

City Council ponders cost options for water fixes

By Janet Felderhoff
Water again received considerable attention at the City Council meeting. The Council met on Monday, Aug. 1. Mayor Joey Anderson said he felt they'd gotten control of the situation.

City Administrator Stan Endres reported that in July the City used 16.8 million gallons of water. "I'm sure that's probably a record for what the City has ever done," he said. "That averaged 414,000 gallons per day, which that average is much higher than normal." The normal average is around 275,000 to 300,000 gallons.

Consumption goes up and down depending on whether it is a watering day or not. "I know the people are not happy about having to stand out in their yard and water with a hose when they have a \$5,000 automatic sprinkler system in their yard that's not being used. I think most

people understand," Endres commented. He added that water rationing is not just being carried out in Muenster. Most cities around are conserving water in some manner, he added. Alderman Jack Flusche suggested charging more for water to cut down on usage.

Endres said he'd checked on water rates being charged in neighboring towns. Muenster charges less for the minimum and less for the increase. Muenster charges \$500 for a water tap while some cities charge as much as \$1,500 for a tap.

Water restrictions will continue as is as long as it continues to be successful. The City hopes to establish a plan to provide more water. Engineers from Kimley-Horn were contacted and two engineers from that company planned to be in Muenster on Aug. 4 to review the water system and gather information.

Meanwhile, Anderson noted that options being considered are drilling a new well at an in-town location, a new storage and distribution facility at the location of the most recently drilled well, or a water treatment plant. Costs vary with the different options and both carry different risks.

Anderson noted that the Muenster Water District has an outstanding balance of about \$2.6 million. The bonds won't be paid off until 2030. A water treatment plant for Muenster Lake is estimated to cost between \$2-3 million. Funding it will require another bond be approved by residents.

Administrator Endres noted that the property tax for the City, not the Water District, brings in \$315,000. To pay for a treatment plant would require almost double in taxes. "In all practicality, until the bonds are paid off in the Water District, or a low enough balance that it could be paid off and added in with a new bond, you can't raise your taxes that high," Endres stressed. He feels that unless a grant would become available, it will be at least 10 years before the City could afford to put in a treatment plant.

Muenster's 56 year-old swimming pool continued to be used through the summer despite its many leaks. In June 2009, the City paid about \$20,000 on repairs due to leaks. All of the pipes are corroded and rusted out. Three options are being explored by the Council. One is to upgrade the present pool, another to build a new pool, and the third is to close the pool. Darrell Charles of Absolute Pools is working with Administrator Endres to figure out costs. It appears that it will cost \$130-140,000 to renovate the existing pool. Charles said it would be possible to build a new smaller pool for less than the cost of renovating the present pool. Mayor Anderson observed, "The attendance at the pool has not been near what it once was, but it's still a critical part of the community. There are still a lot of people who use it. That kind of lends itself to being able to have something that is smaller." They said attendance averaged 75 people a day this year.

It was decided to explore the cost of replacement prior to making a final decision. Endres was appointed as contact person for Charles to get info from as he puts together an expense estimate for a new pool.

Muenster City Council witnessed the swearing in of Mark Blankenship as new police chief by Mayor Anderson. Aug. 1 was his first day on the job. He is working with retiring Chief Stovall until Aug. 15.

In the Administrator's report, Endres said that Quality Excavators have started the water and sewer line extensions out to Superior Machining and the Germanfest grounds.

TCEQ will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at the Muenster ISD cafeteria. It is in regard to EOG Resource's application for an air quality permit.

Burford's Tree, Inc. will be grinding and mulching the



Burford's Tree, Inc. geared up for some heavy duty grinding on Monday. The City contracted with the company to grind into chips the assorted tree trunks, branches, and limbs that fell victim to the June 18 storm. Tree debris was tightly packed into a huge pile in the days after the storm and needed to be disposed of in some manner other than burning which could cause a hazard being so near the highway. The job is expected to take 32 hours to complete. **Janie Hartman photo**

Public Hearings announced for County proposed budget, tax rate

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court plans to hold a public hearing on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. on its proposed budget and tax rate for 2011-12. The meeting will be held in the Prosperity Bank building, suite 214, 100 East California Street in Gainesville.

County Judge John Roane asked that Commissioners consider reducing the annex line in the proposed budget to \$50,000 rather than \$200,000 and reduce the contingency to 2.7 instead of \$3 million. "What that will do is end up with no perceived tax rate increase and also a slightly smaller budget than this year's even," remarked Judge Roane.

are age 60 with 20 years of service or age 55 with 25 years of service. This limits eligibility and helps keep costs down, he said. It would cost \$1,300 per month for a person age 64 to purchase similar health insurance, said Beam. "It's essentially worth \$15,000 a year. It may be worth more than the pension they receive. This is a very valuable benefit," remarked Beam.

They sent four type three engines and two dozers. About 77 acres were affected by the fire. Fletcher recommended no change in the County's burn ban or disaster declaration banning fireworks. The Governor extended the declaration to Sept. 22. Discussion took place on repairing or replacing the County's radio tower located on Rice Avenue. It was damaged during a storm about

According to County Auditor Shelly Atteberry, the effective tax rate is 46.70. The current tax rate is 46.24. It is a proposed decrease of \$115,000. Property valuations are down this year.

Beam gave the formula for recognizing the expense that the County must recognize for FY 2010-11. The Court discussed possibly terminating the benefit due to the potential high cost to future Commissioners Courts and what might happen with the nationalization of health care.

After the hearing closed, the Court voted to approve the County Clerk's 2012 plan to do more records preservation work as records preservation funds allow. This includes scanning minutes from past Commissioners Court meetings.

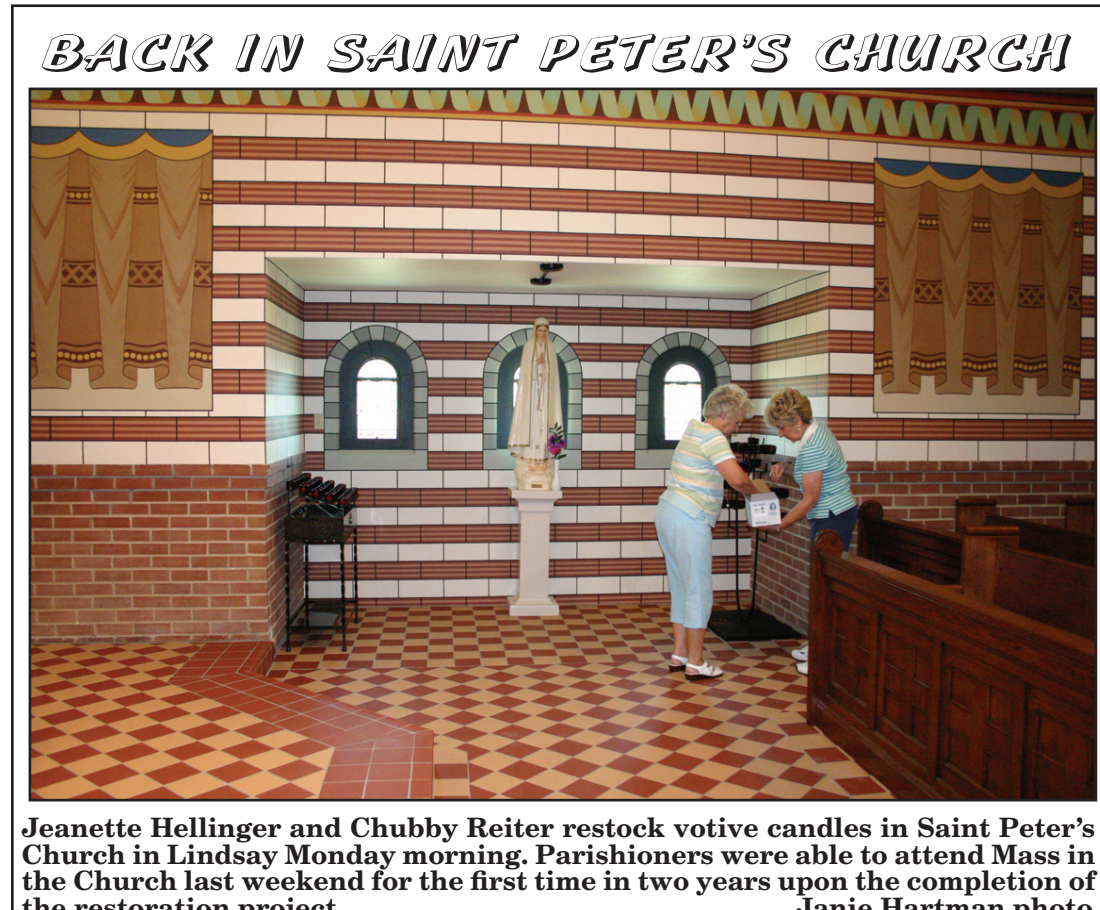
County Fire Marshal Ray Fletcher updated the Court on drought conditions in the County. The current Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) is 739 with a high of 770 and low 684. The 684 is a small area in the very southeast corner of the County, he noted. The Drought monitor indicates that now most of the County is in the extreme drought area and maybe a little bit in the severe drought," Fletcher commented. "The outlook is not positive at all. Through October, persistence of drought to continue."

Jack Beam of Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company of Irving presented an actuarial study on Cooke County's medical benefits for retirees. This study is a GASBY 45 report required by the government and done every two years. It shows what the actual liability is for governmental employers who offer retiree health care.

It was decided to determine the future of the benefit for retirees at a future Court meeting. A public hearing took place for the County Clerk's records preservation plan for 2012. ACS is still working to provide updated records that were scanned in 2010. There were 317 books scanned. "They enable our customers to search our computers by date and name," noted County Clerk Rebecca Lawson. "This service also provides customers the ease of

Recent fires include one in the Nelson Grove Cemetery north of Woodbine that burned about 75 acres and was caused by power lines in trees; a 50-75 acres fire west of Hwy. 82; and one on CR 106, just west of Dexter. The Dexter fire required assistance from the Forest Service.

Firemen confirm Barbecue location
Muenster Volunteer Firemen want everyone to know that their Annual Barbecue and Auction will be held in the City Park. Efforts to move it to a cooler location failed, so despite what many have heard, it will be held in the City Park as usual.



Jeanette Hellinger and Chubby Reiter restock votive candles in Saint Peter's Church in Lindsay Monday morning. Parishioners were able to attend Mass in the Church last weekend for the first time in two years upon the completion of the restoration project. **Janie Hartman photo**

Work progresses on Germanfest grounds and City water and sewer lines



Lots of dirt work is in progress on both sides of Ash Street as one project will someday connect with the others. To the east, a large clearing through the trees south of Weinzapfel Lake dam is allowing the laying of water and sewer lines to the future home of Superior Machining and the future Germanfest grounds, where large machines are going full steam preparing the location. **Janie Hartman photos**



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tree debris stacked on the west side of the Park since the windstorm in June. Cost is \$400 per hour with a maximum of 40 hours. Endres said that is \$4,000 less than any other estimate. It is expected to take 32 hours.

Chris Henderson, IESI division manager, advised Endres that they will be issuing a rate increase next month. The consumer price index had an increase of 2.18%. That means an increase of 31¢ on residential accounts and the 2.18% on commercial accounts.

In other business, the City Council:

- Scheduled a budget workshop for Aug. 15 at 6 p.m.
- Approved the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department selling alcohol in the City Park during its Barbecue Fundraiser.

“Taste of NTMC” Friday to benefit United Way

If you enjoy a variety of tastes, and like to have some fun with lunch, be sure to mark your calendars for the “Taste of NTMC” Friday, Aug. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville.

The public is invited to load their lunch plates with foods ranging from German to Italian to Cajun. Take a trip around the world and visit a Hawaiian luau, a French bistro, and Margaritaville! You can “Go Country” or All-American, while you munch on desserts, salads, appetizers, and dive into devilish chocolate. Health food? “No way! This food is provided

by the great employee cooks at NTMC! We even have ‘Grease’ on the menu!” noted Gayla Blanton, director of marketing and NTMC Unit.

A minimum donation of \$5 will get you a container to fill, tea or water, and a cool place to sit in the NTMC Café. Participants are urged to arrive early, because when the food is gone, they will be too!

All proceeds benefit Cooke County United Way.

- Moved the September Council meeting to Sept. 12 because the regular date would be Sept. 5, which is Labor Day.
- Approved TML’s rerate of employee health insurance and the continuation of coverage agreement. The rates for dental and life, accidental death, and dismemberment insurance remain the same as last year. The major medical has an increase of \$22.44. The new rate is \$480.19 per month per employee with coverage remaining the same.
- Heard proposal on extending the City’s electricity contract with Green Mountain Energy. Since the contract does not expire until May 2012, no decision was made.
- Approved payment of bills totaling \$150,938.63.

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four months ago. Fletcher asked that they seek bids on a 330 foot tower with 36 inch base. Bids were only submitted for repair of the tower. This will give them prices to compare as they decide whether to put in a new one with upgrades or repair the current tower. Bid specs will be prepared and considered at the next meeting.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Accepted proceeds in the amount of \$29,750 from the sale of real property from Precinct #4 Commissioner to Muenster ISD.
- Approved request by EOG Resources, Inc. to run a temporary water transfer line within the right of way on the west side of CR 388, beginning at a private property in a northwest direction for approximately 1.94 miles.
- Approved request by EOG Resources, Inc. to conduct a geophysical survey across and within the right-of-way of CR 328, CR 330, CR 373, CR 398, CR 334, CR

Letter to the Editor

In the Aug. 5 article “EOG Resources responds to community concerns”, Curt Parsons of EOG Resources said, “We didn’t anticipate this kind of a fire storm”. Really? EOG destroyed the natural beauty of over a thousand acres of land. Did EOG think we wouldn’t notice? EOG intends to release 77 tons of pollutants into the air every year and use 3,700 gallons of water a minute. Did EOG think we wouldn’t care?

Mr. Parsons unwittingly pinpoints EOG’s fundamental problem when he states, “We were going about our normal course of business doing what we thought made sense.” The people living in counties atop the Barnett Shale have seen firsthand EOG’s “normal course of business” - the excessive lighting, equipment noise all day and night, emissions from equipment, truck traffic at all hours, truck emissions, road damage, groundwater consumption – but it hardly makes “sense” to us. No doubt it makes a whole lot of “cents” to EOG.

What is the purpose of frack sand? It is used to frack gas wells. And what else is needed to frack gas wells? Water. Millions of gallons are used to frack each well. Fresh water. Potable water. Water fit for human consumption. EOG will produce 2,700 tons of sand a day so it must intend to frack a lot of wells – and that will require a lot of water. Not brackish water, but Trinity water. Water that, once used to frack wells, is too contaminated by salt and chemicals to ever be re-used or recycled. No matter how lively EOG’s publicity team dances, all the fancy footwork in the world can’t glide over the fact that the oil and gas industry is consuming vast amounts of our fresh groundwater, most of it gone forever from the water cycle.

The public meeting is about an air quality permit. Or is it? The extended drought is driving home just how essential water is - and it is giving us a disturbing glimpse of what our lives would be like without it. Our area is so dry that the potential for wildfires is a valid concern. But the landscape isn’t the only thing burned by the heat and drought. The people are burned to a crisp, too. We are fed up with laws and agencies that are supposed to protect our land, air and water but can’t possibly do so because of exemptions granted to the oil and gas industry. We need energy but we don’t need to irreparably damage our planet in the process of creating it.

Texans are one spark away from igniting a wildfire, an unanticipated fire storm that will demand safer energy extraction from the oil and gas industry, the politicians we elected to serve us, and the agencies that were supposedly created to protect us. Is the Cooke County sand mine that spark? Come to the public meeting on Aug. 23 and find out.

Penny Jordan
Saint Jo, Texas

To the editor,

This letter is in response to EOG’s publicity campaign stemming from the growing grassroots opposition to their “proposed” sand mine near Mountain Creek in northwest Cooke County. It’s laughable that we continue to use the word “proposed” to describe this project since anyone can see that EOG has already spent millions of dollars on the project even before receiving approval for the air quality permit from the TCEQ. Is this arrogance on their part or are they expecting a “rubber stamp” from the TCEQ? Is this how a good corporate citizen behaves as EOG is portraying itself?

Many of you may not be aware that EOG has been operating a sand mine in Hood County since 2007. There have been several complaints filed with the TCEQ concerning this facility and subsequent violations found including operating this pit without the proper permitting. Can we expect any different at Mountain Creek? The TCEQ web site also lists 42 additional complaints that have been filed against EOG. Good corporate citizen?

We all have been experiencing the fallout from the oil and gas drilling in our area. This once quiet corner of Texas now suffers many of the effects most often found in industrial areas including pollution, noise and truck traffic, not to mention the risk to our precious groundwater. When we complain, not so subtle suggestions are made that the jobs and tax money will go elsewhere if we put up too much of a stink. I have never known Texans to back down from threats subtle or otherwise.

I know most of you are familiar with the area where the sand mine is being built. It is one of the most pristine and beautiful areas in all of north Texas. Do we risk spoiling it so EOG can add to their already adequate bottom line? Join us on Aug. 23 at the Muenster cafetorium.

Signed,
Ivars Lusis
Saint Jo, Texas

Letter to the Editor

After reading an article about EOG Resources response to community concerns, I am glad to hear that EOG Resources states they are “pioneers” in stimulating shale for gas production and getting oil out of the shale. Pioneers can be the leaders of this frontier and with it comes a grave responsibility. The communities of Cooke and Montague counties hope that EOG Resources will demonstrate a great responsibility and respect for our rural environment and communal life. With that said, our rural citizens ask that EOG Resources agree to not rush into things, to go slowly, carefully. It may be possible to limit the work time schedule so that the community is not bothered by lights, noise, and traffic all hours of the night. Remember the old “quiet hours” in the dorms at college long ago? How about “quiet hours” between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.? Such a schedule would be one way to show responsibility and respect.

Another way would be to thoughtfully share our valuable resources of fresh water. Oh, yes, we are aware that EOG said that they would be using mostly brackish water and recycling that brackish water to wash the frack sand. However, we also, realize that water, like oil and gas is a limited resource, and has to be protected and used wisely. It is my understanding that when fracking for oil and gas with frack sand, fresh water is used in every drilling process. Is there any way to limit the number of wells drilled within a certain area? Is there any way to track how much fresh water is actually being utilized? And, why pump those wells at such a speed that they may appear to be dry or low in such a short time? Go slow, take it easy, smell the roses. Why be in a hurry to take so much out of the ground creating a void beneath the surface? Whether it is gas or oil, or fresh or brackish water, so much in such a short time will create a void somehow, somewhere creating a negative impact.

As we expect our children and neighbors to be respectful and responsible to each other, we ask that EOG Resources conduct themselves as respectful and responsible land stewards.

Respectfully,
Jenny Shiffer
Saint Jo, Tx.

It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes, a principle which if acted on, would save one-half the wars of the world.

Thomas Jefferson

Heat stress

When it comes to working and playing outdoors, it’s best to start slowly and acclimate to the heat, says Tom Monagan, associate athletic director at UT Dallas. “Most heat-related illnesses occur within the first few days of working out outside because the body isn’t used to the heat.”

Tips for staying heat safe:

- When working out, drink on a schedule, every 15-20 minutes or so, not when you’re thirsty. By then you’re already dehydrated.
- Eat a well-balanced diet. Avoid caffeine and replace the sodium, potassium, and carbohydrates you lose when working out and sweating.
- Wear breathable clothing that allows sweat to evaporate off the body, and avoid wearing dark clothing — it attracts the heat.
- Notice the color of your urine. It will help you know if you’re dehydrated. Urine should appear light yellow (the color of lemonade). Dark urine (the color of cider) indicates dehydration.
- Trouble signs for overheating include headache, nausea, visual disturbances, vomiting, and chills. Stop activity, drink fluids, and head indoors when you experience any of these symptoms.

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371, and CR 379.

- Accepted surplus items from the Texas Department of Transportation to all Cooke County Road & Bridge Precincts including guardrails and related materials.
- Approved E911 Public Safety Answering Point Services interlocal agreement with Texoma Council of Governments for two years.
- Approved a non-financial Child Welfare Services contract to maintain the Cooke County Child Welfare Board.
- Accepted the NETLS CE Scholarship grant for \$200 for the Cooke County Library. It enables the library director to attend the Association of Rural & Small Libraries Conference in Frisco.
- Accepted the Target Early Childhood Reading Grant for the Cooke County Library’s “1,2,3, the Story Is Coming To Me” program in the amount of \$2,000.
- Approved advertising for sealed bids for vending services in the Cooke County

Courthouse Annex building beginning Sept. 12.

- Approved change orders for Cooke County Courthouse Restoration project in the amounts of \$4,424 and \$2,960.
- Accepted \$527.68 rebate check from Office Depot.
- Accepted a \$10 donation to Cooke County Library from Charles Lee for research.
- Approved collaborative working agreement between Abigail’s Arms and the Cooke County Sheriff’s Office.
- Approved updates to Nationwide plan documents.
- Renewed service agreements between Cooke County and Geo Med Waste of Texas for services provided to the Cooke County Justice Center and Cooke County EMS.

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Sunday, August 14, 2011	Monday, August 15, 2011	Tuesday, August 16, 2011	Wednesday, August 17, 2011	Thursday, August 18, 2011	Friday, August 19, 2011	Saturday, August 20, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	MISD Faculty & Staff in Service KMB mtg. 6:45 pm VFW Aux mtg. 7:30 pm Stovall’s Retirement Farewell 4-5:30 pm City Hall	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Co-ed V’ball 7:30 MISD old gym M. Elementary Howdy Night PK-6 -6pm Cafetorium	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Rebecca St. James Concert, 7pm, SHCC
Sunday, August 21, 2011	Monday, August 22, 2011	Tuesday, August 23, 2011	Wednesday, August 24, 2011	Thursday, August 25, 2011	Friday, August 26, 2011	Saturday, August 27, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	MISD - 1st day of school	Library open 10am-6:30 pm Save the Trinity Aquifer, 7pm MISD Cafetorium	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Co-Ed V’ball M old gym 7:30 R.E. & S.H.Y. formation 7 pm Mass	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Muenster Museum open -1-4	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

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Obituaries

Mary Frances Mohon 1930 - 2011

Mary Frances Mohon, 81, went to be with our Lord Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at her home in Decatur. Funeral was Saturday, July 30, at Coker-Hawkins Chapel in Decatur. Burial was in Mohon Family Cemetery.

Mary was born June 14, 1930 in Memphis, Texas to Frank Leslie and Minnie Mae Rayfield Helm. She married Holland Duane Mohon on April 24, 1948 in Denton. Mary loved playing the fiddle, as well as other musical instruments including the piano, accordion, guitar, mandolin, ukulele, and banjo. She played with "Texas Shorty," Willie Nelson, and Bob Shelton, and she won many fiddle contests. She was an avid flower lover. Her yard was beautiful! Her

most cherished memories included her kids, grandkids, and many "adopted" friends sitting around playing and listening to music.

Survivors are daughter Treon Aleh Dollar of Flower Mound; sons Nealy Ransom Mohon and wife Brenda of Muenster and Tracy Duane Mohon of Decatur; three grandchildren Sondra K., Misty Clarine, and Heath Don; four-great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother James Helm; and sister Estrellina White.

Pallbearers were Craig Gajdos, Vincent Kuhnen, Jimmy Agnus, Butch Copeland, Nevin Harper, and Roger Branch.

Juanita Ford 1927 - 2011

Graveside service for Juanita Ford, 83, of Rosston was held Wednesday, Aug. 10 at Rosston Cemetery under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Mrs. Ford died Aug. 7, 2011 at Renaissance Care Center.

Juanita was born Sept. 24, 1927 to Mackey Jasper and Estley Abbiegale Jackson Kirk in Montague County.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law Charlotte and Bill Culp of Rosston; daughters Rita Walker of Era and Debra Starnes of Gainesville; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and four siblings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three siblings, and her husband, Homer, in 1982.

Jerrel Reed 1940 - 2011

Graveside services for Jerrel Wayne Reed of Thacker, Oklahoma were held Tuesday, Aug. 9 in Montague Cemetery under the direction of Scott-Morris Funeral Home. Mr. Reed died at the age of 71 on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 in Wise Regional Health System, Decatur.

He was born in Montague County on June 2, 1940 to Elmo and Bobbie Reed.

Survivors are his life partner Gloria Breedlove of Thacker; children and spouses Arlinda and George Hummel of San Antonio, Rusty and Donna Reed of Lindsay, Texas, Tim and Vetta Reed of Nocona, Vickie and Albert Esquivel of Gilroy,

California, Rita and Harold Scott of Thackerville, Robin and Chad Cannon of Whitesboro, and Donna Daniels of Van Alstyne; brother Melton Reed of Bridgeville, Delaware; sisters Patsy Reed of Bowie and Nancy Williams of Crofton, Maryland; 27 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Johnny Reed; daughter Darla Green; and brothers Buddy, Billy, and Bobby Reed.

Pallbearers were Josh Morgan, Hannan Jordan, Stevie Reed, Mike Reed, Shannon Brito, Austin Brito, and Luke Wallace. Honorary pallbearer was Matt Reed.

Ara Leach 1917 - 2011

Funeral services for Ara Juanita Leach were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 11 at Temple Baptist Church under the direction of George Carroll Funeral Home. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Ara was born May 26, 1917, in Louisiana to Dr. Bertram Allen Norman, M.D., and Pearl Toadvin Norman. She graduated Minden High School and attended Louisiana State University in Fayetteville. She married Frank K. Leach in Marietta, Oklahoma, on Oct. 3, 1936.

A housewife and part-time bookkeeper for Leach Bros. Radio and Television Service, she was a past president of the Cooke County Home Demonstration Club, and several Gainesville flower clubs. She was the charter president for Gainesville Visual Arts, a past regent of Francis Lightfoot Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member of the Fort Worth Council of Flower Show Judges, the Texas Chrysanthemum Society, and Fort Worth Rose Society.

Mrs. Leach won many awards for her drawings, paintings, and flower arrangements.

She was a Life Master Flower Show Judge and certified flower designer.

In 2004, Mrs. Leach was designated a home-grown hero by the City of Gainesville for her work in the Keep Texas Beautiful Program.

She was a life-long Democrat and voted for Franklin Roosevelt in 1932. A member of the Executive Committee for the Cooke County Democratic Party, and a precinct chair, she was a delegate to 14 Texas State Democratic Conventions and a delegate to the 2004 National Democratic Convention in Boston.

Survivors are son Ken Leach of Gainesville; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; son-in-law Robert Nava; and sister-in-law Mildred Norman.

She was preceded in death by her husband; daughter Betty Nava; brother Francis Toadvin Norman; sister Sybil Norman; infant grandson and infant great-granddaughter.

Pallbearers were Jeff McDonald, Jerry Guyer, Trent Overstreet, Russell Rutland, David Neu, Aaron Leach, and Samuel Leach.

Some prayers answered



Much to the surprise and joy of residents in the Muenster area, rain fell on Tuesday evening. Some received only the scent of rain and a few sprinkles while others reported rain ranging from a couple of tenths to 2 3/4 inches. All enjoyed the temporary relief it brought to the triple digit temperatures. This was the first notable rain since mid June. Shown are clouds reflected in a water puddle on First Street. Janie Hartman photo

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Aug. 9, 1946

Colony of bees and lots of honey found in the eaves of the parochial school; the object now is to get rid of them. Muenster motorists are paying higher prices for gasoline: 21¢ per gallon for premium grade and 20¢ for regular, an increase of 1¢ per gallon. New Arrivals: Clinton to Ed and Clara Endres; Thomas to Val and Mary Fuhrmann. Bernard Luke has tonsillectomy. New tractor owners in the community are Joe Wimmer, Adolph Walterscheid, and Alphonse Hoenig. J.B. and Loretta Wilde celebrate 25th.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 11, 1961

Area still dry after .92 inch rain. Public asked to turn in reports on litterbugging. New Arrivals: Leger to Gene and Gladys Gieb; Timothy to Ervin and Mildred Walterscheid; Danny to John Louis and Marcella Hess. Weddings: Ruth Frazier and Joseph Felderhoff; Rose Mary Hess and Winston Fangman. Sr. Roberta Hesse makes her perpetual vows as a member of the Sisters of St. Mary at OLV Convent.

25 YEARS AGO Aug. 8, 1986

R.N. Fette, founder and editor of the Muenster Enterprise, died at the age of 78 while working on his column for this week's paper. Investigation continues in to the robbery of the Gerald Biffle home. Frances (Mrs. Biorde) Vogel honored on 80th birthday. New Arrival: Ashley to Patrick and Sherrie Krebs. Denise Bayer is chosen as drum major for the 1986-87 Muenster Obietary Marching Band. Obituary: Lyndel Richardson, 84.

Water restriction suggestions

Local watering restrictions are sometimes necessary. Water efficient lawn watering practices can help reduce the need for watering restrictions. Here are a few recommendations:

Water less frequently and gradually reduce the amount of water. This will help reduce stress and condition the turf if a total ban on lawn watering becomes necessary.

Reduce the amount of foot traffic allowed on the lawn as much as possible.

Allow the grass to grow longer to reduce moisture loss from the soil.

It is not the IQ but the I WILL that is most important in education. Anonymous

The family of Dwayne Pagel would like to express their deepest gratitude to Fr. Ken for all his prayers, comfort, and support; Muenster Memorial Hospital doctors and nurses; and the Catholic Daughters for the wonderful dinner.

To all our family, friends, and everyone for all their prayers, Masses, phone calls, donations, cards, food, and flowers given during the time of our beloved's loss.

Sincerely,
Nicole
Glenda, J.T.
Marlene, Sharlene
and Chris

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Daughters of the King hear make-up and etiquette tips

Junior high and high school girls attending the Daughters of The King (DOTK) program participated in a special mid-series event on Saturday, July 30. The day began at the First Baptist Church (FBC) Fellowship Hall with the theme "Looking and Acting Like a Princess."

Angelika Lamar welcomed girls, then introduced Jan Cain, Mary Kay senior sales director, the first guest speaker of the day. Jan spoke with the girls about inner beauty as more important than outward appearance. She then taught skin care and proper make-up application with the assistance of Kimberly Kuykendall, Mary Kay consultant. "before" and "after" make-over pictures were taken by J'Lynn Hare.

Next, Lou Heers presented Etiquette Tips in several important areas: Making a Good Impression with The Six S's, Making Introductions, Public Manners, Entertainment Courtesies, Cell Phone & Email Guidelines, and Dining and Table Setting Tips.

Participants and leaders then traveled to the Tisdale home for the next part of their day. There, they had the opportunity to show off their "new look" and etiquette expertise at a brunch in the garden hosted by Catholic Daughters. An elegant meal of turkey salad on lettuce bed, cucumber sandwiches, fresh fruit with poppy seed dressing, banana bread with pineapple cream cheese filling, apricot tea, and for dessert, fruity frozen yogurt was served.

Tables, placed under the shade of trees and a rose-decorated arbor, were set with white table cloths, apple-green table runners, and centerpieces of clear-glass vases filled with limes and brilliant summer-hued blossoms. At each place setting was a specially designed menu card with the DOTK "discover," "laugh," and "become" stars.

Following lunch, Tracie Bohl led participants and leaders in songs of worship and praise and gave thanks to God for this special day.

The theme for the afternoon session was "The Kingdom of a Princess." Participants met in small groups to learn how to set good, well-defined physical, emotional, and mental boundaries for healthy relationships.

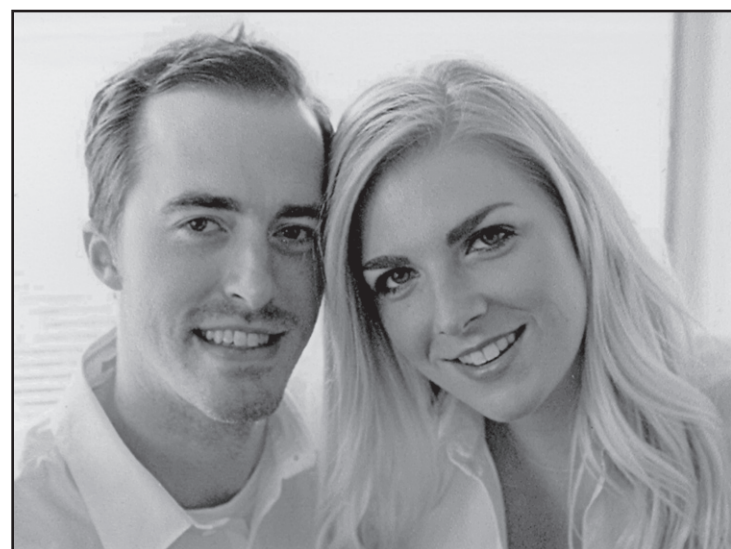
Small group leaders were: Grade 7 - Angelika Lamar; Grade 8 - Sandy Gourley and Lindsey Watson; Grade 9 - Tina Lutkenhaus and Natalie Proffer; and Grades 10, 11, and 12 - Tracie Bohl and Sheri Tisdale.

Girls participating in Saturday's event were Alyssa Barns, Morgan Eldridge, Macie Pagel, Cassie Wright, Mahayla Bohl, Abby Luttmmer, McKenna Proffer, Alaina Reiter, Kimber Walterscheid, Natalie Walterscheid, Caroline Gressett, Tara Gunnels, Rachel Hare, Mikaela Lamar, Traci Vogel, Delaney Wright, Kayla Acuna, ShyAnn Bartel, and Alyssa Schinigo.

Recognition went to Catholic Daughters Betty Rose Walterscheid, Tony Deweber, Wanda Flusche, Bev Fuhrmann, and Iva Walterscheid for the wonderful brunch, and to Robbi Watson, DOTK meal coordinator, and her assistant Stephanie Wright.

The next DOTK event, Thinking Like a True Daughter of The King, (number five of eight events) will be Saturday, Aug. 13, 10:30 - 1:30, at FBC, Muenster.

Taking part in one of a series of Daughters of the King programs at Muenster First Baptist Church were, from left, photo on right - Abby Luttmmer and Natalie Walterscheid applying make up; Below - enjoying a brunch at the Tisdale home, Alyssa Schinigo, Tracy Vogel, ShyAnn Bartel, McKenna Proffer, and Mahayla Bohl.



Martha and Rudy Koesler are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristian Marie Koesler of Dallas, to Justin James Marshall of Dallas. Justin is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James R. Marshall of Abilene. The couple has chosen Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011 as their wedding day. Their wedding will take place at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 2 p.m. with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Kristian is a 2004 graduate of Muenster High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Merchandising from the University of North Texas in 2007, and in 2010, a Master of Business Administration in Marketing and a Master of Science degree in Merchandising also from the University of North Texas. She is currently a sales support specialist with Fossil, Inc., in Richardson. Justin is a 1997 graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene. In 2003, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Architecture and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas Tech University. In 2005, he completed a Master's degree in Architecture also from Texas Tech. He is currently employed as an architect in Dallas. The couple will reside in Dallas after their wedding.



New Arrivals

Fuhrmann

Jami and Zack Fuhrmann of Muenster announce with joy the birth of their daughter Hayes Elizabeth Fuhrmann on Friday, July 22, 2011. She was born in Lewisville Medical Center at 6:05 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 8 oz. and measuring 19 1/4 inches in length. Hayes is named after her maternal great-grandmothers Hazel Flusche and Elizabeth "Betty" Dangelmayr. Grandparents are Tom and Judy Flusche of Muenster and Robert and Jolene Fuhrmann of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are the late J.P. and Hazel Flusche, the late Albert and Betty Dangelmayr, the late Joe and Stella Zimmerer, and the late Adolph and Amanda Fuhrmann.



Luke William Warren

Warren

Tyrel and Heather Warren of Saint Jo announce the birth of their son Luke William Warren on Friday, July 29, 2011. He was born in North Texas Medical Center at 7:45 a.m., weighing 9 lb. 1 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Luke is a little brother for three year old Anna Elizabeth Warren. Grandparents are Barry and Bobbie Warren of Sachse, Texas, and Judy Hess of Muenster and the late Virgil Hess. Great-grandparents are the late Albert and Agnes Hess, the late Bill and Lucille Lutkenhaus, Doris McAlister of Odessa, Imogene Warren of Odessa, Nolan Warren of Oden, Arkansas, and the late J.H. Beasley.



Hayes Fuhrmann

Torockov

Alex and Emmy Torockov of Frisco announce the birth of their son, Joseph Alexander Torockov, at 8:05 a.m. on Friday, July 22, 2011, at Centennial Medical Center in Frisco. He was nine pounds, four ounces, and was 20 3/4 inches long. Joe joins big sister Katie, age 15 months. Grandparents are E.J. and Elaine Schad of Valley View and Sergey Torockov of Toronto, Canada and the late Tatiana Torockov. Great-grandparents are Nancy Krahl of Valley View and Louise Schad of Lindsay.



Joseph Torockov

Children make you want to start life over.
~ Muhammad Ali

SNAP Menu

WEEK OF AUG. 16 - 18

Tues. - Beef and broccoli over rice, carrots, wheat bread, apricots.

Wed. - Beef stew, coleslaw, cornbread, peach cobbler.

Thurs. - Pork loin, cabbage, blackeyed peas, wheat bread, rosemary applesauce.

Stay cool with Aug. 23 salad cool down event

Muenster Health & Rehab is planning a summer salad cool down for Tuesday, Aug. 23 at their facility. The public is invited to enjoy a crisp variety of salads

served at 5:15 p.m. If anyone would like to make a salad to share, please feel free to do so. RSVP by Tuesday, Aug. 16 by calling 759-2219. Ask for Kathleen or Kristina.



Lou Heers gives etiquette tips. Courtesy photos



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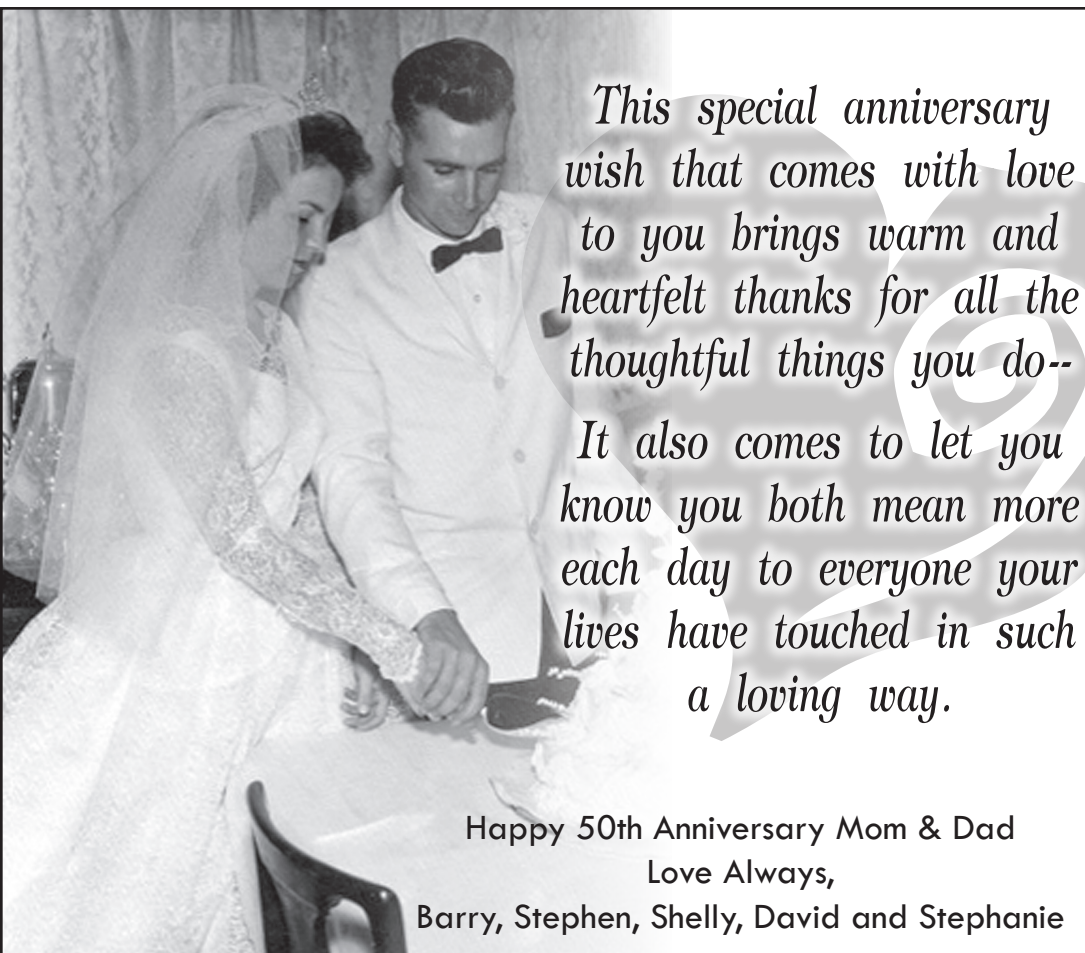
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4. Tony's Seed & Feed - 500 lbs. deer pellets
5. Rudy Koesler - handmade toy box
6. Buckshot Hess - motorcycle helmet
7. Rohmer's Restuarant - 2 steak dinners
8. Muenster Garden Center - gas powered weed eater
9. Tommy & Dyan Huchton - fajita cook for 20
10. JAWS - fajita cooker
11. Leon & Christi Klement - man Fossil watch
12. Bell Supply - 10 gallon water can
13. Jon Knabe - 10 lbs. beef jerky
14. Russ Watkins - case of homemade pickled beets
15. Sisters - 3 make-up bags, Fossil tote bag, purse, ladies Fossil watch, & Brighton earring & necklace set
16. Lubeworks - 2 car wash packages
17. Drs. Gerald & Mindy Graham - cleaning, x-rays, and exam (\$267 value)
18. Lora's Flowers - flower arrangement
19. G&H Backhoe - 2 loads of gravel (15 mile radius & use within 60 days)
20. Muenster Mill - 1 ton creep pellets
21. Dieter Bros. - dinner for 4
22. Bayer's - 6 dozen assorted donuts
23. Pond King - Honey Hole tree
24. JH Bayer & Sons - 40 bags of corn
25. Ryan & Tina Hess - TV
26. Klement Ford - Mossberg model 500 12 gauge shotgun
27. Triple G Well Service - Maverick Arms over & under 12 gauge shotgun, Case of Winchester Shells, & Case
28. Tom Washom - handmade knife
29. Catholic Life Ins. (Muenster branch) - \$100 savings bond
30. Ida Bindel - handmade quilt
31. Luttrull-McNatt - golf outing (details to come)
32. 82 Liquor - 1/2 gallon Crown Royal
33. Neil's Subway/Pizza Inn - 10 pizzas
34. Heritage Landscape (Brad Felderhoff) - 15 gallon tree + planting
35. Hunter's - 2 'the works' car washes
36. Deuce Charles - 4 bags crappie fillets
37. Trish & Darrell Charles - steak & shrimp dinner for 8 (any Saturday night @ their new house)
38. Springer Law Office - 5 piece deluxe hunting knife set with case
39. Bob Bauer - 12 hats & 12 koozies (your design with one color printing)
40. Jan Cain & Girlfriends - one spa package including 1 hour massage, 1 facial, and more
41. Joe & Laura Pagel - tool set
42. Center Restaurant - 5 - \$20 gift certificates
43. M&W Well Service - 16 pc. 1/2" drive socket set & 2 caps
44. M&W Well Service - 8 pc. 3/4" drive deep impact socket set & 2 caps
45. RMI - 4 sets of colored chock blocks
46. Coy Fisher & Deano Bayer - 2 cases homemade pickles (1/2 hot & 1/2 reg.)
47. Gehrig's Hardware - game camera
48. Duwayne Schilling & Sons - 5 round bales prairie hay
49. Bob Baker Automotive - 2 gas oil changes
50. FMW Insurance (Gary Fisher) - \$500 savings bond
51. Walterscheid Appliance - microwave oven
52. Weinhof Winery - wine tasting & tour at the winery for 12 people
53. C&W Cabinets - park bench
54. Superior Machining - 2 - 4 1/2" side grinder
55. Turtle Hill - 2 player cards
56. Bob's Auto - 2 gas engine oil changes
57. Ed Schneider - martin house
58. Ginny Schneider - case of pickles
59. Claude & Mary Bayer - 'Four 6s Ranch'
60. Nancy Wassell - 2 paintings (details to come)
61. Billie & Jerry Fleitman - Friday or Saturday night at Embassy Suites Grapevine
62. York Eye Assoc. - \$200 gift certificate
63. Tony Klement - handmade cooler
64. Structures - 18 volt cordless combo kit (Milwaukee)
65. Kim Felderhoff - 2 handmade necklaces
66. Doreen Taylor, Kim Felderhoff, Sandy Felderhoff - firewoman apron
67. Duwayne Schilling & Sons - 100 lbs hamburger meat (processing by Muenster Meat)
68. Proffer Auto - \$100 in trade
69. John Knabe, Deano Bayer - fish fry for 35 to 50 people (you provide the place, we will feed your face)
70. Walterscheid Oil - 1 case of oil
71. Amy Dangelmayr - Botox injections (details to come)
72. John Anderle, Jr. - 4 hours welding labor & 4 hours post hole digging
73. Roy Monday - 1 load gravel (15 mile radius)
74. Jerry & Betty Rose Walterscheid - gift basket of homemade goodies
75. Stick Lamar - gas powered leaf blower
76. Community Lumber - Husqvarna 22" self-propelled lawn mower
77. Anonymous - welcome sign and books & fireman statue
78. Terri Klement - 'Mary Kay' basket
79. The Gift Box (Terri Klement) - \$150 gift basket
80. Fischer's Meat Market - SEVEN \$100 gift certificates
81. Bayers Roofing (Mike & Ryan) - Patio porch swing
82. Scott Wood - 1 year sub. to Muenster Enterprise
83. Scott Wood - 1 Year sub. to Lindsay Letter
84. The Bird Nest - large rain gauge and a thermometer
85. P&P Construction - fish fry for 25 couples (band provided - bring your own drinks - 2nd or 3rd weekend in October - not thru deer season)
86. Dangelmayr Construction - 1 doe hunt (call Chris)
87. Doc's - Dessert of the Month for 12 months
88. Herky Biffle - prime rib dinner with drinks for 20 people
89. Lou Voth - baby quilt
90. Boarass Crew - June 8-10 for 4 people - RV, food, and fun, & a lot of BS provided (bring your own drinks)
91. Freddie Hacker - Bud Light ball cooler
92. Steve Fette - Vx3 'Leopold' 3x9 scope mounted & sighted in
93. Prime Cut Restaurant - 10 steak dinners
94. Charles Barfknecht - bible w/ leather cover, leather checkbook cover, leather tablet cover, 1 set custom made spurs
95. Vicki & Doug Fleitman - 1 water bottle catamaran, fire & rescue stone, black 'Fossil' purse, digital binoculars, Yobe sling disc
96. Rose Henscheid - 1 month gymnastics
97. Travis Bayer - fajita cooker
98. VFW - 4 flags
99. June Bugs - Christian 'Fisherman's' man's bracelet
100. Schilling Tire - 'Mossberg' model 500 12 gauge shotgun
101. Flusche Enterprise - 16' heavy duty cattle guard
102. Walterscheid Construction - 8 yds. concrete
103. Tim Fette - Marie Osmond fine porcelain 'Toddler' collector doll - sculptured by Marie Osmond - comes w/ certificate of authenticity #1622 of 5,000 from 1997
104. Cooke County Electric Co-op - Rigid recipitating saw
105. Kim, Sandy, Doreen, Kyla, Deb, Carla, Kathy, Lauren, & Kami - 'pool party' for 10 couples w/ burgers & all the trimmings with beer included. Music by 'The Entertainer' (Mitch Creed & Dustin Walterscheid)
106. Dr. Elaine Schilling, DDS - basket of dental products
107. Schilling Oil Com. - wrench set
108. Giles & Marlene Walterscheid - collector's limited edition fireman's statue
109. JJ Biffle - 1 bundle of hay = 21 squares #1 coastal grass
110. Ron & Judy Trubenbach - farm fresh brown eggs
111. Anonymous - Oklahoma University dart game
112. Prosperity Bank - Savings Bond

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S.H.Y. teens spend week helping others



Muenster S.H.Y. teens Sydney Huchton, front, and Brooke Walterscheid, right with tool, help build baby beds for mothers in need of assistance as part of Camp Fort Worth. Courtesy photo

Sacred Heart Youth participated in week two of the annual Camp Fort Worth (CFW) at St. Vincent de Paul in Arlington. CFW Campers served God and neighbor at the following sites which rotated daily - Nuestro Hogar Nursing Home, The Boys & Girls Club of Arlington, Mission Arlington, home site of St. Vincent de Paul where they built a retaining wall, and "Baby Beds" where the Campers built 20 baby cribs for mothers in need!

The week-long camp included meeting high school teens from around the Diocese, praise and worship, Mass, Confessions, and many prayer service opportunities. The youth came back to Muenster on fire! They all truly experienced God's love!



KEEP MUENSTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH HONORS for July were awarded to Robert and Christine Weinzapfel who live at 519 North Walnut. Their front and back yards are an interesting blend of textures in a variety of plants. Although, during the June storm they lost some trees that offered afternoon shade in their backyard, their plants are becoming re-acclimated. They are fortunate enough to have their own water well so the plants only have to endure more heat and sun than usual. Pictured in their backyard in the foreground is a blooming Knock Out rose bush. Other featured plants include lamb's ears, windmill palm, dwarf nandina, dianthus, red leaf banana trees, cotoneaster, moon plants, and several native Texas cactus plants. A fence of stone and wrought iron surrounds the back lending some privacy to the couple's patio and pool area. The front yard area holds plantings of bur oak and pecan trees, lamb's ears, nandina, abelia, dwarf wax myrtle, and boxwood. To nominate a residence for Yard of the Month, call the *Muenster Enterprise*, Muenster Chamber of Commerce, or any KMB member. Janie Hartman photo



Sacred Heart Youth teens attending Camp Fort Worth were, front - Mariah Rocha; from left, middle - Kelsey Reeves, Alyssa Stewart, Payton Sanders; back - Karleigh Reeves, Shelbi Sicking, Brooke Walterscheid, Sydney Huchton, Brittany Pagel, and Shelby Klement. Courtesy photo

North Central Texas Chorale seeks singers

The North Central Texas Chorale is looking to add more singers for the 2011 fall season. The Chorale is a community-based chorus that has been in existence for over 35 years and has presented quality music in Texas, New York, and abroad.

Daniel Banke is the director of North Central Texas Chorale. Mr. Banke is the director of Music Ministries at First United Methodist Church of Gainesville, where he leads a program of seven choirs. He received a Bachelor of Music Education at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and a Master of Music in choral conducting from the Univer-

sity of North Texas. He also serves as treasurer for the Dallas Chapter of Choristers Guild.

Carolyn Hook is the choir's accompanist. She earned both of her degrees in piano performance at Oklahoma City University. The fall season will feature the very popular Vivaldi "Gloria." The "Gloria" will be performed with an orchestra in early December. One of the fall concerts will also feature Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb." The piece is written for choir, four soloists, and a very expressive organ accompaniment. This festival cantata was written as an ecstatic praise and

worship of God by all created beings and things, each in its own way.

Although a majority of Chorale members are from Gainesville, many other cities including Denton, Sanger, Pilot Point, Muenster, and Saint Jo are represented. There is no audition required to sing with the Chorale. They do ask that singers have experience singing in choirs. The ability to read music and sing on pitch is also very important.

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Choir/Band Room at the First State Bank Center For The Performing Arts. This building is on the NCTC campus in Gainesville. Rehearsals begin Aug. 23.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Banke at 940-580-3004, or the Chorale president, Phil Schenk, at 940-387-1886.

Get connected on August 13!

Cooke County residents will have an opportunity to discover what benefits and programs are available in their own neighborhoods during the Community Connections Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Gainesville Civic Center. There will be over 60 display booths.

Offering something for every age group, Community Connections will connect non-profit organizations, civic organizations, emergency services, health service providers, senior citizen information, youth activities information, and more to residents.

"The purpose of the event is connecting our community to the resources available," Cooke County United Way executive director and event co-sponsor Angie Hare said. "It's a one-stop shop to find all the resources under one roof and to have something for all ages and situations."

"We want visitors to stay

and visit the displays, so included will be concessions," Hare said. "The County 4-H clubs have been our concession partners from the very beginning. This year is the third event. The goal and objectives haven't changed. So,

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SCHOOL



THE BAND PLAYS ON - Muenster Hornet Marching Band, directed by Curtis Oakley, braves the summer heat Wednesday morning as they practice for the soon-to-be-here 2011 football season. *Janie Hartman photo*

Registration announced for Muenster JH/HS

Registration was Aug. 8 through Aug. 12 for Muenster junior high and high school students. Anyone who couldn't make that time, can come in next week. Call Ms. Schneider to make an appointment.

Parent Orientation will be Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafetorium (any 8th graders who cannot make Friday can also attend).

Senior Night will be Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafetorium.

Dinner and a Movie to be presented by Home Hospice

Home Hospice will present Dinner and a Movie on Thursday, Aug. 18 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at Muenster State Bank Community Room. Join Jolene Senek, LBSW, bereavement coordinator at Home Hospice for dinner and to watch and discuss the movie *Steel Magnolias*. This movie relates to grief and loss, and the discussion will compare fiction to reality. "This is a unique combination of fellowship and exploration of the paths that grief may take for any one of us," says Sherry Little, executive director. "To see grief por-

trayed in a movie and then discuss how that portrayal does or does not relate to one's own experience is beneficial to many who have experienced a loss."

There is no fee to attend the event, but you must RSVP so that Home Hospice may adequately prepare for the event. RSVP by Tuesday, Aug. 16 by calling 940-665-9891 or 903-868-9315, or by emailing jolene.senek@homehospice.org

For more information, you may visit the Home Hospice website at www.homehospice.org

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF AUG. 15 - 19 SACRED HEART

Mon. - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, saltine crackers, fruit.

Tues. - Beef spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, fruit.

Wed. - Hamburgers w/ trimmings, potato rounds, fruit.

Thurs. - Fiesta salad w/ trimmings, fritos, peaches, ranch style beans.

Fri. - Cheese or pepperoni pizza, ranch dressing, peas, fruit.

Free and reduced price meals offered at MISD

Free and reduced price meals for the students of Muenster ISD are available for the 2011-12 school year. All students will receive an application.

To qualify, each family must fill out one application and return it to any school office as soon as possible. You must meet the eligibility on the Federal Income Chart to qualify.

A reduced price lunch is 40¢ and reduced price breakfast is 30¢, if you qualify.

Each child who qualifies may receive one free lunch and one free breakfast per day or one reduced price lunch or one reduced price breakfast per day.

If you don't qualify for free or reduced price meals, the lunch price for elementary students is \$2 and breakfast price is \$1.25. For junior high and high school, the prices are \$2.25 for lunch and \$1.50 for breakfast.

If you have any questions call 940-759-2281.

Howdy Night kicks off 2011-12 for Muenster Elementary

On Wednesday, Aug. 17, Muenster Elementary will be hosting "Howdy Night" for ALL grades (PK-6) at 6 p.m. in the Muenster ISD cafetorium. At this time, the teachers will go over their classroom expectations and hand out other useful information for the 2011-12 school year.

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At left- the Muenster Hornets (top three pictures) prepare for a scrimmage at Perrin this Saturday morning. Janie Hartman photos

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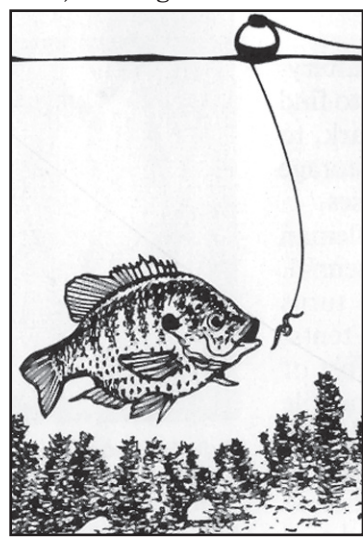
Muenster Youth Council (MYC) donated \$13,000 to the Muenster Jaycees to be used for building more ball fields for youth sports. This donation brings the amount donated to the Jaycees by MYC to over \$20,000. The Muenster Youth Council distributes the United Way money to many local organizations. With grant money from the United Way and with many other local donations, the presentation of this check was available to help with the Jaycees project. Of

the \$13,000, \$5,000 was grant money. Pictured, from left, are Muenster Youth Council members Jewel Otto, Janie Hennigan, Claude Klement, Celine Dittfurth, secretary, Stick Lamar, Jaycees Troy Huchton and Darren Bindel, MYC President Ben Bindel, and Jaycees Tommy Huchton and Neal Flusche (also on MYC Board); and front - Dylan Huchton. Courtesy photo

Back to the perch basics

Bream, brim, bluegill, sunfish, or simply "perch," are some names for the different varieties of pan fish found all over the country. Anglers from different regions of the country have different names for their favorites, but regardless of what they're called, they spell fun!

Bluegills can be caught almost any time of the year, but the most productive period is late spring/early summer when they spawn or "go on the beds," according to the fishing experts. Bluegills spawn in colonies and hundreds of beds may be clustered in a small area. Beds are located on firm gravel or hard, sandy bottoms in shallow coves of lakes and ponds or stream and river backwaters.



When a perch bed is located, family fishing fun begins. Almost any type of tackle from cane pole to fly rod can be used. For most folks, the best rig is a light to medium weight open or closed face spinning outfit rigged with four to eight pound test line. Tie a small #8 hook on the end of your line and add a small split-shot about six inches above the hook.

Place a cork or plastic bobber (the smallest possible bobber best) on the line approximately 12 to 24 inches above the hook. Experiment with the cork position, and place the bait about six inches above the nests in the area. Add a small piece of earthworm or cricket and cast directly over the bream nest. If you don't get a bite immediately, twitch the rod tip sharply to make the cork "bob." Allow the bait to settle down then "pop" it again. Oftentimes, a tiny jig (1164 or 1132 oz.) will attract bream. Use a bobber and bait with the jig.

Don't worry about keeping a mess of fish or fishing over spawning beds. Prolific perch easily over-populate small lakes. For guaranteed hot fishing action, try bedded perch. They're a barrel of fun to catch and great eating too!

Lady Knights begin volleyball season with a loss and a win

The Lindsay Lady Knights opened the 2011 season with a loss to the Gunter Lady Tigers by scores of 25-6, 25-14, 25-8.

In the second game of the double header, Lindsay hosted the Gainesville Lady Leopards. Lindsay won by scores of 25-13, 25-19, 25-23.

Stats were: Tara Atkins, 6 aces (AC), 5 digs (D), 25 assists (A); Taylor Atkins, 3 AC, 9 kills (K), 4 D; Nicole Fleitman, 2 AC, 8 K, 4 blocks (B), 4 D; Katie Arendt, 5 D; Jordan Fleitman, 9 K, 3 B, 4 D; Taylor Pelzel, 2 K; Erin Copeland, 3 D; Elizabeth Wallace, 3 B.

The basic fishing kit

Before going deeper into the technicalities, make sure that a fishing license is secured. To be an amateur fisherman, there are basic pieces of fishing equipment needed to complete your exciting journey in the fishing world. Knowing the line type and matching the right rod and reel to the fishing technique is just basic common sense. Match these tools appropriately and expect a more enjoyable experience for a more comfortable fishing. There are several things that cause the reel to turn into a bird's nest. Don't worry, even experienced fishermen encounter this every now and then.

The main objective is to match the rod, the reel, the line, and the lure. These will only cost a newbie around \$25 to \$40 and they could last for years. The three main issues when shopping for a rod are: Guides that are attached to the rod; Grip or handle holds the rod and could come in either cork or foam - they come in different lengths so the comfort to the user must be considered; and the reel seat where the reel is connected.

Dealers make a lot of fishing rods that could either be single or consist of two or more pieces when assembled. The connection is very simple: just connect the male and female ends together to make sure the guides are lined up. This would only last for a minute. Sometimes, lubricants are needed. When shopping for a rod, slightly bend it to get the feel of it. Again, comfort should be considered when using the equipment.

Rods of any type will work. It should be around 6' long and medium weight. Even a long stick will work. This should be long, straight, and flexible so it will not easily break. The most popular rod is Graphite because it is so light yet so strong. Wispy rods should be up to 4m long to be used for long casts in moderate winds.

There are a lot of fishing lines to choose from and it can be very confusing to find the best. It is mostly made of nylon and "monofilament" that comes in spools of different lengths that are called Tests. The larger the fishing line, the thicker it is in diameter. Find a piece of a 4 lb or 4 lb., test that is almost 10' long for the basic rig.

The basic rule is that all the gears should match. To summarize your fishing kit, it should include other stuff as well: net, stringer, line clippers, fishing knife, first aid box, a pail of bait, sunglasses, fishing hat, and talking about the basics, don't forget your SNACKS.

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Stats for both games combined were as follows: Kimberly Page, 11 assists, (A), 2 aces (AC); Megan Schumacher, 11 kills (K), 2 AC; Madison Green, 10 A; Sydney Ott, 7 K.

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Is your cup of La Niña half empty or half full?

Recent predictions by the National Weather Service of a 50% chance there will be another La Niña in the southern Pacific Ocean this fall can be taken two ways — with optimism or pessimism, said Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas A&M University professor and Texas state climatologist.

Some may view the prediction with a sense of gloom, but before they get too pessimistic, they should remember the Weather Service is saying there's "only" a 50 percent chance, Nielsen-Gammon said.

The contribution of the very strong La Niña pattern of mid-2010 to the drought in Texas history, continues to be felt throughout the state, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel reports.

"To look on the optimistic side, there is an equal 50%

chance of having no La Niña at this time," he said. "And even if there is a moderate La Niña, it doesn't necessarily mean we will definitely have a dry winter again, it just means it will be more likely."

It's also important to remember that the large computer models used by the Weather Service are predicting "a weak to moderate" La Niña, Nielsen-Gammon said. "Not nearly as strong as the forecasts were saying at this time last year."

In comparison, the La Niña that developed in mid 2007 and lasted into 2009, was a moderate one, and though it was associated with a dry summer, it was not nearly so devastating as the current weather pattern, he said.

If you view the cup as half-empty, and assume that we will have another La Niña starting this fall, it still shouldn't herald as a severely

dry year as what we're currently experiencing, he said.

But, Nielsen-Gammon warned, better than worst doesn't guarantee the hardship the agricultural sector is experiencing will just go away. Abnormal La Niña or not this fall, a second year of even moderate drought would leave many water supplies in even worse shape.

"We already have had an extremely dry year, so we should see more precipitation next year, but there is still a very good chance it won't be good enough to take us out of the drought, and we will still be having problems with dry conditions even into next summer," he said.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

County Beef Cattle Association again funds NCTC scholarship



Steve Keith, chair of the NCTC Agriculture Department (left) accepts a scholarship donation from Darrell Sutton, president of the Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association (CCBCIA). The scholarship will aid an NCTC ag student with beef cattle interests. Others pictured are Wayne Becker of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Keith Colteryan, Association treasurer (far right). The recipient of the new scholarship will be announced at the CCBCIA meeting on Aug. 25. Courtesy photo

Noble Conference offers ranchers methods for improving cow herd

The American Simmental Association (ASA), along with support from the Noble Foundation's agricultural consultants, will host a special conference from 5 to 9 p.m., on Monday, Aug. 22, at Kruse Auditorium, on the Noble Foundation campus in Ardmore.

Entitled "Tools for Profitability of the Cow Herd," the conference will offer attendees an opportunity to learn about a variety of topics concerning Simmental cattle. Speakers for the event include:

- Job Springer, Noble Foundation agricultural economist consultant, who will discuss profitability of Simmental cattle.

- Deke Alkire, Ph.D., Noble Foundation livestock consultant, who will provide an overview of crossbreeding to take advantage of heterosis.

- Jerry Lipsey, Ph.D., executive director of ASA, who will discuss utilizing composite seed stock to provide improved performance

in your herd.

- Wade Shafer, Ph.D., director of performance programs with ASA, who will detail economic indexes and ways to improve the bottom line of your cattle operation.

- Ed Creason, a member of ASA, who will discuss the services the Association provides.

"This conference is a great opportunity to learn about Simmental cattle as well as best practices that apply to all cattle breeds," said Hugh Aljoe, Noble Founda-

tion consultation program manager. "Those who attend will learn about breeding, particularly the importance of crossbreeding, as well as ways to improve the productivity and health of their cattle operation."

This conference is offered at no cost and dinner is included. The event is open to the public, and pre-registration is encouraged. To register, please contact Tracy Cumbie at 580.224.6411 or register online at www.noble.org/AgEvents.

USDA reports increase in milk production

U.S. milk production in May was up by 1.3% over year earlier levels, as noted in a report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The national total of dairy cows increased to 9.2 million head, up 13,000 cows from the previous month and 81,000 from a year ago, according to a recent article by *Dairy Today*.

The Texas dairy industry fared well, recording the largest percentage gain in milk production for the country. The report cited an increase in Texas dairy herds of 20,000 cows. Milk production also was up in California by 3.7%. California added 17,000 cows to its dairy herd during the same period.

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Reliable sources for natural and organic information

These days, many of us are making a conscious effort to be healthier. Often this desire spills over into the way we choose the food we consume, and even the way we treat the plants we grow. The theory is that food grown without the use of "synthetic" chemicals (fertilizers, pesticides, hormones, genetically modified plants, etc.) must be better. The same attitude has spilled over to the way we manage our landscapes and gardens.

With this interest, new terminology and new management practices have been developed. For example, many products claim to be "natural" or "organic." The general public perceives these terms to be positive and therefore chooses products to consume, or use, based on the labeling. Others have taken the process a step further and decided that the only products they can be sure of are the ones they themselves grow.

It is difficult to argue with the theory. If nature didn't need artificial stimulus, why should we? What good, or

bad, could come of intensive man made management? If these questions interest you, how can you find solid sources of information that are not simply based on claims by individuals? A testimonial account of new, improved, natural, or otherwise wonderful product needs to be carefully evaluated. If people can be convinced to change their behavior there is an opportunity for someone to profit.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel are confronted with these concerns and questions every day. As such, they have begun to investigate management practices and develop resources for individuals. If a person has computer access, the extensive lists of resources are easy to access. Extension strives to give homeowners a non-biased source of information.

One of the best resources is the web site: <http://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/>. This site gives access to many publications (both on traditional and organic management). While <http://organiclifestyles.tamu.edu/>, gives the reader information solely on organic growing practices. Reliable non-Extension websites with a 'natural' appeal included: <https://attra.ncat.org/> and <http://www.kercenter.com/>

Local residents wanting more interactive educational opportunities have several

options. In Cooke County we are extremely fortunate to have North Central Texas College nearby. The horticulture department there is an excellent source of education on these topics for traditional and non-traditional students. In fact, a couple classes they offer this fall include "Naturalistic Gardening" and "Food Crops." These are certainly useful classes for uncertain economic times.

Also, traditional educational opportunities and individual attention is available through the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Office in Cooke County. We can help with access to publications, provide information, and provide educational programs that address a variety of gardening interests.

Successful landscapes, gardens, and farms are not accidental. They are the results of planning, constant care, and the will to make things grow. Among the many rewards are the satisfying experience of fresh air, exercise, sunshine, knowledge, supplemental income, mental therapy, and fresh food.

Dates to remember

Aug. 18 – Private Applicator Pesticide License Training and Testing, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Call to reserve your spot (940) 668-5412.

Aug. 25 – Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Annual Meeting, 6 p.m., Gainesville C.C.

TDA market recap

For the week ending Aug. 6, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were uneven, with some locations steady to \$3 higher per hundredweight and others \$2 to \$3 lower.

High drought-related volumes at some locations, hot weather, and lack of grazing continue to pressure markets, though higher fed cattle were supportive. Fed cattle prices were higher as packers rebuilt supplies following several weeks of relatively light purchases.

Corn was higher on concerns about damage in the Corn Belt due to the high temperatures during July.

As for futures markets, fed cattle, wheat, and corn were higher, while feeder cattle, cotton, and lumber were lower.

Corn acreage was 58% mature and 44% of the crop has been harvested, both ahead of normal for this date. Grain sorghum was 79% headed and 48% of the crop has been harvested, ahead of the average pace. Cotton was setting bolls on 79% of the acreage and bolls were opening on 14% complete, both higher than the average.

Most crops were reported in fair to very poor condition with condition indexes mostly lower than a week ago and well below where they were at this time last year. Pastures improved in areas that have received rain, but remain in mostly very poor to poor condition statewide as supplemental feeding and reductions of livestock herds continue.

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<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.60-1.90; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.35; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.50-1.70; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.30; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.35-1.48; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.25; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.30-1.44; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.20; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.30-1.37; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.20; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.15.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.40-1.70; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.40; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.40-1.62; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.30; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.25-1.36; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.25; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.20; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.32; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.05-1.15; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.24; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.10.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., .75-.89; Slaughter Cows: #1&3, .57-.70; Cuts: 48-.56.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$900-\$1100; Medium Frame: \$700-\$850; Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1050-\$1500; Medium Frame: \$850-\$1050. Baby Calves: Holstein: N/T; Cross Breeds: \$50-\$150. Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 230-270: .78-.80; US #2, 220-280: .70-.78 Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs.: .70-1.25; 25-90 lbs.: .40-.70 Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 or less: .45-.60; Light wt., 400-500: .45-.50; Med. wt., 500-600: .45-.50; Heavy wt., 600+: N.T. Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: -.4-; 200-300 lbs.: N.T.; Light wt.: .20-.30. Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 1.40-1.70; Light lambs: 1.40-1.60; Fat lambs: 1.40-1.50. Ewes (per lb.) Stocker: N.T. Thin: NT; Fat: NT.</p>	<p>Bucks (per lb) Thin: NT; Fat: NT Barbardo (per head) Lambs: \$20-\$40; Ewes: \$30-\$85; Bucks: \$65-\$130. Goats (per head) Kids: 20-40 lbs., \$20-\$40; 30-65 lbs., \$30-\$80; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$110. Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs., \$85-\$160. Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$70-\$150; Milk Type: \$60-\$75; Slaughter: \$85-\$115; Thin: \$30-\$60. Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders: \$140-\$185. Slaughter: \$100-\$135. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: NT; Full Nanny: NT; 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: NT.</p>
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The Lindsay Letter



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The beginning - St. Peter's Church 1892 - 1917



The first church was started in February 1892. The original size was 20 x 15 and 14-foot high. The first Mass in this church was on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1892. Before this time, Mass was read in the home of William Flusche. The first church was moved from its original location in 1901 to make room for the building of the new brick church. This church was later enlarged and served its purpose until 1903. After the brick church was ready for use, school classes were held in the old church until the new school was completed in 1917.

Under the administration of Rev. John B. Troxier, OSB, pastor, the first brick church was built for St. Peter's Parish. On Nov. 5, 1901, men in the parish began hauling sand from the Elm Creek. By 7 p.m. that evening, 360 loads were in the churchyard.

The excavation was finished by January. Building of the foundation was begun by Ryan and Robinson Co. of Gainesville, was worked on by Joseph Galaske of the parish, then finished by John Platte, a contractor from St. Louis.

Platte contracted to build the church for \$12,300, but parish members hauled the brick and other materials from Gainesville, without any cost to the contractor. The building measured 48 x 110-feet. The foundation was finished on Jan. 3, 1903, and the laying of bricks began, with bricks costing \$7.50 per 1,000.

Families donated the bells for the tower (the larger one weighed 794 pounds) and the windows. Father John donated the altar, which was built by John Platte. The 78 pews were made by John Markowitz of Muenster. In May, the church was plastered and the choir loft decorated. On May 30, it was completed.

The church was blessed on June 28, 1903 by the Right Rev. J.E. Dunne, D.D. Bishop of Dallas. Father John read the High Mass, with Bishop Dunne preaching the English sermon and Rev. Augustin Stocker preaching the German sermon.

The church had an aisle down the middle with benches on both sides. Side aisles were against the north and south walls. In 1908, the Stations of the Cross were installed and were truly works of art.

During this time, each family in the parish would rent a pew to sit in at the church services. "Pew rent" would be from \$8 to \$10, with a few choice benches going to the highest bid. Fred Mosman took care of the pew renting.

Parishioners would rent a stall in the wagonyard to "park" their horses and buggies during services. One of these yards was north of the Gun Club and another was south across the street from the Gun Club.

Rev. John Troxier died on June 22, 1904 and was buried at the south side entrance to the church.

Rev. Bernard M. Zell, OSB, came to Lindsay as pastor in September 1910. He was transferred here from Muenster and served 13 years. The parish continued to grow. The Lindsay school was supported by the parish. Fr. Bernard didn't think pupils should pay tuition, so an additional \$2 was added to each adult parishioner's "pew rent." By Jan. 1, 1911, a free parochial school was established.

During 1913, the Stations of the Cross were erected on the church grounds. The following families donated one station each: Franz Eickhoff, Joseph and Frank Wendel, Paul Wiese, August Schmidlkofer, Anton and A.C. Flusche, Nick Reinart, Adalbert Kubis, Mrs. Schad, Elizabeth Beyer, Joseph and Ferd Hundt and Joseph Pulte, Frank Duddenhoefer and Tom Corcoran, John Stahl, Chris Hundt, and Dr. Mathias Zell.

Four large, beautiful Corpus Christi chapels were donated by four different family groups, as follows: Holy Agony Chapel - Spaeth family; Ecce Home Chapel - Fuhrmann and Dieter families; Dolorous Chapel - Schmitz family, William Neu and Joseph Krebs; Sepulchre Chapel - Bezner family and Mrs. Augusta Theisen.

Fr. Bernard was helped artistically by his father, Dr. Mathias Zell. Franz Eickhoff, a carpenter and shoe cobbler, built these works of art.

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A Tribute to Saint Peter's

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Congratulations to the St Peters Parish
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In 1916, the large Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto that stands behind the church was built by Mr. Eickhoff. He hauled many wagon loads of rock to complete the job. Besides being surrounded by many flowers, at the base was a fishpond and benches. The interior of the grotto was used for a water supply tank. A windmill once stood west of the grotto. A sidewalk was laid from the church to the grotto. It was solemnly blessed the first Sunday of May. That same spring, several hundred trees were planted. Many of these trees still grace the churchyard.

The rectory was enlarged and remodeled, and plans were made to build a new school at the cost of \$6,000. Before the school could be built, tragedy struck. On May 31, 1917, 14 years after its completion, the church was destroyed by a cyclone.

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After much effort on the part of so many, this two year project has now been brought to a successful completion. To name any persons by name would be to risk omitting someone; suffice it to say that such an undertaking could have never succeeded had it not been for the prayers, hard work, and sacrifices of literally hundreds of souls who saw in this effort an opportunity to give back to God for His generosity towards us, and to honor the legacy bequeathed us by our forefathers who entrusted our generation with a church edifice so ideally suited for its purpose.

To all who have been a part of this effort, the deepest thanks of everyone here at St. Peter's. Especially to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother, under her title of Mother of Perpetual Help, to whom this parish has a long-standing devotion and to whom this restoration was entrusted, our deepest gratitude.

May our loving God and Father bless abundantly all who worked to restore this Church to its original splendor, and may He bless all who worship here or who simply pay a visit to this beautiful structure which seeks to bring glory to God by its very walls.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Raymond McDaniel, MA, M. Div., STB, MA, ARCO
Pastor

The first Saint Peter's Church

After a parishioners' vote of 30 for brick and 7 for a frame church, a building committee was appointed, and late in 1901, foundation work began on a new Lindsay church.

After two local contractors quit foundation work, architect O. Kutho requested John Platte, also of St. Louis, finish the work.

Bricks were bought at \$7.50 per 1000. Other expenses were the windows from St. Louis at a cost of \$322.50, two bells for \$362.50, and 78 pews for \$550. The main altar was erected by Mr. Platte, donated by Father John Troxler.

The church was blessed on June 28, 1903.

On May 31, 1917, 14 years after its completion, late at night, St. Peter's Church was destroyed by a cyclone.



The interior of the first Saint Peter's Church in Lindsay, built 1903 - destroyed 1917.

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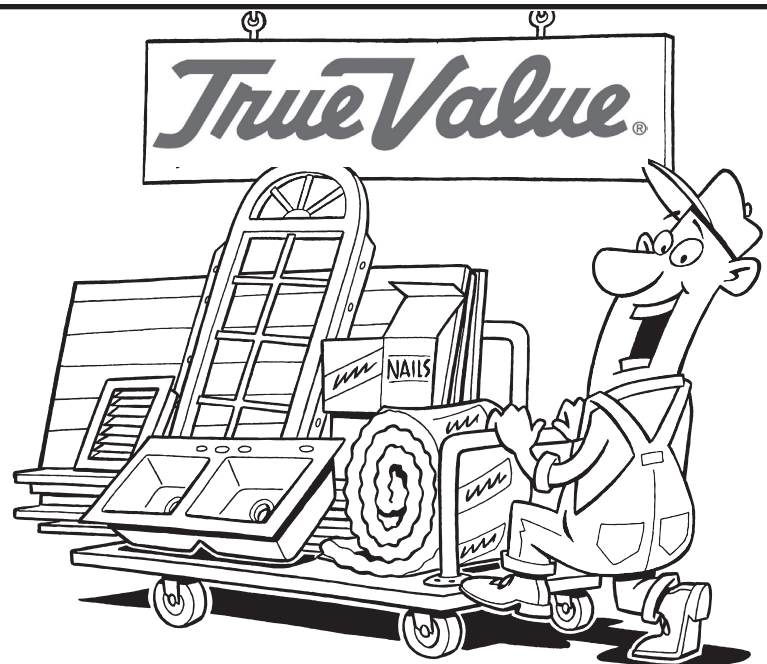
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Tornado destroys Lindsay church

(Reprinted from The Gainesville Daily Register, June 1, 1917)

The beautiful Catholic church belonging to the Lindsay people, which represented an expenditure of approximately \$35,000 and many years of toil, is an absolute loss today. Nothing remains standing but the cupola and the west end wall. The edifice had recently been redecorated and painted at the cost of several hundred dollars. Members of the congregation said today that work would be begun at once erecting another structure.

The house of Father Bernard Zell was only slightly damaged and the new Catholic school next to the church escaped injury, probably due to the fact that it contained no windows and this alleviated the wind pressure.

The barn, outhouses, windmill, silo, and the fine two-story residence of Joe Block will be near a total loss. All but the residence being blown away. Mr. Block's loss will be several thousand dollars.

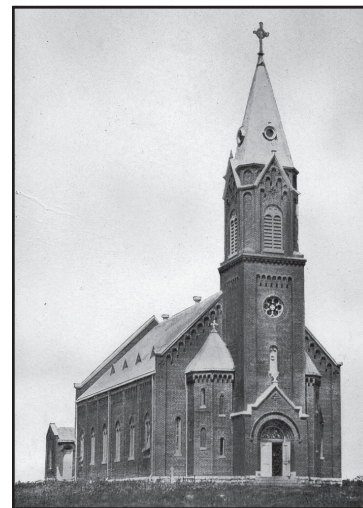
Lindsay citizens are soliciting funds to rebuild

(Reprinted from The Gainesville Daily Register, June 4, 1917.)

Rev. Father Zell, pastor of the St. Peter's Church at Lindsay, William Schmitz, and William Neu were in the city today soliciting donations to be used in rebuilding their church edifice which was destroyed by the tornado of last Thursday, the loss being \$40,000 with only \$10,000 cyclone insurance carried on the building.

It is the plan of the Lindsay people to begin at once the rebuilding of the demolished building.

The above were the only two news items found recording the loss of Saint Peter's Church.



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1917 tornado hits Lindsay...

Memoirs of Sister Victorine Klein

Written by Sister Victorine Klein in 1976 for the *Voice of Lindsay* newspaper

The afternoon of the eve of the first Friday of May 1917 was extremely hot and sultry with heavy dark clouds rolling about seeming to express restlessness in the atmosphere.

At 2 p.m., Father Bernard Zell, the pastor, came to ask that school be dismissed because of threatening weather.

As a general rule, a Holy Hour previous to First Fridays was made from 7 to 8, but the Sisters decided because of the uncertainty of the weather they would make the hour from 3 to 4.

At 6 o'clock, I personally locked the church as was my accustomed duty on all days. About 8:30 after supper and a period of anxiety which on ordinary days was recreation, we went upstairs to prepare for retiring. All went except Sister Philipina who insisted on watching the clouds.

Near 9 o'clock, the wind started blowing with renewed fury, velocity, and strength. The windmill was picked up and thrown against the Sisters' home. The noise was unbelievably deafening. I started to go downstairs to get a blessed candle from our chapel. On the way down, two opposite doors flew open, which probably was a blessing as it broke the fury of the wind from one direction. Petrified, I could go no further, but clung to the banisters with all my strength as I watched part of the roof being torn away. I heard the deafening crash of broken glass and felt the foundation gradually moving.

When the rain stopped, I crept downstairs to meet Father Bernard who had come to ask the Sisters to go with him to get the Blessed Sacrament from church.

Calm had come and all was quiet with a full moon overhead which truly was a blessing and our salvation as we slowly and cautiously wended our way over debris to the church... which had been the pride and joy of all.

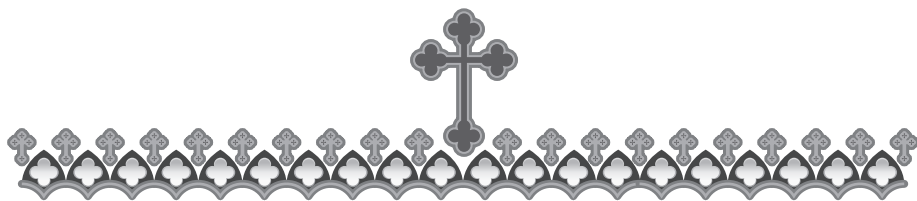
Gone was the sanctuary which was completely demolished. Bricks were everywhere; the debris appeared impassable. Father, fearing that he might stum-



ble and fall into the basement below the sanctuary, tied a rope around his waist and asked the Sisters to hold on which would be a means of protection and rescue should he be thrown downward. Hold on we did! But, fortunately, Father reached the tabernacle and reverently grasped the ciborium. Slowly, silently, and praying we crept back to our little chapel in our home where we knelt for prayers of thanksgiving. Truly, these were fervent prayers.

The aftermath of a destructive tornado is always interesting. The church sanctuary was uprooted, though the side altars were intact. The bells in the tower were not demolished. These were tolled the next morning at daylight. The

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holy water font which had stood in the center of the vestibule was found in a nearby field. The heavy organ had been blown into another field. The beautiful cross that topped the bell tower was found near the railroad tracks. The statue of St. Bernard, which is still in the church today where it was formerly, was carried from the left of St. Joseph's altar to the Blessed Virgin's altar. Here it was tilted in such a way that it faced the Blessed Virgin as if asking for Our Lady's aid. The statue was not damaged except for the loss of two fingers that were found later. Joy was expressed by all of us to know that St. Bernard had taken refuge near our Blessed Mother.

The Maggio home, now the Fuhrmann home, was hit hard by the wind. Mr. Maggio watching the clouds saw the danger, so put his wife and children, one a

year old, under the beds and tables. After the storm which flattened the home, the mother and children with the aid of rescuers came forth from their hiding, except an 8-year-old boy. The searchers cleared more debris and there under a bed was the boy sound asleep. He had heard nothing.

It is a catastrophe of this type which depicts the courage and nobility of people. Immediately, the able-bodied persons began clearing the debris and building a new church. A new school was under construction. Here the basement was used for a four-room school. The first floor was used as a church where the first Mass on the following Sunday was said. Uncontrolled emotions were depicted in everyone including the pastor to the last parishioner. There was not a dry eye in the congregation.

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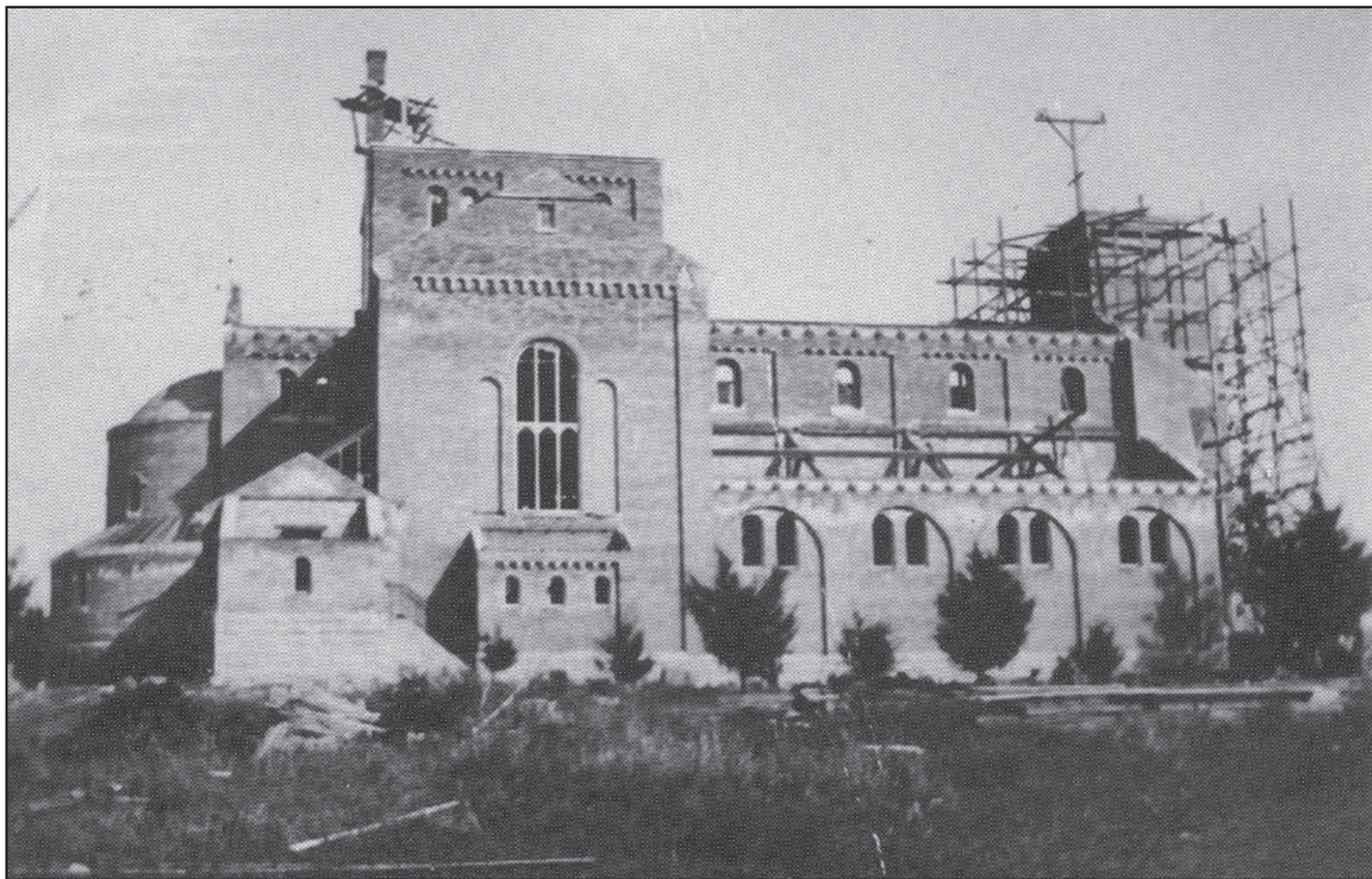
Under the direction of Father Bernard Zell, pastor, the new school was built and a new church rebuilt.

On June 10, it was decided "to save old windmill towers to be used for re-enforcement in concrete for new church." All the males of the parish united in clearing away the wreckage of the destroyed church. They also did much of the labor in building the new school and church. In order to evenly divide the work, they reported to work in alphabetical order.

In October of 1917, the new school was finished and, starting Nov. 12, Mass was held on the ground floor, with classes in the basement (the second story was added in 1923; the school was used until 1964 and torn down in 1965).

Architect Ludwig's (from Holland) plans for the new church were approved and on Nov. 17, Henry Wardein of Alton, Illinois was contracted \$31,250 for building the church, plus \$2,500 for the foundation. This contract stated that the parish do all the hauling and some of the labor free. All usable bricks from the old church and stones from the recently-destroyed

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not prevail against it.”**

Matthew 16:18

Kelly Zwinggi

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(by fire) courthouse at Gainesville be cleaned by the parish. Lindsay was offered the courthouse stones with the understanding that they clear up the area. This hauling by parishioners was completed in about two weeks, in which they also hauled sand and gravel from Elm Creek. The order for the week of Jan. 6, 1918 was cleaning the old bricks and sifting sand.

The large stones were drug to Lindsay by teams of horses. After rain showers, two teams were used to bring the stones to Lindsay.

The altar area and tower were used in the present church, but the front entrance was made wider, two side doors were added, and more reinforcement for a stronger structure. The main altar, as well as St. Joseph's and St. Mary's altars, were also saved and re-used.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, 1919, Rev. Kealy of Gainesville laid the cornerstone of the new church.

With the church near completion, on Sept. 18, all the surplus lumber from scaffolds, etc., was sold at an auction.

On Oct. 10 and 11, everyone in the parish was busy cleaning up and getting ready for the big celebration. On Sunday, Oct. 12, 1919, Bishop Lynch of Dallas dedicated the new St. Peter's Church during an all-day celebration.

Donations to the building of the church from parishioners varied between \$10 and \$700 per family, totaling \$26,095.70. Lindsay organizations

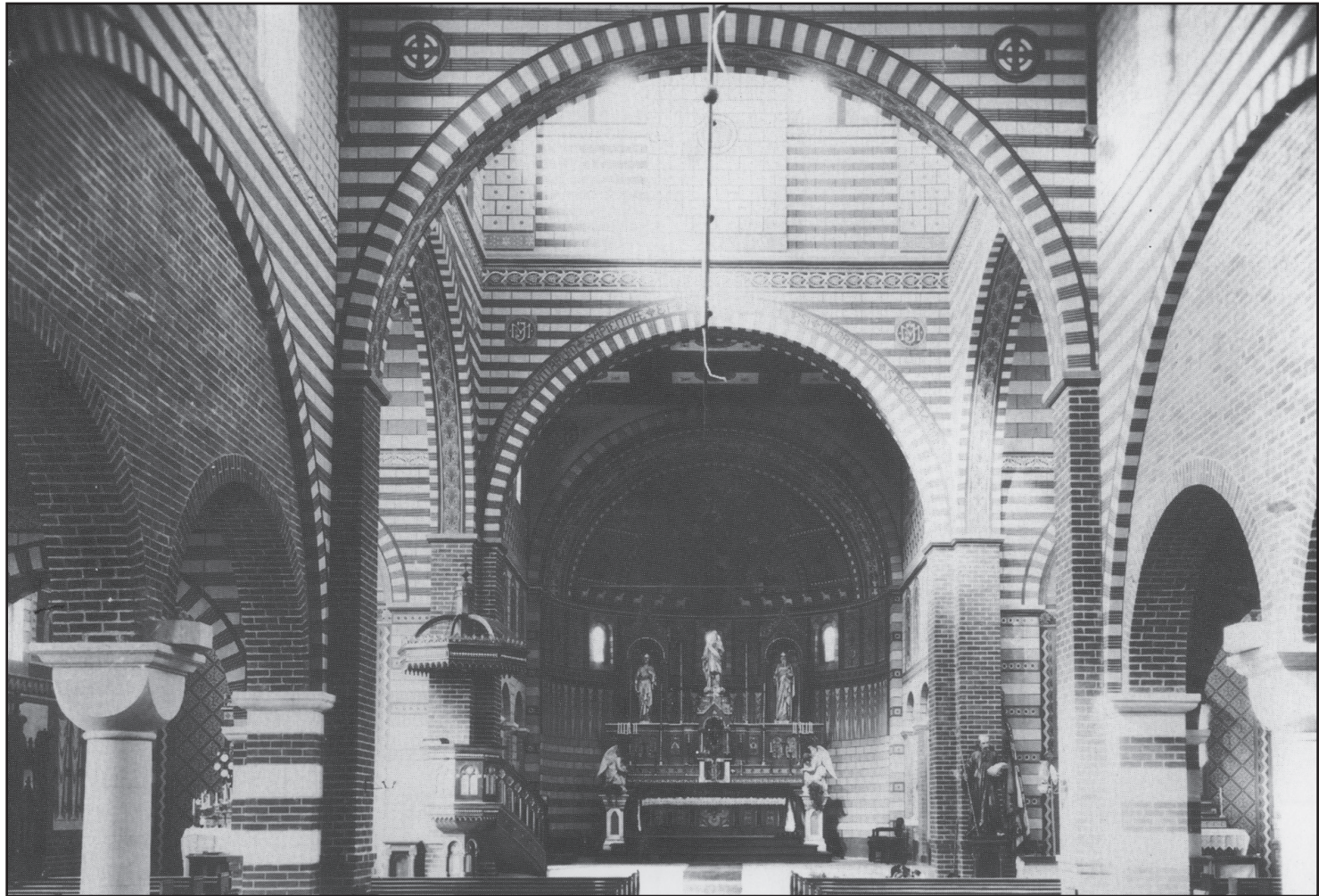
gave \$378.93, \$1,157.50 from the Gainesville collection, \$265.55 from the Muenster Parish, and \$11,473.04 collected from the insurance on the old church, gave a grand total of \$39,377.72.

Some of the statues and interior decorations were added later.

It was an accident that enabled the Lindsay Church the beauty of decor seldom found in small parish churches. The Swiss artist Friedolin Fuchs came to the United States to paint a church in St. Louis. World War I broke out, and he was unable to return to Switzerland. From St. Louis, he went to Subiaco, Arkansas, then to Lindsay. His stencil paintings are on the walls, ceilings, and

even the wooden ceiling beams of the present church.

The six painted panels, showing the lives of St. Benedict, the founder of the Benedictine Order, and St. Boniface, the patron saint of Germany, were painted on canvas by Dr. Mathias Zell, father of Rev. Bernard.



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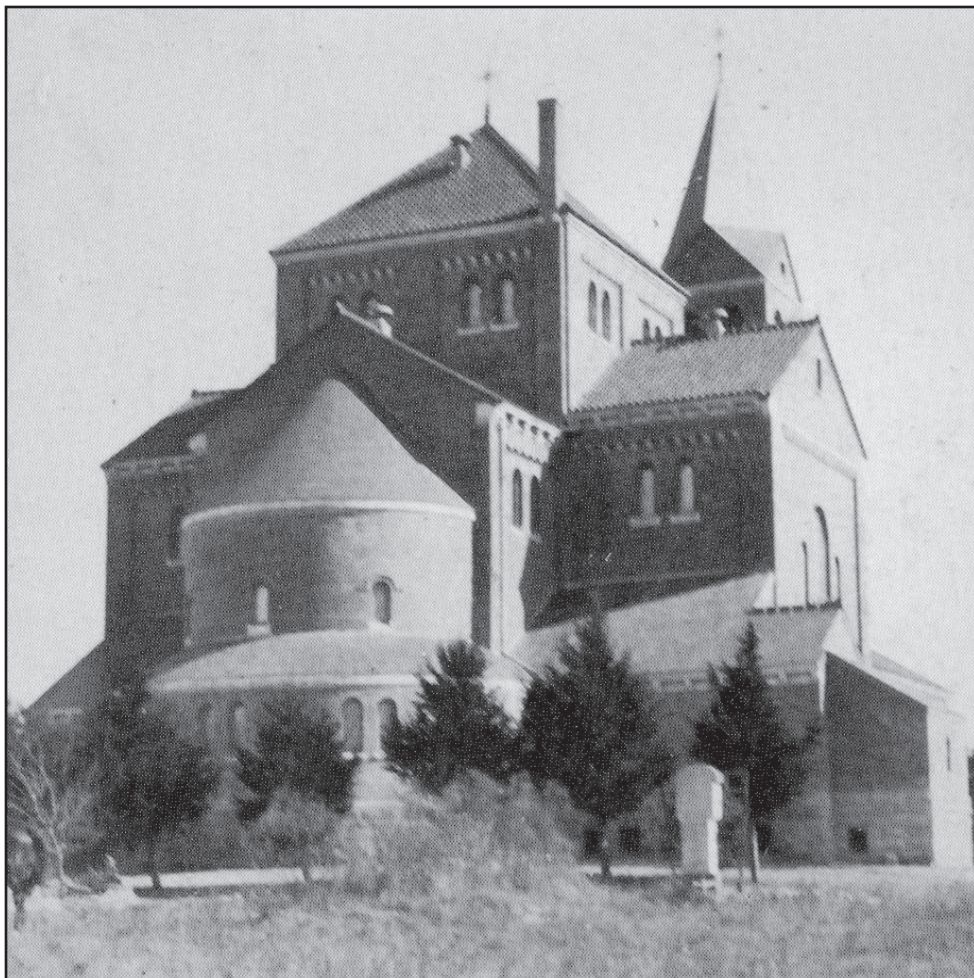
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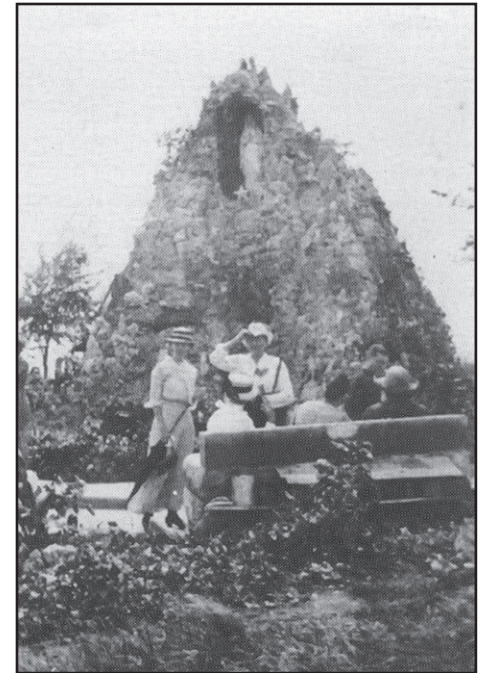
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Forty-six years of repairs and improvements at Lindsay church

A big improvement of the installation of an electric light plant for the church was made in 1920, costing about \$1500. In February 1921, many hackberry trees were transplanted from the creek bottoms around Lindsay to church property by parish members. Father Bernard remained at St. Peter's until June 17, 1923, followed by Father Conrad Herda, OSB. Father Conrad enlarged the school by adding a second story and doing the majority of the manual labor himself.

In 1926, Father John Nigg, OSB, came to Lindsay, succeeding Father Conrad. Construction began in the spring of 1927 on the new sisters' house, and was ready to be occupied in September of the same year.

In the May 1928 parish bulletin, the following recent improvements were listed: new sidewalks, old one repaired; new garage; permanent stands on lawn;

additional yard lights; and rubberized runners for the church aisles.

In 1932, the school was changed from a parochial to a public school with the Sisters still teaching and the state paying rent.

On Aug. 20, 1935, a statement of valuation of the church property was issued, as follows: Church building, contents, \$90,000; School and convents, \$10,000; Sisters convent, contents, \$6,000; Rectory, \$2,000; Grotto, chapels, stations, \$500; 10 acres of land, \$500; Other buildings, \$100; Park benches, electric fixtures, \$75; Total \$109,175.

A hot-air heating system, with gas burners and electric fans, was installed in the basement of the church in 1936.

For health reasons, Fr. John took time off in Switzerland. The Rev. Bonaventure Maechler, OSB, temporarily filled his place in September 1938. Reports show 109 families and 508 members in the parish. Father John was unable to return to Lindsay, so Father Conrad was reappointed to St. Peter's on Sept. 13, 1938.

With acoustics of the church very bad and sermons hard to hear, an amplifier was installed in 1940. To help benefit the elderly, the Communion rail was placed at a lower level and extended into three sections. The same year, the pictures of the outside stations were sent to Arkansas and repainted by Sister Stanislaus, OSB. They were then sent back and covered with glass, most expenses being paid by the original donors.

In the spring of '38, rock left over from building the church (was being used as a fence along the road on the east side) were split and used for the new rectory. It took two years to finish the foundation and basement, with Father Conrad doing most of the work himself with the help of a few boys. In April 1941, work began on the new rectory. The old rectory was torn down and all the lumber reused. Most of the labor was done by the pastor and parish members, keeping the cost very low.

Also in 1941, the Guardian Angel statue was put on a pillar in front of the church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Hermes. Father Bernard had erected the pillar, saved out of the wreckage of the old church in 1917, 23 years earlier, planning to get a statue.

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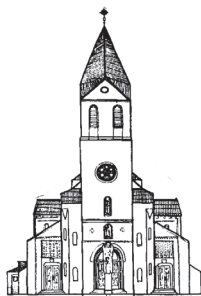
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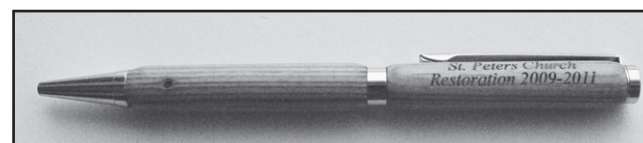
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The rectory, a two-story frame with basement, garage, fireproof vault, and 17 rooms, was completed the first week of September 1941. The rectory was blessed on Sept. 21, along with the new Guardian Angel statue.

For years, St. Peter's school basement served as a meeting place. Larger socials were held in the "Schuetzenhalle" (the Gun Club), a hall belonging to the "Schuetzenverein," a marksman's club. In 1941, the school basement was converted into a cafeteria, limiting its availability for social functions.

The building of the parish hall began in 1948. Concrete blocks for the hall's foundation and the lower walls were obtained from Camp Howze, which was being dismantled at the time. Hall dimensions are 40 x 100 feet, with seating for about 300. A stage was at one end, later a small kitchen was added. The windows are solid glass blocks, basketball goals were up at both ends. In 1963, restrooms were added and the hall was used for the school cafeteria.

On Sept. 5, 1948, Fr. Bernard Zell, the Lindsay pastor who directed the build-

ing of the church, passed to his eternal reward at the age of 80.

In 1950, sidewalks and street curbing were done on the church grounds.

In 1952, all leaks in the roof and gutters of the church were repaired, and the outside walls sprayed with a waterproofing liquid. The water-damaged mural paintings on the interior walls were retouched, costing about \$2000. The electric wiring was replaced throughout the church and new lighting system installed at the approximate cost of \$2800.

An electric organ and new statues of St. Peter and St. Paul, the Sacred Heart, and the Blessed Virgin for the altars were purchased in 1952. In 1953, the church kneelers were covered with padding. The sanctuary floor and aisles were covered with tile. An electric clock and bellringer were installed in the church tower in 1955 for the sum of \$2000.

In 1957-58, Lindsay built its present high school building. Father John Walbe became St. Peter's pastor in 1961. He was pastor at Muenster from 1944-49. In '62, the parish bought five acres of land for a football field. Construction began in the fall of 1963 on the new grade school and gymnasium, ready for the '64-'65 school year.

The St. Anne's Society paid for the refinishing of the altars, the pulpit, the confessional, and Communion rail in 1963, with the assistance of Ludwig Kieninger, woodcarver from Muenster.

In 1965, the St. Peter's Society re-covered the kneeler pads.

On Easter night, April 10, 1966, a storm once again struck the area, damaging the church and blowing tile and gutters off the roof. Water came through the roof, damaging the ceilings and walls. The water-damaged plastered sections were replaced with half-inch plywood. The plywood sections were spliced and cut to the correct size and painted while lying on the pews. Father John Walbe, pastor at the time, traced the designs on the boards, and Mrs. Lavern Nortman did the painting with paint matched by Southland Paint Co. of Gainesville. Pete and Charles Stoffels attached the board to the ceiling. Ecclesiastical Arts of Dallas supplied the artist needed to repair the murals at St. Joseph's altar.

In the fall of 1966, the Stations of the Cross, erected in 1913, were repaired and moved to the north and south sides of the cemetery. Instead of repainting the pictures, new ones were bought from B. Herber Book Co. of St. Louis, Missouri.

The following parishioners paid for the new stations: Tony Hermes, Miss Frances Wendal, Weldon Bezner, J.C. Schmidkofer and Mrs. Rosa Hess, Reinart family, Nick Block, Mrs. Vivian Kasperek and Mrs. Helen Metzler, Adolph Fuhrmann, William Fleitman, Pete Block, Martin Friske, Erwin Fuhrmann, Philip and Bill Metzler and Clem Sandmann.

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St. Peter's named "Historic Landmark"

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(Copy of the news release from the Texas Historical Society)

Saint Peter's Church in Lindsay is undoubtedly one of the most unusual ecclesiastical buildings in Texas. Few towns so small have churches of such size or architectural quality. The church will be dedicated as a Texas landmark at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, June 28, 1970.

As one approaches Lindsay on Highway 82, the first thing he notices about the community is the tall, sturdy tower suggestive of European towns. Closer inspection reveals a building of compact brick masses arranged in a picturesque grouping of projections and towers. Besides the imposing front tower with its tall steeple, there is a massive lantern tower at the crossing of the transepts and nave. The structure is impressive not only in its size and variety of profiles, but also in its sober and dignified proportions which are characteristic of the Romanesque style.

But it is the interior of the church which is likely to leave the most lasting impression on the first-time viewer. Though the foyers give adequate and quite beautiful forewarning of what is to come, on stepping into the nave the visitor inevitably feels almost overwhelmed by his first look at the sanctuary. His eye is immediately drawn to the magnificent high altar, hand carved and exquisitely detailed, while simultaneously his vision is literally smitten by the astonishing variety of pattern and color spreading over the whole interior. Intricate stencil paintings cover the lower portions of the walls, while the upper walls are painted to imitate patterns of stone (there is some evidence that this is a copy of an older church in Germany, it is possible that the original church was built partly of stone as the stone walls of the proto-type are depicted in the painting here).

Delicately detailed stenciling also decorates the wooden ceiling beams, while the ceiling panels contain large medallion-like designs. In the ceiling of the crossing tower, alternation panels have beautifully done stylized portraits of Abraham, Jesse, David, and Elijah.

It was an accident of war that enabled the Lindsay parish to incorporate in its sanctuary a richness of decoration seldom found in small parish churches. Friedolin Fuchs, a Swiss artist, came to the United States to paint the interior of a church in St. Louis. Before he had finished this commission, World War I broke out, and he was unable to return to Switzerland. He then went to Subiaco, Arkansas where he worked at the Benedictine Abbey, and from there he came to Lindsay.



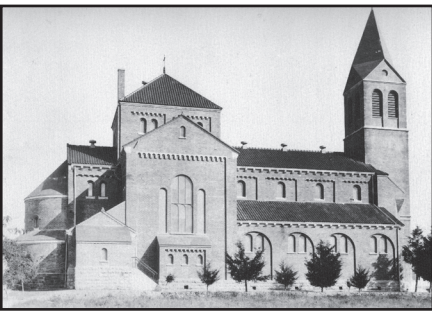
Bishop Dangelmayr and Father Damian bless the marker - 1970

Extending around the transepts are six panels of a different type of painting. These are executed in grey tones and depict episodes from the lives of St. Benedict, the founder of the Benedictine order, and of St. Boniface, the patron saint of Germany. They were painted on canvas by Dr. Mathias Zell, the father of the Rev. Bernard Zell, who served as pastor of the church from 1910 to 1923.

Adding a final exquisite touch to the lavish decoration of the most unusual church are the stained glass windows. Along the walls of the side aisles are pairs of windows, each depicting a saint, and in the transept ends are large windows made up of panels in the same style. These windows are exceptionally fine ones, and their intense colors have a jewel-like quality which makes them stand out even from the vividly colored walls. In the upper walls of the nave and around the lantern are numerous clerestory windows in simple geometric designs and delicate colors which are entirely consistent with their function of admitting light to the center areas.



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In March 1967, the Lindsay High School added a larger library, superintendent's and tax office, a teacher's work room and a large classroom. The new addition was air conditioned and centrally heated.

July 27, 1969 was Father John Walbe's last Sunday at Lindsay. He exchanged parishes with Father Damian Wewers, pastor of St. Mary's in Fort Worth.

In April 1970, the parish voted to sell the gym and the land west of the cemetery (football field) to the Lindsay School District.

On June 28, 1970, Saint Peter's Church was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and was rated as one of the most unusual ecclesiastical buildings in Texas. The program was headed by Mary McCain, president of the Cooke County Heritage Society and was instrumental in obtaining the medalion for the church. The Most Rev. Augustine Danglmayr blessed the marker.

Excavation and construction of the new cafetorium got underway in mid-November 1970.

During the March 1971 church wardens' meeting, Lindsay School District was asked for more rent. Rent was \$3,000 for the grade school, high school, and cafeteria (parish hall). With the soon-to-be-completed cafetorium, \$6,000 yearly was asked. Later that same month, steel pipe post guards were placed on parish grounds to keep unwanted traffic from driving through the church yards. The new cafetorium was dedicated on June 13, 1971 by Bishop John Cassata.

For eight months in 1972, Stephen J. Walterscheid of Muenster repainted the Baptismal room in the back of church after college hours. The front church steps were extended and repaired in July of '72.

In November 1973, the parish council approved to raise the church dues from \$2 to \$3 a couple; the higher cost of "everything" was given for the reason.

In January 1974, the school board requested "the possibility of moving the chapel (behind the gym) from its present location so a safe route to the school campus could be achieved." The Dolorous Chapel was moved to the southwest end of the cemetery. In 1974, air conditioning was installed in the elementary and high school buildings at the cost of \$34,530.04.

In 1975, in Saint Peter's Church there were 18 Baptisms, eight marriages, six deaths, 21 First Communions, and an average Sunday Mass attendance of 755.

The parish hall's remodeling consisted of restrooms on the northwest corner

of the building, a smaller kitchen, new floor, insulation and paneling, air conditioning and central heat, and remodeling the front entrance. It began in March and was completed in June 1976, costing \$51,000.

The school district sold back 2.59 acres (football field) to the parish in September, 1977, for expanding the cemetery.

During July 1978, workmen were repairing the roof and inside walls of the church. The replastering and repainting of the inside walls, which were damaged by lightening and rain the previous year, were partially completed. Rev. Damian Wewers, pastor, found Mike Brown, a graphic artist from Sherman. He had completed painting the right wall where the worst damage was done. The brick was exposed and had to be replastered before painting. He also worked on the left side of the interior of the church. The cost - \$13,000. There were also several cracks on the outside of the church, which would be fixed at a later date.

In August 1978, Father Damian left Saint Peter's after serving 10 years, being replaced by Fr. Cletus Post.

Saint Peter's Church was officially listed in the National Register of Historical Places on May 25, 1979.

The parish council held an auction Oct. 14, 1979 to clean out excess furniture and other items from the rectory and church basement. Proceeds went to re-decorating the rectory. Open house was held after Masses on May 31 and June 1, 1980 when remodeling of the rectory was completed.

Father Cletus reported the highlights of the June 1980 parish council meeting: completion of the ramp for wheelchairs, donated in memory of Anton Flusche and Veronica Fuhrmann Flusche, and the council's OK to blacktop the church area.

An auction in November 1980 raised \$3,500 to be used to restore and repair the church windows.

During the next year, the windows of the church were repaired. Frames were built for weather protection, and Lexan, a bullet-resistant plexy glass, was installed on the exterior of all the windows.

The shutters on the tower were painted, a sealant added and then enclosed with a wire net to keep birds from entering the bell tower. The cross on top of the steeple was also painted. New gutters were installed and "electrified" to prevent birds from building nests.

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1985 - 1987 Parish waited long for extensive improvements

A renovation job on the roof and steeple of the church was done late in 1985. The old roof dates back to 1918, with the middle portion topped with tile and the tower with slate. A Dallas contractor salvaged tile from the old roof whenever possible during restoration and a copper cover was placed on the steeple.

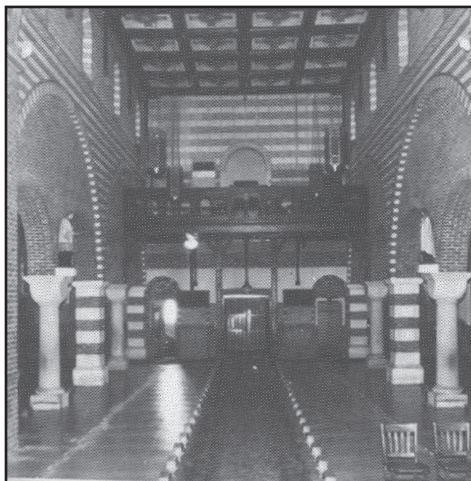
The Arch, forming a stately entrance to the parish grounds of St. Peter's Church, was installed in January of 1986. It is 80-feet wide and made of 5,000 pounds of steel. The supporting pillars have Bas-relief structures of Saint Isidore, patron of farmers, and Saint Peregrine, patron of cancer patients. The arch was a memorial gift by an anonymous donor.

Extensive interior refinishing began in June 1986. Pews were removed and sent to Arkansas for refinishing. The first of July, scaffolds were assembled and plaster repair and clean-up began. All statues were removed for repainting. Mass services were held in the school cafetorium, but with the start of school moved into the parish hall until interior work was completed.

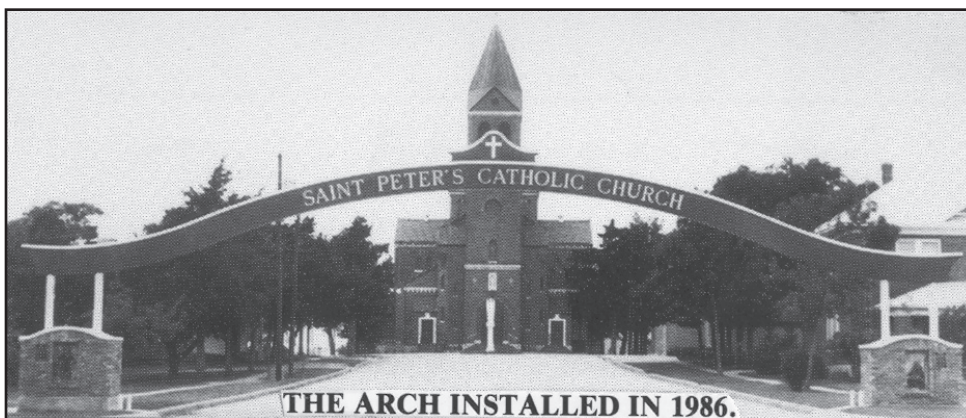
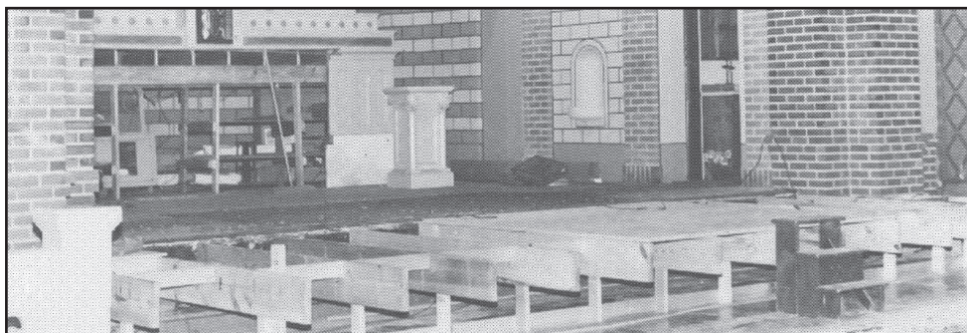
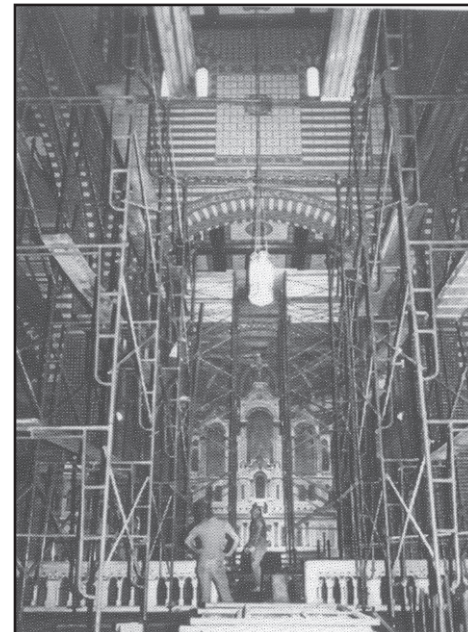
Lillian and Belinda Godfrey repainted and retouched all the works of art on the ceilings and walls of the church. Also, the altars, stations of the cross, and canvas paintings were highlighted and the statues given a new coat of paint by the Godfreys.

The sanctuary floor was extended and rounded. The altar table from the high altar was moved closer to the parishioners. The cupola was returned above the pulpit. New carpet covers the floors of the church and additional lighting and speakers were installed.

The final touch was replacement of the outside green carpet, on the steps, with red brick tile.



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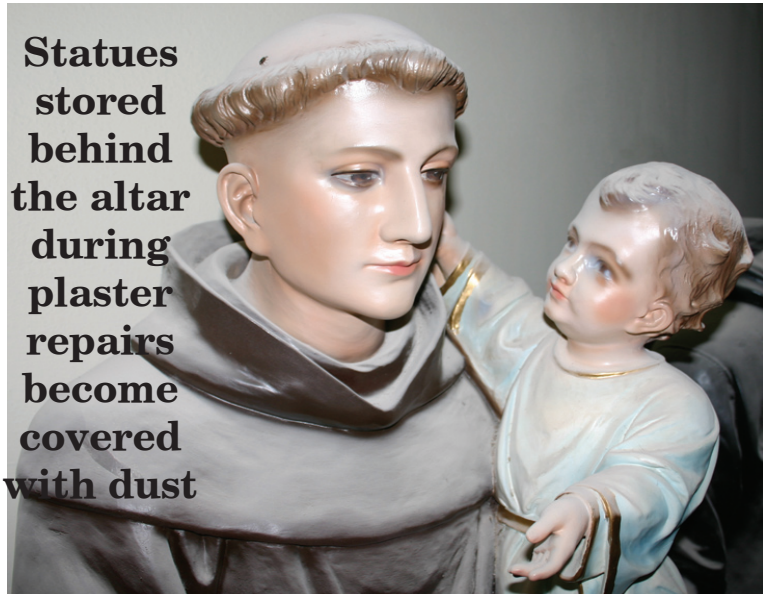
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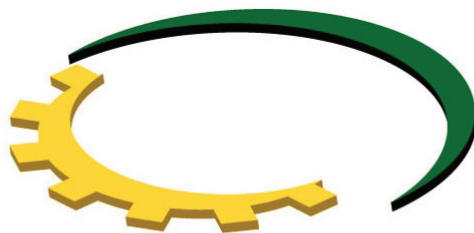
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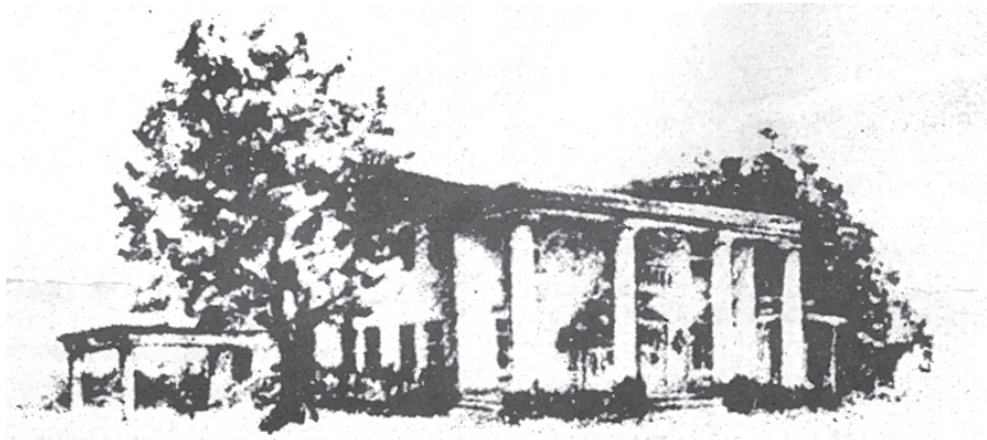


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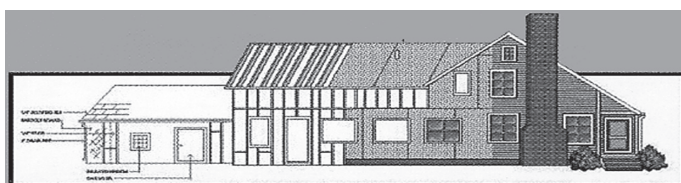
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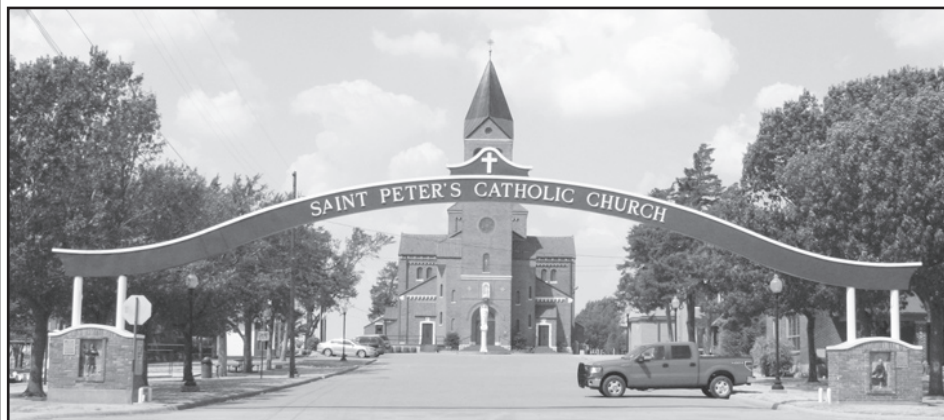
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January 2011 - Above, from the sanctuary looking toward the back of church. Above right - looking through the vestibule doorway down the center aisle.



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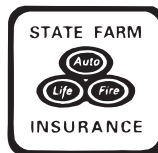
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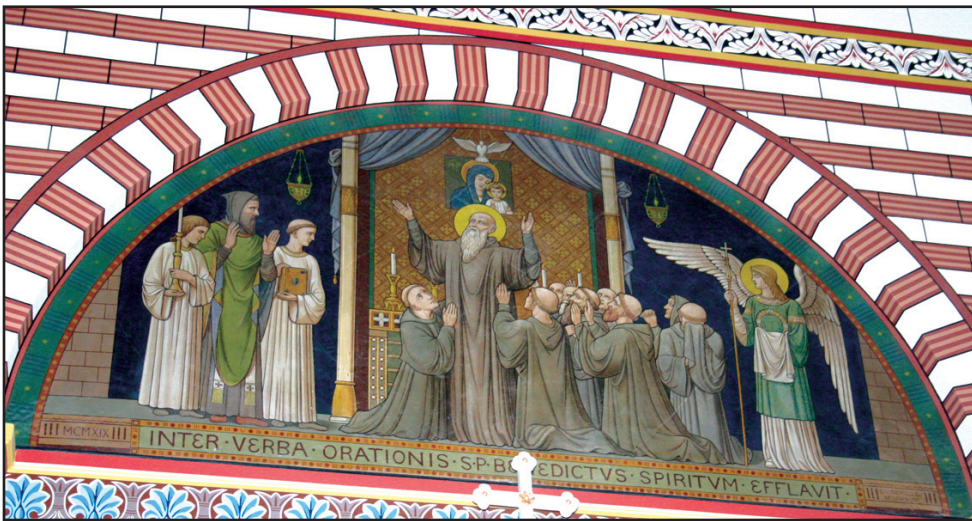
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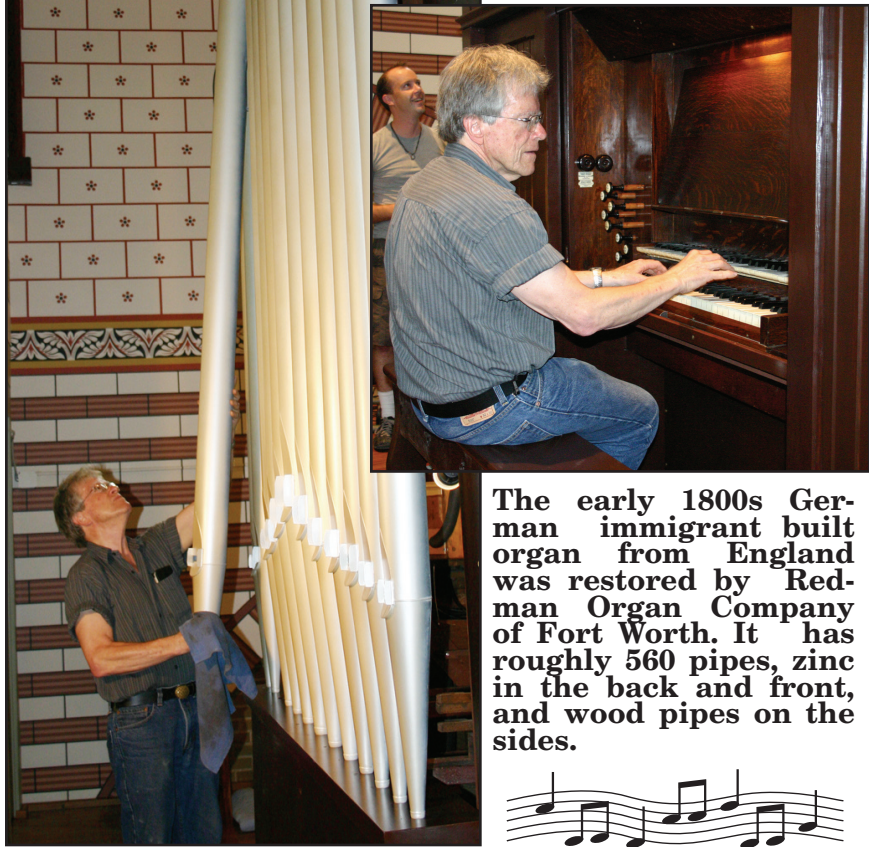
The Main Altar - refinished, painted, and trimmed in gold. The Sacred Heart of Jesus with Saint Peter, patron saint, holding the key to Heaven's gate on His right and Saint Paul, defender of the Church, shown with his symbolic sword, to His left.



One of many works of art displayed on the painted walls.



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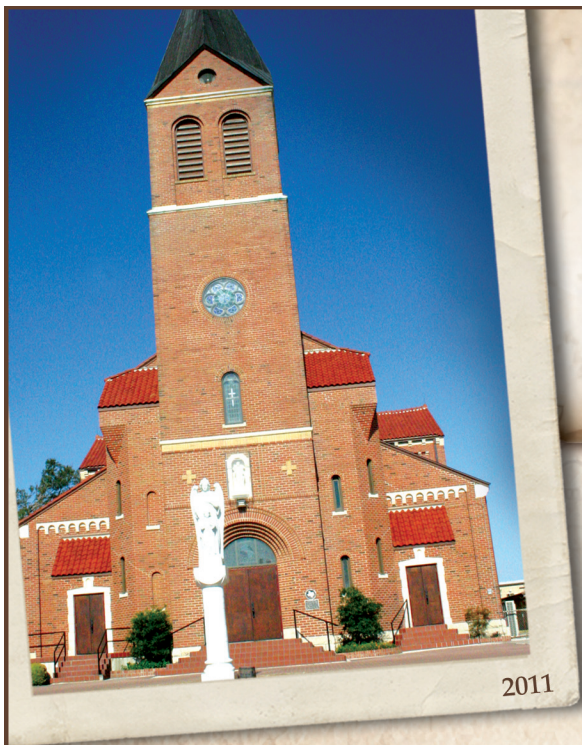
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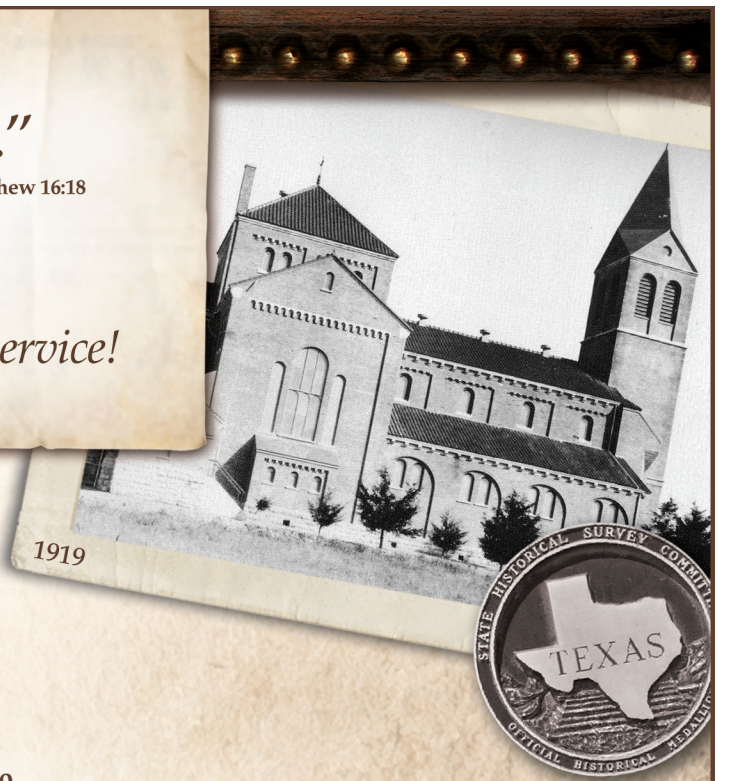
The restoration included (at left) adding the old; (above) returning to original location; and (at right) something new.



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- Matthew 16:18

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