

Crowds view local gardens on 2006 Parade of Gardens

By Janet Felderhoff
Despite the abundance of rain and violent weather on previous days, the 2006 Parade of Gardens hosted by the Cooke County Master Gardeners went off without a hitch. Weather was pleasant and the gardens involved weren't damaged. More than 100 people toured the local Muenster gardens on the tour list.

Kay and Steve Broyles home at 407 W. Ninth features landscaping done with native plants. Both the National Wildlife Federation and the Texas Wildlife Federation certify the natural habitat.

The couple started the landscape project in 1996 and became acquainted with the Native Plant Society the following year. They take into consideration the soil and cli-

mate and try to select plants that will grow without pesticides, fertilizers, supplemental watering, and without amending the soil.

Flowers were blooming brightly in the Broyles' yard. Kay said that spring and fall are the colorful times in her yard. She said she doesn't water or deadhead. She claimed to be a lazy gardener, but the beautiful plantings must have required many hours of loving labor.

Set on a hillside, the home's garden adventure begins at the bottom of the hill where a bench is placed by a small pool with a few fish. The sound of the water flowing down the rock-lined waterfall creates a relaxing atmosphere to enjoy the natural setting.

There are hundreds of plants in the Broyles garden.

A few are rough leaf dogwood, red bud, soapberry, Texas mountain laurel, possumhaw holly, and Eve's necklace for the trees; herbs such as Rosemary, fennel, and mint; perennials scull cap, yellow columbine, spiderwort, Texas green eyes, winecup, lazydaisy, and Texas hibiscus, antique roses, cactus, and many grasses.

Jerry and Monica Hess showed the yard and garden around their new home at 829 S. FM 373. Raised flowerbeds made from the same gray stone as the home complete it. Azaleas were their shrub of choice, which meant amending the too alkaline soil to acidic. Ground cover plants include creeping juniper, vinca, and Asiatic jasmine. Rose bushes, Bradford pears, Nandinas, dwarf

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2006 Parade of Gardens visitors at Claude and Nancy Walter's Miss Kitty's Bird and Bath (above) enjoy sitting on the Texas shaped brick patio. At left, Ona B. Reed, Texas Archeologic Society member finds treasures in the "old pieces of junk". Claude discovered these items by screening dirt from around the old home. Watching are, from left, Melissa Becker and daughter Allison, Joyce Cornwell, Werner and Linda Becker, and Nancy Walter. At right, Native plants bloom beautifully at the Kay and Steve Broyles home. A waterfall flows down to a fish pool where a bench makes it a great place to relax and enjoy the view. Muenster hosted this year's Parade of Gardens, sponsored by the Cooke County Master Gardeners Association. See page 6 for more tour pictures. Janet Felderhoff photos



Hospital requests public input on exercise equipment

By Janet Felderhoff
Early mornings and evenings are often busy times in the Muenster Memorial Hospital Fitness and Wellness Center. It is a place for the public to come and do their workouts on a variety of exercise equipment. Bids are currently being taken on equipment upgrades.

It is the desire of the Hospital Administration and Board to purchase equipment most desired by the public. It was decided at the April Board meeting to take suggestions from the public to help determine what is most needed and desired. Anyone with suggestions is invited to give them to the Hospital Administrator Lynn Heller or any member of the Board.

Heller reported that the District had received \$20,892 from the 2006 State Tobacco Settlement Funds. "That's up considerably from last year," noted Heller.

A new vending machine was purchased for the Hospital's break room. The MMH Auxiliary bought the machine and will keep it stocked. They will retain the proceeds from the sales for use on various projects at the Hospital.

Mary Dangelmayr accepted the chairmanship of the David Bright Memorial Scholarship Fund. She will be

organizing a committee to establish the groundwork.

Effective Jan. 1, officers of local entities, including hospital districts and authorities are required to file disclosure statements regarding certain financial relationships. Board members were given information prepared by Kevin Reed, TORCH's general counsel. It included specific information and instructions and forms for the new requirements. Members were urged to complete and return the forms soon if fitting. Discussion occurred as to who might be required to complete the forms.

Dick Teeter, CFO explained the financial report. It showed that in March there was an operating profit of \$1,938. Year to date operating showed a loss of \$6,678. With taxes and non-operating expenses included, the net revenue over expenses for March was \$6,989 and the year to date total was \$469,665. "We had a pretty normal month," noted Teeter.

Cash on hand was reported at over \$600,000 and Accounts Payables was very low.

Bad Debt write off in the amount of \$230 was approved.

As recommended by the Medical Staff, the Board approved hospital privileges for Dr. James Donovitz, M.D.

In other business the Board:

- Took no action as a result of an executive session with their lawyer.
- Approved expenditure to upgrade network server and software to facilitate Security Risk Assessment program.
- Approved Administrator's request to amend the MMH Personnel Policy to give him needed flexibility.
- Accepted \$9,069 bid from Bolen Construction to repair the Hospital parking lots.



Muenster High School's State Academic IA medalists, from left, back - Ryan Fuhrmann, Travis Felderhoff, Micah Flusche, Cletus Fuhrmann; front - Tiffanie Klement, Dustin Wimmer, and Krystal Wolf. MISD photo

MISD students win State medals

The State UIL Academic Meet was held on May 4-6 in Austin. Sixteen students from Muenster High School competed in various competitions.

Ryan Fuhrmann received a 1st place gold medal for Headline Writing, which made him the first MHS student to receive a gold medal in a journalism event in school history.

Along with Tiffanie Klement placing 4th in News Writing, MHS took honors as 2nd place Journalism Team. The Journalism coach for MHS is Stephanie Bierschenk, who is on a great start to building a strong group of competitive

writers at MHS.

Muenster also experienced success in Speech this year with Cletus Fuhrmann placing 4th in Persuasive Speaking. His coach Keisha Dill will see great success in the future considering he is only a sophomore!

The Mathematics Team brought home 2nd place silver medals. It was a hard-fought battle with the 2nd through 5th place teams within only eight points of one another. The members of the Math Team are Travis Felderhoff, Dustin Wimmer, Micah Flusche, Krystal Wolf, and Jessica Walterscheid as the

alternate. Travis Felderhoff took 5th place individually in Math. The Math Team is coached by Danna Hess.

The MHS Spelling Team of Megan Felderhoff, Kim Patel, Alison Teafattler, and Lindsey Watson have the honor of being 3rd in State. They are coached by Lisa Hettler.

Other MHS students who competed but did not place were: Michael Valliere in Prose Interpretation; and Cletus Fuhrmann, Roman Vogel, Evan Koessler, and Brandon Bindel in Current Issues and Events.

submitted by Kyra Mann

County rallies against Trans Texas Corridor

By Janet Felderhoff
Not in our County was the attitude expressed by most present at the Monday, May 8 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court. They were against the proposed Trans Texas Corridor (TTC) being located in Cooke County.

Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox led the group. He said that if Cooke County were picked as one of the sites, it would be a disaster for the County. He remarked, "I feel for the people in its path."

Commissioner Gary Hollowell of Precinct #1 stated that he had spoken out against it from the beginning. County Judge Bill Freeman said he'd received many calls from people who were against the TTC. "There is a groundswell of support against the Trans Texas Corridor," he said.

Gainesville resident Stephen Harlow stated he felt that it would create a tremendous barrier to County traffic. He said he'd studied the project and in his opinion, "It looks like a con job from the get go to me." Bill White said it would create a lot of havoc.

Bob Baldwin of Woodbine said that a town hall meeting is planned for June 6 at 7 p.m. in the Rad Ware School building. Gov. Rick Perry is invited and they hope to have him present.

"If you live in Cooke County, you are at risk," Precinct #2 resident Sheila Cox stressed. She then explained that TxDOT will be able to take land, homes, and businesses if needed. The heart of Cooke County is within the amber circle on preliminary study maps. That area is designated for warehouse distribution centers for businesses from Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Diagonal areas would be for the overflow storage areas.

Mrs. Cox added that several major food chains, Best Buy, Sony, and other major

companies, have plans to build large warehouses in this area. Commissioner Al Smith, Precinct #3, said people have said that the warehouses would be an economic benefit, but he disagrees. He referred to the new apartment buildings being erected behind Wal-Mart where both the County and Gainesville denied a special tax abatement and Perry said yes you will.

Commissioners Court unanimously adopted a resolution that opposes the Trans Texas Corridor concept, "due to the negative impact on Cooke County and urges the Legislature to amend HB 3588 to allow further public input before implementing this plan."

Some of the negatives listed in the resolution were: splitting farms and ranches, uprooting wildlife, tolls of the TTC would be a form of double taxation causing undue hardship for some, at a cost of \$184 billion, it would place an unnecessary financial burden on taxpayers, concentration of resource conveyances in the corridor will better enable terrorists to attack these resources and disable them, especially in remote areas.

Commissioners Court fa-

vors taking advantage of the existing infrastructure and right-of-way. Expanding it would be more cost effective.

Judge Freeman listed known storm damage estimates to Cooke County on Friday, April 28 when straight-line winds wreaked havoc in the eastern half of the County. It included: eight homes totally destroyed; 22 homes badly damaged; 382 homes with minor damage; 995 homes with extensive damage; (About 70% of that number were insured.) two businesses were destroyed; 40 businesses received major damage; 23 businesses had minor damage; three people were injured - two residents and one firefighter; eight to 10 transported themselves to hospitals for minor injuries.

"We have applied with the damage assessment to the Governor's division of Emergency Management to meet the criteria for uninsured and underinsured to be eligible," noted Judge Freeman. "We still have people reporting every day."

Commissioner Smith reported that Precinct #3 had more than a dozen roads that were rendered impassable. He complimented the citizens who called in to let the Precinct know that a road was impassable, but that they would take care of it and the County could take care of others. Also Precinct #4 lent assistance. "We worked all week cleaning up after it and we will work this week as well," said Smith. He added that Tuesday a 6,000 square foot home was totally destroyed by fire in Precinct #3.

Precinct #2 had very little damage, but its County crew responded by assisting with clean up of debris from Gainesville streets. Precinct #1 had some storm damage and Commissioner Hollowell said that they are still cleaning up trees. Commissioner Virgil Hess said that Precinct #4 had damage in the Maysville area that was still being cleaned up.

Direct deposit for County payroll is a possibility in the near future. This could involve paying every two weeks as opposed to weekly checks. It would involve holding off pay for one week. Judge Freeman said that might be a

Health inspector asks City for ordinance enforcement

Clint Marable, health inspector for the City of Muenster, attended the May 1 meeting of the City Council. He said that he has started the yearly food health inspections and is discovering the same problems present as he identified last year. Store owners are not correcting the problems indicated on the previous inspection reports. Marable feels that if the City doesn't enforce the ordinance, he is just wasting his time.

Publishing the results in the newspaper as other cities sometimes do was suggested. It was decided that City Manager Stan Endres should send letters to each of the food retailers to inform them that the ordinance will be enforced. The best course of action will be discussed at the June meeting.

City employee Gary Hacker has passed his test for a vector license for mosquito

control. He is now licensed to fog and dispense granule powder to kill mosquitoes before they hatch. Hacker requested that they City purchase a backpack blower so that he is able to walk the bar ditches and creeks dispensing the granule.

Cost of the backpack is \$609 and the granules sell for about \$92 for a 40 pound bag. Alderman Jack Flusche suggested researching prices for various size bags of the granules to see which is the best buy and then purchase that size. Purchase of the backpack and granules was approved.

A request from an oil company to purchase bulk water drew discussion on prices. The current policy is to double the rate from the current regular fee. The company asked about purchasing over 100,000 gallons of water over

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DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO May 9, 1941

Cyclone hits as climax to long siege of rain; twister takes heavy toll at two places; no human injuries. City appointments include: Frank Hoedebeck, fire marshall and continues as City peace officer, and superintendent of water and sewer systems; Adeline Miller, tax assessor-collector; Susie Bernauer, treasurer; Ray Hellman, secretary; John Fisher, street commissioner; I.A. Schoech, water commissioner; Nick Miller, fire commissioner; L.A. Bernauer and Andy Hofbauer, sanitation. Mrs. J.T. Barker is employed at Jimmy's Cafe, replacing Pat Stelzer. New Arrival: Richard to Raymond and Magdalene Flusche Zimmerer. In The Service: Ensign Robert Weinzapfel, stationed on Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Lexington, is home for a visit; Private First Class Earl Lehnertz, stationed in Michigan, is home for a visit. Wedding: Esther Sturm and Al Kleiss.

50 YEARS AGO May 11, 1956

Obituary: Father Henry Felderhoff, 56. Relax Theatre under new ownership, Otto and Raymond Walterscheid. Muenster State Bank starts

5 1/2 day schedule, closing at noon on Saturdays. Little League baseball will have lights this season, agreed upon by City Council. Taking advantage of Ascension feast day holiday. MHS underclasses spend day at Lake Murray, Oklahoma, while senior class takes trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mrs. T.S. Myrick wins Sweepstakes at 1956 Flower Show. In special Soil Conservation section some winners included: Wilfred Reiter of Muenster, John Kupper of Valley View, and ex-mail man John A. Cunningham.

25 YEARS AGO May 8, 1981

Tigerettes are State Champs in TCIL Class AAA State Track Meet. Muenster sweeps UIL Meet for 1st place. Helen Tompkins is named Chief of Police in Muenster. Weddings: Lisa Trubenbach and Kim Walterscheid; Diane Fuhrmann and John Hermes. New Arrivals: Pamela to Rex and Donna Simmons; Lacy to Bob and Diann Hultstrand; Ricky to Dr. Richard Endres and Dr. Martha Kincaid; Dara to Nick and Robynn Walterscheid. Henry Popp of Lindsay and Raymond Downe of Gainesville win conservation awards.

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hardship to some of the employees. Commissioner Hollowell said, "Bi-weekly checks would make more accurate County records because now the time card is turned in before the week is worked." If an employee decides to take a vacation day after the time card is turned in, then paperwork to make the adjustments is necessary.

Judge Freeman appointed a committee to study the situation and bring a recommendation to the Court. Committee members are County Auditor Shelly Saunders and Commissioners Hollowell and Smith. Cooke County Library Director Jennifer Johnson Spence reported that Cooke County Library was one of 2,000 libraries across the

Funeral services for Joe Brawner, age 70 of Saint Jo, were May 6 at the First Baptist Church in Saint Jo. Burial followed in Mountain Park Cemetery. Brawner died at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at his home.

Born to John G. and Mary Fay Williams Brawner on Aug. 22, 1935 at Illinois Bend, Joe lived in the Saint Jo area all his life. He married Wanda Maydell Cole on June 8, 1956. They were the proud parents of three children.

Joe had worked in the oil industry as a pulling unit operator for Curtis Martin for about 12 years, then in 1968, he was the 97th employee hired at Weber Aircraft, working as an assemblyman and later a supervisor. He was employed with them some 37 years.

Survivors include: wife, Maydell of Saint Jo; daughters Pam Brawner of Saint Jo and Charlotte Kneupper of Sisterdale, Texas; son Ricky Brawner of



Joe Brawner

Saint Jo; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren. Also sisters, Rena Brunette Simpkins of Bryan and Mary Nell Malone of Fort Worth; and brother Marion Brawner of Saint Jo.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter.

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country to receive the We the People grant. It was for 20 books about immigration and becoming Americans, six of them in Spanish. A Gates Computer grant brought in \$6,300 and will be used to purchase five new computers.

Commissioner Smith cautioned Spence to take care with an online tutoring program to assure it was safe for the students using it. It is one on one contact and care should be taken that the tutors have undergone background checks for character and credentials, he said. He added that there must be a way for parents to report on any concerns. "By approving this we are endorsing this," Smith noted.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Rescinded the previously accepted bid for a 2006 truck for Precinct #3 since the 2006 was no longer available.

- Accepted payment for County equipment rental. Sheriff Mike Compton allowed a construction company to rent a car from the Sheriff's Department for security purposes. The company was paying off duty deputies to provide the security. Commissioner Hollowell said he is an advocate of allowing the

deputies to supplement their incomes. The Sheriff said that he asked that the car rental be paid to the County at a rate of \$25 per hour. The total was \$300.

- Approved participation in the County Choice Silver Program for supplemental insurance for retired employees at no cost to the County.

- Approved request by Precinct #2 to advertise for bids on a belly dump truck.

- Approved request by Woodbine Water to bore under CR 182 approximately 6/10 of a mile west of FM 371.

- On the recommendation of the County Auditor, approved participation in a nationwide contract with Office Depot through the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. This will allow the County to purchase office furniture, printer supplies, and other such items at 70-85% off the catalogue price.

- Approved bond for James R. Harper, deputy sheriff.

- Approved change order for the three EMS substations. A concrete slab will be poured to allow for a place to wash the ambulances. Cost is \$1215 each or a total of \$3645.

OBITUARIES

Joe Brawner

1935 - 2006

John Brogdon

1938 - 2006

John J. Brogdon of Miami, Texas died at the age of 68 in Amarillo on Thursday, May 4, 2006. Services were held Saturday, May 6 at the United Methodist Church of Miami, with Rev. Mindy McLanahan, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were held Sunday, May 7 at Dye Mound Cemetery in Dye Mound.

Born Jan. 10, 1938 in Dye Mound, John married Shirley Jackson on Sept. 7, 1956 in Forestburg. He was a 1956 graduate of Forestburg High School and attended the University of Texas at Arlington. He had been a resident of Miami since 1967. He was a cowboy for 40 years at various ranches. For the past five years, he was a correctional officer in Pampa. John was a member of the United Methodist Church of Miami, the Miami Masonic Lodge #805, the Miami Lions Club, and

the Miami Chamber of Commerce. He was also an EMT, a volunteer fireman, and a hospice volunteer.

Survivors include his wife Shirley; daughters Pamela Berry of Borger and Karla Scott and husband Ken of Luling, Louisiana; mother Veda Brogdon of Forestburg; sisters Jane Sledge of Cleburne, Marjorie Hess of Forestburg; and Becky Scott of Waco; brother Max Brogdon of Cheyenne Wyoming; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his father Barney Brogdon, and son-in-law Royce Berry.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church of Miami, P.O. Box 248, Miami, TX 79059, or the Coffee Memorial Blood Center, 1915 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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<p>Sunday, May 14, 2006</p> <p>Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm</p> <p>SHS Chorus Annual Spring Concert - S.H. Church - 6 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mother's Day</p>	<p>Monday, May 15, 2006</p> <p>VFW Aux. Meeting - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Deadline to purchase SHHS All Awards Banquet Tickets</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 16, 2006</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30</p> <p>SNAP Center</p> <p>MMH Board mtg. 8pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 17, 2006</p> <p>SHHS All Awards Banquet - Community Center - 6 pm</p>	<p>Thursday, May 18, 2006</p> <p>Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm</p> <p>SHCS dismissed at noon</p>	<p>Friday, May 19, 2006</p> <p>Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm</p> <p>SHHS graduation, 6pm</p>	<p>Saturday, May 20, 2006</p> <p>Armed Forces Day - Fly American Flags</p> <p>Jaycee \$ Raffle - Community Center - 6 pm</p>	
<p>Sunday, May 21, 2006</p> <p>Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm</p>	<p>Monday, May 22, 2006</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 23, 2006</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30</p> <p>SNAP Center</p> <p>MISD early dismissal, 1pm</p> <p>SHCS PreK & K Moving On</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 24, 2006</p> <p>MISD early dismissal, 1pm</p>	<p>Thursday, May 25, 2006</p> <p>Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm</p> <p>MISD early dismissal, 1pm</p> <p>MISD last day of school</p> <p>SHCS last day of school</p> <p>SHCS 8th grade promotion</p>	<p>Friday, May 26, 2006</p> <p>Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm</p> <p>MHS graduation, 7pm</p>	<p>Saturday, May 27, 2006</p>	

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a period of two to three days. Alderman Joey Anderson suggested a service fee of \$100 be charged, then figure the water sold at four times the regular rate. This was passed with Anderson, Flusche, Jewel Otto, and John Pagel voting for it and Alder-

man Gary Fisher abstaining. The decision will be reviewed at the next meeting. Endres noted that the water wasn't sold because the company didn't recontact the City about the purchase. Muenster does not have a certified fire marshal at this

time. City employee Chris Yosten has attended one class, but is not fully qualified to do the inspections. He also has other responsibilities that make it hard to have time to do inspections.

Bureau Veritas has been contacted about doing the fire inspections, but has not presented their terms and fees for a service. According to ISO fire rating requirements, each business should have annual inspections. By a vote of 4-1, the Council agreed that Yosten should continue to handle the fire marshal duties until something else can be worked out. Flusche cast the dissenting vote.

As requested by Muenster Volunteer Fire Chief Herbie Knabe, the 1999 police car was transferred to the Fire Department. This was suggested by Muenster Police Chief at the April City Council meeting. Knabe has been using his personal vehicle to go out on fire calls. He will use the car for that purpose and it will also serve to transport firemen to training classes. The fire department will take care of the gas, oil, and routine maintenance.

In his City Manager's report, Endres said that as of May 1, Joe Brandom started work for the City.

Bolem Construction has completed the paving and patching.

Complaints have been received from citizens regarding loud noise made by trucks. A Jake brakes ordinance will be addressed at the June meeting.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

My wish to eliminate an entire week of my life in just four easy lessons.

Well, no one really wants to eliminate any part of their life, but I've got one I would sure like to forget. It all started about 45 years ago growing up on a farm. I'm sure there are hundreds of men and even women who can relate to this story! Work was hard and days were long - now don't start crying yet - there will be time for that later! All hay was baled in 60 to 70 lb. square bales. The only round bales we ever saw was when one had a broken twine! It was nothing to stack hay trailers six tiers high all day and wake up the next morning with the entire yard filled with loaded trailers to unload in the barn - to the roof. When you wanted to hook up a loaded trailer and the hitch holes didn't quite match, you didn't get back on the tractor and ease it up, you put your foot on the trailer, your shoulder on the tractor tire, and "bingo", those holes line up!

This went on for years and I never did learn my lesson. I caught myself hooking up machinery without the proper equipment because I knew if I could grunt just a little louder, it would work, and most of the time it did!

Here's lesson # 1 - DO NOT DO THIS!! I realize that over the years modern technology has made our lives easier, but

there are still hundreds of ways you can hurt yourself without even thinking, just around the house.

About two months ago I began feeling a tingling in my right hand. I've always had my share of back pain that had absolutely nothing to do with my stupid work ethics, but this was different. It eventually moved up my right arm and then my left. Before I knew it, I was half numb in my arms and shoulders and was starting to have trouble with walking. I was actually becoming a hazard to the people I worked with, so I went to see Dr. Edd. He immediately lined me up with the best neurologists he knew and the tests began!

I was x-rayed, loaded with dye, x-rayed again, electrocardiogram, MRIs, the works. I even had one doctor place pins and needles in me and then "turned on the juice" to see if I had nerve damage. I swore that if I would ever see him again, I was bringing along my cattle prod to even things out a little.

Surgery was the only cure, but when I met my neurosurgeon, Dr. Tom Ellis, in walked a 35 year old kid. He put the pictures on the screen and showed me exactly what was wrong. I had vertebrae in my neck that was actually pressing on my spinal cord, causing the numbness.

When he told me he could fix me with confidence and a smile, I had no choice. Surgery was scheduled for Monday, April 24. He later told me that he fused my #3, 4, 5, and 6 vertebrae and that #4 was actually crushed. With lots of helpful nurses and following all the rules, I was dismissed from Harris Hospital on Wednesday.

I had two great days and things were looking up. It was Friday afternoon when all hell broke loose! I developed muscle spasms and medication had no affect. Tudor got me to Muenster Hospital and

believe you me, I was proud to see it!! By then I was out of my mind with pain, but I'll never forget the kindness and sympathy the staff poured out.

Here's lesson # 2 - Always show the utmost respect for doctors and nurses for who they are and what they do!! It makes no difference if they're carrying stethoscope or a bed pan - each and everyone of them is vital and important!

I was again x-rayed at Muenster and Dr. Edd was jubilant about how great my neck looked, but with unbearable pain, he decided to send me back to Harris Hospital. This was Saturday. With hundreds of people doing the "chicken dance" in the park, I was doing my own version in the back of an ambulance.

I don't remember much those two days, but the doctors at Harris told me that Dr. Edd had made the smart and right decision by sending me back.

But here's the serious part. I was out of my mind with pain so I started praying. Of course I prayed to Christ who suffered the ultimate, and they didn't have morphine back then! But then I caught myself praying to friends I've lost throughout my life and also to people who I know have it rougher medically than I did. I really couldn't tell you if it was the medication or the prayers, but I was finally released the next Monday.

Here's lesson #3 - Don't ever be afraid to pray - don't forget friends who have gone before you, and always know there's someone worse off than you!

The last lesson I learned was the importance of family and friends! Surviving that week would have been impossible without the concerns, prayers, and favors they brought to me!

Wayne Klement
Muenster

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Garden

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yaupon holly, and many other plants fill out the landscape.

Carl and MaryLee Alford's castle home at 6868 S. FM 373 offered an English garden with a Texas twist. The drive up the home's long winding drive offered a colorful sight. Thousands of wildflowers blossomed there.

MaryLee is a certified Master Gardener and enjoys experimenting with various plants to see which work best in her gardens. She's had some unexpected successes and some failures that should have succeeded.

Sitting on a hilltop, the home's garden is done in three levels. Leyland cypresses planted in rows are designed to make an evergreen windbreak. Italian cypresses add an old world flavor to the home. A variety of oaks and cedar elm provide shade.

Curves with rockwork outline the gardens. Adding color are assorted flowers and foliage. Also lending interest to the garden are many colored ornaments and gazing balls, statues, fossils, shells, and pots.

Shrubs include Indian hawthorn, butterfly bush, and mock orange. A few of the many flowers are lamb's ear, hollyhocks, salvia, foxglove,

day lilies, bluebonnets, yarrow, columbine, celosia, moss rose, zinnias, and geraniums. Herbs and tomato plants have found a place in the castle garden.

On the backside is a pool. That area overlooks a beautiful 10-acre lake and wildlife habitat.

Miss Kitty's Bird and Bath owned by Claude and Nancy Walter is located 7448 S. FM 373. Its highlight is a restored farmhouse thought to be built in the late 1800s. The setting is a farmstead.

Marguerite Felty King lived in the home as a child. She later inherited the farm and in 1995 sold it to Claude and Nancy. Her nickname was Kitty, thus the Walters decided to name the place Miss Kitty's.

It was at the request of their children that the Walters took on the task of restoring the old home that hadn't been lived in for more than half a century. It had no electricity or plumbing. These were added, but the family took great care to preserve the original appearance of the house. A huge fireplace made of bricks was not repairable. The bricks were salvaged and used to build a Texas shaped patio on the home's east side. Visitors were allowed to tour the home Sunday.

There are a variety of native grasses and wildflowers at the location. Iris had just finished their blooming season. Some of the grasses were switch, split beard blue stem, big and little blue stem, side oats gramma, and tumble windmill.

Ona B. Reed, a member of the Texas Archeological Society, came to visit the home-stead Sunday. Claude invited her to look over some items that he found by screening dirt from around the home-stead. She found many items to interest her. Claude said he's found many pieces of broken plates, old utensils, square headed nails, and other items he isn't sure of the origin of.

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Spring showers replenish area water

It was a dry start for 2006 and many were dreading another extremely dry year. As the end of April neared things kicked into gear and the area began to see more frequent rains. Now, with the year a little more than a third gone, the official moisture records for Muenster (kept by Janette and Bob Hess) indicate that Muenster has already received more than half of last year's total moisture measurement. Spring storms have been violent due to strong winds with gusts up to 100 mph, flash floods, and large, damaging hail. So far May rainfall has been frequent.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
'50	2.25	2.45	.09	2.53	7.64	5.51	7.71	10.47	4.74	.09	.03		43.53
'60	3.48	1.37	1.80	1.76	3.24	1.17	6.26	1.25	3.19	4.35	29	3.54	31.70
'70	.86	3.83	2.57	4.83	4.05	1.09	.13	11.61	1.56	.52	.57		32.21
'80	1.58	1.71	.56	1.72	2.19	1.61	.26	.12	8.94	5.42	1.30	1.73	27.14
1946 to 1955													
10-yr. avg.	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6.43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.21
1956 to 1965													
10-yr. avg.	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.15
1966 to 1975													
10-yr. avg.	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
1976 to 1985													
10-yr. avg.	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.01
1986 to 1995													
10-yr. avg.	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.73
'90	3.30	3.55	6.63	11.79	6.46	3.45	2.46	3.25	2.31	1.97	3.97	1.38	50.52
'91	2.45	.89	1.99	1.29	4.36	2.54	1.87	3.21	5.30	7.16	1.47	7.36	39.89
'92	3.16	1.65	2.07	1.23	5.35	4.18	.77	.81	5.80	7.0	4.45	4.25	34.42
'93	1.98	3.94	3.30	3.35	5.43	3.67	.05	2.11	6.12	7.14	.96	2.84	40.89
'94	1.20	3.49	3.63	5.77	3.59	1.06	4.02	1.10	5.49	5.65	5.20	2.17	42.37
'95	1.48	0.42	3.34	3.34	5.88	3.92	2.89	3.72	0.00	1.42	1.15	2.91	33.94
'96	.78	trace	3.30	3.65	.18	4.50	2.47	5.32	7.75	2.94	5.18	.18	36.25
'97	.49	7.44	2.69	5.31	8.48	3.32	.52	1.47	.97	4.29	1.26	4.91	41.16
'98	4.15	1.89	5.44	1.92	1.00	5.20	0.00	.87	1.82	3.17	2.42	2.67	30.55
'99	2.40	.24	3.62	2.80	6.94	4.41	0.00	0.16	0.99	1.76	0.81	2.49	26.62
'00	1.75	0.70	2.93	2.80	1.00	4.66	2.99	0.00	2.07	7.92	7.12	3.50	37.14
'01	3.78	7.93	4.32	2.15	4.41	1.75	2.23	0.69	3.98	1.61	1.34	2.95	37.14
'02	1.11	3.63	6.43	4.94	2.50	4.42	5.10	0.89	2.06	8.44	1.54	4.07	45.13
'03	.05	3.24	1.07	1.33	4.05	3.07	0.15	1.97	5.31	0.08	2.29	1.11	23.72
'04	1.77	3.87	2.13	5.51	3.16	12.15	5.30	1.85	1.51	6.34	6.82	.71	61.12
'05	1.92	1.79	0.70	0.33	2.48	2.86	3.54	5.53	.23	2.88	.42	.20	22.88
'06	1.41	2.22	3.90	4.98									12.61

To the Editor:

Thank you to those of you who have expressed appreciation for the information provided in last week's article on the proposed wind farm.

MEETING BEING ORGANIZED - We are in the process of scheduling guest speakers and organizing a meeting to provide first hand information and answer questions regarding wind farms. We are making arrangements with an attorney with experience in wind farms. He has provided a wealth of valuable information already. We are also attempting to make arrangements with someone who is knowledgeable of the construction of the windmills. The date and location is not decided yet but should be soon. We will begin about 6:00 p.m. and stay as long as necessary to answer your questions. This meeting will be open to the public and everyone is cordially invited to attend. Please check next week's Letter to the Editor for more information. If anyone has any suggestions or is willing to help, please call me at 995-2987 (local call from Muenster, Gamesville, Bowie and Nocona areas). We will not be able to provide a meal at this meeting and there will be no cheerleaders. There will be a lot of information to cover and it will be strictly business.

We are in desperate need of assistance with this endeavor. It is currently just myself and a couple of other concerned land owners gathering and disseminating information. There is much more to do. This may be a long project that must be sustained to the end and it will require an effort by many to accomplish. For example, one important task that could be outsourced would be to develop a website specifically designed for this particular project that the public could visit to keep up to date and also post comments and questions. If you are interested in helping to protect our countryside views, please contact me. There is plenty to do.

I now have the article and several color photographs found on the internet posted on my website at www.northtexasproperties.com

Respectfully,
Jack Schoppa
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As a candidate for M.I.S.D. School Board, Steve Trubenbach would bring fresh, new ideas to the Board. His willingness to help organize and support the Precision Machining Certificate offer by N.C.T.C. is an example of just such a new idea needed at M.I.S.D. This innovative program will benefit graduates of Sacred Heart High School and Muenster High School, providing training and job opportunities not previously available to graduates.

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Sacred Heart Parish celebrates First Communions

Thirty-nine children from Sacred Heart Parish received their First Communion on Sunday, April 23 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. They were: Dalton Bartel, Roman Bayer, Jordan Buddy, Jared Dangelmayr, Alana Endres, Natalie Fangman, Catherine Fleitman, Michael Fleitman, William Green, Kyle Grewing, Devon Hacker, Ethan Henry, Ramsey Hernandez, Dalton Hess, Daniel Hesse, Hope Inglish, Zane Kemp, Kyle Klement, Trace Klement, Zachary Klement, Abby Luttmier, Katie Luttmier, Jacob Neusch, Juan Orocio, Rogelio Orocio, Katie Pagel, Nicole Rains, Kason Reeves, Alaina Reiter, Garrett Roberts, Claire Schneider, Kelsie Sicking, Grant Simpson, Grant Springer, Garrett Truelsenbach, Allie Walterscheid, Natalie Walterscheid, Amy White, and Justin Zermeno.

Endres and Zane Kemp. Katie Luttmier, Nicole Rains, Ramsey Hernandez, Amy White, and Justin Zermeno presented the gifts. The presentation song was "Table of Plenty."

At Communion the children came forward first to receive the Eucharist. After the children received Communion, the rest of the congregation came forward.

Eucharistic ministers were Linda Knabe, Peggy Walterscheid, Anne and Neil Hesse, Carla and Danny Zwinggi, and Theresa Walterscheid. Communion songs were "Let the Children Come to Me," "God Is So Good," "The Supper of the Lord," and "Bread of Life." For the commissioning song the children led the congregation in singing "Companions On the Journey."

Servers for the Mass were Austin Springer and Mikayla and Mikenzie Fleitman. Those helping to hand out booklets before Mass were Emily and Alyssa White, John Paul Hesse, and Brianna Klement.

Father John Ohner, O.S.A., was the president. The children processed in to the gathering song "I Am the Resurrection" and then joined their families in the pews. Singing was led by Karen Davis, Martha Sicking, Linda Flusche, and Diane Grewing, accompanied by Isaac Davis on the piano.

The First Reading was done by Jordan Buddy. The verses for the Responsorial Psalm were read by Hope Inglish and Devon Hacker. Kason Reeves did the Second Reading. Father John read the Gospel and gave the homily. Afterward he led the children in a renewal of their Baptismal promises. General intercessions were read by Alana

The teachers who helped prepare the children for their First Communion were Sister Lillian Marie Reiter and Michele Knauf at Sacred Heart School and Linda Knabe and Penny Fisher in the Religious Education program. A First Communion set for each child was provided by the local branch of the Catholic Life Insurance Union. Shirley Knabe did their First Communion certificates in calligraphy.

Zachary Flusche made his First Communion on April 30 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



2006 Sacred Heart First Communion recipients

First Communion Family Gatherings

To mark a child's First Holy Communion Day, and to relate its religious significance to family involvement, the happy day frequently includes family gatherings and special or traditional celebrations after Mass, and also later in the day. The following are some of the gatherings held that day.

CLAIRE SCHNEIDER
Claire Ann Schneider, daughter of Tim and Kristi Schneider, was the honored one at a family gathering held at their home on her First Communion Day, with dinner at noon. The special First Communion cake was baked and decorated by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Guests were Claire's parents, her sister Chloe, Godparents Jill and Dale Swirczynski, grandparents Kay Pagel and Ginny and Ed Schneider, and other family members. Guests also included Dolle, Paul, Sarah, and Sean Porter, and Deb and Claude Klement.

ABBY LUTTMER
Abby Rose Luttmier was honored with a family gathering on her First Holy Communion Day. It took place at her maternal grandparents, Alfons and Mary Ann Koessler's home. A barbecue and all the trimmings lunch was served, followed by dessert of a decorated cake made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Special guests were Ben and Gertie Voth; grandparents Alfons and Mary Ann Koessler, parents Gene and Carol Luttmier, and siblings Amy, Danny, and Timothy; Godparents Max and Cindy Koessler, and cousins Samantha, Stephanie, and Michael; aunt Sue Yosten; uncle and aunt Duane and Mary Lin Knabe, and cousin Amanda; aunt Barbara Koessler; and uncle and aunt Joe and Kristy Koessler.

HOPE INGGLISH
Hope Inglish, granddaughter of Wallace and Barbara Inglish, was honored on her First Communion Day when a family gathering was held in the upstairs dining room at Doc's Restaurant in Muenster where lunch was served. Hope asked the blessing. Tables were covered and decorated with dogwood vine and arrangements of white flowers and candles. Place mats told a legend of the dogwood. The dessert table was accented with a cascading arrangement of white roses, and a white porcelain cross in its center. The special cake was chocolate, in the shape of a rugged wooden cross, covered with handmade confectionary dogwood flowers, on a chocolate dipped vine, courtesy of Roger Dieter. Giant hand wrapped chocolate chip cookies were also served. Guests were Hope's mother Lenae Hernandez and Hope's twin brothers William and Caleb of Denton; great-uncle and aunt Kenneth and Charlotte Inglish of Denton; Godmother Mary Schriederjan; Hope's first and best friend Evan Gregory of Gainesville. Also Joe, Betti Jo, Luke, Hannah, Sam, and Rachel Weber, Hope's special family of Hood, Novella Rosson of Gainesville; Wade, Rhonda, Bailey, and Tyler Walterscheid of Rosston; and Tyler Walterscheid of Rosston; George and Mary Frances Jones of Rosston; Dr. Bob and Mrs. Jane McLeroy of Gainesville; and Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid of Muenster. Hope was happy and content to be honored by so many friends and family. It was a loving and joyful afternoon enjoyed by all.

WILL GREEN
Will Green, son of Scott and Vickie Green, was honored on his First Communion Day with a family gathering and picnic at Muenster Park at noon. A special cross-shaped cake made and decorated was the gift of a good friend Grace Beizer. Attending were his parents; his brothers Ben and Joe; sister Gracie; Grandma Green, Granny and Pappy; uncle and aunt Billie and Lura; aunt Sherry; cousins Jennifer, Devon, and Caleb; and family friends Kenneth and Tina Walterscheid, Abby and Luke.

NATALIE WALTERScheid
Natalie Walterscheid, daughter of Kim and Lisa Walterscheid, was honored on her First Communion Day with a family gathering and dinner in the home of Gwen and Loyd Truelsenbach at noon. The honor table was centered with a special cake made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, chocolate with white icing bearing the letters "Today Natalie received the Bread of Life." Guests were aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents, and the honoree's brothers Dustin, Bret, and Garrett.

TRACE KLEMENT
Trace Michael Klement, son of Darren and Brandy Klement, was honored at a family gathering at a dinner held in the home of Fat and Ruth Klement. It featured fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, vegetable salad, bread, and a special cake. The decorated First Communion

cake was round, chocolate with white icing, and included a chocolate cross. Guests were grandparents Pat and Ruth Klement, and Betty Gilpin; Tammy Caldwell, Donny and Renee, Madison, Taylor Knabe, Jerry, Crystal, Seth Stoffels, Christine Fleitman, Frank Klement, and great-grandmother Helen Yosten.

JARED DANGELMAYR
Jared Dangelmayr, son of James and Cathy Dangelmayr, was honored with a family gathering at his home shortly after Mass. Dinner consisted of sliced brisket, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, and dessert of a decorated First Communion cake and ice cream. Gifts were opened and displayed. Out of town guests included Justin, Kristen, and Melanie Meeks, joined by family and a group of friends.

KYLE GREWING
Kyle Anthony Grewing, son of Tony and Billie Grewing, shared a family gathering with Katie Luttmier hosted by Tony and Billie after Mass in their home. Kyle received his First Communion along with Tony's little sister Katie Luttmier. Lunch was served, featuring grilled hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings. Kyle received many special gifts. His special cake was white with yellow roses, with a verse that said "Blessings to Kyle and Katie on their First Communion" It was made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Guests enjoyed the beautiful weather by spending time outdoors. Those attending included Tony and Billie Grewing; sister Kacie; grandparents Billy J. James, Anthony Grewing, and Linda Luttmier; Godparents aunt Shawna Herr and uncle Jon Grewing; other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends Greg, Julie, Alex, and Hilary Walterscheid; Mackenzie, Morgan, and Max Herr; Janette, Gavin and Gabe Grewing; Ken and Katie Grewing; Matt Grewing; Brent, Mary, Andie, and Clayton Hess; Donna and Joshua Biffle; Michelle Davis; Jason Gray; and Bob Luttmier.

ALAINA REITER
Alaina Nicole Reiter, daughter of Dave and Jill Reiter, a member of the First Communion class, was the honored one at a family gathering and dinner hosted by her parents in their home at noon. The table centerpiece was a First Communion cake decorated with pink roses, a little girl, and the verse "Today Alaina received the Bread of Life." Those attending were her parents and brother Dustin; grandparents Arnie and Gertie Wimmer, and Chubby Reiter; Godmother Janet Hermes; uncle Wayne Wimmer; cousins Kevin Hermes and Rylee Reiter.

GRANT SPRINGER
Grant Springer, son of Drew and Lydia Springer, was the honored one on his First Communion Day at a family gathering in his home. Lunch was served after Mass about noon. His special cake carried the decorative lettering "God Bless Grant". He enjoyed opening a special First Communion medal from his Godmother Sandra Reeves. Guests included, with his parents and siblings Austin and Kate; grandmother Annette Walterscheid; friend Mac McCoy; grandmother Pat Springer; Reneta, Jessica, Kyle, and Jason Knabe; Jennifer, Chris, and Sydney Hoedebeck.

CATHERINE FLEITMAN
Catherine Fleitman, daughter of Ben and Carol Fleitman, was honored at a family gathering hosted by her parents and her brothers Matthew and Mark Fleitman. A chicken spaghetti meal was served at noon. The special cake was baked in the shape of a lamb and was made by her grandmother Fuhrmann. Guests were the grandparents Damond and Evelyn Fuhrmann; Godparents Maura and Lynn Hacker; aunts Tina Fleitman, LuElla Fuhrmann, and Betty Gilpin; and cousin Trace Klement. Special guests were Lucille Hess, Tootsie Kuntz, and Brother Louis Fuhrmann of Subiaco, Arkansas. After lunch Catherine displayed her gifts and pictures were taken. Rudy, JoAnn, and Dana Schumacher joined the group in the afternoon. A light supper of pick up foods was served. Catherine had a wonderful First Communion Day.

JACOB NEUSCH
Jacob Elias Neusch, son of James and Laura Neusch, was honored with a family gathering and special lunch at his home. Guests were his grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousin, his parents, and two younger sisters. A special cake with the verse "I Am the Bread of Life" was served. The cake was also decorated with a miniature chalice, rosary, and a holy card reading "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Truly present in the Holy Eucharist, I place my trust in You." Decorations in the home included red and white flowers to commemorate the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Guests enjoyed visiting and Jacob enjoyed playing outside with his cousins, and opening his gifts. For his First Communion, Jacob wore a tie and white jacket made by his aunt Diane Hermes, and a red and white boutonniere.

ALLIE WALTERScheid
Allie Walterscheid, daughter of Mel and April Walterscheid, was honored with a special dinner held at the family's cabin at the farm in Marysville. Attending were Allie's parents and her brothers Cole and Kody, sister Amber, grandparents Carla and Danny Zwinggi and Peggy Walterscheid; aunts and uncles Tim and Ramona Felderhoff, Glenn and Jean Walterscheid, Lloyd Walterscheid, Mark and Carol Grewing; Curtis and Vicki Eldridge; cousins Travis and Lisa Felderhoff, Blake Grewing, Morgan and Major Eldridge; great-aunt and uncle Pat and Andy Truelsenbach; special friends Maura, Sally, Nathan, Chloe, and Braeden Hacker; Rav, Shirley, Riley, and Logan Stewart; and Kim and Scott Neeb. A chicken spaghetti dinner was served, with dessert of chocolate cake decorated with yellow roses, and First Communion blessing for Allie. Gifts were opened, and four-wheeler riding through creeks and trails made a very special day for Allie. Unable to attend, but sending special blessings were her Godparents Amy, Jana, and Clayton Truelsenbach. Allie got to receive her First Communion from her grandmother Peggy Walterscheid, and wine from grandmother Carla Zwinggi. Her grandfather Danny Zwinggi was also a Eucharistic minister.

KYLE KLEMENT
Kyle James Klement, son of Kevin and Terri Klement, was honored on his First Communion with a family gathering held at Bubba and Melinda Klement's home, sharing his honors with his cousin Zachary Klement. A meal of chicken fried steak, gravy, potatoes, green beans, salad, and rolls was served. Special decorations were cross napkins and plates. The special chocolate cake was made by Stephanie Heady, decorated with a figurine of a boy at the altar. Children played outdoors, or sat in the hot tub. Guests were the parents; grandparents David and Helen Fisher, Tony and Sis Klement; siblings Kolby and Whitley Klement; Godparent Robert Klement; Zachary's parents; cousins Craig, Connie, Emily, Sadie, and Andrew Stoffels; and Brianna Klement. Gifts were opened and displayed; pictures taken; and cake was served. Godparent Joyce Bayer was unable to attend.

DANIEL HESSE
AMY WHITE
Daniel Hesse, son of Bert and Christy Hesse, and Amy White, daughter of Jack and Jenny White, both members of the First Communion class, were honored together and shared the lime-light at a family gathering at the Bert Hesse home following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. A noon meal of poppy seed chicken, brisket, and sausage, with all the trimmings was served, with cake made by Daniel's Godmother Rose Ganzon. Daniel and Amy enjoyed opening gifts, and displaying them. Guests included Daniel's siblings Joe, Rebekah, John Paul, Julian, Rachel, and Nathan, his grandmothers Ethel Hesse and Ruth Felderhoff, and his Godparents Mauro and Rose Ganzon and Ben, Max, and Gus of Decatur; Amy's siblings Emily, Alyssa, Grace, Bert, and Isaac; Neil and Anne Hesse; Matt, Kaitlin, and Sam; Mark and Melanie Hesse; Mitchell, Megan, Morgan, and Madison; Michele and Bob Knauf; and Fr. John Ohner.

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Native plants flourish in the Muenster landscape of Steve and Kay Broyles. They do not water this low maintenance, climate hardy, specially selected plantings. Janet Felderhoff photo



Gray stone raised beds are lovely accents to the Monica and Jerry Hess home. They are filled with creeping juniper, vinca, Asiatic jasmine, roses, a variety of shrubs, and trees. Janet Felderhoff photos



A red winged blackbird snacks calmly while being entertained by visitors to Miss Kitty's Bird and Bath.



Carl and MaryLee Alford's castle gardens' curving garden beds outlined in rocks overflow with plants of many hues, textures, and heights. Also adding visual interest are a variety of statues, ornamental and gazing balls, and fossils.

St. Anne's Society chooses Baby Bags ministry project

Members of the Saint Anne's Society of Sacred Heart Parish in Muenster have agreed to assist the Respect Life Committee of Cooke County with the Baby Bags Project. Baby Bags was formed to minister to the needs of women who decide to choose life for their babies.

Groups of parishioners from local parishes, including Sacred Heart, St. Peter's in Lindsay, and St. Mary's in Gainesville, travel every Saturday to abortion mills in the Metroplex to pray for those considering abortions. The Baby Bags Project is designed to assist the women who come to the abortion clinic with the mindset of having an abortion, but decide instead to allow their babies to live.

A member of the prayer group will give these women a large baby gift bag filled with many items to help the mother care for her newborn. These bags reinforce the idea that they actually have a precious life within them, and that the birth of their child is

something to cherish and look forward to.

The following is a list of suggested items needed for the bags: large baby gift bags, baby blankets (purchased or handmade), receiving blankets (purchased or handmade), teddy bears (or other stuffed animals), baby bibs, pacifier, baby towel and washcloth, baby rattle, package of Onesies, board book for baby, take-along

pack (including small baby powder, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion, diaper ointment, and 24 hour moisturizer).

If you do not have the time or desire to shop for these items, monetary donations are greatly appreciated also.

Anyone who would like to donate to this lifesaving ministry can contact Tina Walterscheid, Baby Bags chairman at (940) 759-2999.

Saint Jo Opry is Saturday

The Saint Jo Opry with the Country Cut Ups band will host a night of family entertainment on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium in Saint Jo. Guests scheduled to appear include Jerry Reynolds of Forestburg, Wassie Reynolds of Forestburg, and Dan Webb of Midway.

Admission is \$2 for adults, with children 12 and under free. Groups are always welcome. Donations from the Opry are given to local area volunteer fire/EMS and other nonprofit organizations. For more information contact David or Brenda at 940-995-2178.

Levi turns two!

Levi Kidd Griffith turned two on March 13, but a party was held on March 26 to honor the occasion. He is the son of Russell and Jayna Griffith of Muenster. A Sponge Bob cake and ice cream were served to guests and the honoree opened many gifts.

Those attending besides his parents were: his sister Madison Hofbauer and brother Russell Griffith, Jr.; grandparents Dale and Dolores Hofbauer of Muenster and David and

Carolyn Griffith of Gainesville; Jana Spindle of Sanger, Christie, Crystal, and Carol Ann Dickerson; Phillip, Christie, and Charlie Cheaney of Gainesville; Ryan and Haylie Dickerson of Krum; Keith, Tina and Tiffany Griffith of Gainesville; Taylor Dishman of Callisburg; Jeff and Angie Tempel, Jason and Tonia Hofbauer and Stephen and Kim Hofbauer of Muenster.



Levi Griffith

Vote on Saturday May 13!

Dallas Holm to perform in Forestburg

Acclaimed Christian recording artist Dallas Holm will be in concert at Forestburg Baptist Church on Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m.

Involved in Christian music for 37 years, Holm has recorded over 30 albums and presented some 3,000 concerts around the world. Throughout his career, he has garnered numerous awards such as gold records, multiple Dove awards, Grammy nominations, and number 1 songs.

Tickets are not required for the concert. A love offering will be taken for Dallas Holm Praise Ministries. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 940-964-2470.

Vote on May 13 "KEN" LLOYD KING REGENT N.C.T.C.

Kenneth "Ken" Lloyd King is a candidate for Place 1 for the Board of Regents for North Central Texas College. Ken is married to the former Kaye Briscoe and has five children and ten grandchildren. He is a veteran, West Point graduate, lawyer, and an active member of St. Mary's Parish.

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College short course on suicide prevention

On May 4, a lecture was held at Grayson County College's High Tech Center for Workplace Learning auditorium on suicide prevention by Skip Simpson, one of two lawyers featured in the book, "Suicide Lawyers: Exposing Lethal Secrets". Skip is with a Frisco, firm, Simpson & Stacy, which has a focus on representing survivors of suicide.

Skip explained suicide numbers that highlight the urgency and passion he brings to his education. "Eighty-five Americans die more than think about suicide today; they did it. Another 2,096 attempted it, often with serious injuries. This year in America there are 10,000 more suicides than murders and three to four times more deaths by suicide than by AIDS. It's easy to ignore if it doesn't hit close to home, but in a 15-year period more Americans will die at their own hand than died in combat in the entire 20th century. It is our problem, whether we want it or not."

His slide presentation showed how to recognize, react, and intervene when a loved one is at risk for suicide. Watch out especially for an increase in alcohol abuse combined with agitation, severe psychosis, panic attacks, depression, or insomnia, as well as statements of hopelessness or helplessness. Part of this training centered about asking the right questions to discover suicidal intent. For example, explore their thoughts about suicide "right now," during the past eight weeks, their past, and plans for the future. Detailed questions that assume such thoughts might include: have

you thought of shooting yourself? Have you thought of overdosing? Have you thought of hanging yourself? Don't worry about planting ideas in their mind; they will actually be relieved that someone cares enough to talk about it.

Once you discover suicide intent, take the person to the Emergency Room to get help and, if admitted into the hospital, get them on continual suicide watch. It only takes four minutes for someone to hang themselves. Tell the ER doctor details about their statements that show danger to themselves or others. If the ER doctor is planning to send them home, ask for a mental health second opinion.

Those beautiful dolls!



A Madam Alexander Nurse Doll and a Bisque Baby Doll have a permanent home at the Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum, but during the months of May and June, they are being visited by lots of other doll friends as part of the Museum's doll exhibit. The above two dolls were donated to the Museum by the Jeanette Meurer Estate.
Janie Hartman photo

NEW ARRIVALS

White

Bert, Grace, Amy Alyssa, and Emily White proudly announce the birth of their little brother Isaac Peter White. He was born on Easter Vigil, April 15, at 9:08 p.m., weighing 8 lb 11 oz, and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. Isaac was born at Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. Parents of Isaac are Jack and Jenny White of Muenster. Grandparents are Bert and Mary White of Candor, New York, Ruth Felderhoff of Muenster and the late Joe Felderhoff.

Aunt Lori White of Newfield, New York arrived in Muenster just in time to babysit for all his siblings, while Mom and Dad headed to the hospital.

Lutkenhaus

Donnie and Theresa Lutkenhaus joyfully announce the birth of their daughter Cecily Summer Lutkenhaus. She was born Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 4:16 a.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton weighing 7 lb 5 oz, and measuring 20 inches long. She joins brother Treston Cooper Lutkenhaus age 6. Grandparents are Bobby and Angie Lutkenhaus of Muenster and Norman Murray of Gainesville and the late Clella Murray.

Berres

Tara LeAnn Dugger of Muenster and Troy David Berres of Muenster announce the birth of their son Erik Cole Berres on Monday, May 1, 2006 at North Texas Medical Center. He was born at 8:19 a.m. weighing 8 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. He joins siblings Alaina LeAnn Maxwell age 11 and Jazmin Noelle Berres age 6. Grandparents are Melinda Eddowes of Gainesville, Kathy and David Berres of Muenster, and Tony Dugger of Myra. Great-grandparents are Doris and Curtis McKinney, Arthur and Louella Dugger, Ed and Doris Berres, and Herbert and Dolores Miller.

Scoggins

William Scoggins and Melissa McCarty, both of Muenster, are happy to announce the birth of their son William Robert Scoggins on Thursday, May 4, 2006. He was born in North Texas Medical Center at 5:36 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. He joins sibling Helayna Scoggins age 2 1/2. Grandparents are Bill and Valerie Arendt of Gainesville, Bobby and Doris Scoggins of Myra, and Sheila Scoggins. Great-grandparents are Stella Phillip of Gainesville, and Harry and Harriet Scoggins of Muenster.

Keep quilting!

Don't miss your chance to enter the Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) 2006 quilt block competition. The contest is open to everyone across the state. This year's theme, "Legendary Ranches of Texas," will spotlight the state's long-standing tradition of ranching, focusing on all elements of ranching, from famous Texas ranches to livestock to the history of ranching families who settled the state. The deadline for submitting a quilt block is June 8.

Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers - cotton, mohair, and leather - to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be pieced together into a quilt and unveiled in TDA's Food and Fiber Pavilion at the 2006 State Fair of Texas in September. The quilt will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibition.

To help defray the cost of mailing, the final quilting of the winning blocks, and the traveling display of the quilt statewide, a \$12 donation for each participant packet is requested. The packets contain the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design along with tips and techniques for developing the block and more information about the contest themes. To participate in the 2006 quilt block competition, call (877) 99GO-TEX or e-mail gotexanquilts@agr.state.tx.us to reserve a packet.

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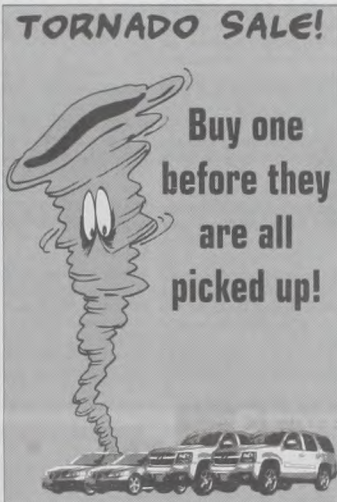


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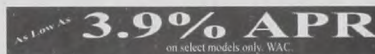
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MEETING NOTICES

Diabetes Support Group
A meeting of the NTMC Diabetes Support Group will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. in the North Texas Medical Center Boardroom. Navigating the Grocery Store: A Virtual Tour will be presented by Kathie Robinson, M.D., R.D., L.D., CDE. She is NTMC's registered dietician and diabetes educator. Individuals with diabetes and their family members are encouraged to attend this free program. For more information call 612-8377.

Friends of the Cooke County Library
Friends of the Cooke County Library will meet at the Whaley Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m. for their regular monthly luncheon meeting. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Friends of the Cooke County Library is cordially invited to the lunch. An outstanding program has been arranged. Lois Whitson will be reviewing the book, *Three & a Half Husbands*. Karen Foster will entertain with a musical presentation.

The members will be reminded of the Friends annual book sale which is open to Friends of the Cooke County Library members on Thursday May 18 from 2-4 p.m. The public is invited to the Friends' book sale on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The book sale will be held in the old Bomber Bait factory in the 200 block of Lindsay Street in Gainesville.

Nancy Chaney is asking for volunteers to assist with the book sale. She can be contacted at (940) 665-7533.

County Library to hold book sale

The annual Friends of the Cooke County Library book sale is scheduled for Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m. at the old Bomber Bait factory in the 200 block of Lindsay Street in Gainesville.

The sale will be open to the public and all are cordially invited.

Donations of your books for this special event are solicited. Friends ask you to

clean your bookshelves of your older books to make room for the new ones. You can drop off your books at the Cooke County Library, 200 S. Weaver Street in Gainesville by May 17.

For more information call Nancy Chaney at (940) 665-7533.

Submitted by Margaret Jo Stark, Publicity Chairperson, Friends of the Cooke County Library.

Safe riding prevents head injuries

Bicycles provide children of all ages a lot of fun and freedom. However, bicycles also are associated with more childhood injuries than any other consumer product except the automobile. Many of these injuries could have been prevented if the child had been wearing a helmet.

Each year, some 300,000 children under the age of 15 are treated in emergency rooms with bicycle-related injuries (nationally). Of those injured, about one child per day dies as a result.

Throughout May — Bicycle Safety Month — physicians

across the state are actively working to prevent head injury by giving away helmets to children in their communities through the Texas Medical Association's Hard Hats for Little Heads program. Since this bicycle helmet giveaway program began in 1994, physicians have helped protect the health of more than 20,000 children by giving them a helmet.

Kelly Lobb, MD, of Bryan, a physical health and rehabilitation specialist, treats children and adults who have suffered traumatic brain injuries. He has seen firsthand

the devastating effects that brain injury has on a family. That is why he is part of the Texas Medical Association's Hard Hats for Little Heads program.

"Helmets take the impact from collisions with objects such as concrete, cars, and other kids' heads, and decrease the incidence of concussion and possible brain injury," said Dr. Lobb. "Before your child heads out the door on a bike — whether it's going down the street or a few miles — be sure the child has his or her helmet. Proper use of a helmet can help reduce the likelihood of brain injury by 85%. Unfortunately, less than half of

cyclists wear a helmet every time they ride."

To provide maximum protection, a helmet should fit squarely on top of the head, and shouldn't twist or rock from side to side or front to back when strapped securely. Making helmet use the family rule is a great way to ensure safe cycling, skateboarding, and in-line skating. Studies have shown that more than half of children said they would wear a helmet if their parent insisted.

"Helmets are cool. Watch winter sports, and all of the snowboarders are wearing cool helmets decorated up for the sport," added Dr. Lobb.

SCHOOL



MUENSTER ELEMENTARY 5TH SIX WEEKS PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS - Students selected for this honor are pictured, from left, first row - Diego Rocha, Rudy Saucer; second row - Carson Trubench, Christopher Patten, Savannah Hermes, Noah Barber, Devon Brinkley, Bailey Klement; third row - BriAnna Bayer, Steven Flusche, Rosalee Bayer, Olivia Haverkamp, Christina Rohmer, Andi Felderhoff, Kameron Heady, Shelby Dangelmayr; fourth row - Jace Wann, Jace Fredrick, Collin Pagel, Trevor Cheaney, Katie Pagel, Jordan Buddy, Joyana Zamzow, and Kylie Hess. MISD photo

Science and Engineering are crucial to our Nation's future

By Sen. Kay Hutchison
U.S. excellence in science and engineering is a top priority for me in the Senate. Since World War II, we have been unmatched in science and engineering, but today we are starting to lose our edge. We do not have the scientists and engineers needed to maintain our position, and other nations are threatening our lead.

Across the planet, other countries are increasing support for their research universities and substantially raising the amount of public funding they provide for research and development. China, over the past 11 years, has increased research and development spending by 500%. India is not far behind, and many Indian workers are well trained in engineering and speak fluent English.

To address this issue, we need to make changes to our country's education system. Too many of our teachers do not have the training they need to succeed, and we must do more to support them. As our future leaders pursue their college educations, not enough American students are getting their undergraduate degrees in science. America is 20th among nations in the proportion of 24-year-olds with degrees in a natural science or engineering. This puts our country below countries like Iceland, and barely above Kyrgyzstan.

This is a situation that must be addressed, and I will continue to work in Congress to make sure education is a top priority. During my years in the Senate I have focused on strengthening Texas in medicine, science, and engineering. We have had some great successes: the Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas (TAMEST); the Strategic Partnership for Research in Nanotechnology (SPRING); the Alliance for NanoHealth in Houston, the National Biocontainment Laboratory at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and of course, NASA.

I have also sought to improve our educational system at the national level. In 1997, I cosponsored the College Affordability and Higher Standards Act, which authorized \$25 million for the first

federal Advanced Placement (AP) program grants. Since then we have increased the commitment to the AP program, allowing students to enroll in preparatory classes and earn college credit by testing out of courses, saving students time and money. In 2005, we provided incentives for undergraduates to major in math, science, or a foreign language that is critical to national security, by adding to the Pell Grant amount for those majors.

We must push even harder at the national level if we are to remain a world leader. As chairman of the Senate's Subcommittee on Science and Space, I am working on a big picture solution that will keep the United States at the forefront of science and engineering for decades. The PACE Act (Protecting America's Competitive Edge) makes a substantial stride in that direction by investing in both research and education.

The PACE Act increases NASA basic research and the National Science Foundation (NSF) research, respectively, by 10% annually through 2013. This bill will also

double authorized funding levels for basic research in the physical sciences and encourage private innovation by increasing the current research and development tax credit from 20% to 40%.

To encourage more teachers in middle and high school, the PACE Act authorizes the NSF to award merit-based scholarships of up to \$20,000 per year to students majoring in mathematics, science, or engineering who pursue concurrent teacher certification and agree to teach for four years after graduation. In addition, it aims to improve the training of the teachers we already have by providing funding for three-year master's degree programs in math and science education.

America makes the best fighter jets, the best submarines, and the best rockets. It used to be undisputed that we made the best cars and the best televisions. To be at the forefront of science and engineering in the decades to come, we must raise bright young stars in math and science and provide them with the teachers and support that will make them shine.

State Gold Medalist



Muenster High School Senior Ryan Fuhrmann proudly wears the state gold medal he earned in Austin at the 2006 State Academic Championship. Ryan is the 1st MHS student to win a state journalism medal. MISD photo

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WEEK OF MAY 15 - 19

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Mon. - Burritos, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, carrot sticks, pears, cake.

Tues. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, carrot sticks, oranges, cookies.

Thurs. - Popcorn chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburger /cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onion, oven baked French fries, applesauce, carrot sticks, ice cream.

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Tues. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, carrots, fruit jello, bread.

Wed. - Ham, black-eyed peas, green salad, cinnamon rolls.

Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, strawberries/bananas, garlic bread.

Fri. - Hamburgers, w/trimmings, French fries, pudding cups, celery sticks.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken crispitos, cheese sticks, pinto beans, Spanish rice, applesauce,

bread.
Tues. - Barbecue on a bun, pickle wedges, carrot sticks, potato chips, fresh fruit, peanut butter brownie.

Wed. - Beef tips and rice, green beans, peaches, batterbread.

Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, peas, carrots, mixed fruit, bread.

Fri. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

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Mon. - Chicken patty or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, fruit mix, hot roll.

Tues. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, corn, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, chocolate chip cookie.

Wed. - Chicken spaghetti or mini corn dogs, green beans, sliced peaches, tossed salad, breadstick.

Thurs. - Soft taco, trimmings, strawberry applesauce, pinto beans, cornbread.

Fri. - Corn dogs, tator tots, fresh orange, ice cream.

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NOAA fact

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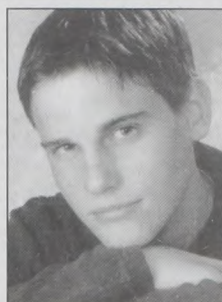
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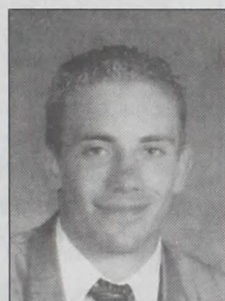
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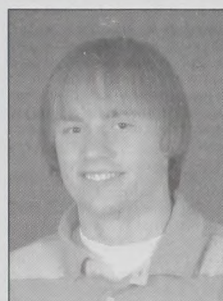
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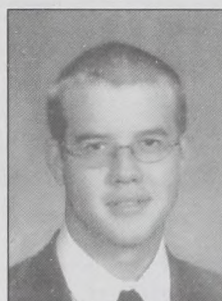
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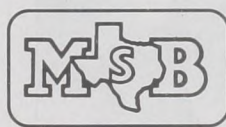


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- Watch for sparks when using welding equipment and repairing fences;
- Remove any tree limbs located within 10 feet of your chimney and roof;
- Ask power companies to clear branches away from power lines;
- Stack firewood at least 100 feet away and uphill from your house;
- Store gasoline, oily rags, and other flammable materials in approved safety containers.



MUENSTER ELEMENTARY 5TH SIX WEEKS TERRIFIC KIDS - Muenster Kiwanis Club sponsors this award. Honorees are pictured and listed by class. PreK: Hayden Otto, Dylan Villanueva, Nolan Bayer, Noah Clure, Allison Henscheid, Anthony Rodriguez; Kindergarten: Breanna Pate, Seth Flusche, Natalie Chism, Dean Walterscheid, Dane Huchton, Taylor Knabe, Andrew Stoffels, Kendra Flusche, Owen Tolar, Erin Osborn; 1st: Blake Hogan, Bradley Wallace, Christopher Patten, Maddie Serna, Noah Barber; 2nd: Devon Hacker, Reagan Weger, Zachary Klement, Lane Serna, Claire Schneider, Kimber Walterscheid; 3rd: Nastasha Phillips, Rielly Neal, J.T. Smith, Zach Trubenbach, Tressa Jones, Brandon Hennigan, Emily Brogdon; 4th: Makayla Pumphrey, Austin Schroeder, Mariah Wimmer, Destin Fleitman, Ethan Hale, Garrett Miller, Danielle West, Audrey Taylor-Saavedra, Mason Binder, David Hutson; 5th: Abby Walterscheid, Brooke Walterscheid, Taylor Barber, J.J. Horsman, Daniel Lutkenhaus, Clayton Rohmer; 6th: Paige Hennigan, Joe Monday, Stefani Tucker, Andrew Rosenbaum, River Stewart, Dalton Koelzer, Luke Crabtree, Kacie Cole, Shane Sicking, Kendall Reiter, Demi Koelzer; Art: David Hutson. **MISD photo**

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and NCTC Board



Muenster ISD students proud of their dino exhibits include, clockwise, above top left - Emily Fette, Devan Hacker and Katlain Hogue, Kelsie Sicking, Zachary Klement, and McKenna Proffer. **MISD photos**



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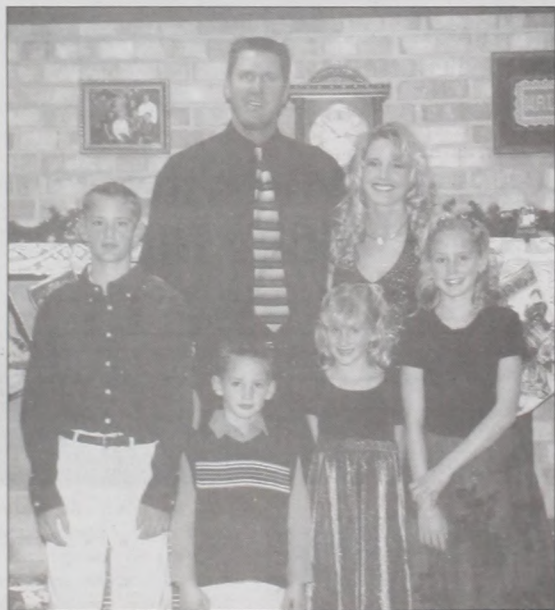


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Sacred Heart competes at TAPPS State track meet

Threatening winds and lightning in Waco last weekend didn't interfere too much with the TAPPS State Track and Field Meet, as the Sacred Heart track teams competed, bringing home 10 State medals. The Tigerettes earned 61 points for a 4th place, while the Tigers settled for 16th.

Earning silver medals were Brittany White in the 100m hurdles, and the 1600m relay team of Samantha Wimmer, Lisa Miller, Brittany White, and Lauren Krahl. Bronze medals went to Wimmer in the 800m run and the 800m relay team of Wimmer, Miller, Krahl, and Kara Felderhoff.

First place times and distances and Sacred Heart placers were:

3200m: 1, 11:52.50; 4, Paige White, 12:48.74.
800m: 1, 2:27.69; 3, Sam Wimmer, 2:29.99; 5, Lauren Krahl, 2:33.63.
BOYS
300m Hurdles: 1, 40.29; 4, Colby Richey, 42.02.
1600m: 1, 4:42.58; 4, Mark Fleitman, 4:58.21.
Discus: 1, 158' 10"; 4, Adam Dangelmayr, 132' 7"; 7, Nolan Hartman, 114' 3".
Triple Jump: 1, 41' 1"; 6, Josh Yosten, 38' 1.75".

TOP 5 TEAM STANDINGS

Girls: 1, Colleyville Covenant, 88.33; 2, Hallettsville Sacred Heart, 72; 3, Fort Worth Bethesda, 68; 4, Muenster Sacred Heart, 61; 5, Austin Waldorf, 44.
Boys: 1, Colleyville Covenant, 104; 2, Waco Texas Christian, 68; 3, Dallas Tyler Street, 66; 4, Abilene Christian, 42; 5, Conroe Covenant, 38; 16, Muenster Sacred Heart, 13.

Lady Knights fall at softball Regional Quarter-Final game

GIRLS
100m Hurdles: 1, 16.11; 2, Brittany White, 16.32.
4x200m Relay: 1, 1:51.49; 2, Sam Wimmer, Lisa Miller, Kara Felderhoff, Lauren Krahl, 1:53.44.
300m Hurdles: 1, 48.84; 4, Brittany White, 51.08.
1600m: 1, 5:19.66; 4, Paige White, 5:50.95; 6, Charlotte Bartush, 6:04.29.
4x440 yard relay: 1, 4:02.33 (new TAPPS record); 2, Sam Wimmer, Lisa Miller, Brittany White, Lauren Krahl, 4:21.95.
Discus: 1, 111' 11"; 4, Sarah Whitecotton, 105' 10".

The Lindsay Lady Knights, in their first season in softball, ended the year Tuesday night with an 11-0 Regional Quarter-Final loss to the Celeste Lady Blue Devils. "Lack of experience hurt us," noted Lindsay Coach Robin Hess. "We were very nervous. Celeste has been in the playoffs for years."

Liz Neu hit a single, Lindsay's only hit of the game. The Lady Knights committed nine errors and had

eight strikeouts. Celeste scored one run in the 1st inning, then seven in the 3rd, before putting the final icing on the cake in the 6th.

Sarah Carpenter pitched to 25 batters, allowing six runs and five walks, and getting two strikeouts. Emily Haverkamp gave up no walks, got three strikeouts, and allowed three runs while pitching to 18 batters.

The Lady Knights will lose three seniors, Sarah Carpenter, Liz Klement, and Hilary Ethington. "We were a young team," commented Coach Hess. "We started two freshmen and a sophomore. Hopefully they will help fill the senior spots."

Lindsay ended the season 7-9, 3-3 in District. Next year, Slidell will re-enter the diamond and Saint Jo will begin a softball program to join Lindsay, Valley View, and Collinsville in the District.

Just a thought

Please, God, make my ups longer than my downs.

We can't all be shining examples, but we can at least twinkle a little.

MYBL receives \$500



Wal-Mart Foundation presented a \$500 check to the Muenster Youth Basketball League in a matching donation. The money will be used to help build a new basketball court in the Muenster City Park. Muenster Youth Basketball League Commissioner Ben Bindel accepted the donation on Monday, May 1. Representing Wal-Mart in the photo are, from left, Lee Coolen, Susan Lancaster, Nancy Murray, and Mary Meek. Courtesy photo

19th Annual Ruth Hess golf tourney slated by Jaycees for July 8

The Muenster Jaycees will hold their 19th Annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 8. The event will be held at Turtle Hill Golf Course with a shotgun start at 2 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers in the four flights. Additional prizes on each hole.

The entry fee of \$260 per team includes green fee, red tee advantage, tee-shirt, door prizes, and a meal served after the tournament.

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Talking Turkey

As a professional angler, springtime means tournament time. But before I was making a living with a rod and reel in my hand, springtime meant more to me than fishing for spawning bass. Just like many people around the country, I looked forward to that time in spring when I would exit the boat and enter the hardwood forests in search of big tom turkey.

Planning this year's hunt got me thinking about some of the exciting turkey hunts I've had over the years and the lessons I've learned from those trips. I decided that before I take to the woods, I might as well share some of these tips with everyone else.

Before your hunt, know the shotgun and ammunition that you are taking with you. Go to the pattern board and find a gun, choke, and load that work well together.

Know the distance where your gun's performance tapers off and don't shoot past it. As conservationists first, we have an obligation to do everything within our power to make clean harvests on wild turkeys.

A good pattern should be at 85-90% in a 30-inch circle at 40 yards. Also, head to toe camouflaging is a must when hunting sharp-eyed gobblers. Gloves, facemask, and even camouflaged guns are helpful. Keep movement to a minimum and try to blend in to the natural surroundings.

Once you are in an area where you know there are turkeys, make a stand but don't start out with aggressive calling. Instead, start with soft clucks and purrs. If that doesn't seem to work, go into some medium-volume yelps. If that still doesn't get him, try some

cutting and aggressive yelping. Calling too much or too loudly in the beginning can easily spook birds and drive them from the area. By starting off softly, you can always work your way into the more aggressive calls.

The more different calls and types of calls you can use, the better you will be. On some days, gobblers will answer a diaphragm; on others they will only answer a tube call. On windy days, box calls and aluminum calls cut through the wind.

When calling turkeys, I like to hunt with a partner, with the caller sitting 10-15 yards behind the shooter. With this setup, the gobbler is concentrating on the caller's position, and the attention is taken off the shooter. Plus, if a tom hangs up 60-70 yards from the calling, he will still be in range for the shooter.

Finally, be prepared to hunt in various types of conditions, because spring weather can be unpredictable. Modify your tactics and hunt areas where turkeys feel safe during inclement conditions. Try open fields or other areas where turkeys have a commanding view of the surroundings since they depend on their eyesight instead of hearing. Portable waterproof blinds can be worth their weight in gold during the rain, allowing you to stay dry and continue the hunt.

Springtime is one of my favorite times of year. When else can people hunt turkeys on one day and sight fish for bass the next? With these tips, you can make the most out of your day in the woods and take advantage of all the outdoor opportunities that spring offers.

Game Warden Reports

Gotta run, Warden, but here's my parole officer's card ... On March 6, an Orange County game warden checked a vehicle parked along an isolated county road in Vidor. Upon making contact with the driver, a crack pipe and hypodermic needle fell onto the roadway.

A scuffle ensued, and the suspect jumped into a nearby swamp, and fled into the woods after being pepper sprayed. Fortunately, the driver left his driver's license and parole officer's card in his vehicle. Two hours later the suspect returned to his residence where the game warden placed him under arrest for multiple violations, including tampering with physical evidence, resisting arrest, and evading arrest or detention.

Don't poach in front of the game warden's home ... On March 1, two game wardens were returning from a public hearing in Carthage. Approximately one mile from one of the game warden's homes, they observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road. Subjects were observed putting something in the back of the pickup truck. When the subjects were approached, they advised they were coon hunting but could not get the spotlight to work. Upon further investigation, it was found that both subjects did not have a hunting license, driver license, or insurance, and an open container of alcohol was in the vehicle.

Ronnie Felderhoff is a candidate for M.I.S.D. School Board, Place Six, on the May 13th ballot. Having served on the School Board with Ronnie, I know firsthand his dedication to M.I.S.D. His educational focus is to regain the Exemplary status, lost before the present administration was seated. He continually advocates for a new lunchroom to be built to replace the overcrowded facility we now have. His experience in building and operating his own business aids greatly in the planning stages and meetings with architects to get new facilities in place and to keep present facilities updated. As a private business owner, his understanding of the financial operations of a business is important for M.I.S.D., especially with the Texas Legislature presently in session to re-do school finance laws for next year. Ronnie is also current on all continuing educational courses required of members of a School Board. Please consider these advantages of a good candidate when voting for M.I.S.D. School Board on May 13th.

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FARM & RANCH

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER
CEA - AG/NR

Pickup trucks rock! But they also roll: buckle up for safety

Cowboys don't always ride horses anymore, but many of them drive pickups.

And so do a lot of other people. In fact, 2002 data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that almost one-quarter of the vehicles in Texas are pickups, said Bev Kellner of Texas Cooperative Extension's Passenger Safety program.

Unfortunately many of these pickups' drivers and passengers may be riding with a false sense of security, Kellner said. Although pickups are larger and heavier than passenger cars, she said, they don't provide an extra measure of safety, especially when it comes to rollover crashes.

"Pickup drivers think they are safer in trucks than in cars, but they are not," Kellner said. "According to research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in fatal crashes pickup trucks roll over twice as often as passenger cars do. And being thrown out of the vehicle is the most common cause of injury and death in rollover crashes."

That's the reason behind the "Buckle Up In Your Truck" campaign, she said.

But according to information on the "Buckle Up In Your Truck" Web site (<http://www.buckleupinyourtruck.com/>), many people aren't listening. Information on the Web site says the five-state region of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana is home to more than a million pickup drivers and passengers who do not wear safety belts. And more than 1,300 of them die from crashes every year.



"Pickup drivers often say they feel safer because their trucks are bigger, stronger, and sit up higher than most cars on the road," the Web site stated. "But half of the fatalities in pickup crashes were killed in vehicle rollovers. Safety belts reduce the risk of dying in a rollover crash by up to 80%."

According to statistics provided on the Web site, about 60% of the region's pickup drivers involved in fatal crashes are between the ages of 15 and 39; about 86% are men; and about 42% were not using a safety belt at the time of the crash.

No doubt about it, Kellner said, safety belt use saves lives.

And "The Click It or Ticket" and "Buckle Up In Your Truck" campaigns appear to

be working. During 2005, a total of 85.5% of pickup drivers and passengers used safety belts, as did 89.9% of drivers and passengers in passenger cars, Kellner said.

To emphasize this point even further, local law enforcement officials in the five states will be enforcing the "Click It or Ticket" campaign from May 22-June 4 this year.

According to the Click It Or Ticket Web site (<http://www.buckleupamerica.org/CIOtplanm05/may05/what.htm>), "The goal of the Click It or Ticket mobilization is not to give out tickets, but rather to influence people to buckle up and prevent injuries and fatalities. Research proves that the certainty of a ticket and costly fines convinces people to Click It."

Considerations when feeding horses hay

Dr. Pete G. Gibbs, Extension horse specialist, has provided some information for horse owners concerning horse diets. He says that research conducted at Texas A&M has isolated change in type of hay as the single biggest dietary factor associated with digestive disturbance in horses. Horses do not tolerate dietary change well, and the shortage caused by the recent drought has caused some horse owners to feed hay of different types, or from different batches. Even the same type of hay can vary a great deal in quality, depending on how it was managed, when it was cut and where it was grown.

In typical years of adequate rainfall conducive to growing good Texas hay, horse owners have been able to be somewhat picky about hay and even ask for nutrient analyses prior to purchase. This spring of 2006, many owners are glad to just be able to find hay that is clean and free of mold, almost independent of nutrient content. This shortage of hay has prompted many questions about alternatives for meeting roughage requirements and keeping horses healthy with hopes for a good growing season this summer.

One way to stretch existing hay supply is to actually weigh each block or portion of hay prior to feeding, aiming for no less than 0.75% of horse body weight per day in long stem roughage. Between 0.75 and 1.0% of body weight will usually meet a horse's need for chewing and for gut fill. Concentrate feeds that are 14% crude fiber or higher will help decrease the need for long stem roughage, allowing horse owners to cut back to as little as 0.5% of body weight per day in long stem hay, on a short-term basis. There are even feeds on the market that exceed 20% crude fiber, and this appears to be enough fiber to help keep the horse's digestive tract healthy, particularly if the feed is extruded, which can further slow rate of intake. For horses that also get some concentrate feed, total roughage at about 1% of body weight will usually meet the needs and minimize vices such as wood chewing and chewing of manes and tails.

Horse owners who have

clean round bales or big square bales can stretch the hay supply further by limiting feeding a big bale. This is easily accomplished by fencing or paneling off the bale, with a gate, allowing horses a limited amount of time to eat from the bale.

Always avoid some types of hay completely as several have been associated with various types of sickness in horses. Kleingrass should not be fed if it can be avoided, as there are indications that it can cause liver problems in horses. Given a choice, horses will select other grass hays over kleingrass, and voluntarily consume smaller amounts of kleingrass over time. Also avoid johnsongrass, sorghum-sudan crosses (haygrazers), Russian foxtail and German millets.

Concerns over prussic acid and cystitis syndrome are the basis for this recommendation. Fescue is typically acceptable for most horses, except for broodmares during the breeding season. The last 90 days prior to foaling, mares should be kept away from fescue because of concerns over foal death at time of birth and the complete absence of milk production in some mares eating fescue. While prairie hay can be fed to horses, the

nutrient content of this hay is usually quite low. So, if the prairie hay is clean and free of mold, a workable solution is to mix some prairie hay with a legume source such as alfalfa for horses.

Some of the senior feeds on the market are already being fed to old horses with teeth problems and to old horses that have had a noticeable problem with chewing and processing long-stem hay. These senior feeds are designed with enough fiber included so that older horses can eat the feed and actually do not have to be provided any long hay at all. Younger, mature horses fed these senior feeds can likely get by in the short term without any hay, however, a good recommendation is to still provide some roughage if at all possible.

For more information on selection and use of hay and processed roughage in feeding horses go to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> and click on equine science. Then go to the publications section and find information related to hay for horses, as well as feeding broodmares, growing horses and performance horses.

Dates to Remember:
May 20 - North Texas Meat Goat Conference; NCTC, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Farm Bill extension introduced

Senators Jim Talent (R-Mo.) and Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.), both members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, introduced legislation recently to extend the current farm bill until the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations are complete. The bill would also keep the current farm bill in place for at least one crop year after Congress has approved legislation to implement any eventual Doha agreement. "NSP supports extension of the 2002 farm bill," said National Sorghum Producers (NSP) President Greg Shelor of Minneola, Kansas. "Until global trading rules are in place, we appreciate Congressional leaders who are working to ensure that U.S. agriculture does not unilaterally disarm without meaningful reform in other countries."

Sen. Talent said that a farm bill extension, pending a fair agreement at the WTO, sends a signal to our trading partners. "We will not unilaterally disarm farmers and ranchers in Missouri without assurances that we will get real and meaningful reforms from them in return," Sen. Lincoln said. "In order to compete in a global marketplace, our farmers must have the certainty of a level playing field. Until our

trading partners in the WTO have at least matched our commitment to level disparities in global agriculture trade, our farmers will be operating at a severe disadvantage.

Texas Crop & Weather

May 5 - A cool front that dipped into Texas last week brought little rain to northern and central regions, Texas Cooperative Extension reported.

Galen Chandler, district Extension administrator in Vernon, said a small amount of measurable rain did little to help hay producers.

"Dryland hay crops don't look very promising," he said. "Producers are looking at making 10 to 12 square bales an acre on places they normally make 30 to 40 bales an acre."

The rain in Southeast Texas will help some plants and grasses.

The cooler temperatures of last week were also welcomed in some cases, and rain is forecast again for the upcoming week, Fritz said. "Wheat harvest started Thursday, and hopefully, we won't have wheat sprouting in the head."

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300-400 lb.: \$130 to \$145;
400-500 lb.: \$115 to \$130;
500-600 lb.: \$100 to \$115;
600-700 lb.: \$96 to \$100;
700-800 lb.: \$90 to \$96.
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Medium-Good: \$700 to \$750;
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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.20-1.65; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.20; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.20-1.50; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.20; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.15; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.00-1.21; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.00; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .98-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.98; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .96-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.96.	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Larx Frame: \$750-\$875; Medium Frame: \$500-\$750. Cow/Calf Pairs wealves under 250 lbs. - Larx Frame: \$1000-\$1250; Medium Frame: \$700-\$1000. Baby Calves: Holstein: \$100-\$140; Cross Breeds: \$140-\$370. Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 220-270: 55-67; US #2, 220-250: 50-58. Feeders (per head) 100-175 lbs. \$45-\$80; 25-30 lbs. \$35-\$50. Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 or less: 22-45; Light wt., 400-500: 25-33; Med. wt., 500-600: 28-32; Heavy wt., 600+: 25-32. Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: 05-10; 200-300 lbs. 20-28; Light wt. 30-3750 Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lamb: 40-60 lb. 1.10-1.37; Light lambs: 60-99 lb. 1.00-1.10; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs. 75-95.	Ewes (per lb.) Feeder: 50-65; Thin: 25-40; Fat: 45-55. Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 45-50; Fat: 45-50. Barbados (per head) Lamb: \$7.50-\$45; Ewe: \$30-\$50; Bucks: \$65-\$100. Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs. \$22-\$50; 35-55 lbs. \$30-\$75; 55-75 lbs. \$50-\$80. Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs. \$80-\$110. Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$50-\$85; Milk Type: \$45-\$70; Slaughter: \$40-\$80; Thin: \$35-\$55; Fat: \$60-\$90. Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders: \$110-\$145; Slaughter: \$75-\$110. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: 76-110, 3/4 Nanny: 75-100; Full Nanny: 120-150; 1/2 Billy: NT, 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: \$75-\$200.
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