

Diagnosis changes small Dakota Lamkins world

By Janet Felderhoff
His blue eyes sparkling with merriment, young Dakota Lamkin dashed around the living room of his family's home near Hood. It was one of his good days and he was taking full advantage of the unusual energy he had that day. He is a typical five-year-old who loves to play outdoors, be with his classmates, work the controls of his Nintendo game, and is fascinated with magnets.

Last summer his world revolved around tee ball and other outdoor activities. As summer drew to a close, his body began to exhibit unusual symptoms. His legs ached. He hurt in various places. The bottoms of his feet hurt to walk on. He said it felt like walking on glass.

Carol Lamkin grew concerned. Carol said at first she thought he just had a low tolerance for pain. Seeking a cause, they took him to local doctors. In the beginning, it was attributed to growing pains or stress from not wanting to play soccer. Eventually possible diagnosis of illnesses such as rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis were made.

The family tried to get him in to see doctors at Scottish Rite, but was told he wasn't sick enough. A doctor in Sanger was consulted, but he wanted to see Dakota for two months before proceeding. His frustrated mother noted, "I said that there was no way that we could wait another two months. For about six weeks in there he didn't walk. Then he woke up one morn-

ing complaining that his chest hurt and he couldn't breathe."

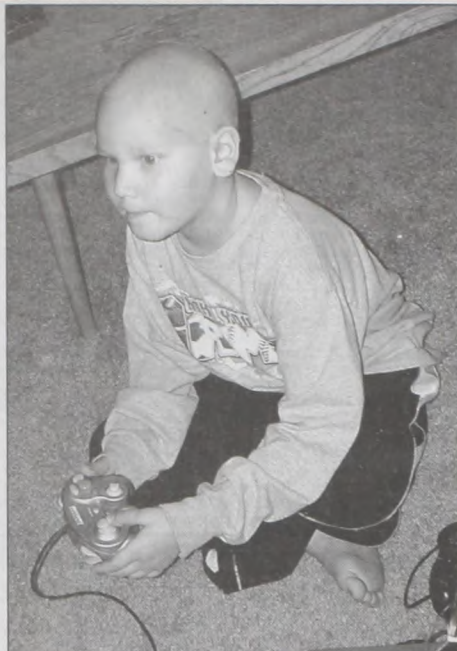
That led to his grandmother, Mary Lamkin, taking Dakota to visit with a pediatrician in Denton, Dakota was also running a fever. The pediatrician couldn't see anything wrong, but knew something wasn't right and suggested that they take him to either Cook's or Children's by that evening. A decision was made to take him immediately to Children's Hospital in Dallas. That was Nov. 30.

ER doctors examined Dakota and gave Carol news that shocked her. He was in critical condition. His blood pressure was 140 over 40, and doctors couldn't figure out why the top number was so high and the bottom number so low.

Left alone for a time, Carol placed her hand on Dakota's chest and was stunned by what she found. There was a knot the size of a baseball on his chest. That was about 10 p.m. She said that at 3 p.m. that afternoon it wasn't there. He spent the night in a room in the ER as attempts were made to stabilize his blood pressure.

By 9:30 a.m., Dakota was moved to ICU. During the two days spent in ICU, Dakota had a blood transfusion because he was anemic. His blood pressure became more stable and he was moved onto the medical floor. An MRI and a bone marrow test were ordered.

"They said he had so many different symptoms that they didn't know what was wrong with him," recalled Carol. Doctors initiated a treatment with antibiotics for a bone infection, but said that they still didn't know what was wrong. The fever left and the



Dakota Lamkin

Benefit to remodel the KC's kitchen

The Muenster Knights of Columbus will have a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on Saturday, April 1 at 6 p.m. to help with the remodeling of the KC's Hall kitchen. The kitchen is used for a number of things each year, including funeral lunches, birthdays, anniversaries, and wedding receptions.

Please help the local Council to be able to upgrade the sinks, stoves, and counter tops. The special women who give so generously of their time in preparing the funeral dinners having to work with the worn-out appliances would certainly appreciate it.

If you have questions, call Lonnie Henscheid at 736-4733 or Bill Hogan at 768-9070.

Cross-X State medalists



Amber and Cletus Fuhrmann competed in the UIL State Cross-X Debate in Austin on March 13 and 14. The Fuhrmanns entered the Octo-finals and finished as the 9th place medalist team. Janie Hartman photo

State powerlifter



Muenster Lady Hornet Brittany Wann lifted a total of 630 pounds at the Class 1A powerlifting meet held March 18. Her score earned her a 5th place finish at State. Janie Hartman photo

knot slowly subsided. Inflammation was all that showed on the MRI.

An oncologist and the floor doctor delivered the staggering diagnosis. Dakota had acute lymphoblast leukemia (ALL). Tests indicated that 48% of the young boy's blood cells were affected by cancer.

On Dec. 3, a port was placed in Dakota so that chemotherapy could be performed. His first treatment was that evening. He got to go home from the hospital on Dec. 9.

The family rallied round Dakota and his parents, helping to care for his sisters, keep

Carol's daycare business going, have someone with him during his hospital stays, take him to chemo treatments and doctors visits, etc. Eddie drives a truck for Rite Weld Supply and is often on the road, so family support is important to Carol and Dakota.

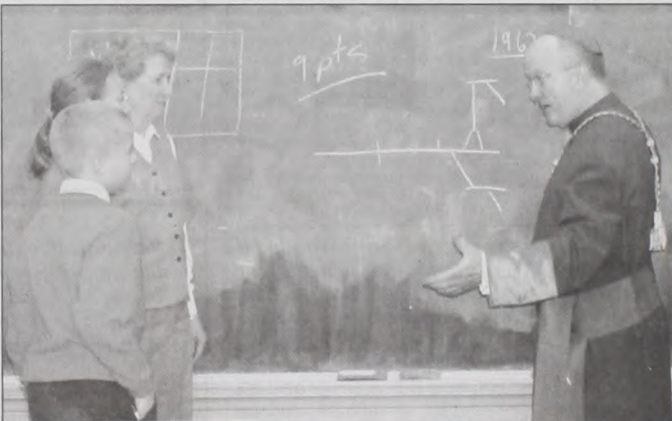
The treatments didn't have the desired outcome on the first round. Most children are in remission after 28 days, but Dakota wasn't. So the doctors ordered another two weeks of chemo. Carol said that examination under a microscope showed "snow-

flakes" that were joining together and getting stronger. At last report Dakota's test showed less than 1% cancer cells and was declared to be in remission.

Asked how Dakota's illness has changed things for the family, Carol said, "Before, I was always on the go. Now I stay home a lot." She fears bringing an illness home to her susceptible child. She's very protective of Dakota and keeps him indoors unless the weather is nice. He was a kindergarten student at Era when he became ill. He

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Bishop Kevin W. Vann visits Sacred Heart School Campus



Bishop Kevin W. Vann explains to Sacred Heart teacher Glenda Mitchell and students Austin Miller and Valerie Nystrom the way he was taught in 1962. The Bishop's Monday morning visit began at church with Mass. He then toured part of the Parish grounds, especially the schools, going to each classroom, talking to students and faculty. See page 8 for more coverage on the Bishop. Janie Hartman photos

Vandals are cause of local disruptions

By Janet Felderhoff
At approximately 7 p.m. on Monday, March 20, Cooke County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) servicemen were called out on outages. According to Kathy Boone, public relations person at CCEC, the outages were due to high winds and equipment failure, which occurred first on CR 426 and included electric lines from south of Saint Jo to north of Muenster. She said, "CCEC's primary line burned down at a point of vandalism to the line (wires that appeared to have been shot), and arcing from the downed line set pasture land on fire on CR 423. To repair the damaged line, service was disrupted in some areas for more than four hours."

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire on CR 423. Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe reported that about four acres burned in the fast moving blaze. Hard blowing winds whipped flames, but the Fire Department was able to cut the fire off at the road and keep it from any structures.

Another fire erupted along the junction of CR 426 and CR 427 about the same time. It was spotted by Jody Felderhoff who was driving by. He was able to put it out before it burned more than a few yards of the barnditch and before it got into any pasture grass. This was also in the area that the power lines were down.

All-State Tigerettes



Sacred Heart Tigerettes Samantha Wimmer (at left) and Whitney Wimmer have been named to the TAPPS 3A All-State Basketball team. The Freshman and Senior sisters were part of this year's State Runner-up Champion Tigerette team. Janie Hartman photo

Lindsay ISD Board hears comments on some school disciplinary issues

By Janet Felderhoff
Lindsay ISD Board members listened to comments regarding alleged use of alcohol at a school event during Monday night's meeting. Several parents attended the Board meeting and three of them spoke on an incident that reportedly occurred during the time the students were at the Lindsay Knights Regional playoff game in Georgetown on March 3.

It appears that a curfew violation apparently led to unnamed students admitting to having alcohol in their hotel room.

Students involved were given 20 days of alternative school (AED). During that period they are not allowed to take part in any school activity. That would preclude the students from Spring events such as track, golf, prom, and UIL competition.

According to the parents, these are good kids who have never been in trouble before

and some are honor students. They feel that the punishment is too harsh and hope to have it lightened so that the students could take part in some of the upcoming activities. One parent said after the meeting that they are

seeking speedier action because names of students who will compete in some of the competitions must be turned in this week.

To prove their claim of too harsh a punishment, they are going back to other incidents

with students and alcohol at school sponsored events. There is a three-phase appeal process that must be gone through to resolve such issues. The first is the princi-

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EMS substation work begins



Work on the EMS western substation east of Muenster was in full swing this week as major dirt work began. County workers started with the station's foundation base. Janie Hartman photo

OBITUARIES

Romana Bayer

1908 - 2006

By Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Romana Bayer of Muenster on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father John Ohner, OSA.

Mrs. Bayer died at age 97 on Monday, March 13, 2006, of a stroke, at 4:15 p.m. in North Texas Medical Center.

Romana Bayer was born on Oct. 23, 1908 in Muenster to John and Susanna Trachta Walter, and was a lifetime resident of Muenster. She completed the sixth grade at Sacred Heart School. On April 24, 1928 she married Frank Bayer in Sacred Heart Church. They spent most of their lives on a farm near Muenster, and were the proud parents of four sons.

She was a homemaker, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and truly enjoyed the grandchildren, especially preparing their favorite foods when they visited.

Romana Bayer was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, St. Anne's Society, the Third Order of St. Francis, and was the last surviving Gold Star Mother. She enjoyed quilting, knitting, and gardening, especially flowers. She enjoyed also playing dominos, and devoted a lot of her time helping with bingo games at the nursing home. She was privileged to reach almost a century of living of 97 years. A great family lady, she will be missed by all.

Survivors are sons and daughters-in-law James and Ann Bayer of Gainesville, Randy and Marilyn Bayer of Keller, and Regi and Patsy Bayer of Muenster. There are 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters Rose Hofbauer and Marie Endres of Muenster, Genie O'Dowd of Houston, and Sylvia Everette of Olney, Illinois.

Preceding her in death were her husband; son Gerald; her parents; four brothers Alois, Joseph, Oscar,

and Alfred Walter; sister Terese Miller; and six grandchildren.

The afternoon before the funeral, a Rosary service was held at McCoy Funeral Chapel led by Sister Barbara Bernauer at 4 p.m., and a Vigil service at 7 p.m. led by Father John.

Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday morning, assisting Father John, were altar servers Nathan Bayer, Traci Walterscheid, and Cole McAden, grandchildren, and Neil Bayer, great-nephew.

Granddaughter Cheryl Caldwell gave the First Reading, The Second Reading was given by granddaughter Connie McAden. Prayers of the Faithful were read by granddaughter Sandra Richeson. Romana's three sons James, Randy, and Regi presented Offertory gifts at the altar. Eucharistic ministers were Robert and Betty Miller, Jeannine Flusche, Judy Hoberer, Darla Anderle, and Evelyn Sicking.

MUSIC ministers were Linda Flusche, Diane Grewing, Christi Klement, and Doug Yosten. Sacred songs included "Amazing Grace", "The Lord Is Kind and Merciful", "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", "Prayer of St. Francis", and "And I Will Follow". Doug Yosten sang "How Great Thou Art" as a solo.

Remarks of remembrance were given by granddaughter Kim Hess. She stated in part, "...Some of our fondest memories of Grandma were spending the nights at Grandma's house. She devoted the entire time to doing whatever the grandchildren wanted... We would play games for hours... stay up late watching *I Love Lucy*, and pray the rosary before going to bed.

"Grandma survived raising her children during the Depression, which made her the world's premiere recycler... If we ever needed a newspaper article of an event from years past, you could always rely on Grandma

having an original copy. "Even as her health declined over the years, she would always look forward to visits from family and friends."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Pallbearers were grandsons Jim Bayer, Chris Bayer, Ronnie Bayer, Chad Bayer, Dwayne Koehler, Doug Walterscheid, Jeff Richeson, Jeff McAden, and Rudy Hess.

Those who have asked, the family has suggested for memorials to be sent to the Sister Roberta Hesse Missionary Fund.



Romana Bayer

Joey Tompkins

1963 - 2006

Bobby Joe "Joey" Tompkins, Jr., died on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 6:36 p.m. in Decatur at age 43.

He was born on Jan. 18, 1963 in Bowie and attended grade school in Montague, then the first two years of high school in Forestburg. He transferred to Saint Jo High School where he completed school, and was an outstanding athlete in all sports at Saint Jo.

After graduating high school, Joey began working for Cooke County in the Muenster area. After two years, he changed jobs when he began his oil field career.

His first oil field job was with Felderhoff Brothers Drilling where he worked off and on throughout the remainder of his life. He had intermittently worked for other oil companies, but had returned to Felderhoff Brothers where he was employed at the time of his death.

He enjoyed golf, hunting, and fishing. He was generous, "big-hearted", loved his family dearly, and really enjoyed life.

Survivors include his daughter Mariah Baylie Tompkins of Gainesville; four sons Bobby Jo Tompkins III

and Bryan Tompkins of Roanoke, Texas; Sony Tompkins of Shelby, Alabama, and Cody Marvin Tompkins and wife Sara of Gainesville; his mother Helen Marie Tompkins of Muenster; his father Bobby Joe Tompkins, Sr. and wife Barbara of Bowie; his sister Sabra Robertson and husband Greg of Bowie; and three grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a brother Mike Tompkins, sister-in-law Kay Tompkins, and niece Jessica Tompkins.

On Thursday, a family visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. in McCoy Funeral Chapel of Muenster.

Funeral services were held at McCoy Funeral Chapel on Friday, March 17 at 2 p.m., officiated by Dr. Larry Cox. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Cooke County directed by McCoy Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Duane Walterscheid, Kevin Cleveland, Tommy Herron, Bill Sicking, Ricky Dale Tompkins, and Tony Tompkins.

For those who have asked, the family has requested memorials made to the American Heart Association.



Joey Tompkins

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Words cannot adequately express the thanks we feel to each of you who sent cards, made phone calls, prepared food, and showed us your care and concern. All of these expressions of kindness will not be forgotten.



The family of Joey Tompkins

The family of Robert Haverkamp would like to express their deep appreciation to Fr. John Ohner for the beautiful service. We would also like to thank Ruth & Christy, Theresa Mae Walterscheid, McCoy Funeral Home, the Catholic Daughters, the Knights of Columbus, the altar servers, James Hess & all local VFW members who participated in the service, and Gayle & John Morris, who made travel arrangements for the family. Finally, we would like to thank all of you who were so generous with Masses, memorials, food, prayers, and words of comfort.

Christine, Ryan, & Allen Haverkamp,
Dolores Weaman, Florence Schumacher,
Olivia Forzey, Joyce Boydston,
and the entire family of Robert

On March 7, 2006, I was devastated by the sudden death of my dad, caused by an abdominal aneurysm at age 54. I will never forget that day nor will I ever forget the cards, phone messages, calls, hugs, mementos, fresh flowers, donations, plants, the visits and support, the food and help with my kids during this difficult time. We were truly touched when people from Muenster drove up to the services. Every act of kindness and friendship will always be remembered and treasured by my family. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Shelly and Richard Trubenbach and boys
Tikki Cox
Shane and Johna Cox and family

The family of Bertha Fleitman wishes to express heartfelt gratitude for the generous out-pouring of condolences during our recent bereavement. The food, visits, flowers and cards eased our sadness; the prayers and Mass offerings and the donations to Home Health, Muenster Volunteer Fire Department and others are greatly appreciated. We wish to thank all those who participated in the Rosary, vigil, funeral Mass and the family meal. Thank you to the M.V.F.D. for your quick and caring response when needed. Our thanks to Paula, Marge and Kenya for your loving attention. You all helped to make her last months full of warmth and loving memories. Special thanks to Virginia for over fifteen years of caring for Mom and Dad. We thank God for giving us Bertha as Mother, Grandma and Great Grandma, for allowing us to share in her wonderful long life, and for allowing us to be with her as she left us for her peaceful rest.

With deepest appreciation,
The Bertha Fleitman Family

The children of Hazel Flusche would like to thank our family and friends for all the kindness shown to us at the time of our mother's death. Thanks especially to Darla Anderle with Home Health, Dr. Edd, and all the nurses at the Muenster Memorial Hospital who were so caring and understanding to mother and to us during her illness, and to the caregivers from Seven sisters who so lovingly took care of mother.

To Father John Ohner, the musicians for the beautiful music, McCoy Funeral Home, Catholic Daughters for preparing and serving such a good meal, to the Knights of Columbus for the hall, and to all who brought food to the hall for the meal and those who brought food to the Flusche home.

Thanks, too for the flowers, Masses, and memorial contributions made to the Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept., to A.S.B.A. to Home Health, and to Sacred Heart Trust Fund in our mother's memory. It was such a comfort to have such thoughtful and caring friends at such a stressful time in our lives. We are truly grateful and ask God to bless each and every one of you.

Clara & Julius Hermes, Don & Betty Flusche, David & Wanda Flusche, Marge & Earl Clement, Harold & Jeannine Flusche, Bill Flusche, Tom & Judy Flusche, Sue & Herbie Fisher, and Jack & Linda Flusche and our families.



Janet Fulton

1930 - 2006

Services for Janet Fulton of Lindsay were held Monday, March 20 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. J. L. Williams officiating. Burial followed in Reed Cemetery. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Sunday evening.

Janet Fulton died at the age of 75 on March 15, 2006 at River Valley Health & Rehabilitation Center.

She was born in Windom, Texas to Wallie and Iona Kappleman Scarborough on Aug. 20, 1930. She married Ben Fulton on March 22,

1949 in Bonham. Janet was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville.

Survivors are her husband Ben of Lindsay; daughter and son-in-law Hollie Jane and David Finley of Colleyville; son Murray Steven Fulton of Lindsay; and brother John Scarborough of New Market, Virginia.

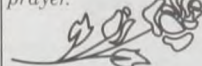
Preceding her in death were her parents, two sisters, and one brother.

Pallbearers were Vernon Davis, Ray Stevens, Troy Doyle, and Joe Mun.

I wish to extend a sincere **Thank You** to all my family and friends in my time of need. Your cards, emails, gifts of food, baskets of goodies, visits, and your prayers are all greatly appreciated.

I especially want to thank the Muenster Jaycees for sponsoring the Blood Drive and all the people who gave blood, or who showed up and were turned away. I am truly blessed to have such wonderful friends. I also want to add a special thank you to my family, my co-workers, and my Sacred Heart Classmates of 1980.

Your continued prayers are helping me to maintain a positive attitude toward my recovery, as all things are possible through the power of prayer. May God bless all of you.



Sincerely,
Missy Dangelmayr

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, March 26, 2006	Monday, March 27, 2006	Tuesday, March 28, 2006	Wednesday, March 29, 2006	Thursday, March 30, 2006	Friday, March 31, 2006	Saturday, April 1, 2006
Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SHCS Open Enrollment Festival of Ministries, after all Masses, SH Community Center		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30 SNAP Center Guarding Your Nest Egg Program, 7pm, Gainesville Civic Center	Religious Ed Mass followed by class, 6:30pm SH Advisory Council mtg., 7:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Lenten Communal Penance Service St. Peter's Lindsay 7pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SHCS 2:30pm dismissal SHY Jr. Pancake movie night 7-9:30pm	KMB Texas Trash Off Day clean up, 9am, Muenster City Park KC's Texas Hold Em' Tournament KC Hall 6pm
Sunday, April 2, 2006	Monday, April 3, 2006	Tuesday, April 4, 2006	Wednesday, April 5, 2006	Thursday, April 6, 2006	Friday, April 7, 2006	Saturday, April 8, 2006
Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SH Ranch Rodeo	Lenten Communal Penance Service St. Mary's Gainesville 7pm City Council mtg. 7:30pm	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30 SNAP Center MMH Aux. mtg. 7pm Home ospice grief support mtg. 6-8pm Home Hospice office	Religious Ed class, 7pm TDH Immunization C. Cooke Co. Electric 9-11am C of B Board mtg. 5:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Muenster Historical Comm. mtg. 8am at Museum	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP Board mtg. 10am Stanford House G-ville	Muenster Historical Comm. Annual Spring Bake Sale at Fischer's 8am - ? SHY Jr. Service Day 9-11 am

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Dakota Lamkin, at left, poses with his family, from left, Kelly Lamkin, aunt; Carol Lamkin, mother, and sisters Lynsey, and Madison. Janet Felderhoff photo

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misses his classmates, but often doesn't feel well enough to attend class. Carol worries about sending him because of the chance of contracting an illness. She hopes to have a teacher come to their home next year.

When Dakota's blood count is low, he bruises easily and they worry that he will hurt himself as he darts about playfully. "It's hard," Carol stated. Even though he doesn't get to play outdoors as much as he'd like, Dakota has found other things to pass the time. He enjoys watching movies, playing Nintendo, and he especially likes his magnets.

Physically, Dakota has done really well with his chemo treatments said his mother. When he's in the hospital he won't eat, she said. His happy playful mood that day was because he hadn't had a treatment in three weeks due to low blood count. That was Monday and he is scheduled to have a chemo treatment on Thursday. He should get to go home that day, but returns for another on Friday and will be admitted to the hospital. Since the drug can have negative affects on the body such as damage to the kidney and heart, he must stay until only a small percentage of it is detectable in his blood.

Carol said that she is relieved when they don't have to go to the hospital because that is more time at home. She knows he needs the treatments to get better.

Dakota has two sisters, Madison, age 8, and Lynsey, age 2. His grandparents are Harvey and Carol Lamkin of Muenster and Jim and Linda Muller of Hood. His aunt Kelly Lamkin is director of Cooke County Home Hospice. She helps with the trips to chemo and with the daycare when needed.

Dakota and his family face a future of uncertainty. For the next several years they know that they will live day to day with much depending on blood counts and how well prescribed medications work. They have been told that Dakota faces at least six months of chemotherapy, and then for the next two years he will undergo maintenance chemotherapy.

Carol noted that the "roadmap" given to them by doctors ended with the last chemotherapy treatment. When they return for the next treatment they will be given another roadmap or plan for the coming round of treatments.

Kelly remarked, "You don't think that anything like this will happen to you or someone in your family. When it does, it is really humbling. When something like this happens, you find out just how strong your family is." She remarked that being so close to someone going through what her nephews, has given her a lot more empathy for her Home Hospice clients and their families.

The children have insurance, but there are many expenses that it doesn't cover, such as part of the prescription costs, travel expenses, and the cost of staying at the hospital and meals while away from home. Love funds are set up for Dakota and his family at all banks in Muenster.

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pal, the second the superintendent, and if it is not resolved by then it comes before the School Board. As of Monday night it had reached the second phase and Dr. Ceyanes said that he was working on it as quickly as possible. He still had eight days as of Monday, but promised an answer sooner.

In response to the parents' appeals on Monday night Dr. Ceyanes said, "Obviously, this is a confidential student issue, and I cannot provide any specific details on the situation. It is unfortunate that a small group of parents decided to turn a private confidential student issue into a public issue at last night's meeting, and all I can say is that the information presented last night is not entirely complete or accurate.

Due to state and federal law, I cannot clarify the factual details of the case. But in general, when dealing with a student discipline situation, Lindsay ISD will follow state and federal law, Board policy, and our Student Code of Conduct."

In other Board action, teachers and other employees of Lindsay ISD had happy news this week. The Board of Trustees met Monday night and approved the salary schedules proposed the previous month.

Lindsay ISD Superintendent Dr. Jason Ceyanes remarked, "These newly adopted pay scales will replace all previous systems and scales and will be effective as of the 2006-07 school year. They reflect an average pay increase of over 5% for

professional staff and \$1 per hour for our hourly employees. The scales untie us from the state minimum scale, maximize our local control over our pay scales, standardize the pay increases each year, and provide additional supplementation for our novice and experienced teachers. We have a wonderfully dedicated staff, and they are worth every penny of this raise."

With the new schedule, a teacher with zero years of experience has a starting salary of \$29,500 per year. Aides and secretaries with zero years experience will begin at a salary of \$9 an hour and custodial staff with zero years experience will begin at \$8.75 an hour. It was noted that Lindsay's starting pay would be one of the best in the County.

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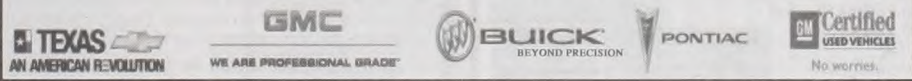
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DAYS GONE BY.....
by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO
March 21, 1941
Sacred Heart Parish follows 45 year old custom in observance of St. Joseph's Day. Cooke County has more than 300 men in armed service. Mrs. John Tempel honored with a family dinner on her birthday. Mrs. J.M. Weinzapfel underwent surgery at Medical Surgical Hospital in Gainsville. John Hartman's 56th birthday is observed with a family party. New Arrivals: Roy to the Bob Swirczynskis; Irene to the John F. Herrs; Lawrence to the Tony Noggler; Herman to the John Grewings. Little Jeanette Meurer, daughter of the Herbert Meurers, is injured (not seriously) in fall from automobile traveling about 50 m.p.h. Arnold Hess sustains severe burns on arm while at work in local oil fields. Al Walter sustains injury to fingers while working on a building repair job. Rising poultry prices may cause shortage of chicks at Muenster Hatchery.

50 YEARS AGO
March 23, 1956
Obituaries: Frank Kathman, 73; Jimmy Chisam is victim of heart attack at age 22. Field crops are okay, but fruit is damaged by late cold wave. Charlene Hellman, Phyllis Schmitt, Georgia Ann Bayer, Hazel Lerner, and Margie Owen join Novitiate of Benedictine Order at Holy Angels Convent in Arkansas. New Arrivals: Dwayne to Emil and Agnes Rohmer; Cindy to Bill and Ruth Eberhart; Donna to the Leonard Walterscheids; Kevin to Ed and Genevieve Pels. The Alvin Fuhrmans and the Marty Beckers represent Muenster Telephone Company at a convention in Dallas.

25 YEARS AGO
March 20, 1981
Weddings: Lola Bright and Frank Rust; Judy Herr and Barry Moore. New Arrivals: Jeffrey to the Jerry Wilsons; Lucas to Clinton and Barbara Bayer; Charles to Duwayne and Sharlene Schilling; Kimberly to the Herbert Richardsons. A fun project for Knights of Columbus members and their sons is an overnight camp-out at Mike Schilling's Lake north of town.

Childbirth classes now enrolling

North Texas Medical Center is now accepting enrollments for childbirth classes, scheduled to begin April 4. The four-week series will get underway at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, and continue each Tuesday evening through April 25. Classes are held in the NTMC classrooms. Pre-enrollment is required, and it is recommended that women be in their third trimester of pregnancy. The cost of the class is \$50 per couple. Call 612-8600 for information and to enroll.

LIFESTYLE

Gieb and Bartush marry in Sacred Heart Church

By Elfreda Fette

The wedding of Malony Gieb and John D. Bartush, both of Muenster, was held on Jan. 7, 2006 at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church, with Father Paul Coury C.S.S.R., a relative of the groom, officiating for the Nuptial Mass and double ring rite.

Daughter of Gary Gieb of Muenster and Donna Gieb of Gainesville, the bride is also the granddaughter of Gladys Gieb of Muenster and the late Gene Gieb, and the late Violet and Lawrence Moster. She is a 2001 graduate of Muenster ISD and is employed as a customer service representative at Cooke County Electric.

The groom is the son of John S. and Alane Bartush of Muenster. He is also the grandson of Mary J. Bartush of Muenster and the late Charles F. Bartush, Sr., and Helen Yosten of Muenster and the late Roman Larry Yosten. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in 1997 and Marquette University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. He is assistant vice president of Muenster State Bank.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride was wearing a strapless, formal wedding gown, designed with beaded bodice and very full skirt of tulle. The dress had a small train, and sparkling sequins within the many layers of tulle. The princess look was accented with a glittering tiara, and elbow length white gloves.

For tradition and sentiment, she wore her Grandmother Gieb's pearls as "something old", and "borrowed" her sister Misty's

bracelet.

ATTENDANTS

Maid of honor was Misty Gieb of Gainesville, sister of the bride.

Matron of honor was Stephanie Schilling of Muenster, friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Trisha Endres of Muenster, friend, Mendy Gieb of Muenster, bride's sister, Valerie Bartush of Sanger, sister of the groom, and Kacie Garcia of College Station, friend.

They were attired in floor length, crimson red velvet gowns, designed with halter neck, and a metallic gold inset in the front; and elbow length gold gloves.

Flower girls were Alane Bartush, sister of the groom, and Makenna Forshee, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Paul Swirczynski of Muenster, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Billy Bartush of Tyler and Rick Del Olmo of Barrington, Illinois, both cousins of the groom, and Matthew Dunlavy of Wichita, Kansas, Thomas Ulrich of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Jody Felderhoff of Muenster, all friends of the groom.

Ushers were Stephen Bartush and John Klement of Muenster, both groom's cousins, and Waylan Hess of Muenster and L. Scott Poole of Gainesville, both friends of the groom.

Mass servers were Bob Bartush and Joe Bartush, brothers of the groom.

Wedding music was provided by Ruth Felderhoff, pianist, and vocalists Christy Hesse, Jackie Bartush, groom's cousin, and Melanie Bartush, groom's sister.

Church decorations in-



Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bartush
...nee Malony Gieb...

cluded a winter theme and Christmas trees covered in white lights, and poinsettia plants.

RECEPTION

A reception, catered dinner, and dance hosted by the couple for 400 guests followed in Sacred Heart Community Center.

Background music was provided by the NCTC Jazz Band preceding and during dinner. After dinner, guests danced to music by D.J. Barry Otts of Gainesville.

Presiding at the guest book

were Charlotte Bartush and Ginger Bartush, sisters of the groom, and Carla Zwinggi and Janet Voth, friends of the couple.

The bride's cake, designed, baked, and served by Betty Rose Walterscheid, was described as a five tier expression of love. Each tier was standing on different heights of pillars wrapped in gold accent ribbon, all setting on a cloud of gold fabric. Each layer sides were covered with statements or words of love written all around it. Between each statement or

word was a gold fondant ball accent.

The top of each layer had red roses, white alstroemeria, and gold ferns. The largest layer was also topped with the couple's monogram in large gold letters, a gift from the bride's sisters.

The groom's cake was a two tiered chocolate with almonds on the sides. The top was monogrammed with a B, and chocolate dipped strawberries trailed down the sides.

Betty Rose cut the bride's cake. Gloria Fuhrmann, bride's aunt, cut the groom's cake.

Reception assistants were Gloria Fuhrmann and Debbie Endres with decorations and food for snack table, Aileen Knabe and Carol Sicking with hall decorations, and Fay Hamric with chair covers. The buffet of hors

d'ouvres was served from a three-table-long-arrangement, covered with red and gold metallic tablecloths. In the center of the room hung a massive wreath decorated with white lights, fabrics, and flowers, and red and gold ornaments.

At the conclusion of the reception, the famous "Blue Bus," decorated by Jody Felderhoff and driven by Tony Grewing, took the couple and about 30 friends on a "ride" to drop the couple off at their home, and then brought the friends back to the reception.

The couple took a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe, California, and since returning, the couple resides in Muenster.

The rehearsal dinner, held at The Center Restaurant, was attended by family and the wedding party.

MEETING

Home Hospice

Home Hospice will be conducting a Grief Support & Guidance Seminar on April 4, 11, 18, and 25. The seminar will be held at Home Hospice, 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville, from 6 - 8 p.m.

The sessions will address various topics involved in the grief process. The purpose of the seminar is helping bereaved persons to get through their grief and helping them to cope with this painful experience in positive ways.

Call Kelly at Home Hospice to register for the seminar or if you have questions about the seminar or any other programs offered by Home Hospice. The number to call is 940-665-9891.

Logan celebrates two with Pooh

Logan Ray Stewart, son of Ray and Shirley Stewart of Muenster, celebrated his 2nd birthday on Saturday, March 18. A Winnie the Pooh theme was used for his party. Guests were served poppy seed chicken, beans, salad, home-

made bread, and cake and ice cream.

Guests attending were his parents; brother Riley; grandparents Red and Carol Henscheid, Rick and Darlene Stewart, and George and Laura Gould; aunts, uncles, and cousins Shaw and Kyla Henscheid, and Jordan; Brenda and Jimmy Green, and Colby Richey; Rhonda and Randy, Chance and Lucas Rhoades; Kim and Mike Hesse, and Jacob; Kody and Laura Truebenbach; Alyssa Stewart; Sabrina Truebenbach and Jaxon; Chuck and Doris Koesler, Kristina and Tony.

Logan's actual birthday is March 20.



Logan Stewart

NEEDED

Members, old and new, active and inactive, for the Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Re-organized in January 2003, the Auxiliary is in its fourth year. The support and leadership of individuals and businesses throughout the community has been tremendous this past year. It made possible numerous things that add to the comfort of those using the Hospital facilities.

During the past year some of the Auxiliary's projects were:

- Provided funds for the patient patio
- Provided new blinds for the windows in patient's rooms
- Provided goodies for Hospital week and employees
- Held the Second Annual Trunk or Treat, which provided a safe place for about 500 children to celebrate Halloween
- Decorated the Hospital for the Christmas holiday season
- Maintained flower beds in front of the Hospital
- Hosted meet and greet for Dr. Hewes
- Greeters at the 2005 health fair
- Pampered patients with pillow corsages
- Maintained gift shop in foyer
- Supplied coloring books, stuffed animals, and novelty items for children



Your Support is needed to allow the Auxiliary to continue to provide these and many other services to the hospital, patients, and staff.

A minimum contribution of \$5 make you an official member of the Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Hospital's meeting room. Members vary in age, interests, and amount of time volunteered. There is a place for everyone. Please join.

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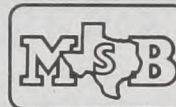
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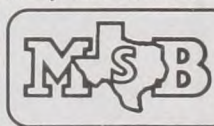
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SH Church plans a Festival of Ministries

Sacred Heart Parish is hosting the Second Annual Festival of Ministries in the Parish Community Center Saturday and Sunday March 25 and 26.

This is a special opportunity for members of the parish to get acquainted with each other over refreshments while investigating the many ongoing activities and ministries in the Parish.

Representatives of existing committees, organizations, and councils will be available to discuss the goals and activities of their respective groups. This will be of special value to newly arrived members of the Parish who are looking for a way to get involved. Long-time

members of the Parish will also find this event an opportune time to investigate other aspects of the Parish not previously considered or renew their commitment to their favorite organization, committee, or vocation.

For all members of the Parish, the Festival of Ministries is the time and place for fellowship and awareness of the many avenues by which they can become good stewards of God's gifts to them of TIME, TREASURE AND TALENT.

Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and the Festival of Ministries after Mass Saturday evening and after both Masses Sunday morning.

Book review presented to Friends of the C.C. Library

Friends of the Cooke County Library had their quarterly luncheon meeting at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Feb. 22.

Dr. Turner Kobler, Professor Emerita of English at Texas Women's University, gave an interesting inspirational review of *Eudora Welty*, a biography by Susanne Marrs. Dr. Turner was introduced by Judy Barnes, Friends Club President

Sylvia Lyons presided for the business meeting. She announced the next meeting of Friends of Cooke County Library would be on Wednesday, May 18.

Everyone who is interested in the Cooke County Library is welcome to join Cooke County Friends of the Library. For more information call (940) 665-2401.

Submitted by Margaret Stark, publicity chairman



The engagement and approaching marriage of Lisa Mai Vu of Fort Worth and Jonathan Michael Bengfort of Fort Worth have been announced by her parents Long and Mai Vu of Fort Worth. Mr. Bengfort is the son of Michael and Joyce Bengfort of Gainesville. April 29, 2006 is the date the couple chose as their wedding day. They plan to be married at 4:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay with Father Kyle Walterscheid officiating. Attendants for the couple will be Sonya Loughran, matron of honor; Matthew Loughran, best man; Angela Flanagan, Jennifer Castañeda, and Yen Ainsworth, bridesmaids; Scott Flanagan, Fernando Castañeda, and Long Vu, Jr., groomsmen. The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Everman High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington. She is an assistant marketing manager of Ridgmar Mall in Fort Worth. In 2001, the future-groom graduated from Lindsay High School and in 2005 he graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is employed as a civil engineer at Teague Nall and Perkins in Fort Worth. The couple will reside in Fort Worth after their marriage.

April Fool's contest raises litter interest

Keep Muenster Beautiful's (KMB) planned annual litter cleanup is on April Fool's Day, and the Jester Hat and Costume contest is raising a lot of interest.

KMB is adding a little fun to the annual litter pickup program by having a contest and prize for the individual who is wearing the best "jester/joker" costume, and another prize for the organization or group that shows the most spirit by having the most individuals in their group wearing costumes or jester hats.

Muenster is attempting to

win another award for Sustained Excellence through the locally designed program of Keep Muenster Beautiful. KMB gets points when the participants work toward litter reduction, education in schools, and public awareness of the litter problem. Litter costs Texas taxpayers over \$35,000,000 annually. Every citizen is either part of the solution when they help reduce litter, or part of the problem when they litter. What side are you on? Only trash tells!

Submitted by Keep Muenster Beautiful

Barbara Pybas to speak about the wagon trains

The second program in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Spring Series "Wagon Train Items - Tennessee to Texas" will take place at noon on Monday, March 27 at the Museum in Gainesville.

Barbara Pybas, member of the Texas Folklore Society and the Cooke County Heritage Society, will transport participants back to the days of the 1870s with this fascinating tale of a family making its way to Texas from Tennessee by way of a wagon train. Come and learn about their hardships and joys. Barbara will also be displaying

items that were used by the family on the wagon train trip.

Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. For members of the Cooke County Heritage Society the cost to attend is \$3 and for nonmembers the cost is \$4. To reserve a seat or for more information, call the Museum at 940-668-8900.

Turn around, don't drown

Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers. If you are unsure that the road is clear - turn around, don't drown.

District I president attends local meeting

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held Monday, March 20 was attended by District I President Kathy Wewe of Lewisville #9168. The visit was a friendly visit, with her official visit having been in September. She commented on the awesome job of the community service and reports. She also congratulated the Auxiliary on having 106% membership.

President Frances Bayer presided over the meeting. Other business included a get well card sent to one member, and two sympathy cards sent to the members' families. Conductress Linda Knabe draped the charter in memory of members Hazel Flusche and Geneva DeBorde.

Christopher York nominated for the Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award

Texas A&M University at College Station, Biomedical Department of the College of Engineering has nominated Christopher Alan York as a finalist for the Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award for college seniors who will graduate August 2005-May 2006. Two students are nominated from each University College and are listed as finalists in the May commencement program. Two students will be selected from those finalists and will be presented an award valued at \$5,000 and a plaque identifying them as a recipient.

The purpose of the award is to honor the memory of the late President Earl Rudder and to provide public recognition in the form of a monetary award to the two outstanding seniors graduating this year from Texas A&M University. The recipients of this award will be senior students adjudged to have best demonstrated during his/her undergraduate career at Texas A&M University those qualities of leadership, patriotism, fortitude, courage, humility, and many other sterling traits of character so vividly exemplified by James Earl Rudder during his lifetime.

Christopher York will be graduating from Texas A&M Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish on May 13, 2006. He has been accepted to the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston for the Fall Semester of 2006. He has maintained a 4.0 GPR

every semester and spent two semesters studying Spanish and Economics abroad in Ecuador last year. Prior to that he was a student at Muenster Independent School District and attended the Texas Academy of Math and Science at the University of North Texas in Denton during his junior and senior high school years. The dual credit he earned gave him junior status when he entered Texas A&M College Honors Program in the fall of 2002.

The time spent studying in Ecuador enabled Chris to become fluent in the Spanish language both written and spoken. The first three months he lived with an Ecuadorian family in Quito, the country's capital located 8000 feet above sea level in the mountains of South America, and attended University courses in Spanish and Ecuadorian Economics.

The next five months he chose his internship site in the Rain Forest in a Missionary Hospital setting operated by Italian Nuns. He was drawn to that site for two reasons. The first was that it would expose him to the Spanish language with a medical context. The second reason was for its third world exposure to medical missionary work, which has always interested him. He was allowed to do minor medical procedures such as suturing and scrubbing, and twice assisted in the birth of a baby.

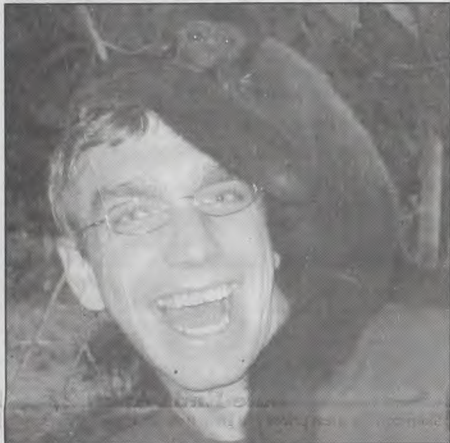
The indigenous tribal medicine still practiced in the remote regions of the Rain Forest sometimes meant that an individual would abandon modern medical procedure

and return to their medicine man and pending death.

Chris is the son of Ed and Dr. Margie York of Myra, and the grandson of Thomas and Barbara Felderhoff of Gainesville, as well as the late John York and Lorine York of Wharton.

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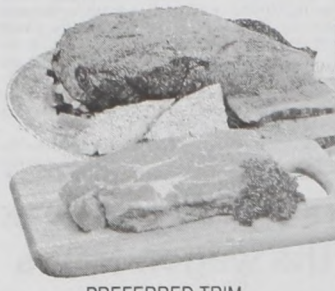
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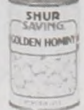




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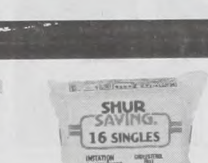
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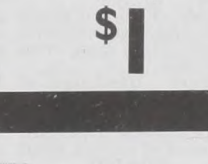
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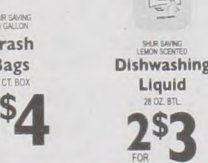
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April 12 is HAT scholarship deadline

The Horseman's Association of Texoma (HAT) would like to remind Texoma-area high school seniors of the upcoming deadline for submitting applications for the 2006 HAT Youth Scholarship. Applications must be submitted by April 12.

Now in its third year, the HAT Youth Scholarship program awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior who has been involved in equine activities. The scholarship may be used for paying expenses to attend any accredited two- or four-year college or university that awards Associate or Bachelor degrees. In addition to filling out an application form, students must also write and submit an essay (minimum 300 words) on how they have benefited from their involvement with horses. The winning student will be announced and presented with the scholarship at the HAT Youth Clinic on May 6.

Scholarship applications are available from local area high school counselors, by calling (903) 868-1453, or online at the HAT website - go www.hat-texoma.org and click on "Youth Programs".



Bishop Vann tours Sacred Heart Catholic School Campus

Bishop Kevin Vann visited Muenster Monday morning and took time to tour the campus of Sacred Heart School. Above left, the Bishop in Jennifer Fuhrmann's class takes special notice of the older desks still in use; at left - a visit with Sister Lillian Reiter and Sister Jeanette Bayer; above - the Bishop catches Pam Dangelmayr and the Pre-School students on their way to music; at right - Bishop Vann shoots a basket with students on the playground.

Janie Hartman photos



Sacred Heart High School choir excels in TAPPS competition

The Sacred Heart High School Choir traveled to Granbury on Monday, March 6, to participate in TAPPS competition. Members of the choir include Patricia Bujard, Laura Burton, Ryan Firth, Joelle Fuhrmann, Ter-

esa Greathouse, Ann-Marie Opperman, Jessica Porter, Brittany White, Sarah Whitecotton, and Nina Zanchetta. Requirements for the contest are listed as follows:

- All three songs must be a Class 3 or higher difficulty.

- Two songs must come from the approved list for TAPPS; one had to be performed a cappella; another had to be a sacred song; and one selection could be the director's choice.

The sacred piece was "All Things Bright and Beautiful" by Rutter. The a cappella song was "Greensleeves" arranged by Rentz. Their choice was a medley from the musical "Les Miserables" arranged by Emerson. The choir performed impeccably and received a rating of two, which is Excellent.

Judges' comments included how attractive the choir looked, and how they were able to perform "All Things Bright and Beautiful" with no direction since the piano was located behind where they were standing. The students maintained tempo and dynamic changes, entrances, and endings to words in good

fashion. The judges also praised Patricia Bujard's solo during the medley from "Les Miserables."

The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Fran Schully. Mrs. Ruth Felderhoff offered able assistance in listening to the choir during the last several weeks of rehearsal and making helpful suggestions for areas of improvement. Mrs. Ann Poole also assisted.

Joelle Fuhrmann, Brittany White, and Sarah Whitecotton each sang solos from a collection called *Twenty-Four Italian Solos and Arias*. All three girls received a rating of one, which is Superior. Joelle sang "Se tu m'ami, se sospiri"; Brittany sang "O dell mio dolce ardor"; and Sarah sang "Il mio bel loco". They

will attend State competition in Abilene during the weekend of April 7.

The trip to Granbury was a pleasant outing, thanks to the driver, Doyle Hess, and Jeanne Greathouse, who kept care of the students' belongings and helped them to be in the right place at the right time. The choir left Muenster at 6:15 a.m. and were through with the performance before noon.

"The students behaved in an exemplary fashion and were a delight to travel with," praised Mrs. Schully. Mr. Hess and Mrs. Greathouse helped treat them to a lovely lunch at Posados near Fort Worth.

The choir is looking forward to presenting a spring concert, probably in May.



Sacred Heart High School Choir

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 Thurs. - Salisbury steak w/ brown gravy, potatoes, carrots, jello, bread.
 Fri. - Tuna salad sandwich w/trimmings, vegetarian vegetable soup, pudding cups, crackers.

MUENSTER ISD
 Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili, oven baked French fries,

pinto beans, pears, blueberry muffins.
 Tues. - Ravioli, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.
 Wed. - Ham, turkey, cheese sub sandwich, pickles, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, carrot sticks, bananas, cookies.
 Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/ gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.
 Fri. - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad w/dressing, carrot sticks, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD
 Mon. - Tacos w/trimmings, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apple cobbler.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, peas, carrots, pineapple, bread.
 Wed. - Ham and cheese submarine sandwich w/trimmings, potato chips, fresh fruit, jello.
 Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.
 Fri. - Cheese pizza, corn, lettuce salad, peaches, bread.

ERA ISD
 Mon. - Lasagna or fish sticks, green beans, tossed salad, sliced peaches, breadstick.
 Tues. - Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, pear half, hot roll.

Wed. - Chicken crispito, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.
 Thurs. - Baked potato w/ ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, fruit mix, cinnamon roll.
 Fri. - No School.

Boater weather safety
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Thank You!

The Friends of Muenster FFA, FCCLA, and 4H would like to thank the patrons listed below for their generosity and support of our youth at the Cooke County Youth Fair. This year a total of \$18,975.00 was spent on the students of our community who participated in the Youth Fair. This money is spent completely on premiums for their projects.

We hope you had an opportunity to attend the Youth Fair this year and see the hard work and dedication these students have for their animals and their projects. You would know that the money you contributed went to a very great cause - the youth of our community.

Thank you, again, for your contributions. It is people like you who make this a success!

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Muenster High students attending the State TMSCA meet included, from left, front - John Rohrer, Brandon Bindel, Evan Koesler, Jeff Schniederjan; second row - Noel Barnhill, Jessica Walterscheid, Laura Heers, Krystal Wolf, Tanner Herr; third row - Collin Walterscheid, Travis Felderhoff, Dustin Wimmer, Micah Flusche, Brad Endres, and Matt Flusche; and top - Zach Swirczynski. Courtesy photo

Muenster High shines at State TMSCA competition

Muenster High School students made the road trip to San Antonio over spring break to participate in the State Texas Math & Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) competition on March 18. Danna Hess, coordinator, had 16 kids qualify for the competition. Muenster finished third overall out of 23 1-A schools in mathematics, number sense, calculator applications, and science. The math team finished 2nd out of those 23 schools. Making the top four scores for the team in mathematics were Travis Felderhoff, Dustin Wimmer, Collin Walterscheid, and Micah Flusche.

The highlight of the trip was the top gun awards that go out to the top six seniors overall. They receive a scholarship ranging from \$600 to \$1100. Travis Felderhoff, son of Tim and Ramona Felderhoff, placed 5th overall and received a scholarship of \$700. After four years of hard work and participating in TMSCA, it did pay off! TMSCA is a great opportunity for all kids to participate and be eligible for scholarship money their senior year.

Many of the 16 kids brought home individual places in their grade level. **Seniors:** Travis Felderhoff placed 9th in Number Sense, 8th in calculator, and 2nd in mathematics; Dustin Wimmer placed 6th in mathematics. **Juniors:** Micah Flusche 2nd in number sense, 7th in mathematics; Krystal Wolf placed 10th in number sense; Collin Walterscheid, 3rd in mathematics; Brad Endres 9th mathematics. **Sophomore:** Laura Heers placed 8th in number sense. **Freshman:** placing in the top 10 were Noel Barnhill, 10th in number sense, and 7th in calculator; Brandon Bindel placed 8th in number sense; John Rohrer was top freshman in science, and 2nd in mathematics; Tanner Herr 9th in mathematics; Jeff Schniederjan placed 6th in science.



Muenster Elementary students in grades 1st through 5th are working hard as they prepare for their musical production *The Music Man, Jr.* by Meredith Wilson. It will be presented on May 2, 4, and 5 at 7 p.m. Deborah Wood photo

MMH Auxiliary gardening & painting work party 9 a.m. Saturday at the Hospital

They're never too young: talk to your kids now about drugs and alcohol

By Luke Catton
Working in the drug rehabilitation and education field for the last several years, I've heard or seen just about everything imaginable when it comes to addiction and the related lifestyle. From hideous crimes that strip people of their dignity and families of loved ones, to stories of personal loss beyond the level of comprehension for most people.

After a while you learn to not be shocked anymore while maintaining your ability to be empathetic. The intent certainly is not to become calloused, but to be a stable positive influence on those you're trying to help regain their personal integrity and responsibility to lead a healthy and productive life that contributes to society once again.

If there is a particular scenario that's the most difficult to deal with, it is when young kids are exposed to drugs. There are countless stories of children being hurt because

of their parents' or siblings' drug use, from leading a life of poverty or a broken home to exposure to the hazardous chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine.

For example, two sixth grade students in Louisiana were arrested for possession of marijuana and six other students were involved in some way or another. I also had the displeasure of trying to work with two sisters in elementary school who were caught bringing drugs to classmates, acting as runners for their older brothers, and admitted to smoking marijuana at home on a regular basis.

In the same town, a third grade girl brought me a picture that she drew of a pipe and other drug paraphernalia. I asked where she saw these items and she replied with great fear in her eyes, "At home." For a moment I was lost for words. Third grade. It is absolutely heartbreaking.

Education and prevention efforts must start at earlier ages, and must start at home. Our children need to know everything about drugs and the damage they cause, and this can be done without building their curiosity or using scare tactics. Simple two-way communication with the truth is what works.

Our civilization is plagued with drugs, from mind-altering or painkilling prescription drugs, to illicit street drugs that were once considered safe as well. The legal drug industry markets to our children well before most of us are aware of it. We must counter their efforts with the

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Muenster presents *The Life and Death of Larry Benson*



Muenster High School presented their One Act Play in UIL Zone competition Thursday at the NCTC Performing Arts Center. The play, *The Life and Death of Larry Benson*, is set in the 1940s. Performers include, above, Michael Valliere, Ryan Fuhrmann, and Katie Endres, and below, Abby Endres and Karen Flusche. Linda Flusche photos



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SPORTS

Golfers chill at Turtle Hill

The weather conditions were far from perfect Tuesday for the Annual Sacred Heart Golf Tournament at Turtle Hill. With mid-40 temperatures and a 10-20 m.p.h. north wind, golfers were fighting mid-30 chill factors.

Tuesday, 21 high school boys teams invaded the course north of Muenster. When all was said and done, the Prosper varsity took the championship with a score of 329. The Sacred Heart Tigers followed with 352, Bellevue 256, Muenster Team 1 358, and Windthorst "A" 359. Muenster Team 2 finished with a score 376.

Other teams participating were S&S, Prosper II, Prosper III, Celina, Honey Grove, Henrietta, Bowie, Texoma Christian, Pilot Point A, Ponder, Colleyville Covenant, Pilot Point B, Ponder White, Windthorst B, and Prairie Valley.

The top individual was

Tyler Milegar of Prosper, who shot a 71. Sacred Heart's Mitch Sellers finished 5th with an 83, with Tiger Nolan Hartman and Muenster's Jordan Walterscheid both scoring 85 for 10th place.

Other Tiger golfers and their scores were: Colby Richey, 87; Nolan Hartman, 85; Tyler Rohmer, 97; David Walterscheid, 100.

Muenster's Team 1 along with Walterscheid, consisted

Felderhoff grandchild in Final 4

Betty Felderhoff of Muenster joined her daughter and son-in-law Doris and Ron Dennard of Decatur and their children Jenna and Haley to attend the 2006 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Final 4 games in Springfield, Massachusetts. They were there to watch Lyssa Dennard, another daughter, play for Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene.

All attended a banquet Thursday, March 16 in the Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. There, they were able to see the picture of Doris as an All American player in 1976.

The family attended Lyssa's ball games on Friday and Saturday in Blake Arena. Her team earned the 4th place trophy.

The girls competition Wednesday will be reported in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.



Tigerettes named to the All-District basketball team included, from left, front - Samantha Wimmer, Kara Felderhoff, Stephanie Krawietz; back - Nicole Bayer, Hannah Hess, Shannon Hartman, Whitney Wimmer, and Brittany White.

2006 District 3AA Girls All-District Basketball Team

First Team
Whitney Wimmer SH
District MVP
Cambra Hughes AC
Felicity McClure ND
Samantha Wimmer SH
Kalynn McElroy ND
Erin Davis AC

Second Team
Shannon Hartman SH
Corrie Hays DC
Breanna Wilkins AC
Danielle O'Brian ND
Hannah Hess SH
Stephanie Krawietz SH

Honorable Mention

Sacred Heart - Nicole Bayer, Brittany White, Kara Felderhoff

SH - Sacred Heart, ND - Norte Dame; AC - Abilene Christian; DC - Denton Calvary

Boys All-District results were not available.



Sacred Heart Tigers named to the All-District basketball team were, from left - Colby Richey, Theo Otto, Mark Fleitman, and Tim Otto.

Additions to ball park continue



Dangelmayr Construction Inc. prepared a Handicap parking/dropoff location at the Muenster Jaycee ball complex earlier this week. Expenses on ball park improvements are paid for by Muenster Jaycee fundraisers, including the Raffle Dance, which will be held May 20. See any JC member for tickets.

Horseman's Association of Texoma (HAT) announces 2006 shows and events schedule

The Horseman's Association of Texoma (HAT) has announced its shows and events schedule for 2006. HAT will hold four open horse shows, its annual youth

and adult clinics, and a members-only trail ride. These events are scheduled as follows:

- April 15 - Spring Open Show
- May 6 - Youth Clinic;

- May 20 - Trail Ride (HAT members only);
- June 17 - Summer Open Show;
- Sept. 30 - Autumn Open Show;
- Nov. 12 - Open Weanling/Yearling Futurity and Open Show.

All events except the Trail Ride and the Adult Clinic will be held in the covered arena at Loy Lake Park in Demson. The Trail Ride will take place at Lake Ray Roberts, and the date and location for the Adult Clinic has not yet been finalized.

For more information, please call (903) 476-5824 or visit the HAT website at www.hat-texoma.org.

Muenster Booster Club Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 6, 2006 - Turtle Hill Golf Course
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GAME WARDEN REPORTS

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

seen deer there and wanted to shoot one. Case pending.

Tip: don't poach in front of the warden's house

On Dec. 11, a Shelby County game warden met a small pickup on a state highway just south of the warden's residence. There was nothing odd about the vehicle, but the warden continued to watch it in his rearview mirror. Shortly after it passed, the warden noticed the driver-side mirror appear to "light up." The warden quickly turned around and caught up to the vehicle, which now had a light out each window, one of which was shining into the warden's father-in-law's pasture. A 30-06 rifle, a 12-gauge shotgun, and three lights were found in the vehicle. The suspect quickly admitted that he had been traveling the highway to get to work in the early morning hours and had repeatedly

What caliber arrow was that?

On Dec. 8, a call was received from a deer processor stating that a deer that had been taken the previous night needed to be inspected. The processor stated that he thought that the deer could have been taken illegally. Grayson County game wardens inspected the deer. A large hole in the back of the deer's head was observed. The wardens put a hold on the carcass and took the head to a local taxidermy shop where an autopsy was performed by an experienced wildlife surgeon. After several attempts, a large slug was removed from the deer's head. Grayson County is an archery-only county, making this an illegal kill. Upon interviewing the suspect, he admitted to killing the deer with a 12-gauge slug. The deer scored 161 5/8 Boone & Crockett. Case pending.

Volunteers sought

There will be a work party for Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary members, and anyone else who would like to lend a hand, on Saturday, March 25. The front flowerbed will be replanted and the handrails on the patients patio painted. If there are sufficient volunteers, more work may be done in the patio area. Work begins at 9 a.m. Bring your garden gloves and hand tools! Call Darlene at 759-4167 or Janet at 759-4485 for more information.

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Muenster Youth Grades 5-6 2nd place winners



Finishing 2nd place in the Muenster Youth Basketball Program, grades 5-6, was Dr. Edd Advincula's team. Pictured from left, front - Mark Jones and Austin Hennigan. Back - Assistant Coach Chad Endres, Coach Dr. Edd, Paul Mouring, Dalton Koelzer, Hunter Klement, and Assistant Coach Brad Endres. Courtesy photo

2nd Annual Lindsay Invitational held at Turtle Hill Golf Course

The Lindsay golf teams participated March 13 and 14 in their own tournament held at Turtle Hill Golf Course in Muenster.

The girls found the competition quite tough against some of the best golfers in North Texas. Even shooting their best score this year (420), it was only good enough for 7th place.

Lauren Creed and Krystal Arend continued to lead the Lady Knights with 96 and 99 respectively, followed by Danielle Hogan 112 and Emily Fuhrmann 113. "We are getting in great position to make a realistic run for a trip to the Regional Tournament in Abilene," commented Coach Dan Hamric.

Van Alstyne won the girls division with a score of 359. Sanger followed with 378, Prosper 388, Holliday 395, Azle 405, S&S 416, then Lindsay.

On the boys side of the competition, the Lindsay boys set a school record, firing a 329 and finishing 6th in a field of 17 teams. "We were the only

Class A team entered, and we hung right in there with the big boys," Hamric said.

Brad Arend returned to his pre-season power and fired an 8th place 79 to lead the Knights to their best team effort ever. Derrick Murray continued his steady play, shooting a 10 over par 82. Chris Dieter, the mainstay of the team, overcame a "rub of the green" bad luck start to shoot an 84. "Give him a matter of inches on two shots and he would easily have posted a score in the 70s," added Hamric. Keith Hermes also rolled in a solid 84. "Keith has

overcome his last year freshman jitters and is playing solid this year from start to finish. His round Tuesday finished with back to back birdies," the Coach noted. Neil Jones posted an improved 96, his personal best in competition. Dillon Ott, sidelined six weeks with a broken thumb, is getting his game back, but had to settle for a 109.

Prosper won the boys competition with a score of 313. Holliday was 2nd with 314, then Sanger 320, Pottsboro 326, and Lindsay 329. There were 17 boys teams in the tournament.

TYHP seeks new hunting grounds in Central Texas

Directors with the Texas Youth Hunting Program (TYHP) are looking for a few generous landowners willing to open up their land to a lifetime of memories for a few good kids.

Begun 12 years ago to increase the numbers of youth participating in wildlife and hunting activities and to promote the hunting heritage in Texas, the program has since grown to become one of the largest hunting safety programs for children ages eight-17 in the Lone Star State. There are more than 200 hunts and 6,000 participants each year. "That's why we're hoping we can find more places to take kids hunting," said Jerry Warden, one of the program's founders.

"Only through the work and resources of volunteers can TYHP provide thousands of safe, educational, and memorable hunting experiences," he said. "Our entire program is based on volunteer landowners who open their ranch gates for youth hunters, and other volunteers who plan and run hunts. TYHP can provide everything for successful hunts—except hunting opportunities and dedicated personnel." ##

TYHP provides insurance coverage and meets with landowners to determine what specifics are required of groups entering the property. Once the specifics are agreed, the hunt is then scheduled and groups are brought out. Groups typically consist of a dozen or so children, each accompanied by a parent, and

the staff of volunteers. They usually stay from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, varying hunts with safety and educational activities throughout the day.

Little is required of the landowners themselves, Warden said. "All we really need is the place to enjoy the outdoors, something many of these children have never experienced before. And we pride ourselves in leaving the place better than we found it."

Much of the hunting land in use thus far has either been in Far South Texas or the Hill Country, Central Texas properties, however, have been somewhat limited.

"We work on keeping the entire weekend in the outdoors," he said. "No televisions, no Game Boys, and no Walkmans."

And when everything is

said and done, Warden said he believes the youth participants not only walk away with a new appreciation for the outdoors, but they have a greater respect for land ownership and responsible stewardship of resources—something he said makes them better informed voters when they are faced with such issues in the future.

"So many of our kids today aren't given that exposure any more. Even when we don't harvest anything, the time together is what the children value most."

Those interested in learning more about the program or volunteering their land are encouraged to visit the Texas Youth Hunting Program Web site at www.tyhp.org or contact Warden at (800) 460-5494 or j-warden@texas-wildlife.org.

Deer management workshop and deer auction

A Deer Management Workshop is scheduled for March 30, from 9 a.m. to noon at Billy Bob's Texas in Fort Worth. The program is designed to present some of the mainstay issues of deer management.

The workshop and auction are free and anyone who is interested in white tail deer is encouraged to attend. This includes low-fenced properties, cooperatives, and high-fenced properties.

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: March 24, 2006

Name of Contractor: City of Muenster

Address: P. O. Box 208, 400 N. Main, Muenster, Texas 76252-0208; 940/759-2236

TO: ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On April 11, 2006, the City of Muenster, Cooke County, Texas, intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) as amended, to be used for the following project:

Project Title or Name:

Texas Community Development Fund—Drainage Activities, Installation of Designed Drainage Structures

Contract Number: 725609

Purpose or Nature of Project: Improve drainage structures and channel to direct floodwater away from habitable residences in the northeast part of the City.

Location of Project: City of Muenster, Mesquite Street from Sixth to Second Street

Estimated Cost of Project: Total cost: \$151,250.00 (TCDFP funds-\$125,000; local funds—minimum of \$26,250)

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Muenster has decided not to prepare an *Environmental Impact Statement* under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a *Statement* is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An *Environmental Review Record* for the proposed project has been made by the City of Muenster which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a *Statement* is not required. This *Environmental Review Record* is on file in the Office of the City Secretary at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request Monday thru Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Muenster to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified by April 10, 2006. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Muenster will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Muenster will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 2005 under grant number 725609 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The City of Muenster is certifying to the Office of Rural Community Affairs that the City of Muenster and Henry Weinzapfel, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that, upon its approval, the City of Muenster may use the Block grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, Texas Community Development Program, P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711-2877.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by ORCA. No objection received later than April 27, 2006 will be considered by ORCA.

Henry Weinzapfel, Mayor
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/s/ REBECCA LAWSON, County Clerk
COUNTY COURT AT LAW
Cooke County, Texas

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. MCGUFFIN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JAMES L. MCGUFFIN, Deceased were issued on March 20, 2006, in Cause No. #16,062, pending in the County Court at Law of Cooke County, Texas - Probate Division, to the following named executor whose mailing address is listed below:

Ralph Lewis, 501 CR 208, Gainesville, TX 76240

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

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Respectfully submitted,
/s/Russell Duncan, P. C.
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FARM & RANCH

Study shows bleak outlook for American farm profits

High fuel and fertilizer prices will continue to decrease the economic viability of farming operations, according to a recent study produced by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University.

Farmers experienced as much as a 28% hike in fuel input costs in 2005, which also increased the likelihood of negative net cash flows, according to the report.

By contrast, commodity price increases projected through 2010 won't be enough to offset increased input costs, said Dr. James Richardson, study co-author. "The high price of fuel and fertilizer has played a significant factor in net returns to farmers," Richardson said. "This will cause many farmers across the country to look for new ways to cut costs while maintaining yields."

The report, presented to both the U.S. House and Senate agriculture committees, includes 66 crop farms, 23 dairies, and 13 cattle ranches in major producing areas of 28 states.

Of the 20 cotton farms, 18 operations were projected to experience severe cash flow problems in the next five years. Rice farms are facing an even bleaker outlook.

The cost of land is also contributing to net worth decline, Richardson said. Producers who have land debt, or are paying cash rent, are in a "cost-squeeze" because of increasing interest rates and rising rental rates.

The outlook for the cow-calf and dairy operations is stronger due to recent favorable prices for cattle and milk, Outlaw said. However, beef cattle prices are expected to decrease moderately, in part due to cattle herd expansion nationally.

Illegals make up 24% of ag workers

A report from the Pew Hispanic Center released March 7, estimates that there are 11.5 to 12 million unauthorized migrants living in the United States, up from 8.4 million in 2000. They account for about 4.9% of the civilian labor force, or 7.2 million workers out of a labor force of 148 million. They make up 24% of all workers employed in farming occupations, 27% of butchers and other food processing workers, 12% of food preparation, 36% of insulation workers, 29% of roofers and drywall installers, 21% of private household industries, 14% of construction, and 17% of cleaning and maintenance.

Nearly two-thirds (64%) of the children living in unauthorized families are U.S. citizens by birth, an estimated 3.1 million children in 2005. Most of the unauthorized migrants (6.2 million or 56%) came from Mexico.

Dairy operations represented in the study are projected to see moderate decreases in net returns as recent high milk prices will come down to more modest levels, the report indicated.

By commodity, the study found the following projected impacts on economic viability during 2006-2010:

- Feed grain farms: Three of the 18 feed grain farms were in good overall financial condition. Six were considered to be in marginal condition, and nine in poor condition.

- Wheat farms: Four of the 13 wheat farms were classified in good financial condition, one marginal, and eight in poor condition.

- Cotton farms: One of the 20 cotton farms was classified in good condition, one in moderate condition, and 18 in poor condition. Also, 18 of the farms have more than a 50% chance of losing net worth by 2010.

- Dairy farms: Thirteen of the 23 dairy farms are in good overall financial condition. Four are considered to be in marginal condition, and six in poor condition.

- Beef cattle ranches: Six of the 13 cattle ranches were classified in good financial condition, two classified marginal, and five projected in poor condition.

The full report is available at <http://www.afpc.tamu.edu>. Texas Farm Bureau.

Damages can occur if pastures grazed too soon

Grazing too early this year could perform the 'coup de grace,' further damaging already stressed bermudagrass pastures, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

Beset by drought and wildfires, north central Texas producers may be tempted to turn cattle into their bunch grasses or coastal and Tifton85 bermudagrass pastures as they green up from recent rains.

But don't "jump into pastures" just yet, cautioned Dr. Yoana Newman, Extension forage specialist based at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Stephenville.

"Just because they green up, doesn't mean pastures have recovered," she said. "The green color is accentuated by the dark color of the burnt ground giving the impression that there is more herbage than there actually is. Whether they have bunch grasses or sod-forming coastal or Tifton85, they need to allow more time to ensure restoration of the sugar reserves that foster growth before the animals graze the pasture again."

Though bermudagrass pastures should recover with proper management, they have been severely stressed. But to graze these north central Texas pastures now might further damage the stands, especially those of ranchers who did not de-stock their pastures, Newman said. At particular risks are pastures burnt by wildfire, she said. The ash left from the fire only provides a temporary boost of plant nutrients. So with a few inches of rain, the green-up process is accelerated, Newman said.

Most native bunch grasses propagate through seed production, but sod-forming bermudagrass stands can recover and fill in open spots from their below-ground reserves stored in roots and rhizomes (underground stems) and from sugars in the stubble.

This characteristic makes bermudagrass highly

resistant to both drought and wildfire.

But after such events, "plant reserves become more critical for long-term recovery," Newman said. "For full recovery from stress, overgrazed bermudagrass needs a certain amount of time to build back reserves."

In the initial green-up stage, the plant pulls reserves from both rhizomes and stubble to form new leaves. If the stressed plant is grazed during this stage, before it can replace some nutrient reserves via photosynthesis, there is a danger of depleting the rhizome reserves.

Newman made the following recommendations:

- Wait longer than usual before turning cattle into pastures. Bermudagrass stands should be at least eight inches tall before grazing.

- Collect soil samples now if you have not done so already, and base pasture fertilization on soil test results.

- Wait until the nighttime temperature reaches 60° F for several days in a row before fertilizing.

"Fertilizing too early will be the equivalent of 'fertilizing weeds' since warm-season grasses are still dormant when nighttime temperatures are below 60° F," Newman said.

- Wait until rain is forecast, and target fertilization until just prior to a rain.

- Control weeds when moisture is present.

"Moisture is necessary for many herbicides to work properly and to be translocated inside the weed plant." Farmers may be "out of feed and grazing the green-up is very attractive," she said. But buying hay for a few more weeks will more than offset the potential damages and expenses (such as weed control, replanting, etc.) that will result from grazing too early.

"Delaying grazing now, controlling your weeds and fertilizing your pastures will translate into solid summer pastures," Newman concluded. Texas Farm Bureau

Wheat crop suffering under drought conditions

Don't expect a bumper yield on this year's wheat crop, even if it rains.

While crop specialists agree that some wheat will pull through the drought, the surviving wheat will likely have severely reduced yields, said Dr. Brent Bean, Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist in Amarillo.

"The amount of reduction will depend on what happens in the next couple of months," he said. He estimated 60% to 70% of the crop planted for grain in the Panhandle will still be harvested.

"Of those (harvested) acres, however, we can expect them to have reduced yields," Bean said, attributing 80% to 90% of that loss to drought.

Wheat streak mosaic, greenbugs, and Russian wheat aphids all could potentially reduce yields further, he said. About 50% of the wheat grown in the Panhandle region is under dryland conditions.

"Some of it is still hanging on and will make something," he said. "It still looks decent. But then there's some dryland that will be plowed up."

Rodney Mosier, executive vice president of Texas Wheat Producers Association, said statewide conditions are not looking good, but some of the wheat can be brought around with a rain. The statewide crop report estimates 3% is in good shape, 8% is fair, 63% poor, and 26% is in very poor condition, Mosier said.

In a typical year, about half of all the wheat planted will be harvested.

Last year, producers harvested 3 million acres out of 5.5 million planted acres. This year, 5.8 million acres were seeded to wheat, but with current crop conditions, it's hard to say whether even one-third of that crop will be harvested, Mosier said.

"I think we may be seeing a 50-million-bushel crop this year, compared to a 96-million-bushel crop last year,"

he said. "Rain in some of these areas, such as Wichita Falls and maybe the Panhandle, could turn things around and the wheat could end up better than it looks now," Mosier said. "If it doesn't rain, we're not going to have a crop."

He said with the high natural gas prices, many producers who irrigate just can't afford to water, so the statewide situation with irrigated wheat is not looking much better.

Dr. Travis Miller, Extension program leader for soil and crop sciences in College Station, said he expects to see much larger than usual abandonment of wheat statewide.

The wheat east of Paris between Texarkana and the Red River was established in the fall and vernalized (chilled) properly, Miller said. He explained wheat requires a certain number of chilling hours, between 32° F to 45° F, before it can produce a head. Otherwise, it just comes up as a grass.

It will make a decent crop if it gets one more rain between now and when the head begins to fill with grain, he said, adding it is probably the best around the state.

A lot of wheat in Central, North, and parts of Northeast Texas was planted in dry soil and received no moisture until late January, Miller said. The stands came up but have almost no yield potential because of lack of vernalization.

A lot of wheat in West Texas was overgrazed, Miller said. Good stands came up with early moisture and producers turned the cattle out on it to graze. But no moisture fell and they had no hay, so the wheat was grazed off.

Miller said while the state normally harvests 55% or more of the wheat crop for grain, it will probably only be about 25% if conditions don't improve.

Two factors will determine whether wheat fields are abandoned, he said.

In the northern Panhandle, if they still have a good stand and get rain within a couple of weeks, they still have a chance of making a reasonable wheat yield," Miller said. "But in South Texas, it's gone or dying. It's too late for a rain to help it."

But at this point, without a rain, it won't be planted to cotton or other crops either, he said.

County Agent Report

Concerns About Termites Infested Mulch

If wood mulch is being shipped into Texas from hurricane-ravaged areas of Louisiana - as a recent flurry of e-mails alleges - it is being done so illegally. No wood debris has been approved to move outside the quarantine area.

The mulch is going to landfills, all but one of which is in quarantined parishes in Louisiana. The other landfill is in Mississippi but in an area quarantined for Formosan termites.

"The fact is, we do not know whether these materials are infested with Formosan termites," said Dr. Roger Gold, Texas Cooperative Extension entomologist in College Station. "We are concerned, and through education and alerts, we are

trying to keep these termites from going farther," he said.

Texas has quarantined the shipment of used railroad crossies, or products, articles or conveyance that could bring the termite - a part of its developmental stages - into the state, according to the Texas Administrative Code. This includes mulch.

TDA also has a quarantine in place to prevent the movement of Formosan termites and any quarantined article, such as railroad ties and mulch, from certain states and areas unless the items have been fumigated in a TDA-approved method and a proof of treatment accompanies the shipment.

Louisiana has quarantined the movement of all wood material from areas affected by hurricanes.

Formosan termites cause the same type of damage as other subterranean termites, but they are voracious eaters, attacking more than 47 plant species in addition to homes and other wooden structures. Gold recommended that consumers be wary of generic or unlabeled wood products - including railroad crossies - even though they appear to be a good deal. Care needs to be taken through inspections or treatment of these materials before they are placed around structures in Texas, he said.

Any purchased mulch that appears to have insects in it should be returned to the retailer or distributor for a refund.

Ag Brief

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<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.69-1.80; No. 2 & 3, 1.40-1.70; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.45-1.80; No. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.45; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.30-1.50; No. 2 & 3, 1.05-1.30; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.35; No. 2 & 3, 95-1.15; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.17; No. 2 & 3, 90-1.10; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 98-1.11; No. 2 & 3, 80-98.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.40-1.50; No. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.40; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.35-1.45; No. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.35; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.20-1.37; No. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.20; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.30; No. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.15; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.11; No. 2 & 3, 85-1.00; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 91-99; No. 2 & 3, 85-91.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls-Yield Grade #1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., 55-68; Slaughter Cows, #1-3, 48-52; Culler, 30-48.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$750-\$1,100; Medium Frame: \$500-\$750.</p> <p>Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame \$1,000-\$1,230; Medium Frame \$900-\$1,000.</p> <p>Baby Calves - Holstein \$165-\$180; Cross Breeds \$220-\$345.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 220-270, 35-38; US #2, 220-280, 34-38.</p> <p>Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs. \$35-\$75; 25-90 lbs. \$25-\$45.</p> <p>Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 at less - 30-38; Light wt. 400-500 - 32-35; Med wt. 500-600 - 32-35; Heavy wt. 600s - 32-35.</p> <p>Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up - 68-100.</p> <p>Sheep (per lb.) Feeder Lambs - 40-60 lbs. 1.10-1.30; Light Lambs 90-110; 85-110 Fat Lambs 90-120 lbs. 55-95.</p>	<p>Ewes (per lb.) Stocker 40-55 Thin: 20-30; Fat: 35-45.</p> <p>Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 35-50; Fat: 30-40.</p> <p>Barbados (per head) Lambs \$20-\$45; Ewes \$25-\$55; Bucks \$60-\$170.</p> <p>Goats (per head) Kids 20-35 lbs. \$25-\$50; 35-55 lbs. \$35-\$70; 55-75 lbs. \$50-\$85.</p> <p>Yearlings (per head) US #1, 220-270, 35-38; 75-120 lbs. \$75-\$100.</p> <p>Nannies (per head) Stocker \$50-\$140; Milk Type \$35-\$75; Slaughter; \$55-\$75; Thin: \$25-\$55; Fat: \$50-\$75.</p> <p>Billies (per head) 120 lbs up Broilers \$80-\$115; Slaughter \$65-\$85.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: \$75-\$110; 3/4 Nanny: \$75-\$110; Full Nanny: \$90-\$145. 1/2 Billy NT, 3/4 Billy NT, Full Billy: \$100-\$140.</p>
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