until at least January 2003, when the state's feeder cattle must be identified with official ear tags before being transported out of state.

"Since late February, we have worked with the USDA and cattle industry groups to prepare for the loss of Texas' TB-free status, which we initially thought would occur as early as April," explained Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "This loss of status will have a great impact on the Texas livestock industry and, until producers are familiar with the process, it could slow the movement of breeding cattle out of the state."

"The downgrade in TB status comes as a result of the diagnosis and subsequent depopulation of two TB-infected cattle herds during 2001," she said. "Both infected herds were detected by slaughter plant inspectors, who found carcasses with internal lesions indicative of TB. Lesion samples were submitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) for examination, and we began skin-testing the herds where the animals originated. We closely examined the carcasses of test-positive animals from the herds and submitted lesions to the NVSL for examination and confirmation of TB."

Dr. Logan said the two infected herds, found in South Central Texas in summer 2001, and in Southwest Texas in fall 2001, have been depopulated.

More than 130 other herds have been tested, as TAHC and USDA officials search for the origin of the disease outbreak, and where it may have spread. No other infected herds have been detected, and veterinary epidemiologists have been unable to pinpoint the source of infection.

"Federal regulations mandate a loss of TB-free status when a state has two or more infected herds disclosed within a 48-month period. Texas will move from the TB-free status it has held since November 2000, to modified accredited advanced status, the second highest rung in an international five-tier ranking system for cattle TB eradication," said Dr. Logan. She said it will take at least two years without

an infected herd for Texas to regain its coveted TB-free status enjoyed by all other states except Michigan.

The loss of status will immediately impact producers who move or sell breeding cattle out of state, explained Dr. Logan. Breeding animals are bred heifers, bulls and cows. Since many cattle sold at livestock markets are hauled out of state, producer groups have struggled with logistical problems sure to be encountered when untested animals are presented at livestock markets. She said breeding cattle are exempted from the interstate testing requirement only if they are from a TB accredited-free herd (a herd that is tested for TB yearly and is enrolled in the TAHC's accreditation program), are moving to an approved feedlot or are consigned directly to slaughter.

"If sellers arrive at the livestock market with untested breeding cattle, the market management will need to designate the untested animals as 'Texas-only' cattle, restrict the cattle to slaughter only, or they will have to make arrangements for having the animals tested so they can move interstate," explained Dr. Logan. "Producers can avoid delays in moving their cattle, if they'll have their accredited veterinarian test animals prior to sale."

A TB skin test takes 72 hours to complete and must be conducted by an accredited veterinarian, who injects tuberculin into the skin near the animal's tail, in a site called the "caudal fold." After a 72-hour waiting period, the veterinarian examines the injection site for a response, such as redness or swelling. Animals without a response can move. If a response is detected, Dr. Logan said a second test must be applied on the animal's neck by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian. This comparative cervical test also requires a waiting period of 72 hours after injection before it can be read, she said. Animals with negative results on the comparative cervical test also are free to move.

"One or two percent of animals will test positive on the caudal fold test but then are cleared for movement with a negative comparative cervical test," said Dr. Logan. "If the animals have skin reactions on both tests, however, they need to be slaughtered and closely examined, as there is strong evidence that the animal has been infected with TB."

"Veterinarians from the TAHC and the USDA in Texas will work with private veterinary practitioners and producers to conduct all needed comparative cervical tests as quickly as possible," said Dr. Logan. "Preventing bottlenecks and keeping Texas livestock moving will be a key goal for our staff."

Dr. Logan said that cattle industry groups continue to develop plans to address federal TB requirements

that will apply to Texas feeder cattle as of January 2003. "More than 1.5 million feeder cattle leave Texas each year, and each of these animals will have to wear an official identification ear tag," said Dr. Logan. "Currently, official tags are used to identify animals tested for brucellosis, and these must be applied by private veterinary practitioners, or state or federal staff. We are working with industry and the USDA to develop an acceptable ear tag that can be provided and applied by the cattle owner. The identification tags improve the ability to trace animals back to their herd of origin."

"Additionally, it is anticipated that feeder heifers and most bull calves in interstate movement will also have to be TB tested, unless they go to an approved feedlot or directly to slaughter. This is to prevent untested heifers or bulls from being moved from the feedyard back to the ranch. In order to regain our state's TB-free status, we must conduct stepped-up surveillance to ensure that we do not have additional undetected TB infection," declared Dr. Logan.

"We are trying to find an acceptable alternative to testing the 750,000 feeder heifers that move, as this would require a greater number of veterinarians than are currently available to conduct the testing," said Dr. Logan. "We hope to strike an agreement with the USDA to allow approved pastures or feedlots in other states that would accept untested heifers."

Heifers selected for breeding could be moved from these sites to a ranch after they've had a negative TB test. "We will continue to work with the USDA and the cattle industry associations to find a workable solution to our changing TB status," said Dr. Logan. "It is of utmost importance that we maintain the ability of Texas cattle to move across state lines without undue hardship while we work to regain our TB-free status."

Katy Satree earns Junior Bronze Award

Katy Satree, Montague, Texas, has qualified for the Bronze Award of the National Junior Angus Association. Satree is the 10-year-old daughter of Doug and Jane Satree and attends Sacred Heart Grade School in Muenster. She has shown her Angus cattle at various shows at the local, state, and national levels. She has several cattle enrolled in the Angus Herd Improvement Record (AHIR) Program. She is a



Two weeks ago, this tree (see inset) was one of thousands of area trees believed to be dying due to the recent years of drought. Following the advice of Slick Lamar of Stick's Tree Care in the May 3rd issue of The Muenster Enterprise, this tree is now fully leaved out.



Texas Farm Bureau welcomes passage of bill

The head of Texas' largest farm organization said recently that the passage of the farm bill is "a major step forward in repairing the damage to America's battered farm economy."

Donald Patman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, said that passage of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act in the Senate, by a 64-35 vote, is a victory for agriculture and national food security.

"This farm bill is an investment in America," said Patman. "It is good for farmers, rural communities, the environment and it will ensure that America will remain independent in the production of food and fiber."

Patman said the farm legislation, which President

Bush has promised to sign, would repair the tattered safety net brought on by eight consecutive years of dimly low commodity prices and a series of droughts and other weather disasters.

"Texas farmers are already planting this year's crops and we need to get the bill implemented right away, so our producers can get financing and make important production decisions," Patman said.

Farmers, ranchers, and many environmental leaders have called this farm bill the strongest yet in terms of conservation and benefits for the environment. The new farm bill contains a program with incentives for farmers and ranchers to improve resource conservation.

"The farmers of Texas are very grateful to Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison for voting for the farm bill in the Senate," Patman said. "Also, the work of House Agriculture Chairman Larry Combest and Congressman Charlie Stenholm was crucial to the passage of this badly needed farm bill."

Patman said that U.S. consumers reap many benefits from a strong agriculture policy.

Ag survey: opportunity to provide the facts

How many acres will be planted to corn, cotton and sorghum? What will spring planting conditions mean for American agriculture? To gather reliable, objective information, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be surveying farmers and ranchers for the June Agricultural Survey.

"Agricultural surveys provide an important picture of Texas agriculture," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "By going to the experts - Texas farmers and ranchers - the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service is able to compile accurate, reliable information about our state's second-largest industry for 2002. This information is needed by state and federal policymakers to develop initiatives and programs to benefit agriculture and help our hardworking producers."

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will be conducting the survey and a representative will contact local producers between May 28 and June 15. This survey is particularly vital because it will provide the first clear indications of the potential production of major commodities in 2002.

The information gathered is widely used. Producers rely on the data to reach valid production, marketing, and investment decisions. Industry analysts, extension agents, and farm organizations use the information in a variety of ways that benefit farmers.

"We safeguard the confidentiality of all survey responses," Texas State Statistician Robin Roark says. "Information from individual operations is combined with other responses to provide the needed data." NASS works with farmers and ranchers to provide meaningful, accurate, and objective statistics that help keep U.S. agriculture informed.

All agricultural statistics published by NASS are available at www.usda.gov/nass/. For more information, call the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service at 1-800-626-3142.

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| Feeder Steers (per lb.) | Stocker Cows (per head) | Barbados (per head) |
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| 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.11; Nos. 2 & 3, .95-1.05; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, .92-1.01; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, .94-.99; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-.94; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, .82-.95; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.82; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .74-.86; Nos. 2 & 3, .67-.74; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .68-.75; Nos. 2 & 3, .62-.68. | 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$600-\$725; Medium Frame, \$450-\$600; Cow/Calif Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame, \$725-\$880; Medium Frame, \$625-\$725; Holstein Baby Calves, \$45-\$85; Crossbreds, \$80-\$210. | 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$35-\$55; Bucks \$35-\$100; Ewes \$25-\$35; Fat, 20-45. |
| Feeder Heifers (per lb.) | Barrows & Gilts | Goats (per head) |
| 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.00-1.09; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.00; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, .96-1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, .88-.96; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, .88-.95; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-.88; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, .78-.88; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.78; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .70-.77; Nos. 2 & 3, .62-.70; 800 lbs. No. 1, .62-.74; Nos. 2 & 3, .55-.62. | US #1, 230-270, 30-40; US #2, 220-280, 30-40; Feeder (per head): 100-175 lbs., \$45-\$65; 25-90 lbs., \$15-\$45. | Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$40; 35-55 lbs., \$20-\$35; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$60-\$110. |
| Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) | Boers | Billies (per head) |
| Slaughter Bulls, Yield Grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 45-565; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 35-46; Culler, 20-35. | Feeder, 400 or less, 18-22; Light wt., 400-500, 20-22; Med wt., 500-600, 20-22; Heavy wt., 600-up, 20-23. | 120 lbs-up. Breeders, \$60-\$100; Slaughter, \$40-\$100. |
| | Boer Goats (per head) | |
| | 1/2 Nanny, NT, 3/4 Nanny, NT, Full Nanny, \$75-\$170. | |
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