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to rest. Unproductive cropland fields or potentially erosive cropland is planted to permanent vegetation and brush is removed from fields by spraying.

Albert has become interested in the procedure of foliar feeding. Foliar feeding is spraying vegetation with nutrients and allowing the plants to take the nutrients through the leaves rather than the more familiar method of intake by the plant's root system. Albert does most of the feeding during the evening hours when the plants have opened up and the intake is at a higher rate. Albert also uses a fertilizer mix that includes many of the micro nutrients, "Most people fertilize and forget all about the micro nutrients that a plant needs such as zinc and magnesium," stated Albert. "This also cuts down on feeding mineral supplements to the cattle because they will get them

from the grass."

Albert's commitment to conservation is evident on his farm. In fact this commitment began in 1945 with Albert's father, J.F. Zimmerer, and continued when Albert assumed the day to day operations in the 1960's. The tradition continues to Albert and Imogene's children. The children have played a key role in building the operation, not only during their teen years, but continue to be tremendous help during the busy seasons. "They will take vacation time from their jobs to come drive the combines," Albert remarked proudly.

Devout stewards of the land for many years, Albert and Imogene have raised their family with that same important conservation ethic in mind. The Upper Elm-Red SWCD is proud to recognize Albert and Imogene for a lifetime of soil and water conservation achievements.



Imogene and Albert Zimmerer

Conservation: for our future

by Jennifer Otto

Soil and water will always be necessities. Therefore, the conservation of them is eminently important now and in the future. Soil and water have many important uses; so, we must learn how to conserve and protect them.

Since soil supplies vital nutrients and mineral to all life, it is very important that it be conserved and also be protected from "nutrient stripping".

There are various methods of conserving soil. Crop rotation will preserve nutrients in soil. Strategically planted trees can reduce wind erosion. Terraces and contour plowing are used to decrease erosion from runoff.

In addition to soil, every living thing must have water. Water is the most widely used solvent, gives home to millions



Jennifer Otto

of life forms, is vital to the manufacture of many foods and serves as an important mode of transportation. Clearly we must conserve water.

The key to conserving water is simply be discreet. For example, only running dishwashers when necessary, and moderately using water

when bathing. In many areas restrictions have been set on lawn watering. Also, not polluting is a way to preserve water. The main idea when using this resource is moderation.

Many organizations assist in conservation programs. For 56 years the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District has been serving Montague, Cooke, and Grayson Counties. They meet the demands of the community by distributing newsletters and advising on projects. For example, after examining a situation, a technician might advise farmers on a poor crop or on installing a waterway. Also, limited cost-sharing is available through the district. One can obtain valuable conservation information.

Both soil and water are valuable resources that are immensely important for life now and in the future. Since both are necessary for thriving existence, their depletion is a serious issue, and caring for them is our job.

Jennifer is the daughter of Mike and Jane Otto of Lindsay.

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burn, is the key to successful ranch management," remarked Mike. "Another major tool for habitat management and wildlife conservation is enhancing the forbs for wildlife and cattle, as well as controlling the brush."

Bartush Land and Cattle Company received two nominations for the award. One was from the Noble Foundation and the other from Bill Bartush.

Mike and his mother, Mary Bartush, accepted the Lone Star Steward Award at a reception held in Austin on April 16. Also attending were June and Chuck Bartush Jr. and Beth and Paul Bartush. The recognition ceremony was hosted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission and Private Lands Advisory Board.

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Albert and Margaret Fenoglio: Outstanding Conservationist

Albert and Margaret Fenoglio of Montague have been selected as Outstanding Conservationist for Zone II of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District. The Fenoglios are owners of over 1,700 acres of land most of which is located close to Montague.

The Fenoglio family has been in the farming and ranching business for a long time. The place where Albert was born was purchased by Antone Fenoglio, Albert's grandfather, in 1883. It is still a part of the family operation and was recognized as a Texas Century Farm in 1993.

This farm was placed in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in 1986. A total 196 acres was established to little bluestem, lometa indiagrass, blackwell switchgrass, plains bluestem and green sprangletop. This pasture today is in excellent condition providing protection to fields which were determined highly erodible. If accepted under the 1997 signup, these fields will be part of the CRP for another 10 years. In 1993, another

88 acres was placed into CRP. This, too, was established to a native grass mixture and has an excellent stand.

Albert has been involved with conservation for a number of years. In 1985, 2.2 acres of waterways were established to bermudagrass. The following year, over 8,000 feet of terraces were installed to correct erosion problems on a hillside having 4% slopes. These fields are maintained in wheat and arrowleaf clover to provide winter grazing for their cow-calf herd.

Of the nine separate tracts of land the Fenoglios own, some are leased out while they manage the others. Deer and turkeys are present on many of these places and offer another means of income. The oak timber is being left to provide cover and food for the wildlife.

Three dams on Land Stabilization Treatment Areas (LSTA) were constructed in the early '70s to retain sediment and reduce erosion. Areas above these sites were shaped and seeded. One of the dams today is totally silted

up and of very little value. Erosion was increasing significantly, so Albert and Margaret applied for a Great Plains Contract in April 1991. They were delayed in getting approved due to lack of funds for contracts. In 1996, the Great Plains Program was phased out. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was funded and the Fenoglios were able to get a contract approved on their place. The first project was to construct a grade stabilization structure above the silted-in dam. A second dam was constructed shortly thereafter to correct another serious problem. Both dams will greatly reduce sediment and extend the life of larger dams downstream.

Other problems confronting the Fenoglios were some old fields with very poor, low-quality grasses. These had severe erosion problems which required shaping before any grass could be planted. Albert has recently completed plowing and reseeded 60 acres to a native grass mix.



Margaret and Albert Fenoglio

In addition to their livestock and farming operation, an office building they own houses the Montague County FSA and NRCS offices. These offices have been co-located at this address in Montague since 1987 when the SCS offices in Nocona and

Bowie were combined.

The Fenoglios are great stewards of their land and it is with great pleasure that we present Albert and Margaret as Zone II Outstanding Conservationist of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Watershed workshop planned for June 25

Sponsoring local organizations of watersheds in Grayson County are planning a watershed workshop for June 25. The all-day workshop will be held in two sessions: the morning session to be held in Sherman at Site 11 Choctaw Creek Watershed (Dean Gilbert Lake), and the afternoon session to be held at Site 38R Choctaw Creek Watershed (Waterloo Lake) in Denison.

Topics to be covered in the workshop are inspecting concrete components and making minor repairs, dispersed soils which cause slope failures, general O&M inspections (slopes, debris, fences), vegetation (grass cover, brush invasion, weed infestation), wells and drains (functions and monitoring of french drains, herringbone drains, observation wells and toe drains), overall watershed management planning, emergency actions plans, inspection of recreational facilities and inspecting soil cement.

Representatives from the Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors will be on hand to address those attending. Also two companies will be on hand to demonstrate different types of equipment used to mow the slopes of dams and surrounding areas.

There will be a free hamburger cookout for lunch at Waterloo Lake in Denison for those attending. All topics will be presented and discussed by experts in the various fields.

This workshop would be of particular interest to all sponsors of watershed dams in the north Texas area. The workshop is being sponsored by Choctaw Watershed Water Improvement District and the Cities of Sherman and Denison and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Sherman.

People interested in attending should contact the NRCS office in Sherman at 903-892-6013.



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Upper Elm-Red SWCD receives Goodyear Award - Pictured from left are, top row - District Conservationist Richard Connert, Upper Elm-Red Director Charles Bayer, Goodyear Representative Don Kutz, Upper Elm-Red Director Clyde Hale, District Conservationist Steve Ueslton, District Conservationist Gary Conner; bottom row - Upper Elm-Red Director James K. Brite Jr., District Clerk/Technician Carolann Corado; Upper Elm-Red Director William Hermes and Upper Elm-Red Director W.T. Meador. The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District received the Grand Award in the Goodyear Conservation Awards Program at the 56th annual state meeting of SWCD directors in Fort Worth last September. Photo courtesy SWCD

SWCD conservation assistance

Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD's), working with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other government agencies, help individuals, groups and communities conserve soil and water.

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David Catchings named Zone V Outstanding Conservationists

The Upper Elm-Red SWCD is proud to announce that David and Gail Catching are the Outstanding Conservationist in Zone V for 1996. Zone V covers all of Grayson County.

David and Gail were both born and raised in Grayson County in the Howe community where they attended Howe High School. Both later attended East Texas State University in Commerce.

David and Gail have been married 28 years and have raised three sons: Clint - a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Agricultural Economics; Tom - a graduate of Texas A&M University in Commerce with a degree in Agricultural Economics; and Chad - a senior at Texas A&M University in Commerce who is majoring in Agricultural Economics.

David's first business experience with agriculture was in the retail end when, at age 19, he owned and operated a grocery store in Howe for three years. Following the grocery store came a feed, seed and fertilizer business in Howe which he owned and operated for four to five years. This led into one of the biggest business adventures of David's career: Catching Brothers Auctions. From 1964 to 1984, David and his brother Robert owned and operated this nationally-known equipment auction and bought and sold all types of farming equipment all over the United States. David says that "lots of equipment was sold and exported to Mexico, New Zealand and Australia. David still conducts auctions on farm machinery, livestock and

farm dispersal sales through David Catching Auctioneer.

From 1987 to 1997, David was co-owner of the Waurika Livestock Auction in Waurika, Oklahoma. David and his partner, George Williams, installed a \$60,000 waste storage lagoon adjacent to the livestock pens to comply with new EPA guidelines. The NRCS office in Waurika assisted them with the design and installation. Adjoining cropland and pastureland acreage are utilized to apply the waste on for proper nutrient management.

David also owned Texoma Land Company from 1971 to 1996 which primarily bought and sold agricultural land in the north central Texas area. During this same time period, David co-owned the John Deere dealerships in Howe and Gainesville.

David is a licensed auctioneer in the state of Texas, he has been a member of the Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association for 25 years, a member of the Texas Farm Bureau, member of Texas Cattle Feeders Association and the American Quarter Horse Association. David has also served on the Board of Directors of Blackland Production Credit Association and served six years on the Howe School Board including two years as president. His wife Gail is currently secretary for the Howe School Board where she has been serving as a member for seven years.

Gail has been bookkeeper for all the businesses since 1990. She has her real estate license and handles the land transactions. She taught school one

year prior to her involvement in the agricultural businesses.

The Catchings' farming operation centers around approximately 2,200 acres of cropland of which some is owned and some leased. The primary crops are wheat and oats, however, corn and milo are utilized some years as cash crops and to supply feed grains for the cattle operation.

David has utilized NRCS expertise in installing approximately 30 acres of grassed waterways. David also installed a Grade Stabilization Structure to cure a severe erosion problem on a farm which since has been sold.

David's livestock operation is comprised of approximately 3,500 acres of owned and leased pastureland. David has converted several hundred acres of marginal cropland and low-quality pastureland to coastal bermuda grass for grazing and haying. Recently, David and his son Tom decided to experiment with some Alamo Switchgrass on some 100 acres of the wetter soils. David has planted other grasses such as Jose Tall Wheatgrass and Fescue but has found that Plains Bluestem is the best adapted on some of the more marginal soils.

The NRCS office in Sherman refer to David as "Mr. Plains Bluestem" in Grayson County. David picked up a good idea on planting the plains bluestem from Wayne Brown in Comanche, Oklahoma. Instead of preparing a conventional clean seedbed to plant the bluestem into, he plants wheat in September to be grazed out. **Continued on next page**



David and Gail Catching

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In February, David drops the bluestem seed on the soil surface as the cattle continue to graze the wheat. As the cattle graze the wheat, they tramp the seed into the soil and the wheat acts as a nurse crop protecting the soil from erosion during the establishment period. As the wheat is grazed out by early June, David removes the cattle and closes the gate until early fall. The bluestem is usually established to a full stand and ready for fall grazing. Since 1990, David has planted and established over 600 acres of marginal and highly-erodible cropland to plains bluestem. Since David handled so much seed for his own use and his widespread knowledge on Plains Bluestem, he became a seed dealer for many of the local ranchers for the past four to five years.

The acreage that David operates comprises 14 different farms that are classified as highly erodible. Of these 14 H E L farms, 10 have been completely converted to grass and another has had most of the highly-erodible land planted to grass. Most of the land operated by David is located west of Highway 75 near Howe. David owns two farms east of Howe that he would like to sell to help consolidate his operation to a smaller area around the headquarters.

The livestock operation has a base herd of 75-100 commercial grade mother cows. The larger

end of the livestock operation is the stocker cattle which varies in numbers at different times of the year. Greater numbers are utilized between September and May to graze wheat pastures and then are either sold or shipped off to a feed yard in Bovina.

Another phase of the livestock enterprise is the registered quarter horses. At one time, David had 40 brood mares and two studs but now only maintains about 15 head. The horses are bred and used for cutting horses and for general ranch use.

David says that his Agriculture

teacher in high school, Paul Shields, had a contributing part in stimulating David's interest in agriculture. David has been awarded the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree by the Howe FFA Chapter. David is also a former director of the Texoma Livestock Exposition and conducted the auction for all the livestock projects for many years.

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Many grasses used today are actually introduced (i.e. bermuda grass from South Africa, bahiagrass from South America, and ryegrass and tall fescue from Europe). However, there is increasing concern today over the planting of introduced grasses into many rangeland habitats. Although valuable introduced grasses have helped with providing needed cover on highly erodible soils or made worn-out fields productive, escaped plants have become serious problems. These include johnson grass, King Ranch bluestem, caucasian bluestem, bermuda grass and many others.

Native grasses dominate the rangeland landscape in the drier regions of West Texas. We often find native grasses to be more adapted to the ever-changing weather presented in Texas and there are a large number of grasses in Texas due to the size and extreme variation in environmental conditions. Most are not commercially available because they are not considered to be prime livestock food or have a known use in conservation. Therefore, we have a limited

number of native grasses to select from for seeding rangeland.

The use of native grasses for re-vegetation and for livestock production is increasing across the state. As the economics and practices of farming and ranching change, many managers are looking for a lower cost and less maintenance type of grass to seed. Native grasses have special characteristics of being drought and cold tolerant. However, unlike the practices of row cropping and annual grasses, newly established perennial grass stands (native and introduced) must be rested one full year prior to grazing or haying.

There is no simple answer to the question of the best grass to plant since this lies in the vision and management needs of the individual manager or landowner. For range seeding, a mixture of adapted native grasses is usually recommended. A single species planting is a monoculture of grass leaving little flexibility and decreased plant diversity, and higher risk.



Looking back ...

Four members of the Upper Elm-Red SWCD Board of Directors observing one of the 10 new district signs installed along highway entry points. Shown left to right are, J.H. Bayer, Harold Skaggs, W.H. Green and Keith Kemplin.

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Montague Co. gets new programs

In an effort to further meet landowners conservation needs, NRCS is assisting (working as partners) two government agencies in providing additional programs in Montague County.

The US Fish & Wildlife Service Partners in Wildlife program provides cost share assistance to landowners for constructing and creating artificial wetlands. The wetlands are shallow ponds constructed to enhance migratory birds habitat. The partners program offers cost share for vegetation of the wetlands, prairie land restoration and fencing the treated areas. Normally, an

agreement for maintenance of cost share practices is for 20 years.

The Texas Forest Service offers a similar program called the Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP). This program provides cost share assistance for wildlife food plot plantings, opening strips in timber, tree plantings, construction of wetlands, critical area shaping, constructing creek crossings and fencing wildlife areas for 10 years.

Currently, eight partners for wildlife projects have been installed, and seven stewardship projects have been funded.



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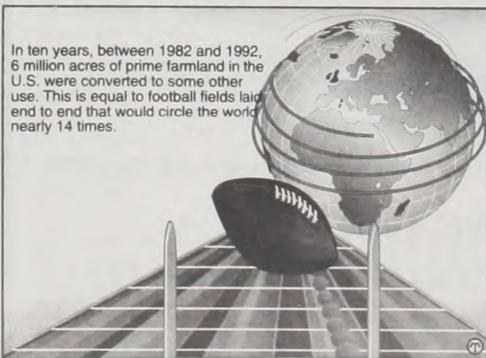
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Arcue & Lila Deweber: Outstanding Conservationist

Arcue and Lila Deweber of Bowie have been selected as this year's Outstanding Conservationists by the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District in Zone I. In 1965, Arcue purchased the

160 acre farm that he had grown up farming. Since that time Arcue has been doing conservation work to get the place into top shape.

In 1994, Arcue and Lila entered a Great Plains

Conservation Plan (GPCP) contract. Through this contract they have installed several practices including ponds, grassed waterways and grass plantings. Shortly after the contract was approved, they purchased another 200 acres of mesquite infested rangeland eight miles west of Montague. This land was added to their contract. They started grubbing the mesquites in the spring of 1995. Over 160 acres of brush was cleared. Oaks were left in the sandstone hills and elms were left along the draw to provide escape cover for the deer and turkey. To further enhance wildlife habitat, small grain food plots were maintained adjacent to these sites and will be allowed to mature seed for the quail and dove. Some of the land was being damaged by old salt water spills. To help correct this problem a grade stabilization structure was built in 1995.

As soon as the brush was cleared, Arcue and Lila went to

work cross fencing the place into four pastures. They constructed almost 6,000 feet of fence. Three additional ponds were installed to supply stock water to these four pastures.

Last year, 52 acres were planted to plains bluestem and an additional 61 acres will be sprigged with Bermuda grass this spring.

In addition to their own land, they also lease three other places covering approximately 1060 acres. On one of these places, a 503 Water Quality Management Plan was entered into by the landowner, W.A. Dunn. Arcue has operated this place for a number of years and was concerned with the erosion problems. Two dams and a

diversion took care of these problems. An additional 3553 feet of fencing was done to divide three pastures into seven. Some brush work also had to be done and as soon as it was finished preparation to plant grass began. Fifty-seven acres of plains bluestem was planted on these acres.

Arcue and Lila Deweber are first and foremost conservationists. They care not only about their land, but the land that they lease as well and the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to present them with the award of Outstanding Conservationist for Zone I.



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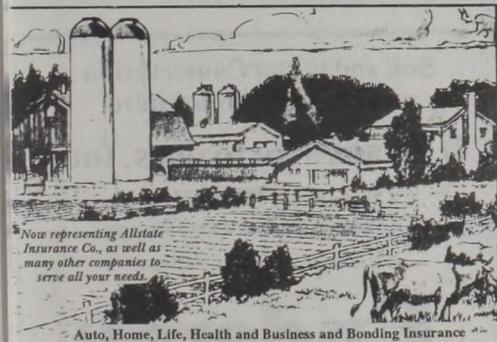
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Kemplin wins SWCD's Zone IV award

Carl Kemplin, of Valley View, has been chosen as the Outstanding Conservationist for 1996 in Zone IV of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Kemplin runs a 503-acre dairy operation at two locations in southern Cooke County. The 257-acre headquarters location is just east of Interstate 35 on the Cooke-Denton County line. An additional 246-acre farm is located in the Spring Creek bottom west of Valley View.

Carl and his wife, Ann, moved from the Valley View farm to the present headquarters spot in the spring of 1957. In 1961, their son Kevin was born. Kevin and Carl work together to carry out

the many daily milking and farming chores.

The Kemplin Dairy began cooperating with the Upper-Elm Red SWCD 40 years ago. Conservation plans have been developed and revised over the years to address soil and water conservation needs and stay current with changes in agricultural methods.

In addition to caring for the land and conserving natural resources, the Kemplin family has contributed greatly to the 56-year history of the Upper Elm-Red SWCD. Carl's dad, Willard, was on the SWCD Board for many years. His mother also kept the district's books for several years. After Willard passed away in 1963, Carl's older brother,

Keith, served on the district board.

Crops and grasses raised on the Kemplin Farm go back in to the dairy in the form of feed, hay or grazing. The 100-cow registered Holstein milking herd is milked daily at 5:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Dry cows and heifers are kept at the Valley View farm to help take some of the load off the homeplace.

Cropland on the dairy is farmed to continuous wheat for haying, grazing and harvest. Grain sorghum is grown only occasionally. The wheat crop is very beneficial to the soil because it produces a lot of residue which remains on the surface to protect it from erosion following harvest.



Carl Kemplin

The remaining stalks and leaves deflect potentially damaging raindrops and often provide cover until the ensuing crop is established.

Carl also protects the land by using waterway and terrace systems designed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The parallel terraces safely carry runoff water into the grassed waterway outlets to reduce erosion. For an added benefit, plowing and planting are done with the contour of the land using the terraces as guidelines. Carl wisely maintains the waterways and terraces each year to ensure their long-term benefits.

Wheat is the mainstay for the Kemplin Dairy but Carl places equal importance on proper management of grazing lands consisting of coastal and common bermudagrass. Important management practices such as rotational grazing, fertilization and weed control are carried out annually to produce plenty of lush, green forage for the cattle.

Over the years, Carl has converted steeper, less-productive cultivated land to permanent grass to conserve soil and water.

He also oversees regular upkeep and maintenance of all conservation practices to keep them in proper working order.

Forty-plus years of sound management combined with a lot of hard work has made the Kemplin Dairy a huge success. The Upper Elm-Red SWCD is proud to honor Carl for his stewardship of the land and efforts to conserve our precious soil and water resources.

Jeremy Kimbrell named poster winner for Upper Elm-Red

Jeremy Kimbrell of Denison was recently announced as the first place winner of the 1997 poster contest sponsored by the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

"All students and teachers who participated are to be commended for their interest in the annual contest," said SWCD Chairman William Hermes of Hood. The first three finishers in the contest receive a cash award. In addition all students who entered the contest were presented with a seedlings tray from the district for their effort.

Jeremy, a 10 year old fifth grader at Denison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Kimbrell. Second place winner was Brandy Harbour of Denison and third place in the poster contest went to Don Robertson of Gainesville. Charlotte Ann Mattson is the proud teacher from Hyde Park Elementary who had doubt winners in the poster contest this year.

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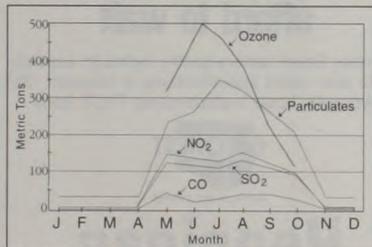
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Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

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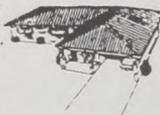
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Essay, poster contest winners announced

Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District chairman William Hermes recently announced the winners of the district's essay and poster contests.

"There were so many excellent essays and posters entered from all over the three-county district, and all students and teachers are to be commended for their interest and participation," said

Hermes.

In the essay contest, Jennifer Otto of Lindsay captured first place. Sara Sepanski of Muenster won second and Cody Perryman of Muenster placed third.

In the poster contest, Jerem Kimbrell of Denison won first place. Brandy Harbou captured second and Doug Robertson of Gainesville placed third.

Randy Watson assumes watershed maintenance technician position

Randy Watson, local farmer/rancher, recently assumed a position with the Upper Elm-Red SWCD as the operation and maintenance technician for all the watersheds in Grayson and Cooke Counties.

Randy resides near Ida and is a native of the Sherman area. He has an Agriculture Education degree from East Texas State University. Randy earned the Lone Star Farmer degree and the American

Farmer degree while in FFA. He and his wife, Nancy, have four sons, Manual, Leif, Levi and Cody.

Working with local watershed sponsors and landowners to insure that all watershed dams are maintained in a safe manner is what Randy will be doing. He will also be working some in the field doing surveying and helping to stake out and check out various conservation practices.

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Betty Trevino won the State of Texas Garden Club Youth Communication Speech Contest at the State Garden Club Convention in Tyler on April 23, 1997. She spoke on "Safeguarding the Land We Love." Jayne Martin, president of State Garden Clubs, presented a certificate and a check for \$100. Betty will attend the National Garden Clubs Convention and again present her speech. She is the daughter of Leo and Maria Trevino and a sophomore at Sacred Heart High School. Accompanying her to Tyler were her mother and Mrs. Angela Antonetti of the Muenster Garden Club, shown in the photo. Courtesy Photo

Oath administered to City Council

by Daryl Ferber
The oath of office was administered to Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, and Aldermen Stan Endres and Ronnie Felderhoff, by City Secretary Micallee Matson, at the Monday City Council meeting. The canvas of the election and recording of the vote showed a total of 262 voters. All propositions passed as did the increase of the sales tax, as follows: Proposition 1 - 210 for, and 40 against; Proposition 2 - 194 for, and 56 against; Sales Tax - 161 for, and 40 against.

In the City Council election, with no opposition, Weinzapfel received 236 votes, Endres 253 and Felderhoff 236. Representatives of three waste management companies appeared to explain their operations, in applying for the new contract Oct. 1. Shaun Stevenson of Texas Waste Management of Fort Worth, the present contractor, stressed their knowledge of the area and the use of local drivers. Ronnie Davis of the Bell Group of Wichita Falls explained their

operation. The ESI from Haltom City is supporting the new landfill idea of Cooke and Grayson counties which will shorten hauls. The decision was tabled until more questions could be answered and better bids made. Council felt first bids were way too high. The council passed a resolution supporting the efforts of Cooke and Grayson counties in developing a public solid waste disposal facility. The proposed plumbing code was approved after the second

reading, May 17-23, 1997 was proclaimed National Safe Boating Week. Check valves will no longer be installed on new water meters. Three valves were removed from city homes and will only be installed on businesses with hazardous materials. A first reading was made of an ordinance for all the city parks. Some revisions will be made for the second reading in June. The bills passed totaled \$82,446.09 for April.

Muenster School Board election draws 436 voters

by Janet Felderhoff
When the polls closed at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 a total of 436 people (11 early voters and 425 regular) had cast votes in the Muenster ISD School Board election. Three places were up for election. One Harold Bindel had

resigned from earlier and it had not been filled. Leon Klement chose not to run for another term. Tom Hartman was the only incumbent in the election. He holds Place 6. Jim Endres won Place 5 with 297 votes to Christine Weinzapfel's 135. Tom Hartman kept his Place 6

position with 307 votes to Tim Felderhoff's 125. Neal Huchton will hold Place 7. He garnered 337 votes to Bob Hermes' 91. There was no contest in the election of members to serve three three-year terms on the board of directors of Muenster Memorial Hospital. The numbers are unofficial until

ballots are canvassed at the next hospital board meeting. There were 423 ballots cast in the hospital election. Unofficial numbers are Werner Becker Jr., 382, Jerry Hess, 364, and Margie Starke, 363. There were no early votes cast.

MMH hosts retirement reception ...

Doctor Alfredo Antonetti retires

by Janet Felderhoff
For the past 29 years Dr. Alfredo Antonetti has dedicated his life to healing and caring for the sick in Muenster and surrounding communities. Many times he went above the call of duty by administering such courtesies as going to the homes of homebound patients to check on them. His compassion and care, especially for the elderly, has endeared him to many over the years. Dr. Antonetti decided to retire this year on the first of May. He and his wife, Angela, were honored with a reception hosted by the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary on Sunday, May 4.



Muenster Memorial Hospital presented a portrait to Dr. Antonetti and his wife Angela at a reception in his honor Sunday. Dave Fette Photo

"What can you say about someone who has dedicated 29 years of service to our hospital and community? There is no way to adequately express our appreciation to him," remarked Muenster Memorial Hospital Administrator Jack Endres. "Dr. Antonetti is a tremendous asset and we will certainly miss him very much. I hope he has a wonderful retirement. He earned every minute of it." Dr. Antonetti was presented with a surprise, his portrait which will be hung at the hospital. It includes a plaque for the portrait frame inscribed, "In sincere appreciation to Alfredo G. Antonetti, MD, for 29 years of dedication and service to Muenster Memorial Hospital". Mr. Endres made the presentation.

On Friday, May 2, as a surprise to Dr. Antonetti, employees of the Muenster hospital hosted a noon luncheon in honor of the doctor and Angela. A "Fun In the Sun" theme was carried out in party decorations and the special cake.

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Oath administered to City Council

by Daryl Ferber
The oath of office was administered to Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, and Aldermen Stan Endres and Ronnie Felderhoff, by City Secretary Micallee Matson, at the Monday City Council meeting. The canvas of the election and recording of the vote showed a total of 262 voters. All propositions passed as did the increase of the sales tax, as follows: Proposition 1 - 210 for, and 40 against; Proposition 2 - 194 for, and 56 against; Sales Tax - 161 for, and 40 against.

In the City Council election, with no opposition, Weinzapfel received 236 votes, Endres 253 and Felderhoff 236. Representatives of three waste management companies appeared to explain their operations, in applying for the new contract Oct. 1. Shaun Stevenson of Texas Waste Management of Fort Worth, the present contractor, stressed their knowledge of the area and the use of local drivers. Ronnie Davis of the Bell Group of Wichita Falls explained their

operation. The ESI from Haltom City is supporting the new landfill idea of Cooke and Grayson counties which will shorten hauls. The decision was tabled until more questions could be answered and better bids made. Council felt first bids were way too high. The council passed a resolution supporting the efforts of Cooke and Grayson counties in developing a public solid waste disposal facility. The proposed plumbing code was approved after the second

reading, May 17-23, 1997 was proclaimed National Safe Boating Week. Check valves will no longer be installed on new water meters. Three valves were removed from city homes and will only be installed on businesses with hazardous materials. A first reading was made of an ordinance for all the city parks. Some revisions will be made for the second reading in June. The bills passed totaled \$82,446.09 for April.

Muenster School Board election draws 436 voters

by Janet Felderhoff
When the polls closed at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 a total of 436 people (11 early voters and 425 regular) had cast votes in the Muenster ISD School Board election. Three places were up for election. One Harold Bindel had

resigned from earlier and it had not been filled. Leon Klement chose not to run for another term. Tom Hartman was the only incumbent in the election. He holds Place 6. Jim Endres won Place 5 with 297 votes to Christine Weinzapfel's 135. Tom Hartman kept his Place 6

position with 307 votes to Tim Felderhoff's 125. Neal Huchton will hold Place 7. He garnered 337 votes to Bob Hermes' 91. There was no contest in the election of members to serve three three-year terms on the board of directors of Muenster Memorial Hospital. The numbers are unofficial until

ballots are canvassed at the next hospital board meeting. There were 423 ballots cast in the hospital election. Unofficial numbers are Werner Becker Jr., 382, Jerry Hess, 364, and Margie Starke, 363. There were no early votes cast.

MMH hosts retirement reception ...

Doctor Alfredo Antonetti retires

by Janet Felderhoff
For the past 29 years Dr. Alfredo Antonetti has dedicated his life to healing and caring for the sick in Muenster and surrounding communities. Many times he went above the call of duty by administering such courtesies as going to the homes of homebound patients to check on them. His compassion and care, especially for the elderly, has endeared him to many over the years. Dr. Antonetti decided to retire this year on the first of May. He and his wife, Angela, were honored with a reception hosted by the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary on Sunday, May 4.



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Sadie O'Connor, 95, dies at St. Richard's

by Elfreda Fette
Cecilia Margaret O'Connor, affectionately known to family, relatives and friends as "Sadie," died on May 3, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Richard's Villa of Muenster. She had reached the venerable age of 95, after a lifetime spent mostly as a Muenster resident.

She was born on Aug. 23, 1901 in Hunters Spring, Texas to Bernard J. Nieman and Maggie Huchton Nieman. On Oct. 19, 1919 she was married to Andrew Frank O'Connor in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by her uncle, Msgr. Gleisner of Bryan, Texas. She was a homemaker, a member of Sacred Heart Parish; a member of St. Anne's Society and the Catholic Daughters of America; a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who loved crocheting, flowers, gardening and singing. With her husband, Andy O'Connor, they operated a dairy farm for a number of years.

Survivors are a daughter, Evelyn Monday of Muenster; five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. The five grandchildren are Roy Monday, John Monday, Dolores Wimmer, Joan Covington, and Shirley Wilde.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; one daughter Cecilia Fry; two sisters Katy Nieman and Dena Lewis; one brother Bernard Schumacher.

Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, May 6 in Sacred Heart Church at 10:30 a.m., officiated by Father David Bellinghausen OSB and Father Frowin Schoech OSB, and Father Harry Fisher.

During the funeral liturgy, a Reading from the Old Testament was given by Gregg Wilde; a Reading from the New Testament by Jane Monday. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Father David. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by Stephanie Love and Michelle Sandmann. Eucharistic Ministers were



Cecilia "Sadie" O'Connor

Antonia Hess, Betty Miller, Ethel Hennigan, and Evelyn Sicking. Altar servers were Butch Fisher and Sylvan Walterscheid.

Music Ministers were Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse. Sacred music included "Whatsoever You Do," "How Great Thou Art," "This Alone," and the "Irish Blessing."

A Rosary Service was held at McCoy Funeral Chapel on Monday at 4 p.m. and Vigil at 7 p.m.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Craig Monday, Jeffrey Wilde, Matthew Wilde, Billy Covington, and Stanley Wimmer.

Honorary pallbearers were Johnathan Monday and Joseph Monday.

Attending from out of town were Charles and Dolores Wimmer, Tina Moore, and Stanley Wimmer all of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Melody Wimmer of Tulsa; also Gregg, Shirley, Jeffrey, Corinath and Kaitlin Wilde of Corinth, Texas; Rosemary and Andy Stelzer, and Julius and Isabel Stelzer all of Post, Texas; Frankie Schmitz of Gainesville; Roger Fry of Carrollton; William, Maria, Nesa and Zac Covington of Arlington.

Father Stephen Eckart dies at Subiaco Abbey

Father Stephen Eckart OSB died in his sleep Wednesday morning, May 7, 1997, at Subiaco Abbey, Arkansas. Vigil service was held Thursday at 7 p.m. and Mass of the Resurrection was offered in the

Abbey Church on Friday at 10 a.m. The abbey will send the other information and a photo for the obituary to be used in the Muenster Enterprise next week. No other information was available at press time.

Mother of Marilyn Luke dies at age 84 on May 4

Anna Kathryn Oheim Moffett of Irving died on May 4, 1997 after a brief illness. She was born on Feb. 3, 1913 to Alf and Grace Bass Oheim in Henrietta, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, William J. Moffett, in 1986.

Survivors are her daughter, Marilyn Moffett Luke and son-in-law Bernard J. Luke of Irving; grandson Steven J. Luke and wife Jenny M. Luke of Dallas; grandson Stuart B. Luke of Irving; and great-

grandchildren Hannah and Andrew Luke of Dallas. Also surviving are a sister-in-law Josephine Moffett Dutton of Dallas and a niece Jo Ann Kee Knight of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home in Henrietta. Father John S. Staslawski of St. Mary's Catholic Church officiated. Burial followed in Hope Cemetery in Henrietta.

County residents attend tea hosted by First Lady Laura Bush at mansion

About two dozen Cooke County residents attended First Lady Laura Bush's invitation to Tea at the Governor's Mansion at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23. It was a very interesting event which included a guided tour of the Governor's Mansion, wonderful spiced tea and a variety of cookies. The event included visiting and picture taking with Laura Bush.

Earlier in the day, county residents had lunch with Representative Ron Clark and visited his office where they signed "Witness Affidavits" of support for HB3472. This is Ron Clark's bill that proposes limiting the frequency and size of advertising signs of sexually oriented businesses. Public hearings before the State Affairs Committee concerning the bill were taking place that day.

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Clarence Schnitker dies April 28

Clarence William Schnitker, 74, native of Muenster, and long-time resident of Denison, died in Texoma Medical Center on April 28, 1997. Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 30 in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Denison, officiated by Father George Monaghan. A Vigil Service was held on April 29 in Bratcher Funeral Home. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

He was born on Oct. 9, 1922 in Muenster to Joe and Bertha K. Herr Schnitker. On Dec. 31, 1945 he married Faye Birdwell in Denison. He retired from Safeway Brookside Division where he was a maintenance engineer. A member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus; the Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks Lodge #238; Veterans of Foreign Wars #2773 and the American Legion Post #62.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Schnitker of Denison; daughters Linda Faye Weger of Denison and Susan N. Clement of Pottsboro; son Mark Schnitker of Cartwright, Oklahoma; brothers Alfred Schnitker of Denison and Wilfred Schnitker of DeSoto, Missouri; sisters Marguree Hughes of Denison, and Verna Mae Allen of Pottsboro; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were brothers, Walter, Joe and Eugene Schnitker.

Pallbearers were officers of the Elks Lodge. Among local relatives attending the funeral were Vivian Kasperek of Lindsay; Charlotte Zwinggi, Juanita Knabe, and Josephine Schilling. Attending the Rosary on Tuesday were Billy Joe Miller, Herbie and Dolores Miller, and Barbara and Tommy Felderhoff, Sr.

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Record-breaking crowd attends CCEC annual meeting

by Kathy Bauer
Member Services
Coordinator

A record breaking crowd of over 900 people gathered on April 21 for the Cooke County Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting. This was in spite of rain being in the forecast! The meeting included a barbecue meal, live entertainment, the report on the Co-op's business and a drawing for door prizes.

The meal was served by Rohmer's Restaurant and Catering under the pavilion at Sacred Heart Community Center. For the fourth year straight the First Edition musical group from Naaman Forest High School in Garland provided entertainment before the meeting. This lively group of young people wowed the audience yet again. Lucky winners in the prize drawing took home 42 items that included a cordless electric lawnmower, a VCR, an automatic home bakery, and a five speed ceiling fan with light kit. Each member received a calculator.

Board President Ray Powell presented Margie Voth with a watch for 25 years of dedicated service to CCECA. He expressed praise and appreciation for so many years of dedication.

In the President's Report, Powell reported on highlights of 1996. Among those



General Manager Phil Slater highlights 1996 in the operations report. Courtesy Photo

mentioned was the payment of \$547,820 in patronage capital to our membership. Mr. Powell updated the members on increased investment in total utility plant in excess of \$1,400,000 while maintaining the co-op's 100 percent equity position. "In addition the co-op maintained an excellent competitive position with cooperative rates, which are among the lowest in the state," continued Powell.

Prior to his report, General Manager Phil Slater introduced CCECA's Youth Tour Winner, David Wiese. After introducing David's parents, Don and Kim Wiese, Slater presented David with a winner's plaque.

Slater mentioned the success of the Co-op over the past year in his Report of 1996 Operations. The reasons for our success are competent, loyal employees, good customers in a healthy environment, and the wise leadership of our board," commented Slater. He discussed the service reliability of above 99.9 percent last year and the significance of this continuity. Understanding that the co-op cannot stand on past accomplishments, Mr. Slater continued, "The big question is, what are we doing for you now? We will continue with construction and maintenance, keep customer service as a top priority, increase technology with additional computers,

continue to contain costs and prepare for open competition." In closing Mr. Slater reiterated the cooperative's goal "to maintain reliable electric service at the lowest, most competitive price possible."

During the business session two directors were re-elected. They are Wayne Mitchell representing District 2, who lives in Lake Kiowa; and Vincent Zimmerman representing District 4, who lives southwest of Lindsay.

The main speaker Monday was Jim Morriss, former executive vice president and general manager of Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC). Since retirement Mr. Morriss has been on several mission trips to Honduras.

Morriss spoke of the similarities and differences of electric cooperatives between Texas and Honduras. While electric cooperatives were set up in Honduras using Texas co-ops as a model, in reality they work very differently as Mr. Morriss pointed out. There the co-ops have a general manager and a board at the local level, but all decisions are made by the power supplier. This leads to many problems and inefficiencies. Morriss praised the ability of co-ops in Texas to make decisions at the local level. He also praised Cooke County Electric Cooperative for their strong leadership and position during this time of increased competition.



CCEC employees, from left, John Anderle, Jack Coker and Monte Endres, assist members with door prize tickets. Courtesy Photo

The meeting concluded after door prizes were drawn. Following is a list of recipients: Lawnmower, Mrs. Norbert Walterscheid; VCR, Alvin Blakely; automatic home bakery, Edsel McLaughlin; electric meter lamp, D.L. Rogers; weed eater, Thomas C. Binford and James C. Ralph; ceiling fan, Debra Miller; \$50 power bill credit, David B. Saye, Terry W. Fender, Essie Fae Scott, Jerome R. Sobczek, Louise Walterscheid, and James Mollenkopf; shop vac, Gary Fetsch; rake and vac, Hacker Bros. Well Service; dehydrator, Opie L. Kyle; blender, Pete Uselson; coffee maker, J.S. Jones; Stinger insect control, Jack O'Harrow

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
With displeasure, shock and horror, I have learned than an appointed liberal Supreme Court Justice is willing to dismember our United States Constitution!!! Read her exact statement below.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg says the Bill of Rights contains "distinct gaps". Is it not a shame that those "distinct gaps" are exactly what permit her to spout atrocities from her ruby red socialist mouth.

Why have not the major media picked up on this? Should they not be screaming for immediate removal by whatever means are necessary? We don't need her!

Lest we forget, Justice Ginsburg, the Bill of Rights begins with the First Amendment!!!

Think about it, good people!
George D. Silvernale
Rt. 3, Box 30
Gainesville, TX 76240

The April issue of the *American Legion* magazine said there's no talk of impeachment, but Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg shook up Capitol Hill

by publicly branding the U.S. Constitution an outdated document, skimpy on individual rights.

Congressional insiders predict the fallout will be intense Senate scrutiny, even rejection, of some of President Clinton's future nominees to the federal bench.

Ginsburg, a Clinton nominee who was confirmed by a vote of 97-3, had worked as general counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). ACLU views dominated a speech at Louisiana State University in which she declared that the U.S. Constitution "is not regarded as a model document for a modern state" because the Bill of Rights has "distinct gaps". "She's showing her true colors," comments Michael Pendleton of the Judicial Selection Monitoring Project. Pendleton says the Project will focus on potential Clinton nominees likely to be controversial.

These include Susan Oki Mollway, who sits on the Hawaii ACLU Board, and Clarence Sundram, who supports legalization of drugs.

To the Editor;

Today in Texas we are blessed by the efforts of our Governor George W. Bush as he leads the legislative teams trying to give us some relief on property taxes. For the ever rising taxes and the ever increasing insurance premiums are killing us and we are helpless to defend ourselves. No so in Oklahoma - thanks to I&R and the Oklahoma Farm Bureau - today in Oklahoma their State Legislature can not raise their state taxes without a vote of the people.

Too, we have Lt. Governor Bob Bullock and the interim group of State Senators who held a series of meetings on I&R and developed SJR 6 into one of the best I&R laws in the United States. It is now SB 713 and is still tied up before the Senate State Affairs Committee.

We, the registered voters in the state of Texas have no effective voice in our state government. For all practical purposes our state legislature is owned by the Insurance Industry and controlled by the Trial Lawyers Association. Big money talks and cash rich lobbyists love the concentration

of power as they have power people to work on.

Far too many of our legislative leaders love their political power and the cash flow it brings as lobbyists buy votes. Yes, I am asking for the voting public to have an effective voice in our state government as I think we should be able to participate directly in the legislative process and I&R is the only way for that to become a reality.

I agree with state Senator Jane Nelson when she says, "Texans need I&R to keep government limited and accountable."

Yours for a better Texas,
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From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

by Ed Cler

In my time I have known some hard drinkers - one here and one there, who simply tried to drink themselves into oblivion, and sometimes did so, and in public.

Then there were others who liked a few drinks, enough to get them in a happy state, then sit around and tell stories, but at the same time exercised enough good sense to stay off the roads, and out of other folks' hair.

A couple gents I once knew - they were executives in a large oil company, and two or three times a year they would go out to one of their leases in the late evening, and indulge themselves in a few nips, but

Dear Editor,

During the week of May 6-12, Texas' 100,000 plus registered nurses will be the focus of Texas Nurse Week celebrations throughout the country.

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Because they directly deliver health care services, nurses are uniquely articulate about the strengths and weaknesses of our health care delivery system. The theme of the 1997 Texas Nurses Week - "Nurses in a Whole New Light" - reflects the health care consumers' recognition of RNs in the unique role of consumer advocates. It also illuminates the fact that RNs are a vast source of information which can assist consumers in understanding the many changes occurring in health care today.

On behalf of the Registered Nurses in Cooke County, thanks in advance for your help and support.

Sincerely,
Veda Simmons, RN
President Dist. 13
Texas Nurses Association
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used their car only as a place to sit and talk.

A friend of mine who knew them, told me of one of their little parties. They were parked near the tank battery on the lease, and he stopped and talked to them for a time, but being a tee-totaler, only chatted with them and enjoyed listening to some of their stories.

As the evening wore on, one of them told my friend he felt the need to take care of one of his bodily functions but had no idea of where he might go to relieve himself.

He then decided to make use of an old abandoned outhouse that stood nearby.

It was a pleasant evening, lit up by a full moon, and as the man sat on the throne, he began to look about for some paper to meet his needs.

The bright moonlight, shining through a diamond shaped hole in the side, made a bright square on the floor, and the other two gents swear he made several attempts to pick it up.

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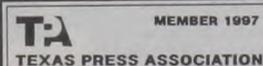
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Lifestyle



Russell, Boynton marry in First Baptist Church

by **Elfreda Fette**
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Blaine Boynton are at home in Denton. They were married in First Baptist Church of Muenster on March 21, 1997 in a traditional double ring ceremony at 7:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. Andy Cherry of Friendswood, Texas.

The bride is the former Denise Marie Russell, daughter of Robert and Rita Russell of Muenster. She is a 1995 graduate of Muenster High School and attended North Central Texas College and the University of Texas at Arlington.

The groom is the son of Kenny and Debbie Boynton of Sanger. He is a 1992 graduate of Sanger High School and a graduate of NCTC and Southeastern State. He is engaged in plumbing and is employed by Robert Russell Plumbing.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was wearing a white satin and lace formal wedding gown; sleeveless; with

scoop neckline; and Basque fitted bodice covered with Alencon lace. The very slim fitted skirt had a removable train accented with lace motifs. Lace appliques were scattered on the skirt, and a center lace applique rose from slipper point to mid skirt.

Her four-tiered fingertip veil of illusion drifted from a pearl bridal band, borrowed from a friend, Melissa Walter.

She carried a bridal bouquet of white roses, white freesia, white mini-carnations and burgundy mini-carnations, with sprengeri fern and leather leaf.

ATTENDANTS

Carrie Gant of Haltom City, bride's sister, was matron of honor. Leigh Anne Boynton of Carrollton, groom's sister-in-law, and Taffy Russell of Lewisville, bride's sister-in-law were bridesmaids. They wore sleeveless, scoop-neck gowns of black crepe and Venice lace, with bodices designed with sheer see-through lace at the waistline and bodice back, with

tiny back buttons. Skirts were straight and fitted, with a slit at the front hem line. Each carried a long stem white rose with white baby's breath burgundy bow and streamers.

Ken Boynton of Carrollton, groom's brother was best man. Beau Boynton of Sanger, groom's brother, Troy Berres of Muenster, friend of the couple, and Carter Charles of Lake Dallas, friend of the couple were groomsmen. Darrin Russell of Lewisville, bride's brother, Charles Gant of Haltom City, bride's brother-in-law, and Daniel Russell of Muenster, bride's brother were ushers.

Wedding music was presented by Jennie Hassett of Gainesville, on the piano, and as vocalist. Selections were "Sunrise, Sunset" during seating of guests; "Father, Make Us One" for the Unity Candle; also "Love of God," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Church decorations included altar arrangements of white

carnations, white roses, white freesia, burgundy carnations, drifts of sprengeri fern and leather leaf.

RECEPTION

A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, hosted by parents of the bride and groom for 150 guests.

The three-tiered wedding cake was decorated with fresh flowers. It was made by a friend of the groom's family Mrs. McDougle of Sanger, and served by relatives of the groom. Relatives of the couple served the bride and groom's table.

Out-of-town guests attended from Fort Worth, Dallas, Lewisville and Friendswood, Texas.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by parents of the groom and held at The Center Restaurant on March 20, attended by the wedding party, immediate family members and grandparents of the couple.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Blaine Boynton
...nee Denise Marie Russell...

Try Transit Week - May 6 through 12

The TAPS bus system announces "Try Transit" week which begins on May 12. This is a week set aside and dedicated to help make the public aware of the services offered by public transportation. TAPS will be offering a number of special ride opportunities. The list of transit ride "specials" are as follows:

10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on May 12, 14 and 16. The bus will be in Sherman the same hours on May 13 and 15. It will travel the square and other points of interest in Sherman. Those wishing to take a ride on the old double deck bus are welcome to do so.

A drawing will be held each day of "Try Transit" week. The drawing will consist of all present TAPS riders and the winner will receive one year of free rides.

Monday, May 12, 1997...All rides to grocery stores are free.

Tuesday, May 13, 1997...All rides to business appointments are free.

Wednesday, May 14, 1997...All rides to library or downtown are free.

Thursday, May 15, 1997...All rides are free if you bring a friend.

Friday, May 16, 1997...All rides to the mall are free.

Also, the recently restored 1925 yellow coach double deck bus owned by TAPS, will be traveling up and down Denison's Main Street from

TAPS is a non-profit public transportation system which operates 36 buses in six counties. TAPS is totally assessable to the disabled and has a staff of professional drivers trained in CPR, first aid, defensive driving, and passenger assistance and wheelchair securement. Having operated in Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties since 1986, TAPS recently expanded its service area to Clay, Montague and Wise Counties. Taps also provides non-emergency medical transportation to Denton, Dallas, and Fort Worth, etc. TAPS transports passengers associated with various programs such as Medicaid, JTPA, MHMR, Goodwill Industries, nutrition programs, girls and boys clubs, etc.

Texas energy fact

Texans depend primarily on petroleum (46%), natural gas (37%), and coal (13%) for their energy sources. Renewable energy sources account for .7% of total energy resources.

Illinois Bend "Pig Out" this Saturday

Yes, it's that time of year again. The Illinois Bend Community Club is sponsoring their fourth annual "Pig Out," Saturday, April 10.

As in the past, club members promise a great evening. There will be barbecue pig with all the trimmings. (Until you have had wild barbecue pig "Illinois Bend style," you've missed something special). There will also be beans cooked on the open fire and homemade desserts. Topping off the evening, will be live entertainment beginning at 6:00.

So if you are looking for good family entertainment and great food, plan to come to the old

Illinois Bend school house which is located just fourteen miles north of Saint Jo, on FM 677. Donations will be accepted which will go into the club's building fund.

Saint Jo Opry set for May 10

The Saint Jo Opry is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 in the school auditorium. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m.

A \$2.00 admission is charged, with children 12 and under admitted free. Groups are always welcome.

Franciscans meet April 24

Gene and Polly Pelzel hosted the Lindsay Lay Franciscan meeting at their home on April 24.

The meeting opened with the Song of St. Francis, Prayer to the Holy Spirit, and the traditional prayers of St. Francis. Jean Haverkamp read a scripture verse from Mark 3:31-35.

A thank you note from Anthony Vadakel's family says their two sons are both busy working as carpenters, and their daughter is busy getting her dowry together for marriage.

A letter from Bishop Peter sent members his special Easter blessings. It is hot there now. They had a lot of sea erosion from last June to October, and they would be happy to receive rain now. Bishop Peter writes: "Because of original sin we don't always love God enough. The world now has vocation problems. More priests are needed even in India. We must continue to pray for vocations and peace."

The members' adopted priest, Father Fernandes is

now recovered from his back trouble and can again help with all his pastoral work.

There will be a Quinquennial Celebration and meeting at Newark, Delaware at the Newark University from July 16-19, for their anniversary. No members are able to attend.

Pauline Cahalan who was in Wisconsin is now the new Regional Work Commissioner in Dallas.

The Franciscans will be collecting used eye glasses for the poor people in the Amazon in Brazil which will be mailed to James B. Flickinger, SFO for distribution. Two members volunteered to get material to put together the embroidered quilt blocks which will be done by Mrs. Pat Zimmerer.

Ollie Kuhn made the motion to adjourn and Mary Stoffels seconded the motion.

Closing prayers, petitions, and the Healing prayer were prayed by all present.

Hostess Polly Pelzel served coffee, juice, cherry cheese pie, nuts and mints.

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accompanied by 26 friends and family. Everyone is welcome to join the Chorale Sunday afternoon, May 18, at 3 p.m. for an afternoon of worshipful, dignity-bolstering music. Watch for the story of their program in next week's paper. Photo by Mathews Photographers

First Holy Communion Day, for children or adults, holds a most important place in their memories, and in family observances of treasured events. In importance, First Holy Communion Day is second only to the Day of Baptism. Parents and other close relatives find various ways to mark the day for special memories. Reunions are frequently included to honor the children or adults.

Jayna and Kalyn Rohmer Amanda Rohmer

Jayna and Kalyn Rohmer, daughters of Kenny and Cindy Rohmer, and Amanda Rohmer, daughter of Bill and Laurie Rohmer were at the center of attention at a family gathering honoring their First Communion Day on April 13. The dinner was held in the Bill Rohmer home following Mass. A fried chicken dinner was served to 36 guests who were seated at tables decorated with Gerber daisies and candles. Guests were Amanda's great-grandmother Helen Hofbauer; grandparents William and Mary Evelyn Hermes. Also the three cousins' grandparents Tony and Marjorie Rohmer and Jayna and Kalyn's grandmother Wanda Eikman; Amanda's brother Daniel and Jayna and Kalyn's sister, Holly; and several aunt, uncles and cousins. There was a special cake, gifts for the honorees, and pictures. The honorees enjoyed playing with all their cousins all day.

Communion day on April 13, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. The parents hosted a brisket dinner with all the trimmings, in their home in Myra at 12:30 p.m. The special First Communion cake was baked and decorated by Kyle's great-grandmother, Olivia Wimmer, who also brought very special homemade cookies. Guests included the honoree, his parents, Jeff and Tammie; his sisters, Brooklyn and Chelsea; grandparents Allen and Shirley Reiter and Lana Caldwell; great-grandparents Olivia and John Wimmer; aunt and cousin Janet and Courtney Reiter; and a friend Raydene Patterson.

Megan Felderhoff
Megan Felderhoff's parents, David and Barbie Felderhoff entertained with a noon meal honoring her First Communion Day in Sacred Heart Church, following the 10:30 a.m. mass. Guests for the brisket dinner were Megan's sisters JoAnna, Shaina and Andi; grandparents Betty and Henry Felderhoff and Celie Wimmer; uncles, aunts and cousins Louie, Molly and Julie Gieb; Candie and Sarah Geiser; Glenn, Linda and Brandon Felderhoff; Robin, Willie and Hannah Wimmer. A special phone call came from her godmother Brenda Nix, who was unable to attend.

Kyle Caldwell

Kyle Caldwell, son of Jeff and Tammie Caldwell was honored on his First Holy

Country Tidings
by Ruth Smith

The Rosston Cemetery Association will have their annual meeting Saturday, May 10 starting at the Rosston United Methodist Church about 10:00 a.m. There will be prizes for the oldest attending and the one attending from the farthest away. There will be singing. Rev. Marshall Stewart, pastor of the Church of Nazarene at Prairie Point will be the speaker. Mr. Jack Black of Krum is president of the association. Mrs. Gladys Balthrop is secretary. A covered dish dinner will be served at the Ross Point Community Center. Everyone is welcome. The officers and trustees meet in the afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

Hutsen visited Mrs. Edna Agee in Mineral Wells Saturday. Mrs. Bobbie Dill had as her guests Sunday afternoon her grandchildren and great-grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dill, Jacob, Jamie and baby daughter Jon Catherine of Gainesville. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Dill also visited Mrs. Bobbie Dill Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 1, 1997. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren made reservations for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for seven cabins at Lake Texoma for them and their families. There was a traditional white wedding cake decorated in pretty colors and a fish fry Saturday evening. They also enjoyed boating and all activities at the lake. Their children are: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Sims, all of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lynch and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hudspeth of Forestburg. Fifty-two people attended.

Charles Edwards visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jackson of Wichita Falls and Larry and Debra Dill visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson Sunday.

The senior citizen dinner at the Ross Point Community Center Saturday evening May 3, was well attended. Prizes were given. Local talent Mrs. Barbara Pallet, Mrs. Joyce Richardson and Mrs. Kay Raney entertained with music and singing. Ira and Jaunita Bewley of Pampa visited Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Ruth Cotton of Fort Worth and Mrs. Ima King of Bowie had lunch with Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde Saturday, then attended the senior citizen dinner. Mrs. Jo Dell Gaston of Saint Jo and Mrs. Mozelle



Lee and Jan Archer of Pasadena, Texas and Bill Burselon of Plano announce the engagement of their daughter Beverly Burselon of Tyler to Matt McCorkle of Tyler. Matt is the son of Rita McCorkle of Muenster and the grandson of Mrs. Louise Trubenchach of Muenster. The bride-elect is a graduate of Marshall High School and is a nursing student at Tyler Junior College. She is employed at Crown Printing Co. The future-groom is a graduate of Sanger High School and attends Tyler College. He is employed at Muzak in Tyler. The couple plans to wed on May 31, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Metro Church in Tyler. They will reside in Tyler.

Texas Nurses Week celebrated May 6-12... "Nurses in whole new light is theme of week-long event"

The work done by Texas nurses in District 13 will be honored in various ways. TNA, through its 32 constituent associations, advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of practice, promoting economic and general welfare, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing and lobbying Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public. The Texas Nurses Association's mission is to advance excellence in nursing. Serving District 13 as President is Veda Simmons, RN Night Supervisor at Gainesville Memorial Hospital. The secretary is Judy Barnes, RN Director of Nursing at GMH. The treasurer is Ruth Jordan, RN Supervisor of Region V Office of the Texas Department of Health, Gainesville. Texas Nurses Week begins on May 6, the traditional National Nurses Day, and closes on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week,

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Danny and Debbie Cochran of Muenster announce with joy the birth of a son, James Michael Cochran in Wilson N. Jones Hospital on April 16, 1997, weighing 8 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. James Michael joins Grace age 13, Alicia 12, Daniel age 9, Johnathan age 8, Mary age 5, and Luke age 2. Their grandparents are Mrs. Diana Bland of California; Michael P. Miller and Janice Kiraly of Arlington; Mrs. Faye Cochran of Grand Prairie; and Jack and Dorothy Cochran of Kansas.

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School News



Christopher York to be honored at ceremony

The Duke University Talent Identification Program has announced that Christopher York, a seventh grade student at Muenster ISD, is invited to the 1997 Texas recognition ceremony honoring seventh grade students in the Search with high SAT or ACT scores. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 11, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. in the Auditorium Building of the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. There will be speakers of interest, including a Duke University representative and certificates

of Distinction and other prizes awarded.

Chris is an honor student at Muenster Public School and this year received several UIL awards including first place in calculator applications, second place in mathematics, sixth place in listening skills, and Best Actor for his performance as the Clown in the one act comedy "Good-Bye to the Clown." He is the son of Margie and Ed York and grandson of Tom and Barbara Felderhoff of Muenster and Lorine York of Wharton, Texas.



The Charter ATPE (Association of Texas Professional Educators) officers of Muenster ISD recently received certificates of appreciation from the state ATPE office for their hard work provided for the association this past school year. Those officers receiving special recognition were from left: Irene Hartman, president; Kristi Schneider, vice-president; Mary Dangelmayr, secretary; Darla Lile, treasurer; and Martha Koessler, reporter. The certificates were awarded during the monthly ATPE meeting on Wednesday, April 30. These officers were also elected at the meeting to serve a second term for the 1997-98 school year. *Janie Hartman Photo*

Cooke Co. Farm Bureau brings ag to the classroom

Cooke County Farm Bureau has become a leader in Texas by bringing to area schools an educational program developed by the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB). "Agriculture in the Classroom" was developed to teach children where their food and fiber come from. Farm Bureau members have made education a priority because every person in Texas is affected by agriculture. The program for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades has proven popular around the state since the activity was begun in 1986.

Elementary teachers in St. Mary's School in Gainesville, Lindsay ISD, Sacred Heart School in Muenster, and Muenster ISD will be using the materials provided by the Cooke County Farm Bureau. In addition, the local Farm Bureau will work with the teachers to further enhance the program as needed.

The more than 1,400 Texas teachers who used TFB's resource guides and videos "What's To Eat?" and "Let's Visit Texas" have praised the educational activity for its

contribution in the classroom. "Let's Visit Texas," a four part, two-hour video program on Texas geography, take students on a tour of the Lone Star State as they can get a look at major geographical landmarks, historical sites, and Texas agricultural crops and processing centers. Teachers are enthusiastic about the way "Let's Visit Texas" enhance their lessons on Texas social studies.

The Cooke County Farm Bureau hopes that Texans will learn from the "Agriculture in the Classroom" program some of the processes of the food chain and how the farmer fits into the economy of Texas.

Anyone interested in getting "Agriculture in the Classroom" in another Cooke County school district can contact the Farm Bureau office in Gainesville. The local Farm Bureau hopes to make the program available to all county schools. Schools outside the county can contact the county Farm Bureau office in their county.

Environment training scheduled for June

The Texoma Teachers' Institute for Environmental Education is five fun-filled days of learning about the environment in the Texoma Region's own backyard. This year's institute will be held Monday through Friday, June 9-13 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Texoma Council of Governments' Environmental Advisory Committee. The institute links teachers and ultimately their students with local and regional resources relating to environmental education. Now in its second year, the institute

provides a variety of teaching and learning methods including field trips, tours, hands-on activities, experiments, resource packets, and much more. Each day of the institute will begin and end at the Texoma Council of Governments in Sherman. Transportation is provided for all field trips and tours.

Teachers from all grade levels and subject areas are invited to attend. Many of the activities, trips, and experiences are multidisciplinary.

The cost for attending all five days of the institute is only \$55. Teachers may enroll for individual days at the cost of \$13 per day.

The institute is endorsed by

the Texas Environmental Education Advisory Committee of the Texas Education Agency. Teachers completing the entire institute will receive 30 hours of continuing education credits. Six hours of credit are offered for each day of participation.

Registration forms and fees are due May 15. For registrations after May 15, teachers should add a \$2 late fee per day of participation. Enrollment is limited to 25 teachers.

For registration forms or more information, contact John Ockels at the Texoma Council of Governments, 903/813-3530, or Carol Roberts with Red River Ecology Center, 903/482-5908.



Christopher York

SHYM Events

by Kelly Bayer
LIFE TEEN

Last Sunday at 5:00 we had two hours of fun and fellowship playing basketball at the Sacred Heart gym. After running up and down the court two or three times, we old people decided that running isn't the smartest thing to do after years of doing nothing. If it weren't for the two junior high girls that came we really would have gotten worn out.

With a total of 12 players, we were able to have plenty of fun and sportsmanship. It also seemed that everyone was able to do the most important thing while playing games, and that is making the players more important than the game.

J.E.L.L.Y.

Last Sunday at 1:15 we went out to St. Richard's Villa for their monthly birthday party and sang songs, even though no junior highers came. Although Eric was not here to play his guitar, we sang a capella. There were just four of us, but I think we had enough fun and sang as well as a dozen, especially when Joe Hoening played the piano for a couple of songs. Thanks Joe!

ATTENTION SHYM!

If you don't have your stuff for the canoe trip, the deadline is Friday the ninth! Call Ernie Martin if you don't have the papers!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MOMS!

Coming events announced by MISD: Band Concert May 9

Coming events of special interest to students and parents at MISD preceding the close of school, have been announced, beginning with the Band Concert on May 9.

The MISD Elementary Awards Banquet will be held on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. On Tuesday, May 13 the Junior High Awards Banquet will be held in the same place, at the same time. The Academic and Sports Banquet for Muenster High School is scheduled for

Thursday, May 15, also in the Community Center at 7 p.m.

The Spring Band Concert will be held on Friday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, followed immediately by the final PTO meeting of the school term, and election of officers for the 1997-98 school term. For more information, call Pat Fuhrmann, 736-2354.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAY 12-16 MUENSTER ISD

- Mon. - Tacos w/meat and cheese, lettuce, beans, fruit, milk.
- Tues. - Sausage, creamed potatoes w/gravy, sauerkraut, corn, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
- Wed. - Lasagna, lettuce salad, green beans, fruit, bread, milk.
- Thur. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, potato chips, fruit, brownies, milk.
- Fri. - No School!

LINDSAY ISD

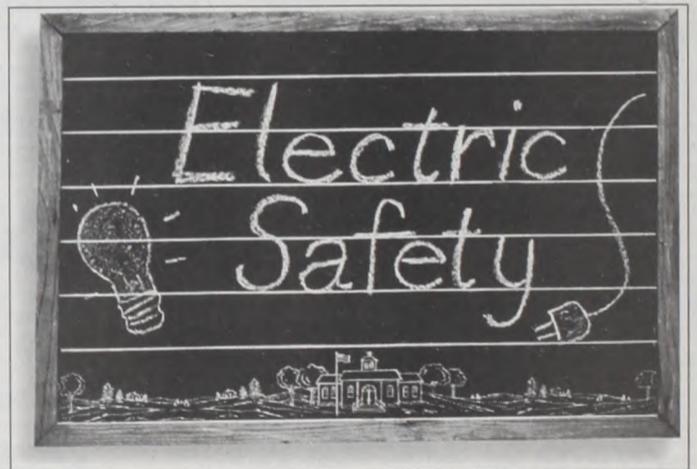
- Mon. - Burritos, refried beans, Mexican rice, fruit, bread, milk.
- Tues. - Turkey noodles, broccoli/cheese casserole, cranberry sauce, fruit, bread, milk.
- Wed. - Deli sandwiches,

- potato salad, green beans, fruit cobbler, milk.
- Thur. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, lettuce salad, fruit, bread, milk.
- Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream, milk.

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- Mon. - Sausage on a bun, celery and carrot sticks, apples, milk.
- Tues. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, peas, cinnamon apples, bread, milk.
- Wed. - Pizza, black-eyed peas, salad, Jello w/fruit, milk.
- Thur. - Lasagna casserole, California blend vegetables, lettuce salad, garlic toast, fruit, milk.
- Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream, milk.

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3. Always stay far away from electric wires and lines that have fallen down. Primary power lines are not insulated and any contact with them can cause serious injury or death. Remember, stay away and call Cooke County Electric Cooperative for help immediately.
4. Climbing trees is always great fun for children, but climbing a tree near an electric power line can be very dangerous. Always make sure there are no power lines running through or near a tree that your young one is about to climb.
5. Always look up. If you are installing a new television antenna or if you are positioning a ladder next to your home or business, make sure you are clear of any overhead power lines. Aluminum ladders and antennas are great conductors of electricity!

So remember, parents, when it comes to electricity, take all the necessary precautions to ensure your safety and the safety and well being of your children. It may be one of the best lessons in life that your children ever learn.

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Sports



SH Tigers capture state title in Waco

For the 3rd time in 5 years, the Sacred Heart Tigers captured the TAPPS State Track Meet at Baylor Track & Field Stadium in Waco last weekend. The Tigers moved up to 2A classification, but the move did little to slow the Tigers down, as they dominated the state track meet. Sacred Heart out-placed their closest competitors by 68 points.

again in the mile run at 4:51.74. "I'm very pleased with this victory, even though the weather was extremely hot and humid which keep most of the athletes from getting great times," noted Coach John Nasche. "I was real concerned early in the season about this team's depth. We had the goal of winning the state title. I was worried early in the season because our times were nowhere close to where they needed to be. These boys rose to the challenge, worked extremely hard all season long



John Bartush, shown in district competition, set a new TAPPS state record in the 3200m run. Dave Fette Photo

In the process of winning the state championship, the Tigers collected a total of 20 medals: 4 gold, 13 silver, and 3 bronze. The Tigers also set five personal records and one state record in the meet. John Bartush set a new state record in the 3200m run with a run of 10:08.20. Other Tigers who also finished first in their races were Chad Roller with a long jump of 20 feet, Jon Grewing in the discus with a toss of 120'10" and John Bartush once

SH tennis at state

Sacred Heart tennis teams traveled to Waco to participate in the TAPPS state tennis tournament. State qualifiers Courtney Grewing, Sarah Hess, and Mike Yosten participated in the event.

Doublers Sarah and Courtney were defeated in the first round by Stephanie Barkett and Amber Spelding of Cornerstone, losing two sets, 6-4, 6-0. "The girls played close in every game. I was pleased with their effort," stated Coach Jon Nasche.

Mike Yosten participated in singles. After a bye he opened the competition against John Yang of Christ Way. "John has

an excellent serve, one of the fastest I've ever seen at the high school level," said Nasche. "Mike wouldn't be denied, even though he broke a string on his racket. Mike had to use his practice racket which inhibited his ability to hit the ball with a lot of topspin." He won in straight sets 7-5, 6-4.

This victory moved Mike into the semifinal round. He was pitted against Jeff Wile of Lakehill. "Mike played hard. Both boys made a lot of great plays," Nasche noted. Mike lost 4-6, 6-7. "I'm really pleased with both teams. Mike has advanced further than anyone that school has ever had," Coach Nasche concluded.

UIL announces changes in athletic competition

A handful of University Interscholastic League (UIL) proposals, including the addition of wrestling, were approved by the State Board of Education last week at their monthly meeting.

Wrestling gained the most attention and received a favorable vote from the committee with the understanding however, that girls and boys would not wrestle against each other.

Wrestling will become a UIL sport with the 1998-99 school year while the other proposals approved by the State Board go into effect next school year.

Other proposals that received approval were to allow three teams and ten individuals in cross country to qualify from district to the regional meet, and the top two golf medalists, who are not on advancing teams, will now advance from district to regional and from regional to

state competition, provided they are among the top six medalists in the district or regional tournament.

In basketball, district certification for Conference A schools will be one playing date earlier. This will add a regional quarterfinal game and result in a regional tournament involving four teams instead of eight.

Also allow a maximum of four football teams, rather than two, to participate in a practice scrimmage, was approved.

Bull riding

There will be 5-Alive Bull riding on Saturday, May 10, at the Forestburg Riding Arena. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., events include Junior Bull riding and Open-to-the-World Bull riding. For more information, call Mark Knabe at 817-768-2259.



Debra Dangelmayr



Valerie Bartush



Paul Swirczynski stretches to get the stick into John Bartush's hands at the state meet.

Alvin Hartman Photo

Tigerettes take state championship in track

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes took the TAPPS 2A state track and field championship last weekend at Waco.

"The girls were outstanding," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Abilene Christian pushed us, in fact they were ahead of us Saturday morning."

The Tigerettes had two double gold winners - Kelly Rigler and Valerie Bartush. Valerie helped score 23 points and set a new school record with her 5:33.61, 1600m run.

Rigler won the 200m with a 27.14 finish and was a member of the gold medal 800m relay.

The seniors were big point producers for Sacred Heart. Rigler scored 23, Dobe Fleitman 20 and Leslie Grewing 18. "We are graduating three outstanding seniors and at least 60 points off the track team," noted

Coach Jon. "Kelly will graduate as one of the top gold medal winners in the Tigerettes history. Dobe may be the top point producer ever, and Leslie will rank as one of the top throwers here at Sacred Heart."

Also winning the gold was the 800m relay team of Kayla Felderhoff, Jessica Berres, Leah Rigler, and Kelly Rigler. "Kelly got the stick 30m behind and won the race at the wire," noted Coach Jon.

Freshman Sarah Hess captured the gold with her 89'8" discus throw.

"This was an outstanding track team. We were solid in all events with some outstanding individuals throughout. It has been a pleasure to watch these girls perform," concluded Coach LeBrasseur.



Crystal Klement in the hurdle race.

Alvin Hartman Photo

State Results

TIGERETTE RESULTS
400m Relay - 4th, Crystal Klement, Dobe Fleitman, Gina Yosten, Leah Rigler, 55.76.

800m Run - 1st, Valerie Bartush, 2:31.65.

100m Hurdles - 4th, Kayla Felderhoff, 18.29.

100m Dash - 2nd, Kelly Rigler, 12.92.

800m Relay - 1st, Kayla Felderhoff, Jessica Berres, Leah Rigler, Kelly Rigler, 1:56.7.

400m Run - 4th, Debra Dangelmayr, 1:05.05.

300m Hurdles - 4th, Crystal Klement, 53.38.

200m Dash - 1st, Kelly Rigler, 27.14.

1600m Run - 1st, Valerie Bartush, 5:33.61.

1600m Relay - 2nd, Jessica Berres, Debra Voth, Valerie Bartush, Debra Dangelmayr, 4:40.27.

Shot - 2nd, Leslie Grewing, 28'3 3/4"; 3rd, Sarah Hess, 28'2 1/4".

Discus - 1st, Sarah Hess, 89'8"; 2nd, Leslie Grewing, 87'4".

Long Jump - 3rd, Dobe Fleitman, 14'5".

High Jump - 2nd, Dobe Fleitman, 4'10".

Triple Jump - 3rd, Dobe Fleitman, 29'11 1/2"; 4th, Kayla Felderhoff, N/A.

3200m Run - 2nd, Joanna Gehrig, 13:38.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1st, Sacred Heart, 150; 2nd, Abilene, 100; 3rd, SA Trinity, 59; 4th, Faith West, 48.

TIGER RESULTS

400m Relay - 4th, Chad Roller, Joel Schilling, Glen Dangelmayr, Jeff Yosten, 46.36.

800m Run - 2nd, Paul Swirczynski, 2:07.53; 4th, Duncan Campbell, 2:16.03.

110m Hurdles - 2nd, Matthew Fuhrmann, 16.79.

100m Dash - 2nd, Chad Roller, 11.71.

400m Run - 4th, Paul Swirczynski, 54.56; 6th, Jeff Yosten, 56.03.

300m Hurdles - 3rd, Matthew Fuhrmann, 43.02.

200m Dash - 2nd Chad Roller, 24.42.

1600m Run - 1st, John Bartush, 4:51.74; 3rd, Lucien Gehrig, 5:09.57.

1600m Relay - 2nd, Jeff Yosten, Matthew Fuhrmann, Paul Swirczynski, John Bartush, 3:45.59.

Long Jump - 1st, Chad Roller, 20'.

Shot Put - 2nd, John Grewing, 40'4".

Discus - 1st, John Grewing, 120'10".

3200m Run - 1st, John Bartush, 10:03.20; 3rd, Lucien Gehrig, 10:50.9.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1st, Sacred Heart, 131; 2nd, Balch Springs, 63; 3rd, Harvest Ch. 62; 4th, Cornerstone, 44.

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Legal Notice

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THE STATE OF TEXAS To: Boots McKenna, W.G.T. Newman, Chloe Ellington Blanton, Jimmie Trout, Willie Claire Bringman, Edward J. Lipscomb, Henry Oehman, J.R. Henry Meiers and Valentine Maupin Woolham, et al or their unknown heirs or legal representatives. Defendants in the herein-after styled and numbered Cause: Cause No. 97-186, in the 235th Judicial Court of Cooke County, Texas; J.R. & Adam Seitz vs. Boots McKenna, et al or their unknown heirs or legal representatives. You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, that is to say on or before 10:00 A.M. of Monday, May 26, 1997, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of J.R. & Adam Seitz, Plaintiff, was filed in Cooke County, Texas, on the 8th day of April, 1997, against Boots McKenna, W.G.T. Newman, Chloe Ellington Blanton, Jimmie Trout, Willie Claire Bringman, Edward J.

Lipscomb, Henry Oehman, J.R. Henry Meiers and Valentine Maupin Woolham, et al, the unknown heirs or legal representatives in the above entitled and numbered cause. The Plaintiff brings this suit for the purpose of having a receiver appointed of the interests of Defendants in the oil, gas and minerals in, on and under and that may be produced from the following described land in Cooke County, Texas, to-wit: 50.00 acres of land, more or less, being part of the Joseph Miller Survey, Abstract No. 684, Cooke County, Texas, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning on the East boundary line of the said Joseph Miller Survey, 531 varas South of the Northeast corner of the same and at the Southeast corner of a 50 acre tract will to Elizabeth Seare by deed of Joseph Miller, deceased; thence West 531 varas to corner; thence South 531 varas to corner; thence East 531, varas to corner; thence North 531 varas to the place of beginning, and being the same land as described in a Warranty Deed from Gary Ballard et al to James Ware et ux, recorded in Volume 343, Page 623, Deed Records of Cooke County, Texas.

And that said receiver, under orders of this Court wherein this suit is filed shall have the power and authority and be directed by said Court to execute and deliver to a lessee or lessees and oil and gas lease covering the interests of said Defendants upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Court, for costs of suit, and for such other and further relief as Plaintiff may be entitled to at law or in equity.

The interest of Defendants in above described land is as follows: Boots McKenna, 3.21875 acres; W.G.T. Newman, 0.26517 acres; Chloe Ellington Blanton, 0.26517 acres; Jimmie Trout, 0.195313 acres; Willie Claire Bringman, 0.39625 acres; Edward J. Lipscomb, 0.78125 acres; Henry Oehman, Jr., 0.1953125 acres; Henry Meiers, 0.1953125 acres; and Valentine Maupin Woolham, 0.1953125 acres.

Appointment of a receiver is prayed for under the terms of Section 64.091 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and under the general equitable powers of the Court wherein said suit is filed. The nature of the proceeding is fully shown by plaintiff's petition on file in this cause.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law and make due return as the law directs.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of its issue, it shall be returned unused.

Witness Pat Payne, Clerk of the 235th Judicial District Court of Cooke County, Texas. Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, in the office in Cooke County, Texas, this 8th day of April, 1997. Pat Payne by: Sue Cooper, Deputy Clerk of the 235th Judicial District Court of Cooke County, Texas.

The date and place of birth of the child (children) who is (are) subject of the suit. Anthony, 7/10/81, San Jose, CA; Lawrence, 11/3/82, San Jose, CA; Solomon, 4/27/87, San Jose, CA; Gabriel, 5/26/89, San Jose, CA; Yolanda, 1/11/93, San Jose, CA.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's (children's) interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children's) adoption. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at Gainesville, Texas, this 1st day of May A.D. 1997. Pat Payne, Clerk, District Court, Cooke County, Texas, /s/ Joy Huddleston, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Christopher Wayne Carter and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s). "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of Rita Marie Carpenter, Petitioner, was filed in the said Court of Cooke County, Texas, on the 26th day of April, 1997, against Christopher Wayne Carpenter Respondent(s), numbered 97-151 and entitled "In the interest of Megan Nicole Carpenter and Rebecca Marie Carpenter, Children."

The Suit Request: The Court grant a divorce and such other relief as requested. The date and place of birth of the child (children) who is (are) subject of the suit. Megan, 05/26/94, Gainesville, TX; Rebecca, 11/28/95, Gainesville, TX. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's (children's) interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children's) adoption. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at Gainesville, Texas, this 6th day of May A.D. 1997. Pat Payne, Clerk, District Court, Cooke County, Texas, /s/ Joy Huddleston, Deputy.

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS To: Kenny Wayne Brown and to all whom it may concern, Respondent. GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court 235th Judicial District, Cooke County, Texas, the Court house of said county in Gainesville, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Tiffany Dawn Brown, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 15th day of April, 1997, against Kenny Wayne Brown, Respondent, and the said suit being number 97-207 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Matter of Marriage of Tiffany Dawn Brown and Kenny Wayne Brown," the nature of which suit is a request to grant a divorce and such other relief as requested in the petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you. The name and address of the attorney for petitioner, or the address of petitioner is: Nancy O. Williams, 204, East California, Gainesville, TX 76240. Issued this 30th day of April A.D., 1997. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Gainesville, Texas, this 30th day of April, A.D., 1997. Pat Payne, Clerk of the District Court Cooke County, Texas By /s/ Joy Huddleston, Deputy

ORDINANCE #216 PLUMBING CODE An ordinance adopting a plumbing code for the city of Muenster, defining plumbing restrictions, establishing the customer service inspection, establishing penalties, severability, publication, and effective date. **ORDINANCE #217 VOTING RESULT** An ordinance to canvass the ballots and declare the results of the May 3, 1997 Election.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MILDRED C. SLUDER DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mildred C. Sluder were issued on May 5, 1997, in Cause No. 14549, pending in the Probate Court of Cooke County, Texas to Danny L. Sluder, who resides in Memphis, Texas, and whose mailing address is: Danny L. Sluder, 1614 Peachtree Street, Memphis, TX 79245.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 5th day of May, 1997. /s/ Danny L. Sluder

APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION PERMIT

WFW Production Co., Inc., 616 N. Hickory, Muenster, Texas 76252 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn Sand formation, J. Roll Johnson, Jr. "A" Lease, Well Number 3. The proposed injection well is located three (3) miles NE of Muenster in the Cooke County Regular Field, in Cooke County, Texas. The proposed injection well is located between 1180 to 1250 feet. Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing on personal Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Farm & Ranch

Taxes threaten future

The heavy burden of estate and capital gains taxes threatens the future of the family farm, Cooke County Farm Bureau directors said.

With nearly half of America's farmers and ranchers nearing retirement, American agriculture is fast approaching a transformation. Unless estate and capital gains tax reform is produced soon, the survival of many Texas farms could be endangered, the Farm Bureau leaders suggested.

"Farmers and ranchers work long, hard hours over a lifetime to build their businesses, directors said. "Often, farm heirs must sell business assets to pay estate taxes. When taxes drain capital from a farm business, the profit-making ability of the farm is destroyed and the farm business dies.

The directors said that Farm Bureau, while seeking repeal of federal estate taxes, would support increasing the exemption to \$2 million, up from the current \$600,000, and halving the current tax rate for assets over \$2 million. This would erase the burden of estate taxes on thousands of farmers and ranchers.

"Farmers and ranchers should be able to save for the future without having to worry about sharing the outcome of their efforts with the federal government, especially after already paying a lifetime of

income taxes," leaders said. "Along the way they paid income taxes on their earnings. It is wrong to tax those earnings again at death."

The county directors said the time has come for fundamental reform of the current tax system. "Consideration should be given to a new and different taxing system that encourages saving, investment and entrepreneurship," the county Farm Bureau leaders said.

Hay for horses is essential in for digestion

Horse owners should remember that a diet without roughage can be detrimental to the horse. Horses with the adequate fiber exhibit less behavioral problems, such as bow chewing or stall walking, than horses without enough fiber in the diet.

The minimum amount of long roughage (hay or pasture) needed by the horse is one pound of roughage per 100 pounds of body weight each day. A constant fiber source is needed to maintain the "good" bacteria in the horses' hindgut which break down plant fibers to provide energy for the horse.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

SHADE TREE DISEASES

This past week we had a good visit with Extension Plant Pathologist Dr. Janell Johnk concerning two tree diseases that have caused problems in Cooke County in past years. The following information identifies and offers possible control suggestions for Anthracnose and Actinopelte leaf spot.

Anthracnose

Anthracnose on ash, elm and sycamore is a fungal leaf spot that can cause defoliation. Only the immature leaves and stems are susceptible. Symptoms include brown spots along the leaf margin. These spots enlarge rapidly.

Cause of this fungal disease can be attributed to the cool, wet weather this spring. This spring has provided the perfect environmental conditions for anthracnose development.

Usually nothing should be done for this disease. In most cases anthracnose affects only the first few leaves that emerge in the spring. Defoliation is seldom severe enough to cause damage on established trees. However, severe defoliation can weaken trees and trees can become more susceptible to borers. Homeowners should rake and compost diseased leaves.

Previously, severely infected trees should be sprayed with a protective fungicide starting at bud break and at 10 day intervals for 3 applications. A single application made mid spring is not recommended.

Severely defoliated trees may

benefit from supplemental nitrogen applications. If your lawn under the tree is fertilized regularly, no additional applications are needed. You should avoid mid to late season applications of high nitrogen fertilizer.

Actinopelte Leaf Spot of Red Oaks

The wet spring will probably result in a number of thumb-nail sized reddish brown spots on leaves of red oak trees. These spots will have a small tan spot in the center. The fungus (Actinopelte, also called Tubakia) will cause numerous, but distinct, spots on leaves of red oaks and water oaks. Severely infected leaves fall prematurely. Stressed trees, from water saturated soils, improper fertilization, iron deficiency, compaction, newly transplanted, etc. are more susceptible.

To control, homeowners can do one of the following:

1. Determine and remedy cause of tree stress. Maintain good growing conditions.
2. Rake and compost fallen leaves. Don't use leaves as mulch if not composted as it may allow spread of disease to developing oak leaves.
3. Apply protective fungicides when spots are first seen.

Beef 706 helps producers adapt to changing marketplace

If you're a Texas beef producer, it may be time you returned to the classroom.

Almost 1,000 Texas beef producers already have done so. They've attended a hands-on, intensive course for beef producers called Beef 706. Created by Texas A & M University's animal science department and the Texas Beef Council, Beef 706 updates beef producers in two-and-a-half days on all aspects of their rapidly changing industry.

Beef 706 usually is held on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station, but other universities across the state also have hosted the course. Producers who have attended the course have found value in the lessons they learned.

Participants earn no actual course credit, but receive practical information that can improve their position in the marketplace.

The typical Beef 706 course begins with a look at the changes facing the U.S. beef industry. Emphasis is placed on the results of the National Beef Quality Audit. From start to finish, producers receive a

comprehensive look at all areas that will impact demand for their product far into the next century.

Beef 706 is currently taking requests to fill upcoming programs, TBC will provide a list of proposed dates to any interested producer. For more information, contact Dr. Joe Harris at 1-800-846-4113.

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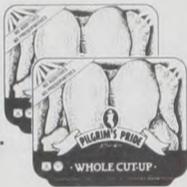
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