

## Muenster Memorial Hospital prepares to set 2005 tax rate

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
New figures on the tax base for the Muenster Hospital District gave the Board of Directors pause on its proposed tax rate for next year. Last month when the Board set a proposed tax rate, the tax base given to them by the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) was \$237 million. It is actually \$235,471,996, which is a 10.37% increase in the tax

base over last year. With the first numbers the Board was given, it would have been an increase of 11.79%.  
MMH Administrator Lynn Heller had recently attended an informative meeting presented by the Texas Comptroller's office. He learned that once an entity goes over \$500,000 in taxes collected a year or sets a tax rate over 50 cents, things become much more

complicated. "We're considered a small taxing unit by the State of Texas," said Heller. "All we have to do is post notice in the paper."  
It was the administrator's recommendation that the tax rate be set at 21 cents. That rate should collect \$499,026. The rollback rate given by the CCAD is 0.2268.  
John Aytes remarked, "If we've got a published rate, I certainly would not go over

that because it is not going to mean that much dollars to us to go over what we put in the paper." Dr. Walter Knight agreed. Dan Hamric said it would only mean about a \$50 increase. After it was figured that actual amount was a \$47 difference.  
It was the consensus of the Board to set the tax rate at .20998. The rate will be set officially at the Sept. 20 meeting of the Board after a notice is published in the newspaper.

"What we are trying to do is challenge each one of us to think in terms of what we can do to build relationships with

people," noted Heller of the District's marketing plan. "What we can up is MMH stands for Make Muenster Healthy. We are toying with that theme and how we can do that. It is really more of relationship building and trying to help people."

Some things considered was that during slack times, nurses could be sent out to businesses and other places to do free blood pressure checks and other little things to help make people healthy. "I think part of this marketing/relationship building might be that we need to think in terms of

going. If we are not careful we think about this institution out here that we're here for people to come to us. If there are other ways that we can meet the health care needs of the community, then how can we take it to them? Home Health Care is a perfect example of that."  
Other ideas being considered included having a nurse practitioner make house calls if another is added to the staff; marketing health care with other health care providers in the community; having a mobile clinic in a

## Cooke County rescinds Burn Ban

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
To the relief of residents in unincorporated areas of Cooke County, the ban on outdoor burning that was instated on July 11 was lifted Monday during the regular meeting of Commissioners Court. Those without access to dumpsters have had to hold household trash for the past six weeks or risk a fine by the Sheriff's Department should they be found burning it.

off-system bridge program that offers equivalent match for bridges built within a county precinct. Precinct #4 has seven bridges that the State is offering to apply this program to. They are: CR 435 at Owl Hollow Creek at an estimated cost of \$1,860; CR 454 at Valley Creek for an estimated cost of \$5,175.45; CR 416 at Bircham Creek at an estimated cost of \$4,719.75; CR 351 at Brushy Elm Creek for an estimated cost of \$1,685.63; CR 411 at Black Hollow Creek at an estimated cost of \$3,034.13; CR 411 at South Fish Creek at an estimated cost of \$4,050; and CR 416 at East Mountain Creek at an estimated cost of \$4,461.60. That is a total of \$24,986.56 from the State, with Precinct #4 to match that amount.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess said that these are in addition to the

improvements for 2005-06 listed in his road and bridge report. They were not included because he just learned that the State had approved them.

"The reason these are all in my precinct is because I've already got the replacements built and they're catching me up," Hess explained. "The replacement bridges are one I built on CR 409; I built three on CR 415, 452, and replaced large culverts on CR 437 and CR 405. I'm in the process of doing two bridges on CR 415 that I'll also get you money on. This doesn't even cover how much money I spent on bridges. The total of all these bridges is \$24,986.56. One bridge will take care of that whole replacement."

Hess said that the bridges would not all be built in the same year. Two will be built in January and the others

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## Felderhoff earns Eagle Scout

Dustin J. Felderhoff, son of Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff of Muenster, was awarded the highest rank conferred by the Boy Scouts of America, that of Eagle Scout, at ceremonies in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 22.

The rank of Eagle Scout was conferred at 2 p.m. in a full and formal Eagle Court of Honor. Dustin became the third Eagle Scout in his family, joining brothers Chad and Mitch in that rank.

Neil Hesse, assistant scoutmaster and master of ceremonies, gave the welcome. The Color Guard of Jon Ambrose and Evan Koesler advanced forward carrying the United States flag and the Boy Scouts of America Troop 664 flag. Assistant Scoutmaster Scott Drake led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Felderhoff, Dustin's uncle, offered a special prayer in honor of the occasion.

Scoutmaster Bert Hesse began the opening ceremonies and explained the Scout Oath. Joe Hesse, Senior Patrol Leader, lit twelve special candles representing the 12 parts of the Scout Law. He lit a red, a white, and a blue candle while the significance of the colors of the flag was explained.

The Honor Guard, Chad and Mitch Felderhoff, Dustin's brothers, presented the Eagle candidate to the court. Neil explained that Dustin had distinguished himself in his continued, active service in Scouting. Dustin completed his service project and had served in various leadership positions for his troop. Dustin sat before the Eagle Board of Review on July 14, 2005, and had presented his records for approval to the National Council of Boy Scouts of America.

The ceremony continued as Brad Metzler, uncle, portraying the Voice of the Eagle, outlined the responsibilities of an Eagle Scout and the significance of the Eagle Rank.

Each Scouting rank was represented in a candle-

lighting ceremony, which included scouts Josh Biffle, Patrick Drake, Matthew McAden, Josh McAden, Kirk



Dustin Felderhoff

Felderhoff, Jon Ambrose, and John Crabtree.

Drake explained the meaning of the Eagle Badge. He explained that only 2% of all boys in scouting achieve its highest rank, that of Eagle. He further commented, "that the Eagle Scout badge is a symbol of what a young man has done; but, more importantly, it represents what a young man will be in the future when he grows to manhood."

The Honor Guard escorted Dustin's parents to his side so that they might share in his special award. Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel addressed the crowd briefly about the significance of the Eagle Award. He commended Dustin for his hard work, pinned the Eagle Award on Dustin, and presented the distinguished blue Eagle Neckerchief and slide. Neil also read a letter of Congratulations to Dustin from Representative Rick Hardcastle and presented a Certificate of Achievement from Senator Craig Estes.

Dustin was given a special mother's pin by Shirley Knabe, Scoutmaster Troop 605, and was asked to present his mother with the

miniature Eagle pin as a symbol of her unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness.

As a symbol of his father's encouragement and assistance, Dustin presented his father with a miniature Eagle lapel pin.

Drake delivered the Eagle Charge. Dustin repeated the Scout Oath. All Eagle Scouts present rose and repeated the Eagle Scout Pledge. Dustin was then pronounced an Eagle Scout.

Bert Hesse closed the ceremony, and the Color Guard presented the colors. Guests congratulated Dustin at the close of the ceremony.

After the ceremony, a reception was hosted by Dustin's parents at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Muenster. Amanda Felderhoff, Lauren and Dana Pape, and Ronda Metzler served refreshments of punch, tea, cookies, and a specially decorated Eagle cake to guests. Memorabilia of Dustin's trail to Eagle was displayed for the guests to view.

Dustin graduated from Muenster High School in May and will be attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock this fall. His Eagle Scout project was to plant ten red oak trees at the new Jaycee baseball park on Mesquite Street in Muenster. He organized a group of scouts and other volunteers who planted and then maintained the trees for a full year.

Dustin has held the positions of senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, librarian, den chief, troop guide, patrol leader, and assistant patrol leader. He also served as a BSA lifeguard at Camp Grayson. He assisted with Cub Scout camp for several years and taught swimming lessons for six summers. He holds a total of 21 merit badges.

He participated in Junior Leader Training and achieved the Order of the Arrow in 2002. He participated in the Order of the Arrow Ordeal in the fall of 2002. Dustin particularly enjoyed his trek at Philmont Scout Camp in Cimarron, New Mexico.

## Saturday's concert benefits Muenster Jaycee ballpark



Jason Boland & the Stragglers performed Saturday night in the Muenster City Park in a benefit concert sponsored by the Muenster Jaycees. A good turnout of approximately 900 - 1000 Texas Country music fans earned money to be used for the walking track planned for around the Jaycees' baseball complex. Janie Hartman photo

## Reed O'Connor slated to speak at Republican Women's kick off

The Cooke County Republican Women's September kick-off meeting will be held, Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce Building at 7 p.m.

The special featured speaker will be Reed C. O'Connor from Washington, D.C. He is Chief Counsel to Senator John Cornyn, advising him on Judiciary issues, including nominations, legislation, and constitutional issues. He has also been Legislative Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, (Jan. 2003 - Jan. 2005), and Counsel, General Counsel's Office, Executive Office of United States Attorneys (Sept. - Dec. 2002). He is also Assistant United States Attorney for the United States Attorney's Office, Fort Worth.

It is going to be an exciting meeting, in that Mr. O'Connor, who is a part of the selection, appointment, and confirmation of Justice John Roberts to the Supreme Court, will tell all the ins and outs of the process, what is going on now, as well as the make-up of the 13 Federal Courts, and what makes the 13th Court based in Washington D.C. the most powerful Federal Court.

If you've been watching the Judge Roberts appointment and confirmation and wanted to express your opinion, now is the time - Come and be informed!!!

Men and women are encouraged to attend, and refreshments will be served following the meeting. Further information, you may call 940-665-8683.

## County consolidates polls for Nov. 8 Election

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Confusion abounded during the last multi entity election that was held in May because voters were required in some precincts to vote in two or more locations. To avoid this confusion during the Nov. 8 election, Cooke County and the City of Gainesville have agreed to consolidate voting precincts.

The City of Gainesville has planned an election in conjunction with the Constitutional Election scheduled by the State. Cooke County has also scheduled an election for that day to vote on adopting or rejecting a tax freeze on the homesteads of persons with disabilities and persons 65 years of age or older. To avoid voters in Gainesville having to go to more than one place to vote, Commissioners Court and the City of Gainesville have agreed to hold the elections at the same place.

In order for this plan to work smoothly, an agreement had to be forged between the County and the City of

Gainesville to share the polling places for the Nov. 8 election. This agreement passed unanimously at the Aug. 22 regular meeting of Commissioners Court.

Prior to that, Commissioners discussed the merits of consolidating the polling places. County Judge Bill Freeman said that by splitting up the consolidated precincts at the poll and having them go to different tables, the lines might be shortened. "This is our first attempt to try to stop this running all over everywhere trying to vote, and letting citizens come to one spot and get their votes in," Freeman noted.

Several other polling places would also be consolidated, thus cutting down on election expense. Judge Freeman said that this would only happen on special elections such as bond elections. He speculated that in the future the Justice Department might decide to consolidate the smaller election precincts where very few people show to vote

during elections.

The opinion of the public in attendance at the meeting was asked. One thought it was a good idea for this type of election because it saved tax money. Another favored consolidating, but as a resident of Moss Lake she resented that she would have to drive to Lindsay or Muenster to vote. Some people might have to drive as far as 30 miles to vote, she said. Judge Freeman noted that those people might want to vote at the Courthouse during the early election period if they were going to be in town anyway.

Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith remarked, "There's consolidation in the city that's advantageous to the people in the city. Some of the consolidation that you talked about of others are about dollars. They're about saving money at a polling place with fewer election judges. I think we actually lose the opportunity for some of the people to vote, like at Rosston that are not going to come to

Era or wherever to vote."

Smith added that if it took \$300 to get five votes from Rosston, it would be worth it.

"Historically on Constitutional elections, we have consolidated these boxes for years," said Judge Freeman. "The only thing we are doing differently this time is we're putting all the city boxes together. If we did not have the Over 65 on this ballot, I can guarantee we wouldn't have a thousand people vote County-wide." David Jones commented that the right to vote is the most precious right we have and he didn't feel that anybody would be offended to be asked to drive to town or wherever to vote.

Commissioners Court voted to consolidate the polling places as follows, with the election judges and alternate judges also appointed during the meeting:

Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 20, 30, 34, 35, and 37 at

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will be done over the next 10 years. "I've been building bridges and turning them in on this program because I'm doing bridges on school bus routes," remarked Hess. He said he requests maps of the school bus routes in his precinct so that he knows where to build bridges that count towards the match required by the State.

Hess explained to the new commissioners that if they want to work on a bridge on a school bus route, they need to keep track of the time spent, the money, the equipment, and any repairs done to it. If the TxDOT engineer inspects and approves the work done, then it can be used towards the matching funds.

The Court approved the bridges as presented for the matching grant program.

Adopted by the Court is the National Incident Management System as the Standard for Incident Management for Cooke County.

Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher explained, "It institutes a standard language and process for all entities that are going to respond so that the response will be more effective." As an example, he said that a call for a pumper truck in some places might mean a 3,000-gallon truck, while in other places it might be a 200-gallon truck.

"It is designed to standardize across all response teams from the local level to the national level and everything in between, common terminology and planning to make a united response more than just a local response. When all of these people come in and help out, they're all talking the same language and have the same planning techniques in place," Fletcher said. "It will involve some training."

Doug Smithson, chief appraiser for the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD), offered two possible

budgets for the Appraisal side. There is a budget drawn up for the CCAD's Collection side and another for the Appraisal efforts since some entities do their own tax collection, and aren't charged for this side of the CCAD budget. The collection side of the CCAD budget remains the same as last year, he said. One option on the Appraisal side included the cost of pictometry. It was \$7300 higher than the amount would be without the purchase of a pictometry system. Total cost with it is an additional \$11,000 over last year, and without an additional \$3700. That is a 2% increase to the County without pictometry and a 7% increase with it.

Pictometry would be shared by all entities. It is aerial photography. The Sheriff, EMS, Police and Fire Departments, and 911 could all use it. The CCAD's use would be to look for property that is not on the tax roll.

The County approved the CCAD budget with the pictometry option.

In other business conducted Aug. 22 Commissioners Court:

- Heard request by Wayne Dodson to schedule public hearings for the tax rate in the evening so that the working people who pay taxes could attend.

- Approved Proclamation honoring Women's Equality Day in Cooke County. It celebrates women getting the right to vote.

- Approved FY 2003-04 audit completed by Chalk and Smith Independent Auditors. It was given an "unqualified opinion", which is the highest level. It was noted that the County is now GASB 34 acceptable.

- Approved a line item change for the District Clerk Pat Payne's office of \$1200 from conference expense to miscellaneous.

- Approved line item change for Constable Precinct #4 Tony Ward's office of \$450

from conference to miscellaneous.

- Approved line item changes of \$1330 from County Library's N41 Fund (fines and fees) to periodicals, office supplies, and miscellaneous to pay for computer automation.

- Approved discontinuance and vacation of Hickory Springs Subdivision, Lots 1-21, located off FM 902 in Precinct #2.

- Approved specific use permit for a private landing strip located on 23.627 acres off of CR 240 and Ritchey Road within the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission's jurisdiction. Nobody appeared to protest it and the Ray Roberts P&Z had previously approved it.

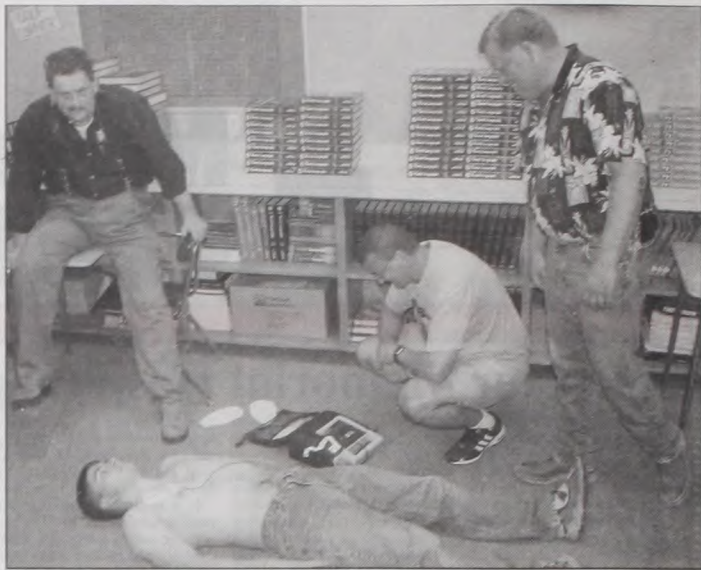
- Approved Sheriff's office bonds for Shawna Davidson, jailer; Gregory Taylor, deputy sheriff; and Sharlet Haas, jailer.

- Approved changes to the Proposed County Budget that included changing the current 30 cents per mile vehicle allowance to 40 cents. That is 1/2 cent less than the government allowable amount of 40.5 cents per mile. It was agreed that County employees should not have to compensate for the amount over the 30-cent cost for gas, insurance, and wear and tear on the vehicle. This applies for the FY 2005-06 year. Also increased by \$7.50 per day is the amount allowed for meals while out of town on business, such as attending schools and conferences. Meal allowances are now breakfast \$10, lunch \$12.50 and dinner \$12.50.

- Held an Executive Session, but took no action.

- Approved change order for materials to be used on Courthouse roof thus saving \$5,263.

- Approved new medical insurance plan and rates for Cooke County that includes a 9.49% rate increase for the same coverage as last year. County Auditor Kent Lashley said that amount would increase by \$2 per employee if he didn't send someone for training on computer update of employee status. He was told to send someone and the money would be found to pay for it.



The Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department held an AED class at Lindsay ISD last week after donating an automated external defibrillator unit to the school. Pictured at the training are Chuck Skinner, EMS; Donald Neu, LHS coach; and Adam Arendt, LVFD chief, with a Lindsay student as the volunteer.

**Lindsay VFD automated external defibrillator program a sound success**

The Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD) is proud to announce the success of their automated external defibrillator program, which has now brought four of these life saving medical devices to the area.

The units will be located at the Lindsay High School, St. Peter's Parish, and two units will be kept at the corporate offices of Complete Energy Services which is located inside the Historic Kress building in downtown Gainesville.

Funds were raised during the Oktoberfest Auction Event and the Annual Truck Dance held in February. Each unit costs over \$2,000 and can be operated easily by following simple directions included with each unit.

LVFD Chief Adam Arendt noted that the community gives their tireless support to the Department, and also spoke of those who serve

within the department. "Our hope is these units will never be needed, but when seconds count, they have the ability to save a person's life."

The LVFD provides 24-hour fire fighting protection to the City of Lindsay, supports the Gainesville Fire Department when called upon, and services residents of Cooke County.

The next fundraising project for the LVFD is for the upgrade of firefighting equipment currently being utilized by the Department. For information about donating items to the Oktoberfest Auction or how you can assist the LVFD achieve their next goal, please contact Chief Arendt at 940-727-8336.

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Gainesville Civic Center with Bob Eggleston and Jerry Lawson as presiding judge and alternate judge respectively;

Precincts 9 and 6 at Callisburg Community Center with Bob Henderson and Frances West;

Precincts 19, 21, and 33 at Conrad Hall in Lindsay with Barbara Felderhoff and Taylor Vestal;

Precincts 12, 14, and 15 at Era Community Center with Ann Knight and George Jones;

Precincts 17 and 18 at Muenster Junior High School Foyer with Mary Endres and Ramona Felderhoff;

Precinct 22 at Lake Kiowa Lodge with Betty Gaertner and Joann Dorsch;

Precincts 10 and 11 at St. John's Parish Hall in Valley View with Deanna Fitzinger and Sharon McCormack;

Early voting at Cooke County Courthouse with Angelo Nasche and Tom Woods.

In addition to the judge and alternate judge, each polling place will be allowed up to two additional clerks, except Gainesville where there will be an additional 10 clerks.

Commissioners were unanimous in voting to approve the Order of Election for the Nov. 8, 2005 local option election for the purpose of adopting or rejecting a tax freeze on the homesteads of person with disabilities or persons 65 years of age or older.

three surgeries scheduled for the week of the meeting, which was his second week at MMH.

A decision on a new phone system was tabled. It was voted to allow the Executive Committee to make a final decision on a phone system when one is available.

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mobile trailer with the MMH logo on the side.

There was no final budget for FY 2005-06 because a tax rate hadn't yet been adopted.

It was reported that the new physician, Dr. Henry Hewes is doing well. Patients are calling the Clinic and requesting to see him. He had

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Sunday, August 28, 2005	Monday, August 29, 2005	Tuesday, August 30, 2005	Wednesday, August 31, 2005	Thursday, September 1, 2005	Friday, September 2, 2005	Saturday, September 3, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Welcome to 4-H Party C.C. Fairgrounds 2-4 PM		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30 S.N.A.P. Center	MISD public hearing on tax rate - Admin. office 7:30 PM Religious Ed classes 7 PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30 S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Board mtg. 10 AM Stanford House - G-ville	
Sunday, September 4, 2005	Monday, September 5, 2005	Tuesday, September 6, 2005	Wednesday, September 7, 2005	Thursday, September 8, 2005	Friday, September 9, 2005	Saturday, September 10, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	<b>Labor Day</b>	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30 S.N.A.P. Center Catholic Daughters mtg. K.C. Hall 7:30 PM Blood drive for Dain Schmidkofer - Factory Outlet Mall 12-4 PM	TDH Immunization Clinic C.C. Electric 9-11 AM Religious Ed classes 6:30 PM Followed by Mass C of C Board mtg. 5:30 PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30 S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SHS Homecoming festivities 6:30 PM - game starts at 7:30 PM AARP Luncheon mtg. 11:30 AM Stanford House G-Ville	<b>Community Wide Garage Sale</b>

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*We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to us at the loss of our uncle, John Kleiss.*

*Special thanks to Father John Ohner for the service, to Donald and Barbara Rohmer, and Joseph McCoy for the beautiful music and singing. Also, to the Eucharistic ministers, the Mass servers, and to Linda Sepanski for leading the 4 o'clock rosary.*

*We are thankful for the delicious meal prepared by many and served so lovingly by the CDAs, and to the K of Cs for sharing their hall.*

*We also want to thank McCoy Funeral Home for their many acts of kindness, and the nurses and the staff at St. Richard's for their care and loving support shown to Uncle John.*

*For the Mass offerings, flowers, food, and memorial cards, we are truly grateful.*

*May God Bless.*

*The nephews and nieces and their families.*

# OBITUARIES

## Thomas Corcoran

1938 - 2005

By Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Thomas William Corcoran of Saint Jo on Monday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville, officiated by father Don Brennan O.S.A.

Mr. Corcoran died on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2005 in Saint Jo at his home at age 67.

He was born on April 13, 1938 in Gainesville to John and Catherine Herr Corcoran.

Survivors are son and daughter-in-law Mike and Donna Corcoran of Lindsay, son and daughter-in-law Steve and Jenny Corcoran of Gainesville, and son Patrick Corcoran of Munday, Texas; four grandchildren, sisters and brothers-in-law Helen and Bud Metzler of Gainesville, Charlotte Zwinggi of Gainesville, Vivian Kasperek of Lindsay, and Linda and Tom Brown of Commerce.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a sister Doris DeRossett; brothers Harold Corcoran and John Thomas Corcoran.

Thomas William Corcoran, known locally and to his family as Tommy, was raised in Gainesville, and attended school in Gainesville, and then earned two years of college credit. He was raised as a member of St. Mary's Parish. Tommy was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and also held the office of Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. In his occupation, he was primarily a diesel mechanic. He loved hunting, fishing, and working with his hands. From 1956 to March 1963 he served in the U.S. Army, a portion (1956 - 1961) in Reserves/National Guard. He had worked as a mechanic in the Alaskan oil field. He was the owner and operator of Corcoran Diesel.

A Rosary service was held at McCoy Funeral Chapel in Muenster on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. led by Donna Corcoran.

Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial assisting Father Don, were altar servers Julian Smith and N. J. Roesser.

Nancy Walter, a sister-in-law, gave the First Reading, The Responsorial "The Lord Is My Shepherd" was sung. The Second Reading was given by Donna Corcoran, a daughter-in-law. Father Don read the Prayers of the Faithful. Caitlin and Sarah Corcoran, granddaughters, presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar.

Steven Zwinggi, nephew, and Donna Corcoran, daughter-in-law, were Eucharistic ministers.

Christy Hesse, soloist, and Pat Hennigan, Jr., organist, were music ministers. Sacred songs included "Amazing Grace", "The Old Rugged Cross", "The Irish Blessing", "Celtic Song of Farewell", and "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

Remarks of Remembrance were given by John Corcoran, a nephew. He said in part, "The first thought that comes to mind when I think of Uncle Tommy, is seeing a big smile, and hearing that laugh... he laughed with his whole heart and whole soul... In Tommy's prime, he was a hard worker..."

"Tommy's dancing was legendary among his peers. There was not a step he couldn't do, and do it well. Tommy didn't cut a rug, he shredded it."

"Years ago I remember Father Placidus giving a sermon and talking about Heaven... Father felt that we may be able to enjoy some of the things we like on earth also in heaven... If that is the case, I can see Tommy having a beautiful garden, with no insects or weeds, and rain every time it needs it. I can see Tommy at the most beautiful, peaceful lake, sitting on a stump, and

## Blood drive slated for Schmidtkofer

There will be a blood drive for Dain Schmidtkofer, 11-year-old son of Doris and Butch Schmidtkofer, who was injured in an accident recently. The blood drive will be held at the Factory Outlet Mall in Gainesville, Suite 340, on Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 12 to 4 p.m.

casting time after time, never losing a lure, never missing a fish... I can see that big smile, and I can hear that laugh."

Burial in Fairview Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were five nephews, John Kasperek, Chris Metzler, John Corcoran, Lamar Brown, and Kenneth Karr, and a family friend Danny Neu.



Thomas Corcoran

## DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

### 65 YEARS AGO Aug. 23, 1940

Rev. Francis Zimmerer OSB, Sacred Heart's assistant pastor, is transferred to Windthorst to serve as pastor there. Rev. Richard Evedl OSB, new assistant pastor, arrives from Subiaco Abbey. Muenster Gin gets set for its best prospects in years; some farmers anticipate three times the yield they had last year. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hess and

son, and Frank Hess to visit relatives in Louisville, Kentucky. Joyce Bentley, Dorothy Mae Luke, and Bertha Jane Hoehn will enter nurses training at St. Paul's Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Swirczynski and Joe Swirczynski return from two-week trip through Kansas, Colorado, and West Coast states. Robert Weinzapfel, who finished a flyers' elimination course in Florida, is here for a visit and will

return to duty upon call. The John Fisher family has returned from a three-week vacation through Colorado, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, and California.

### 50 YEARS AGO Aug. 26, 1955

September 1 will be the first day of the new scholastic year for some 680 students attending the two Muenster schools. Good attendance hailed the opening of Muenster's swimming pool last Sunday, as about 300 parents and kids took their first dip in the City's new facility. Men In Service: PFC Maurus Rohmer receives separation papers; Pvt. Herbert Fleitman is stationed in California; Cpl. Clyde Muller is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington; Marine PFC Meinrad Yosten is assigned to duty in Hawaii. Joe Noggler accepts a full scholarship to play football with the Texas Longhorns. Weddings: Dolores Haverkamp and Leroy Wiesmann; Evelyn Noggler and Martin Fritz; Celine Felderhoff and Urban Schrage. Joe and Charles Felderhoff took Sisters Amora, Lutgardis, Mildred, and Georgia back to Jonesboro, Arkansas after their visit here. The Andy Mondays return from 10-day vacation in Tennessee. Dan and Dolores Luke move to Elk City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Ben Seyler visits her daughter Sister Mary John in Jonesboro. New Arrivals: Mary Elizabeth to Ray and Bernice Kupper; Carol to Diamond and Evelyn Fuhrmann; a daughter to the Townsend Millers; a son to the William Koerners.

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Farming can be rewarding at times, and then again, it can be frustrating. One year everything goes so well, and the next, it's just not the same.

Farmers put a lot of time and energy, not to mention expenses, fuel, wear and tear on expensive equipment, fertilizer, and seed, which is higher each year, not to mention rent. This year, which began last summer, looked good for a time, but the summer rains that were so good for the cattle and grass, continued into the fall and winter, keeping the farmers out of their fields. Some wheat was planted, but many acres had to be used in the spring, and much of the land was still wet then, delaying the planting of maize and corn.

Maize looks good, but corn, getting off to a late start, finally came up and grew like mad. Then the rains stopped, and with the summer heat, the land began to dry, and eventually the corn followed suit. Now the corn is being harvested, but due to stress from the dryness, it cannot be used by the mills as usual, so another loss is added.

Farmers are a hardy lot, and will be looking for the next crop to be great.

The Muenster Fire Department held their annual barbecue dinner recently. The barbecue was excellent - better than most. We enjoyed it, and the trimmings.

Well, it's wet again, and we are enjoying that too. It's not often that we get to see green grass in August. Usually, things are more brown and showing the effects of hot and dry weather. Cattle are doing well. Fat and sassy.

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## Texas joins the nation in the crackdown on drunk driving

With Labor Day and the last surge of summer road trips, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced that Texas will be part of a coast-to-coast effort to remove drunk drivers from the nation's streets and highways. Between Aug. 19 and Sept. 5, State troopers and thousands of local law enforcement officers will be stepping up enforcement of the State's DWI laws.

"We're putting drivers on notice: if you drink and drive during the upcoming Labor Day holiday, you're asking for trouble," said Steve Simmons, TxDOT's Deputy Executive Director. "TxDOT is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA),

the Texas Department of Public Safety, and local law enforcement organizations statewide to get drunk drivers off the road."

NHTSA reports that alcohol was involved in almost half of the traffic deaths that occurred in Texas in 2003, and predicts that alcohol will be a factor in seven of the 10 traffic deaths expected during the Labor Day weekend.

This month, motorists can also expect billboards, and radio and television ads warning them not to drink and drive. First-time DWI offenders can lose their driver's license for as much as a year, pay a fine of up to \$2,000, and serve up to 180 days in jail.

Earl J. Fisher was a special man who touched many lives in many wonderful ways. His life's example carries on in those he helped. The outpouring from so many of Earl's friends and family friends is truly appreciated. Your kind words, thoughts, and prayers have certainly helped us celebrate Earl's passing in a dear and meaningful way. This is how he wanted it. For this, we send our thanks and appreciation.

If we have missed sending a thank you personally we apologize. Please accept this as our "thank you".



Velma Fisher, Joan, Doris, Robert, Gary, Alan, Janice Mary, Judy, and Glenn.

# LIFESTYLE

## McElreath, Wiese pledge wedding vows June 4

Stephanie Ann McElreath and Brian Donald Wiese were united in marriage on Saturday, June 4, 2005 at 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Gainesville. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Rosa McElreath of Gainesville, and the granddaughter of the late Rufus and Dortha McElreath of Gainesville and Rosario Sanchez de Lopez and the late Julio Lopez of Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

The groom is the son of Don and Kim Wiese of Gainesville, and the grandson of Francis and Clara Mae Wiese of Gainesville and Wilfred and Polly Reiter of Muenster.

The bride was presented at the altar and given in marriage by her parents. For her wedding, Stephanie wore a white Oleg Cassini dress that was hand-embroidered, with a strapless, beaded lace bodice with a small satin belt and a full organza skirt. The skirt was also drawn into a French style bustle for the reception. Stephanie wore a two-layer, elbow-length tulle veil. Complementing her gown, Stephanie wore a pearl drop necklace with matching earrings and bracelet designed by Lana Wiese, aunt of the groom, of Wiese's Clocks. Her flowers were a hand tied bouquet of white roses, stock, and lavender fillers.

Along with her flowers, Stephanie carried a handkerchief embroidered by Brian's grandmother, Polly Reiter, with the couples' names and wedding date. Mrs. Reiter used Brian's baptismal bonnet

for the handkerchief.

The ceremony began with prelude music by a three-piece ensemble of Bob Fletcher on guitar, Cindy Carter on flute, and Janice Call on violin. The three also provided vocals for the ceremony. The families were escorted to "Canon in D". The bridal party entered to "Minuet in G" followed by the sound of the bell ringers announcing the entrance of the bride. Stephanie entered the church to an acoustic version of Elvis Presley's "I Can't Help Falling in Love".

The Rev. Dr. Joe Pool of Gainesville performed the ceremony. During the joining of the families, soloist Lana Wiese, sang "Surely the Presence". The couple did a sand ceremony for the unity portion of the ceremony to "We're Giving Our Lives to You First" performed by the trio. Separate vials of sand and soil from each couple's parents' and grandparents' land were blended together in a single vase signifying the couple's inseparable unity in marriage. The recessional was "Ode to Joy".

### ATTENDANTS

The bride's matron of honor was her sister Eva McElreath-Woody.

Bridesmaids were Kimberly Oakley-McElreath, sister-in-law, and Laura Sears, friend since kindergarten.

Matron of honor, Eva, wore a white ruche strapless chiffon top with periwinkle floral embroidery and a tea-length periwinkle A-line organza skirt. Bridesmaids wore a white iridescent taffeta

strapless top with a periwinkle ribbon fastened around their waist with a silver brooch and a tea-length periwinkle A-line organza skirt. The attendants also wore a pearl drop necklace and matching earrings designed by Lana Wiese and carried hand-tied bouquets of white stock.

Flower Girls were Lexi Coker of Callisburg, Leah Knabe of Muenster, Brooklyn Shaw of Gainesville, and Elizabeth Gilmer of Lindsay, friends of the bride. The girls wore white dresses of their choice and carried white satin flower baskets with pearl handles filled with white

rose petals.

Best men to the groom were the groom's brothers, David and Stephen Wiese of Gainesville. Groomsmen was James Call of Gainesville, friend of the groom.

Bell Ringers were Mason and Zachary Woody of Gainesville, nephews of the bride, Blake Reiter of Spring, Texas, cousin of the groom, and William Kennemer of Cypress, Texas, cousin of the groom. The boys wore white button up shirts with black dress pants and rang silver bells.

Readers were Jennifer Bass-Eberhart of Gainesville, friend of the

bride, and Christina Wiese, sister of the groom.

Greeter for the ceremony was the bride's nephew Tye McElreath. Tye greeted guests and handed out the wedding programs.

Ushers were Jonathan Edwards of Lubbock, Gene Bowles of Lubbock, and Matthew Richter of The Woodlands. All three are college friends of Brian.

### RECEPTION

A wedding reception followed the ceremony at the Texas Sundown Ranch in Sanger. Guests enjoyed a full dinner with dessert of a six-layered wedding cake with different flavors on each layer. The cake topper was a silver monogram of the couple designed by the groom's cousin Brody Kopenhafer, and three flags representing the unity of cultures shared by the McElreath-Wiese family, America, Spain, and Germany.

Santana and Chad Krueger's song "Why Don't You and I Get Together" was the song the newlyweds chose to dance their first dance to. Stephanie and her father, Steve, danced to Martina McBride's "In My Daughter's Eyes" and then Brian and his mother, Kim, danced to Travis Tritt's "I See Me."

All married couples were asked to dance. During that dance the DJ began asking couples to sit out the dance with those married the least number of years sitting down first. The DJ was surprised to see how many remained as the number of years increased. Finally only three couples remained on the dance floor. They

were Brian's grandparents the Reiters and Wieses, and his great aunt and uncle Arthur and Evie Felderhoff. They were asked to give advice to the couple. Wilfred quipped, "Have 10 kids," and Clara said, "Give in" and Evie said, "Marriage is a 50-50 relationship".

The rehearsal dinner was provided by the groom's parents Don and Kim Wiese at The Roadhouse in Lindsay. The couple was presented with a movie of pictures gathered together by their mothers highlighting their childhood and special moments throughout their life.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Gainesville High School and a May 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock with two Bachelor degrees in Spanish and English, along with a minor in Human Development and Family Studies. She is pursuing her Masters of Professional Counseling at Argosy University in Schaumburg, Illinois. Stephanie is employed as assistant director of Bright Horizons in Rosemont, a suburb of Chicago.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Gainesville High School, a May 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, and a May 2005 graduate of Texas Tech with his Masters of Engineering. Brian is employed by Chicago Bridge and Iron, an engineering firm.

After a honeymoon to Spain, the couple now resides in Naperville, Illinois.



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Donald Wiese  
...nee Stephanie McElreath...

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Schilling

First-time parents, Brad and Stephanie Schilling of Muenster, are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Isaac Bradley Schilling, born Friday, Aug. 12, 2005 at 10:11 p.m. in North Texas Medical Center. Isaac weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. and was 21 inches in length. Grandparents are Duwayne and Sharlene Schilling of Muenster and Alvin and Patricia Fleitman of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Charlie Wimmer of Muenster and the late Isabel Wimmer, Polly Dulock of Forth Worth and the late Albert Dulock, the



Isaac Schilling

late Frank and Caroline Schilling, and the late John and Anna Fleitman.

## VFW Auxiliary Post #6205 holds August 15 meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 15. President Frances Bayer led the meeting. Chaplain Hilda Sicking led the opening prayer, assisted by Conductress Linda Knabe and Patriotic Instructor Eleanor Felderhoff pro tem.

Roll call and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Ida Bindel. The treasurer's report was given by Ethel Hesse.

The District I meeting,

held in Gainesville on Aug. 13 and 14, was reported on by Frances Bayer. Frances is Americanism chairman of District I and she had the honor of leading the POW-MIA ceremony at the meeting.

The District I president will make her official visit to the Muenster Auxiliary at the Sept. 19 meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Lucille Hesse served lunch to 10 members. Eleanor Felderhoff won the door prize.

## MHRST seeks Board member

Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma is seeking individuals with a vested interest in mental health and mental retardation services to serve on its Planning and Network Advisory Committee. Family members of children receiving mental health or mental retardation services are especially needed. For more information, contact

Customer Relations/Staff Development Coordinator, Tonia Vernon at tvernon@mnmrst.org or 903-957-4873.

## Give the "Gift of Life", donate blood

The Texoma Regional Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive at North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville on Friday, Sept. 2, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NTMC and the Gainesville Kiwanis Club sponsor the drive. The public is invited to participate.

The Texoma Regional Blood Center serves the comprehensive blood needs of the citizens of Cooke, Grayson, and Fannin counties.

For more information on the blood drive, contact Gayla Blanton, Director of Community Relations at NTMC, 940-612-8373, or any Gainesville Kiwanis Club member.

### Lightning safety information

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Walk Across Texas will kick-off in Cooke County on Thursday, Sept. 1 with a kick-off party in Leonard Park at 6 p.m. Walk Across Texas is a fun and flexible way to exercise. Just get together with seven other people and start walking, jogging, or even biking. Or, the sponsors can pair you up with others to complete your team.

You can walk together or individually, outside or at a mall or gym, any way that fits your schedule and lifestyle. You keep track of your miles to see if you and your team can together walk the 800 miles across Texas in eight weeks. Report your totals to the Cooke County Extension Office or on-line and see how your team measures up against the others in our County.

Texas, participants will have a healthy habit that could last a lifetime. The team and individual who "walked" the most will receive awards and prizes at the completion of the eight weeks.

The Kick-off event will feature free hot dogs. Prizes will be given the dirtiest shoe during the dirty sneaker contest. Other door prizes will be given and everyone will walk together around Leonard Park to start the eight weeks of fitness.

Even if you cannot attend the kick-off event, you can still participate in Walk Across Texas. Just call or come by the Cooke County Extension Office for a registration packet and instructions on how to get started.

For more information contact Angel Neu at (940) 668-5415.

By the end of Walk Across

## COLLEGE NEWS

**University of North Texas**  
Richard Endres has been named to the Dean's List at the University of North Texas for the 2005 Spring Semester. Only students who have completed 12 or more hours during the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 or better are named to the Dean's List. Richard has been attending the School of Merchandising and Hospitality Management at UNT.

**TWU**  
Texas Woman's University has released its Dean's List for the spring 2005 semester. Undergraduate students who complete at least 12 graded credit hours and achieve the minimum grade point average as determined by their particular college or school are eligible for the dean's list.

Students on the list included:  
**Muenster** - Jayna Biffle who is majoring in Dental

Hygiene. She achieved a 4.0 GPA; and Jennifer Hoedebeck who is majoring in Kinesiology.  
**Lindsay** - Carolyn Krebs whose major is Interdisciplinary Studies; Rachel Lively who is majoring in English and who achieved a 4.0 GPA; and Robin Neu who is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

**SWOSU**  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford has announced both the President's and Dean's Honor Rolls for the 2005 summer semester.

An undergraduate student who earns all A's in six or more hours during the summer semester qualifies for the President's Honor Roll. There were 196 students who were named to the President's Honor Roll. Listed among that number were Christopher Earl Grewing and Kelly Michelle Grewing, both of Muenster.



David and Carolyn Kitchen of Shady Side, Maryland announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Carrie Louise Kitchen to Air Force 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Russell Benjamin Fette, son of David and Pam Fette of Belton, Texas. The bride-elect graduated from Salisbury University of Maryland with a degree in Elementary Education, and taught at Huntington Elementary School. The future-groom is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Muenster, and is a graduate of the Air Force Academy in Colorado. He holds a Masters degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and is in training to be a fighter pilot at Sheppard Field in Wichita Falls, Texas. The wedding will be held in St. Andrew On The Bay Church in Arnold, Maryland on Nov. 5, 2005.

## Kolby celebrates 5th

Kolby Anthony Klement, son of Kevin and Terri Klement, celebrated his 5th birthday on Sunday, July 25 at his home. His actual birth date is July 28. Kolby's party had a John Deere theme, with tractor banners and table decorations throughout the kitchen and living areas.

Guests were served lunch, which consisted of smoked chicken, twice-baked potatoes, corn casserole, salad, and rolls. The John Deere cake was made by Stephanie Heady and was served along with ice cream.

Children enjoyed striking a tractor pinata, and barrel rides given behind a 4-wheeler. They also played on a huge blow-up water slide. John Deere goody boxes were given to

the guests. Those attending the party were Kolby's parents, brother Kyle, sister Whitley, grandparents Tony and Sis Klement and Helen and David Fisher; Godparents Aunt Peachie and Uncle Neil Huchton; and Sydney, Aunt Dyan, Dane, and Debra Huchton; cousins Craig, Connie, Sadie, and Andrew Stoffels; friends Glenn, Tracey, Caleb, and Cameron Skrivanek, and Ron, Judy, Alley, Zach, and Carson Trubenbach.

On Kolby's actual birthday, he celebrated at Chuck E. Cheese in Sherman with a party from his grandfather Jim Whitley. Kolby celebrated with his Dad, who turned 44 on July 27! Kolby's parents and siblings attended.

Success is the knack of seeing things as they are, then doing them as they ought to be done.

## Extension Clubs review future activities

The Cooke Extension Education Council met Aug. 9 at Stanford House. Mary Wambaugh, chairman, conducted the meeting.

State E. E. Conference will be held Sept. 13-15 in Waco. Chairperson Mary Wambaugh, Delegates Nelda Hudspeth and Clara Ball, and Marge Hendry plan to attend. Cultural Arts projects made by Clara Ball, Mary Dozier, Karen Endres, and Mary Morse will be taken to State Conference to be judged.

It was announced that VISTO is having a drive for food. Club members will be asked to donate food items or money. Collected items will be taken to the October Council meeting.

Arts & Crafts Sell-O-Rama committee chairpersons were selected. Publicity chairperson Mary Wambaugh will purchase a new Sell-O-Rama Banner. Harriet Scoggins has done some publicity in Muenster.

There will be a special Council meeting Sept. 6 at 1:30 p.m. at Stanford House to complete the slate of Council officers.

## Still time to enroll for Fall in NCTC horticulture classes

For persons interested in preparing for a career in a horticulture-related field, there's still plenty of space left in fall semester classes at North Central Texas College and plenty of time left to register.

Horticulture is one of newest programs being offered by NCTC, and lead instructor Ashley Hartman says job opportunities are plentiful for those who have the right training.

"Non-majors are welcome in the program too," Hartman said. "Many of the courses are ideal for hobbyists and other folks who may just want to get some in-depth knowledge of plants, landscaping techniques, and so on that they can put into practice at their own home or property."

"For those seeking occupational training, the program prepares graduates to work in multiple facets of the multi-billion dollar horticulture industry, including nurseries and landscaping firms, seed and turf companies, florist shops, commercial greenhouses, and many others such as golf courses, parks, and resorts."

Hartman said students in the NCTC horticulture program learn a variety of horticultural techniques such as plant propagation, organic gardening, soil preparation, plant identification, and pest management. Courses are taught using a range of teaching methods consisting of hands-on labs, one-on-one instruction, fieldtrips, and lectures.

"We have a great lineup of

courses in the 2005 fall semester schedule," Hartman said. "There are evening as well as daytime sections, so prospective students should be able to find a class that fits their personal schedule."

Fall 2005 horticulture offerings include:

- Horticulture Techniques (HALT1492) - the foundation course for the program. The course follows the Texas Master Gardener curriculum manual, and students can pursue a Master Gardener certification upon completion of the course.

- Floral Design (FMKT1301) - A late addition to the schedule, this course is not listed in the printed class schedule for fall 2005. In addition to basic flower arranging techniques, the course teaches how to care for fresh floral designs to help them last longer. Other topics include floral nomenclature, floral art history, and the use of mechanical aids in floral design.

- Greenhouse/Garden Center Management (HALT2304) - Teaches fundamentals of producing plants in a commercial setting. Students will learn about various greenhouse structures as well as heating, cooling, and irrigation systems. Other topics include soil preparation, fertilization, planting, propagation, and pest control.

- Interior Plants (HALT1209) - Course covers identification and classification of plants used

in-home interiors. Other topics include design techniques for homes and offices, environmental requirements, and propagation of interior plants.

"I know the term 'hands-on' is sometimes overused," Hartman said, "but just about every course in this program includes a large amount of practical, hands-on experiences using the Elnora Smith Greenhouse here on campus and elsewhere. We also take numerous field trips to commercial greenhouses, florist shops, landscaping firms, and so on to give students a feel for what's really going on out there in the workplace."

The best news of all, Hartman said, is that there is still space in most of the classes, and prospective students still have time to enroll. Although early registration for fall is coming to a close, students can enroll during regular registration on Aug. 22 (Bowie Campus) Aug. 23 (Gainesville Campus) and Aug. 24-25 (Corinth Campus). Students may register online for courses at any campus throughout the week of Aug. 22-25.

In addition, there will be a period of late registration, for which a late fee is charged, from Aug. 27 to 30 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

For more information about the horticulture program at NCTC, contact Ashley Hartman at 940-668-7731 or by e-mail: ahartman@nctc.edu.

## NEWS OF THE SICK

Dain Schmidkofer, 11-year-old son of Doris and Butch Schmidkofer, was injured in an accident last weekend. Cards will reach him at the following address: Ronald McDonald House, 1004 7th Avenue, Room 218, Fort Worth, TX 76104.



Kolby Klement

Odelia Detten's family invites you to come celebrate her **100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** on Sunday, Sept. 4 from 2-4 pm. at St. Richard's Villa.



### Man's Best Friend Dies

Augustus "Gus", best friend of the Bob and Yvonne Ambrose family died on August 13, 2005 in their home following a brief illness from a snake bite.

Gus, a 14 year old black lab, was adopted by Jennifer at the age of 4 years from a Denton couple. He was described as very friendly, loved kids and other dogs, and wanted lots of attention.

In his earlier years, Gus was often seen trotting to town on So. Hwy 373 to visit the home of Jake and Freck Schilling, often stopping by Neil and Peachie Huchton's gas station to visit. Then he would get a ride home in Freck's pickup, something they both enjoyed.

Gus always met the family at the end of our drive to race us to the house eager to meet and greet us. In his later years, we had to slow down to let him win.

He was also a best friend to the numerous kittens and cats we've had over the years. They will miss snuggling up to him this winter when it gets cold outside.

He will be remembered for his quick friendly smiles, happy tail wags, his warm brown eyes, and affectionate snugs to get his head rubbed. He never judged, was in a bad mood and never required more than a pat on the head and a kind word. He was truly man's best friend.

Gus has been buried in the backyard near his trail that he walked daily to identify his territory.

Gus is survived by his family, Bob, Yvonne, Jon, Duncan, Jennifer, and Jacob.



## NOTICE

Classes will begin Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9:15 a.m. in Sacred Heart High School Library for those who would like to join the Catholic Church. If interested in learning more about the church or joining the Catholic faith, call Barbara Rohmer at 759-2511, ext. 16, for an interview.

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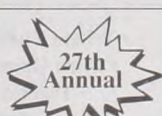
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# SCHOOL

## Sacred Heart Machinators are back in action

It's fall again and the Sacred Heart Machinators are back in action! The robot's task this year will be announced on Sept. 11, the competition's kick off date. Until then, the Machinators wait, actively making preparations for the upcoming season. Roughly 20 students of the Robotics team are enrolled in a CAD engineering course, which teaches skills useful to designing their robot every year.

As always the old members of the team are actively recruiting new and enthusiastic members to join the Robotics club. For the second year, they would like to extend an invitation to any 8th - 12th grade students in the area who are interested in participating on the Robotics team. Any people with any variety of talents are welcome to join the Machinators. They can always use the help of those who are creative or who enjoy presenting speeches, doing scientific research, or designing things. Please contact Brittany White at 759-2007 for more information.

A major part of the Machinators' pre-season preparation is fundraising. They

recently raised money for their team by picking up the trash at the Concert in the Park put on by the Muenster Jaycees last Saturday. They also depend on the donations of past sponsors and supporters, and they realize that without them their previous success would not have been possible.

This year the Sacred Heart Robotics team plans to use the money they raise to buy a new laptop and t-shirts for their members and fans for the BEST competitions. Finally, as they have done in the past, the team plans to give their extra money in the form of a scholarship to each graduating member of the team. The Machinators have created three levels of sponsorships in order of prestige: Corporate, Banner, and Donor. Every donor's business will be

advertised on a banner at both BEST competitions this upcoming year.

Last year was a huge success for the Machinators. At the regional meet, North Texas BEST, the team placed 2nd in the BEST competition, and like the year before, 3rd place with the robot. They advanced to the State meet, Texas BEST, and came in 13th nationally in the BEST competition and 8th nationally with the robot. They also received the 1st place award for most robot and 2nd in Creative Design.

Each year the Machinators plan to become more competitive and successful. Right now they are working vigorously in anticipation of the kick off day and will keep you posted with their progress in the upcoming weeks.

### CORRECTION

There was an error in last week's Lindsay ISD back-to-school story. The sentence that read, Stepping into Monica Parkhill's vacated position of elementary secretary is Kim Otto. It should have said elementary principal rather than secretary. We apologize for the error.

### JUST A THOUGHT

If you were to spell out numbers, you would have to go to one thousand before you would find the letter "A".

## LISD teachers learn about Keep Lindsay Beautiful (KLB)

Lindsay ISD teachers were "treated" to information during a recent in-service program. Donna Corcoran, chairman of the Keep Lindsay Beautiful (KLB) program, presented packets of information to each teacher. She gave an overview of both KLB and Keep Texas Beautiful. She stressed that the most important aspect of both programs is educating the public regarding recycling, composting, using our environment for the benefit of our future generations, and living in a "beautiful" habitat.

Ms. Corcoran shared with the teachers the success stories of Larry Schumacher, a Lindsay high school teacher, and Tim Block, an individual who loves his hometown enough to constantly be picking up trash.

She reminded the teachers of the success that the students had with the penny match program, which was well received.

### Time saving tip

Use a "to do" list each day to help you prioritize the most important activities for that day. Next to each entry, assign a number from one to five with the highest priority being one. Then re-draft your list so that the most important things are first, and the least important last. Then do them in order, from most important to least. Anything left at the end of the day gets put on tomorrow's list.

## Riding Club awards scholarships



Ancil Thurman, far right, Saint Jo Riding Club president, awarded three college scholarships at the Saint Jo Rodeo. From left, Candice McCrary of Saint Jo received \$1500, with Michelle Pagel, Muenster High graduate, and Rebecca Stalling, Sacred Heart graduate, both receiving \$500. Courtesy photo



President/CEO Alvin Fuhrman, of Nortex Communications, awards a scholarship to Cheryl Knabe, Lindsay High School graduate. Knabe will be attending North Western Community College in Rangely, Colorado majoring in Computer Technology. Nortex awards two scholarships each year to area students.

## 2005 Hornet Homecoming Court



The 2005 Muenster Hornet Homecoming Court consists of, from left, back - senior queen candidates Abby Endres, Megan Dangelmayr, Kelly Endres, and Jacé Koelzer. Front princesses, Junior Melissa Cox, sophomore Lindsey Watson, and freshman Shelby Hess. The MHS queen will be crowned Friday, Sept. 9, during the halftime program of the Muenster Hornet and S&S Ram game. Pre-game festivities begin at 7 p.m. Janie Hartman photo

### Safety tip

If a person or object comes in contact with a power line, don't touch the person, object, or line. Call 911 immediately!

## LUNCH MENUS

### WEEK OF AUG. 29 - SEPT. 2

#### SACRED HEART

Mon. - Cook's choice.  
Tues. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, green beans, blonde brownies, bread.  
Wed. - Ham, black-eyed peas, green salad w/spinach leaves, fruit

salad, bread.  
Thurs. - Beef stew, cornbread, mixed fruit.  
Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream, trail mix.

#### MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili and cheese, beans, potato salad, brownies, pineapple.  
Tues. - Lasagna, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.  
Wed. - Chicken patty sandwich, chips and salsa, fresh vegetables, oranges, cookies.  
Thurs. - Turkey roast, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.  
Fri. - Barbecue

sandwiches, pickles, onions, oven baked French fries, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.

#### LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Corn dog, baked beans, carrot and celery sticks, peaches.  
Tues. - Nachos w/meat and cheese, ranch style beans, fresh fruit, jello.  
Wed. - Beef tips w/rice, green beans, pears, batterbread.  
Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, carrots, peas, lettuce salad, pineapple, bread.  
Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

#### ERA ISD

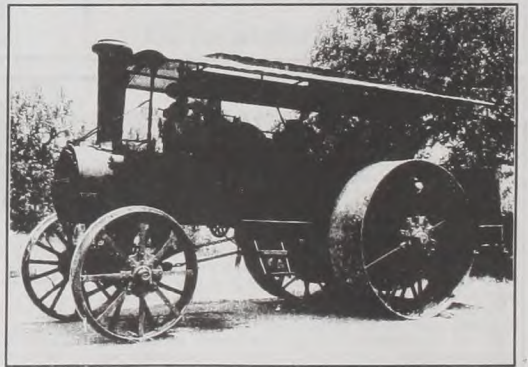
Mon. - Chicken crispito, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.  
Tues. - Chicken fried steak or barbecue wieners, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, sliced pears, hot roll.  
Wed. - Lasagna or fish sticks, green beans, tossed salad, sliced peaches, breadstick.  
Thurs. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, fruit mix, Texas toast.  
Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, tator tots, pickle spears, ice cream.

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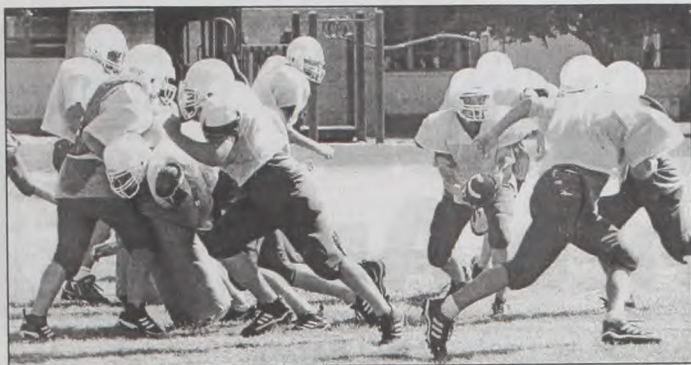


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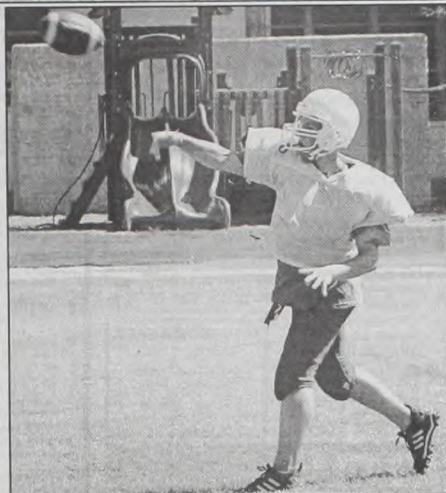
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## Advanced football ticket sales announced by Muenster ISD

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## Muenster High School students invited to 5th Quarter

Looking for something fun to do after Friday's football game? All MISD High School students (Grades 9-12) are invited to the 5th Quarter at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. It will begin Friday, Aug. 26 immediately following the game between the Muenster Hornets and Bells. The music, food, and fellowship will last until 11:45 p.m.

## Correction to TCJGA article

Dylan Flusche was left out of the list of other local kids who were members of the Tri-County Junior Golf Association. He is the son of David and Laurie Ann Flusche.



## Boating

with Hank Parker

## Boating Weather - Whether or not you should head for shore

Deciding whether or not to get off the boat and head for shore when weather conditions worsen is a choice that should not be taken lightly. I realize that for many anglers the decision to pull up anchor and stop fishing, especially when the fish are biting, is not something that is easily determined. Just like many of you, I have had several occasions out on the water when the fishing was too good to be true, only to have it spoiled by darkening clouds and increasing winds. In some cases I even considered the option of riding out the storm, but then I would remind myself that the fish would be there tomorrow. And believe me, they were. I enjoy fishing just as much if not more than the next guy, but the bottom line is when weather forecasts predict stormy weather, you're better off watching my show on television or practicing knot tying in the comforts of your house.

Before heading outdoors it is a wise idea to always check the local weather forecasts. Pay special attention to wind direction and strength and also any predictions of thunderstorms. All of these factors will impact your fishing techniques along with travel once on the water. Planning your travel on the water with wind conditions will prevent you from having to punch home in rough waters by avoiding high swells. Every angler should keep a NOAA weather radio (NWR) on the boat so they can monitor weather forecasts throughout the day and never be caught off guard. Another helpful tool when

planning your next outing is a weather map. An accurate weather map can be found in your local newspaper or on television. A weather map is covered in lines called isobars. These isobars link areas of equal air pressure. By looking at the map, you can determine how air pressure systems are moving. High-pressure systems in the northern hemisphere, marked by the letter H, spin clockwise while low-pressure systems, marked by the letter L, spin counterclockwise. The closeness of the isobars to each other will reveal the pressure differentials. The closer the isobars, the stronger the wind will be in that area.

As a general rule, high-pressure areas typically contain fine to mild conditions, whereas low-pressure areas carry most of the rain. A short line pointing in a specific direction reveals wind travel. At the end of the line are a number of 'fingers' that indicate wind strength. Regularly looking at the systems and using a weather map will aid any angler in relating what is shown on the chart to the weather actually experienced.

It pays to be prepared for any weather condition. By never underestimating the power of Mother Nature, your time on the water can be a lot more productive and enjoyable. Whether you go by the saying, "red sky in the morning sailors take warning; red sky at night, sailor's delight," or if you can just feel the weather changes in your bones, everyone should keep an eye to the sky when out the water.

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### Tragedy

A Bosque County warden worked on a boating accident on Lake Whitney

involving two PWCs. An investigation revealed that the two PWCs had collided with each other while crossing from opposite directions behind the path of a boat towing a tube. The occupants of the PWCs and the boat were family and friends who were vacationing on Lake Whitney for a few days. One male subject suffered no apparent injuries and refused medical treatment. The other male subject suffered internal injuries and was care-flighted from the scene to Hillcrest Hospital in Waco where he later died.

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fresh frozen 5 lb. **\$1.29** lb.

heavy beef Porterhouse Steak **\$5.99** lb.

family pack previously frozen Split Fryer Breast **89¢** lb.

wilsons Hard Salami **\$2.99** lb.  
market sliced or block Sharp Cheddar Cheese **\$2.69** lb.

fischer's fully cooked Polish Sausage **\$2.39** lb.

Oscar Mayer Meat Wieners all varieties, 1 lb. pkg. **3 for \$4**

shurline regular or hot Breakfast Sausage **\$1.99** ea. 1 lb. roll

Cook's Shank Portion Ham bone-in **99¢** lb.  
Butt Portion **\$1.19** lb.

Reser's Salads mustard or homestyle potato, or macaroni 3 lb. pkg. **\$2.99**

Charcoal Lighter Fluid Shurline 32 oz. **2 for \$3**

A.I. Steak Sauce 10 oz. bot. **\$3.69**

McCormick Grill Mates select group 2.4-3.75 oz. bot. **\$1.19**

Sweet'n Low Sweetener 50 CT. BOX **\$1**

Shurline Pancake Mix complete or old fashioned 32 oz. box **\$1.19**

Claude's Marinade 12-16 oz. **2 for \$4**

Bread and Butter Jalapeno West Texas Pepper Traders 16 oz. jar **\$2.99**

**GARDEN FRESH**

**3 lbs. \$1.79** ea. Green Cabbage

**2 lbs. \$1.79** ea. Bunch Radishes

**2 lbs. \$1.99** ea. Sweet Yellow Onions Rocky Mountain

**2 for \$3** Sno White Mushrooms 8 oz.

**99¢** lb. Gala Apples

**\$1.99** ea. EatSmart Blends assorted 10 oz.

**\$1.99** ea. Golden Pineapple

**2 lbs. \$1** New Red Potatoes

**5 for \$1** Jumbo Garlic

**2 lbs. \$3** Green Beans

**3 for \$1** Green Onions

**2 for \$5** Tomatoes 8 oz. grape or pint cherry

**99¢** ea. Crisp Celery Hearts

**99¢** lb. Iceberg Salad or Cole Slaw Dole 1 lb.

**79¢** ea. Cello Lettuce

**\$2.99** lb. Fresh Asparagus

**99¢** lb. Broccoli

**99¢** lb. California Bartlett Pears

**Shurline Mustard** 16 oz. squeeze **59¢**

**Town Talk Buns** hamburger or hot dog 8 ct. **77¢**

**Del Monte Ketchup** 24 oz. squeeze **79¢**

**Shurline Hamburger Dills** 32 oz. **99¢**

**20# Charcoal Briquets** **\$1.00 OFF**

**Shurline Charcoal** 20 lb. with charcoal **\$3.99**

**Stilwell Breads** 24 oz. **\$1.79**

**Kraft Chunk Cheese** select varieties 16 oz. **2 for \$6.99**

**Fleischmann's Margarine** select varieties 16 oz. or 2lb. oz. **99¢**

**red baron Pizza** 2 for \$6

**Shurline Ice Cream** assorted rounds half gallon **2 for \$5**

**Shurline Waffles** assorted 10 ct. **\$1.00**

**Kraft Singles American** 12 oz. **\$1.99**

**Health & Beauty**

**Zest** Herbal Essence Hair Care select varieties styling products, shampoo or conditioner 1.7-12 oz. **2 for \$5**

**Zantac** 30 ct. regular tabs or 24 ct. max. strength **\$7.99**

**Tylenol PM** extra strength assorted 50 ct. **\$5.99**

**Advil** reg. or migraine liqui-gels 40 ct. **\$5.49**

**Zest Bar Soap** 3 pk. **2 for \$3**

**Rolaids** assorted 100-150 ct. **\$2.99**

**Colgate Shave Cream** assorted 11-14.75 oz. **89¢**

**Colgate Toothpaste** select varieties 6-6.4 oz. **2 for \$4**

**Colgate Toothbrush** Total or Wave each **2 for \$4**

**Taco Shells** Casa Fiesta 12 ct. **99¢**

**Refried Beans** Casa Fiesta 16 oz. **3 for \$2**

**Diced Green Chiles** Casa Fiesta 4 oz. **69¢**

**Solo Plastic Ware** party grip cups, plates or bowls 12-20 ct. **\$1**

**Mardi Gras Paper Towels** regular roll **79¢**

**Mardi Gras Napkins** 120 ct. **89¢**

**Purex Detergent** assorted liquid 100 oz. **\$2.99**

**3 for \$1** Bolo Dog Food chicken, beef or beef liver bacon 13.2 oz.

**Hot Dog Chili Sauce** Ausley reg. or with onion 10 oz. **2 for \$1**

**Sugar Sweetened Drink Mix** Kool-Aid or Country Time assorted makes 6-8 quarts **2 for \$5**

**Cheese Puffs or Curis** Shurline 16 oz. **2 for \$3**

**Luzianne Tea Bags** 24 ct. **2 for \$3**

**Thriftway Water** 12 pack **2 for \$4**

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