

MUENSTER ENTERPRISE

75¢

VOLUME 67 NUMBER 19

12 PAGES

APRIL 4, 2003

Million dollar bond gets extensive planning

The March 21 *Enterprise* article introduced the call for a bond election and explained the maintenance and overcrowding problems the District must address. Over a two year period, Mr. Steelman, MISD Superintendent, and the School Board have met with District stakeholders (community organizations, tax payers, parents, a construction task force, and staff members) to discuss these issues. This process proved to be very time-consuming, but the process provided a mound of information with input, suggestions, and recommendations from the community for the Board to consider in addressing immediate problems that must be corrected before any major building programs can be considered.

All statistical data has been compiled and presented to the Board and community by engineers, facility planners, and architects. Facilities planners determined the population trends and the condition and capacity of the school

buildings in order to have information essential to long-term planning for future needs. This data examined the district's ability to manage increasing student populations and more rigorous mandated curriculum requirements. The data assessment was focused on (1) a demographic analysis of school population information and enrollment forecast; (2) an objective evaluation of physical and educational features of the school plant; (3) a uniform capacity analysis and space inventory of the existing facilities; and (4) an evaluation of the best use of existing facilities based on information obtained from on-site visits and information provided by the District.

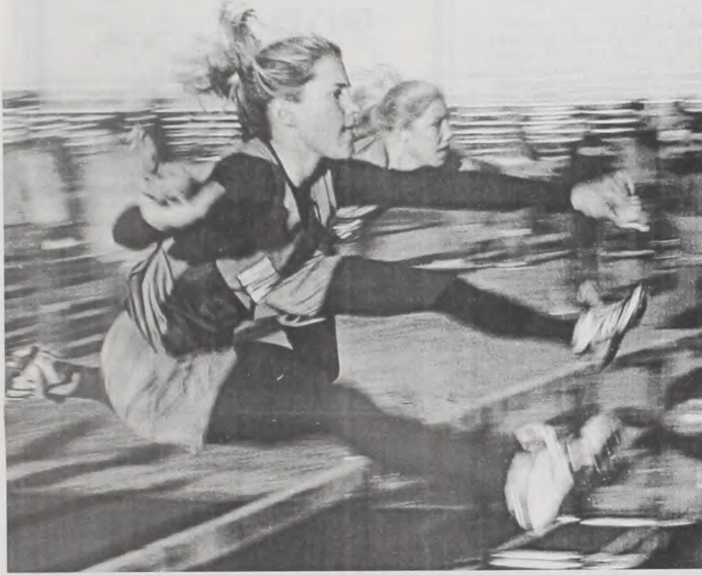
After the facility planners' reports were submitted and reviewed, engineers and architects were assigned to evaluate the structural integrity of several District buildings. The District had to make a determination to renovate existing buildings so they can be used until other

facility programs or phases are considered.

This \$1 million dollar bond proposal includes: (1) begin Phase I of the Junior High renovation project; replace roof over the west classroom wing, replace HVAC systems and duct system, electrical upgrade, replace dropped acoustical ceiling, and add fire alarm system; (2) replace roof in Junior High Gymnasium (According to roof consultant and engineer's report, this roof is the next roof, besides the roof over the classroom areas, in need of replacement); (3) correct drainage problem behind the junior high school, library, and vocational wing area; asphalt playground area (old tennis court) must be removed to correct the drainage problem, but will be replaced; (4) construct a building with two large areas. (One area will be used by the maintenance/transportation department and technology department, while the other area will house a weight room); these departments will vacate the

classrooms in the vocational wing (old field house/old 3rd & 4th grade wing) which will be used next year by the JH/HS classes moved from the JH building (The new building will be designed for future expansion as the demand for additional space is required); and (5) miscellaneous fees to include, but not limited to, associated fees for construction, material testing, architectural and engineering fees, air quality testing, asbestos testing, building commission, project printing for specifications and blueprints, project contingency, bonding fees, attorney fees, etc.

There is an estimated \$136,552 set aside for unforeseen structural problems that could arise during renovation. Any remaining money will be used for several maintenance projects in the elementary buildings and junior high building. Specifics can be found in the March 21 article in the *Muenster Enterprise* and will See MISD BOND, pg 3



Sacred Heart hosted their annual Invitational Relays last Friday. Above, Clint Fuhrmann competes in the high jump for the Sacred Heart Tigers. At left, Muenster Lady Hornets Jace Koelzer and Brooke Endres fly down the track racing against time in the 100m hurdles. See page 9 for meet results. Photos by Dave Fette and Janie Hartman

Winn released by Lindsay ISD Board

By Janet Felderhoff
"Shame on you!" That was the sentiment expressed by a number of the Lindsay ISD taxpayers who filled the school's library Monday night, March 31. A special meeting had been called to consider accepting Superintendent Travis Winn's resignation and an exit agreement purchasing the remainder of his contract.

An executive session was held as soon as the meeting was officially opened and a quorum determined. After the meeting was re-opened Board President Danny Nortman said that there were two documents, which had been jointly prepared by the law firms of Adams, Lynch, and Lofton, representing the superintendent, and Hayes, Coffey, and Berry, representing the Board. The two documents were a letter of resignation and a voluntary exit agreement.

Nortman read the short resignation letter from Superintendent Winn, "I hereby voluntarily tender my resignation as an employee and the superintendent of the schools of the Lindsay Independent School District effective 5 p.m. June 30, 2003. My resignation as an employee and as superintendent of the schools of Lindsay Independent School District is hereby tendered, subject to and in accordance with the terms, conditions, and provisions of that certain voluntary exit agreement between Lindsay ISD and me dated this date, March 31, 2003."

The voluntary exit agreement is a six-page document. Nortman read its highlights. He said, "In consideration of Winn's consent to the contract in hand, on June 30, 2003 as opposed to June 2005, the District does hereby agree

to pay Winn on June 30, 2003, the sum of \$84,985.47. The breakdown of that dollar amount is composed of one year of salary in the amount of \$74,300.00 and the \$10,685.47 is comprised of your FICA insurance, worker's comp, insurance, teacher retirement supplement, etc."

It outrages me that you all will sit up there and take my children's money, my tax money, to pay someone off." Sandy Otto

Nortman opened the floor to the public inviting comments or questions from all present. Karla Kyle thanked him for the manner in which he treated the controversy going on at the last meeting. It was an emotional night and a lot of people were recanting of the situation, she said.

"The children were affected the minute this came up," Kyle stated. "They know what's going on. It's just a shame what's happening to Mr. Winn. It's just not right what's happening to Mr. Winn. ... It affected Mr. Winn personally and

lead these people and lead these children has been undermined by what has happened in this whole event. I don't appreciate it.

"As school board members, you are all responsible for it. I think you should be held accountable for it and I think you will be when voting time comes. I don't want you to forget what's happened here tonight and where you stood in public and in executive session when all of this started and when it ended." Her remarks were followed by audience applause.

Sandy Otto said she is a parent, a taxpayer and is very involved in the community. "It outrages me that you all will sit up there and take my children's money, my tax money, to pay someone off. This is costing a whole lot of money and unless you want to pocket it yourselves, you come up with \$50,000

apiece, and you pay for it." Otto said she felt that it was obvious that Mr. Winn hadn't done anything that warrants his resignation or the Board would have fired him. She thought it was a personal vendetta for some of the Board members.

A larger cafeteria is something Otto said the school needs due to overcrowding. She urged the Board to spend the money that they would pay Winn to resign early for something like a new cafeteria.

Former Board trustee Rudy Zimmerer agreed with the first two speakers about spending money to buy off Winn's contract. He also accused the current Board of micromanagement of the system. "I would like for each of you to stand up and explain to us how you voted," Zimmerer told the Board members. "I really want to know that. I See LINDSAY, pg 8



Rodeo Houston calf scramble winner Kirk Hartman, center, with Scott Reed, left, and Jim Winne, calf scramble donor chairman.

Hartman, Sicking win in Houston

As some of the first RODEOHOUSTON calf scramble participants in Reliant Stadium, Kirk Hartman and Nathan Sicking of Muenster lined up with 27 other young men and women in an exciting pursuit.

Strength and determination took over as the Muenster boys managed to capture two of 14 elusive calves and pull them into the winners' square during the March 13 performance of RODEOHOUSTON.

In exchange for their successful scramble, Kirk and Nathan, Muenster FFA students at Muenster High School, will each receive a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate donated by

Cypress Creek Pipeline Maintenance, Inc., and James Beetz. The certificate is to be used for the purchase of a registered beef heifer.

This is the beginning of a yearlong project of grooming, feeding, and caring for the heifer. Supervised by Scott Reed, Muenster ISD's Agricultural Science teacher, they must keep accurate and detailed records of the animal's progress, submitting records to both the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ and the donor to chronicle the heifer's development.

In 2004, Kirk and Nathan will return with their See SCRAMBLE, pg 13



Nathan Sicking, center, Rodeo Houston calf scramble winner, with Scott Reed, left and James Beetz, donor.

National Research at MMH

Cooke County offers a unique opportunity to the National Health Institute for research. Select farm communities within the County offer a chance for the Institute to study and do research on a sector of the population that have done a very good job of retaining the youth of the area. This population stability offers a fertile area for study and development of certain health trends. It is unique to be able to study several generations that have lived their entire lives within a finite set of environmental conditions.

The National Health Institute (NIH), one of the premier nation-wide research institutes, has arranged with Muenster Memorial Hospital Lab to collect and analyze research specimen for them. NIH will forward some additional specimen on to their own labs in Maryland for special testing that cannot be done locally. They arrive onsite to accomplish their research, recognizing the quality work undertaken at the MMH Lab. In working with MMH Lab, the NIH has chosen to work with one of the most experienced and technically qualified Lab Tech Consultants in the state. Danny Lovelace, MMH's Lab Director, is especially well qualified to test the NIH specimen -- he maintains a top-rated lab, is a certified lab inspector, and is frequently called upon as consultant to analyze and rectify problems at various hospital labs which

experience quality shortcomings.

In his recent work at one such hospital lab in Oklahoma, Mr. Lovelace was told by the State Inspector that before his arrival and quality control work, the subject lab was ranked as one of the five

importantly, the techs drawing blood are known as "Ms. Easytouch and Ms. Softneedle." The tenderness and special care exhibited by these two tech nurses in the lab are extraordinary, and appreciated by all patients, especially the very young. (MMH personnel

Administration have a stated goal of gaining back to the patient level enjoyed 25 years ago, when five local physicians attended to MMH patients. Quoting the Physician Search Committee Chairman, "We have the physicians lined up -- with the next one arriving



Muenster Memorial Hospital Lab Director Danny Lovelace, left, assisted National Health Institute researchers Laura Fontaine, RN, at right, and Teri Kim, RN (standing) with lab work on a local family this week. Janie Hartman photo

lowest in the state of Oklahoma. Now it is considered one of the top five!

Quality lab work results in accurate, reliable specimen tests results, and MMH Lab is recognized for quality work. Mr. Lovelace's lab team is not only noted for quality, but just as

wish to remind everyone in the community that most times when a doctor orders lab work they do not specify where to obtain the work. Most likely, your lab work order can be brought to MMH for that quality handling and extra care). Muenster Memorial Hospital Board and

in August -- and they, as well as those already on the team, have our goal and vision. We are building a team of physicians to accomplish our goal, and the lab, radiology, and nursing staff have all been groomed and prepared for this same purpose."

FBI will speak for Pipeline Group

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10 at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by Risky's Catering for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Cooke and Grayson

counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities. The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials, including

notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

The FBI has been invited to make a brief presentation on the possibilities of terrorist attacks on pipelines and underground utilities; and answer questions regarding the role of our guests within the newly created Department of Homeland Security.

Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to

"third party" incidents - someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

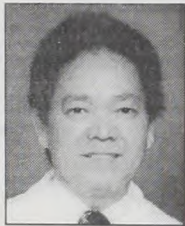
Sponsors for the program include: All American Pipeline LP - Citgo Products Pipeline Co - DIG TESS - Koch Pipeline Co LP - Mobil Pipe Line Co - Tepeco Crude Pipeline LP/Tepeco Crude Oil LP - TXU Fuel Co/TXU Lone Star Pipeline.

For more information call (800) 982-8752 or visit our web site at www.pipelinegroup.com.

MMH FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC

509 NORTH MAPLE • MÜNSTER • (940) 759-2226

We Welcome New Patients



EDD G. ADVINCULA, M.D., F.A.C.P.
BOARD CERTIFIED
INTERNAL MEDICINE



MELISSA TRUBENBACH, FNP-C
BOARD CERTIFIED
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER



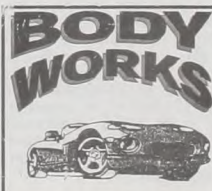
MIKE MINODIN, M.D.
BOARD CERTIFIED
FAMILY PRACTICE

Providing Quality Health Care To Patients Of All Ages

MMH Annual Health Fair - May 3 -
Watch for more info soon!

Clinic Hours • Monday - Friday • 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND MOST INSURANCES ACCEPTED



BODY WORKS
COLLISION SPECIALIST
FULL SERVICE
COLLISION CENTER
Professional Detailing
starting at \$25.00
FREE Pickup & Delivery
FREE Mobile Estimating
1115 N. Grand • Gainesville
668-6857

PRIZES! FUN! ENTERTAINMENT!

COOKE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

**Annual Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 10, 2003**

North Central Texas College Gymnasium

Registration and Meal 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Entertainment 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Business Session 7:00 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

Brant Carpenter will be entertaining at the Cooke County Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting. With selections from Country, Bluegrass, and Gospel music, Brant will present a program for all to enjoy. He is a very active student at Oklahoma State University and is the assistant music director at the Valley View Baptist Church in Nocona.

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

- Residential Surge Protection Package
- 25-inch Color TV
- Vacuum Cleaner
- VCR
- Small Power Tools
- Small Appliances
- Power Bill Credits

...and many more!

Build a new home or refinance your existing mortgage.

Take advantage of the lowest rates offered in over 40 years!!!

Call or come by for details on our 15 and 30 year fixed rate loans.

GNB

GUARANTY NATIONAL BANK

1000 E. Division
Münster, TX 76252
940-759-5000

www.gnbx.com

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, April 7, 2003.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on March 3, 2003.
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. Receive update on Texas Stage project.
2. Open paving bids. Consider and act on awarding project to lowest qualified bidder.
3. Open rock bids. Consider and act on awarding bid to lowest qualified bidder.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive report from Joseph Bright regarding Sacred Heart Church rectory renovation project. Take action as necessary.
2. Receive report from Clyde Steelman, MISD Superintendent, regarding financial implication of upcoming school bond election.
3. Consider and act on zoning change request for property owned by Community Lumber Company.
4. Consider and act on approval of lease renewal with MISD for use of Water Well #3.
5. Receive Certification of Nominated Candidates regarding May 3, 2003 Election. Consider and act on Order of Cancellation of Election.
6. Consider and act on IESI's request for Amendment to Contract for Collection and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste in the City of Muenster.
7. Consider and act on authorizing Park Board, Park Board Commissioner, and City Administrator to hire pool manager and lifeguards for 2003 summer season.
8. Consider and act on paving of street in City Park.
9. Receive police activities report from Chief Stovall.
10. Receive status report on city projects.
11. Review budget summary, certificates of deposits maturing in April, and status of bills for sewer plant project. - Take action as necessary.
12. Review and act upon monthly bills.
13. Adjourn.

MÜNSTER ENTERPRISE

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

In Cooke County - 1 year-\$37; 2 years-\$69
Outside of Cooke County - 1 year-\$42; 2 years-\$79

Phone (940) 759-4311 • Fax (940) 759-4110 • THE MÜNSTER ENTERPRISE
(USPS 367680) is published weekly except the last week in December for the entire year by The Muenster Enterprise, Inc., Post Office Box 190, Muenster, Texas 76252-0190. Periodicals postage paid at Muenster, Texas.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE MÜNSTER ENTERPRISE, P.O. Box 190, Muenster, Texas 76252.
ISSN:0883-2544

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 6, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM 2nd Annual Home Hospice Golf Tournament, Turtle Hill Golf Course, 1PM	Monday, April 7, 2003 Bereaved Parents/Grandparents meeting, 7PM, Home Hospice City Council, 7PM Muenster Booster Club meeting, 7PM	Tuesday, April 8, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice Office Marketing Club meeting, 7PM, Farm Bureau	Wednesday, April 9, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Class, 7PM SHS Artfest SHS Alumni/Parent meeting, 7:30PM, CC meeting room C of C Breakfast, 7:30AM, Rohrer's Restaurant	Thursday, April 10, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM "ANNIE" SHHS Musical 7:30PM, STATE THEATER	Friday, April 11, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP meeting & luncheon, 11:30AM, Stanford House "ANNIE" SHHS Musical 7:30PM, STATE THEATER	Saturday, April 12, 2003 "ANNIE" SHHS Musical 7:30PM, STATE THEATER
W E E K O F T H E Y O U N G C H I L D						
Sunday, April 13, 2003 "ANNIE" SHHS Musical 2:00PM, STATE THEATER Palm Sunday	Monday, April 14, 2003 VFW meeting, 8PM	Tuesday, April 15, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice Office MMH Board meeting, 7PM MHS Hornet Band Concert, 7PM, Sacred Heart Church	Wednesday, April 16, 2003 Religious Ed Class, 7PM MISD Board meeting, 7:30PM Early Voting Begins	Thursday, April 17, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, April 18, 2003 Muenster Museum CLOSED No School Good Friday	Saturday, April 19, 2003 Red River Golf Association Tournament at Turtle Hill Golf Course, 8AM

Sponsored by The **Crafty Olde German** Gift Shoppe

216 N. Main
Münster
(940) 759-2505

Obituaries

Emma Lou "Lulu" Hess 1931 - 2003

by **Elfrieda Fette**

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Emma Lou "Lulu" Gehrig Hess in Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor. Known to hundreds of friends as "Lulu", Mrs. Hess died on March 31, 2003 at 2:05 a.m., at age 71, in Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Survivors are daughters, Linda Luttmer of Muenster, Donna Biffle and husband Jim of Muenster, and Tammy Hess of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and sons Howard Hess and wife Lorie of Muenster, Brent Hess and wife Mary of Muenster, Troy Hess of Muenster, and Mike Hess of Muenster. There are 24 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Also one sister Leona Eberhart and one sister-in-law Clara Evans of Pilot Point.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, and one daughter, Kathy Hess.

Lulu was born on May 2, 1931 in Muenster to William Gehrig and Katherine Gergen Gehrig. On Sept. 1, 1953 she married Arthur William "Archie" Hess in Sacred Heart Church.



Emma Lou Hess

She was a life-long resident of Muenster, a member of Sacred Heart Church, a Registered Nurse, having graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1949 and St. Paul School of Nursing in 1952. For 10 years she worked in surgery at Gainesville Sanitorium, and from 1963 to 1997 she worked at Muenster Memorial Hospital. She dearly enjoyed helping others. Some of her other special joys were dancing, gardening, canning, and crocheting. A great highlight in her life was laking with her husband and family. Traveling to Idaho to visit relatives was always an eagerly anticipated trip. In

Muenster, she was also a member of St. Anne's Society and the VFW Auxiliary.

On Tuesday, April 1, a Rosary Service was held at McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster at 4:00 p.m., led by a good friend, Mary Lin Knabe. Vigil and Wake was presided by Father John Ohner OSA at 7:00 p.m. Family Rosary Wednesday morning was led by Lucille Hess, an aunt.

Participating in the Mass of Christian Burial and Farewell with Father John Ohner OSA, pastor, were altar servers, a three-generation-team of close friends, Alvin Hartman, his son Kenny Hartman, and his grandson Nolan Hartman.

A granddaughter, Ashley Hess gave the First Liturgical Reading from the Old Testament; a granddaughter Jayna Biffle gave the Second Liturgical Reading from the New Testament. Prayers of the Faithful were read by granddaughter Tanya Baldwin.

Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by grandchildren Joshua Biffle, Dylan Hess, Clayton Hess, and Andrea Hess. Eucharistic Ministers were friends and past co-workers, Dorothy Hartman, Lorena Taylor, Carol Grewing, Stacie Miller, Judy Flusche, and Joanie Hartman.

Music ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, Christy Hesse, Mary Endres, and Diane Grewing. Sacred music included: "Be Not Afraid" for the Entrance; Responsorial Psalm was "The Lord Is My Light"; Offertory was "Ave Maria"; "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" and "You Are Near" as Communion; and "On Eagles' Wings" as the Recessional.

The eulogy and remarks of remembrance were given by Mark Hess, a godchild. He stated, in part: "We gather together today because of the death of Lulu; but actually we are here to celebrate and honor her life. There is a difference between 'living

and simply being alive" and Lulu knew that. She also knew that family and friends were everything, and without them, you had nothing; by that measure, she is a wealthy soul.

Emma Lou Gehrig was born May 2, 1931, to William and Katherine Gergen Gehrig. She was the youngest of seven children. She had one brother, George Gehrig, and five sisters, Clara Fette, Leona Eberhart, Ida Gehrig, Virginia Carter, and Alvina Hellman...

"Uncle Archie and Aunt Lulu soon started what would be a family of nine children... Lulu lost a daughter, Kathy, before the child's second birthday, and lost a son, who was born prematurely..."

"Lulu's forty-four year career as an RN began in 1953... Often, her work at the hospital was hectic and stressful. Lulu would make light of these times; referring to the capital letters "RN" on her name tag as meaning "Running Nuts!" Many patients have told Lulu's family that their son or daughter couldn't have made it without her!..."

"Lulu was usually full of energy and did acrobatic cartwheels up into her fifties. It was also hard to keep Lulu down; after the birth of two of her children, she picked up her baby and went home after one day in the hospital... On one occasion, her relatives, the Steinke's were coming down from Idaho for a visit. Lulu was pregnant and due in several weeks. As the story goes, Archie went to the airport to pick up the Steinke's and when they returned, Lulu was gone. Well the kids hadn't seen her and didn't know where she went... finally one of the kids said, "she might have gone to have a baby!" She had. Archie and the Steinke's found her at the Gainesville Hospital and she had already delivered Donna. The Steinke's teased her because she delivered early and they wouldn't be able to go across the river and go dancing. So Lulu climbs out of bed, gets dressed and across the river they go! After some dancing and partying they drop Lulu back off at the hospital, where she sensibly crawls back into bed. Lulu said, "I had the best babysitters I could have ever found..."

"Lulu's life and death reminds of us all that we will all go at sometime... We say farewell to her earthly existence... we will never say good-bye to her memory or her spirit!"

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were grandsons, Jacob Hess, Waylon Hess, Matt Grewing, Ken Grewing, Jon Grewing, and Tony Grewing.

For those who have asked the family has suggested memorials sent to the Sacred Heart Development Fund or the Sacred Heart Rectory Renovation Project.

NCTC ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR

North Central Texas College student organizations are sponsoring an Arts and Crafts Fair for Saturday April 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Activities Center of the Administration Building on the Gainesville Campus. "There will be lots of door prizes, gifts and concessions all day," said Ann Norcross, NCTC student activities coordinator.

Admission to the event will be \$1 charge at the door and the ticket will be used in drawings for door prizes. The event is designed to raise funds for NCTC student organizations, which like other NCTC programs, have felt the impact of state budget cuts. NCTC art students will have a table and vendors with a variety of arts and crafts items have already reserved space, said Norcross. For additional information on the event, contact Norcross by calling 940-668-7731, Ext. 302

Muenster featured in new brochure

Muenster is prominently featured in a brand new tourism brochure published by the Red River Valley Tourism Association (RRVTA). 50,000 copies of the brochures were published and placed in tourist information facilities at the state borders, in hotels, at Chambers of Commerce and other places where tourist look for such information.

The brightly colored brochure features photos from communities that follow the Red River along its easterly course through Texas and Oklahoma, before turning south to joining the Atchafalaya River in Louisiana. For one-third of its journey, the Red River forms the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma.

The tourism association was formed more than 10 years ago to promote the region along the river, which is steeped in history. Six years ago the RRVTA expanded to the east and last year went into Oklahoma. It has served as a gateway between the United States and New Spain, to greet Indian Nations and for the cattle drives that spread across its frontier.

Susan Campbell, Bowie economic development officer and president of the

Red River Valley Tourism Association, said three years ago they developed a magazine promotion. However, when those ran out, the association decided to develop a new approach with this foldout brochure.

Membership in the association is open to communities that are located within two counties of north and south of the Red River. Its 27 members range span from Quanah to the west and Paris to the east in Texas, Frederick, Hugo and Duncan in Oklahoma. The association by including Oklahoma has opened that state's tourism information outlets to the Texas promotions.

"It is just another portal of information for us. The brochure will give an overview with all the contacts in the local areas. It can help plan a day trip or a several days visiting the area," Campbell explained.

The brochure includes historical information about the area, events, a map of the region and contact information for the communities. The Red River Valley Association website is www.redrivervalley.info. Brochures are available at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce.

Submitted by *MaryLee Alford*

Texas-based Catholic Life Insurance reaches historic milestone

Catholic Life Insurance, the nation's 9th largest fraternal life insurer, reached a significant financial milestone. On March 14, 2003, the Texas-based insurer surpassed \$500 million in total assets under management.

"We take pride in helping individuals and families reach their financial goals through life insurance and retirement products," said President and Chief Executive Officer J. Michael Belz. "Their confidence in us has fueled remarkable growth in recent years even in the face of an economic downturn."

The Catholic Life Insurance executive credits a reputation of strength, stability, and security for the growth.

"Consumers have increasingly turned to Catholic Life's tax-deferred annuity portfolio as a safe haven for their long-term retirement savings as the stock market has continued to fluctuate and interest rates have dropped to record lows," Belz added.

He also recognizes that "our Agents are focused on helping clients make informed decisions."

Besides offering an array See MILESTONE, pg 4

Ruby "Gretell" Fanning 1914 - 2003

Ruby "Gretell" White) Fanning of Forestburg died in Nocona General Hospital on March 31, 2003 at 10:00 p.m., at age 89. Services were held Thursday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. in Forestburg Methodist Church, officiated by C.E. Cole and Rev. Warren Russell.

Survivors are one daughter, Betty Jean Miller of Mallard, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and one sister Frances Walling of Wichita Falls.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, and three brothers, Darwin, Steve, and Judge White, and one sister, Lucille Littell.

Ruby "Gretell" Fanning was born on Jan. 7, 1914 in Mallard Community to Nathan Edward White and Bama (Barker) White. On May 20, 1933 she married

Alfred A. "High Gear" Fanning in Saint Jo.

Gretell moved to Saint Jo early in life where her father was a pharmacist, and lived in Forestburg most of her life. She and her husband operated the grocery store in Forestburg for several years. Gretell continued the business for a total of about 45 years. She especially enjoyed her family and friends, and the grocery business. She was proud of her cattle. A favorite pass time was quilting, in which she took great delight. She was a member of Forestburg Methodist Church.

Burial in Perryman Cemetery in Montague County was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Gordie Lynch, Randy Rhodes, Craig Walling, Henry Berry, Carroll Dill, and Grady Scott.

McCoy Funeral Home now offers great discounts on pre-arranged funeral prices. The following are examples of these savings.

Male

Age	Funeral Amt.	Pay Period	Monthly Pmt.	Total Pmt.
36-50	\$6,000	3 yrs.	\$121.80	\$4,384.80
51-60	\$6,000	3 yrs.	\$145.20	\$5,227.20
36-50	\$6,000	5 yrs.	\$82.20	\$4,932.00
51-60	\$6,000	5 yrs.	\$96.00	\$5,760.00

Female

Age	Funeral Amt.	Pay Period	Monthly Pmt.	Total Pmt.
36-50	\$6,000	3 yrs.	\$118.20	\$4,255.20
51-60	\$6,000	3 yrs.	\$79.80	\$4,788.20
36-50	\$6,000	5 yrs.	\$142.20	\$5,119.20
51-60	\$6,000	5 yrs.	\$93.60	\$5,616.00

Come in and let us calculate your exact savings, which is based on your age and health condition.

** Above rates are for males and females in somewhat healthy condition.

MISD BOND continued from pg. 1

be addressed again in upcoming mailings and community meetings.

There are several options available to school districts to finance construction projects. The Board considered several options and elected to call a bond election. A bond election was the only financing plan that would make MISD eligible for state assistance under the existing debt allotment (EDA) program. This financial assistance program contributes to a district's bonded debt payment. The EDA provides assistance with payment of existing debt as a third tier of the Foundation School Program pursuant to TEC, Chapter 46. The new tier provides a guaranteed amount of state and local funds for each cent of tax effort to pay the principal and interest on eligible bonds. The amount of state support, subject to certain limitations, is determined by formula. The Texas Education Agency will decide what districts are eligible for EDA funding, pending Texas Legislative approval.

For MISD to be eligible for state assistance, the District must make a debt service payment before Sept. 1, 2003. The District currently makes its debt service payments on 2/15 and 8/15, so the District would need to have an election in time to close the bond issue prior to 8/15. In order to make a payment on that date, the District would have to restructure some of the debt service due on 8/15 to make room for the payment on the new issue (because

the District already set the I&S tax rate and cannot accommodate a larger payment this year). This restructuring is done quite frequently in order to make a bond issue EDA eligible. The District would need to have an election prior to the end of May or the first part of June in order to issue the bonds and make a payment. Currently, the District receives approximately 36% assistance on debt service from the EDA.

Because the interest rate for school bonds is at an all time low (4.69%), and the District has an opportunity to receive EDA assistance, the Board approved a ten-year debt payment. The following chart represents a conservative approach to estimating the tax increase, and the interest rate used to calculate the bonds has been inflated to 5.5% (current interest rate - 4.69%). The property value used to calculate payment is \$116,000,000 (current property values \$116,090,148), and EDA assistance is based on a student population (ADA) of 491 (current ADA 495).

Keep in mind, as local property values and ADA change, so does EDA assistance. Also, if you are 65 years of age or older, your home property taxes WILL NOT increase due to the passage of this bond proposal. Section 11.26 of the State Property Tax Code freezes taxes on an individual's homestead at age 65.

Home Value	With EDA Assistance		Tax	Without EDA Assistance		Tax
	Monthly	Yearly	Increase	Monthly	Yearly	Increase
\$50,000	\$1.82	\$21.88	\$0.065	\$3.38	\$40.60	\$0.113
\$75,000	\$3.13	\$37.50		\$5.80	\$69.60	
\$100,000	\$4.43	\$53.13		\$8.22	\$98.60	
\$150,000	\$6.25	\$75.01		\$11.60	\$139.20	
\$200,000	\$8.86	\$106.26		\$16.44	\$197.20	

Due to the way current State funding formulas are paid for EDA assistance, the District would begin receiving EDA assistance during the 2005/2006 school year. During the 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 school years, the tax payment would be as if the District had not received EDA assistance.

Additional information regarding how the tax rate can be altered with changes in student populations and taxable property values will be discussed in community meetings regarding the bond issue. Dates and times will be posted in the Muenster Enterprise and in mail-outs to MISD taxpayers. "Public school finance law has become increasingly complicated. I have simplified it in this article to the best of my ability," says Steelman. "I certainly wish it were easier to explain and I welcome any and all questions." If you are

interested in discussing this as an individual or in small groups, please contact the Superintendent, Clyde Steelman, at 759-2281, ext. 601 to set up a meeting.

During the construction phase the Board will use a Construction Manager At-Risk. The Construction Manager At-Risk will allow the Board more flexibility in selecting contractors, especially local contractors.

Early voting will be April 16-29 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at the MISD Administration Building. Branch voting will be conducted April 22 and 24, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., in the MISD Gym foyer, and voting on April 23 will be until 5:00 p.m.

submitted by *Clyde Steelman*, MISD Superintendent

THE GUARANTY CD

2.35% interest rate
2.36% annual percentage yield
9 month term
\$10,000 minimum deposit
Interest payable at maturity

Upon maturity, GNB will guarantee a one time 9 month renewal at this rate.

*Withdrawals could reduce the earnings on this account
The annual percentage yield is available for accounts opened through April 30, 2003.
Penalty for early withdrawal.*

GNB

GUARANTY NATIONAL BANK

1000 E. Division, Suite A
Muenster, TX 76252

940-759-5000
www.gnbt.com

Member FDIC

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
 On behalf of the thousands of Texas social studies teachers, I strenuously oppose the proposal that denies the purchase of new textbooks and materials already adopted for the next school year. Our state legislators are assuming that it is acceptable to once again issue our students ten year-old books that have missing covers and are held together with duct tape!
 Our current American history books have the Reagan administration in the final chapter. Ann Richards is still the governor, according to the present Texas history book. Yugoslavia? The ninth grade world geography book describes Sarajevo's Olympic Games, but no mention of the violence in Kosovo.
 Renewing textbooks is not a "frill" to be offered on the chopping block in Austin. With our country at war with a nation that 87% of adult Americans cannot even locate on a map, are we going to shackle our children with that same ignorance? When we desperately need our future leaders to have the skills of cultural sensitivity, how can we deny our students that

vital information about their world?
 We do not teach by books alone. The textbook packages that we reviewed offer multimedia resources and special materials for students with learning difficulties. In addition, for the first time, our students will be required to pass a social studies TAKS test to graduate from high school. Preparation for the test cannot begin only in the test year; it is a cumulative process that starts in the earlier grades.
 I challenge our legislators to remember one thing: nearly everything you learned about constitutional government you learned from a social studies teacher, and the one tool that your teacher allowed you to take home everyday was a textbook. Where would you be today with a ragged, out-of-print book taped together at the spine?
 Those of us who spent numerous days both during and after school to review and select up-to-date textbooks now call on members of the Legislature to do their part and provide the tools necessary to educate our children.
 Pamela Hunt
 321 Oakwood
 Hewitt, Texas

To the Editor:
 Cutting School Textbook Purchases is False Economy.
 It is unfortunate that the Texas Legislature is considering a proposal to handicap social studies and citizenship education for our children at the same time we are asking for more accountability and better performance from them. Delaying the purchase of social studies textbooks is being offered as a way to save money. It's not. It will only delay spending the money to a time when costs definitely will be greater, but economic conditions may be no better. The real cost of this proposal is in the classrooms and in the minds of our students. Social studies teach our heritage, good citizenship and patriotism. Social studies help kids become better global citizens, better stewards of our precious environment. I wonder if our legislators know that our social studies texts are already hopelessly out of date, some more than 10 years old. Further delay could mean an educational disaster.
 Dr. Amy Jo Baker, Social Studies Director for the San Antonio ISD, points out, "Social Studies is the *only* core content area that does not have textbooks aligned with the new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)." This means that the present textbooks

are a poor fit for the state-mandated TEKS, and these requirements, for all grades, will show up on the high stakes TAKS tests required for advancement. It's like removing two spark plugs and expecting the car to run smoothly.
 Legislators need to understand that our 6th grade teachers and students have been studying "Contemporary World Cultures" for three years, and, because of non-alignment, have had to use World History texts with an emphasis on the Greeks, Romans, and the Egyptian dynastic period. Hardly contemporary!
 The state of Texas has the finest, most complete social studies K - 12 curriculum in the United States in spite of our current substandard textbooks. For this, we have to thank the Texas Council for the Social Studies and key officials at the Texas Education Agency. Let us not destroy this leadership position; let us not handicap our children in a misguided effort to delay spending state funds to purchase critical learning materials.
 Richard G. Boehm
 Jesse Jones Distinguished
 Chair in Geographic
 Education
 Director, Co-ordinator,
 Texas Alliance for
 Geographic Education
 Southwest Texas State
 University
 601 University Drive
 San Marcos, TX 78666

Iraq Showdown Hits Home Even For a Wife of a State Department Intern

By: Donetta (Hess) Corbett
 Over the last few months we have all found ourselves tuning in to the television event of the year. It's more colossal than the Super Bowl; more suspenseful than "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire". There's a promise of more action than a WWF Smackdown. And it features more controversy than the squabbling castaways on "Survivor". I'm referring to the "Showdown With Saddam", of course -- the ultimate reality TV show.
 Every day, we have tuned to the very oracles of our age -- Jennings, Brokaw, Rather, even Chung and O'Reilly -- for wisdom on the daily plot twists. Flashy graphics grab our attention. Ominous music worthy of a Jack Ryan movie indicates the importance of the events. In some ways, it really does feel larger than life, as if the war is every bit as much showbiz as the commercials crammed in between.
 For me the talk of war is more than compelling television -- it is a real part of my life. Not long after Christmas when John and I learned that he had earned a paid internship opportunity at the State Department in Washington, D.C., He was assigned to the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs--the "Middle East" to the rest of us -- and arrived there shortly after New Years Day. Regardless of the situation in world affairs, it wasn't an easy decision for us. We had only been married five months, and like any newly married couple, we wanted to share as much time together as we could.
 Ever since I met John -- a history and geography major in college and graduate school - I have known him to be deeply interested in history and current events, especially in foreign policy. His passions have reinforced my commitment to learning about social issues from the days in Mr. C's class at Sacred Heart. Although John and I are now married, we found this was an opportunity John couldn't reasonably pass up. While my husband is at the forefront of these unfolding events, I find myself even more attentive to the ongoing threat of war. Afterall, my husband is looking at potential career opportunities in the State Department, international law, possibly even the Foreign Service.



Muenster Junior High Student Council will be collecting money to be used for sending various supplies and goods to our men and women in combat. Through the Red Cross, the donations will be used for the Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES)-Iraq Response. You may donate on Sunday, April 13th at Fischers. Student Council members will be taking donations from 1:00-5:00. Thank you for your support! 4.4.15

Military Addresses

The following addresses are published so that those who wish to support the local men in the military can do so. A check with the local post office confirmed that packages addressed to APO addresses would have even care packages delivered. The time it takes may be several weeks, so bear this in mind when selecting items to include.
 Some of the local people serving are on ships, bases, or submarines. Others are likely in the Iraqi combat zones.
 We welcome addresses of all in the military and hope that more families in the County, nearby areas, and those with local connections will share their loved ones addresses. Also requested are any known changes in addresses already printed or in information supplied. They can be mailed to the Muenster Enterprise, P. O. Box 190, Muenster, TX 76862.
 Known addresses:
 MM3 (SS) Skinner, Lee T.
 USS Columbia SSN 771
 FPO AP 96662-2427
 Lee is the son of Anna Skinner. He's on a submarine in the Persian Gulf.
 Col. R. Thomas Bright, USMC
 USCENTCOM ATTN: CCJC-O (CHOPS)
 APO AE 09365
 Col. Bright is the son of David and Juanita Bright. He is stationed at Camp As Sayliyah in Doha, Qatar. Col. Bright has been seen on several television news programs, most recently with Larry King Live on CNN. He's an orchestrator at the Joint Operations Center.
 Maj. James M. Bright, USMC
 Hq USEUCOM
 CMR 480, Box 528
 APO AE 09128
 Maj. Bright is also the son of David and Juanita Bright. He is stationed at European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.
 Captain Andrew White
 485 AEW/46EAS
 APO AE 09364
 Captain White was deployed March 6. He is with the Air Force Reserve serving with the 185th Airlift Squadron. His wife, Leslie, and three children live in Muenster.
 2ndLt. Luke, Jacob R USMC
 30BN 7thMAR, RCT-7 India Company
 UIC 39858 Box 1786
 FPO-AP 96613-1786
 Jacob is the son of Melvin and Terri Luke. At last report he was stationed near Kuwait City, but his parents aren't sure of his location at this time.
 OS2 Hesse, David
 COMSIXTHFLT
 Unit 50148
 FPO AE 09501-6002
 David is the son of Bernard and Agnes Hesse. He is stationed at Gaeta, Italy on the USS LaSalle as an operations specialist.



Donetta and John Corbett in Washington D.C.

As you are by now all aware, this is a very dangerous part of the global neighborhood. Aside from Iraq, there are still long-standing tensions between the Israelis and their neighbors; the question of what to do about the Palestinians remains as perplexing as ever; and the uncertain future of Iran raises still more concern. John deals with all of these issues and more. I asked him to explain what he does and what it's like working there on front lines of this growing international crisis.
 John's job as an intern is to be a pinch-hitter in a crisis, to do the legwork and research needed to put a policy together. Sometimes this means gathering information and talking points that officials right up to Secretary Powell himself may use when talking with diplomats, congressmen, or guests from other countries. Sometimes it entails little more than writing a letter to a foreign leader congratulating him on the occasion of an obscure holiday.
 Rather than actively engaging in war policy, John says that most people dealing with Middle Eastern affairs at the State Department have had to put most of their plans on hold until it becomes clear what the near future will bring. The basic policies and diplomacy that make the nightly news are in the hands of a relative few. The offices that John works with are responsible for carrying them out. Most recently, Secretary Powell unveiled the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), which is designed to provide funds to a host of programs that promote educational, political and economic reform to the various countries in the region. Should war break out, the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and MEPI will no doubt have their hands full with bringing order to a chaotic region.
 According to John, the tension in Washington is palpable. Locals there remember well the attacks on September 11 and reasonably see themselves as targets in a duct tape buying frenzy during the Code Orange scare, when officials recommended building "safe rooms" in homes in the event of chemical weapons attacks. Some federal employees are instructed to take different routes to and from work as often as they can. Even John must secure classified material and lock up his removable hard drive inside a safe each night. John is skeptical about such terror alerts. A safe room won't protect someone from poisoned water, and there will come a time -- just like it would for an astronaut -- when the supply of air will run out.
 John says that Washington is on high alert twenty-four hours a day. On almost every block, concrete barricades circle important government buildings, creating moats of asphalt and steel. But unlike castles of days gone by, these buildings are protected on the inside as well. Security inside the State Department rivals that of airports across the country. Guards push mirror carts under cars entering the garage, looking for bombs.
 But still, life goes on. John notes that he still sees homeless people on the streets, plying their trade with the sounds of rattling coins. He described to me a scene from the other day when he was heading to work from the Washington Metro subway station. There's a certain nervousness in the air, an anxiety. He said you can see it by the way people gaze at the newspaper stands with blaring headlines announcing the growing possibility of a war and its uncertain implications. In the middle of this quiet buzz, amidst the sound of shoes hitting the pavement and the rumble of city life, sat a homeless man with an open box for change. On his trumpet, he played "The Star Spangled Banner", but in a slow, almost unreal fashion -- a mournful way that gave him pause to think about the nation and ideals it represents. It's a dangerous, fascinating world, he says, but he wouldn't trade this opportunity for anything.
 I pray for God's protection of my husband, for my family so far away, for the safety of all those sent to fight a war and their families, and mostly for all people in the world no matter how different they are from us.

"SAVVY SENIOR"

Divorced Widows & Social Security

YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION -- WE FIND THE SAVVY ANSWER

Dear Savvy Senior,
 Can you please tell me about collecting Social Security from my ex-husband who recently passed away? He was 71 years old and we were married only 20 years. I didn't even know divorced widows could get this until a friend recently told me about it. We were married for 14 years and have been divorced now for over 25 years. My ex-husband always told me I like to spend his money to darn much. Now I'd like to find out if I can spend a little more of it!
 Thank you
 Senior Shopper
 Dear Shopper,
 The Social Security scoop on divorced widows or widowers is that if you are the unmarried, divorced spouse of a worker who dies, (in this case your ex-husband) you could get benefits just the same as a widow or widower, provided that your marriage lasted 10 years or more. If you fit into this category, CASH IN! But, if you remain before reaching age 60 (50 if disabled), you cannot receive benefits as long as the marriage remains in effect.
 Savvy Note: Widows and widowers can begin receiving benefits if you are 60 or older (50 if you are disabled).

Monthly Shopping Amount?
 The amount of your monthly Social Security payment will depend on your age when you start getting benefits. It also will depend on the amount your deceased ex-husband would have been entitled to, or was receiving, when he died.

Widow's benefits range from 71.5 percent of the deceased ex-husband's benefit amount, if they begin at age 60, to 100 percent, if they begin at age 65. So, if you start receiving benefits at age 65, you'll get 100 percent of the amount your ex-husband would be receiving if he were still alive.
 Savvy Note: Starting in 2005, the age at which the 100 percent widow's benefit is payable will increase gradually until it reaches age 66 in 2011 and 67 in 2029.

- Savvy Points To Remember:**
- If you are entitled to retirement benefits on your own work record, you can take reduced retirement payments at age 62 and then receive the full widow's benefit at age 65.
 - If you are eligible for benefits on your own work record, you may want to take reduced widow's benefits until you are age 65 and file a claim for retirement benefits on your own record.
 - If you delay your retirement beyond age 65, your future benefits will increase each year by a certain percentage. For example, if you were born in 1935, your benefit will increase 6 percent each year you delay retirement between ages 65 and 70.
 - Savvy Note: A Social Security representative can tell you which choice would be to your advantage.
- See SAVVY, pg 12

From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

Went out to see how much progress has been made in the building of Muenster Lake. We were surprised at the size of the dam. It is huge. Most of the dam, north and east of the railroad right-of-way seems to be completed and looked like it has been seeded to grass. It is much higher and longer than we expected, and extends northeast well into what was the Medders place, in their hey-day.
 Just looking at it, I would say the portion of the dam south and west of the old railroad right-of-way still remains to be built.
 Our military seems to be making good progress on their way to Baghdad, but are meeting stiffer resistance than others did ten years ago. If the neighboring countries stay out of it, Iraq can likely be mopped up in a few more weeks, but when one considers the damage done to Iraq, it will take a long time to rebuild it, and get its people back to sustaining themselves as a free nation.
 While most of the people in our country are behind the war, and are supporting our leaders and the military, there is still a large crowd of radicals and noisy people who still seem to insist on "doing it my way."
 I don't understand folks like Daschle and some of the other liberals, who voted for the war and now speak against it and President Bush.
 We are no longer talking about entering a war, we are fighting one, and our leaders and military deserve all the support and backing we can muster. Yet we have people who should know better, but are on the verge of giving aid and comfort to our enemies.

MILESTONE continued from pg. 3

of financial products, Catholic Life also offers its members the opportunity to volunteer and help the parishes and communities in which they live. In 2002, Catholic Life members, through Branches located in 100 communities throughout Texas, devoted 113,360 hours valued at \$1.8 million to community service events.
 Founded in 1901, Catholic Life Insurance offers life insurance, tax-deferred annuities, and Traditional and Roth IRAs and fraternal benefits to residents of Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Mississippi.

Beautification projects help Keep Muenster Beautiful

Many groups have participated in beautification events in Muenster since the Great American Cleanup began in mid March. The old Dude's Gulf Station on Highway 82 has been demolished and removed. A dilapidated house was demolished and removed. Members of Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB), Kiwanis Club of Muenster, the Muenster Youth of the MUSD National Honor Society and Student Council, and the Muenster Golden Oldies which are a group of Muenster citizens ages 55 and up organized by Juanita Weinzapfel, worked at several locations last Saturday to make Muenster pretty for the spring. At the beautification event organized by KMB, the Kiwanis members removed deteriorating wood from the cement wall adjacent to the new rock wall at the corner of Highways 82 and 373. After removing the wood the Kiwanis members painted the wall to help minimize the eyesore at the old cheese plant. New decorative cement pots were placed in front of the Chamber of Commerce and the new Muenster Library. Blue Point Juniper trees were planted in the center of the pots and in the pots at the new Post Office. Flowers and ivy were planted around the trees. Employees of the Chamber, Library, and Post Office agreed to care for the plants if members of Keep Muenster Beautiful donated the planters and plants. The new planters, trees and flowers greatly improved the appearance of these already beautiful buildings. Keep Muenster Beautiful planted flowers in the seven new rock planters on Main Street with hopes they will be mature and blooming beautifully when Muenster is visited by the anticipated 50,000 attendees of Germanfest on April 25, 26,

and 27. Volunteers also planted flowers, weeded and did other work at Keep Muenster Beautiful Park on Main Street across from Sacred Heart Church.

Other projects are planned that will make Muenster more beautiful. The DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS Trash-off, a community-wide and statewide cleanup is this Saturday, April 5. At the request of Herbie Knabe, Dave Fette of the *Muenster Enterprise* created a beautiful landscape design for another "pocket park" to be built next to the building Knabe rents on Main Street in an effort to improve its appearance. Fette asked KMB to organize labor for the project, which may be complete in time to report toward next year's Governors Community Achievement Award nomination. Chas Bayer is bringing in the bulldozers to clear rubble from property visible to visitors on Highway 82. Others planning cleanup or beautification projects are asked to report them to KMB at the address below.

Keep Muenster Beautiful conducts the Keep America

Beautiful litter index study every October to identify which neighborhoods and areas in Muenster need more care and attention. In doing so, several residential properties have been identified that are in violation of city ordinances. KMB also receives letters from Muenster homeowners whose property values are hurt due to others in neighborhoods that don't care for their property. Everyone deserves to live in a clean, neat and safe environment in which property values are protected. KMB will respond to these letters and make the City aware of these properties to ensure the ordinances are enforced.

Most residents take great pride in their homes and yards. It is time to show appreciation to neighbors who improve the appearance of your neighborhood by nominating your neighbors for the Yard of the Month award.

Nominations can be emailed to maryleetx@starband.net or mailed to KMB, P.O. Box 327, Muenster, TX, 76252.



Muenster Kiwanians team up with Keep Muenster Beautiful on a planter project. Courtesy photo



Juanita Bright and Key Broyles find a home for young bedding plants at the Keep Muenster Beautiful Park on Main Street. Courtesy photo



Keep Muenster Beautiful Youth board members Lisa Felderhoff and Kami-Klement plant flowers in the new Main Street planters. Courtesy photo

New Arrival

LaChance is graduate

Fleitman

Kenny and Jennifer Fleitman of Fort Worth are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Kylee Anne Fleitman on March 18, 2003 at 5:51 a.m. at Harris Methodist HEB Hospital in Bedford, Texas. She weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. and was 18 3/4 inches long. Kylee is welcomed by her sister Makenzie, 22 months old. Grandparents are Lynn Magee of Longview and David Magee of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Annette Fleitman of Lindsay and the late Henry Fleitman. Great-grandparents are Lorraine Sunski of Longview, Texas and Nita Magee of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Lauren Michelle LaChance is a graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She is the daughter of Jeff and Barbara LaChance of Muenster and a member of the Fall 2002 graduating class. She is now teaching Kindergarten at St. Andrew's Catholic School in Fort Worth. Lauren is a graduate of Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth. Attending the graduation ceremony were her parents, and her brothers, Stephen and Jordan; and her grandparents Gene and Nancy LaChance; her aunt and uncle Mike and Andie LaChance and her cousin Sarah.



Lauren LaChance

Final Morton Museum program of Series

The final program in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Spring Series "A Victorian Picnic" will take place at noon on Monday, April 14 at the pavilion at Leonard Park in Gainesville.

In this final program of the Spring Series, you will be transported back to the Victorian Age. This session will look at typical Victorian games and possibly play a few. Garden outfits and other artifacts from the Victorian period will be on

display courtesy of Rose Sicking. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite hat for a hat contest to be held. The winner of the contest will receive a special prize. A typical Victorian picnic will be provided.

For members of the Cooke County Heritage Society, the cost to attend is \$9 and for non-members the cost is \$10. To reserve a seat or for more information, call the museum at 940/668-8900.

Happy Birthday!!
Agnes Walter

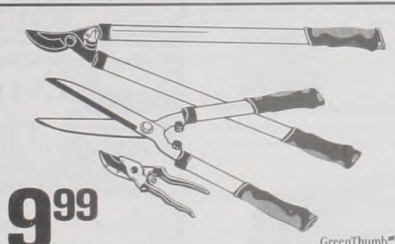


Come and join us in the celebration of her 90th Open House 2-4 pm at Muenster VFW Hall on Sat., April 12, 2003

BARGAINS OF THE MONTH

Great Low Prices!

By combining the buying strength of thousands of True Value stores, you get great low prices on quality top-name brands.



9⁹⁹
NEW! 3-Pc. Garden Shear Set Bypass lopper, hedge shear and bypass hand pruner with high carbon steel blades. \$593.251 R6



4⁹⁹
Scrubber Sponge Mop with Bonus Refill Removes scuff marks and stubborn stains. Automatic squeezing action makes wringing a breeze. W 625 087 86



6⁹⁹
5000-Sq.-Ft. Weed & Feed Controls weeds while fertilizing your lawn with limed release nitrogen. L 535 039 120

Find many more items on sale and fast, helpful service

True Value
Help Is Just Around The Corner.

Prices Effective through 4-30-03

Community Lumber Company
Highway 82 • Muenster • 759-2248



Book by THOMAS MEEHAN

Music by CHARLES STROUSE

Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN

Original Broadway Production directed by Martin Charmin

Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols

Produced by Irwin Meyer, Stephen R. Friedman, Lewis Allen

Alvin Nederlander Associates, Inc.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Icarus Productions



Based on Little Orphan Annie By Permission of Tribune Media Services, Inc.

Originally Produced by the Goodspeed Opera House Michael Price, Executive Director

TICKETS available through **Hänsel and Gretel Klaus** 218 N. Main, Muenster (940) 759-2114 or (940) 759-2894

Presented by Sacred Heart School's Musical Theatre Department

STATE THEATER

Gainesville • April 10, 11, 12 at 7:30 p.m. • April 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Annie is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, 421 W. 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Tel: (212) 541-4684 Fax: (212) 397-4684 www.MTishows.com

CCFF holds 4th "Walk Without Fear"

Cooke County Friends of the Family marks the start of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The theme of this year's observance is "Texas: A No Rape State." The focus will be on the potential strength of unified communities working together to fight the sexual violence that plagues our great state.

During this month of April, sexual assault programs across the state will intensify their efforts to promote public awareness of sexual assault issues, including the need for citizen involvement in reducing sexual assault (by confronting rape-supportive attitudes rather than relying entirely on the criminal justice system), and the need to increase community support for agencies providing sexual assault crisis and educational services.

Cooke County Friends of

the Family and Child Protective Services have joined together to help end sexual assault in our county. On April 5 at 10:30 a.m., they will be hosting the 4th annual "Walk Without Fear." The walk starts at 114 N. Dixon and proceeds to the Gainesville Police Department located at 201 Santa Fe. The Twister's Dance Team will lead the walk and then perform before a short vigil.

For more information regarding the walk, contact Friends of the Family at (940)665-2873. T-shirts will be provided. Refreshments will also be provided. The walk is free of charge. If it is raining, the walk will be postponed to the following weekend. Come and show your support for victims who have been sexually abused, and let offenders know that we will not stand by and let children or adults be hurt anymore.



Shelbi Grissom

Shelbi Grissom is 1

Shelbi Lynn Grissom turned one year old on March 21, 2003. A party in her honor was held at the home of her grandparents in Lindsay on March 21 at 7:00 p.m., with the theme of Winnie the Pooh, and her cake was decorated in that theme. Her first birthday cake was chocolate, which she enjoyed eating "without hands"! Attending the party were Shelbi's mother Randi Grissom; maternal grandparents Mike and Kristi Grissom; an aunt, E.J. Grissom, an uncle, Micah Grissom, and other close friends. Unable to attend were great-grandparents Leon and Charlene Grissom, Randall and Donna Kilmer, and a great-uncle Dan Kilmer.

Muenster Historical Commission recognizes historic value of Sacred Heart Rectory

At the regular meeting held Thursday, March 13, members of the Muenster Historic Commission agreed that the Sacred Heart rectory located on Main Street was of historic value to the community. An effort is now in motion to remodel the building. It was agreed that the Muenster Historic Commission should support preserving the building's original form.

A motion was approved to send a letter to the Sacred Heart Finance and Building and Maintenance Commissions stating that, "we, the Muenster Historical Commission members, encourage and request the historical integrity of the Sacred Heart Rectory be preserved in decisions concerning materials used and modifications made in the restoration process which will affect eligibility for

possible designation as a Texas Historic Landmark or a National Historic Landmark."

The letter was placed at the Muenster Museum so that members who wished could sign it.

Pins to be sold at Germanfest and throughout the year were voted on and ordered. Janie Hartman and Betty Kralicke are co-chairs for the project.

President Celine Dittfurth announced that it is time to pay annual dues. The Museum will be closed on three of its normal operating days in April. Days closed are Good Friday April 18, Easter Sunday April 20 and the Sunday of Germanfest, April 25.

Stick Lamar has assisted with tree and shrub trimming around the Muenster Museum. He recently drilled out some tree stumps. Celine

Dittfurth and Rita Dixon bagged the debris from the project.

Discussions were held on ordering collectible bells to sell as a project again this year. Sydney Reynolds, Louise Fisher, Juanita Bright, and Celine Dittfurth are serving on a committee to select the design of the bells to be ordered. These will be dated 2003. Some of the sets of 2002 bells remain available at Brooks-Reynolds Haus and the Muenster Museum.

Drawings and recommendations should be available at the April meeting for breezeway enclosure and garage improvements. This will allow for more usage of the Museum space.

The next meeting will be April 10 at 8 a.m. at the Museum. New members and guests are always welcome.



Jacob and Jared Walterscheid

Jacob and Jared are one

Jacob and Jared Walterscheid, twin sons of Jesse and Francine Walterscheid, celebrated their first birthday on their actual birthday, March 19, with friends and family. Jacob and Jared's dad and uncle Wade Walterscheid grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. French fries and onion rings were made by grandfather Dink Hudspeth and uncle Dale Schilling.

Presenters were opened and cake and ice cream were served. Cousin Dana Miller made and decorated a Bert and Ernie cake, and aunt Stacie Miller made an earthquake cake.

Guests attending were grandparents Julian and Carrie Walterscheid and Dink and Rose Hudspeth; aunts and uncles Beverly

and Mike Fuhrmann, Sandra Walterscheid, Stacie and Glenn Miller, Dale and Elaine Schilling, Wade and Rhonda Walterscheid, and Alan and Joan Hudspeth; cousins Kevin Walterscheid, Dana, Kristen, Lisa, and Austin Miller, Bailey and Tyler Walterscheid, and Jenna Hudspeth. Also attending were friends Dan, Christy, Katy, and Keith Bezner, and Lydia Bezner.

Water Saving Tip

Clean vegetables in a sink or pan partially filled with water rather than running water from the tap.



Kody Walterscheid

Kody Allen Walterscheid celebrates second

Kody Allen Walterscheid was honored with a birthday party observing his second birthday, held on Sunday, Feb. 9 in his home. His actual birthdate is Feb. 7. Kody is the son of Mel and April Walterscheid.

The party was themed "Bob, the Builder." A barbecue lunch was followed with dessert of birthday cake and ice cream.

Guests included, with his parents Mel and April, his brother Cole, his sisters Amber and Allie; his grandparents Peggy

Walterscheid, Danny and Carla Zwinggi, Joyce and Red Zwinggi, aunts, uncles, cousins: Lloyd Walterscheid; Glenn, Jean, Melinda, and Collin Walterscheid; Lisa, Derek, and Travis Felderhoff; Mark, Carol, Rebecca, and Blake

Grewing; Jana and Clayton Truebenbach; Curtis, Vicki, Morgan, and Major Eldridge. Also friends Ray, Shirley, and Riley Stewart; Maurus, Sally, and Nathan Hacker; Marshall Smith; and Jesse Ray Harris.

Alexander Nervo is five

Alexander Nicolas Nervo celebrated his fifth birthday with a party in the home of his parents, Donna and Nicolas Nervo. He was excited to have a Blues Clues theme. The blue cartoon character dog was accented in wall hangings and table decor, which included a barking theme dog on top of the party table.

Guests suppered on homemade Phillipian egg rolls, complimented with rice and salad. Cake and ice cream were served afterwards. The large vanilla sheet cake was iced in the theme colors of blue, white, pink, yellow, red, and

lavender, and was lettered "Happy Fifth Birthday, Alexander!!" A Blues Clues dog and clock decorated the top of the cake.

Alexander and his guests enjoyed bingo and prizes. The children received gift bags filled with Blues Clues party favors and assorted candies.

Special guests included Alexander's parents and younger brother, Dominic Xavier of Arlington, and grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster.

Water Saving Tip

Water before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m., and avoid watering on windy days.

In The Service

Air Force Airman 1st Class Bradley W. Hair has arrived for duty at Hurlburt Field in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Hair is a hydraulics system apprentice assigned to the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. He is the son of David and Linda Hair of Saint Jo, and a 2002 graduate of Saint Jo High School.



Alexander Nervo

DENTURES
Extractions • Relines • Repairs • Crowns • Partials • Bridges
Full Set Upper & Lower \$395 - \$895
SAME DAY SERVICE AVAILABLE
Dentures & Dental Services
2317 W. University Denton (940) 566-0127
Joe Robinson, D.D.S., P.C. & Associates
Mari Palou, D.D.S.

NEW!!!!
Laser Engraved Italian Charms
Custom Designed Personalized Charms only \$15 each!!!
Your Text Here
Also, see our New Turquoise, Cat's Eye & other gemstones!!!
Hop on board for the coolest New trend in Italian Charm Bracelets.
Get a Personalized Charm just for you!!!
Kanel and Gretel Haus • 218 North Main • Muenster, Tex as (940) 759-2114

DR. MICHAEL O. MAHAN, D.C.
5800 N. I35, Suite 309
Denton, TX 76207
(located in the Factory Outlet Mall)
Hours:
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
940-891-0000

Weight Watchers
Community Meetings
Invites You to a Visitors Meeting
In Muenster
Join us at the
Public School Auditorium
Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 PM
For more information call: 800-651-6000
ONLY \$144 for 12 weeks
(New Members Pay \$10 Registration Fee)

Every Friday Thru Lent
Fried Oysters One-Half Pound of Hand Breaded Fresh Oysters..... \$10.99
Frog Legs Delectable Frog Legs Fried to a Golden Brown..... \$10.99
Fried Shrimp Hand Breaded and Deep Fried to a Golden Perfection..... \$10.25
Combination Platter Of All Three Above Choices..... \$12.99
Popcorn Shrimp All You Can Eat of Deep Fried Shrimp..... \$10.99
Fried Catfish All You Can Eat of Hand Breaded Catfish with a Special Cornmeal Breeding..... \$10.99
All of the Above Are Served with Hush Puppies, Vegetable, Homemade Rolls, Your Choice of Baked Potato, Rice Pilaf, or French Fries, and a Trip to the Soup & Salad Bar.

"DOES THIS REMIND YOU OF YOUR DRIVING RECORD?"
IF YOU HAVE TICKETS OR ACCIDENTS, CALL ME.
Gary Fisher or Paula Kerr
FMW Insurance Agency
940-759-4644
206 N. Main in Muenster
Allstate
You're in good hands.

WGAP Cooke County's Favorite Since 1947
"Haulin' The Hits"
Your Texas Country Connection Since 1947
1580 AM

Sacred Heart School celebrates Week of the Young Child

April 6 - 12 is a time to recognize that "children's opportunities are our responsibilities." That is the theme of the Week of the Young Child.

Monday, April 7 - 8:00 a.m. Opening Mass is planned by Billie Becker and the Eighth grade class.

book to share with the class. Anne Poole's First graders will bring their favorite book to read to the class.

Tuesday, April 8 - The Preschool class will take a nature hike and bake teddy bear cookies.

Wednesday, April 9 - Non-uniform day for K, First, and Second grades.

Eighth and Seventh grade classes, under the direction of Mrs. Becker. All are welcome.

Thursday, April 10 - The First grade and the Second grade plan the liturgy for Mass.

Friday, April 11 - 8:00 a.m. Closing Mass (all school). All Preschool students will attend the a.m. session for a field trip to Reiter's Dairy



The Muenster ISD first grade classes made a field trip to the Alford Caste. Juanita Bright read the children stories and homeowner MaryLee Alford gave the students a tour of the home.

ANNIE rehearsals move to State Theater

"Hold it right there," shouted cast member Kevin Walterscheid. "Raise that platform another inch!"

Walterscheid, a junior at Sacred Heart, supervised Annie's three-day move to the State Theater in Gainesville.

Davis's statement is amplified by the volume of sales at ticket vendor Hansel und Gretel Haus.

miss it," said cast member Laura Taylor. Yesterday, the SH Musical Theatre Dept. hosted a sneak preview of Annie for members of the news media.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF APR. 7-11 SACRED HEART

Mon. - Turkey ham hoagies, lettuce, tomatoes, tortilla chips, fruit salad.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, green peas, green salad, oranges, bread sticks.

Wed. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, corn, strawberries, biscuits.

Thurs. - Beef stew, cornbread, tossed salad w/spinach, peaches.

Fri. - Grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, wheat crackers, fruit cocktail.

LINDSAY ISD Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili, baked beans, carrots & celery sticks, peas.

Tues. - Chicken, creamed potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, bread.

Wed. - Beef Tips over rice, green beans, coleslaw, cake, bread.

Thurs. - Hamburger with trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

Fri. - Cheese pizza, corn, lettuce salad, peaches, bread.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili and cheese, potato wedges, pinto beans, cake, peaches.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peas, hot rolls.

Wed. - Barbecue sandwiches, chips and salsa, onions and pickles, apples, carrot sticks, cookies.

Thurs. - Flame broiled beef patties, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Fish sandwiches, French fries, pork and beans, lettuce and tomatoes, applesauce.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad, sliced pears, chocolate chip cookies.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.

Wed. - Soft tacos, trimmings, pinto beans, cornbread, chocolate pudding.

Thurs. - Corn dogs, French fries, tossed salad, fruit mix, rice crispy treat.

Fri. - Pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, corn, strawberry applesauce, ice cream.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Bring your own gloves. Meet at the Muenster City Park on Highway 82 at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, April 5.

Cleanup this Saturday

The annual community and statewide cleanup, DONT MESS WITH TEXAS Trash-off, will be held this Saturday, April 5.

Texas Farm Bureau Summer Agricultural Institute 2003

Any elementary teacher wishing to combine hands-on learning activities about agriculture with practical curriculum development, receive three hours of graduate credit and 45 clock hours of Continuing Professional Education units should consider attending the TFB Summer Agricultural Institute.

Tarleton State University, has hosted the Summer Agricultural Institute for elementary school teachers.

The Cooke County Farm Bureau will award a local teacher a scholarship that covers tuition, room and board as well as resource materials.

Application deadline is April 21, 2003.

Grandson of Marcie Klement excels

Joshua Reilly of H.D. Jacobs High School in Algonquin, Illinois, class of 2004, has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) on Business and Commerce.

While attending the NSLC, Reilly will have the opportunity to study, experience, and develop the skills and traits that define and identify a leader.

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

current national and international issues to life.

Through participation in this extraordinary 11 day program, students develop their abilities to think on their feet, to engage in critical analysis, and to communicate effectively - skills that will serve them well as leaders in high school, college, and throughout their lives.

"Students develop a sense of independence and responsibility," said Dr. Paul M. Lisnek, the NSLC Director of Academics and former Assistant Dean of Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."

"During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership."



Joshua Reilly

Skin cancer facts

Because we live in a southern state where the sun is stronger, the number of skin cancers diagnosed is higher than in most other states.

ACS

Advertisement for Lone Star Book Scouters, featuring a cowboy logo and contact information.

Advertisement for Nortex DSL High-Speed Internet, offering a special offer of \$49.95 per month.

Advertisement for SACRED HEART PARISH, promoting an investment in Catholic education through the Sacred Heart School Trust Fund.

Advertisement for SAMCO Financial Services, offering IRAs with rates from 4.25% to 6.34%.



On Thursday, March 27, Muenster FFA members participated in the Tarleton Invitational Contest in Stephenville, including Horse Judging - Michelle Pagel, Joseph Dangelmayr, Teresa Greathouse; Livestock Judging - Casey McAden, Kirk Hartman, Keaton Haverkamp; Dairy Products - Cassie Sicking, Darell Henscheid, Chris Rains; Range and Pasture - Crystal Fuhrmann, Noah Barnhill and FFA advisor Scott Reed. Courtesy photo

Young Farmer and Rancher Scholarships are available for high school and college students

Two separate scholarship opportunities are being offered by the Young Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee of the Texas Farm Bureau. The first scholarship will award (5) \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who intend to pursue a degree in agriculture. The second scholarship will award (2) \$1,000 scholarships to college students who are majoring in agriculture and have completed at least 45 hours of college credit. Applicants must be a member of a Farm Bureau family. Membership must remain in good standing for the duration of the scholarship. Application deadline is May 15th for

both scholarships and are to be mailed directly to the Texas Farm Bureau office. For detail information on both scholarships, please

contact the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm Bureau 940-665-1763 between 9am and 4pm Monday through Friday.



Muenster FFA students finishing 19th in Livestock Judging at the Navarro County Expo were Casey McAden, Kirk Hartman, Michelle Pagel, and Keaton Haverkamp. Courtesy photo

LINDSAY ISD BOARD RELEASES WINN cont. from pg. 1

personally feel that there's too many on the Board who have a personal agenda against Mr. Winn for various things that went on prior to him being here." Zimmerman expressed disappointment in the Board.

Betsy Fleitman asked how much the Board was paying Jeffrey Hardaway, the lawyer who was present per hour. "I voted for some of you, not all of you, and I voted for you because I thought you would represent me and you would represent the kids and the teachers of this school district to the best of your abilities. I am ashamed that I voted for any one of you sitting there with the exception of maybe David. You don't care about the kids. You don't care about the school district. You care about our vendetta; a personal peeve with someone."

Another former Board member, Donna Hess, made several comments. She chided the Board on a forum at which they talked about fiscal responsibility and open communication. Hess said she hadn't seen it. She said that Winn had asked to have his hearings done in open session and they weren't.

Hess reminded those present that the make-up of the Board can change every year, but the superintendent is there longer. "Whoever is your superintendent, he will never please everybody," she noted. "It will never happen. We've seen that." She feels it is a personal agenda.

"I say shame on you," continued Hess. "I feel you purposely did this before the elections. Some of you are going off and you are going to get that agenda taken care of. I say shame on you." She also asked about the final walk-through for the maintenance list. She wasn't aware of a final walk-through taking place.

Pam Horn said she had given a book to each of the Board members at a previous meeting and asked if any had read it. The book was her disguised teaching tool, she said since she is a certified teacher. The story was meant to teach them to be flexible, to work together, and compromise.

Horn cited a time at a Board meeting when Winn was asked to explain spending \$15. She declared, "Shame on you; what a rude thing to do to a human being! If you didn't want the superintendent in the first place, then why did you extend the contract the year or two before?"

Horn then said one of the biggest problems is that the school doesn't have a new gym. She accused the school board of not being interested in that and not caring that the kids have to work out until late because of the one gym being shared by so many.

"Did you know that the bus system here runs based on the Catholic Church," Horn asked. "I wonder about that sometimes. My daughter has to get up extra early so that the people's children that are Catholic can go to their Sunday school." She then threatened to call Austin and the TEA to report a problem in Lindsay ISD. "You get them down here and they are going to find out how closely related church and state is in this community. This is a public school."

Marvin Knight, DVM said he'd spoken with Winn. Hess has made the man so miserable in the past few years that he wants out, he said. Knight said he wouldn't fight that.

"Trust me things will work out for the best," Damian Krahl, Board member

"You spend money foolishly, yet you won't spend money wisely," Knight told the Board.

Relying on his 12-14 years of experience in the school business, Knight said he knows how things work, and the Lindsay District won't be able to find anyone to come in as superintendent under the present circumstances. "The only person that would take this job is inbred," he said. He feels there would be no new ideas.

Joe O'Dell asked why the voice of the people who supported what the Board was about to vote on wasn't being expressed. He urged the Board to search their souls. If Winn is doing a bad job, he should be fired, if not he should be left alone. Not extending Winn's contract is how he feels the situation should be handled if there is dissatisfaction. It was not renewed this year and he has two more years remaining.

Many of the comments mirrored those of the first speakers. The Board was asked repeatedly to explain how they felt and why. Some accused some of the Board of not paying attention or listening to the audience.

Someone from the audience asked Winn if he wanted to finish out his contract. Winn was unable

to answer that due to legal issues, he said.

Hess said that she'd heard that the Board has already approached someone to be the next superintendent. She hoped this was not true because it would be setting that person up for failure. It would not be fair to him because people would be mad at him due to the situation, she said.

A number of the approximately 34 present spoke in support of Superintendent Winn asking him to tear up his resignation or repeating statements already said by previous speakers. None of the public present spoke against him. Most admitted to being there because someone had asked them to attend.

Board opinions

Nortman noted that it did seem to be a vicious cycle about to repeat itself. Winn came in to replace a superintendent who took early retirement with one year remaining on his contract. This followed his

hiring in '89. The District won UIL Academic competitions and received Exemplary Ratings. Sometime in the late '90s the Board lost confidence in him and his contract was not extended in '97 or '98. With a year left on his contract he seemed to read the writing on the wall and took early retirement, said Nortman. "I am not in favor of a buy out at any cost," Nortman said as he revealed his stance.

Damian Krahl refuted audience accusations that he wasn't listening. "I'm a good listener," he stated. Krahl said that the Board had a lot of information with which to make their decisions that the general public did not have. He said he was most provoked by former Board members in the audience who questioned the motives of some Board members.

He denied an accusation by Knight that Board members' main goal was to be re-elected. "We'd be useless. We'd tell everybody what they wanted to hear," he said.

"Trust me things will work out for the best," commented Krahl. "A new gym, like suggested, is not the most important thing. We've talked about it. Sometimes certain things must be done before the end



The Muenster FFA team of Chris Rains, Cassie Sicking and Darell Henscheid, finished in first place in Dairy Products competition at the Navarro County Youth Expo Judging contest on Friday, March 28. Courtesy photo

Water Saving Tip

Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Toilets should be used only to carry away sanitary waste.

Respecting Human Life - From Conception to a Natural Death

by Alexandra Hellinger, Lindsay High School

God doesn't make mistakes. Humans do. Life after life has been ended by people who think they have the right to make life and death decisions in the name of fixing their mistakes. Sometimes they decide against life just because it doesn't fit into their tidy life scenario. Other times 'mercy' is the 'caring' reason for ending another life. This poor baby will grow up and be handicapped or retarded all their life. How do you show that every person has value, even if they are not beautiful, intelligent, and athletic? Where do you find statistics that show that even individuals less blessed than you or I are still blessings to their parents and that their contributions to this world will be different than ours but still needed?

How do you measure whether a person is perfect? Maybe the intellectual and beautiful have other serious flaws, like a heart incapable of accepting others as they are. Perhaps the very hardships that we encounter when our child is less than perfect gives us strength and leads us to where we are supposed to be in life. If it starts with ending undesirable children's lives, progresses to ending lives of seniors who are suffering and inconvenient, where does it end? Perhaps in a few years sickness or blindness will be singled out as the target. In the future which part of society will be in danger of being eased out of existence? We have history lessons of this; Jews, African Americans, Irish, all people who were deemed inferior.

Since the advent of time, life has always been wanted and respected. From cavemen to the pioneers, children have been nurtured and precious - seen as more help in a difficult world. Only in our modern times, when we know what we are 'getting' has life become cheap and dispensable. We have so many scientific ways to determine if the baby will be normal that we forget that the baby is alive, made by God, given a soul, and who will live a happy life if given the chance. Why do we decide instead of the child if they will be happy? The false consensus of today's age seems to be that, until the baby is born, it is not a living being. The baby is not only capable of kicking or sucking its thumb, but also of accepting love from its parents. Giving to another, especially a child, is the greatest gift we can give ourselves.

Douglas Lawson once said, "Just as a flower grows from a planted seed, so life springs eternal from love given unconditionally. No matter what difficulties or deformities our children suffer from, they still deserve to be loved like any other. God makes each person with a plan in mind. If he harbored any less love and hope for any of us, we could not survive in this world any better than a mentally or physically challenged individual. However, each being he brings into our world was created for a reason. Each life affects numerous other lives and contributes to the overall good of the world. By nurturing and protecting them from the moment they are conceived, they in turn will do the same for us in our old age when we no longer have the ability to care for ourselves. Thus, we set the precedent of respecting ours and each other's life from conception to death."

First Place High School Pro-Life Essay Contest

PERSONAL LOANS

We make personal loans for all sorts of good reasons. If you've been planning a purchase but find yourself short on purchasing power, come in and see one of our loan officers.

One thing we would like you to consider when either borrowing or saving is the fact that the money we loan comes from the deposits of your neighbors. So, do your saving as well as your borrowing here at the bank that keeps your money working in our community.



Bank With Us

"Your Neighbors & Friends."

REMEMBER - WE MAKE REAL ESTATE LOANS AT FIXED RATES WITH NO POINTS FOR 15 YEARS OR LESS. WHILE RATES ARE LOW, SEE US BEFORE YOU SETTLE FOR A BALLOON NOTE OR A NOTE WITH HIGH CLOSING FEES.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Saint Jo (940) 995-2556 Saint Jo, Texas
Muenster Branch (940) 759-2218 Muenster, Texas

You'll Appreciate Our Attitude

Sports

Tigers set new meet record Muenster Lady Hornets, Warriors of Liberty take championships at Sacred Heart Relays

Muenster's Lady Hornets and the Warriors of Liberty Christian in Denton took home the championships from the Sacred Heart Relays track and field meet held last week Friday. Muenster scored 163 points to outpace the other 13 teams that participated in the girls' division. Whitesboro came in second with 97 points, followed by Lindsay 89, Era 78, and Sacred Heart 63. Others and their team scores were Garland Christian 36, Bells 31, Liberty 24, Forestburg 16, Calvary 9, Liberty JV 3, Canyon Creek 2, SGCA and Metro 1 point apiece.

The top three placers and local finishers were as follows:

VARSITY GIRLS

Long Jump: 1, Clarke, E, 15' 6.75"; 2, McCutcheon, W, 15' 2.5"; 3, Katie Schneider, L, 15' 2"; 5, Jacé Koelzer, M, 15' 0.5".

Shot: 1, Howard, E, 32'2.5"; 2, Suggs, W, 31' 11.5"; 3, Katie Carpenter, L, 31' 9.75"; 5, Jana Truelsenbach, SH, 29' 10.5".

High Jump: 1, McCutcheon, W, 4' 8"; 2, Mitchell, W, 4' 8"; 3, Carroll, D, 4' 6"; 3, Cheryl Knabe, L, 4' 6".

Triple Jump: 1, Brooke Endres, M, 33' 10"; 2, Clarke, E, 32' 9"; 3, Katie Schneider, L, 31' 7.75"; 4, Cheryl Knabe, L, 31' 6.75"; 5, Lisa Felderhoff, M, 30' 8".

Discus: 1, Elaine Hess, L, 94' 1.25"; 2, Amber Wolf, L, 93' 4.5"; 3, Jana Truelsenbach, SH, 88' 5"; 5, Laura Hellman, L, 84' 8.25".

Pole Vault: 1, McKissack, LC, 8'; 2, Weeks, B, 7' 6"; 3, Brooke Endres, M, 7'; 4, Jami Gerstberger, M, 6'.

400m: 1, Kate Sepanski, SH, 1:04.05; 2, Suggs, W, 1:06.8; 3, Metzler, E, 1:09.2; 4, Whitney Neu, L, 1:09.94; 5, Kallie Gerstberger, M, 1:10.23; 6, Katie Flusche, SH, 1:12.55.

800m: 1, Alisha Walterscheid, M, 2:27.6; 2, Megan Lippe, M, 2:28.22; 3, Weeks, B, 2:33.

1600m Relay: 1, Muenster, Stevie Klement, Alisha Walterscheid, JoAnna Felderhoff, Brooke Endres, 2:13.91; 2, Era, 4:21.04; 3, Whitesboro, 4:21.23; 4, Lindsay, 4:23.66.

300m Hurdles: 1, Jacé Koelzer, M, 49.87; 2, Brooke Endres, M, 50.77; 3, Allison Hundt, L, 52.07; 4, Lisa Felderhoff, M, 52.53.

1600m: 1, Kallie Gerstberger, M, 5:59.65; 2, Jami Gerstberger, M, 6:00.71; 3, Rose Bartush, SH, 6:06.11; 4, Diana Knabe, SH, 6:12.83; 6, Tiffany Martin, L, 6:22.49.

3200m: 1, Reynolds, F, 12:37.57; 2, Diana Knabe, SH, 13:14.67; 3, Kallie Gerstberger, M, 13:17.47; 4, Jami Gerstberger, M, 13:23.18; 5, Jenna Felderhoff, M, 13:52.64.

400m Relay: 1, Garland Christian, 54.61; 2, Whitesboro, 55.33; 3, Sacred Heart, Kate Sepanski, Whitney Wimmer, Sarah Whitecotton, Jacqueline Bauer, 55.48; 4, Lindsay, 55.60; 5, Muenster, Robyn Hermes, Megan Lippe, Jami Gerstberger, Lisa Felderhoff, 56.32.

800m: 1, Weeks, B, 2:30.41; 2, Skelton, E, 2:32.83; 3, Reynolds, F, 2:33.77; 6, JoAnna Felderhoff, M, 2:41.85.

100m Hurdles: 1, Jacé Koelzer, M, 15.92; 2, Brooke Endres, M, 16.19; 3, Katie Schneider, L, 17.46; 4, Lisa Felderhoff, M, 17.87.

100m: 1, Ward, G, 13.14; 2, Jacé Koelzer, 13.18; 3, Kate Sepanski, SH, 13.26; 4, Jacqueline Bauer,

SH, 13.35; 6, Alex Hellinger, L, 13.76.

800m Relay: 1, Era, 1:52.41; 2, Whitesboro, 1:55.36; 3, Muenster, Robyn Hermes, Megan Lippe, Alisha Walterscheid, Stevie Klement, 1:55.58; 4, Lindsay, 1:58.67; 5, Sacred Heart, Shannon Hartman, Jacqueline Bauer, Sarah Whitecotton, Whitney Wimmer, 2:00.09.

Liberty Christian boys earned 188 points to beat out Sacred Heart at 123. Lindsay finished in 3rd at 96, followed by 1 Am 38, Bells 32, Denton Calvary 29, and Muenster with 26. The remaining boys teams and their points were Era 24, Garland Christian 14, Canyon Creek, Metro and Whitesboro 10 each, Liberty JV 6, and 2 each by Era JV and Muenster JV.

The Sacred Heart Tigers set a new meet record, finishing the 4x200m relay with a time of 1:38.01. The team consisted of Johnny Krahl, Michael Voth, Aaron Krahl, and Thomas Whitecotton.

The top three finishers and local runners times and distances are as follows:

VARSITY BOYS

400m: 1, Michael Voth, SH, 51.75; 2, Batey, LC, 55.53; 3, Miller, B, 55.69; 6, Andy Davis, SH, 56.84.

300 Hurdles: 1, Combs, LC, 42.91; 2, Henderson, LC, 42.95; 3, Paramore, LC, 43.02; 4, Martin, L, 43.54.

200m: 1, D. Journet, I, 23.15; 2, Carey, I, 23.69; 3, Crowther, C, 24.11.

1600m: 1, Grimes, LC, 4:52.25; 2, Mitchell Ward, L, 4:57.85; 3, Hurley, G, 4:59.73; 6, Kyle Endres, L, 5:07.10.

1600m Relay: 1, Liberty, 3:36.68; 2, Sacred Heart, Clint Fuhrmann, Michael Voth, Aaron Krahl, Kevin Walterscheid, 3:37.45; 3, Lindsay, Mitch Ward, Ryan Dickerson, Alan Trammell, Matt Brennan, 3:37.68; 5, Muenster, Daniel Russell, Sean Fuhrmann, Clint Miller, Tyler Walterscheid, 3:50.39; 6, Muenster JV, Joseph Dangelmayr, Jordan Walterscheid, Nathan Privett, Derek Endres,

3:51.54.

3200m: 1, Grimes, LC, 11:10.99; 2, Kyle Endres, L, 11:16.83; 3, Graves, E, 11:22.19; 5, Kristopher Creed, L, 11:36.61; 6, Daniel Bartush, SH, 11:42.20.

400m Relay: 1, Sacred Heart, Johnny Krahl, Michael Voth, Aaron Krahl, Thomas Whitecotton, 45.48; 2, Calvary, 47.27; 3, 1 Am Academy, 47.58; 4, Lindsay, Clint Williams, Ryan Dickerson, Chuck Hinds, Garrett Alfrey, 47.60.

800m: 1, Curbo, LC, 2:12.76; 2, Mitch Ward, L, 2:15.85; 3, Plichta, LC, 2:18.47; 4, Sean Fuhrmann, M, 2:19.30; 5, Derek Endres, M, 2:23.43; 6, Alan Trammel, L, 2:24.40.

110 Hurdles: 1, Kelly, B, 15.43; 2, Clint Fuhrmann, SH, 15.44; 3, Hood, G, 15.64.

100m: 1, Bowles, LC, 11.04; 2, Journet, I, 11.17; 3, Johnny Krahl, SH, 11.26; 5, Thomas Whitecotton, SH, 11.41; 6, Aaron Krahl, SH, 11.45.

800m Relay: 1, Sacred Heart, Johnny Krahl, Paul Bartush, Chris Hoedebeck, Thomas Whitecotton, 1:38.01; 2, Lindsay, Chuck Hinds, Ryan Dickerson, Matt Brennan, Alan Trammell, 1:38.72; 6, Muenster, Daniel Russell, Nathan Sicking, Cody Cory, Tyler Walterscheid, 1:42.68.

High Jump: 1, Achimoa, W, 5' 10"; 2, Clinton Kyle, L, 5' 6"; 3, Brandon Hückaby, L, 5' 6"; 4, Clint Fuhrmann, SH, 5' 6".

Triple Jump: 1, Ryan Dickerson, L, 39' 11.75"; 2, Combs, LC, 39' 10.5"; 3, Blair, LC, JV, 39' 3.5; 4, Tyler Walterscheid, M, 37' 1.5"; 6, Clint Miller, M, 35' 9.5".

Discus: 1, Beaty, ME, 122' 4.5"; 2, Meddleberg, LC, 120' 10"; 3, Caudle, LC, 119' 0.25"; 5, Mark Schriber, L, 113' 8.75".

Shot: 1, Williams, LC, 45' 10"; 2, Adam Krahl, SH, 42' 9.5"; 3, Meddleberg, LC, 40' 5.5"; 4, Jared Britain, M, 39' 7.5".

Long Jump: 1, Combs, LC, 18' 5.25; 2, Chris Hoedebeck, SH, 18' 2.5"; 3, Paul Bartush, SH, 18' 1.25"; 5, Ryan Dickerson, L, 17' 8.25".

Pole Vault: 1, Combs, LC, 11'; 2, Kevin Walterscheid, SH, 10' 6"; 3, Cody Cory, M, 10'; 4, Chris Fuhrmann, SH, 9' 6".

TEAM CODES: SH, Sacred Heart; M, Muenster; L, Lindsay; E, Era; W, Whitesboro; D, Denton Calvary; LC, Liberty Christian; B, Bells; F, Forestburg; G, Garland; I, 1 Am; C, Canyon Creek; ME, Metro.



Action from the Sacred Heart Relays, clockwise, above left, Kate Sepanski dashes down the track; Kallie Gerstberger, Diana Knabe and Jami Gerstberger in the 3200m run; distance runner Chris Steelman; Emerald Otto attempts the high jump; Daniel Bartush and Kristopher Creed compete in the 3200.

Janie Hartman photos



Sean Fuhrmann and Derek Endres make a strong finish in the 800m race. Dave Fette Photo

Also available as an IRA

EARN 4.5%

Our current Annuity interest rate.

Guaranteed for one year upon issue, subject to change on policy anniversary dates. The guaranteed rate is 3% for the life of your Annuity.

Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company Offers a Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity designed for periodic as well as single premiums. Your contributions, less any applicable maintenance fees, accumulate wealth for the future. Surrender charges apply only during the first seven policy years.

John S. Bartush
Muenster, Texas
940-759-4052



HELPING YOU
is what we do best
Auto • Home • Life

816XA

Muenster Athletic Booster Club to hold meeting, April 7

The Muenster Athletic Booster Club will be meeting on Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in the girls locker room. Items to be discussed include the upcoming golf tournament scheduled for May 17.

Golf Tournament set for April 19

The Red River Golf Association will hold a tournament at Turtle Hill Golf Course on April 19. Registration will be at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. for the four-man, 18-hole scramble. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive and closest to the pin, as well as the first two places. For more information call 903-564-9673.

Custom Gunite SWIMMING POOLS

From \$16,000 Complete with:

- Plans & Excavation
- Steel Reinforced Gunite
- Tile & Coping
- 3 ft. Decking
- 1½ Horsepower Pump
- D.E. Filter
- Auto Timer & Freeze Protection
- Electrical Hook-up
- 2 Coats of Plaster
- All Tools, Chemicals, Etc.
- Instructions
- Complete Warranty

Financing Available No Down Payment

Bobby Morris
940-458-0695

2250 McReynolds Rd Sanger, TX
30 Years Experience

5000 Minutes Night & Weekend or Mobile to Mobile



Nokia 6340*

Cingular Gets the Ball Rolling

\$49.99 after \$50 Mail in rebate

*Nokia phone available with 2-year agreement



Nortex Communications

2200 E. Hwy. 82
Gainesville, TX 76240
940-665-3347

cingular
WIRELESS Authorized Agent

Limited time offer. Requires credit approval and activation of service. Phone offer requires 2-year service agreement and mail-in rebate. Lifetime in excess of package and rollover minutes will be charged at a per rate minute of \$1.19 to \$4.99. Other restrictions apply. See store for details. Cingular Wireless is a registered trademark. The Graphic icon is a Service Mark of Cingular Wireless.

**When you need to
BUY, SELL, HIRE ...**

**940-759-4311
OR FAX 759-4110
DEADLINE WEDNESDAY NOON**

MUENSTER ENTERPRISE CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED RATES

First Insertion (26¢ per word) min. \$3.90
Following Ins. (19¢ per word) min. \$2.85
Card of Thanks \$8.00

CLASSIFIED WED AD

ARE FREE!
Applies to individuals only
(no businesses or real estate, please).
Ads run 2 weeks free!

BRIDAL Registry

Wedding Selections for
Leah Walterscheid & Jared Bayer
Amanda Baldwin & Bradley Schmidkofer
Mindy Endres & Mark Tooley



Services

STATE INSPECTED meat processing plant. Bring in your animal furs or Thurs. Fischer's Meat Market, 759-4211.

For Septic Systems ROEBIC K-37 Septic Tank Liquefier. A single treatment of this product prevents clogging of a septic tank and is guaranteed effective for one whole year. Community Lumber Co. 200 E. Division Muenster 759-2248

TENDER LOVING CARE Day Care Center. 759-4964.

OTTO DOZER SERVICE "I STOCK PONDS" Mike Otto - Lindsay 1-800-882-DIRT

Garage Sale

FREE Garage Sale Signs Call Christine RE/MAX First Realty 940-759-4749.

BRIDAL Registry

Gehrig's
Bridal Registry
Leah Walterscheid & Jared Bayer
Michelle Montgomery & Lucas Bayer
Amanda Baldwin & Bradley Schmidkofer
Debra Voth & Jason Sicking

210 N. Main Muenster 759-4112

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED Full & Part Time Adult Help Needed Apply in person Bayer's Kolonialwaren

HELP WANTED

Full Time RN Call Laura Stoffels at Muenster Memorial Hospital 940-759-2271.

HELP WANTED

Part time housekeeping at Turtle Hill Lodge and Conference Center. 940-759-2120.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RAD R. WARE, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rad R. Ware were issued on March 28, 2003, in Cause No. 15,587, pending in the Probate Court of Cooke County, Texas, to Wm. B. Sullivant, who resides in Cooke County, Texas, and whose mailing address is: Wm. B. Sullivant, P.O. Box 1517, Gainesville, Texas 76241.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 28th day of March, 2003
Respectfully submitted,
/s/Wm. B. SULLIVANT

BRIDAL Registry

BRIDAL SELECTIONS FOR
Melinda Vickers & Jeremy Carroll
Kristin Grewing & Jake McCoy
Mindy Endres & Mark Tooley
Leah Walterscheid & Jared Bayer
Amanda Baldwin & Bradley Schmidkofer

209 N. Main • Muenster 759-2525

Crafty Olde German

216 N. Main Muenster, Texas 759-2505

Livestock

Angus Bulls

For Sale Call Eddie Parker Waurika, Oklahoma 1-800-352-1903

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY NOON

BRIDAL Registry

RANCHHOUSE
Wedding Selections
Amanda Baldwin & Bradley Schmidkofer
Kristin Grewing & Jake McCoy

209 N. Main • Muenster 759-2525

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wichita Falls District Office Training Facility located at 1601 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls, Texas.

The purpose of the public meeting is to allow public input into the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) preparation process. A list will be provided of upcoming state projects selected in the UTP and STIP. Maps and drawings will be on display.

Mr. John Barton, P.E., Director of Transportation, Planning and Development with the Texas Department of Transportation in Wichita Falls, will be in charge of the meeting.

The meeting will be informal, and all interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views on the programs. Utility companies are also invited so that we may inform them of the upcoming state projects in the Wichita Falls District.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aides or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille are requested to contact Tammy Marlow at (940) 720-7741 two (2) weeks prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, 1601 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls, Texas 76302-4906, but must be received no later than 10 days after the public meeting.

HESSE-SCHNIEDERJAN
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
TRANE It's Hard To Stop A Trane
Atic Insulation • Sheet Metal • Heat Pumps
759-2787 TACLA-010802C 612-4328

H & H
VACUUM SERVICE • SEPTIC TANK CLEANING
PRESTIGE PORTABLES
PORTABLE TOILET RENTALS
* 940-668-7268 • 940-736-3448 *

BECKER
DOZER SERVICE
Ponds • Clearing Land and more!
Paul Becker Muenster, TX 76252 940-736-3279

IN STOCK
Electrical • Plumbing
Paneling • Roofing
Hardware • Water Pumps
Heating • Air Conditioning
We can recommend an installer
Muenster Building Center, Inc.
Muenster, 759-2232

Agricultural

PAUL J. HESS NO. 1 Kansas Alfalfa hay for sale. Any amount. 665-7601 or 665-9228.

For Sale

For Sale or Rent: 40 Ft. Storage Container. Call Paul or Gary Hess. 665-7601.

AVON: To buy or sell Avon, call Evelyn Sicking, 759-4388.

FOR HOME DELIVERY OF Fort Worth Star Telegram Call DALE WHITE, 940-668-2743

FOR SALE Baby Stroller: Combi Allure Lite, Mint Green. Like New -- Used Only a Few Times. 995-7027.

FOR SALE Grey middle & back bench seats, 2001 Dodge Caravan. Call 940-665-4132.

DISCOVER Wonders of Waterless Cookware - Stopped doing dinner parties!

Beautiful, 17-pc., 7-ply surgical stainless steel sets left! Lifetime Warranty! Were \$2000, now \$695!

First 7 callers by set for 1963 price of \$368! 40th anniversary! 1-800-434-4628!

'88 Buick LeSabre 4 dr., A/C. Autotrans, 3.8 liter 83,000 miles! \$1706-903-429-6022.

'96 Cadillac Sedan DeVille Low Miles, 32 Valve, Northstar, perfect, \$11,500 (OBO) 940-759-4840

Automotive

OVER 60 USED CARS AND TRUCKS available all the time at Holiday Chevrolet in Whitesboro. 668-8152 or (903) 564-3551.

For Rent

Schilling Fina 759-2522 or 759-2836

FOR RENT: HIGH PRESSURE Sprayer, 2500 lbs. For moving paint etc. Muenster Building Center, 421 N. Main. 759-2232

Contractors • Homeowners Equipment Rental

Restaurants

Lunch Specials
Edelweiss Tea Haus
Lunch Specials
Mon. - Sweet N Sour Meatloaf
Tues. - Oriental Chicken Salad
Wed. - Spicy Chicken Wraps
Thurs. - Chicken Spaghetti
Fri. - Sour Cream Cheese Enchiladas
Sat. - Selections from our Menu
Lunch: Mon - Sat • 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
216 North Main • Muenster 759-2519

Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER 3/2/2 Brick with attached shop, 2627 total sq. ft., 2.15 acres, 7 years old, waterwell, fireplace, Oak cabinets, split master bdrm. Open floor plan, tile/carpet flooring. Covered porch, Energy efficient windows. All Electric. MRO Land optional for Purchase. Easy access. Call: 940-759-4979 or 940-736-1238.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING Locations are available in Community Estates, Lindsay, Texas, including 25 platted locations, paved streets and underground utilities. For more information, contact Community Lumber Company, Muenster, 759-2248.

FOR SALE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, brick home. 634 Eddy Street, Muenster 759-2150 or 736-5696. Shown by appointment only

I BUY MORTGAGES, 940-872-4543.

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, a block from school on N. Walnut. Phone 759-2938, Jerome Page.

HOUSE FOR RENT 1500 sq. ft., 3/2/2 on 5 heavily wooded acres N of Saint Jo. \$850/month with \$850 deposit. 940-891-0000, leave message

RE/MAX First Realty

Serving Cooke, Wise, Denton & Montague Counties



Get Away From Your Landlord! Quality conscious people will love this 3 br. professionally remodeled home on spacious lot in Muenster. Enjoy your own bright cheerful kitchen, open living area, plenty of storage space, oversized garage & fenced back yard. Don't miss out!

Don't Be Fooled! You'll enjoy the many amenities this low maintenance 3 br. brick home has to offer. Built-ins galore, large fireplace, wet-bar, custom window treatments throughout, Murphy bed, spa room, gazebo, irrigation system & more.

Tea-riffic Home? You're in the swing of things in this stunning 3 br. home with study overlooking the 12th tee boxes at Turtle Hill. This 1 yr. old home on 1 ac. offers a cook's dream kitchen, spacious open living area, French doors, claw foot tub & more. Relax by the glow of the fireplace or outdoor hot tub.

For information on these and all other properties in the area, go to: www.ChristineWeinzapfel.com

Christine Beaulieu Weinzapfel 940/759-4749

NORTH TEXAS PROPERTIES

"Specializing in Muenster and surrounding areas"

Nice Local Place - 117+ Ac. N. of Capps Corner, 50% wooded, 2 ponds.

88+ Ac. - Dye Mound area, 60% wooded, 2 ponds, well. Owner Says Sell.

1,467+ Acre Working Ranch - SW of Forestburg - Nice Residence; several BIG barns and shops; 3 working pens; 5+ Ac. lake; Live Creek; Coastal and Native Pastures; Mature (and manicured) Pecans; 2 irrigation wells.

Pictures, maps, and details on our website: www.northtexasproperties.com or Call Jack at: 940-995-2387

Jack Schoppa, Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, Broker and Auctioneer

Nortex Communications

Local Telephone Cable TV Long Distance Internet Wireless Service

205 N. Walnut Street, Muenster 759-2251

STEVEN'S
55 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SALE
55 HOUR SALE - 55 DOOR PRIZES - UP TO 55% OFF
MARCH 31 - APRIL 5
8AM-5:15PM MON., TUES., WED., FRI.
9AM-2PM SAT.
SPECIAL CELEBRATION HOURS:
8 AM - 8 PM THURSDAY
FACTORY REPS ON HAND
REFRESHMENTS SERVED
FREE ARMSTRONG VINYL FLOOR GIVE-AWAY
12 MONTHS SAME AS CASH
SEE STORE FOR ALL DETAILS
STOREWIDE SALE
CARPET, VINYL, TILE, GRANITE, WOOL, WOOD, LAMINATE, TURF
STEVEN'S FLOOR COVERINGS
3222 E. Highway 82 • Gainesville • (940)665-0318
"Your Friend In The Carpet Business Since 1946"

SAVVY SENIOR Texas Monthly Oil and Gas Statistics

.....continued from pg. 4

If You Aren't Getting Social Security Benefits: You should apply for survivor benefits promptly because, in some cases, benefits may not be retroactive. You can apply by calling or visiting any Social Security office or making an appointment by calling toll-free, 1-800-772-1213.

If You're Already Getting Social Security Benefits: If you're getting benefits as a wife or husband on your spouse's record when he or she dies, you should report the death to Social Security and they will change your payments to survivors benefits.

If you're getting benefits on your own record, you'll need to complete an application to get survivors benefits. You might be able to get more money as a widow or widower. Social Security will need to see your spouse's death certificate to process your claim.

Savvy Reminder: Additional rules apply to the Social Security survivors benefit process, if you are disabled or are caring for you ex-spouse's child who is age 16 or under, or is disabled. Be sure to visit with a Social Security representative to understand all your possible options, or call 1-800-772-1213. This information was obtained from The Social Security Administration at www.ssa.gov.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org.

FEBRUARY PERMITS TO DRILL

The February total included 766 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 25 to re-enter existing well bores, and 185 for recompletions. Permits issued in February 2003 included 210 oil, 356 gas, 394 oil and gas, 11 injection, one service, and four other permits.

JANUARY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for January 2003 is 31,039,110 barrels, an increase from 31,691,768

barrels reported during January 2002.

FEBRUARY OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In February 2003, operators reported 255 oil, 364 gas, 24 injection, and one others compared to 243 oil, 471 gas, 12 injection and five other completions during February 2002. Total well completions for 2003 year to date are 1,367, down from 1,625 recorded during the same period in 2002. Operators reported 542 holes plugged and 53 dry holes in February 2003.

Farm & Ranch

Veneman announces sign-up dates for crop, other disaster programs

Budget conferees face farm issues

The Senate on March 26 passed a \$2.2 trillion budget resolution for fiscal 2004, which a conference committee will now have to reconcile with the budget resolution the House passed March 21. Both resolutions contain provisions that could affect farm programs.

During conference negotiations, the American Farm Bureau Federation will work to kill provisions that would cut \$1.6 billion, about 10 percent, from farm programs over 10 years and reduce the amount of farm payments individual farmers can receive. Conferees are expected to begin meeting April 1 to reconcile the differences between the Senate and House resolutions.

To lobby their members of Congress and ward off the farm program cuts, Farm Bureau members from around the country are flying in to Washington, D.C., this week.

The Senate resolution, which passed 56-44, could reduce the limit on farm program payments from \$360,000 per year to \$300,000 and would apparently do away with generic certificates. Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), the author of the provision, said it would restore \$1.4 billion to the Conservation Security Program. Earlier this year, Congress used funds budgeted for CSP, new in the 2002 farm bill, to pay for \$3.1 billion in agricultural weather disaster assistance.

The House resolution, which passed 215-212, does not contain the payment limit reduction, but would slash mandatory funding for farm programs, crop insurance and nutrition assistance by \$600 million in 2004, \$5.5 billion by 2008 and \$18.6 billion by 2013. AFBF opposes payment limits and any reopening of the farm bill.

To gain sufficient support to pass the House

resolution, House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle (R-Iowa) promised to work during conference to restore farm bill funding through 2008. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-Mo.) and Rep. Larry Combest (R-Texas), former House Agriculture Committee chairman, withheld support for the resolution until receiving Nussle's commitment.

"Farm Bureau is grateful to Combest and Emerson for standing up for agriculture," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "There is never a good time to reduce support for our farmers and ranchers. But with continuing hardships in the farm economy, weather disasters and growing demands for farmers to produce more while protecting the environment, there couldn't be a worse time to cut farm programs."

Nussle wrote the two members of Congress that,

"It is my intention to work with the Agriculture Committee to ensure that the level of savings the Agriculture Committee is required to achieve is attributable to waste or fraud, with no negative impact on farm programs or crop insurance."

Conferees will also have to reconcile the difference between the two resolutions' funding levels for President Bush's economic growth and stimulus package, estimated to cost \$726 billion.

A successful amendment offered by Sen. Russell Feingold (D-Wis.) cut the funds available for tax cuts by \$100 billion, with the savings to help fund the war in Iraq. Then an amendment offered by Sen. John Breaux (D-La.) to reduce the amount to \$350 billion passed 51-48.

Members of Congress are trying to complete the budget resolution before they leave for the spring recess on April 11. Congress typically tries to finish the budget resolution by April 15.

High fuel prices hit farmers' pocketbooks

Each spring, farmers start dreaming—no matter how bad last year was, a bumper crop and good prices this year could make up for it. Better prices for corn, soybeans, cotton, cattle and hogs this year may contribute to the usual optimism. But, the soaring cost of fuel could bring a cold splash of reality.

It is estimated that energy costs account for 10 percent to 30 percent of a farm's operating costs, and those costs are going up. For some, that could be the difference between incurring a loss, breaking even or pulling in a profit.

Retail gasoline prices as of March 3 averaged \$1.69 per gallon across the United States. That's up about 57 cents from a year ago, and 24 cents from the start of this year. Diesel fuel is going for about \$1.75 a gallon, on average, up 58 cents from a year ago. In February, the price of crude oil reached \$38 per barrel, a 12-year high, and natural gas prices reached record highs in regional markets.

SCRAMBLE from pg. 1

animals to the Houston Livestock Show™ for a special competition and a \$250 bonus from their donor.

Each year, approximately 360 calf purchase certificates are donated. Since the calf scramble was added to the Show in 1942, a total of \$7,042,000 has been awarded in certificates for the purchase of 16,066 animals.

We dodged a bullet this weekend! Temperatures were forecasted to be below freezing, something we don't like to see as we start looking forward to spring and warmer weather. A freeze could have done some damage to some early garden plants, but would not have been too detrimental to the wheat, as it was still in the jointing phase.

At the Extension office we are currently busy establishing advisory committees for different areas we serve. So far, a crop committee, an equine committee and a livestock/forage committee have been formed. The livestock/forage committee will be meeting soon. The other committees have already met and projects are beginning currently.

The crops committee had recommended a milo variety trial which is now under way, and also a wheat tour which we are planning.

The equine committee would like to see a local

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today announced key sign-up dates for programs under the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, including the crop disaster assistance program. Veneman said that sign-up for the crop program, which will reimburse producers for qualifying crop losses in either 2001 or 2002, will begin June 6, with payments to begin shortly thereafter.

"The Department is committed to getting assistance into the hands of affected producers as soon as possible," Veneman said during a briefing with reporters from the USDA radio studios. "Our timetable is several weeks ahead of previous disaster aid packages, even though this is a more complicated bill to implement."

To expedite the process, Veneman said the department is working to cut regulatory red tape by going directly to final rules where possible and implementing many regulations through a single, expedited "mega regulation."

Crop disaster payments must be calculated using the same formula used for

the 2000 crop year. This means crop losses for 2001 and 2002 will be valued using the price election for Actual Production History crop insurance policies, or if that price is not available, a 5-year average.

Crop disaster payments are also subject to a formula which states that the sum of (1) the value of the crop not lost, (2) the disaster payment, and (3) the crop insurance indemnity cannot exceed 95 percent of what the crop's value would have been, if there had been no

loss. Crop disaster payments will be reduced if the 95 percent limitation is exceeded. The value of the crop not lost and the 95 percent limitation will be valued at either the Actual Production History price election or the NASS season-average price, whichever is higher. Specific details will be available from local Farm Service Agency offices, USDA Service Centers and on the web at <http://www.usda.gov>.

Other key assistance program details include: 60 million in hurricane-loss assistance for sugar cane growers and cooperatives will be provided in May; Sign-up for the \$50 million

cottonseed program will begin after completion of the 2002 crop ginning season, which occurs around May 1; 60 million in disaster related assistance for the sugar beet industry, with sign-up beginning in June; 250 million Livestock Assistance Program that will reimburse producers for grazing losses will begin in July.

The Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and the Tobacco Payment Program (TOPP) already are in place, with sign-up for TOPP underway and LCP sign-up slated to begin April 1.

USDA also is issuing refunds to eligible producers who were assessed payment reductions last year for having or grazing on lands enrolled under the Conservation Reserve Program. These refunds will total \$16.4 million to producers in 28 states.

"This is one more way to assist affected producers," Veneman said. "The refunds will go to farmers and ranchers who were hardest hit by last year's drought."

Veneman also reminded producers of next week's April 1 deadline to update acreage bases and yields under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program. Nationwide, USDA expects that about 5 percent of eligible producers still need to visit their county offices to either make the updates or make appointments to do so.

Two other important dates include the March 31 deadline to designate peanut acreage and yields to a farm and the June 2 closing date to sign completed contracts for the 2002 and 2003 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

For more information on these issues, visit USDA's website at <http://www.usda.gov/>. Information specific to disaster assistance can be found at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/>

County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
CEA - AG/NR

equine industry directory created. Anyone with a desire to be listed should contact us for more details. Also a spring clinic is being created.

For greater pasture utilization some are beginning to consider creep-grazing. Most everyone is familiar with creep-feeding but have you ever considered creep-grazing?

According to experts creep-grazing is an inexpensive way to provide extra nutrition and better gains.

Putting a hot wire around a few acres and fertilizing it can provide excellent creep pasture. You can put up a creep gate or some other type gap that will let the calves enter. This will provide them access to a high quality pasture and to extra nutrients. If the grass gets too tall and rank, then allow the cows into the field to graze it. Give a little rest and it will come back tender for the calves.

If you are on a rotational grazing program, put up a creep gate so that calves

have access to the new pasture before the cows. The calves will clip off the top of the grass which is a higher quality diet. The cows can come behind and graze the remaining forage. The Noble Foundation does this with stockers followed by cow-calf pairs to get the best pasture utilization.

Dates worthy of notice:

* April 8 - Marketing Club Meeting, 7:00 Farm Bureau Building

* April 26 - Grayson, Fannin, and Cooke Household Hazardous Waste Pickup, Midway Mall

* April 30 - Wheat Tour

County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
CEA - AG/NR

We dodged a bullet this weekend! Temperatures were forecasted to be below freezing, something we don't like to see as we start looking forward to spring and warmer weather. A freeze could have done some damage to some early garden plants, but would not have been too detrimental to the wheat, as it was still in the jointing phase.

At the Extension office we are currently busy establishing advisory committees for different areas we serve. So far, a crop committee, an equine committee and a livestock/forage committee have been formed. The livestock/forage committee will be meeting soon. The other committees have already met and projects are beginning currently.

The crops committee had recommended a milo variety trial which is now under way, and also a wheat tour which we are planning.

The equine committee would like to see a local

equine industry directory created. Anyone with a desire to be listed should contact us for more details. Also a spring clinic is being created.

For greater pasture utilization some are beginning to consider creep-grazing. Most everyone is familiar with creep-feeding but have you ever considered creep-grazing?

According to experts creep-grazing is an inexpensive way to provide extra nutrition and better gains.

Putting a hot wire around a few acres and fertilizing it can provide excellent creep pasture. You can put up a creep gate or some other type gap that will let the calves enter. This will provide them access to a high quality pasture and to extra nutrients. If the grass gets too tall and rank, then allow the cows into the field to graze it. Give a little rest and it will come back tender for the calves.

If you are on a rotational grazing program, put up a creep gate so that calves

have access to the new pasture before the cows. The calves will clip off the top of the grass which is a higher quality diet. The cows can come behind and graze the remaining forage. The Noble Foundation does this with stockers followed by cow-calf pairs to get the best pasture utilization.

Dates worthy of notice:

* April 8 - Marketing Club Meeting, 7:00 Farm Bureau Building

* April 26 - Grayson, Fannin, and Cooke Household Hazardous Waste Pickup, Midway Mall

* April 30 - Wheat Tour

MÜNSTER LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
15560 Hwy 82, West
940-759-2201
CATTLE AUCTION MEDIA REPORT

Sale Date: March 27, 2003
Steers, 300-400 lb. \$95 to \$110;
400-500 lb. \$85 to \$95;
500-600 lb. \$80 to \$92;
600-700 lb. \$76 to \$82;
700-800 lb. \$72 to \$78.

Heifers, 300-400 lb. \$90 to \$100;
400-500 lb. \$80 to \$92;
500-600 lb. \$76 to \$82;
600-700 lb. \$72 to \$77.50;
700-800 lb. \$68 to \$73.50.

Packer Cows: Utility Boning, \$38 to \$43.50; Canner/Cutter, \$36 to \$40;
Bulls, \$48 to \$52.

Bred Cows: Choice, \$600 to \$725;
Med.-Good, \$550 to \$600;
Med.-Poor, \$400 to \$475;
Cow-Calf Pairs Choice, \$725-\$850;
Medium-Good, \$675-\$710;
Medium-Poor, \$475-\$560.

MÜNSTER CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC
Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8:30 am-3:00 pm
505 North Maple • 940-759-4044
Angelika G. Lamar, D.C.

COOKE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
940-759-2211
Bringing Good Things To Light

For Good, Low Cost
FIRE and STORM INSURANCE
Contact
Muenster Farm Mutual
Fire Insurance Association
212 N. Walnut Muenster, Texas
P.O. Box 612 940-759-4770

County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
CEA - AG/NR

We dodged a bullet this weekend! Temperatures were forecasted to be below freezing, something we don't like to see as we start looking forward to spring and warmer weather. A freeze could have done some damage to some early garden plants, but would not have been too detrimental to the wheat, as it was still in the jointing phase.

At the Extension office we are currently busy establishing advisory committees for different areas we serve. So far, a crop committee, an equine committee and a livestock/forage committee have been formed. The livestock/forage committee will be meeting soon. The other committees have already met and projects are beginning currently.

The crops committee had recommended a milo variety trial which is now under way, and also a wheat tour which we are planning.

The equine committee would like to see a local

equine industry directory created. Anyone with a desire to be listed should contact us for more details. Also a spring clinic is being created.

For greater pasture utilization some are beginning to consider creep-grazing. Most everyone is familiar with creep-feeding but have you ever considered creep-grazing?

According to experts creep-grazing is an inexpensive way to provide extra nutrition and better gains.

Putting a hot wire around a few acres and fertilizing it can provide excellent creep pasture. You can put up a creep gate or some other type gap that will let the calves enter. This will provide them access to a high quality pasture and to extra nutrients. If the grass gets too tall and rank, then allow the cows into the field to graze it. Give a little rest and it will come back tender for the calves.

If you are on a rotational grazing program, put up a creep gate so that calves

have access to the new pasture before the cows. The calves will clip off the top of the grass which is a higher quality diet. The cows can come behind and graze the remaining forage. The Noble Foundation does this with stockers followed by cow-calf pairs to get the best pasture utilization.

Dates worthy of notice:

* April 8 - Marketing Club Meeting, 7:00 Farm Bureau Building

* April 26 - Grayson, Fannin, and Cooke Household Hazardous Waste Pickup, Midway Mall

* April 30 - Wheat Tour

It's A Stat!

Monthly Report
by the Texas Agricultural
Statistics Service

MILK PRODUCTION

Texas milk production totaled 451 million pounds during February, up 3.9 percent from last year's production of 434 million pounds. January 2003 production totaled 482 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during February averaged 311,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year and unchanged from January 2003. Production per cow averaged 1,450 pounds during February, up 3.6 percent from last year, but down 6.5 percent from the 1,550 pounds during January 2003.

EGG PRODUCTION

February egg production in Texas totaled 363 million eggs, up 3 percent from February 2002, but down 8 percent from January 2003. The number of layers during February averaged 18.72 million. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 1,939 eggs. Texas hatchery production of broiler-type

chicks totaled 48.5 million, up 2 percent from last year.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.56 million head on March 1, down 10 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 370,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, down 10 percent from a year ago and down 12 percent from the January 2003, revised total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 395,000 head during February, down 1 percent from last year and 9 percent below the January 2003, total.

Farm Service Agency News

Ag Briefs

Crop Acreage Reports Required For Benefits

A new requirement under the new farm program is that all participating farms must file an acreage report every year. Failure to report your crops will result in loss of program payments.

Fall Seeded Crops - May 1, 2003 is the final date to report wheat, oats, and barley.

Spring Seeded Crops - July 15, 2003 is the final date to report corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, peanuts, pecans, seeded hay crops, native and improved grasses for grazing and forage.

Please contact this office as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

IRA — DON'T GIVE IT AWAY

Don't give the I.R.S. a penny more than you have to. We are not advising you to fudge on your taxes. We are strongly urging you to take advantage of every tax shelter legally available to you.

The most obvious one is an Individual Retirement Account. With an IRA you can contribute up to \$3,000 per year.

These contributions are deferred from your taxable income till you take the money out at retirement age. If you can't afford to contribute the maximum, you can contribute less.

IRAs are only one of many investments you can make to help you pay less taxes. Money is hard to make, don't give it away. Substantial penalty for early withdrawal.



Call or Visit with Sue Fisher at the Muenster Office for IRA's, CD's and Money Market Accounts.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
of Saint Jo (940) 995-2556 Saint Jo, Texas
Muenster Branch (940) 759-2218 Muenster, Texas
You'll Appreciate Our Attitude

GAINESVILLE LIVESTOCK MARKET, INC.
(940) 665-4367 Website: www.gainesvillevivestock.com

Light Weight Steers & Heifers - \$2.00 to \$3.00 HIGHER. 400-600lb Steers - \$7.00 to \$9.00 HIGHER. Feeder Steers & Heifers - \$2.50 to \$3.50 HIGHER. Packer Cows & Bulls - \$1.00 to \$3.00 HIGHER. Bred Cows & Pairs - \$30.00 to \$50.00 HIGHER. Sold at Friday's sale were: 864 compared to 681 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, April 1, the market conducted the sale of 150 Goats, 54 Sheep, and 249 Hogs. The numbers from last week were: 293 Goats, 90 Sheep, and 117 Hogs respectively. Results of both sales follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.)	Stocker Cows (per head)	Ewes
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.12-1.22; No. 2 & 3, 95-1.12; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.02-1.19; No. 2 & 3, 90-1.02; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 94-1.14; No. 2 & 3, 85-94; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 89-1.05; No. 2 & 3, 77-89; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 80-91; No. 2 & 3, 65-80; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 75-81; No. 2 & 3, 63-75.	Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$625-\$755; Medium Frame, \$425-\$625; Cow/Calf Pairs with calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame, \$700-\$815; Medium Frame, \$600-\$700.	Stockers, 50-60; Thin, 15-35; Fat, 45-55.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.)	Barrows & Gilts:	Bucks:
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 94-1.02; No. 2 & 3, 80-94; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 91-99; No. 2 & 3, 80-91; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 86-92; No. 2 & 3, 75-86; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 80-88; No. 2 & 3, 67-80; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 74-77; No. 2 & 3, 62-74; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 65-73; No. 2 & 3, 60-65.	US #1, 230-270, 32-38; US #2, 220-280, 28-32.	Thin NT Fat, 35-75; Barbatus (per head) Lamb's \$20-\$55; Ewes, \$25-\$55; Bucks, \$45-\$200.
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)	Feeders (per head):	Goats (per head):
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1.20-2.050 lbs.; 45-57; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 37-4450; Cutter, 15-37.	100-175 lbs., \$35-\$55; 25-90 lbs., \$25-\$35.	Kids 20-35 lbs., \$25-\$40; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$55; 55-75 lbs., \$35-\$70; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$75-\$100.
	Sows:	Nannies (per head)
	Feeder, 400 or less, 15-19; Light wt., 400-500, 15-20; US wt., 500-600, 15-22; Heavy wt., 600-up, 20-22.	Stocker, \$40-\$95; Milk Type, \$30-\$90; Slaughter, Thin, \$20-\$45; Fat, \$40-\$80.
	Boars:	Billies (per head)
	300 lb. up, NT, 200-300 lbs., 20-22; Light wt., NT, \$205.	120 lbs. up: Breeders, \$45-\$100; Slaughter, \$45-\$100.
	Sheep (per lb.)	B'er Goats (per head)
	Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 90-110; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 90-100; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 70-90.	1/2 Nanny, NT, 3/4 Nanny, NT; Full Nanny, \$175-\$205.
		B'er Goats
		1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT; Full Billy, \$850-\$125.

(940) 665-4367



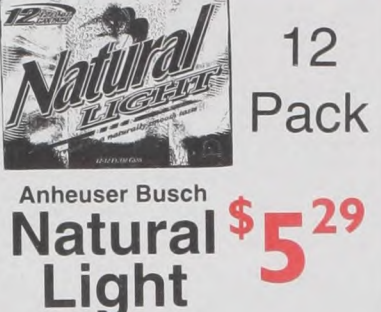
DEL MONTE
Tomato Sauce
 8 OZ. CAN **5\$** for

HONEY BOY
Pink Salmon
 14.75 OZ. CAN **\$** for

THRIFTWAY DOLLAR DAYS!



SHURFINE
Vienna Sausage
 5 OZ. CAN **4\$** for



Anheuser Busch
Natural Light
 12 Pack **\$5²⁹**



DR. PEPPER
 12 OZ. 12 PK. **\$2⁴⁹**



ASSORTED LIQUID OR POWDER
Xtra Detergent
 128 OZ. JUG OR 4.75 TO 5.8 LB. BOX **2\$4** for

GROCERY SPECIALS

- | | |
|--|--|
| TOWNTALK Wheat Bread 24 OZ. 79¢ | WHITE OR DESIGNER Brawny Towels ROLL 3 FOR 2\$ |
| ASSTD. SCENTS FABRIC SOFTENER Nice'n Fluffy 128 OZ. 2 FOR 4\$ | DEL MONTE Ketchup 24 OZ. \$1⁰⁰ |
| LITTLE DEBBIE ASSORTED Easter Snacks 6-10 CT. \$1⁰⁰ | SHURFINE Brown Sugar 2 LB. 99¢ |
| TORTILLA CHIPS Doritos® REG. \$3.29 2 FOR 5\$ | SHURFINE Powdered Sugar 2 LB. 99¢ |
| 16 OZ. SALSA OR 15.5 OZ. CON QUESO Frito-Lay® Dips 2 FOR 5\$ | SHURFINE REGULAR OR MINI Marshmallows 10 OZ. 2 FOR 1\$ |
| ASSORTED FLAVORS Gatorade 32 OZ. \$1⁰⁰ | SHURFINE Chocolate Chips 12 OZ. 99¢ |
| ASSTD. BIG SQZ. BATHROOM TISSUE Charmin 9 ROLL 4\$⁰⁰ | SHURFINE Assorted Cake Mixes 18.5 OZ. 79¢ |
| | NABISCO Ritz Crackers 16 OZ. 2\$³⁹ |
| | SHURINE Flour 5 LB. 79¢ |
| | SHURFINE Chicken Noodle Soup 10.5 OZ. 2 FOR 1\$ |
| | SHUR SAVING Tissue 4 PACK 69¢ |
| | SHURFINE Cut Yams 15 OZ. 2 FOR 1\$ |
| | SHURFINE ASSORTED Chips 5.5 OZ. REG. 99¢ 79¢ |
| | 12 OZ. GRAPE-NUT O'S, 18 OZ. GRAPE-NUT FLAKES OR Post Grape-Nuts 24 OZ. 2 FOR 5\$ |

IN-AD COUPON VALID: April 6-16, 2003

Redeemable at Thriftway/ValueWay

SAVE \$1⁰⁰ on any TWO (2) POST® Grape Nuts Cereals

01185 1103630

5 43000 12233 9 (8100) 01185

\$1⁰⁰ OFF TWO VOID IF COPIED, TRANSFERRED, PURCHASED OR SOLD

HEALTH & BEAUTY CARE

- COLD & SINUS OR SINUS & HEADACHE **Aleve** 10 CT. PKG. **\$4**
- 12 CT. MORNING RELIEF OR 24 CT. SELECT GROUP **Alka-Seltzer** YOUR CHOICE **\$2**
- ASSORTED Colgate Toothpaste 6-7 OZ. 2 FOR **3\$**

QUALITY FRESH MEATS

- Fischer's**
 Arm Roast 7 LB. **\$2²⁹**
- 7 Roast** **\$1⁵⁹** LB.
- PREFERRED TRIM Chuck Roast **\$1³⁹** LB.
- FAMILY PACK, PREVIOUSLY FROZEN Split Fryer Breast** **\$1⁰⁰** LB.
- PREFERRED TRIM, BONELESS BEEF Top Sirloin Steak **\$3⁰⁰** LB.
- Fischer's**
 PORK Hot Links **\$2⁰⁰** LB.
- SLICED Corned Beef **\$3⁰⁰** LB.
- BLACK TIGER - UNCOOKED - 71-90/LB. Shrimp **\$7⁰⁰** 2 LB. BAG.
- OSCAR MEYER Variety Pack **\$3⁰⁰** 16 OZ.
- SELF SERVE CHEDDAR & MONTEREY JACK Cheese **\$1⁸⁹** LB.
- LOUIS RICH BUN LENGTH Turkey Franks **\$1⁵⁹** 16 OZ.
- OSCAR MEYER Cooked Ham 6 OZ. 2 FOR **3\$**
- PEYTON'S Meat Franks 12 OZ. 2 FOR **1\$**
- OSCAR MEYER ASSTD. FUN PACK Lunchables 10.8-13.2 OZ. 2 FOR **3\$**
- OSCAR MEYER OR LOUIS RICH Variety Paks 8-12 OZ. PKG. **\$2⁰⁰**
- GOURMET DINING SHRIMP Stir Fry Dinners 32 OZ. **\$4⁰⁰**
- WISCONSIN LONGHORN Cheddar Cheese LB. **\$2⁰⁰**
- PRICE'S REG. OR LIGHT PIMIENTO Cheese Spread 13-14 OZ. 2 FOR **5\$**

PRODUCE

- SALAD SIZE **Avocados** **4\$** FOR
- WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY BAGGED Red Delicious Apples 3 LB. **\$1⁰⁰**
- FRESH Bagged Oranges 4 LB. 2 FOR **3\$**
- FRESH Bagged Grapefruit 5 LB. **\$2⁰⁰**
- RED SEEDLESS Grapes LB. **\$1⁰⁰**
- CELLO PACK Carrots 1 LB. 2 FOR **1\$**
- SUPER SELECT Cucumbers 2 FOR **1\$**
- TROPICAL Kiwifruit 5 FOR **1\$**
- TROPICAL Coconuts EACH **\$1⁰⁰**
- FRESH Cantaloupes 2 FOR **3\$**
- COLORADO Baking Potatoes 3 LBS. **\$1⁰⁰**
- DOLE ASSORTED Caesar Salad 10 OZ. **\$2⁰⁰**
- CELLO PACK Tomatoes 4 CT. 2 FOR **3\$**
- GRAPEFRUIT, TROPICAL SALAD Del Monte 24 OZ. **\$3⁰⁰**
- CELLO PACK SLICED Mushrooms 8 OZ. 2 FOR **3\$**
- CELLO PACK Radishes 6 OZ. 2 FOR **1\$**

18 Pack **Miller Lite** Miller Light **\$11⁷⁵**

FROZEN & DAIRY

- ASSORTED Swanson Dinners 9.5-15 OZ. PKG. **2\$3** for **3\$**
- ASSORTED Blue Bunny Ice Cream 5 QT. PAIL **\$5**
- BLUE BUNNY CRUNCH BARS OR ASSTD. Sundae Crunch Bars 6 CT. 2 FOR **5\$**
- WEIGHT WATCHERS ASSTD. ENTREES Smart Ones 8.5-11.5 OZ. 2 FOR **4\$**
- ASSORTED FROZEN POTATOES Ore-Ida 20-32 OZ. **\$2⁰⁰**
- FISHER BOY Fish Sticks 24 OZ. 2 FOR **5\$**
- PLAINS ASSORTED Cottage Cheese 24 OZ. **\$2⁰⁰**
- REGULAR OR LIGHT Parkay Quarters 1 LB. **\$1⁰⁰**
- SOFT SPREAD 16 OZ. TUB OR Parkay Spread TWO 8 OZ. **\$1⁰⁰**

THRIFTWAY Since 1927 We Wouldn't be 76 Without You!

Fischer's Meat Market SINCE 1927

304 North Main, Muenster, TX • 1 (800) 259-7248 or 759-4211

DOUBLE COUPONS EVERY DAY

QUANTITY RIGHTS RESERVED

AFFILIATED FOODS INC. of Amarillo

ALL ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE AT ALL AFFILIATED STORES

PRICES EFFECTIVE April 7-13, 2003

SENIOR CITIZENS: No Amount of Purchase Necessary On Limited Sale Items! NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PICTORIAL OR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS.