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Muenster High School students bringing home UIL academic state awards were, from left, Kristen Hess, Derek Felderhoff, Shaina Sheaff, Whitney Watson, Kelly Grewing, Clint Miller, Melinda Walterscheid, Brady Howell and Michael Eckart. Janie Hartman photo

Muenster High students win at UIL State Academic meet

Muenster High School brought home eight gold medals and five silver from the UIL State Academic Meet this past weekend, May 2 and 3, at the University of Texas in Austin. They were 3rd Overall in the Meet with 61 points. Five of the students placed in the top six in their area of competition. The two gold medals were the Number Sense Team and the Spelling Team. The Math Team placed 2nd.

comprised of Brady Howell, Derek Felderhoff, Michael Eckart, and Whitney Watson, competed on Saturday and placed 1st. Individually, Brady Howell placed 2nd and Derek Felderhoff placed 5th. "I was really proud of the way senior Brady Howell performed and pulled the team through for the win," noted Jerry Eckart, team coach.

The Spelling Team of Kelly Grewing, Shaina Sheaff, Kristen Hess, and Whitney Watson took home the gold Saturday also. Individually, Kelly Grewing placed 5th and Whitney Watson placed 6th. This is the first time Muenster has ever won Spelling at State competition. "This spelling team set its own intense practice schedule. Each member contributed uniquely under superb leadership from senior Kelly Grewing. As a coach, I could not ask for more from these girls. I'm very proud of them," said Gerri Eckart. Michael Eckart also competed in Computer Science.

"I am very proud of all the kids who participated. They did a fine job and all their hard work paid off. I saw a lot of kids this weekend and Muenster's were definitely better behaved and well mannered," said Danna Hess, coach and sponsor. Members of the Math Team, coached by Danna Hess, competed Friday morning, taking 2nd place. The members of the team are Brady Howell, Derek Felderhoff, Clint Miller, and Melinda Walterscheid. Derek Felderhoff placed 4th individually in Math. The Number Sense Team

Following the Math test on Friday, the students went to the State Capitol to observe the House of Representatives. Rep. Rick Hardcastle introduced the students on the House Floor and then visited with the students and sponsors. Sponsors and coaches attending the Meet were Danna Hess, Kyra Mann, Gerri Eckart, Phil Newton, and Molly Sicking.

MISD bond approved; incumbents return

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster ISD was the only local entity to schedule elections for May 3. There were 483 voters in the \$1,000,000 building bond election. It passed with 317 voting for and 166 voting against.

Trustees. Neal Huchton was unopposed and received 394 votes for Place 7. In Place 5 Jim Endres held on to his seat with 291 votes compared to opponent Roger Wann's 180. Tom Hartman who chose not to seek another term vacated Place 6. Ronnie Felderhoff won that position with 245 votes to Tim Felderhoff's 212 votes.

Two incumbents held their positions on the Muenster ISD Board of



Staff from Texoma Regional Blood Center, from left, Becky Brooks, Patti Senterberg, and Judi Jolly spent Saturday morning at the MMH Health Fair accepting blood donations. Katie Walterscheid donated a pint of blood after working most of the morning at the Health Fair. See more Health Fair pictures on page 6. Photo by Janet Felderhoff

Main street plans continue

by Dave Fette
The initial phase of Muenster's Main Street beautification project is complete and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is starting the process to remodel the second block of Main and bring it in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Kimberly May, Associate Transportation Researcher for TxDOT and Terry Reis made a presentation to the Muenster City Council Monday night to begin the process of coordinating TxDOT's efforts with community needs and desires. May said their goals are

to maintain consistency with the initial project on block one and preserve plantings and rock work where possible on block 2. Also TxDOT will seek to improve ADA access, be attentive to business needs, and begin work in June of 2004. Kathryn Hicks has volunteered to be the liaison between TxDOT and the Main Street businesses. Meetings will be held to maximize cooperation. Mayor Weinzapfel is the official contact with the City. Several Main Street businesses were represented at the meeting. They are concerned with demolition of existing sidewalks, position of plantings, etc.,

and preservation of local character. May promised that TxDOT will pay attention to business input and concerns. The City Council approved two requests to use the Muenster State Bank Stage in the park. A joint project of the Chamber of Commerce and the Sacred Heart Rectory Renovation Fund will sponsor a music concert on July 5, subject to the same park lease provisions as Germanfest. The second project will be the play "Treasure Island" by Sacred Heart Elementary on May 20. The Park Board and City Council are still developing a policy governing use of the See COUNCIL, pg 2

Sacred Heart brings home State track championships

The Sacred Heart track teams brought home two more State Championship trophies last weekend after both the boys and the girls won the TAPPS 2A Track and Field Meet. It was 10 in-a-row for the Tigerettes as they edged out Abilene Christian 73 to 64, outscoring 28 schools competing for the 2003 State Championship. The Tigerettes earned only one gold medal, six silver, and six bronze. Diana Knabe was the gold medalist, winning the 3200m run. The Tigers scored 134

points to take home their 6th State Championship, with two in-a-row. "The key to the boys' victory was the senior leadership," noted Coach Dale Schilling. "We took six senior boys to the meet and they performed on a high level under pressure." Schilling added that the Tigers set a goal at the end of last year's State meet to repeat as champions and that every athlete worked all season to attain that goal. Tyler Street finished in second place with 111. There were 23 schools

represented at the State meet. The Tigers brought home six gold medals, from the 1600m relay, pole vault, and the 110m hurdles, seven silver medals and nine bronze. Tigerette point makers were as follows: **3200m:** 1, Diana Knabe, 13:02.17; 2, Rose Bartush, 13:21.75. **Triple Jump:** 3, Sarah Whitecotton, 32' 2". **Long Jump:** 4, Jacqueline Bauer, 15' 6". **4x100m Relay:** 3, Sarah See TRACK CHAMPS, pg 9



Sacred Heart Tigers and Tigerettes - 2003 TAPPS 2A Track and Field State Champions.

Courtesy photo

Health Fair biggest ever

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Memorial Hospital and Health Clinic sponsored a Health Fair Saturday that drew people

from Muenster as well as area towns. There were 175 paid participants signing up for the various tests. Many had their blood pressure and blood sugar check for free by the Home Health staff.

"We're excited about having a record turnout and are looking forward to next year's event," said Health Fair coordinator Melissa Trubenbach FNP-C. She noted that things have already been planned to make improvements for next year's Health Fair. Interested people came from all over the area including Muenster, Lindsay, Gainesville, Nocona, Saint Jo, Forestburg, Valley View, Era, Rosston, and Whitesboro.

CareFlite drew a lot of attention as the helicopter and crew hovered over the hospital parking lot before maneuvering in for a safe landing. The trio had flown in from Frisco where that CareFlite helicopter is stationed. In the crew were pilot Scott Wegner, paramedic Spencer Smith, and nurse Wrey McCoy.

They spent their time giving tours of the helicopter and answering questions from interested individuals.

Smith said that the crew works 24-hour shifts similar to firefighters. They answer an average of four to five calls per shift, he noted. Recently he worked CareFlite out of Dallas and answered eight calls on that shift.

"We're excited about having a record turnout and are looking forward to next year's event." - Health Fair coordinator Melissa Trubenbach FNP-C

This is a busy time of the year for them according to Smith. There are many requests for the Shattered Dreams Program in which CareFlite takes an active part.

A bicycle safety course presented by Chuck Skinner drew 38 youths. Each received a free bicycle helmet courtesy of

NCTTRAC. After the course, those who had brought bicycles enjoyed putting on their new helmet and riding around the roped off parking lot.

Texoma Regional Blood Center sponsored a blood drive. Working that endeavor were Patty Senterberg, Judi Jolly, and Becky Brooks.

Angelika Lamar, D.C. opened her office on Saturday to give complimentary alignment checks to those who asked. She had two scales and when a person stood on them she was able to tell them if their body was equally aligned and if not how much off the weight distribution was.

There were a number of drawings for items at the MMH Health Fair. Winners included Marie Endres of Muenster - a ham from the MMH Dietary Department; Nancy Nystrum of Muenster and Dwight Doyle of Gainesville - blood pressure monitor kits. Also sponsoring drawings were Elaine Schilling DDS, and Angie Bartush RMT.

MVFD keeps local severe weather vigil

By Janet Felderhoff
Any time that severe weather threatens the Muenster area, members of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department are prepared to keep watch on the skies. They keep this vigil in order to give as much advance warning as possible to residents should a tornado or other severe weather cause a threat. Muenster VFD Chief Herbie Knabe said that they report for Storm Watch duty when alerted by the Cooke County Sheriff's Department. The National Weather Service notifies the Sheriff's Department when severe storms are moving

toward this area. Local Storm Watchers are placed at two or three key locations depending on the report. One stays at the Muenster Fire Station to watch the radar. They also stay in contact with the Sheriff's Department and with the Gainesville Fire Department and Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department. Should a tornado be spotted or one suspected on radar, the warning siren is activated. It blows continuously and then cycles every minute. The siren can be activated or deactivated by radio. Knabe said that there is such a radio in two fire trucks, the

fire chief's truck, and in the local fire station. A siren is only sounded as a warning except at 5 p.m. on Thursday when it announces that it is time for the volunteer firemen to hold their regular practice and meeting. At one time there was concern as to whether the siren could be heard by all in the event of an emergency. There was only one siren in Muenster. That has since been remedied. Sirens have been purchased and placed on 20-foot poles on Main Street, the water tower, City Park, Endres Addition, and Southtown Addition.

As soon as the siren is activated, information is placed on Channel 2 in order to get the word out as possible. Rural residents don't have access to this and must rely on regular television, radio, or scanners for their information. Knabe reminded residents that should the electricity fail, so would the sirens since they run off electric current. So residents of Muenster can sleep blissfully when it storms knowing that the local firemen will keep watch and sound the alarm if danger approaches, as long as there is current!



Muenster City Council received a presentation by Kimberly May from TxDOT. Photo courtesy of Mary L. Alford

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new performing arts stage and these two projects were approved on a one time only basis. Both projects will pay for use of the MSB Stage. The Council has approved a change order to the current sewer expansion project for construction of a chlorine contact chamber. Basically, this is a large concrete box with chambers which the sewer effluent passes through and is exposed to chlorine gas before the water is released into the creek. The chamber will improve the system in two ways: 1. High pH rating of the water will be lowered as required by the State. This has been a chronic problem. 2. The current lagoon system with its leaks, odor, mosquitoes, and pump problems will not be needed. These ponds held

the effluent water for 20 days to allow nature to make the water OK for release into the creek. They will be dried out and covered. The project addition will cost an estimated \$125,000.00 for construction plus \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for engineering and permits. The additional cost will be paid from water and sewer use fees and Section 4-B Sales Tax receipts. \$569,000.00 has been spent so far on the sewer plant expansion. Water and sewer manager Chris Yosten recommends, and the Council agreed, that the extra cost is money-well-spent to solve the old chronic problems. Finally, the Council approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$99,611.10.

Lindsay notes election results for school and city

By Janet Felderhoff
Lindsay held elections on May 3 to select two members to the School Board and three to the City Council. There were 181 voters in the City election, according to City Secretary Betsy Fleitman. Of that number 160 were cast Saturday and 21 were early votes. She said that there would be a run off between candidates Virginia (Jenny) Davis and

David Spaeth who each received 83 votes. Winning two of the three at large seats were Jeff Neu with 123 votes and incumbent Paul Sandmann with 102 votes. Other candidates were incumbent Mike Corcoran 73 votes and Jeff Arendt with 54 votes. Fleitman said that the votes would not be officially canvassed until Friday evening's special meeting. She speculated that the

runoff election would be held Saturday, June 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with early voting dates to be announced later. Of the 348 votes cast in the school board election, 304 were on Election Day and 44 were early votes. Elected to the two at large positions on the Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees were incumbent Bruce Bezner and Lloyd Reiter. They received 270 and 275 votes

respectively. Incumbent Carol Conway received 100 votes. Reiter and Bezner were sworn in at a special meeting called for Tuesday, May 5 to canvass votes, newly install elected members, and elect officers for the coming year. Officers elected were Danny Nortman, president; Bruce Bezner, vice-president; and Damian Krahl, secretary.

Colonel R. Thomas Bright awarded DSSM

During a recent ceremony at Central Command Headquarters in Doha, Qatar, General Tommy Franks presented military Officers in recognition of their services leading to and during the Iraqi conflict. Among those so recognized was Colonel R. Thomas Bright, USMC who was presented the Defense Superior Service Medal for his performance as Director, Joint Operations Center, Central Command. Established in 1976, the Defense Superior Service Medal (DSSM) is awarded

by the Secretary of Defense to Military Officers who perform "superior meritorious service while in a position of significant responsibility with the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, special or outstanding command in a Defense Agency, or while assigned to a joint activity." As Director of the Joint Operations Center, Central Command, Colonel Bright coordinated and choreographed the operations of all the military services. The officers being

recognized were gathered in General Franks' office and were briefed by the General on his recent trip to Basrah, Iraq. The General then proceeded to tell those present how pleased he was with the performance of the Coalition and thanked each of them for their personal sacrifices and said the successes achieved could not have been possible without the talent that existed at every level. He then stated he was making the awards on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. General Franks personally presented the medals and made a personal statement to each recipient. In an e-mail to his parents, David and Juanita Bright of Muenster, Colonel Bright stated that at the conclusion of the awards ceremony, he returned to the Joint Operations Command to complete the usual 20 hour day. This past Sunday, however, Colonel Bright took his first day off since January to play 18

holes of golf at the Doha Golf Course... very beautiful and the only one in Doha. He wrote that it was nice to get outside and enjoy the sunlight for a change. He said the Doha clubhouse is as beautiful and extravagant as a palace. In previous correspondence, Colonel Bright discussed in some detail the approach to planning, the various media utilized and relevant influences on the Iraqi operation. He said he would certainly have preferred to have been in front of a regiment and leading it in combat, but his experiences as a staff officer are exceptionally rewarding. Colonel Bright has been assigned to Central Command in Tampa, Florida for almost two years. He was deployed with his staff, to Qatar in January. He expects to return to Florida this summer.

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The Friends of Muenster FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H would like to thank the patrons listed below for their support of our youth at the Cooke County Youth Fair on March 5, 6, 7, and 8th. A total of \$7,625⁰⁰ was spent on premiums for the young people of our community who spent many hours preparing for the youth fair. We hope you had an opportunity to attend the youth fair and see the hard work and admiration these students have for their animals and projects. You would have seen the gratification and excitement of receiving a premium for their efforts. You would know that your donation went for a truly great purpose - the youth of our community. Thank you again for your support.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11, 2003 MOTHER'S DAY	Monday, May 12, 2003 MISD Elementary End of Year Awards Assembly, 7PM, auditorium VFW meeting, 8PM Red River Racers swim team tryouts, 5-7PM, Whitesboro Community Pool	Tuesday, May 13, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Junior High End of Year Awards Assembly Herbicide Program, 10AM, Cooke City Electric Coop Marketing Club meeting, 7PM, Farm Bureau Bldg.	Wednesday, May 14, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Board meeting, 7:30PM Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7PM, Old MHS Gym C of C Breakfast, Rohmers, 7:30AM SHHS Awards Banquet, 6:30PM, Community Center	Thursday, May 15, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Muenster Hornet Band Concert, 7:30PM, Sacred Heart Church	Friday, May 16, 2003 Muenster High Awards Banquet, 6PM, SHCC	Saturday, May 17, 2003 Muenster Booster Club Golf Tournament Fly Your Flag! Armed Forces Day
Sunday, May 18, 2003 Frank Hess Family Reunion 12:30PM, Muenster Park Class of '83 meeting, 5PM, The Center	Monday, May 19, 2003 SHS Advisory Council meeting, 7:30PM VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8PM	Tuesday, May 20, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Kindergarten Graduation, 7PM, auditorium MISD Early Release, 1PM MMH Board meeting, 7PM	Wednesday, May 21, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Early Release, 1PM SHS Preschool/K Moving On ceremony, 7:30PM Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7PM, Old MHS Gym	Thursday, May 22, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM MISD Last Day of School, 1PM Dismissal	Friday, May 23, 2003 Muenster Senior Graduation, 8PM, Hornet Gym SHHS Graduation, 6PM Lindsay Graduation	Saturday, May 24, 2003

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Obituaries

Lucy Prescher Oehler 1925 - 2003

Lucy Prescher Oehler of Gainesville died at age 78 at her residence on April 30, 2003. Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Mary's Catholic Church on Saturday, May 3, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Fr. Patrick Murphy OSA, assisted by Fr. Don Brennan OSA, and Fr. Jim Sheridan, OSA.

Survivors are daughter and son-in-law Sharon Hacker Sandmann and her husband Larry of Whitesboro; son and daughter-in-law Leonard and Priscilla Wright Hacker of Gainesville; son Wallace Hacker of Gainesville. There are two grandchildren, and their spouses, Rick and Michelle Monday Sandmann of Muenster and Lance and Michelle DeBorde Sandmann of Corinth; and three great-grandchildren Colton and Ashleigh McFarland of

Woodbine and Sadie Sandmann of Muenster. Also sisters Christianna Sicking of Hampton, Arkansas, Martha Hacker of Gainesville, Angela Steadham of Richardson; and one brother Peter Prescher of Gainesville.

Preceding her in death were a son, Glenn J. Hacker in 1971; grandchildren, Jason G. Hacker in 2002, Dawn Marie Sandmann McFarland in 2002; her father in 1969 and mother in 1983; sisters Elizabeth Krahl in 1999 and Agatha Mayes in 1997; brothers Alfonso in 1978, Paul in 1969, Frank in 1989, Leo in 1978, Felix in 1986, Jacob in 1944; and infants John and Joseph, Jr. in 1980.

Lucy Prescher Oehler was born on Jan. 6, 1925 in Scotland, Texas to Joseph Nitch Prescher and Anna Streng Hoff Prescher. On April 12, 1944 she married

Martin F. Hacker. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, a dairy farmer's wife, and a homemaker. Also, she was a former employee of Texas Instruments; a private duty nurse's aide, and a former employee of Denton State School.

A Rosary service was held in St. Mary's Catholic Church on Friday at 7:30 p.m., followed by visitation.

Burial in Valley View Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were J.D. Luttmer, Herbert Hacker, David Prescher, Bonnie Prescher, Ernest Prescher, and James Krahl.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Home Hospice of Cooke County, P.O. Box 936, Gainesville, TX 76240. The family also requested daily prayers for suffering souls.

NCTC '03 Art Show recognizes excellence

Excellence in various creative media, by artists young and old, were honored Friday, May 2 at the North Central Texas College '03 Art Show. Winners took home cash prizes, awards and gifts valued at more than \$2,000 thanks to efforts of local sponsors, the Cooke County Arts Council and the Gainesville Area Visual Arts, Inc.

Area artists submitted more than 800 entries. Several prizewinners are long-time contest participants.

Special Category Muenster and Lindsay winners included: Shady Oak Award, Michael Endres, Muenster High School, "Yosemite Dawn"; Seventh Grade - HM, Lauren Krahl, Sacred Heart, "Study of a Classmate"; Ninth Grade - HM, Mark Gehrig, Sacred Heart School, "Untitled"; Tenth Grade 3-D - 3rd Place, Clayton

Truebenbach, Sacred Heart School, "Totem Pole"; HM, Chase Cain, Muenster High School, "Cowboy in Rain"; Tenth Grade 2-D - 2nd Place, James Fanning, Muenster High School, "Pen and Ink Barn"; HM, Kallie Gerstberger, Muenster High School, "Pen & Ink Flower"; Eleventh Grade - HM, Bridget Ellis, Muenster High School, "Flower Extravaganza"; Eleventh Grade 3-D - 1st Place, Tony Mosler, Sacred Heart School, "The Long One"; 3rd Place, Travis Forshee, Sacred Heart School, "Shooting Star"; Twelfth Grade - 2nd Place, Chris

Fuhrmann, Sacred Heart School "Untitled #2"; 3rd Place, Jessica Pagel Muenster High School "Circle of Stars"; Category 6, Black & White Drawing - 1st Place, Shanelle Spakes, Muenster; Category 11, Photography - 1st Place, Katie Eberhart, Lindsay, "Clothesline Series #1"; 2nd Place, Katie Eberhart, Lindsay, "Obscurity"; Category 13, Sculpture - HM, Matthew Grewing, Muenster, "Untitled"; Category 14, Amateur Jewelry - 2nd Place, Rene Knauf, Lindsay, Cast Silver Ring.

"Senior Expo" May 10

The Cooke County Senior Exposition will be held on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the pavilion and surrounding park area beside Frank Buck Zoo. This event was envisioned and is being

hosted by Gainesville Convalescent Center in cooperation with the other long-term care facilities in Cooke County as a "kick-off" to National Nursing Home Week May 11-16.

Lisa Dawn Barfknecht 1981 - 2003

Lisa Dawn Barfknecht died at the age of 21, in her home in Highland Village, on April 29, 2003. She was born in Lewisville on July 24, 1981. Survivors are her parents Charles and Jane Barfknecht. Other survivors are a brother and sister-in-law, Chad and Kayla Barfknecht, and a nephew, Rhett Barfknecht; and her grandmother, Lucille Kersey, and many other relatives and many close friends.

Lisa Dawn Barfknecht was born with congenital heart defects and lung problems that continued throughout her life. In spite of all this, she achieved eminent success in many endeavors. She graduated from Marcus High School in 1999; had been an active member of 4-H for 10 years, receiving the highest 4-H Gold Star Award, and was Club President and County Officer for several years. She received many awards for participation in 4-H, including Photography, Clothing, Food and Nutrition, Consumer-Decision Making, Horses, Rabbits, and Sheep. Lisa Barfknecht received Special Congressional Recognition by Representative Dick Army of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In addition to 4-H work, Lisa was very active in the Marcus High School FFA, participating in Horticulture, Hay Judging,



Lisa Barfknecht

Equine Science and Ag. Communication, and received the Greenhand Award, Chapter Awards, Lone Star Farmer Award,

and the American FFA Award.

She was attending North Central Texas College, and working part-time at Barnes and Noble Book Store in Lewisville.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m. at Northview Baptist Church in Lewisville. Burial was under direction of Mulky Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville, where visitation had been held on Thursday, May 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that memorials be sent to the Denton County 4-H Club, 306 North Loop 288, Suite 222, Denton, Texas 76201-4818.

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Billie Leonidas Upshaw 1925 - 2003

Billie Leonidas Upshaw, age 78, of Bowie, died in Bowie Memorial Hospital on May 3, 2003 at 3:15 p.m. Graveside service was held May 5, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dye Mound Cemetery in Montague County officiated by C.E. Cole, and directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.

Mr. Upshaw was born in Manitou, Oklahoma on March 9, 1925 to Bryan Augustus Upshaw and Pearl Mae Suttles Upshaw.

Survivors are a sister, Frances Parsons of Saint Jo, and a brother and his wife, Leroy Upshaw and Virginia of Wichita Falls; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents, and one brother, David "Slim" Parsons.

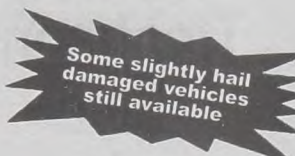
In The Service

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Lorenzo Saavedra, Jr., son of Elvia D. Saavedra and Lorenzo Saavedra of Era, recently completed the Basic Electrician's Course.

During the course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, students receive instruction on the repair and maintenance of generators, transformers and power lines. In addition to the mechanical skills involved, studies also include circuitry, electrical theory, and related safety procedures.

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From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

Did we really get Saddam Hussein? Is he really buried under tons and tons of concrete and rubble? I, for one, would like to know he is, instead of just wondering.

Our military did a quick job of over-running Iraq. I was particularly pleased that there were no more casualties, especially of our own military, although it is sad to lose any of our soldiers.

From all of Hussein's bluster, I was afraid he might use some of his

weapons of mass destruction, and our losses could have been much higher.

I have a feeling that Hussein was depending on public opinion building up for him, and also expected other Arab nations to rally to his cause.

Thank God that did not happen, but I believe Iran and Syria, seeing how the American and British war machines were operating in Iraq, decided they were much better off as spectators, although I

suspect they both may be hiding some of Saddam's people, as well as some of his weapons.

There is no doubt that Hussein was an extremely cruel and evil dictator, and we can only hope that he has come to the end of his tyrannical career.

If the Iraqis, with the input of American and British people, can hammer out a sensible government for themselves, they could become a much more prosperous and happy nation.

Two MISD students win Colonel Young Civil War essay contest

In the 2nd Annual Colonel Young Civil War essay contest, the entrants took a contemporary question about what a soldier's life in war was like, and answered it as it was 140 years ago.

The submissions were reviewed by Pat Ledbetter of the North Central Texas College History Department. After careful exam and evaluation the winners Evan Koessler and Michael Valliere were selected. Both are junior high students at Muesner ISD. Backey Felderhoo is their history teacher. Evan is the son of Fred and Elaine Koessler and Michael is the son of Tom and Laurie Valliere.

Pat noted that selecting a winner from the great submissions was a tough job. She was able to single out the two winners, who were honored Thursday evening at a reception in the college library.

Rodney Hess of the 11th Texas Cavalry Co. B (Re-enactment Unit) coordinated the contest with

the college. Prizes were provided by Glenn Polk Auto Plex, Muesner State Bank and Kinnes Jewelers of Gainesville.

The purpose of this contest is to provide students in the community with the opportunity to conduct some research on the period of US History considered by many to be what essentially shaped this nation.

Civil War re-enactors were on hand to congratulate the young scholars and encourage their continued interest in the salient events that shaped their present and future.

"In light of the recent events in the world that have compelled young men and women to take up arms in the defense of their nation, it is important to remember the young people of the past who did the same," said Ed Zielinski also with the 11th Texas group.

"We want history to come alive for the student. By learning about their

heritage students come to understand and respect their forefathers' efforts," Hess pointed out when explaining why he was a re-enactor. Hess is a History teacher in Keller and is originally from Muesner.

When interviewed, Bob Fuhrmann, a longtime re-enactor from Lindsay, pointed out in describing the 1860s soldier, "At the beginning of the Civil War they were all Americans and they ended the war as Americans. It did not matter which side they fought on when they served and fell on those many battlefields, they were fighting for their country and the friends with them."

Living history events and contests like this keep the memory of this nation alert to the past and prepare us for the future. This annual event will continue to provide young historians an outlet for their labors.

2004's contest will be held in conjunction with a Civil War event to take place in Cooke County in the spring.

Letters to the Editor

To America's Teachers:

Thank you for your dedication. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you for your service. Thank you for choosing this noble profession.

Thank you for being a hero to both young and old. Thank you for being a best friend. Thank you for your love.

Thank you for believing in

the bright hope of every child. Thank you for setting high standards. Thank you for believing every child can learn if given the chance.

Thank you for inspiring the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you for offering comfort in times of sorrow. Thank you for being a mentor for a lifetime.

Thank you for your professionalism. Thank you for your commitment.

Thank you for staying after school and providing extra help. Thank you for doing whatever it takes to make sure no child is left behind.

As you go about your work this day and every day, know that you have the admiration, appreciation, and respect of the President of the United States and all of the American people.

Sincerely,
Rod Paige
U.S. Education Secretary

To the Editor,

Cystic fibrosis - Please help FIGHT for a cure!!!!

Hi! As you may very well know, Jacob Hesse, my son, has cystic fibrosis (CF). But cystic fibrosis *won't* have him, if I have any say!!!

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in our country. The defective gene causes Jacob's body to produce thick, sticky mucus, which clogs the lungs, causing life threatening infections... We help Jacob with hours of chest physical therapy with breathing treatments and several medications daily. These medications help Jacob's

body to absorb the nutrients he needs to stay healthy. Cystic fibrosis also impairs Jacob's digestive system. Jacob needs digestive enzymes when he eats. There is *no* cure for cystic fibrosis. It is not something Jacob will outgrow. He will have it for life, as long as there isn't a cure. I believe with all of our prayers and

help, Jacob will be CF Free someday!!!

Since the CF Foundation began in 1955, the life expectancy for a child with CF was death before school age, but now the age has reached 32 years old. The age was raised up from 31 to 32 within the last few years. This is a major achievement for the CF community. A cure is very close!!! As you well know, research takes time and money. More than 90% of the money raised for the CF Foundation goes towards funding genetic research to cure CF. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was ranked as

one of the nation's top "charities you can trust" in *Smart Money*, the magazine of the *Wall Street Journal*.

Jacob is doing well due to all of the latest developments in research for cystic fibrosis. I believe that Jacob's wellness is also contributed to all the prayers and support given by the community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and all the prayers for Jacob.

Thank you for your support.

Kim Hesse
911 N. Maple
Muenster, TX 76252

Letter to the Editor,

This "Letters to the Editor" is a great service that our local paper offers to us.

I have a question in mind, and would like as many people that have a minute of time to please answer. I wonder how many people in the Muenster area that are able and want a job are

presently unemployed? Presently unemployment has risen nationally to SIX PERCENT! I have a feeling there is no unemployment in Muenster. I have been attempting to hire someone for some small jobs, and have had no takers.

Well, here is a tip: Is your job search lasting longer than you expected? Do you need to start earning an income? What can you do?

Try temporary work. Not only is temping a great way to earn some extra money, a temp job may also lead to a permanent job further down the road.



Observing the Colonel Young Essay Contest awards last Thursday at NCTC were (l-r) Rodney Hess, Regina Jackson (representing Glenn Polk Autoplex), Robert McDaniel, Michael Valliere, Evan Koessler, Jeannene Walterscheid (representing MSB) and Ed Zielinski. Valliere's essay is featured below. Watch for Koessler's essay next week. Dave Fette photo

"A Soldier's Life"

by Michael Valliere

But turning a temporary job into a permanent one isn't easy - you will have to work hard to prove that you would be a valuable addition to a company's permanent staff.

I would like to start a no cost Temp Work program for the area. Anyone has any thoughts on this, let me hear from you.

Ray Wilde
1012 Cherry Lane
Muenster, TX 76252

As I inhaled, the strong scent of newly burned gun powder set the insides of my nostrils on fire and filled them with a most unpleasant odor: the smell of death. I watch the small clouds of my breath float out of my mouth and disappear into the cold morning air while my brigade of the Army of the Potomac stood awaiting orders. There was a thick curtain of fog that blanketed the surrounding hillsides. It was a surprisingly chilly morning and in the distance the cocks crowed. It was December 13, only a few weeks before Christmas, and we were still campaigning. This time we were near the town of Fredericksburg, Virginia. Word through the camp was that General Burnside was going to attack the Rebel position on Mayre's Heights outside of town.

Our brigade general had told us that once we reached the Rebel lines, which he assured us that we would, we would probably be using our bayonets. In camp, we had used our bayonets primarily for cooking. We were all scared. For some of us, it was the first time to actually see combat. We were just Pennsylvanian farmers before the war, but now we were part of Major General Meade's division of the Union army.

The 5:00 a.m. reveille had come early after spending all yesterday looting and sacking the town. More experienced servicemen had now perfected the art of sleeping while standing up and waiting for orders. Our quick breakfast of salt pork and hard-tack was not long lasting and most were hungry again at only 8:00 this morning. As we silently waited for our orders, an officer shouted at us to prepare to march and that we would be leading the attack. Our faces turned ghost white and we began to shiver, only it wasn't from the freezing morning air. It was because of fear.

The whole formation began to shift. From the Confederate view on the heights, it must have looked like the ground was shifting and moving beneath their outposts. We begin our slow, steady march that for many, would be the last march they ever made. The frozen ground is hard beneath our feet. The clouds of breath are coming out of my mouth more frequently and the sound of laborious panting can be heard. My mind races. I think of home, the farm, my mom and dad, my little brother, where he is, and whether I would live to see sunrise next day. The gun in my arms is becoming heavier with each step. There is a nervous lump in my throat, and under my wool uniform my body is covered with cold sweat. The Confederate encampment only looked like a mile or so from where we started, but it feels like it is taking an eternity. Our whole army is still recovering from our double-time, forty mile march from Warren, Virginia.

Then, suddenly, there is a loud explosion nearby! A long whistle and another cannon ball explodes in our ranks. We all look to the front, but there is no cannon in sight. We see a row of Confederate soldiers standing about 3 or 4 men deep. After a few minutes of confusion, we finally see from where the artillery bombardments are originating. It is coming from our left rear flank. It had initially given us quite a shock, but it was only two small guns. After that small delay, we continue our march toward the Rebel line. The portion of the Confederate wall that we are marching against is under the command of "Stonewall" Jackson, so we know that it will not be easy to break the line. Our brigade is only about five hundred or so yards away. We are starting our charge forward when once again, out of nowhere, artillery shells begin falling out of the sky like rain. We ran for what cover there was and stayed in relative safety for quite some time while our Union counterparts returned the cannon fire. There is a marvelous and extremely loud report after one Northern cannon volley.

Our commander, Maj. Gen. Meade, stands and orders us, "Charge!" Bayonets attached, we blindly charge toward the trees. There is no line to break through! We have stumbled upon a hole in "Great General Lee's" 7-mile wall! While bullets whiz by my head, the Southerners realize the gap as well. A lead ball tears through my upper leg and as the warm blood dribbles from the wound, I feel a sharp, searing pain through the back of my chest. I fall to the ground, gasping for air. "So this is what it feels like," I think, before the last breaths of life leave my body.

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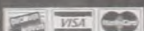
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Parent education workshop: Supporting Families

Texas Cooperative Extension of Cooke County is pleased to announce the upcoming Parent Education Workshop: Supporting Families. Developed by Texas Cooperative Extension in collaboration with Texas Department of Health, this will be a five-hour train-the-trainer workshop. The primary goal of the parenting workshop is to provide parent education training to agency employees and volunteers who work with parents of young children. Designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct a series of parent education classes, the following content is covered in the training: Child development and age-appropriate activities; Communication,

self-esteem, and discipline; Health and safety; preventative health care and illness care; Nutrition; and Evaluation (i.e., how to measure outcomes in parent education). Speakers for the day include Dr. Stephen Greene, Child Development Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension; Dr. Rick Peterson, Parenting Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension; and Mrs. Phyllis Griffin, Cooke County Extension Agent - 4-H & Youth Development. The training workshop is scheduled for May 16, 2003 at the Chamber of Commerce in Gainesville. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the workshop beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. There will be a \$5.00 registration fee. Lunch will be provided.

For registration information, please contact the Cooke County Extension office at 940.668.5412. Don't wait...call now! Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 13, 2003. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in this activity are encouraged to call 940.668.5412 for assistance.

Submitted by Lisa Zoeller, Adm. Ast., 4HYD & Technology



Nicholas Fisher

Nicholas celebrates first birthday April 27

Nicholas Jon Fisher, son of Jimmy and Laura Fisher, celebrated his first birthday on Sunday, April 27 with a family party at his home west of Lindsay. He was one year old on April 18. Balloons decorated the yard where the guests enjoyed a cook-out with hamburgers and hot dogs. The birthday cake had balloons and Nicholas' name on it and grandfather Donny Fisher made homemade ice cream for the party. Pictures were made and presents were opened and displayed. Guests included his

parents; great-grandparents, Gus and Armella Lutkenhaus; grandparents, Donny and Ina Fisher, Nancy Price and Tex Pagel, and Walter and Kathleen Lutkenhaus; aunt Kaylee Price, Jeremy Yosten and cousin Damian Yosten; aunt Donna Neu and Benny Reimer; uncle George and aunt Tricia Lutkenhaus and cousin George Lutkenhaus, Jr.; Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus; and Steven and Robin Butts, KayLee and Tana. Others attending were Herb Price; Jerry and Misty Morrison, Chelsea and Maverick.



New Arrivals

Hacker

Sally and Maurus Hacker announce the birth of their daughter Chloe Margaret Hacker on Apr. 30, 2003 at 12:19 a.m. in Denton Community Hospital, weighing 8 lb. 3 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. Chloe's proud big brother is Nathan Hacker. Grandparents are Chuck and Vicky Fisher and Maurus and Lynn Hacker; great-grandparents are Clyde and Polly Fisher, Diamond and Evelyn Fuhrmann, and Dan Haverkamp.

Annie Elizabeth Anderle on April 27, 2003 at 2:12 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. She joins siblings Karli Rose Anderle, age 8, and Bailey Lynn Anderle, age 2. Grandparents are Claude and Mary Bayer and Johnny and Annette Anderle all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Juanita Knabe of Muenster and the late Norbert Knabe, Marcus and Catherine Fuhrmann of Lindsay and the late John and Adelaide Bayer of Muenster, and the late Eugene and Ethel Anderle of Windthorst.

Notice

There will be a Class of '83 Reunion follow-up meeting on Sunday, May 18 at 5 p.m. at The Center Restaurant. It's not too late to get your money in. For more information call Nancy at 759-4991 or Laura at 759-4593.

White

Jack and Jenny White joyfully announce the birth of their son, Bert Joseph White. He was born at Denton Community Hospital on April 25, 2003 at 12:35 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 5 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Proud sisters are Emily Rose (who shares the April 25 birthday with her brother), Alyssa Marie, Amy Loretta, and Grace Nichole.

Anderle

Amy and John W. Anderle, Jr. of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter,

Horticulture Definitions

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Correction

In last week's story, "Weinzapfels entertain priest from South India Diocese," Wal-Mart Super Store should have been properly called Wal-Mart Super Center.

Garlic

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Officers elected to county CPS board

The Cooke County Child Protective (CPS) Services Board of Directors met on April 8. Joining the Board of Directors for the meeting was County Judge Bill Freeman.

Nominating Committee Chair Joanna Divinye presented the prepared slate of officers for the year 2003-2004. With no further nominations, the slate was approved as presented. Officers for the coming year are: Veda Simmons, chairperson; Karla Cunningham, vice-chairperson; Ruth Jordan, secretary; Kathy McColly, treasurer.

Alice McDonald, Board member in charge of fundraising, reported on the

2003 fundraiser project. At a previous meeting, the Board had voted to not do the KGAF Radio auction, but decided to mail out letters to Cooke County businesses and individuals for possible donations. This money will be used for payment of drug testing as well as special needs of the children in foster care.

A report was presented by the two Board members who helped with babysitting at the Foster Parent Training Class. Other members of the CPS are Robbie Bradley, Joanna Divinye, Karen Smith, Alice McDonald, Ruth Schlaudroff, Mary Hunter, Rev. Veronica Greanad and foster parent Peggy Crombie. Staff

members in attendance were Anna Diggs, CPS director, and Lennie Sewell, secretary.

Ms. Simmons and Ms. Jordan reported that the sponsored walk with Cooke County Friends of the Family was a success. Several of the CPS staff walked. The CPS Board furnished the fruit and water at the end of the walk. This event was in support of Sexual Assault Awareness month and Child Abuse Awareness month. Both of these events occur in April each year.

Anyone interested in the Board information or information on how you can help, contact the CPS office or any Board member.

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- **When:** Each Sunday from 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m., beginning June 1, 2003
- **Where:** First Baptist Church, Muenster - Fellowship Hall
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- **Registration:** For questions and to sign-up, call Pastor Bill Ledbetter - 759-4668
- **Testimonial:** "I made the TLW commitment in 1995 to remain pure until marriage. Just 2 months ago I married the love of my life. He made the same commitment when he was a sophomore in high school. I cannot express how wonderful, how beautiful it was to know that each of us waited on the Lord, and on each other until our marriage to give our virginity away." - Joannah, 24.*

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Hundreds of visitors came to the MMH Family Health Clinic, above, as they signed up for a variety of discounted health related tests. Below Jennifer Fuhrmann and her mother Sandra Fuhrmann learn about CareFlite from one of its crewmembers.



MMH Health Fair

photos by Janet Felderhoff



Above, MMH Auxiliary members Ethel Hesse, left, and Brenda Becker serve refreshments to Health Fair guests. At left, Elodia Cherry, R.N. looks over the inside of a CareFlite helicopter with Haley Haverkamp.



Schedule of Meetings

Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, May 30 at 7 p.m. in the Culwell Conference Room of Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Dr. Khawaja Anwar will present the program "Diabetes and Your Heart". Individuals with diabetes and family members are encouraged to attend this free program.

For more information, call Joan Walterscheid at (940) 759-2395.



Above, Donna Rains, R.N. takes a blood pressure reading for Fay Hamric. At right, Dr. Angelika Lamar checks Wanda Flusche for proper body alignment, which is important for a healthy body frame. Below, CareFlite and a three-man crew land in the MMH visitors' parking lot. At left, helping with Bicycle Safety Course were, from left, Judy Flusche, R.N., Diane Lawrence, R.N., and instructor Chuck Skinner.



In above photo Bicycle Safety Course participants, from left, Lauren Rohmer, Destin Fleitman, Adrien Rohmer, Megan Rohmer, and Alaina Reiter, proudly display their free helmets. Lab tech Danny Lovelace, below, draws blood for tests from Barbara Bayer on Saturday.



Saint Jo Opry set for May 10

Sponsors of the Saint Jo Opry announce their next show will be Saturday night, May 10 in the school auditorium. Starting time will be 7:30 p.m.

The April show held in conjunction with the Saint Jo FIRE/EMS Volunteer Dept. Fish Fry brought in the largest crowd the Opry has had in some time.

The May show will feature several guests. A newcomer to the show will be Sandy York from

Megargel, Texas. She has performed on the Texasville Opry in Archer City numerous times, and other shows in the area. She will be performing some of the country classics made famous by Loretta Lynn and Patsy Cline.

A \$2.00 donation is asked for adults. The Opry continues to donate regularly to community organizations and needy situations. Concessions will be available.

Family reunions

Frank Hess Reunion
The Hess Reunion will be held Sunday, May 18 at 12:30 at the Muenster Park Pavilion. Bring a covered dish and folding chairs, and enjoy the fun. Anyone can get their golf team together and meet at 7:00 a.m., Sunday, May 18 at Turtle Hill Golf Course. For more information call Don at 759-4310.

Muller, Herr, and Stelzer Reunion
The annual Muller, Herr, and Stelzer Reunion will be

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Area writers honored during NCTC ceremony

Assembled area writers and dignitaries were enthralled by poetry readings of famous West Texas writer Walt McDonald at the recent North Central Texas College Creative Writing Awards Day.

But the event was really all about celebrating local creativity as area writers young and old were honored for excellence in short story, poetry and essay.

McDonald, professor emeritus from Texas Tech University and 2001 Texas Poet Laureate, spoke and read a variety of poetry and prose that springs from his rural roots near Lubbock, from a childhood touched by events of World War II and life as a soldier, pilot, parent and grandparent.

"I'm an old pilot and I love flying, but a good story or poem gives pleasures I find nowhere else," said McDonald. "Not as much joy as I get holding hands with my wife on the patio at dawn, or jogging to the park with her before the heat comes to Lubbock or bending down to pick up one

of my granddaughters whirl her around my neck and feel her hug me.

Lydia Bezner of Muenster Junior High won first place for a short story "Grandfather Learns to Read." Bezner is a student of Deanna Hellman, who had other students win second and third prize in the short story contest.

Winning entries in the 2002-2003 NCTC Creative Writing Contests will be published in the April Perennial, 2004 edition, space permitting. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the 2003 April Perennial should contact Mary Beth Newton of the NCTC Communications and Fine Arts Department at 940-668-7731, ext. 355.

Following is a complete list of local award-winning entries:

Jerry Simpson Short Story: 1st - Lydia Bezner "Grandfather Learns to Read" Muenster Jr. High; 2nd - Christina Eckart "Does Honesty Pay" Muenster Jr. High; 3rd - Brad Endres "The Confederate" Muenster Jr. High.



Lydia Bezner of Muenster, 1st place winner and William Hood, NCTC professor

Stop and smell the roses

The annual Mother's Day rose tour in Whitewright is a treat for the eyes and nose. On Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day weekend, 20 of this small town's gardens will be open for the public, with rose petals waiting.

This annual event features grand, historic homes as well as antique roses you probably won't see anywhere else.

Maps for the rose tour are available at any of the garden tour sites.

You may start the tour at any garden along the way; tours begin at 9 a.m. and last until 8 p.m. each day.

For further information, call the Visitor's Center at 903-364-2000.



Karl Fisher, Muenster Troop 664, has completed his Eagle Scout project. Fisher prepared the pad and mounted two metal park benches in the front yard of the Muenster Public Library. Janie Hartman photo

Fort Worth Museum of Science and History again putting visitors at Risk!

Why would the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History put its visitors at risk? For the sheer fun of it, of course! *Risk!*, developed by the Museum, will return to Fort Worth for a summer run, May 17 - Sept. 7. The exhibit offers a playful and informative look at risk and risk assessment.

The 5000-square foot exhibit presents some

extraordinary, eye-opening situations that emphasize our perception or misperception of risk. Imagine crossing a 7" wide steel beam 17 stories above the ground. A little risky? Now add wind, blaring construction noises, and a noisy flock of birds flying by. Would you go forward or slowly skirt around the perimeter of the structure?

Or would you avoid even taking the first step? Find out in your introduction to the *Risk!* exhibit - the *Beam Walk!*

Risk! is designed for adults and children ages 12 and up, but is also appropriate for elementary children. For more information, call 817-255-9300 or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org.

Special events planned May 11-17 for Nursing Home Week

In honor of National Nursing Home Week, May 11-17, Gainesville Convalescent Center, 1900 O'Neal, Gainesville, (940) 665-2826, is hosting a variety of special events throughout the week for residents, families, volunteers, staff, and others from the community.

National Nursing Home Week spotlights the role of nursing care facilities in delivery of quality care to seniors and disabled citizens. More than 377 residents of Cooke County now reside in long term care facilities. There are 1.3 million nursing facility residents in the nation. This number is only one fifth of the persons who actually need long term care on a 24 hour basis.

The week of May 11-17 has been set aside to bring awareness to communities about nursing care facilities and to celebrate the exceptional care facilities,

volunteers, families, and communities. Some of the events of Gainesville Convalescent Center during this special week include: Saturday, May 10, Cooke County Senior Expo, Leonard Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day Recognition with cake and flowers 10:00 a.m.; Monday, May 12, Balloon Lift Off and Mayor's Proclamation of Nursing Home Week 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, May 13, Luau with music 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday, May 14, pinata, 10:30 a.m.; then the Thursday, May 14 Wheel Chair Decoration, Parade, and Contest 10:30 a.m.; and Friday, May 15 a special staff and staff family barbecue picnic starts at 10:00 a.m.

If you would like to join in the activities, help with an event, or come for a visit and tour, please contact them. You are welcome to join them!

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School

Third grade TAKS success at Muenster Elementary School

The Muenster Elementary third graders were put to the challenge this year with the new State assessment. In 1997, the State Legislature created the Texas Reading Initiative to help all children learn to read on grade level by the end of third grade. Two years later, lawmakers passed the *Student Success Initiative*, which requires third grade students in 2003 to pass the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) in reading to be promoted to the fourth grade.

In mid-March, the results came in, and all Muenster Elementary students passed on the first assessment date! These students have been preparing for this success since Kindergarten when their teachers attended the Texas Reading Academies. These teachers were specially trained in reading instruction, comprehension, and phonics. As these students moved to first and second grades, the teachers also attended these special training opportunities each summer.

This special group of third grade students is the leader of the *Student Success Initiative*. From this year on, third grade students must pass the reading portion of the TAKS. In 2004-2005, the challenge will once again be presented to your children as promotion to sixth grade is dependent partly on passing the reading and math portions of the TAKS. This again will occur in the eighth grade. Finally, in the eleventh grade, graduation requirements are passing of the English language arts, math, science, and social studies portions of the TAKS.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAY 12 - 16 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, apple cobbler, pears.

Tues. - Flame broiled beef patties, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

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

Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, black-eyed peas, peaches, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, applesauce, ice cream.

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Beef and chicken crisps, 7 layer dip, tortilla chips, chocolate pudding, bread.

Tues. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, ice cream bars, bread.

Wed. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, black-eyed peas, strawberry shortcake, bread.

Thurs. - Fiesta salad, yellow squash, peaches, brownies, bread.

Fri. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, carrots, mini cheese cake, bread.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Hot dog w/chili, baked beans, broccoli and rice, mixed fruit.

Tues. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, blueberry muffins, lettuce salad, pears, bread.

Wed. - Burritos, refried beans, applesauce, iced cake, bread.

Thurs. - Barbecue sandwich, French fries, pickles, vegetable sticks, ice cream.

Fri. - Turkey and noodles, green beans, peaches, bread.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken fried steak or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed

salad, peaches, hot roll.

Tues. - Mini corn dogs, or fish sticks, green beans, tossed salad, broccoli and carrots w/ranch dressing, jello.

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

Thurs. - Chicken quesadillas, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit mix, Missouri cookie.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, French fries, pickle spears, ice cream.



Muenster High School students that received awards at the NCTC Art Show were, from left, back - James Fanning, Michael Endres, Chase Cain, Bridgett Ellis; front - Kallie Gerstberger and Jessica Pagel. Not pictured, Shanelle Spakes, Janie Hartman photo

Governor Rick Perry declares Team Impact Week

Team Impact is a group of world-class athletes that use feats of strength to convey a world-class message. Team Impact includes some of the strongest men in the world who travel the globe performing and speaking in venues to hundreds of thousands each year.

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Governor Rick Perry states in his proclamation that "this event will inspire and encourage young Texans to make wise, responsible choices for the future."

Team Impact appears regularly on television programs around the world, viewed by millions.

Team Impact will be appearing Wednesday through Saturday, May 14-17 at 7:00 p.m. nightly at First Baptist Church Gainesville. Team Impact will be speaking in school assemblies daily May 14-17.



Senator Craig Estes sent Jerry Eckart and the Muenster TMSA students each a group photo, taken at the Texas State Capitol during the group's recent trip to Austin. The picture was taken on the podium where George W. Bush took his oath of office for the presidency of the United States.

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Sacred Heart High School's All Awards Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center. It is sponsored by Sacred Heart Alumni and Supporters for the purpose of bestowing awards to honor the achievement of students during the past school year. The awards ceremony will follow a meal. Tickets are \$6.50 and the deadline for purchasing them is Monday, May 12. They are available at the high school office.

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Sports

Tigerettes softball state-bound

The Tigerette softball team has advanced to the TAPPS State final playoffs after defeating the Lady Eagles of Saint Joseph of Bryan Tuesday afternoon in Regional competition. The Sacred Heart girls took the win 12-0 in four and a half innings, scoring 3, 4, then 5 points in the first three innings.

Mary Jane Callahan pitched a one-hitter to 16 batters, striking out 8, with no walks and no runs. Getting defensive plays

were Crystal Hess, Alicia Cochran, Jana Truiebenbach, M. J. Callahan, Lisa Endres, and Shannon Hartman.

Offensively, Callahan was 2 for 2 with three runs and one RBI. Truiebenbach was 2 for 3 with three runs, a home run, and four RBIs. Karen Gehrig was 1 for 2, got one run, one sacrifice, and one RBI. Jennifer Hoedebeck, 1 for 3, got two runs and an RBI. Hess is credited for a run and two

RBIs, with Michelle Bayer getting an RBI, and Nicole Bayer two runs.

The Tigerettes had 12 runs, seven hits and six errors, while Saint Joseph's got only one hit.

The Tigerettes play their semi-final game Friday, May 9 at Veterans Field in Waco at 10 a.m. From I-35 exit New Road and go right, about one mile to the field. If Sacred Heart wins, the State final game will be at the Baylor Lady Bears' Guterman Field on Saturday.



The Tigerettes' 1600m relay team, from left, Kate Sepanski, Jackie Bauer, Brittany White and Shannon Hartman, 2nd place finishers at the state meet. Courtesy photo



Catherine Bartush (14) tags first base for an out after first baseman Crystal Hess (11) and pitcher Mary Jane Callahan recover a short Saint Joseph hit. Janie Hartman photo



Top, Jana Truiebenbach's "good eye" allows this high pitch to go by. At above right, Tigerette pitcher Mary Jane Callahan pitches a single hit game. Above, Jennifer Hoedebeck strikes at this pitch, but the next was a base hit. Janie Hartman photo

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Sacred Heart Seniors making big contribution towards the Tigers state championship included, from left, Johnny Krahl, Clint Fuhrmann and Michael Voth. Courtesy photos

Sacred Heart holds state records

Sacred Heart's past track and field participants continue to hold TAPPS State track records.

In the older class 1A division, the Tigerettes hold six records and the Tigers one. Sharon Fuhrmann's

106' 5" discus throw in 1990 is still on the books. Kelly Rigler Heidaker holds two State records - 12.3 in the 100m dash in 1996 and 26.10 in the 200m in 1995.

Molly Koelzer Sicking also has two State records

standing. The 1985 400m finish of 59.34 and as a member of the 1988 1600m relay team along with Amy Walterscheid Swirczynski, Danna Hamric Hess, and Labecah Hess Burris with a 4:16.0 time. Valerie Bartush also holds a 1A record with her 1996 12:30.9 finish in the 3200m. Aaron Berres continues to hold the 1600m record from 1994 with a time of 4:33.12.

In class 2A, Sacred Heart held three State records. Deano Bayer lost control of the discus record of 138' 4" he set in 1988 at this year's meet. John Bartush set the State record in the 3200m with a 1997 time of 10:03.20. A 2000 discus throw of 116' 10" by Sarah Hess also holds a place in the books.

Sacred Heart Alumni and Friends to sponsor golf tournament

Sacred Heart Alumni and Friends are sponsoring a 4-person scramble on Saturday, June 14. The shotgun start will be at 2 p.m. at Turtle Hill Golf Course. There will be cash prizes for the winners, longest drive, and closest to the pin, men and women. \$240 per team includes

meal and snacks, green fee, and cart. BYOB on golf course. There will be a \$10 mulligan raffle with great prizes. A meal, drinks, and awards will follow the tournament at the Muenster City Park. To register call Kenny Hartman at 759-4972 or Roger Endres at 759-4938.

Tryouts announced for swim team

Be cool! Make friends! This summer swim with the Red River Racers.

Tryouts are being held Monday May 12 5-7 p.m. at the Whitesboro community pool. Candidates must be able to swim a minimum of 25 meters, ability commensurate with age.

Practice will begin May 13 5-7 p.m. Swim meets are held in various cities in the

region on Saturday mornings in June and July.

As a new team, parental participation will be encouraged. Sacred Heart 7th and 8th grade teacher Billie Becker will coach the team.

A minimal monthly fee will be charged. For more information please call 612-1002.

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TRACK CHAMPS

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- Whitecotton, Kate Sepanski, Whitney Wimmer, Jacqueline Bauer, 53.75.
- 800m: 6, Whitney Wimmer, 19.99.
- 400m: 3, Kate Sepanski, 64.02.
- 300m Hurdles: 5, Lisa Endres, 52.86.
- 1600m: 2, Rose Bartush, 5:58.67.
- 4x400m Relay: 2, Shannon Hartman, Kate Sepanski, Brittny White, Jacqueline Bauer, 4:25.18.
- Tigers making points at State included:
- Pole Vault: 1, Kevin Walterscheid, 10' 6"
- Discus: 2, Clayton Truiebenbach, 122' 10"
- Shot Put: 2, Adam Krahl, 43' 2.25"
- Long Jump: 3, Michael Voth, 20' 1.5"
- Triple Jump: 3, Michael Voth, 41' 1.75"
- 3200m: 5, Daniel Bartush, 11:05.22.
- 4x100m Relay: 2, Thomas Whitecotton, Michael Voth, Johnny Krahl, Aaron Krahl, 45.01.
- 800m: 3, Andy Davis, 2:08.68.
- 5, Kevin Walterscheid, 2:09.66.
- 110m Hurdles: 1, Clint Fuhrmann, 16.84; 4, Chris Fuhrmann, 17.48.
- 100m: 4, Johnny Krahl, 11.83.
- 4x200m Relay: 3, Chris Hoedebeck, Thomas Whitecotton, Johnny Krahl, Paul Bartush, 1:36.35.
- 400m: 2, Michael Voth, 51.67; 3, Aaron Krahl, 52.80.
- 300m Hurdles: 3, Clint Fuhrmann, 43.21.
- 4x400m Relay: 1, Clint Fuhrmann, Kevin Walterscheid, Aaron Krahl, Michael Voth, 3:36.30.

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Muenster Junior High School
135 East 7th Street, Muenster, TX 76252
2:00 P.M. / Thursday, May 22, 2003
Clyde Steelman, Superintendent of Schools
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Fort Worth, TX 76109
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Mark Floyd
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CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:
PROJECT MANAGER:
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ADDRESS:

Sealed bids, addressed to the designated location at Muenster I.S.D., for the projects named **Muenster Junior High School Renovation**, in accordance with Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents adopted by the Muenster I.S.D., will be received by Lloyd Plyler Construction, attn. James Price, no later than 2:00 P.M. / Thursday, May 22, 2003. Mailed bids must be sent to Muenster I.S.D., c/o Lloyd Plyler Construction. All mailed bids must be received, not postmarked, on or before 2:00 P.M. / Tuesday, May 22, 2003. All mailed bids must be clearly marked **BID FOR: Muenster Junior High School Renovation**. Thereafter, at 2:00 P.M., bids will be privately opened. After bids are opened, a bid tabulation will be made for review with the Owner and Architect, post bid conferences conducted and recommendations presented to the Owner for consideration in awarding contracts. Any bids received after the closing time of 2:00 P.M. will be returned unopened. Muenster Independent School District is receiving construction bids from multiple prime bidders. Successful bidders will contract directly with the Construction Manager, Lloyd Plyler Construction. The Owner and/or Construction Manager reserves the right to accept or reject any individual bid or any combination of bids proposed, whichever shall be in the Owners best interest. Bids of the three (3) lowest and most advantageous bidders must provide a Contractor's Qualification Statement AIA Document A305, 1986 Edition, properly completed, and all requested information provided, within three (3) days of bid opening. Bidders will be notified.

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The following bid packages will be available at the Construction Manager, Lloyd Plyler Construction with reservations prior to pick up from May 12, 2002:

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TSCRA asks for mandatory country-of-origin labeling

Members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association passed a resolution March 26 asking Congress to repeal mandatory provisions of the country-of-origin labeling law and to opt instead for a voluntary, market-driven approach.

TSCRA also passed resolutions opposing negotiation of any bilateral trade agreements or enlargement of Australian beef quotas that would be detrimental to U.S. beef producers; supporting the bovine sequencing initiative; and asking government agencies to cease distribution of Russian olives, an invasive species.

The action came on the final day of TSCRA's 126th annual convention held March 23-26 in San Antonio. Approximately 2,390 ranchers, family members and representatives of allied industries participated in TSCRA's annual convention, trade show and School for Successful Ranching.

The resolution on country-of-origin labeling originated in TSCRA's Marketing Committee after an extensive examination of the issue. Barry Carpenter, deputy administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, described the contents of the law and the guidelines that will be the basis for regulations developed to implement the mandatory program.

TSCRA members were particularly concerned that chicken - one of beef's major competitors is not included in the requirements and that food service establishments - which sell more than 50 percent of the beef purchased in the United States are specifically

excluded from the labeling requirements.

The law requires retailers to "maintain a verifiable record-keeping audit trail" regarding country-of-origin claims.

Those responsibilities are going to be pushed all the way down the production chain to the producer, said Mark Dopp, senior vice president for regulatory affairs and general counsel for the American Meat Institute.

The law provides that the retailer can be fined up to \$10,000 for each violation, Dopp noted. "Retailers are already demanding of packers that contracts be adjusted," Dopp said. "If the retailer is exposed to some civil penalty, they're going to be looking to their suppliers for indemnification. So we will be looking for similar indemnification from our suppliers. A verifiable record-keeping audit trail is required by our customers, and we, in turn, will require it of our suppliers."

Dr. Ernest E. Davis, Extension economist, estimated that it will cost cow-calf operators \$13.30 per animal to maintain the needed records.

Marketing Committee members also submitted a resolution on bilateral trade agreements, stating that such agreements "sometimes remove pressure from countries to earnestly negotiate in important multilateral negotiations."

Instead TSCRA favors multilateral trade negotiations "that can benefit many exporting and importing nations, resulting in fairer trade rules for all producers and consumers globally."

Cattle raisers are also concerned that "Australia has proposed the removal of import quotas on Australian

beef under a proposed bilateral trade agreement between the United States and Australia."

TSCRA opposes any enlargement in the Australian beef quota, noting that "federal and state laws and regulations have made it almost impossible for American ranchers to compete with many of our foreign competitors."

TSCRA members also resolved "to play a key role in garnering the necessary support to advance the \$50 million bovine genome sequencing initiative."

The resolution was submitted by TSCRA's Agricultural Research Committee after an in-depth presentation by Dr. Clare Gill, a professor of animal genomics at Texas A&M University. Dr. Gill serves on the steering committee for the bovine genome project.

She explained that information on the bovine genome would not only provide major economic benefits to the cattle industry, but would provide extensive benefits to human health research as well.

"The bovine model is relevant to human health research priorities such as obesity, female health, osteoporosis and communicable diseases," Dr. Gill said. She added that bovine insulin has long been used to treat human diabetes, and in vitro fertilization techniques were first developed in cattle.

The cattle industry would benefit from information on productivity, growth characteristics, disease resistance, drought tolerance, marbling, tenderness, flavor and other important traits.

Having missed some of the early rains this Spring, experts suggest we keep an eye on our cowherd nutrition program. In order for a cow to reproduce every year she must receive adequate nutrition.

First a cow uses her nutrients for maintenance. This enables her to support normal bodily functions, such as breathing, digestion, walking, and maintaining body temperature.

Once maintenance needs are met, energy goes to growth. A young female is still growing after her first and even second calf, so she will require more energy compared to female that has reached mature size.

After growth, nutrients and energy are used for milk production. If all the female's energy goes into maintenance and growth, then she will not produce enough milk for her calf.

Only after the requirements are met for all the other functions have been met will a cow's reproductive system develop and function. Failing to recognize the extra nutritional needs of young cows is one reason that most of the open cows reported by producers are two and three years old.

Some homeowners are beginning to see a problem with mosquitoes already this spring. Remember the best cure is prevention. Eliminate standing water in birdbaths, tires, cans, or whatever holds water. Also, remember mosquitoes can breed or hide in tall grass, or other vegetation. As long as there remains a place for them to breed, no spray will be able to control them.

Home gardeners are constantly pestered with diseases that rob them of their harvest. Proper planning and practices can keep losses to a minimum.

1.) Always select a well-drained site to prevent problems associated with

wet soils.

2.) Organic matter is essential to a productive soil, but it can also increase the occurrence of blight. To avoid this, work organic matter into the soil, deeper than the expected root zone for the upcoming crop. This would preferably be done in the fall.

3.) Water plants in the morning for fewer leaf disease problems. Drip irrigation would even be better to reduce foliage diseases.

4.) Always buy new seed for planting. Saving seed from the garden to plant the following year can lead to disease problems.

5.) Diseases caused by fungi cannot be cured. When you see a fungus problem, irreversible damage already has been done. Cloudy, damp mornings encourage the growth of fungus spores. When these types of conditions exist, follow a preventative spray schedule and remove contaminated plants.

6.) Grow vegetables in the same location only once every three to five years.

Date to remember: May 13 - Pasture grass weed and surfactant program, 10:00 a.m., Cooke County Electric Co-op, Marketing Club, 7:00 p.m., Farm Bureau Building

Inspectors recover 5.1 million in stolen livestock and ranch equipment

Stolen livestock and ranch equipment worth \$5.1 million, were recovered or accounted for in 2002 by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association field inspectors.

In an annual report given March 26 to members attending the TSCRA convention in San Antonio, Executive Vice President Matt Brockman said that in 2002, the association's 31 field inspectors, all certified peace officers with Special Ranger commissions, investigated 1,148 cases in Texas and Oklahoma, primarily involving stray or stolen livestock.

Working closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement officers, the inspectors recovered or accounted for 2,872 head of cattle, 75 horses, 14 trailers,

18 saddles and miscellaneous ranch property, which had a total market value of \$5,061,886. The average value of property recovered or accounted for each day was \$13,868.

Offenders were given a total of 117 years of prison, probated, deferred, suspended and jail sentences. In addition, the courts ordered those convicted to pay \$218,847 in restitution to the victims and \$12,250 in fines, court costs and attorneys' fees.

Central to the efforts of the law enforcement officers is the work of 70 TSCRA market inspectors who inspect cattle at 124 Texas auction markets. They inspected 4,627,098 cattle in 2002, a 258,623 decrease from the previous year.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.)	Stockers Cows (per head)	Ewes
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400-500 lbs. No. 1, 93-1.03; No. 2 & 3, 80-93	Medium Frame, \$425-\$650	Thin, 40-60 Fat, 30-45
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600-700 lbs. No. 1, 80-88		Lambs \$15-\$25, Ewes \$30-\$55, Bucks \$30-\$85
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		Stockers, \$30-\$150; Milk Type, \$30-\$65; Slaughter Thin, \$20-\$45; Fat, \$40-\$70
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		120 lbs-up
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		1/2 Nanny, NT, 3/4 Nanny, \$65-\$120; Full Nanny, \$75-\$150
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Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 115 million bushels this year, up 47 percent from 2002. According to an April 1 survey, planted acreage is estimated at 6.6 million acres, up 3 percent from 2002 and 18 percent above 2001. Statewide winter wheat conditions around April 1 was rated at 65 percent of normal, compared with 47 percent last year.

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