

Muenster Wins Governor's Award

by **Elfreda Fette**
High elation with matching smiles became an aura surrounding members, sponsors and friends of Keep Muenster Beautiful, when announcement was made of the successful peak of achievement: their dedication to the object of Muenster Proud. Muenster won the 1999 Governor's Community Improvement Award of \$65,000. Keep Muenster Beautiful is

An award program followed. Muenster Was Shining!! Several representatives from Muenster received special certification training to conduct the community's Photometric Index measurements and see that Litter/Solid Waste Evaluation is completed with appropriate knowledge. Another facet was to popularize the slogan "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," and "Join The Crowd, Be Muenster Proud!!"

and streets. A splendid asset to the community is the Keep Muenster Beautiful Park on Main Street, across from the Catholic Church. The purpose of the park is to inspire and encourage the beautification of Main Street, to remind people that "beautiful" is not littering and to reinforce the idea that "cleanliness is next to Godliness." The design is such that, as the trees and plants mature, people will want to have wedding photos and family portraits taken in the park. Keep Muenster Beautiful Park is being built and supported by Carl and Mary Lee Alford, who are its sponsors and inspiration! Every step of the way is under their watchful eye and guidance.

The 1999 Governor's Community Achievement Award of \$65,000 will be presented on Friday, May 28, 1999. All from Muenster who want to go to Austin as representatives are urged to attend a special recognition event in Austin, at the State Legislature during the morning session. More information may be obtained from Mary Lee Alford 759-2368.



Group members of Keep Muenster Beautiful include, seated, Carl and Mary Lee Alford; back, from left, Christine Weinzapfel, Steve Broyles, Terry Fisher, JoAnn Pagel, and Terri Barrett. They are pictured in the Keep Muenster Beautiful Park on Main Street across from Sacred Heart Church. Construction of the park is now in progress and is part of the group's beautification plans. Photo by Janie Hartman

affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful, and is an organization dedicated to the cleanup and beautification of Muenster. All of Muenster, from pre-school children to senior citizens, businesses and organizations came together in '99, intent on the "Cleanup and Beautification of the Community."

Keep Muenster Beautiful has made tremendous strides this year. Enthusiasm is genuine, but occasionally frustration does creep in, especially when members of the Adopt-A-Highway commitments have spent hundreds of man-hours cleaning trash from sides of the roads, - only to take a look the next day to see that someone who doesn't care has littered again.

While everyone has a commitment to a clean city, participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program lets us "walk the talk." Turning our conviction into action makes a role model of our community, fostering a sense of pride for everyone who lives here. With hope, that pride will keep our neighbors and visitors from trashing our roadways, parks

Seniors graduate tonight at MISD

Muenster ISD will host graduation ceremonies for the Senior Class of 1999 at 8:00 p.m. tonight, May 21 in Sacred Heart Church. Featured speaker for the occasion is John Schofield.

Mr. Schofield is an information systems consultant. He and his family live just outside of Ponder. John is originally from New York where he graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He received his Bachelor's degree in three and one half years and his Masters degree in eight months. Aside from his normal life, John is a certified Peace Officer in the State of Texas.

John and his wife Patty have seven children ranging in age from one to 20 years. Joy, the oldest, is now in military boot camp. Jacob, the next in line, will be graduating this spring from the Texas Academy of Math and Science at the University of North Texas. Jacob is preparing to leave for Annapolis, Maryland, where he has been accepted into the United States Naval Academy. Both of these children have been home schooled by their parents.



Stephanie Bierschenk



Dolly Patel

Muenster High names top 1999 graduates

Stephanie Bierschenk, daughter of Kenneth and Marilyn Bierschenk, earned the Valedictorian position for the Class of '99. She has a GPA (Grade Point Average) of 6.8 out of a possible 7.0.

During each of her four years in high school Stephanie participated in UIL competition. As a Junior she was a state qualifier in Computer Science. She was a regional qualifier in Calculator Application, Computer Science, and Headline Writing as a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior.

Organizations Stephanie has been active in during high school include four years in Future Homemakers of America. As a Junior she served as treasurer for the group. She also participated in PALS (Peer Assisted Leadership) and Student Council all four years. Stephanie is a three year member of the National Honor Society. She is vice-president of the organization this year.

Stephanie is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she plays guitar for the Religious Education Masses. She also participates in the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry program.

Some of Stephanie's See BIRSCHENK, pg. 2

Dolly Patel, daughter of Sudha Patel and the late Vasant Patel, is the Salutatorian of the 1999 MISD Senior Class. She has a 6.6 GPA.

Miss Patel participated in UIL competition the past three years. As a Sophomore she was a regional qualifier in Informative Speaking and Spelling. As a Junior she won fourth place in Spelling and first team at District competition and second place team at Regionals. This year in UIL Spelling she took second place and first place team at District, first place team at Regionals, and third place Spelling team at State. She won a UIL Scholar Award.

Throughout high school Dolly has been very active in Student Council. She served as Student Council Representative as a Freshman, Student Council Reporter as a Sophomore, as Secretary as a Junior and this year she was the Student Council President.

Dolly has also been a member of PALS and FHA all four years. She served as FHA Historian as a Sophomore and FHA president as a Senior. She was awarded Student of the Month as a Freshman, Sophomore and Junior. A three year member of the See PATEL, pg. 2

Lindsay wins State

Lindsay High School has officially been named the State AA UIL Academic Champions. Lindsay took first place with 133 points, stomping Jourdanot, who finished in second with 61.5 points. Plains came in third with 54.

Emmy Schaad, Emily Zimmerer, and the Science team of Patrick Lusk, Michael Kendall, and Nick Price all brought home state gold medals. Schaad won in Computer Applications, and Zimmerer in News Writing.

Earning silver medals was the Computer Science team of Lusk, Kendall, and Daniel Hellinger. Lusk also placed 5th individually in this event, and third in Science.

Alex Haeyen earned a bronze medal in Persuasive Speaking, and Elizabeth Luttmmer placed third in Editorial Writing.

Taking fourth in Informative Speaking was Brent Connert, fifth in News Writing was Leslie Schumacher, and sixth place finishes went to Amy Arendt in Headline Writing, and Liz Luttmmer in Literary Criticism.

Points accumulated from these results, plus points from Lindsay's championship team in CX Debate clinched first place for the school.

Lindsay Principal, Gary Hamilton, wishes to congratulate everyone that was a part of a unit that has prepared students since kindergarten for these accomplishments. It indeed takes a whole village to raise a child.

At the Lindsay Awards Banquet Tuesday night, an UIL representative presented the state trophy to the school.

Muenster High School honors students

The students of Muenster High School were honored at their annual Recognition and Awards Banquet, Monday, May 17, at the Sacred Heart Community Center. The hall was decorated with art projects created by the MHS art students this school year. Student council president Dolly Patel gave the invocation before the catered turkey and dressing meal. After the meal, principal Mes Hopper introduced students that had perfect attendance and students that

were named to the honor rolls for the entire year.

Earning perfect attendance were: Seniors - Stephanie Bierschenk, Melinda Fanning, Eric Fisher, Kerry Fleitman, Rupal Dolly Patel, Brent Sicking; Juniors - Karen Cler, Daniel Felderhoff, Kristen Fleitman, Randy Grewing, Jim Stoffels, Casey Walterscheid; Sophomores - Kourtney Dittfurth, Kacie Garcia, Malony Gieb, Ami Graham, Kristin Smith; Freshmen - Grant Hartman, Brittany Haverkamp, Kay Lee Price,

Adam Bayer.

Students named to the all year Academic Honor Roll were: Senior - Stephanie Bierschenk; Juniors - Kelly Felderhoff, Raegan Koesler; Sophomore - Mary Skinner; Freshmen - Pamela Lutkenhaus, Christopher York, Grant Hartman, Chris Jackson, Laura Drachenberg.

All year Honor Roll honorees were: Seniors - Cristy Drachenberg, Eric Fisher, Dolly Patel, Matt York, Dara Walterscheid; Juniors - Justin See MHS STUDENTS, pg.7

Sacred Heart recognizes seniors

by **Janet Felderhoff**
Sacred Heart's Senior Class of 1999 was honored Monday, May 17 at the annual Senior Awards Night held in the Center Restaurant. Faculty, family and friends of the Sacred Heart Seniors spent an evening celebrating the students' accomplishments and sharing memories of the years shared together.

Elizabeth Tevino, class president, welcomed guests. Offering the invocation was Duncan Campbell, class treasurer. Principal Jack

Murdock served as master of ceremonies for the occasion.

Class Valedictorian was announced as Russell Fette. Patrick Miller was named Salutatorian. Each received a trophy in honor of the accomplishment. Russell was one of only 30 students in the state to receive the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals award. He was also a finalist for Christian Athlete of the Year.

Selected by the faculty as the students who most closely embody the spirit of Sacred

Heart were Russell Fette as Mr. Sacred Heart and Debra Voth as Miss Sacred Heart.

Receiving recognition for academic excellence in various classes were Stephen Bartush, Religion IV; Allison Bayer, Art I; Duncan Campbell Jr., Economics, Advanced Computer, and Physics; Carrie Coker, Art II; Deann Felderhoff, Home and Family Living; Russell Fette, Outstanding Theatre Participation Theater II, Advanced English Literature,

See SH SENIORS, pg. 6



Muenster High School's Who's Who class awards went to, from left, front: Dolly Patel, Kristen Smith, Crystal Sparkman, Mary Skinner, Chris Jackson, Brent Sicking, Kenzie Gerstberger, Christy Drachenberg; back, Doug Knabe, Kelly Felderhoff, Kevin Johnson, Bryan Miller, Chad Felderhoff, Jesse Luke, Aaron Hement, Stephanie Bierschenk, Casey Walterscheid, Jennifer Tompkins, and Eric Fisher. Not pictured is Matt York. Photo by Janie Hartman



Receiving class awards at the Sacred Heart Annual Senior Awards Banquet included, from left, back: Debra Voth, Russell Fette, Joseph Reiter, Stephen Bartush, Leah Rigler, Allison Bayer, Deann Felderhoff, Betty Trevino; front, Nicholas Yosten, Pat Miller, Tyler Bradley, Lucien Gehrig, and Duncan Campbell. Not pictured is Carrie Coker. Photo by Dave Fette

Walterscheid and Felderhoff join MISD board

Letters To The Editor

Before the Muenster Board of Trustees' May 13 meeting, new members Tim Felderhoff and Nick Walterscheid were administered the oath of office by board president Clifford Sicking. The board was then reorganized. Sicking was renamed president, Tom Hartman vice-president, and Peggy Lutkenhaus secretary/treasurer.



Sworn in as MISD school board trustees, Nick Walterscheid and Tim Felderhoff, right. Photo by Janie Hartman

Action was to be taken on the voluntary drug program at last Thursday's meeting, but with two new board members, the trustees decided to table the decision until further discussion. On the subject, Superintendent Steve Cooper suggested that after the 1999-2000 school year starts, the district should send out procedure sheets and testing forms to the parents, to determine parental support. "The number of refusals is critical to the success of a volunteer program," Cooper said, as the board members noted that they have heard no negative comments on the drug testing proposal. "We need to feel out the community."

Items on the drug testing policy that need to be in the manual include: Who could be tested? - extra curricular participants; How selected? - at random; What drugs to be tested for?; Collection procedure - urinalysis; What happens if you get a positive result? - punishment - restrictions specific to the activity - same punishment on 1st, 2nd, 3rd offense?; What grades will be tested? Also drug counseling, weekly testing, suspension from that or all activities. All these questions and more must be addressed.

The cost options of different tests were reviewed, including the use of drug dogs on campus.

It was estimated that extra curricular activities involve about 90% of the students at Muenster High.

The board, in the discussion of drug testing, would like to fore-warn the students of the program, so they can "clean-up their act" before next school year. "We have to carry out the punishment no matter who's kid it is, because someone is going to try and push us," said board member Peggy Lutkenhaus.

Other action items included the purchase of a new school van. The board OK'd Klement Ford of Muenster's bid of \$23,942 at the special meeting held to canvas the election results. The van has been purchased and is in use.

The board approved the following furniture purchases for the new high school: 25 art desks custom-made by Rudy Koessler and Glenn Debnam for \$3,500; six home ec tables for \$1005.90; six science lab stools for \$220.50; thirteen teacher's desks from low bid Dustin Office Products for \$2665; and 237 student desks from Ben Franklin/Ace Hardware for \$52 each, a total of \$12,324.

Cooper noted that at the next meeting the board will need to order a secretary's desk, counselor's desk, and chairs for

the Home Ec Department and the Computer Lab.

Mr. Cooper also reported that the "Cafe business is fixing to take a turn for the worst. The state will control what we can serve in the lunch room and what we can put into the food - fat content, etc." He told the board of a regional food co-op, that can offer better food prices and food products that pass state credentials. "Service will be better, and nutrition will be in place, documented and stamped with approval. By joining the co-op, we will save money," Cooper added. Co-op purchases do not require large quantity orders. "We order only what we need." Milk and bread will be under separate contracts. The board voted to join the regional co-op.

The board also passed the development of the Life Skills classroom on the Muenster campus. This project will include making the present home ec room into a classroom for special ed students to learn basic life skills - washing dishes, cooking, laundry, and other practical math, and also "basic" lessons.

A county co-op will pay for the teacher and bring in students, approximately 10 total, and pay Muenster ISD for the classroom. "It's a good

deal for us," Cooper said. Students will be from junior high age to 21. There will be four from Muenster district. The board passed the creation of the Life Skills.

Steve Cooper's report included a number of items:

- A raise in pay for substitute teachers. Also noting that teachers get five personal days from the state and two from the district, three after 10 years. They are also given a special pregnancy leave. Cooper suggested to reward teachers if personal days are not taken.

- Board training is required, 16 hours for new members, 11 hours for other members.

- Staff appreciation luncheon to be Saturday, May 22.

- Planning another auction to clean out storage areas. Will be a Saturday in June.

- Termites are invading the old gym. Orkin's guarantee will cover the cost of control.

- A handout was given to board members on suggestions of what to do if an incident like Littleton, Colorado would occur at Muenster. "We have to put this in writing - what we will do if something like this does happen." The board will discuss and take suggestions and approve at next meeting.

- Health insurance teachers cost went up 25-30%. Cooper is trying to find new coverage, but keeps running into the same problem, they want more money - more participation.

- New TIF grant has a \$45,000 potential. Jerry Eckart is working on it.

- The size of next year's kindergarten class has a count of 44 or more. With the 22 to 1 student-teacher ratio, the district can get a waiver per semester, or split the class and hire a new teacher.

In executive session the board accepted the resignation of elementary resource teacher Melinda Fuhrmann.

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volunteer work has been supporting Muenster Proud and keeping the mailing list and formatted newsletters for Cooke County Pro Life Group. She's currently employed at the TLC Daycare Center with school age children. Her future plans are to attend Texas A&M University in the Fall where she will major in environmental engineering.

Among Stephanie's scholarship offers are Hilsabeck Foundation, Cooke County Electric, Barnes and Nobles Opportunity Award, and V. J. Patel Community.

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National Honor Society, Dolly is serving as president of the organization this year.

As a Sophomore Dolly was selected from her school for the HOBY Award. In her Junior years she was a Who's Who nominee in Spanish III. As a Senior Dolly's awards included being named Most Likely to Succeed and Who's Who in English. She was nominated for Most Witty, and Who's Who in Balfour, Home Making, Economics, and Government. She placed second in the local Voice of Democracy contest and was a winner of the National Forum of Youth Leadership.

Dolly's scholarship offers include Wilson N. Jones, Hilsabeck Foundation, and SMU Mustang.

Volunteer activities of Dolly are Muenster Proud, Muenster Family Health Clinic and Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Letter to the Editor,

Governor Bush and Texas legislators, there are no excuses for not improving teacher salaries this year. Teacher salaries are a national disgrace and you know it. We rank 38th in the nation - or 51st - behind every state and the District of Columbia - when our lack of health insurance benefits also are included. Yet, this time you can do something about it.

For the first time in years, we actually have a budget surplus. Better yet, that pot just got bigger, by \$807 million. But instead of using the extra funds to bring teacher salaries up - merely to the national average - we are hearing more and more about tax cuts. Governor, you say you want to provide a tax cut that people will feel. The latest figures show your plan will give the average homeowner a savings of about \$100 per year. This equates to simply being able to afford one more Big Mac each week.

Instead, I challenge you to

put all the extra money into education and give teachers a raise they will feel." Even the public wants this. Given the choice, nearly 68 percent of people say they would rather see teacher raises than tax cuts, according to a recent survey.

Boost teacher salaries by \$6,000 and the benefits will be seen by more than just teachers. It will affect children, who will have the benefit of an experienced teacher who does not leave his or her profession for a higher paying job. It will benefit the workforce because our schools will graduate students who perform better because experienced, certified educators will have taught them.

So, Gov. Bush and Texas legislators, give teachers the raise they deserve, and we will all "feel" it.

Doug Rogers
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Professional Educators
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Dear Editor:

Too many Texans still die in drunk driving crashes. Sadly, in fact, Texas leads the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities. In 1997, the number of alcohol related deaths on the roads in Texas alone accounted for more than 10 percent of the nation's total. But, it's time for a change and Texans are ready and waiting.

A recent statewide poll reported that the majority of Texans think current drunk driving laws are too lenient and that drivers who fail the sobriety test or refuse a police officer's request to take the test should have their driver's license suspended for longer periods than the current law allows. Overwhelmingly, 86 percent of Texans favor a one-year guaranteed license suspension period for repeat offenders.

Texas lawmakers have a chance to help turn the tide by adopting Senate Bill 1774, authored by state Sen. Judith Zaffirini of Laredo. The bill lengthens the suspension period for second offenders and for those who refuse a sobriety test. The bill in its current

form also allows officers to confiscate a driver's license upon arrest.

A wide cross section of organizations has thrown support behind the bill including Texas MADD; The Century Council, which is funded by America's leading distillers; the Texas District and County Attorneys Association; the Texas Medical Association; the Texas Academy of Family Physicians USA; the Texas Police Chief Association; AAA-Texas and other groups committed to reducing the number of alcohol-related fatalities in Texas.

Texans deserve, and want safer streets and public opinion has swung firmly in favor of tougher laws to achieve them. Legislators have a great opportunity in SB 1774. The people of Texas deserve it.

Sincerely
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Please pardon our mistake



Last week we incorrectly identified Matt York, right, as Chris York. He and team mates Chris Jackson, Raegan Koesler, and Doug Knabe are State UIL Academic Medalists from Muenster High School.

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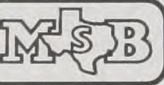
CONGRATULATES

Keep Muenster Beautiful

on winning the 1999
Governor's Community Achievement Award



Steve Broyles, Christine Weinzapfel, Carl Alford, Mary Lee Alford, Terri Barrett, JoAnn Pangel, and Gary Fisher are members of the Keep Muenster Beautiful Committee



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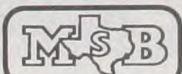
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, May 23 Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament, 8 A.M. Nocona Hills	Monday, May 24 Relay For Life Bank Night 5-7 P.M. Cooke County Electric Co-op	Tuesday, May 25 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board Meeting, Administration Office 7 P.M.	Wednesday, May 26 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Sacred Heart School, Pre-K-Kindergarten, Moving On, 7 P.M.	Thursday, May 27 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Gainesville Area Visual Arts, Stanford House, 6:30-8:30 P.M. Sacred Heart High School Graduation, 6 P.M., Sacred Heart Church	Friday, May 28 Lindsay High Graduation, Centennial Hall, 8 P.M.	Saturday, May 29
Sunday, May 30	Monday, May 31 MEMORIAL DAY	Tuesday, June 1 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, June 2 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 5:30 P.M., C of C	Thursday, June 3 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, June 4 RELAY FOR LIFE - 2 P.M.	Saturday, June 5 - 2 P.M. - Hornet Stadium

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Members of the State 2A UIL Academic Champions of Lindsay High proudly display the school's sixth state championship trophy. State qualifiers included, from left, front: Alex Haayen, Leslie Schumacher, Amy Arendt, Gayle Walterscheid, Emmy Schaad, April Aberastar, Emily Zimmerer, Elizabeth Luttmner, Jennifer Bengfort; Back, Michael Kendall, Daniel Hellinger, Abbas Ravjani, Patrick Lusk, Brent Connett, and Nick Price.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Scouts face transportation crisis Troop 664 prepares for summer adventures

by Dave Fette

One of the greatest adventure destinations in the Boy Scout world is Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico. Situated on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, Philmont offers the ultimate in backpacking challenge and fun. Muenster Scouts have had the opportunity to make this two week trip only a few times over the years. A rented van from Sacred Heart Parish made the last trips affordable, but they are not available this year.

Twenty-one boys and adult leaders will depart for Philmont on July 14, but transportation is an expensive problem. After an extensive search of possibilities, the troop has had to turn to a hatered bus company. The cost to transport 21 to 36 people on a charter is \$2,840.00. Most of the scouts have had to raise the \$350.00 extra for the camp itself. The extra \$135.00 will have to be raised before July 10 when the charter firm requires payment. Some families face a charge of \$405.00 as they have three members making the trip.

Some fundraising ideas being discussed are garage sales, yard work for hire, and door-to-door sales. Transportation is the number one problem facing scout leaders across the nation today. Summer camps and outdoor activities are often canceled for troops or lower ranking scouts bumped from vents. Boy Scouts of America have stringent rules especially concerning long trips.

Transportation is much less

a problem for Troop 664 as the scouts and leaders prepare for annual summer camp held at Camp Grayson on Lake Texoma. This year's resident summer camp runs June 6-12 at Grayson which boasts expanded activities and facilities, especially in aquatics with a huge, new, state-of-the-art swimming pool with a 140 foot long water slide.

Scoutmaster Dave Fette says it is essential that all boys planning to go to summer camp, sign up and turn in merit badge preference lists at the regular meeting, Monday, 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. "You must have an up-to-date medical exam form and complete uniform at camp," said Fette. "Complete uniform is required at the Monday meeting, if you don't have it, find it or buy it! and if you have a neckerchief or beret that belongs to the troop, bring it."

Extra aquatics emphasis at camp will help prepare scouts for the next big summer adventure. Troop 664 will go on a canoeing and camping trip on June 18, 19, and 20. The destination will probably be the Guadalupe River, but that might change depending on where the "best canoe water" is. Scouts and families are advised to mark their calendars.

Troop 664 continues to seek opportunities to build character and confidence through fun and high adventure in the Boy Scout program. Adult involvement is welcome and essential. Contact any scout leader for more information.

Lt. Col. R. Thomas Bright presides over deactivation of 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Co.

In an impressive ceremony at Camp Pendleton, California on May 14, Lt. Col. R. Thomas Bright, USMC presided over the deactivation of the unit he has commanded for the past two years.

The 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (1st ANGLICO) was authorized by Congress to provide Naval gunfire and close air support to Allied or U.S. Ground Forces. The unit was activated on March 2, 1951 at Pearl Harbor and operated in Vietnam from 1965 through 1973. It also participated in combat operations during Operations Desert Shield/Storm in Kuwait, and Operation Restore Hope. During the life of the 1st ANGLICO it earned 16 unit and campaign awards. It was ordered deactivated and to be replaced with a different type unit on May 14, 1999.

On parade grounds ablaze with flags, pennants, streamers, and military display, the ceremonies opened with a concert by the 1st Marine Division Band. Long-established military customs were the order of the day as troops were brought before the reviewing stands filled with dignitaries, past members of the 1st ANGLICO and other spectators. Following the massing of the troops, the band played the National Anthem. The Manual of Arms was then performed by the massed troops.

Next was the reading of a letter from the Commandant of the Marine Corps. A Moving moment then occurred when the colors of the unit were



Lt. Col. R. Thomas Bright

marched forward, and Col. Bright cased them and then ordered them shipped to the National Archives. He then addressed those present. The ceremony ended with the troops parading in review and a closing number by the band.

Col. Bright is a graduate of Muenster High School and of Virginia Military Institute. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1979 and has held various staff, command and school assignments. He will now attend the Marine Corps War College which is one of the Senior Educational Institutions of the Armed Forces.

He is married to the former Denise Marie Stoneking of Schleswig, Iowa and is the son of David and Juanita Bright of Muenster who attended the ceremonies at Camp Pendleton. While in California they also witnessed the baptism of their new grandson, Thomas Logan Bright on May 16, 1999.

that emergency response teams provide a lifesaving link between ill or injured individuals and medical care. "Emergency medical response across Texas is provided every day by dedicated, trained professionals, working in ambulances stocked with lifesaving equipment," said Gene Weatherall, chief of TDH's Bureau of Emergency Management. Ambulances staffed with at least two trained and certified personnel respond to medical assistance calls and at least one medic provides care to the patient during transport. Some ambulances are as well equipped as hospital intensive care units. And 9-1-1 calls can now be made in every county in Texas.

"Nearly 50,000 trained and certified emergency personnel are a part of Texas EMS,"

Weatherall said. "They respond to people in need and give the best emergency medical care possible. These highly trained Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics are an integral part of our system of care for victims of sudden and serious illness and injury."

In Texas, this system begins with an informed public able to recognize a medical emergency and make the call for help and includes a network of trauma centers that provide highly specialized care for the most seriously ill or injured.

To learn what you can do in a medical emergency before EMS arrives, order a copy of "When Minutes Count: A Citizen's Guide to Emergencies" by calling the Bureau of Emergency Management at 512-834-6700.



Keith Graf, regional director of U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, presents Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall with a certificate of appreciation from Gramm last week to commemorate National Police Week, May 9-15. The Senator recognized the Muenster Police Department for its daily effort in upholding the law and protecting the city and its people.

Photo by Janie Hartman

It's not the same electric and gas company; it's TXU

Stop! Wait! Look at that envelope again before you accidentally throw your electric and gas bills away! That's the tip from TU Electric and Lone Star Gas because the company has a new name - TXU Electric & Gas. Next month's electric and gas bills will have a new look, too.

Texas Utilities, the parent company, recently changed its name to TXU. The new name goes along with the company's changing shape and scope.

TXU has expanded into new businesses and new countries, so that in addition to electricity and gas, it offers other kinds of essential services, including telecommunications and Internet access (in a limited area). "TXU may no longer fit a traditional utility description, but one thing remains constant and that is our focus on customers," said Tombaugh, TXU Town Manager.

TXU is a symbol that ties together the company's different divisions, subsidiaries

and services, while boldly stating the company's continued focus on Texas. "While our old name doesn't fit the scope of our business anymore, TX is part of TXU, just like our company will always be a big part of Texas," said Erle Nye, TXU chairman and chief executive.

The new name will be phased in on company vehicles, signs and stationery. For the near term, electric and gas bills will remain separate because the services are governed by different regulatory agencies. The new bills will have "TXU Electric" and "Your Electric Bill" or "TXU Gas" and "Your Gas Bill" printed in blue on the left side of the envelope. "If TXU provides both electricity and natural gas to your home, you'll still get two bills that need to be paid separately with two checks and two return envelopes," said Tombaugh.

More information about TXU is available at www.TXU.com (or TU.com).

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Folks, if you read the news r listen to the newscasters on the boob tube, you will know hat at least two big cities are repairing to sue the makers of uns and ammunition.

This is the thing that causes reedy lawyers to lick their hops, especially when they hink of the enormous sums aid to the attorneys who rosecuted the tobacco companies.

I am no friend of tobacco, ven though I smoked for 45 or 6 years.

Fortunately for me I have een "clean" for the past 22 ears, but I still maintain that ast about everyone would have o admit that, with the overment's urging, the obacco companies have dequate warning of the anger of using their products rted on every package.

Yet too many insist on eating the odds, and will be ne ones who eventually suffer, nd pay the high prices that ill make up the tobacco ompanies' losses.

Now, with the sad events nd the wasting of lives again, his time in Colorado, new ttempts to curb the sale of uns are being tossed around y our president and others.

People kill people, using nplements. Cain killed Abel -

what did he use? - a club or a rock? Not a gun! Yet Abel was just as dead.

If we are going to do away with the gun because it is used to kill, we should also do away with vehicles of every sort, cars, trucks, vans, buses, planes and trains, and others.

More people have been killed using what is termed "transportation," than by all the wars fought by the U.S.A. in all its history.

Are we to do away with all that? If we do, we should also do away with electricity, gas, farming implements and all other heavy equipment. Farming is considered one of the most dangerous operations. Ask the insurance companies.

People were even killed by horses, and other animals. Sometimes when we talk about someone who does not use good sense, some wag is apt to say, "he was kicked in the head by a horse!"

Rumor has it that quite a number who have survived these horse-play incidents have found their way to Washington D.C. as liberal Congressmen and Senators, also Judges. Some contend that a number are now in the White House and in the present administration.

Well, who would argue with that?

Erin Murdock opens office

Muenster residents can get relief from aches and pains as licensed massage therapist opens local office.

Erin Murdock announced the opening of Hands on Limbs, a new establishment specializing in massage therapy. Her office is located in downtown Muenster at 213 N. Main Street, Suite 106, inside the Old Theater Mall.

Ms. Murdock is a licensed massage therapist and member of the AMTA (American Massage Therapy Association). Founded in 1943, the AMTA is the oldest and largest nationally accredited organization for massage therapists. Only those therapists demonstrating the highest level of skills and passing rigorous tests are granted membership into the organization. Among Ms. Murdock's areas of expertise are Swedish massage, reflexology, myofascial release (used for soft tissue injuries such as whip lash and falls), sports massage, trigger point therapy, and shiatsu.

"I just want to show people that they can have a better quality of life, free of pain and stress," says Ms. Murdock. "Eighty percent of all disease is stress related. By relieving the pain, stress, and anxiety in people's lives, I can help them to experience a better sense of physical, and emotional well-being."

Massage has many benefits, among them, physical, mental, and emotional. Of the physical benefits, Ms. Murdock says that massage loosens muscles, improves the flow of blood and lymphatic fluids, and removes toxins from cells and tissues. She also says it can stimulate the release of endorphins, the body's own painkillers and relaxants. As for the mental and emotional benefits, she says that massage reduces stress, while the touching of hands can speak to a deep-seeded human need to be cared



for and nurtured.

"Massage has actually been around for a long time. Its origins date back some 3,000 years to the ancient Chinese who used to use Shiatsu, which is a form of acupressure, and reflexology, a way of manipulating the nerve endings in the hands and feet to provide relief for many ailments," says Murdock. "In more modern times, Peter Henrik Ling, a Swedish athlete invented what's become known as Swedish massage. It uses a very hands-on method with a lot of active movements. It's what comes to most people's minds when they think of massage."

For more information on massage, or to make an appointment you can contact Ms. Murdock at 940-759-4740, or her pager at 972-879-3255, or go by her office.

Facts About Skin Cancer

People with a lot of moles or who have moles that are large have an increased risk of malignant melanoma. Risk of malignant melanoma is greater if there is a family history (mother, father, brother, sister, child) of the disease.

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
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


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Lifestyle

Purcell, Fisher solemnize vows in Sacred Heart Church

by Elfreda Fette
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Jude Fisher are away on their wedding trip to the four main islands of Hawaii, leaving in May. They were married on Saturday, April 10, 1999 in Sacred Heart Church, in a Nuptial Mass, and double ring ceremony celebrated by Father Thomas Craig at 7:00 p.m.

The bride is the former Penny Jo Purcell, daughter of Roy and Connie Purcell of Gainesville, and granddaughter of William and Dorothy Purcell of Gainesville, and George and Paula Bush of Angleton, Texas.

The groom is the son of Butch and Eileen Fisher of Muenster, and the grandson of the late John and Ruth Ward, and John and Margaret Fisher. Penny Jo is a graduate of Era High School, attended North Central Texas College, is currently attending Texas Woman's University, and is employed by Fischer's Meat Market.

Steven is a 1983 graduate of Muenster High School and is a meat processor employed by Fischer's Meat Market.

Approaching a main altar decorated with white Easter lilies and burgundy mums, with the sanctuary space enhanced with tall, floor-standing, heart-shaped candelabra, lighted votives and ivy, and up through a center aisle with pew markers of lighted hurricane globes, blue ribbons and tulle and white satin bows, the groom escorted his parents. He took his mother into the sanctuary where they lit the groom's family Unity candle.

Roy and Connie Purcell escorted Penny to their pew, where Penny took her mother into the sanctuary to light the bride's family Unity candle.

The parents and wedding party all entered church to Pachelbel's "Canon in D" on the organ, that flowed into the words of "Gathered In The Love Of Christ" sung by the congregation and guests as a preparation for the wedding ceremony.

The bride was wearing a white satin wedding gown designed and created by her grandmother, Dorothy Purcell with diamond-shaped neckline, dropped waistline, beaded and pearled satin fitted bodice with back neckline cut-out draped with pearl ropes, very sheer full length lace sleeves, and a chapel length train.

Her brief illusion veil was held by a cluster of tiny white flowers; and she carried a bridal bouquet of pastel shades of salmon and yellow roses in bud and full bloom.

ATTENDANTS
Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Tiffany Purcell. Bridesmaids were Veronica Fever, and Kristen Fleitman, friends of the bride, and both of Denton.

They were identically attired in formal gowns of silver satin fish net, designed and made by the bride's grandmother Dorothy Purcell, long, sleeveless sheaths with royal blue piping trim. Each carried a bouquet of pastel spring flowers.

Flower girls were Mandy Hess of Lindsay, and Allie Killian of Houston, nieces of the groom. They wore white satin, tea length sailor dresses with royal blue collars, all made by Dorothy Purcell. Each carried a basket of spring flowers.

Best man was Carl Sicking of Myra, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Ronnie Fisher of Wichita Falls, groom's cousin, and Todd Fisher of Nocona, groom's brother. Ringbearer was Austin Killian of Houston, groom's nephew.

Mass servers were Kaileigh Hess of Lindsay, groom's niece, and Kelly Bayer of Muenster, friend of the couple. In the special wedding liturgy were special participants: the groom's Godfather, John Ward of Seabrook, Texas, and Julie Sala of Kingwood, the groom's Godmother, and the bride's Godparents, Nancie Lippe and James Fleitman who presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar, Janie Fisher

of Muenster, groom's sister who gave Liturgical Readings from the Old and New Testaments; and Virginia Kelson of Corinth, groom's cousin, who led Prayers of the Faithful at Offertory.

Music Ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, organist and Christy Hesse vocalist. Selections included "The Rose" and "Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place" as the prelude. Others were "The Earth Is Full Of The Goodness Of The Lord" as the Psalm; "Shine On Us" at lighting of the Unity Candle; "Amazing Grace" at Offertory; "How Great Thou Art" at Communion; and "Chariots Of Fire" for the recessional.

Eucharistic Ministers were Theresa and James Walterscheid, Margie and Ed York, Amy Bayer, Dorothy Fisher, Ina Faye Fisher, Leoba Mollenkopf, and Lorena Taylor.

Ushers were Brad Durham of Wylie, Bob Hartner of Angleton, and Rick Purcell of Gainesville, all uncles of the bride, and Jeremy Aljoe of Era, friend of the couple.

RECEPTION
A reception followed in the Sacred Heart Community Center, hosted by the groom and parents of the couple. Dinner for 275 guests was catered by the Hermes Sisters.

Becca Stephens secured guest signatures in the bride's book. Reception music was presented by The Entertainer.

The bride's table was covered in white cloths, with lace skirting. Decorations included hurricane globes, white bows, ivy garlands and ribbon, and ivy, with royal blue flowers; with white roses floating in royal blue water in ivy bowls; and clear and royal blue votives.

A cheese table held an assortment of hors d'oeuvres, cheeses, crackers, and nuts. It was centered with an elegant arrangement of mixed white flowers accented with five very tall crystal-clear candlesticks holding lighted votives.

Guest tables held ivy bowl centerpieces with white rose

candles floating in royal blue water, and clear votives.

The four-tiered bride's cake, made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, held a Precious Moment bridal figurine on the top keepsake layer, with tiers decorated with pastel rosebuds.

The groom's chocolate cakes were decorated with chocolate-coated strawberries, and baked by the bride's grandmother, Paula Bush.

Cake servers were Heather and Travis Purcell of Gainesville, bride's cousins, Kaileigh Hess of Lindsay, groom's niece, April Fisher of Denton, Jessica Fisher of Muenster, Brooke Walford, and Shelley Herr both of Denton all cousins of the groom.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by parents of the couple at The Center Restaurant for the wedding party, and family, aunts and uncles of both couples.

When the couple returns from their wedding trip to Hawaii, they will reside north of Muenster.

Among guests attending the wedding were: George and Paula Bush; Terry and Bob Hartner, Christy, Mandy, and Jason all of Angleton; Brad and Diane Durham of Wylie, Texas; Melissa and Mike Shelton of Flippin, Arkansas; Doris and Richard Jones; Scott, Gail, Austin, Allie, and Ross Killian; Anne and Larry Fuess; John Rumelhart, Andi, and Christy Chumley all of Houston; Sally and Ken Combs of Georgetown, Texas.

John and Donna Ward of Seabrook, Texas; Julie and Bill Sala and Carl of Kingwood, Texas; Olivette Fuess of Memphis, Tennessee; Ruth and Max Rumelhart of New Braunfels, Texas; Kerry and Anne Easley, Minden, Louisiana; Clara Fisher of Fort Worth; Ronnie and Beverly Fisher, John, Christy, and Michelle; and Danny and Jana Fisher, Jody and Clayton all of Wichita Falls; also numerous guests from Denton, Gainesville, Myra, Era, and Muenster, and Rosston.



Mrs. Steven Fisher ... nee Penny Purcell

Showers honored Penny Purcell Fisher

Penny Jo Purcell who was married to Steven Fisher on April 10 was honored with three pre-wedding showers.

A personal shower was given by Marge Sicking and Jan Landers in Steven Fisher's home. Special guests were Fischer's employees, Connie and Tiffany Purcell, Eileen Fisher, Tonya, Kaileigh, and Mandy Hess.

Era Methodist Church

members were hosts for a special shower when guests were Grandmother Purcell Aunt Diane Durham of Wylie, Texas and Mother Connie Purcell.

A bridal luncheon hosted by Tonya Hess, Gail Killian and Janie Fisher was held in the home of Faye and Dan Hamric. Special guests Diane Durham, Sally Combs, Connie Purcell and Eileen Fisher.

Brooke is four!

Brooke Hess celebrated her fourth birthday on April 16 with teachers and classmates at Sacred Heart Preschool. Brooke shared a collage of pictures starting from 1 to 4 years old. Brooke's teacher, Mrs. Pam Dangelmayr, lit a candle for each year, as her mother told a story for each one. At the end Brooke blew out all the candles, and served cupcakes and juice to her classmates. Helping Brooke with her Celebration of Life, were her mother, Kellye Hess and brother Chad.

On April 17, Brooke's actual birthday, her mother hosted a party in their home. Guests enjoyed a Barbie birthday cake, ice cream, and soda. Guests also had a great time breaking the Barbie piñata filled with party favors. Those attending were Brooke's friends Amber Walterscheid, Amanda Knabe, Alyssa Stewart, Mason Binder, Brittany Pagel, David Hutson, and Betty Hutson. Coming by to visit and wish Brooke a Happy Birthday were friends Nicole Pagel, and Michael



Brooke Hess

Weinzappel, also Brooke's grandmother Edna Klement. Later in the evening Brooke enjoyed eating out at her favorite restaurant with her dad Clarence Hess and brother Chad.

Christian Women's Club to host meeting, May 27

An invitation is issued to attend a "Brighten Your Corner Luncheon" on Thursday, May 27 at the Holiday Inn in Gainesville for Christian Women's Club. Special feature this month is Lisa Lovejoy. She will share ideas on flower arranging. Sharing her beautiful voice will be Pat Sherman of Argyle, and Bev Lau, former snow queen,

elementary teacher, wife, mother and a cancer survivor, tells about "Learning to Say Never." Reservations are requested by noon Tuesday May 25, with Genny 940-665-0141 or Joan 940-668-6353. The cost of \$8.50 is inclusive. Complimentary childcare is available on a limited basis by reservation only.



Den I Webelos of Pack 664 was given a tour of the Gainesville Municipal Airport by Brad Barrett, then treated to an airplane flight by Tim McGuire, for a bird's eye view of Gainesville. Scouts enjoying the experience were, from left, Kyle Caldwell, Brad Endres, Evan Koessler, Matthew Abney, Roman Vogel, Chad Endres, and Michael Valliere. In back are Laurie Valliere, Tom Valliere, Tammie Caldwell, McGuire and Barrett. Not pictured are Jim Endres, Kyle Caldwell, Elaine and Andrew Koessler. Courtesy photo

NCTC Commencement held

The culmination of studies for their associate degree or special certification was realized on May 14 for North Central Texas College students during the seventy-third commencement ceremony. A total of 405 diplomas were awarded. One hundred fifty-six students donned cap and gown to be honored as they crossed the stage.

Summa Cum Laude graduates at NCTC received gold medallions to signify academic achievement while Magna Cum Laude graduates received silver medallions.

Among Muenster graduates

are: Deann Bayer, Cody Smith, Clinton Endres, Stacie Cler, Rusty Reid, and Kenneth Sidwell. From Rosston is Amy Boyd. From Saint Jo are Heather Wisdom, Tina Herr, Galen Todd, and Heath Johnson. From Valley View are Brent Scoggin, Cindy White, Julie Woods, Jon Peterson, Shelly Roan, Lisa Rucks, Charleen Smith, Teresa Hogue, Kathryn Meyer, Susan Hastings, Peggy Tuck, Matthew Lyons, Ron Brown, and Clinton Blackwelder. From Era are Rhonda Jacobs, Ruth Magee, and Courtney Moore. From Forestburg are Jill Rotruck, and Latricia Steadham. From Lindsay are Greg Dulock, Christopher Escobedo, Danny Evans, Michelle Secrest, and Leah Tamplin.

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Correction!

In the May 14 issue of the Muenster Enterprise, the story of the party honoring Arthur and Rachel Hennigan's 40th wedding anniversary had a typographical error on the original wedding date. The couple was married on May 9, 1959 in Sacred Heart Church, and not on May 19. The error is hereby corrected.

Her hobbies are fishing, shopping, and art.

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Library News
by Kay Broyles

The Friends of the Muenster Public Library Board is happy to announce that Jerry Eckart has joined the library board. Mr. Eckart is replacing Lou Heers who resigned in January after two years of faithful service.

Summer is fast approaching and the library is ready to start its summer reading program. This year's theme is "Open a Book and on with the Show." The program will start on May 25 and run until August 19. Children may pick up their reading log any time during that time period. The Dairy Inn is sponsoring this program by providing an ice cream cone for every 20 books that the child reads. Pre-school children may count books that have been read to them. Participants will also be able to enter their names into a lottery for gifts that will be awarded at the end of the program, along with completion certificates. There will also be a prize for the student who reads the most books. Last year's winner read over 160 books.

War by Ralph Wooster, *Black Hawk Down* by Mark Bowden, *Germany-A New History* by Hagen Schulze, *The Victors* by Stephen Ambrose, *Red Blood and Black Ink* by David Dary, *Lewis and Clark* by Stephen Ambrose, *Tejano Empire: Life on the South Texas Borders* by Andres Tigrina, and *Don't Know Much about the Civil War* by Kenneth Davis.

Art Enthusiasts will be glad to see new art books in our collection. Titles include: *The Art of the Nude* by Deirdre, *The Art of Seascapes* by Edmund Swinglehurst, *The Art of Expressionism* by Janice Anderson, and *Icons, Art, and Devotion* by Bracken Books.

Other books that are now available are: *Antiques for Your Kids* by Scott Flankburg, *Seven Steps to Effective Parent Care* by Donna Cohen, *The Rights of the Dying* by David Kessler, *The Romance of Risk* by Lynn Ponton, *Men and the Water of Life* by Michael Mead, *He Works, She Works* by Rosalind Barnett, *Kidshaps* by Laura Nathanson, *The Path to Love* by Deepak Chopra, *In the Country of Country* by Nicholas Dawidoff, *Keeping Kids Reading* by Mary Leonhardt, *Pain: the Gift Nobody Wants* by Paul Brand, *The Readers Digest Complete Book of Embroidery* by Melinda Coss, *Predicting Your Future* by Selene, *Jazz Portraits: An Eye for the Sound* by Tim Motion, *Science Fiction Heroes and Heroines* by David McDonell and *The Wisdom of the Body* by Sherwin Nuland.

These are just a few of the new books available. Come to the library to see our new collection and keep reading the library news in the paper for additional titles.

The Texas Library Association sponsors a Texas Book Festival every year, and they issue book grants to small Texas libraries. This year they issued 100 book grants and we were one of the recipients. We are in the process of purchasing new adult non-fiction books for our library. Our goal is to add new materials into every section. Keep watching our list for there will be something that you will interests you!

History buffs will enjoy *King Leopold's Ghost* by Adam Hochschild, *Durant's Dream* by Caroline Moorehead, *Cities in Civilization* by Sir Peter Hall, *East and West* by Chris Patten, *Texas and Texans in the Civil*

Klement graduates as valedictorian

Tina Klement graduated as valedictorian of the 1999 Physical Therapist Assistant Class of Grayson County College/Collin County Community College on May 14, 1999. Tina graduated Magna Cum Laude. She will begin employment at the Physical Therapy Center in Gainesville in June.

Those attending the ceremony were Tina's parents, Dale and Charlotte Klement, and her fiancée, Kenneth Walterscheid. Others attending were Alice Walterscheid, Deano and Jeannene Bayer, Erik Walterscheid, and Courtney Haverkamp.



Tina Klement



The engagement and approaching marriage of Carrie Coker of Muenster and Stephen Osborn of Denton have been announced by her parents, J. D. and Gloria Coker. Parents of the future-groom are Annette Osborn of Irving and Stephen and Louise Osborn of Graham. The wedding will be held at the home of the bride's maternal grandparents, Gary and Caroline Hess of Muenster, on June 5, 1999. Attendants will be Jason Novak and Jana Coker. The bride-elect is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School. The future-groom is a graduate of Graham High School and attended North Texas College. He is employed as a telephone technician.

NCTC Chorale to present Ireland/Scotland Tour

The North Central Texas Chorale will present the tour music for the Ireland and Scotland trip, at a free concert presented in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on Sunday, May 23 at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Michael Linder, director of the Chorale, wants the community to be able to hear the fine music, which will consist of ballads, hymns, and spirituals of this country, and songs of the Isles as well.

The Chorale and guest singers of other chorals groups will leave May 24 for an eleven-day trip that will include concerts at cathedrals in Ireland and Scotland. On the agenda are St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland; Dornoch Cathedral in Dornoch, Scotland, and St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Upon return, the Chorale will be on summer break!



At a recent concert presented by the College Singers of NCTC held in Muenster's Sacred Heart Church, Dr. Michael Linder, director, explained one of the selections to the audience. He will also direct the next program, to be presented there, this time by the NCTC Chorale, prior to their tour of Ireland and Scotland. Courtesy photo

May 24 is final Relay For Life bank night

The Cooke County Relay For Life committee has set the second Bank Night for Monday, May 24, from 5-7 p.m. Relay For Life team captain or team representative can come to the Cooke County Electric cooperative building on East Highway 82 to register their team. At this time teams have the opportunity to pick out their campsite, receive their Relay For Life tee shirts, turn in the money they have raised

registered are encouraged to take this opportunity to pick up their team packets. This will be the last bank night until the actual event. The 1999 Cooke County Relay For Life will be on June 4-5, at Hornet Stadium. Registration for teams and cancer survivors will begin Friday, June 4 at 2 p.m. Survivors may pick up their tee shirts and goody bags at that time. The opening ceremonies and survivor walk will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Friday evening.

Remember Bank Night on May 24 from 5-7 p.m. at the Cooke County Electric Cooperative on Highway 82. If you have questions, please call Relay headquarters at 759-2271, ext. 36.

o far, sign up for the team talent contest, check on the points raised so far for the most team spirit award, purchase or turn in luminarias and sign survivors up for the cancer survivor walk.

New teams who have not yet



Cooke County Relay For Life volunteers, from left, Jeannene Walterscheid, Christine Weinzapfel, Pam Sidwell, and Shelly Loedebeck assist at the first Bank Night. The second Bank Night is scheduled for Monday, May 24 from 5-7 p.m. at Cooke County Electric Cooperative. So far 29 teams have registered and more than \$20,000 has been raised. Courtesy photo

Just A Thought

When I'm trying my hardest, its nice when someone notices.

Facts About Skin Cancer

Both basal and squamous cancer are typically found on exposed parts of the body such as the face, neck, forearms, and scalp. Malignant melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, may be found on skin that is always covered.

This concert will be a real treat for the public, and is family-oriented - something for all ages.

Selections will include "Of The Father's Love Begotten," "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake," "Ride On, King Jesus," "My Lord, What A Mornin'," "Amazing Grace," "The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune," "My Heart Is Longing To Praise My Savior," "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless," "God So Loved The World," "Laudate Dominum," "Away From The Roll Of The Sea," and "Loch Lomond."

About 30 singers of the Chorale will be performing at the Muenster Concert. John Dill is accompanist.

New Arrivals

Hess
Rodney and Cindy Hess of Denton announce with pride and joy the birth of their first child, a boy, Boone Houser Hess. He was born in Denton Community Hospital on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 8:04 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Oscar and Terri Houser of Belton, and Pat and Tommie Sue Hess of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Leona Hamilton and Agnes Hess of Muenster.

The Wolves hunt for fun

The Wolves of Den 3 were guests of Angie and Mike Bartush at the Bartush ranch in May 11 for a scavenger, and treasure hunt.

The boys had a great time looking and learning about nature. The list included lowers, butterflies, and other things found on a ranch. The treasure hunt led to rice krispies treats and drinks.

Climbing to the top of a bluff to see the Red River, the boys were thrilled to be able to see across to Oklahoma.



Senior citizens who W.A.L.T.Z. across Muenster include, from left, Juanita Bright, Johnny Wimmer, Lawrence Wimmer, Ray Wilde, Loree Bruns, Marcie Wilde, L.B. Bruns, JoAnn Pagel, and Betty Kralicke. Waste Away Litter To Zero is a Keep Muenster Beautiful activity initiated by Bright. She organized senior citizens to carry bags and pick up litter as they go on their daily walks. Their goal is to encourage people of all ages in Muenster to do the same. Photo by Janie Hartman

Reunions

The annual Muller, Stelzer, Ferrer Reunion will be held on Sunday, June 6, 1999 at the Pavilion of Muenster City Park from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Those attending are urged to bring covered dishes, drinks of their choice, picnic plates, paper cups, etc. Also please bring folding chairs. Meats will be furnished. Special attention is called to the date.

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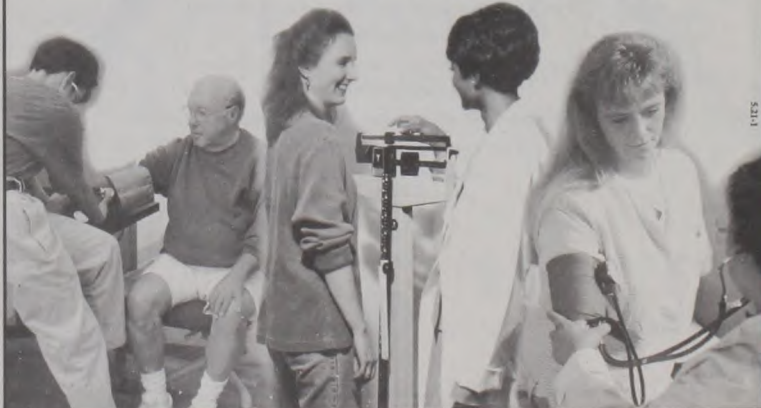
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A calendar full of good health events

- May 26 - "Contemporary Issues in Women's Health - How to Live Longer and Feel Better" Free Educational Seminar Speaker: Gerald Garoutte, MD 6:30 p.m., Culwell Conference Center, GMH
- June 4-5 - "Relay For Life" A Team Event To Fight Cancer Sponsored by Cooke County Unit, American Cancer Society Muenster Public School Hornet Stadium, Muenster Call (940) 665-8619, (940) 612-4641 or (940) 759-2271
- June 9 - Blood Drive 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Culwell Conference Center, GMH Co-sponsored by GMH and Gainesville Rotary Club
- June 11 - "Lunch With Lucy" Women's Nutrition Seminar and Meal 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 1:00 p.m., Culwell Conference Center, GMH Fee \$12 (includes meal and informational packet) For reservations, call (940) 612-8340



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School News

SH Seniors cont. from Pg. 1

Chemistry, and Spanish II; Lucien Gehrig, Pre Calculus/Trig; Patrick Miller, Calculus, Advanced Biology; Joseph Reiter, Earth Science; Leah Rigler, Comprehensive Homemaking; Elizabeth Treviño, Journalism I, Art I; Debra Voth, Journalism II; Nicholas Yosten, English IV, Civics. Each student earned a medal for these class awards.

Three Sacred Heart teams participating in the Cal State Stock Market Competition placed in the top 40 teams in the state. Each of these stock market teams had a 100 percent increase in their portfolio value. Winning first from Sacred Heart was the team of Duncan Campbell, Lucien Gehrig, Nicholas Yosten, and Vince Felderhoff. Second place was Allison Bayer, Leah Rigler, and Tyler Bradley. Third place team members included seniors Deborah Voth and Stephen Bartsch.

Yearbook Appreciation certificates were awarded to Allison Bayer, Deann Felderhoff, Elizabeth Treviño, Amy Truelsenbach, and Debra Voth.

Recognized for their



Sacred Heart senior Elizabeth Treviño was honored as a recipient of the prestigious Donald McDonald House Charities/Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources Scholarship. Betty received her award at a special awards ceremony that took place during the Cinco de Mayo festivities May 6 at Pike's Park in Dallas. Betty's selection is in recognition of the academic and personal success she has achieved while attending Sacred Heart School. She plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) in the Fall. She is seated second from the left. Courtesy photo

achievements at the Cooke County Youth Fair were Stephen Bartsch, Allison Bayer, Lucas Bayer, Tyler Bradley, Deann Felderhoff, Vince Felderhoff, Leah Rigler, Charlie Schilling, Elizabeth Treviño, and Amy Truelsenbach.

Daniel Smith and Nicholas Yosten received recognition as the school's Password champions. Runner-up team was Stephen Bartsch and Patrick Miller.

Duncan Campbell, Russell Fette, Lucien Gehrig, Patrick Miller, and Leah Rigler were named to the NCTC Academic All Star team.

Awarded certificates for serving as senior class officers were Elizabeth Treviño, president, Deann Felderhoff, vice-president; Duncan Campbell, treasurer; and Leah Rigler, secretary.

Seniors recognized for qualifying at the State TAPPS Academic competition included Russell Fette, Patrick Miller, Joseph Reiter, Daniel Smith, and Elizabeth Treviño.

Students earning a place on the Principal's Honor Roll, A or B Honor Roll received certificates of accomplishment.



Mr. and Miss Sacred Heart High School, Russell Fette and Debra Voth
Photo by Dave Fette

Several special guests attended to present scholarship awards. Lt. Col. Bill Turner of Lake Kiowa, representing the United States Air Force Academy, presented a certificate of appointment of Russell Fette. Lt. Col. Turner remarked that he will soon retire and that he was proud that his last official duty was to appoint a fellow Cooke County to the Air Force Academy.

As a final gesture Lt. Col. Turner took his flight wings from his uniform and presented them to Russell. The two have been acquainted since Russell expressed interest in the Air Force in Eighth Grade.

Capt. Calloway of Wichita Falls, representing the United States Naval Academy, presented Russell a certificate acknowledging his qualification for an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy. Capt. Calloway was accompanied by his wife, Ruth.

Annette Walterscheid presented Russell Fette the GNB Scholarship of \$500. On behalf of Sudha Patel, Dr. Murdock presented the \$500 Patel Community Scholarship of \$500 to Russell.

Jack Steed, representing the Gainesville Wal-Mart presented a \$1,000 Wal-Mart Scholarship to Patrick Miller. Patrick was also recognized as receiving the Texas Tech Clark Scholarship, the Presidential Scholarship, the University of Oklahoma Department of Engineering Alumni Scholarship, and the President's Special Recognition Award.

Dan Hamric of the Muenster Kiwanis organization presented a \$500 scholarship to Debra Voth. She also received a scholarship from Cooke County Electric Cooperative, Stephen F. Austin State University Academic Excellence Scholarship. Dr. Murdock presented her with the Patel Community Scholarship on behalf of Sudha Patel.

Elizabeth Treviño was presented the Muenster State Bank Scholarship of \$500 by Dan Hamric. She also received the McDonald's HACER Scholarship.

Sylvan Walterscheid made the presentation of the Adolph and Marie Walterscheid Memorial Scholarship to Nicholas Yosten. These are some of the scholarships received by the seniors. Information on all wasn't available.

One of the highlights of the evening was a "Remember When" video starring each senior. Posters filled with childhood photos and old school photos were displayed and enjoyed by those attending.

In his closing comments Dr. Murdock conveyed words of wisdom to the graduates for dealing with the future. It contained some of the same advice that his wife, Shirley, shared with their children when they left home.

Deann Felderhoff, class vice-president, offered the benediction. On behalf of the Senior Class she offered thanks to God for all His blessings through the years, for their friendships, parents' support, wonderful teachers, for God's love, and for their lives. She asked that God be with the Seniors as they begin the rest of their lives and for protection for all.

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Two MISD seniors earn Hilsabeck

Muenster High School and The Hilsabeck Foundation of Texas are proud to announce two recipients of scholarships based on academics, honor, integrity, and good moral character. Dolly Patel and Stephanie Bierschenk are deserving of this great honor based on the foundation.

Jim and Marcia Hilsabeck established the Hilsabeck Foundation to give deserving young people this opportunity based on more than academics. Last year, Muenster was brought to their attention because of Valerie Erwin's demonstration of integrity at the State UIL Academic meet. Valerie placed in the state level in the Spelling and Vocabulary contest, but found an error in the judging. She reported the error, even though it meant she would lose her ranking in the state level. Mr. and Mrs. Hilsabeck were impressed by Valerie's honesty, thus awarding her with a \$2000 scholarship to Texas Tech University.

The Hilsabeck Foundation also awards the Lucille Gist Stewman Journalism Scholarship, given in memory of Mrs. Hilsabeck's mother who was a reporter for many years in the Houston area. Mr. and Mrs. Hilsabeck remain very active in Texas public high school events, including UIL and Advanced Placement programs. Mrs. Hilsabeck continues to teach in the Round Rock high school system, watching it grow through the years from 300 students to 8,000 students.

Muenster High School is proud to announce the two deserving winners. They will be awarded \$500 scholarships, as well as 14-karat gold pendants with the Hilsabeck Foundation logo in the design. Stephanie plans to attend Texas A&M University to major in environmental engineering. Dolly will be a student at Southern Methodist University in the fall, majoring in finance and business.



Dolly Patel



Stephanie Bierschenk

Aaron Klement awarded President's Student Service Scholarship

Aaron Klement, a student at Muenster High School, has been awarded a President's Student Service Scholarship by the Corporation for National Service in recognition of outstanding service to the community.

Announced by President Clinton and administered by the Corporation for National Service, the President's Student Service Scholarships are awarded to high school juniors or seniors to recognize an exemplary record of community service. The Corporation for National Service funds \$500 of the \$1,000 scholarship which is matched with a locally funded scholarship of at least \$500 from the school, a local civic group, business, or faith-based organization.

According to Harris Wofford, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, "With their idealism, optimism, and energy, young people are a great resource to the community, and the President's Student Service Challenge Program imparts on young people the importance of service by giving back to students who serve their communities."



Aaron Klement

Klement will graduate from Muenster High School and plans to attend the University of North Texas.

In addition to overseeing the President's Student Service Challenge Program, the Corporation for National Service administers AmeriCorps, National Senior Service Corps, and Learn and Serve America and thus creates opportunities for Americans of all ages to serve their communities.

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WEEK OF MAY 24 - 28

ERA ISD
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Tues. - Pizza: pepperoni or cheese, corn, applesauce, tossed salad, apple brown Betty.
Wed. - Fritos chili pie,

shredded cheese, mixed fruit tossed salad, pinto beans assorted cookies.
Thurs. - Sub sandwiches trimmings, potato chips, pickled spears, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD
Mon. - Turkey and noodles green beans, cranberry sauce bread.
Tues. - Barbecue ribs, potato salad, ranch style beans, fruit.
Wed. - Manager's choice.
Thurs. - Manager's choice.
Fri. - No School.

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Tues. - Crispos, refried beans, salad, fruit.
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PTO recognizes student's achievements

The Parent Teacher Organization hosted the Muenster Elementary Awards Assembly May 10, in the Muenster High School Auditorium. Robyn Walterscheid, PTO vice-president gave the welcome. Fifth grade honor student, Ialcom Martin gave the invocation. Danielle Bindel, fifth grade honor student led the group in the pledge to the United States and Texas Flags. Ryan Fuhrmann, fifth grade honor student introduced the Master of Ceremonies, Lee Uddy.

Mr. Buddy, Parent Teacher Organization president, introduced the teachers, who in turn introduced their classes and presented their awards.

The first grade sang, "Song for the Children" to show what they had learned about different countries. Their song stressed the importance of recognizing each other's differences and remembering that we start to change the world for the better by saying a friendly hello. The children, dressed in costumes from 10 countries, sang "hello or good day" in 10 different languages. They went out into the audience to teach the audience how to say, guten tag, buenas dias, etc.

A song entitled, "The Five Senses" complete with motions, illustrated that the third grade students learned about the five senses and their functions.

Thanks to Muenster Proud, the 2nd grade had many

opportunities throughout the year to discuss and learn about the importance of keeping our environment clean. The students sang "Flowers Won't Grow" in recognition of being Muenster Proud.

The curriculum purchased by the Muenster Proud Organization allowed the 4th grade to learn more about taking care of the environment that we live in. Throughout the year fourth grade students went on several litter patrols around the community, cleaning as they exercised. Mrs. Walterscheid's class shared what they learned by writing poetry. The entire fourth grade joined together in singing a song written by Stevie Tankersley. This was part of an assignment Mrs. Schneider's class completed about Litter Lyrics.

The fifth grade played two songs on their song flutes. Dustin Wimmer directed the band for the first selection, "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," and Derek Endres directed the band for the final selection "Shortnin' Bread."

Immediately following each grade's presentation, the students received their awards for the school year. Fifty-four students received gold medals for making the "A" Honor Roll five six weeks. Fifty-five students received bronze medals for making the "B" Honor Roll five six weeks. Sixty students received silver medals for Perfect Attendance for five six weeks. Fifty students received certificates for

participating in the University Interscholastic League Meet. In addition, students received certificates for 600 Minutes Reading, Bringing Up Grades, Book It, Handwriting, Math, Reading, Language, Busy Bee, and Most Improved Student Award.

Gwen Trubenbach thanked and praised the students, teachers, UIL coaches and parents for a very successful year. Muenster Elementary received the Distinguished School Award for the outstanding performance of Title I students in reading. The Distinguished School Award is bestowed to those schools with 90% of their students mastering the reading section of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills for two consecutive years. In fact, Muenster Elementary earned the Distinguished School Award every year since 1993.

In addition, Muenster Elementary earned Exemplary Recognition from Texas Education Agency four times including 1998. Last, but not least, Muenster Elementary students took the University Interscholastic League Trophy, with 551.33 points. Second place went to Windthorst with 491.66, third place to Era with 331 points, fourth place to Petrolia with 178 points, and fifth place to Saint Jo with 142 points.

Lee Buddy closed the program by congratulating the teachers, students and parents on their success. He invited the audience to cookies and punch.



Above, First Grade students sang hello in 10 different languages. Below, Second Graders declare, "Flowers Won't Grow" without Muenster Proud. Photos by Janie Hartman



The Third Grade class sings about the five senses, above. Below, an original "Litter Lyric" was sung by the Fourth Grade. Photos by Janie Hartman



Fifth graders perform to the crowd on their flutes



MISD Students continued from Pg. 1

...eitman, John Flusche, Jeffrey Klement, Krystal Sparkman, Jim Stoffels, Sophomores - Lauren Angelmayer, Ami Graham, Brent Howell, Greg Johnson, risti Lutkenhaus, Kristen nith, Chris Grewing; Freshmen - Ashley Hess, Chris cksion.

Participants in the UIL academic meets were recognized by individual coaches, who gave special note to the district championship, regional and state qualifiers. Also Muenster's first state champions, Doug Knabe, and the Computer Science team of nabe, Matt York, and Chris ckson.

Mr. Hopper and various organization sponsors then named the class and organization officers and members.

Turning to athletics, Coach Andy Tankersley recognized the Muenster athletes that checked up trash to make Muenster Proud, and reviewed the football season, naming these top players: Most improved, Chad Felderhoff and Eric Fisher; Hustle Award, Jesse Luke; Lineman of the year, Matt York; Back of the year, Brent Sicking; Defensive MVP, Darren Hennigan; Offensive MVP, Bryan Miller; MVP, Aaron Klement.

Tankersley also named his top basketball players: Most improved, Danny Felderhoff; Hustle Award, Jesse Luke; Defensive MVP, Kevin Johnson; Offensive MVP, the am, and Leading Free Thrower and MVP, Aaron Klement.

Golf low stroke average awards went to Aaron Klement, 97.2 and Allison Endres, 101.2.

Coach Jeff Teague recognized the cross country teams, girls basketball, and girls track. On the court Kristie Lutkenhaus was named Most improved player and was given the Hustle Award. Kelly Felderhoff and Heather Hess were named co-MVP.

Coach Teague noted that 11 of the 16 Lady Hornets on the back team advanced to area, ten to regional. He named Amela Lutkenhaus as Most improved; Kinzie Gerstberger leading field events; and MVP Kristie Lutkenhaus.

Gordon Martin presented awards in boys track, naming Jeff Klement Most Improved runner; Eric Fisher and Kevin Johnson, field events; and Ryan Miller, MVP.

Rounding out sports, Glenn Wirczynski recognized the tennis teams, and James Hopper recognized the wrestling.

Then for the entertainment of the crowd, Luke (Jesse) Klement (Aaron) Productions presented a slide show of the year in sports.

The highlight of the evening was the naming of the students in the Who's Who list. These students were nominated by the teachers responsible for each subject. The winners are listed in bold.

ECONOMICS: Chad Felderhoff, Dolly Patel, Matt York.

SPANISH: Kelly

Felderhoff, Raegan Koesler, Jim Stoffels.

MATH: Stephanie Bierschen, Brent Sicking, Matthew York.

BALEFUR: Stephanie Bierschen, Aaron Klement, Dolly Patel.

MOST ATHLETIC GIRL: Kelly Felderhoff, Kinzie Gerstberger, Kristie Lutkenhaus.

MOST ATHLETIC BOY: Aaron Klement, Jesse Luke, Bryan Miller.

AGRICULTURE: Cody Mask, Kevin Johnson, Krystal Sparkman.

GOVERNMENT: Stephanie Bierschen, Cristy Drachenberg, Dolly Patel.

ALL AROUND GIRL: Stephanie Bierschen, Kelly Felderhoff, Dolly Patel.

ALL AROUND BOY: Eric Fisher, Aaron Klement, Matt York.

LADY HUSTLING HORNET: Kelly Felderhoff, Kinzie Gerstberger, Kristie Lutkenhaus.

HUSTLING HORNET: Aaron Klement, Jesse Luke, Casey Walterscheid.

BUSINESS COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEM: Mitch Endres, Ashley Hess, Chris Jackson, Ashley Klement.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: Chris Jackson, Doug Knabe, Brent Sicking, Matt York.

HOMEMAKING: Stephanie Bierschen, Jackie Henscheid, Raegan Koesler,

Dolly Patel.

ART: Karen Cler, Grant Hartman, Angel Hernandez, Cody Mask, Kristin Smith.

SCIENCE: Stephanie Bierschen, Brent Sicking, Matt York.

OUTSTANDING F.F.A. MEMBER: Jaclyn Bell, Kevin Johnson, Krystal Sparkman.

THEATER ARTS: Greg Johnson, Shan Minyard, Jennifer Tompkins.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS: Chad Felderhoff, Eric Fisher, Jesse Luke.

BAND: Mitch Endres, Ami Graham, Mary Skinner, Chris York.

ENGLISH: Stephanie Bierschen, Dolly Patel, Cristy Drachenberg.

ADVANCE PLACEMENT CLASSES: Brent Sicking.

STOCK MARKET COMP. TEAM: Chad Felderhoff, Brent Sicking, Matt York.

In closing, Mr. Hopper thanked the PTO for hosting the banquet and all their work through the year and all the teachers for their outstanding efforts.

Superintendent Steve Cooper made the closing remark, "Last year at this time we were in the middle of a bond issue. After lots of hard work and support, next school year we will be in the new building - we will be a class act!"

Stephanie Bierschen, National Honor Society president, gave the benediction.

SPECIAL GRADUATION DATES TO REMEMBER!

Sacred Heart High School Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 27 at 6:00 P.M. in Sacred Heart Church. Bishop Joseph Delaney will preside.

Lindsay High School Graduation will be held on Friday, May 28 at 8:00 P.M. in Centennial Hall.

Free technology training offered at NCTC for public school teachers

Technology training, particularly in the computer field, will be available for public school teachers this summer at North Central Texas College.

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The primary goal of the School-to-Work Partnership, a five-year initiative, is to appropriately prepare students for the workforce.

Nine courses, starting the first week in June, will be scheduled at NCTC. Students will earn 15 to 30 contact hours in each of the courses.

Training topics include: Career Workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 7-11; Integrating Internet and Curriculum, 9 a.m. to noon on June 7-11; Introduction to Web

Page Development, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 7-11; PC Maintenance and Troubleshooting, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 14-15; Mastercam, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on June 28-July 16; Microcadam, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 28 to July 16; Office '97, 9 a.m. to noon on June 21 to July 2; Desktop Publishing, 9 a.m. to noon on June 28 to July 2; and Introduction to Network Technology, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 28 - July 16.

Classes are limited to 12 students, Moody noted, but additional training sessions may be scheduled if the demand requires. Teachers should return a form to their school administrator specifying their specific course interest. Deadline for registration is May 21.

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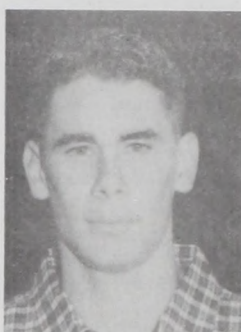
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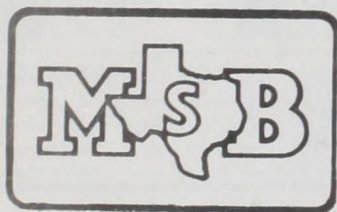
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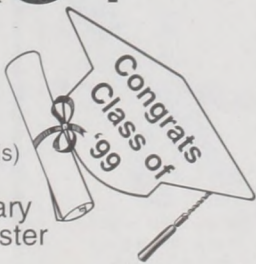
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Sports

Bezner wins state gold

SHHS students nominated for 1999 Wendy's Heisman Award

Debra Dangelmayr and Joshua Walterscheid, both seniors at Sacred Heart High School, have been nominated for the sixth annual Wendy's High School Heisman Award, announced Jack Murdock, principal of Sacred Heart High School. The national awards program, created by Wendy's and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City, recognizes academic achievement, community

service and athletic accomplishments of high school senior men and women.

A distinguished panel of judges, including past Heisman Memorial Trophy recipients, and education, business, and community leaders, will review the 102 State Award Winners and name 12 National Finalists, one male and one female representing six geographic regions.

Debra Dangelmayr and Joshua Walterscheid have achieved a tremendous amount

of success through their involvement in academics, community service and athletics," says Jack Murdock. "We are proud to honor them and they should be recognized as role models in our school and as remarkable citizens within the community."

Please be sure to watch NBC Channel 5's *Brian's Best* sports segment airing Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning June 5 in which each of the area Heisman Nominees may be featured.

Lindsay High School senior Jeff Bezner brought home the class 2A gold medal in the 300m hurdles at last weekend's State Track and Field Competition. Several local athletes brought home medals from the event held at Mike Myers Stadium in Austin.

Bezner's time of 39.31 beat out a runner from Canadian by .09 second. "Jeff worked hard. Going to state was his goal. The gold medal was the icing on the cake," commented Coach John Erwin. Jeff set a new school record in the 300m hurdles at state, breaking his own record set earlier in the season.

Knight Clint Gallagher threw the shot put 57 feet for a state bronze medal. The championship throw was 59' 3". "Clint improved four feet over last year's best throw," noted Coach Erwin. "Competition in 2A is stiff." Gallagher set a shot put school record at the regional meet with a 59 foot throw.

The Lindsay 1600m relay team, Travis Alfrey, Adrian Anderle, Richie Alfrey and Jeff Bezner settled for a 7th place at state with a time of 3:28.64. The Holliday team won the race at 3:17.40. "They really faced the stiffest competition. Their goal was to get to state. They accomplished that and consider this year a success."

Coach Erwin noted that this was his first year at Lindsay and he was told of a tradition, that when a relay team makes state, the state tracksters shave their heads. "At regional, they shaved the sides and left the top. Then Thursday night before the finals, we took it all off." Erwin continued, "They stood out - both by their performance and their shaved heads."

Lindsay finished in 10th place overall with 16 points. Holliday took the team state championship with 48 points.

From the area in class 1A, Saint Jo's Ben Botello won the

gold in the 800m race at 1:57.83. Cody Martindale of Valley View took third place in the 300m hurdles, clocking in at 39.67. He also finished 5th in the 110m hurdles at 14.97. Jason Bewley also represented Valley View with a 6th place, 10:33.57 run in the 3200m.

From Era, Jordan Kindiger took a fifth place with a time of 50.75 in the 400m race.

The Lady Eagles represented the local district at Austin placing in four events. Cassie Miller threw the shot 34'9" for 5th place, Julie Prescher high jumped 5' 2" for 6th place, and Sarah Schneider's long jump of 16' 1" placed 8th. The 1600m relay team, Schneider, Prescher, McKenzie Meyer, and Dabney Clifton, also settled for an 8th place with a time of 4:16.36.

Louise High School won the boys 1A championship, and Monday took the girls championship.

For Grandmother, with love

by Judy Hartman

For the thirteenth consecutive year, on May 7, 8, 9, 1999, the Victor and Margaret Hartman family gathered for a weekend campout and family reunion. For the last dozen years, all of the children, their spouses, the grandchildren, and the great-grandchildren, but one, Judy Hernandez, have been in attendance at the time or another. This year since grandmother Hartman, the matriarch of the clan, was gravely ill, Judy flew from Virginia to surprise her and be with the family! Judy's arrival was just in time. Grandmother needed, and she rallied on Saturday, the day the annual Mass is held in honor of Victor Hartman and all the other loved relatives and friends that have one on to prepare a place for us. Thus, the Mass was held and everyone joined together to ask God's special blessings on the oldest (Grandmother) and the sweet (Katy) member of the family, little Miss Kathryn Rose Bezner was born to Christy and Dan Bezner on May 6. She is the first grandchild of at and John Yosten, which makes Aunt Paula!

Trenton James Bloedel, son of Pam Hartman and Dana Bloedel received his First Holy Communion at the Mass. It was especially meaningful to receive his First Communion from Father Bob Lewandowski, who ten years earlier had baptized him in a creek at the Family Campout! This truly is blessed to have a priest who loves to take time from his hectic schedule to spend this time with them. We all love Father Bob, and truly appreciate him saying the Mass for us. Gloria Wolf prepared the liturgy assisted by Pam Bloedel. A choir composed by four of Grandmother's grandchildren: Brian and Monica Tompkins, and Madonna Ramos and Paula Yosten, provided the beautiful music! Abby Halbert and Lanna and Lance Sutton sang two beautiful selections! Abby who had just made her First Holy Communion a week before the campout, was one of the readers at Mass, and Jeanna Sutton and Doug Hartman, aunt and uncle of Trent Bloedel, were the other two readers. Sharon Hartman, Angela and Sarah Morrow presented petitions at Mass.

The grandchildren of Alvin and Joanie Hartman set up a pretty May Altar, with a beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin that was given to Joanie by her parents. All of the Hartman grandchildren presented beautiful wildflowers to our Blessed Mother, and prayed for her to watch over Grandmother and little Katy!

With Grandmother feeling better on Saturday, all the regular events were held in her honor! The only annual event that had to be scratched or postponed was the Pastures Golf Tournament. Since Grandmother has always presented the coveted "green" jacket, it was decided to postpone it until she could be there to make the presentations.

Uncle Gene continues to dominate the Marble Shooting Contest! According to Uncle Gene's recollection, he has never been beaten, and continues to be the only CHAMPION! Jackie and Jory are considering scratching this event, as their Uncle Gene is simply unbeatable with his trusty antique "steely!"

Scott Wolf and Jim Tompkins won the Horseshoe Tournament after a long battle with Tim Sutton and Sammy Teaff. Grandmother Hartman had her Bear Jar Guessing Game ready, and the grandchild getting closest to the number of beans inside the jar was Debbie Andrade. The Second Annual Cookie Bakeoff was won by Deanna Halbert with her delicious "Cow-Patty" cookies! John Morrow, grandson of the late Kathryn (Hartman) Gremminger, won the Fishing Tournament. He had the Biggest Fish - the Smallest Fish! John was the only fisherman who didn't let his catch get away! There were some tall-tales about the whoppers that got away, but what seemed unbelievable, probably was! We all know that a fish on a reel is worth two in the creek!

Uncle Alvin's trips to the farm and his trek down the scary roads were thrilling to young and old! Uncle Harvey's Hayrides are especially exciting to the children; however, Uncle Gene continues to be frightened by going too fast, and has to be consoled by the little ones! Uncle Alvin and Uncle Harvey, both, have undying patience and show unconditional love when it comes to making things special

for the children! The grownups are especially grateful to these two men who spend so much time entertaining the troops!

Bobby and Monica, children of Alvin and Joanie Hartman, helped all the grandchildren prepare and perform a skit called "Victor's Secret." It seems some thirty+ years ago, Grandpa Vic Hartman received a speeding ticket. He was working at a store in Lindsay at the time, and just stuck the ticket to the back of the TV, so he'd remember to take care of it! Two weeks ago, Bobby Hartman learned of the ticket, which is still stuck to the back of the TV, so he shared the news with Grandmother Hartman. Grandmother exclaimed, "Not my Victor! He wouldn't have gotten a speeding ticket!" (Note: All that knew Grandpa know that he would rather drive too fast, than be one second late to work!)

As always, the family is so grateful to John Yosten for making our "John" so convenient, complete with running water to wash our hands! To Uncle John, Uncle Harvey, Uncle Alvin, Uncle Gene, Dan Bezner, and all the others that performed a "labor of love" to make things nice for the rest of us, we'd like to say a great big THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU! Thanks, also, to Mark Tompkins for keeping the family so close by providing each of us with a new updated address and phone list each year!

Even with hearts aching due to Grandmother's grave illness, a good time was shared and enjoyed by the family! Each member of the family was able to draw strength from Grandmother's stamina and courage. Every one of her grandchildren visited her in the hospital, and each left feeling the awesome gift of her undying and unconditional love! Grandmother said many years ago that she hopes we will always carry on this family tradition, so this year's campout was for Grandmother, with love!

Family members there this year were:

Alvin and Joan Hartman, Bobby and Sharlene Hartman, and Shannon and Dainah; Monica and Jon LeBrasseur, and Kristin, Kenny and Rhonda Hartman, and Courtney and Nolan, Edna Tompkins, Sharon and Mike

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Agricultural market education program offered by Farm Bureau

Texas Farm Bureau is now offering a new Agricultural Market Education Program that will feature basic and intermediate education on futures market hedging, options trading, and other risk management techniques according to Tim Hartman, resident of Cooke County Farm Bureau.

The past few years have been tough on Texas agricultural producers. Bad weather and low prices have combined to create financial trouble.

The program will focus on the basics and the "how to get started" questions that many

producers have about future market. Initial seminars and follow-up sessions will be offered to producers free of charge. The program will also serve as a source of information and dialogue for Farm Bureau members who implement risk management techniques.

Bryce Myrick, a 1978 graduate of Texas Christian University, with a degree in Finance, will lead the sessions. Myrick has extensive experience in agriculture and commodity marketing. He was a licensed commodity broker for nine years and served as a workshop instructor when Ag

options first began trading in the early 1980s. He has worked with agricultural producers in setting up commodity hedging programs.

For more information on the Agricultural Market Education Program contact the Texas Farm Bureau Research and Policy Development Department, phone 254-751-2242.



Henry and Mickey Spaeth, Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District Zone IV winners receive their plaque from Allen Fleitman of the First State Bank of Gainesville, at the May 11 Awards Banquet.

Photo by Dave Fette

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

PECAN NUT CASEBEARERS

The pecan nut casebearer feeds developing pecan nuts in late May and June and is one of the most common insect pests of pecans. In orchards where infestations of casebearer reach damaging levels, developing pecans can be protected by a carefully-timed application of insecticide. Treatments are most effective when applied as casebearer eggs are hatching but before larvae are bored into the pecans to feed. Counting the orchard for casebearer eggs and monitoring egg development to determine when eggs hatch are the most effective methods to properly time treatments.

Pheromone traps capture case earer moths and this information is used to predict casebearer activity. Casebearer eggs are usually first found in the orchard 7-10 days after the first moths are captured in traps. The first casebearer larvae usually begin to enter pecan nutlets 12-16 days after the first moths are captured. These dates, if needed, would be during May 27-31. Pecan growers should inspect their

orchards for casebearer eggs to confirm these predicted dates. The need for and optimum timing of an insecticide application should be determined by egg infestation levels, nut entry by larvae and crop load.

Always read the label to be sure a specific product can be applied to pecans. Allen Knutson, Extension entomologist, tells us products containing B.t. (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), such as Dipel, are also labeled for pecans and provide control of light to moderate infestations of casebearer. Since the residual time of B.t. products is less than that of some chemical insecticides, thorough spray coverage and accurate timing are critical and a second application may be necessary. The low toxicity of B.t. insecticides makes them well suited to urban and other environmentally sensitive areas.

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Offenders were given more than 257 years of prison, probated, deferred, suspended, and jail sentences. In addition, the courts ordered those convicted to pay \$339,841.24 in restitution to the victims and \$16,636.96 in fines, court costs and attorneys' fees.

Texas Weather

This year Clyde Yeatts has been monitoring pheromone traps in his orchard near the Sivells Bend community. Clyde caught the first moth on the 11th and several more the next few days. With this in mind, based on the trapping for the counties this year, the optimum time or applying an insecticide, if needed, would be during May 27-31. Pecan growers should inspect their

This weekend should be pleasant and cool with the week beginning with showers. Fair skies statewide on May 27, but scattered rain throughout Texas. May 28 - June 1.

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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,328 head of cattle compared to 1,994 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 344 goats, 71 steers and 132 hogs. The numbers for last week were 283, 70 and 157 respectively. Results of both sales follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 94-125; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-94; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 90-113; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-90; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 85-91; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-85; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 80-90; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-80; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 72-87; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-72; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 67-74; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-67.	Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 42-52. Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, 28-33; cutter, 33-42.	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$500-\$575; medium frame, \$425-\$500.	1-3, 300-650, 18-30: Boars: US 1-3, 200-650, 10-20. Feeders: US 1-3, 100-175, \$30-\$35 per head. Pigs: US 1-3, 25-90, \$8-\$35 per head.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 80-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-80; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 75-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 62-75; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 75-87; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-75; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 70-84; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-70; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 65-84; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-65; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 60-69; Nos. 2	Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$625-\$725; medium frame, \$500-\$625.	Holstein baby calves, \$40-\$90; Crossbreds, \$80-\$190.	Lambos: 80-90. Ewes: 30-40. Bucks: 27-35.
			Barbados (per head) Lambos: \$15-\$35. Ewes: \$30-\$45. Bucks: \$60-\$130.
			Dairy Goats (per head) Kids: \$20-\$40. Nannies: \$30-\$90. Billies: \$50-\$90.
			Meat Goats (per head) Kids: \$20-\$45. Nannies: \$30-\$70. Billies: \$50-\$100.

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Winter wheat seeded for 1999 in Texas totaled 6.2 million acres, up 2% from 1998. This might point to a large wheat crop, but locally, many fields were cut and baled, or green-chopped for silage.

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This year marks the 100th anniversary of the National Cooperative Soil Survey. Texas Governor George W. Bush recently signed an official memorandum proclaiming April 1999 as Soil Survey Centennial Month.

In Texas, the centennial will be celebrated by activities that include a display at the State Capitol, an exhibit at the State Fair of Texas in October, educational programs and other special activities throughout the state. "These will emphasize the theme, 'Soil the Foundation of Life,'" said Mike Golden, State Soil Scientist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "Because the soil is such a

vital resource, the soil survey is a valuable tool for all types of users. One hundred years ago, we served mainly agricultural interests, but today the soil survey has a wide variety of users."

The first soil survey report in Texas was published in 1901 for the Willis area in Montgomery County. Since then, soil surveys have been completed for 241 of the 254 counties in Texas.

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District covers three counties, each having published soil surveys. The Montague County survey was published in June 1978, Cooke County in May 1979 and Grayson

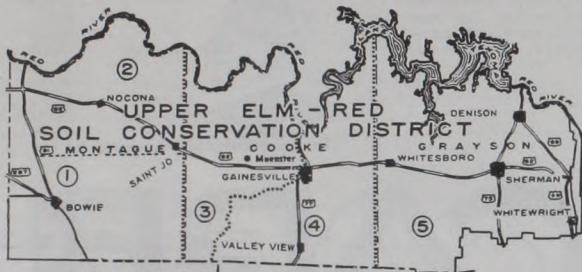
County in February 1980. A copy of these surveys is available at the local NRCS office of these respective counties.

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors a grass and seedling tree program each year for area land users. Grass seed is available for sale at any time. orders for the seedling trees are taken starting in October each year and the trees are delivered in February of the next year.

The grass seed is usually ordered by producers for pasture planting, range seeding and critical area planting. Grasses such as plains bluestem, sideoats grama, alamo switchgrass and kleingrass along with many other varieties are available. Once it's ordered, the grass seed usually arrives at the local NRCS field office within one to two days.

Available trees usually include such conifer and hardwood species as Afghanistan pine, Arizona cypress, Austrian pine, Shumard (red) oak, pecan and green ash. Wildlife packets are also available to enhance game habitat and provide food for quail, deer and turkey.

For further information on the seed and tree programs, contact the Upper Elm-Red SWCD at 940-668-7794 or 940-894-3976 ext. 101.



SWCD technician Paul Calhoun displays conifer seedlings.

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Erosion problems prompt Billy Vicari to join conservation team

This year's Zone I Outstanding Conservationist is William J. (Billy) Vicari of Montague. The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to present Billy with the award as he has been battling erosion problems for almost 40 years.

Billy and his wife, Nelda, began farming in the early sixties. They farmed cotton, peanuts, and wheat on over 300 acres of cropland while raising five children. The Vicaris own over 500 acres in all. The land was previously owned by Billy's parents and grandparents.

Little had been done to solve serious erosion problems except to try and keep up some old terraces. Gullies were rapidly developing over many parts of the farm. In March of 1967, Billy became a cooperator with the Upper Elm-Red SWCD.

A plan was developed, a dozer purchased, and work began. Over a period of several years Billy constructed 23 acres of bermudagrass waterways. Old terraces were replaced with over seven miles of parallel terraces. In 1971, one of the worst gullies on the farm was treated with a 14,000 cubic yard grade stabilization structure. Today the dam is still a very effective erosion control structure. It supplies irrigation water for a nearby coastal field, provides family recreation, and

provides excellent wildlife benefits.

In 1990 another large grade stabilization structure was built below their farmstead to halt a rapidly moving gully adjacent to the highway. Later one of the first dry fire hydrants in Montague County was installed. This hydrant is unique in that when the dam is full it is a water-charged hydrant.

Today much of the cropland has been converted to improved pastures of Coastal bermuda. The rangeland was once cut up by numerous gullies. Many acres were shaped and established to native grass mixtures. Any one pasture today will carry more livestock than the whole farm would years ago.

The Vicaris have worked closely with the district and soil conservation personnel over the years. Billy is currently putting the finishing touches to one of the last of Montague County's Great Plains contracts by establishing a few more acres of grass. Billy and one of his sons, Michael, will continue to battle erosion problems as conservation contractors. Over the years they have constructed over 300 grade stabilization structures throughout the county. Billy stands as an outstanding example of what being a steward of the land is all about.



Zone I Outstanding Conservationist William J. (Billy) & Nelda Vicari of Montague

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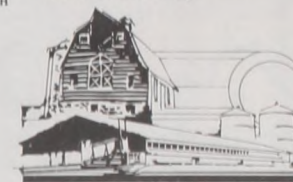
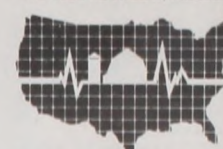
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| 1963- Nancy Kemplin, Valley View | 1989- Scott Whitaker, Bowie |
| 1964- Kenny Case, Whitesboro | 1990- Christine Streuber, Denison |
| Barbara Fuhrmann, Lindsay | 1991- Melissa Durham, Nocona |
| 1965- W.R. Tucker, Jr., Prairie Valley | 1992- Jeff Cox, Bowie |
| 1966- Craig Williams, Gainesville | 1993- Stephanie Sandman, Gainesville |
| 1967- Debby Dyer, Whitewright | 1994- Lance Wood, Gunter |
| 1968- Mark Rice, Denison | 1995- Heraclio Fraire, Gunter |
| 1969- Jane Stoffels, Lindsay | 1996- Jerry Maples, Gunter |
| 1070- John Dornstadter | 1997- Jennifer Otto, Lindsay |
| 1971- Robert Winter, Prairie Valley | |
| 1972- Colleen Murphy, Denison | |
| 1973- Terry Cobb, Prairie Valley | |
| 1974- Becky Leeke, Sherman | |
| 1975- Stephan Hundt, Lindsay | |
| 1976- Wes Dick, Era | |
| 1977- Carla Haverkamp, Lindsay | |
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| 1980- Denise Fuhrmann, Lindsay | |
| 1981- Debbie Moore, Denison | |
| 1982- Jeff Augustine, Denison | |
| 1983- Amy Pitzinger, Cooke Co. 4-H | |
| 1984- Vicky Thurman, Lindsay | |
| 1985- Kimberly Kay, Denison | |
| 1986- Phillip Davis, Denison | |
| 1987- Lucy Fuhrmann, Lindsay | |
| 1988- Fred Boggs, Denison | |



The directors of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Water Conservation District awarded winners at the 50th annual banquet. This 1979 photo shows Zone III winner Earle Otto of Muenster with his wife, Jewel, and presenter Earl Fisher.

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Pictured on Page 1 (clockwise)

- 1950 - J.W. Hess and J.M. Weinzapfel, pioneers of soil conservation
- 1956 - J.W. Hess and one of the district owned grain-fertilizer drills. Cost to use, 50¢ per acre
- 1956 Herman and Shorty Zimmerer using district owned two low sprigger on Dangelmayr Farm
- 1955 - Elm Fork detention reservoir 5 miles west of Muenster

OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION FARMER

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ZONE III

- Tony Walterscheid, Muenster
- Ike Fulton, Muenster
- Bruno Fleitman, Muenster
- Alfred Bayer, Muenster
- J.H. Bayer, Muenster
- J.W. Fleitman, Muenster
- Wilford Reiter, Muenster
- Mrs. W.W. Sicking, Muenster
- Felix Becker, Muenster
- Al Wiesman
- Alois Trubenbach, Muenster
- Martin Trubenbach, Muenster
- W.W. Otto, Muenster
- Ray & Theo Voth, Muenster
- Tony Wimmer, Muenster
- Joe Lewter, Muenster
- Arendt Brothers, Gainesville
- Jay Pybas
- Norris Dill, Rosston
- Werner Becker, Gainesville
- Ed Knauf, Muenster
- Kenneth & Robert Klement, Muenster
- Arthur Bayer, Muenster
- Harold Bindel, Muenster
- Jake Biffle, Myra
- Weldon Bezner, Lindsay
- Julius Sandmann, Lindsay
- R.A. Davis, Gainesville
- Frank Haverkamp Jr., Lindsay
- Earle D. Otto, Muenster
- Waddy Billion, Dallas
- J.M. Ruckett, Era
- Henry Popp, Gainesville
- Tony Trubenbach Jr., Muenster
- Glenn Hollman, Lindsay
- Joe B. Hundt, Lindsay
- Mrs. Gregory Bundt, Lindsay
- William & Mary Hermes, Hood
- Frank A. Sandmann, Lindsay
- Thomas C. Binford, Gainesville
- Dangelmayr Ranch, Muenster
- James R. Cole, Gainesville
- Fuhrmann Bro. Limousin, Lindsay
- Cyril Walterscheid, Muenster
- Erwin & Arnold Fuhrmann, Lindsay
- Garry Fetsch, Muenster
- Clyde Yeatts, Gainesville
- Kenneth & Gene Sicking, Gainesville
- Roy & Myrna Brawner, Saint Jo
- Albert Zimmerer, Hood

ZONE IV

- 1949 John Alexander, Gainesville
- 1950 James Abner Enderby, Era
- 1951 C.L. Davis, Valley View
- 1952 Carl Blount, Hood
- 1953 Keith Kemplin, Valley View
- 1954 Lawrence Sicking, Gainesville
- 1955 John Kupper, Valley View
- 1956 E.F. Carson, Valley View
- 1957 Julius Hermes, Lindsay
- 1958 Tony Rieter, Gainesville
- 1959 Ed Anthony, Era
- 1960 Ed Hacher, Valley View
- 1961 Richard Cartwright, Gainesville
- 1962 Richard Arend, Gainesville
- 1963 Isaac Stevens, Gainesville
- 1964 J.E. Hobbs, Valley View
- 1965 Homer Roens, Valley View
- 1966 Reuben Rieter, Valley View
- 1967 Vernie L. Cook, Pilot Point
- 1968 Hugh Collums, Jr., Whitesboro
- 1969 David R. Smith, Gainesville
- 1970 R.L. Brown, Valley View
- 1971 Chester Calhoun, Valley View
- 1972 Doyle Selby, Era
- 1973 F.R. Stephenson, Jr., Era
- 1974 H.H. Mooney, Valley View
- 1975 Andrew Enderby, Gainesville
- 1976 Mark I. Burnett Jr., Era
- 1977 Maxey Conaway, Gainesville
- 1978 Ben Fortson, Gainesville
- 1979 Lacey Wheeler, Gainesville
- 1980 Ray Dowse, Gainesville
- 1981 Jackie Newton, Denton
- 1982 J.T. Barker, Gainesville
- 1983 Virgil Welch, Dexter
- 1984 Merwin Delashaw, Callisburg
- 1985 Vern & Betty Brewer, Gainesville
- 1986 Billy P. Farr, Gainesville
- 1987 Larry Corbett, Dexter
- 1988 Wendell Proffer, Gainesville
- 1989 Kupper Bro. Dairy, Valley View
- 1990 Jack House, Era
- 1991 John Holt, Gainesville
- 1992 Pete Prescher, Gainesville
- 1993 Victor Lewis, Callisburg
- 1994 Herbert Stobaugh, Gainesville
- 1995 David Schniederjan, Gainesville
- 1996 Carl Kemplin, Valley View

ZONE V

- 1949- C.L. McConnell, Gunter
- 1950- Milton Pierce, Tioga
- 1951- Harold Scaggs, Sherman
- 1952- Johnnie Schmitt, Dorchester
- 1953- George Conner, Sherman
- 1954- W.R. Childs, Collinsville
- 1955- Charlie Nolan, Whitesboro
- 1956- Joe P. Myers, Whitesboro
- 1957- J.H. Whiting, Bells
- 1958- Ruben Brooks, Sadler
- 1959- C.M. Kelsoe, Denison
- 1960- R.J. Block, Gunter
- 1961- Arthur Dietrich, Dorchester
- 1962- Clarence Grigg, Sherman
- 1963- Ernest Gant, Sherman
- 1964- George Vrla, Whitesboro
- 1965- Sam D. Turner, Denison
- 1966- Joe Mashburn, Denison
- 1967- Rush A. Stewart, Sherman
- 1968- J.R. Cave, Sherman
- 1969- Preston Lawrance, Pottsboro
- 1970- J.W. Carney, Whitesboro
- 1971- K.D. Merriman, Sherman
- 1972- Bob Light, Collinsville
- 1973- Ele Neasbitt, Sadler
- 1974- W.L. Kincaid, Sherman
- 1975- C.J. Cordell, Sadler
- 1976- W.H. Boven, Sherman
- 1977- William F. Powell, Howe
- 1978- Calvin Bledsoe, Whitesboro
- 1979- M.C. (Cliff) Hestand, Sherman
- 1980- Helen Keene Wilson, Sherman
- 1981- Morris F. Franklin, Howe
- 1982- John K. Hynds, Van Alstyne
- 1983- H.H. (Rusty) Gray, Sherman
- 1984- Mrs. W.O. Hunt, Sadler
- 1985- Leon Pelzel, Pilot Point
- 1986- Ernest B. Strawn, Howe
- 1987- Sam Norton, Whitesboro
- 1988- Ernest Bennett, Dorchester
- 1989- G.W. (Dub) Roland, Whitesboro
- 1990- George Cavender, Howe
- 1991- Billy Neal, Bells
- 1992- Ernest Melton, Sherman
- 1993- Bruce & Marc Wetzel, Tom Bean
- 1994- Jame Jones, Tom Bean
- 1995- James E. Moore, Sherman
- 1996- David Catching, Howe

NEWS MEDIA AWARD

- 1976- C.E. Cole
St. Jo Tribune
- 1977- Warren Flowers
Gainesville Register
- 1978- Rudy Dockray
KXII-TV, Sherman
- 1979- Bowie News, Bowie
- 1980-Muenster Enterprise
- 1981- KGAF Radio
Gainesville

Zone II Winner Charles Dennis

Charles Dennis of Saint Jo is the Outstanding Conservationist for Zone II. Charles owns and operates around 400 acres of land near Saint Jo and in the Mountain Creek watershed. An additional 313 acres is leased.

Charles and his wife, Barbara, live on their place located just south of Saint Jo where Charles grew up. Here they raised five children as well. Over a period of time they were able to purchase the family farm and about five years ago built a new home there. The Dennis' enjoy ranching and working with their horses.

Charles tries to run 50 mother cows on their ranch and complements the operation by adding 150-200 head of stockers when wheat pastures are in good shape.

Charles' home place was mostly open grassland and a far cry from the heavy oak timber covering his other place. In 1987, Charles sought advice from the Soil Conservation Service and signed up as a district cooperater in March. That same year a Great Plains Program contract was approved. Through this excellent

program, Charles cleared brush on 41 acres leaving strips along the creeks and drainage ways. Thirteen acres of severely eroded areas were shaped and then all disturbed areas were established to Coastal bermuda. During the contract, 124 acres of Coastal was established on his own place and an additional 88 acres on a leased place.

With a good fertilizer and weed control program Charles has taken a place that would barely run 20 steers in 1960 to one which easily can run up to 200 stockers and provide excellent haying opportunities as well.

While controlling erosion and improving the overall forage production on his land, Charles has also had an eye on wildlife. Clearing brush in patterns has increased the browse available to deer around timbered areas and still allows access to escape cover. His deer and turkey numbers have increased over the past few years.

Charles' interest in improving his places has earned him the recognition as an outstanding conservationist.



Zone II Outstanding Conservationist Charles & Barbara Dennis of Saint Jo

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Essay, poster contest winners

First Place essay

by Gretchen Schmoker
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Agriculture is very important to our economy. It is also the main system of feeding our own people. In order to grow all the foods necessary, we plant enormous amounts of seed on the same fields. After many years of crop growing on one field, the soil in it becomes over used. Its minerals are depleted because of all the plants soaking them up. It takes sometimes millions of years for these minerals to be replaced back into the soil naturally. Although it is now possible for man to speed up the process of soil mineral regeneration, it is usually expensive and most farmers wouldn't be able to employ such a method.

One way to conserve the natural minerals in our soil is to use the methods of crop and field rotation. In the technique of crop rotation, different crops are planted each year on the field. This way the soil is not depleted of the minerals that one plant needed to grow. Field rotation, on the other hand, requires that the farmer plant on one field for a certain time and then plants on a different one for a certain time. This gives the first field a chance to recuperate.

Contour plowing is a way of plowing that reduces the erosion of the soil and its properties. For example, the farmer will first determine if the field is on a slant or a slope. Then, he will plow terraces that contradict the angle of the slope. This helps to keep rainwater from flowing down the slope and eroding away the minerals.

The use of natural fertilizers also contributes to the conservation of the soil's minerals. Since the fertilizers are naturally made, the soil tends to respond to it positively without the use of harsh chemicals.

Chemicals like phosphorous and nitrogen are sometimes added to soil. These chemicals are not usually harsh on the soil and are commonly used throughout the U.S. But the use of several chemicals on one field will more than likely cause the soil to reject the chemicals. Therefore permanently poisoning the field or destabilizing the minerals in it.

Water is needed in our economy to quench our thirsts and to irrigate our crops. Although water goes through a continuous cycle of replacement, it picks up several unhealthy by-products along the way. There are various ways of cleansing that are now being used. One way is to send sewer water to special facilities that process the water and sift out most or all of the harmful substances. This method is rather expensive but is in widespread use. It sometimes still doesn't get out all the poisonous agents.

Another way to prevent the pollution of our water is to set up special areas to dump damaging chemicals. It is also being employed throughout the United States. Both methods are great ways of reducing pollution.

People also waste huge amounts of water everyday without even realizing it. To obstruct this, many



1st Place Essay Contest Winner
Gretchen Schmoker

systems can be used. Some simple things that a person could do around home are to take shorter showers, run full loads of dishes in the dishwasher, don't leave the faucet running while they're away and to disconnect the main water lines to the house if they are on vacation. This helps to cancel out the possibility of the line breaking and spewing water uncontrollably. Dams can also be built to regulate the amounts of water to specific regions.

Practices of good soil and water conservation need to be put into use around the world. If so, the economies of most all countries would rise. The earth would also be a better place for the future generations to enjoy.

The 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 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, Gretchen Schmoker of Sacred Heart School in Muenster captured first place, while Nicholas Taylor won second and Janet Fetsch placed third.

In the poster contest Angela Schad won first place. Second was Laura Zimmerer, and third was Levi Hermes. All three students attend Lindsay Elementary School.



First Place Poster Contest Winner
Angela Schad

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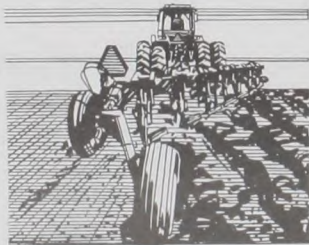
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Rich Land Poor Land, by Stuart Chase, 1936



Seven Chief methods of controlling erosion

Return of natural cover. Steep slopes to be taken out of crops forever and planted with trees and permanently as pasture.

Rotation of crops. In a given field, sow corn the first year, a grain crop the second, to clover the third and back to corn the fourth.

Terracing. Scooping broad embankments along the contour lines of a tilled field to catch rain water.

Contour plowing. This gives the effect of many little parallel terraces and is a less expensive job.

Strip cropping. Leaving broad strips of grass or nontilled crops along the contour lines between plowed fields.

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Bill Harris, last years Zone III conservation winner continues the practice on his farm north of Saint Jo. The diversion and grade stabilization structure should help control erosion and run off so the damaged can be dozed and repaired.



Photos by Janie Hartman



Harris & McPherson win SWCD's Zone III Award

Rebecca Harris and Lewis McPherson of Saint Jo were recently chosen for the 1998 Outstanding Conservationist award in Zone III of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Harris and McPherson, partners with Lewis' brother, Walter, run a 2500 acre commercial cattle ranch in northwest Cooke County near the Red River community of Bulcher. Rebecca is the elementary principal in Saint Jo and Lewis retired six years ago from Churchill Truck Lines.

The ranch has worked with the Upper Elm-Red SWCD and SCS/NRCS personnel since the early '70s. This working relationship began when Rebecca's late father-in-law, Prentis Harris, had the place. When Prentis passed away, Rebecca was dating Lewis and they assumed operation of the ranch five years ago. A lot of improvements have been made to the lay out in a short time. The countless hours of work and dollars invested in applying conservation practices on the land is evident when touring the spread.

The biggest hurdle the newly formed partnership faced was a glaring need to control the erosion on cropland. The areas sandy soils are very fragile and was easily susceptible to washing. To make matters worse, most of the fields have steep slopes making it hard to slow down damaging runoff water. Deep gullies and washed and scoured areas were widespread.

Rebecca and Lewis immediately began converting the damaged fields back to productive Coastal bermudagrass pastures. They also initiated a program to construct numerous diversion and grade stabilization structures. Having their own heavy equipment, such as a D-6 dozer and an earth mover, made it easier to slow runoff water and plug gullies. Three hundred acres have been sprigged to Coastal thus far with another 200 acres planned in the next three to four years. Lewis will continue to battle the washing problems with additional diversion and erosion control structures.

Maintenance on the grass, diversion and structures is a tremendous responsibility due to the erosive properties of the soils. Rebecca and Lewis closely monitor the pasture land and use regular fertilizer and Grazon P+D weed control applications to produce lush forage. A grazing management scheme is also used so cows can be rotated through pastures allowing the grasses an occasional needed rest. In a effort to provide much needed livestock water, four ponds were recently cleaned out using the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP).

The partners maintain 450 acres of cropland on the areas where better soils exist and slopes are less severe. If a portion of the cultivated land

develops an erosion problem, Lewis won't hesitate to sprig it to Coastal to prevent further loss of valuable topsoil. Wheat is seeded annually to provide cool season grazing for the livestock. Some of the wheat crop is cut for hay on occasion. Lewis keeps a watchful eye on the cropland to prevent washing. After the wheat is grazed out or baled, he leaves plenty of crop residue and stubble on the surface to deflect and break up potentially harmful rain drops.

A large portion of the ranch is rangeland consisting of native grasses and dense oak timber. Sound grazing techniques in these pastures allows the most desirable forage to thrive. With good native rangeland along a scenic two mile stretch of the Red River, important wildlife species and their critical habitat are both able to prosper. Lewis is proud of the fact that deer, quail, and turkey are plentiful and have abundant food and cover.

Rebecca and Lewis will continue to better their operation's productivity. An old EZ-flow fertilizer distributor was recently acquired so Lewis can plant fluffy-seed native grass mixtures. The native species will offer more flexibility in his grazing management program. The ongoing construction of diversions and erosion control structures provides a two-way benefit. In addition to obvious erosion prevention, some of these structural measures impound water and allow cattle better drinking access without having to walk a long way.

Rebecca and Lewis faced an almost impossible task when they began ranch improvements five years ago. Their erosion problems were both numerous and severe. A devotion to stewardship of the land and a sincere conservation ethic has turned the ranch around. There is plenty of work yet to be done. Rebecca and Lewis have a well-conceived plan for conservation and a genuine desire to protect the ranch's precious natural resources.

The Upper Elm-Red SWCD is honored to recognize Rebecca Harris and Lewis McPherson for their outstanding efforts to conserve soil and water.

Jack Lambrey, a lonely sheep herder in Texas, is speaking: "It's a screwy life. But anyway, you get the open air. You get time to get acquainted with yourself. You get to use the grass. And grass is what counts. It's what saves us all - far as we get saved. Men and towns and such as that, don't amount to a particular damn nohow. Grass does. Grass is what holds the earth together."

Harper's Magazine, February, 1936



Zone III Outstanding Conservationists Rebecca Harris and Lewis McPherson of Saint Jo

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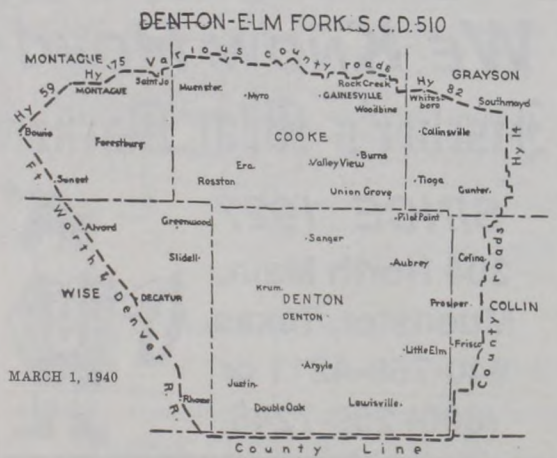
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MUENSTER ENTERPRISE

County makes move for soil conservation May 19, 1939

Elect precinct representatives for county soil conservation board, western Cooke County elected John Klement and J.O. Aldridge.

Petition now circulating seeks soil conservation project for community May 26, 1939

Petition requesting a project for the watershed of the three Elm Creeks. An area of about 250 square miles, comprising principally the communities of Muenster, Myra and Lindsay, makes up the proposed project. Named the Elm Creeks Soil Conservation District, it covers watersheds of Big, Dry and Brushy Elm Creeks from Saint Jo to Gainesville.

One hundred land owners endorse petition for local Soil Conservation District June 2, 1939

Gainesville to assist in Soil Program June 9, 1939

Abandons its own flood control plan.

Farmers and business men propose Soil Conservation Program for entire county June 30, 1939

Their first objective is to sell county farmers on the idea of soil conservation, then to organize a district and be in the position to carry on regardless of whether help is received from a federal agency.

Local Soil Conservation District may be nucleus of vast North Texas project July 28, 1939

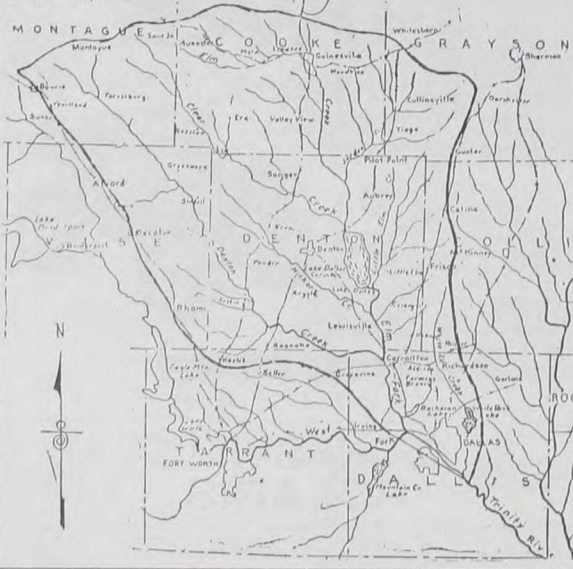
Counties affected would be Cooke, Denton, Montague, Grayson, Collin, Dallas, Tarrant and Wise.

August 4, 1939

J.M. Weinzapfel, local leader of soil conservation project. Name given to proposed district is the Denton - Elm Fork - White Rock Watershed, comprising all of Cooke County, except about one fourth which drains into the Red River, all of Denton County, and portions of Grayson, Collin, Dallas, Tarrant, Wise and Montague counties.

PROPOSED SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AUGUST 25, 1939



County landowners to vote March 9 on soil conservation February 23, 1939

Two thirds majority needed for acceptance.

Soil district fail to pass by 25 votes March 22, 1940

The total vote was 985 for and 530 against the creation of a district. Muenster votes in favor, 89-12.

Muenster leads county, district in conservation vote March 29, 1940

The entire county is deserving of credit for giving the project a favorable vote, but Muenster gave the punch that put the county over. They had the greatest number of favorable votes. Rumors offer some hope that a conservation project may still be brought to this area.

County men work on new soil project April 19, 1940

Smaller district would be located in Cooke, Grayson and Montague counties. The proposed district is called Elm Fork Drainage Areas.

County farmers get almost \$50,000 for soil improvements April 26, 1940

An increase of more than 50% over any previous year, farmers of Cooke County earned nearly \$50,000 in soil improvement under the 1939 farm programs. Turning under oats, barley, sudan and cane as green manure crops earned \$27,606. Terracing constituted the second largest at \$7,906.

Other practices carried out that earned dollars included straw mulch, tank and dam construction, reseeding pasture, seeding legumes, alfalfa and pasture mixture, contour ridging and seeding.

One or more of the practices were carried out on 2,016 of the county's 2,800 farms.

Hearing set for another soil project June 28, 1940

The project known as the Upper Elm-Red District includes all of Cooke County, parts of Montague and Grayson counties. In this second attempt, part of county that drains into the Red River will be included.

Favorable decision expected on soil project hearing July 5, 1940

Five aids to farmers that are available through a conservation project are: 1. technical assistance. 2. CCC camps. 3. NYA or WPA projects. 4. small equipment will be loaned. 5. heavy equipment will be loaned on cost basis.

Probable date for next soil election will be October 19 July 26, 1940

Weinzapfel to supervise soil election September 6, 1940

December 14 set as official date of conservation vote September 27, 1940

3598 to vote, Cooke County has 2768, Montague - 600 and Grayson County 230 votes.

First in series of soil project meetings held November 15, 1940

Almost 200 Cooke County land owners, including 12 from Muenster attend.

Local vote favors soil program 59 - 9 December 20, 1940

Only 68 votes cast in Muenster area, last spring, Muenster polled 101 votes.

Farmers vote 546 - 87 for soil district December 27, 1940

State soil board pronounced district is practical and feasible.

From the files of the Muenster Enterprise, 1939 - 1940
R.N. Fette, owner and publisher

Pastures need time to recover from '98 drought

The USDA Natural Resources Service (NRC) recognizes that most of the native range and improved pastures have been grazed harder over the last year than most would like to have done. For the most part it was an economic necessity. Now what will happen since winter is over and forage begins to grow again?

Pastures need time to recover from the hard grazing use. With normal forage growth and proper management, pastures should return to normal after a couple of years. but, without time for recovery, problems could persist for many years to come. Grasses need time to re-grow roots lost from the hard grazing during the drought and to do so they need to grow a lot of foliage. If these stressed plants are not rested, they will not be able to increase the roots systems to support the growth and health of the plant.

Some pastures may have even experienced loss of plants and they will need time for seedlings to germinate and become established to fill in any bare spots that may have developed. This will require some pastures to receive a complete rest at least during the spring growing season and possibly even longer.

Starting around early April, pastures that could be rested for about four months will show improvement in plant health and have time to germinate and establish seedlings, if normal spring rains occur.

For some to be able to do this, it will require a change in management strategy. More than likely, it will require putting livestock in one herd and rotating through pastures rather than having cattle in all pastures all of the time.

Once pastures have been able to grow some forage and build up a reserve, stocking rates that should have been lowered over the last year or so may begin to increase again.

Pastures are an important resource for livestock operations. The productivity of an operation is dependent on the health and productivity of its resources. Pastures can be kept productive or they can be depleted until they are non-productive. It's all dependent upon the management techniques of the land user! With care and management now, pastures can be lush and productive again.

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Grass

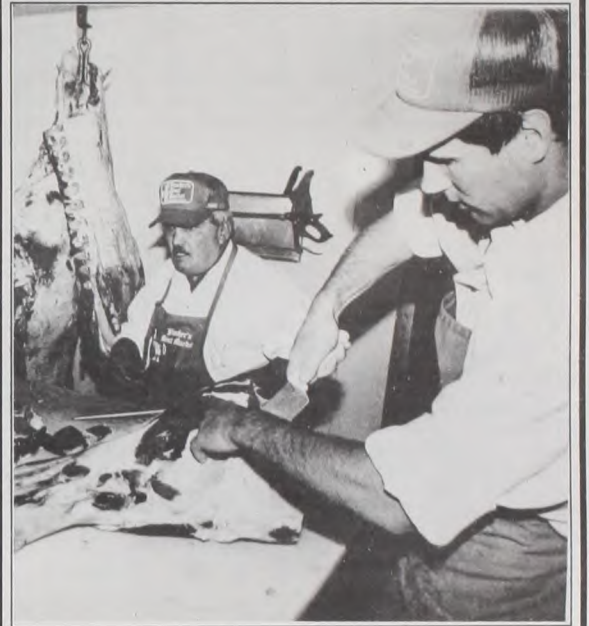
Many hymns have been sung to trees, but grass, which meant so much to the vitality and beauty of the continent, has been neglected. The waving grasses of the prairie covered one-sixth of all America, tall, luxuriant and deep rooted. In the spring the whole area was a sea of flowers. Across these meadows the buffalo moved in herds of ten thousand strong.

Farther west, the grasses begin to shorten - waist high, knee high, ankle high. The short grass of the Great Plains grew grama, galleta, buffalo, wire, and other native grasses, sturdily holding the soil against wind and water. Even in dry years the plains looked like an endless smooth carpet.

Still farther west, where the mountains blocked off moisture, other types of grass were found, adapted through the centuries to live with a minimum of water. here were the bunch grass, sagebrush, mesquite, and others that held the sands in place.

Rich Land Poor Land, Stuart Chase 1936

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The first effect is *sheet* erosion. This is a general skinning of the rich topsoil under the momentum of the water. In time the farmer finds his yield per acre declining as plant food is being washed away. Sheet erosion is the most serious, though not the most dramatic, form of soil wastage today. It can be measured but it cannot be seen.

After sheet erosion comes *finger* or *shoestring* erosion. This is visible. It is as though one let one's fingers drift through the soil down the slope in an elaborate system of tiny furrows. It marks the beginning of grave danger.

After the fingers come the *gullies*. One furrow becomes a main channel. The others feed into it like twigs into a branch. It cuts deeper and deeper and as it goes down it cuts back. It grows like compound interest. When a gully system goes far enough it is practically incurable.

With hard work and great patience, the area may be brought back to grass, but not for centuries.

Erosion is an earth disease, and it spreads.

Rich Land Poor Land, Stuart Chase, 1936



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Stockwater pond with principal spillway on the Clayton Brooks farm - 1968

Spaeth is Zone IV winner

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District has chosen Henry Spaeth as the Outstanding Conservationist for Zone IV. Henry and his wife, Mickey were born in Cooke County and have raised two children, David, and Patsy Henry. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Spaeths were married in 1947 and for their 50th wedding anniversary took the entire family on holiday to Hawaii.

Farming is a way of life for Henry. His family raised cotton, oats and milo and later they produced wheat and milo. In 1950, they began renting the property that has become the Spaeths' home. At that time the land looked very different and required a lot of work to reclaim it. "It had so many boulders you couldn't walk through it, and what wasn't rock was grown up in sunflowers and cockleburs," said Mrs. Spaeth. All the rocks were removed and nearly all the buildings had to be either torn down or repaired.

The farmland was also in horrible condition. The Spaeths noted that previous farmers had neglected to improve or restore the land. Henry himself dozed and terraced much of the eroding fields. Henry admits that the first few years were tough. The land would only produce about 4-5 bushels of wheat per acre and 7 bushels of oats. "The ground was just so sorry it couldn't produce," said Henry.

In 1952 the Tennessee Valley Authority was introducing a new product and, as a promotion, sponsored a five year trial program. The county agent was asked to find four producers with the poorest soils to try their product. Henry Spaeth was one of those producers. The product was phosphate fertilizer. Under the program the Tennessee Valley Authority provided the fertilizer and Henry applied it mixed in the seeder with the wheat and oat

seed. The results were amazing. Henry said he took a lot of grief for using the chemicals...some old-timers warned him that he was "taking a whip to a worn-out horse." They said that while he would get an increased production at first, over time it would harm the soil and eventually ruin it.

"That program got us going," said Henry. "We were then able to get the production that was on par with other farmers." After a few years of using the phosphate fertilizer, the production began to level off. He then began topdressing with nitrogen. As a result of his success, Henry promoted the use of fertilizers and was one of the original organizers of the Red River Farm Co-op.

By the mid '80s Henry retired from full-time farming. Since then, he has divided much of his properties with his children. But even so, Henry has not stopped being a good steward of the land. Henry still helps with the management and encourages improvements of the land. He still runs a few head of mixed cattle and can be seen on a 4-wheeler spraying brush regrowth. Much of the property has been leased to local farmers and ranchers who have the same respect for the land as Henry, and have maintained his improvements.

In 1996, the Spaeths acquired more land near the Illinois Bend community along the Red River. This property was in extremely neglected condition with nearly total encroachment of brush and numerous active gullies. The Spaeths have leased this property to the Fish Creek Ranch and with the assistance of their manager, Tim Bartel, the Illinois Bend property is currently being restored. Mr. Bartel has cleared over 200 acres of brush and immediately plants the acreage to wheat. Mr. Bartel believes that farming for several years prior to planting grass will stop most of the brush regrowth. Tim constructed a



Zone IV Outstanding Conservationist Henry & Mickey Spaeth

pond and plans to plant the wheat fields to improved grasses and intends to clear 70 more acres of brush. The Spaeths are extremely thankful to Tim and the Fish Creek Ranch for enabling them to fulfill their goals of returning this land to productivity.

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Over wide areas the sheep won out. It was a victory not only at the expense of the longhorn and the whitefaces, but also at the expense of the grass. Overgrazing by cattle checks growth since the foliage is eaten off; sheep kill the living nub. The grass lost its vacation. Summer ranges were invaded by sheep, which tore out the young grass.

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Jack & Alton Norman named outstanding conservationists



Zone V Outstanding Conservationists Jack & Alton Norman of Howe

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District has selected Jack and Alton Norman of Howe, Texas as the Zone V Outstanding Conservationists for 1998. Zone V covers all of Grayson County.

Jack and Alton's farming operation, known as "Norman Farms," is headquartered on Mackey Road about 4 miles west of Howe just south of the Dorchester Community. Jack and his wife, Texanna have a son, David, who is a Pioneer Seed dealer and real estate agent, and a daughter, Jana, who teaches school. Alton and his wife, Jean, have a son, Jay, who is a farmer and DeKalb Seed dealer, and two daughters, Kerri and Kelli. The Normans' grandfather moved to Grayson County around 1900, and their father bought the home place in 1946. It has been home to both families ever since.

The Normans first became district cooperators with the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District in 1968. Since that time they have requested assistance from the Upper Elm-Red SWCD and the USDA/SCS and NRCS offices on many occasions. Highly erodible soils occur on 14 of the farms operated by Norman Farms and each one has had a conservation plan developed and carried out to adequately protect the natural resources.

Norman Farms is a successful farming business that operates land in Grayson, Fannin, and Hunt counties. It is one of the largest farming operations in Grayson county with some 55-60 landlords scattered from California to Florida to New York. Norman Farms owns about 1/4 of the land they farm, and rents about 3/4 of the land, mostly on a crop-share basis.

About 50 percent of the farmland is usually planted in wheat, 30 percent in corn, and 20 percent in milo. Three farms that have shallow soils are planted to wheat each year with the remainder of the farms rotated between different crops to help eliminate insect, disease, and other pest problems.

Several of the farms they operate have some pasture land and hay land acreage. They operate a small commercial cattle herd to make beneficial use of these acres.

The Normans maintain a full arsenal of farming equipment that enables them along with the help of two full-time employees and a couple of part-time seasonal employees to cover a large amount of acres when weather permits. Jack and Alton are quick to admit that their successful operation is a team effort. "Good timing is essential with the types of soil we farm and the weather patterns we get in Grayson county," says Alton. "Many times it takes plows, planters, and combines all going at the same time on different farms."

Jack said, "Each farm we operate is a little different, each one has special needs. We are only stewards of the land. One of our main roles as farmers is to communicate with the landlords the need for conservation."

Alton said, "We try to treat every farm as if we owned the land ourselves. We want each of our landlords to feel that they are special and that are being treated fairly."

"We have been very lucky over the years that our landlords have been willing to participate with us on installing conservation practices. All our landlords have been very receptive to our suggestions on the conservation needs of their farms," Jack added.

Steve Uselton, Resource Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service said, "Over the years Jack and Alton have installed many grassed waterways, terraces, and grass plantings. They do an excellent job of maintaining soil health and protecting our natural resources." New technologies have enabled them to plow less and leave more crop residues on the soil surface for protection against erosion.

Jack and Alton are very environmental and safety conscious when using different pesticides. Not only is it environmentally unsafe to use more chemicals and fertilizer than is needed, economics also come into play. Jack said, "Years ago we used gallons of chemicals per acre, now with modern technology we use fractions of ounces per acre to solve the same problem."

For several years the Normans participated with the Renner Foundation conducting field tests on various seeds, fertilizers, chemicals, and farming techniques. Data was collected and provided to area farmers that would aid in making economic decisions for their farms. In 1993 the Normans were recognized by the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* for the Texas Wheat Award.

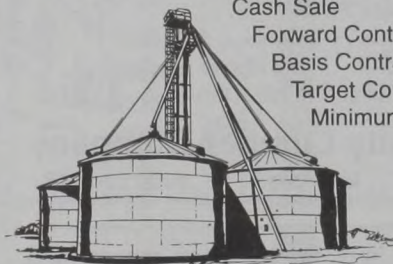
When asked what changes may take place in the future that will effect farming in Grayson county Jack said, "Economics will dictate what changes take place in farming in the future. In all reality, all full-time farmers in our area are doing an equally good job or they would be out of business." To sum it up in a nutshell, Jack said, "We are cautiously optimistic about farming over the next ten years."

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Carolann Corado, District Manager

Carolann Corado, a Montague County native, works for the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District as district manager and technician.

Carolann works mostly out of the Montague Natural Resources Conservation Service office, but also works in the Gainesville office on occasion. She manages the district's tree and seed sales programs and also oversees the day to day operation of SWCD activities including clerical and administrative tasks. She also assists with such field work as surveying, practice lay out and check out and conservation planning.

Carolann lives in Montague. She has one son, Kevin, and one daughter and son-in-law, Krista and Chad Duvall.



Todd Marek, NRCS Engineer

Todd Marek grew up on a farm in east Bell County, Texas. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1988 with a degree in agricultural engineering. He began working for the Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service, in 1990 in the Lubbock field office as an ag engineer.

In 1993 Todd was selected to assist six field offices in the Terrell area and work out of the Denton field office. All three field offices of the Upper Elm-Red SWCD are served by Todd.

Todd has been happily married to his wife, Kimberly, for 14 years and has two children, Kevin and Jenna.

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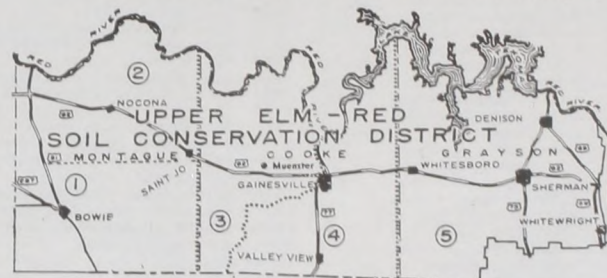
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James K. "Rooter" Brite, Jr.
Zone I Director

James K. "Rooter" Brite, Jr. currently serves as Zone I director of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). He has held this position for the past 18 years and has served as vice-chairman for 14 of these years.

Rooter is currently serving as Area V State Board member. He continues to serve as director for the Chisholm Trail RC&D area. He has previously served as president of the North Central Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and as Area V vice-chairman of the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

In his spare time, Rooter is both farmer and rancher on his 3271 acre ranch located four miles southwest of Bowie. He is assisted by his wife, Lynda, son, J.K., and one hand in running the stocker, cow-calf, and small grain operation.



W.T. Meador
Zone II Director

Bill Tom Meador of Saint Jo serves as director of Zone II of the Upper

Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Zone II includes the northern half of Montague County.

Bill Tom is a rancher and land manager with a strong conservation background. His ranching operations include land in Clay, Cooke, and Montague Counties. Bill Tom graduated from Texas Tech University in 1964 with a degree in range management. He became a cooperater with the Upper Elm-Red SWCD in the 1960s.

Bill Tom manages one of the largest blackland prairies left in Texas. He takes great pride in the beauty and diversity of the 2000 acres of virgin prairie the Meador family operates south of Saint Jo. Bill Tom has been recognized by the National Conservancy as an outstanding land steward for his work in managing his native prairies. Recently, Bill Tom was recognized with the Excellence in Grazing Management award presented by the Texas Section of the Society for Range Management. Bill Tom looks forward to serving the people of the district in carrying out its conservation programs.



Charles Bayer
Zone III Director

Charles Bayer of Muenster is the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District's director for Zone III. He has served in this position for four years.

Charles is president of J.H. Bayer and Sons, Inc. In addition to Charles, the cooperation consists of brothers, Claude, Clinton, Dan, and Leonard. The Bayer brothers' dad, the late J.H. Bayer, served for many years on

the Upper Elm-Red SWCD board.

The Bayers' farm and ranch covers over 5,000 acres, spanning 25 miles from Hwy. 82 in Muenster to Illinois Bend in northeast Montague County. They raise wheat, oats, hay crops, grain sorghum, corn and soybeans and run a cow-calf operation.

Charles and his wife, Carolyn, have four children and three grandchildren.



William Hermes
Zone IV Director

William Hermes serves as Chairman and Zone IV director for the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District. He has been on the board of directors since November of 1987. Prior to this, he served for nine years on the Cooke County ASCS County Committee.

Hermes farms small grain, grain sorghum, corn and hay crops and

runs a cow-calf operation near the Hood community in southwestern Cooke County. He and his wife, Mary Evelyn, were recognized by the SWCD as Outstanding Conservationists for Zone IV in 1984. They have nine children and 14 grandchildren.



Donnie Martinek
Zone V Director

Donnie Martinek of Gunter serves as Zone V director of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District. Zone V covers all of Grayson County.

Donnie is owner and operator of Martinek Grain in Gunter. He is also involved in farming and ranching. His operation consists of more than 2500 acres of owned and leased land. Primary crops grown include wheat, corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans. Donnie also runs several head of cattle.



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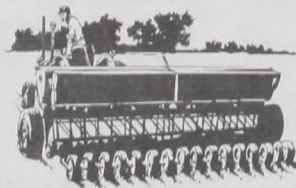
Here is a sloping cellar door. Take a watering can and sprinkle a quart of water on the top of the door. Measure the amount which slides off. Except for a little evaporation, the whole quart will be at the bottom, and it gets there almost instantly. Now tack a piece of thick carpet on the door. Fill the can and pour a quart of water on the top of the carpet. Your measuring trough at the bottom will be lucky if it receives the merest trickle at the beginning. Observe that the trickle continues for a long time as the water slowly filters through the mat.

This is the story of erosion in its simplest form. The cellar door is any land with a slope; a can full of water is rainfall; the bare boards are bare fields, or fields cultivated between the crop rows with the rows running down the slope; the carpet is natural cover, either grass or forest. In the first case, most of the water comes down, dissolving the top soil and taking it along. In the second case, the cover absorbs the water, puts much of it into ground storage, to be slowly released. Almost no soil comes down. Broadly speaking, American agriculture is a bare cellar door without any carpet on it.

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The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service staff in Gainesville includes, Richard Connett, resource conservationist, and Sandy Nobile, soil conservationist. In August 1989 Connett moved to the resource conservationist position after serving for two years at the Denton field office. Prior to this he worked for the

service in Pearsall and Hallettsville. He and his two children, Brent and Lauren, reside in Lindsay. Nobile has been at the Gainesville field office since April 1991. She transferred here from the Victoria field office where she began her career in 1989. Sandy and her husband, Scott, and their two boys, Hunter and Ryder, live in Nocona.



Montague Service Office

Staff at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Montague include Gary Conner, Carolann Corado, Danny Russell, and James Luton. Gary serves as resource team leader for Montague, Cooke, and Grayson Counties. Carolann works for the district as the clerk and technician. Danny, a civil engineering technician, handles

design work for the Montague and Cooke County areas. James is the range management specialist, assisting farmers and ranchers with planning conservation work on their land. In 1998 all three counties were united into a resource team to tackle conservation concerns across the three county area.

Sherman Field Staff

The staff in the Sherman Field Office consists of both Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel and Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation district personnel. Staff members are Paul Calhoun, SWCD technician; Chris Patterson, NRCS soil conservationist; Randy Watson, SWCD watershed maintenance technician; and Steve Uselton, NRCS resource conservationist. The Sherman Field Office work area covers all of Grayson County.

Staff members provide assistance to local landowners in the conservation of our natural resources: soil, water, air, plants, and animals. Emphasis is placed on conserving natural resources and preventing erosion and enhancing water quality.

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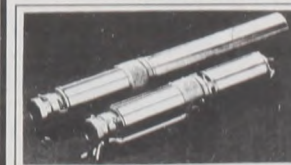
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