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For 21 years, Muenster's festival always successful

Germanfest survives despite calamities

by Janet Felderhoff

Muenster's first Germanfest was a week-long event held during April of 1976 in celebration of the Bicentennial. It was miniature on the scale of the three-day "Fest held in recent years. Events included a pageant to choose a Germanfest Queen, a Fun Run, dances, and some other entertainment. But the sponsors learned what was wanted and began to develop a growth plan.

Now many activities have been added and there are two

stages with a full agenda of entertainment that includes some well-known bands. Visitors have been recorded from at least 14 foreign countries including Germany, Saudi Arabia, Ireland, Austria, and Switzerland.

Once small enough to be held on the parking lot of the Sacred Heart Community Center, the Germanfest was moved to the city park in 1978 and has expanded to grounds on the west and east. In 1977 sponsors estimated 12,000 visitors at the Germanfest.

Depending on the weather and other conflicts, the crowd size has swelled to 50,000 plus during the three-day event.

A Fun Run has always been a part of the Germanfest. In 1976 there were 251 runners and '77 the number was 569. By 1978 that doubled to 1,345. This year Fun Run Chairman Bob Bauer expects between 1,700 and 1,800 runners. As of Wednesday 672 people had pre-registered and forms are being received daily in the mail. Bauer says the volunteer workers are already gearing up

for their jobs Sunday.

Germanfest takes months of planning with work for the next year starting soon after a Germanfest's conclusion. Even with all the work and pre-planning things sometimes go awry. Usually with a lot of volunteer help and ingenuity the problems are solved and Germanfest seems to go without missing a beat or causing any discomfort to our visitors.

In 1990 many thought that Germanfest would be a disaster. It was an especially

wet spring and on the Wednesday and Thursday before Germanfest weekend the skies opened and dumped 5.48 inches of rain on the festival grounds. Creeks surrounding the city park were filled with rushing water and debris and soon spilled out of creek banks. Swirling water invaded the park grounds threatening tents and other facilities that were set up in preparation of weekend crowds. Two of the craft tents located nearest to the creek were tugged down by swift currents.

Barbecue cookers were moved to part of Ash Street which was partially closed to accommodate them.

Bales of hay were broken and scattered around muddy areas of the park. Mother Nature also pitched in with sunny, windy weather that helped dry some of the muck. Since the barditches of streets near the park were too muddy to park in, each local school donated the use of a school bus to carry visitors from down town parking areas to the park.

Another year high winds threatened the big tent with all of the food booths. It seemed that the tent might be ripped from the ground so everyone was cleared out for the sake of safety. One vendor decided that if they couldn't serve from inside the tent, they'd serve out the side. Soon all followed suit and again a near disaster became an adventure with a good outcome.



WEATHER SUNDAY NIGHT was wild and wicked as several waves of severe weather cells passed through the area. Several funnel clouds were detected in Cooke and Montague counties by Doplar Radar. Hail, reportedly ranging in size from pea to grapefruit size, pelted areas of Cooke County. Trees were shattered, farmers north of Muenster reported crops were ruined or heavily damaged by hail. Above, Felderhoff Brothers lost a

barn along Hwy. 82 near Gainesville when a tornado apparently touched down. At right, large pieces of lumber that once framed the Felderhoffs' barn were driven by brute force solidly into the ground of nearby property. Many area residents reported damage to roofs, siding, windows and autos. Janie Hartman Photos

Open House hosted Saturday by Muenster Public Library April 20

by Daryl Ferber

Essay winners, door prizes, punch and cookies highlighted the Muenster Public Library Open House Saturday.

The object of this affair was to celebrate National Library Week; acquaint the public with the library and its staff; provide a Saturday time for anyone unable to use library services during regular weekday hours.

The awards for the essay contest were presented at 3 p.m. There were 200 entries, all well written, from students of Muenster Public School and Sacred Heart School. Books, colorful certificates and bookmarks were the prizes. Not all winners were able to attend because of other activities and can pick up their awards at the library.

A recent addition to the

library, a small decorated table with 4 matching stools, was well used by the "small fry."

Door prize winners were Becky Felderhoff, Stacie Schinigo, Ted Heers, Kim Felderhoff, Mary Endres, Terri Luke, Carol Dyer, Janet Voth, Ramona Felderhoff, Louise Bayer, Sally Switzer, Monica LeBrasseur, Jeannene Walterscheid, Annette Bayer, Kathy Hartman, and Connie McAden; who may stop at the library for their prizes.

Also celebrating National Library Week, a story time was held Tuesday evening. Lorna Dempster, an experienced storyteller, kept 15 children enchanted with tales from books in the library collection.

The staff and board members arranged and hosted the week-long activities.



LIBRARY ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS - l to r, Cindy Hartman, Neal Bayer, Kristi McAden, David Walterscheid, Michael Voth and Jeff Hartman. These are only part of the winners, others were not present. Daryl Ferber Photo

County selects 911 mapping project vendor

by Janet Felderhoff

Only two bids were received for the county's 911 Mapping/Addressing project, but the extreme difference between the two made the Commissioners' choice an easy one. The selection of Special Data Research is tentative pending approval by the state.

"This is for the development work that is required for the Rural Addressing project," said Judge Hesse. "To read and verify address locations, complete MSAG 911 data base, organize maintenance maps, data base, produce maps, and fully integrate the digital mapping CEO coding rural address and master street address guides into a single geographic information system data base." Estimated cost was \$40,000 to \$50,000 and it will be reimbursed by state funds.

Special Data Research of Missouri submitted a bid of \$45,000.00 and estimated 15 weeks to complete the job. RAM Communications Consultants, Inc. of New Jersey bid \$174,622.57 and estimated six months to do the job.

Commissioners considered, but tabled, adoption of a

proposed Budget Policy for Cooke County. "We're so tightly regulated by the state, the statutes are so specific about the way we put our budgets together and the fact that we are open to public discussion that I hate to see us make our life any more complicated than we have to by putting unnecessary things in there," said Commissioner Richard Brown. "To me a policy should be a rule book that can be enforced and most of this is not specific enough that you can really enforce it."

County Judge Paul Hesse said that the proposed budget policy had been taken from seminars on county government.

Commissioner Virgil Hess said that he didn't totally disagree with the policy which was lengthy and would take a lot of time. "My suggestion would be that maybe we'd be better that if before we start budgets, before we even send out the forms for each department head, we could have a meeting to discuss what all needs to be put on their budget," Hess continued.

It was the opinion of Commissioner Murrell Harrison that the way things were being done was sufficient. "A lot of those line items are already set by the state anyway," he said. "Its what we've got to do anyway."

Actually we're looking at maybe eight or ten that we're really going to make a decision on."

In other business conducted during the April 22 regular meeting of Commissioners Court:

- Kenny Leach was appointed election judge and Margaret Virginia Lasitar alternate for Precinct 7 for the May 4 special election.
- Approved public official bond for County Attorney Tanya Davis.
- Approved 1996-97 county budget calendar.
- Approved minutes of last meeting, monthly bills and JP Precinct #4 report.

Good News!

What shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us.

ROMANS 8: 31-33

Lindsay School Board hosts 1st candidate forum

The first Lindsay School Board Candidate forum held in the community occurred on Monday, April 22, 1996 in the Lindsay Cafetorium 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eighty persons attended.

Sponsored by the Lindsay Education Association Chapter of the Texas State Teachers Association at Lindsay High School, the event was moderated by Tom Carson of Radio KGAF.

Candidates Donna Hess, Andy Bezner incumbent, Bob Roese, and Susan Metzler incumbent attended; Earl Cunningham incumbent was unable to attend because of a previously scheduled business meeting.

Each candidate was granted two minutes for an opening statement and then was given time to answer four questions prepared by the association

and given to them in advance. Later all candidates together answered 15 to 20 questions submitted in writing by the audience during the forum.

Each candidate was then granted a three minute summation.

Opening remarks and welcome were given by Beverly Neal, Special Ed teacher and association treasurer. She introduced Tom Carson and the candidates. Mary Woody, Gifted/Talented program teacher at Lindsay School, and association president gave closing remarks and thanked the 80 people for attending.

Tom Carson commented that community members, school teachers and families must work together to make a strong school, strong students and a strong community.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Cooke County Chorale will perform May 2

Following their tremendously successful concert of Brahms "Requiem" last December, the all-volunteer Cooke County Chorale will sing selections by 20th century composer Randall Thompson on Thursday, May 2 at Gainesville's First Baptist Church, 303 East Broadway.

The one-hour concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and admission is \$3.00; children under 12 free. Chorale Director is Dr. Michael Linder and John Dill is organist; and musicians from UNT will accompany.

Listeners will recall that just about every pew in Sacred Please See CHORALE, Page 2

Muenster judge returns to Harvard

Municipal Judge Christopher Kepler has been accepted to attend Harvard's Law School Program of Instruction for lawyers to be held June 9 through June 22. Judge Kepler received a tuition stipend from Harvard Law School to attend this advanced studies program. The Harvard program is approved by the State Bar of

Texas for mandatory continuing legal education credits.

Judge Kepler will take course work in "Current Problems in Civil Litigation" from Professor Arthur Miller, often seen on the Today Show as legal commentator; plus "Mass Tort and Complex Litigation," and "Regulation of

Financial Institutions".

Among the advantages of advanced study at Harvard is the use of the law school library, operating two major facilities. It is the largest law school library in the world, exceeding 1,400,000 volumes.

Judge Kepler will stay at the Harvard Faculty Club.

Muenster Garden Center expands business

by Janet Felderhoff
 Since opening in 1972 the Muenster Garden Center has changed with the needs of the customer. Fewer requests for trees, shrubs and other bedding plants led owners Roger and Janie Taylor to the decision to discontinue carrying trees and shrubs. They still offer seeds and bedding plants.

Now the business' emphasis is on the sales and repair of lawn mowers and other power equipment. They have expanded the building size an additional 1,000 square feet on the east side to create an area for storage and an expanded lawn mower repair shop. Remodeling to the south side of the building included installation of wider doors to accommodate larger riding lawn mowers. Phil Walterscheid Construction Company did the remodeling work.

Some of the increase in sales and service comes from commercial businesses such as landscapers, lawn care people, area cities and even Denton County.

As the focus of the business turned to power equipment, Roger saw a need for experienced repair help. Two new employees were added to the staff.

Barbara Bayer is the Garden Center's new chain saw and trimmer mechanic. "She is rapidly becoming the top 2-cycle specialist in the county," said Taylor. "She is a quick learner with a natural ability. Barbara has been receiving quite a few unsolicited compliments on her chain saw sharpening abilities." Barbara joined the staff last December.

Jeral Wikle of Marietta, Oklahoma was hired as the lawn mower mechanic. He has a number of years of experience in that area and previously



MUENSTER GARDEN CENTER, a growing power equipment dealer, has received recognition recently for outstanding service. Roger Taylor, on mower, was named one of five top dealers in the state. Employees are, l to r, Frances Sicking, Barbara Bayer and Jeral Wikle. **Janie Hartman Photo**

"The addition is something we've wanted to do for a long, long time and now seemed like the appropriate time with the substantial growth in sales," remarked Taylor. "The Garden Center has been experiencing very substantial growth that necessitated that kind of expansion."

Taylor was named one of the top five dealers in the state of Texas for Ariens mowers and tillers. The five were selected from about 200 dealers across the state. He received a plaque and an invitation to a sales meeting in Roundrock, Texas. The Muenster Garden Center advertises as the largest power equipment dealer in a two county area.

worked as a John Deere mechanic. "He is a fast worker and does his job well," said Taylor.

Frances Sicking has been with the business for 17 years. She is the store manager and does the purchasing, bookkeeping, sales, and is a knowledgeable advisor in gardening. During the spring Roger's wife, Janie, takes care of the bedding plants.

As a reward for outstanding sales, the Husqvarna Chain Saws and Trimmers company sent the Taylors on a cruise to St. Thomas, St. Johns, and the Bahamas. Only about 60 dealers in a three state area qualified for the cruise, said Taylor.

In My Opinion ...

by Elfreda Fette

When the Cooke County Chorale presents its next program on Thursday, May 2, don't miss the opportunity to hear some of the most stirring music of modern times. Go! Avail yourselves of the experience! Although earlier concerts by the Cooke County Chorale have been artistically polished and professional presentations, this next concert will lead the audience into an appreciation of a powerful profound musical masterpiece.

Come and listen! You'll enjoy the time! And you will understand why Chorale members enjoy singing. The group includes more than 10 members from Muenster.

To showcase Randall Thompson's musical settings, players of brass, percussion and organ will accompany the singers for "Testament of Freedom," the tribute to Thomas Jefferson.

In Their Opinion ...

by Cooke County Chorale members

voicing their convictions and reflections about the music and text in their concert, "An Evening with Randall Thompson," and the poem by Robert Frost, "The Road Not Taken," and Thomas Jefferson's words set to music, "The Testament of Freedom" ... "the Declaration of Independence."

"On 'The Road Not Taken' - We have often used this stirring poem in working with our young people. Everyday we must make the choice: That road less traveled more and more, and often it is a lonely road. But the right choice brings lasting fulfillment. - Pam Fette, soprano

"This poem reminds me of the choir's European trip. I had almost decided not to go in fear of the long plane ride. Had I not fought that fear and taken that road, I could not have had the joy of communicating and sharing feelings with strangers by way of the common bond of music. - Bonnie Friedrich, soprano.

"This poem reminds me of my dad. I sometimes wonder what might have been if Dad had not taken a job in Madill, Oklahoma. This move improved my life so much, by giving me more confidence in myself, through new friends and experiences. - Dolores Hermes, soprano.

"I remember the poem in its entirety from high school English ... As we have sung it over and over now, I find I'm becoming more 'into' the poem than ever before. I really enjoy singing while reciting it years ago was a real drag. - Martha Tepera, soprano, mother of five

"On Thomas Jefferson's words set to music, 'The Testament of Freedom' - seems a natural for our country during an election year. We need to remember that we have been blessed to live in the best country in the world, and we need to value our liberty and freedom. - Norma Harper, alto

"On 'Testament of Freedom' - it is a powerful and profound musical masterpiece. After spending some time in Philadelphia a few years ago and learning more American history in a short time, this means so much to me. - Tony Luke, bass

"I think Jefferson was a very deep, God-fearing person, very proud of America. - Ethel M. Hesse, soprano

"As election year transpires, do we really select leaders who will 'rule in the fear of God' - or simply go with the culture or 'as the wind blows'? We all must seek God's leadership in our lives. The marriage of words and music makes this a joyous yet profound piece to sing. - Dr. Mike Linder, director

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Heart Church was filled for last December's program, when the Muenster VFW Post 6205 was particularly honored, in the spirit of involving a sector of the community in musical concerts.

For this program, the Cooke County Chorale is reaching out to high school and college students as special guests, presenting historical and poetic documents set to music by Randall Thompson.

First of all, the Chorale will present Thompson's setting of American poet, Robert Frost's classic poem "The Road Not Taken." Also to be presented will be "The Last Words of

David" and "Alleluia."

Highlights of the program will be musical settings of Thomas Jefferson's stirring messages of 1774, 1775, 1776 and 1821. Chorale members agree that they feel conscious of election year responsibilities singing Thomas Jefferson's stirring message ... they eagerly anticipate the audience's experience of this grand finale to their concert: "An Evening with Randall Thompson."

The Cooke County Chorale is a member of the Cooke County Arts Council.

Article taken from excerpts by Stephen Bonin and Linda Coursey.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

The ongoing race for president of the U.S.A. is almost in full swing. One can read and hear charges and counter charges by both Liberals and Conservatives daily.

For the first time in many years the Conservatives have the numbers in their favor, and while they pass measures that could lead to a balanced budget, old Veto Bill cuts them down one after another.

In the two years since the Republicans gained control of the House and Senate, Clinton has vetoed 15 bills, some of which would cut spending in many areas, and also try and clean up our welfare mess.

A TV ad run by the Democratic National Committee accused Dole of voting no to the only balanced budget proposal advanced by Clinton. This is true, but the ad fails to mention that the Senate voted the proposal down by a vote of 99 to 0 with every Democratic Senator voting against it.

One of the latest bills vetoed by Clinton is a bill that would have banned an abortion procedure to terminate late term pregnancies. This method of abortion, though less frequently used than others, is the most murderously brutal and gruesome of all.

By vetoing this bill, Clinton has shown his true colors, and taking into consideration his problem with the truth and his apparent lack of morals generally, plus his involvement in past shady deals, I for one, see him as no choice at all.

Personally, I am not altogether happy with Senator Bob Dole. His record of pushing tax bills through the Senate, and his willingness to compromise often instead of holding his ground at times, leave me a little cold.

Dole is a conservative and a man of high moral standards, and as a man, outranks Clinton by a wide margin.

By and large, Mr. Dole merits our firm support over his opponent.



Write On

by Janie Hartman

At the graveyard

Did you ever notice or wonder why we bury our dead with their heads toward the west facing east?

The Christian belief is that when Jesus is resurrected, He will appear in the east, so Christians buried their deceased with the feet facing east so the dead will see Jesus rise and hurry to meet Him.

Ponds live and die

A pond builder pushes out a depression in the land where the water seems to settle. He turns his big bulldozer loose and pushes the land into a pile and forms a small earth dam. He sticks an overflow pipe in the dam, picks up his paycheck and leaves.

If there is rain, the new pond fills with water. Good pond builders are hard to find. The water behind a poorly made earth dam quickly finds its way through and the dam turns soft and weeps at its base.

If the pond survived a few years, it thrives with wildlife. But it also suffers as it fills slowly with topsoil from the land above. As it fills, it loses its life. Before long, it has become a shallow, weed filled mud pit. Then finally, the water flows over the dam and the pond stands empty and dry, a gloomy place until a new dam builder comes along and digs it deep again.

Nonfat of Skim?

Is there a difference between skim milk and nonfat milk? Don't believe it if anyone tells you there is. By law, skim and non fat milk are the same. Both must contain less than 0.5 milk content.

When do kids turn into goats?

Not even the experts can come up with an answer to this question. But some veterinarians believe once a goat can breed and bear offspring, it is no longer a kid.

Tequila worms

Did you ever wonder why there are worms in some tequila bottles? In fact they are in bottles of mescal, an alcohol distilled from the juices of the plant Agave Tequiliana Weber, also known as maquey. Technically all tequila is mescal, but not all mescal is tequila.

The worm is placed in bottles of mescal to prove it is genuine, since the worm used lives only in the Agave Tequiliana Weber plant.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the import of wormed tequila in the late-1970's. Today, most worms are made of plastic or rubber.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

April 22-27, 1996, is National Volunteer Week, and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the people I believe are the most dedicated volunteers in our community, the volunteers of the home hospice.

Most people know that Home Hospice provides a very special kind of care for terminally ill persons and their families, but it's less known that if it were not for our volunteers, our hospice could not function. Even the federal government recognizes the importance of volunteers in the delivery of hospice care by requiring that Medicare-approved hospices utilize volunteers from their community. Patient care volunteers must undergo a minimum of 30 hours of initial training before they may work directly with patients and families. These outstanding volunteers maintain one-on-one contact with the patients and families providing a helping hand or listening ear during a difficult time. Home Hospice is also very fortunate to benefit

from time donated by local physicians and clergy who volunteer as part of the patient care team. Dr. Bob McLeroy, Dr. Larry Sears, Rev. Joe Pool and Rev. Keith Boone are available to advise the Hospice team and lend their professional and moral support to the staff as well as the patients. Other volunteers provide home-cooked meals for our parents and families, work in the office, or volunteer in our bereavement program. A large group of men and women donate their time and talents to the Home Hospice Auxiliary which raises funds for patient care through their annual Light up a Life campaign. Last February, the auxiliary presented Home Hospice a check for \$18,000 from the proceeds of the 1995 drive.

Our community is blessed to have such caring, self-sacrificing persons that give so much to others. Their dedicated efforts truly help ...to make the way less lonely."

Sincerely,
 Dianne Boone
 Volunteer Coordinator

Growth produces changes at local plant

by Janet Felderhoff
 As of April 1 Renewed Materials Industries (RMI) of Muenster changed their name to Rumber® Materials Inc. This name change should help to tie the company to the product says General Manager J'Lynn Hare. "We produce a product line called Rumber and the name change should make it easier for customers to find us and associate us with our products," she noted.

J'Lynn Hare was recently promoted from plant manager to the position of general manager of RMI. She has been with RMI since it opened in 1991 when she was hired as executive assistant. J'Lynn has always been involved in the plant administrative work, marketing, and sales.

RMI manufactures products from recycled tire rubber and plastic. They now have four different product lines and are just completing the research and development stage of

another. Their products are 2x8 tongue and groove board with smooth or traction surface; full 2x8 board; 2x6 board, with or without traction surface; and 2x6 tongue and groove board with or without traction surface.

These products are sold all over the United States. They sell directly in 75 outlets, not counting the master distributors they sell to.

When RMI first established their plant in Muenster they set up in the vacant Valenite building west of town. After growing they moved part of the operation to the vacant Valenite building on the east side of Muenster. According to Mrs. Hare there is more growth in the company's near future. "RMI is on the edge of expanding like crazy! We're doing a lot of testing of different products right now and are just on the edge of expanding even further into the market and expanding

building size," she remarked. With the name change and new management in place, RMI hopes that everyone can

envision the broad scope and spirit of their company, while knowing that only the name has changed, not the people.



J'LYNN HARE, RMI plant manager, displays one of the company's rubber board products. **Janie Hartman Photo**

2 WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, April 28	Monday, April 29	Tuesday, April 30	Wednesday, May 1	Thursday, May 2	Friday, May 3	Saturday, May 4
Fun Run Noon Germanfest Ends 10 p.m.!!			Religious Ed. Classes 7 p.m. May Crowning Procession and Mass 7:15 p.m. C of C Board Meeting 5 p.m. SH Alumni Meeting 7:30 p.m. Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Cooke Co. Chorale at First Baptist Church, Gainesville 7:30 p.m. Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	MISD No School	TAPPS State Track - Waco School Board, MMH Board Election Illinois Bend "Pig Out" Illinois Bend School 7 p.m.
	Sacred Heart No School	Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center				
Sunday, May 5	Monday, May 6	Tuesday, May 7	Wednesday, May 8	Thursday, May 9	Friday, May 10	Saturday, May 11
Life Teen Softball at the Diamond 3 - 5 p.m.	City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	MISD Elementary Awards Banquet Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	C of C Breakfast at The Center 7:30 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes, 7 p.m. Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Historical Comm. Meeting & Officers Election 8 a.m. Brookes-Reynolds Haus SH Athletic Awards Banquet Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	MISD No School	Emu Assoc. Meeting Gainesville Civic Center 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Alma Stoffels dies April 23 at 73

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Alma Katherine Sandmann) Stoffels on Thursday, April 25, 1996, in Sacred Heart Church. Officiating were a cousin, Father Frowin Schoech OSB, with Father David Hellinghausen OSB and Father Larry Fisher as co-celebrants.

Alma Stoffels died at age 73 on April 23 at 1:30 a.m. after a long illness and a valiant struggle against cancer.

She was born on March 9, 1923 in Lindsay to William Sandmann and Anna Stoek Sandmann. On June 30, 1947 she married Herman Stoffels in Sacred Heart Church. Alma was a homemaker, a devoted wife and mother, and loving grandmother. She participated in her children's school activities; was a room mother; worked with Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Her 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild all knew their grandma's love, and she was not ready to leave them. She always wanted to be there for all their special moments. She lived in Muenster for 48 years; belonged to the Catholic Daughters of America and to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She was an avid reader, loved to ravel, to cook, to bake, to take walks and enjoyed company, playing "42" games and dominoes. In retirement, she and her husband traveled to Europe twice, Canada, Hawaii, a Caribbean cruise and many locations in the US.

Survivors include her husband, Herman Stoffels; daughters and sons-in-law Dindy and Jim Gehrig; Pam and Joe Dangelmayr; June and Chuck Bartush, Jr., all of Muenster; Donna and Rex Simmons of Denton; Janel Stoffels of Denton; Connie and Ken Rheams of Austin; Sally Stoffels of Austin; and sons and daughters-in-law, Mark Stoffels of Shreveport, LA; Chris and Jana Stoffels of Gainesville; and Craig and Connie Stoffels of Sanger.

Also 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also, three sisters Alice Hennigan and Margie Rohmer, both of Muenster, and Marcella Hess of Lindsay and three brothers Raymond Sandmann, Edward Sandmann and Paul Sandmann, all of Lindsay. And many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents William and Anna Sandmann.

In his homily, Father Frowin said, in part, "... The words of Jesus, resigning Himself to the will of God the Father, ... let this cup pass from me ... not as



ALMA STOFFELS

I will, but as you will' ... must have been the same words in the heart of Alma Stoffels 18 months ago when she learned that she had bone marrow cancer. She was a strong woman and a fighter ... determined to do battle ... She was a deeply spiritual person who loved her God, her husband, her children and her friends ... In her suffering she set an example for those around her ... She was a joyful lady, looking at the sunny side of life ... speaking of the future and of the events in the lives of her children ... She was a very gentle woman ... a quiet light ... a peaceful dove ... She seemed to model her life after Mary the Mother of Jesus. The Rosary was her constant prayer ... Today her husband, her children and this community praise her."

Participants in the funeral liturgy for the Mass of Christian Burial were Mass servers, grandsons Lucien Gehrig and Daniel Bartush, and a friend Butch Fisher.

Readers of the Scriptures from the Old and New

Testaments were grandchildren Michael Gehrig and Kelly Dangelmayr. The Responsorial Psalm "The Lord Is My Shepherd" was sung by granddaughters Pamela and Cheryl Simmons, Debra Dangelmayr, Joanna Gehrig and Jackie Bartush.

Offertory Petitions were read by grandchildren Matthew Simmons, Karen Gehrig, and Lauren Stoffels. Offertory Gifts were presented at the altar by grandchildren Clint Stoffels, Emily Stoffels, Mark Gehrig and Adam Dangelmayr.

Eucharistic Ministers were Chuck Bartush, Jr., Robert and Betty Miller, Bill and Laurie Rohmer and Sandra Hess.

Family memories: "A Tribute to Mom" was read by a daughter, Connie Rheams, after the Communion Meditation.

Sacred Music was presented by Emily Klement, Pam and Dave Fette, Ruth Felderhoff, and Christy Hesse. Music included "For You Are My God", "One Day At A Time", "The Hillside", "Lord, You Are More Precious", "I Exalt Thee", "Ave Maria", and "In the Day of the Lord".

A Rosary Service was held on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in McCoy Chapel and a Vigil Service at 7 p.m.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were grandsons Russell Simmons, Chad Simmons, Jason Gehrig, Ryan Gehrig, Glen Dangelmayr, and Stephen Bartush. Honorary pallbearers were god-children Mike Hennigan, Gloria Culpepper, Randy Hess, and a nephew Giles Truebenbach.

The family has suggested memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or the Sacred Heart Trust Fund, in lieu of flowers.

Sales tax rebates jump for most of Cooke County

A total of \$146.7 million in April sales tax rebates were returned to 1,075 cities and 115 counties in Texas. "Sales tax rebates are up significantly over April of last year," said State Comptroller John Sharp. "The local sales tax rebates averaged 18.7 percent over those of April 1995. Sales tax figures outpace the growth in number of jobs and new businesses in Texas."

Muenster was the only city in Cooke County to note a drop in this April's rebate compare to April 1995. The payment received was \$9,532.61, a decrease of \$8.71 percent. Total payments to date, \$42,849.02 are 1.69 percent less than at this time last year.

Gainesville's payment of \$197,960.87 was an increase of 58.77 percent from April 1995. Total payments to date, \$974,168.90 is up 48.82 percent.

For Lindsay there was a 31.28 percent increase in the

payment of \$4,643.64. Total payments to date, \$19,197.49 are up 15.58 percent from a year ago.

Oak Ridge saw an increase of 23.75 percent with its April 1996 payment of \$3,507.38. Valley View noted an increase of 51.74 percent with the April

rebate of \$3,462.51. Cooke County received a sales tax rebate check for \$79,584.71, an improvement of 5.95 percent over last April. Total payments to date for the year, \$377,718.77, show a slight decrease, 0.07 percent, over this time last year.

'FEST Continued from Page 1

Sunny weather seems to be in the forecast for the 21st annual Germanfest this weekend. If the weather holds this could be the best attended festival in Muenster's history. With Vince Vance and the Valiants scheduled to perform all three, sponsors are gearing up for larger than normal crowds.

Duane Knabe, chairman of the 15th annual Germanfest Metric Century Bicycle Rally, is also hoping for fair weather. "If we have nice weather we should have about 2,000 riders," said Knabe. "About

half of the participants wait to see how the weather will be." As of Wednesday there were 835 people who had pre-registered.

Muenster Chamber of Commerce Secretary Margie Starke wants to make interested persons aware that Brave Combo will only perform one day, Sunday, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Germanfest. There was a printing error in several places including the Germanfest brochure indicating that they would perform at other times.

Vera Cook Powers of Saint Jo dies

Vera (Cook) Powers, 90, of Saint Jo died on April 14, 1996 at 6:07 a.m. in Nocona General Hospital.

Services were held on April 16 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Saint Jo officiated by Rev. Mike Miller, Manford Saunders, and C.E. Cole. Burial was in Mountain Park Cemetery in Saint Jo, directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.

Vera Cook Powers was born on Nov. 6, 1905 in Montague County to Charles Cook and Mary Martin Cook. On Oct. 21, 1944 she was married to Archie Glenn Powers in Gainesville. She lived most of her life in Montague County and more than 60 years of this in Saint Jo. She worked as a cook in a Boarding House a number of years; cooked for a railroad crew and lived in a Box Car while doing this. She also worked in a laundry in Saint Jo. In her youth she attended school in Forestburg. She was a member of the Methodist Faith.

Survivors include a host of nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Archie Glenn Powers; her parents; four sisters Sula Dunn, Mae Young, Emma Hunt, Della Bolin; and three brothers John Cook, Floyd Cook and Fred Cook; and one half-brother Arthur Jackson.

Burial in Mountain Park Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Charles Edwards, Larry Cook, Ricky Cook, Danny Reeves, Doyle Cook, Jim Perry, Joe Whittenburg and Melvin Dunn. Honorary pallbearers were William Landers, Jack Dunn, Bill Nienest and Weldon Dunn.

Services held for Ralph Donnell Jr.

Ralph W. Donnell, Jr. 65, died in Muenster Memorial Hospital on April 23, 1996 at 4:12 p.m. Funeral Mass will be in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Nocona on Friday, April 26 at 3 p.m. The obituary, photo, and liturgy will be included in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

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Lifestyle

Del Bosque, Tepera celebrate vows in Dallas

A Nuptial Mass and traditional double ring vows in Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe, the cathedral in downtown Dallas, united in Matrimony Melissa Del Bosque of Eules and James Gordon Tepera of Bedford, formerly of Lindsay.

Msgr. Lawrence Prichard officiated the Catholic ceremony on Saturday, April 20, 1996 at 2:30 p.m. It was the bride's lifelong desire to be married in the cathedral.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Del Bosque of Grand Prairie. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tepera of Lindsay.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was wearing a formal candlelight white Italian silky satin wedding gown by Mon Cheri, trimmed with Alencon lace, pearls and clear sequins. The gown featured a layered overskirt, a semi-cathedral train, and self-fabric roses on the short sleeves, and at the base of the bodice, V-shaped to a point in back.

Her illusion veil was held by a wreath of satin florets.

She carried a full bridal cascade of champagne roses and white Easter lilies.

ATTENDANTS

Lisa Behr of Clearwater, Florida, college friend of the bride was maid of honor.

Norma L. Del Bosque of Grand Prairie, sister of the bride, Christie Pierce of Lubbock, Jennifer Roeder of Sanger, and Mary Tepera of Lindsay, sister of the groom were bridesmaids.

Mary Frances Anderson of Madison, Wisconsin, niece of the groom was junior bridesmaid, wearing a Victorian-style champagne moire dress, with wide hemline ruffle, and pink fabric roses at shoulders and waist.

Bridesmaids wore princess cut champagne moire gowns, bordered with antique lace at the necklines, and cap sleeves. They carried crescent-shaped bouquets of champagne roses and white Easter lilies.

Sara Crutcher, niece of the groom was flower girl, wearing a champagne moire dress with pink fabric roses at the Empire waistline and on the cuffs of the puffed sleeves.

Isaac Del Bosque, Jr. nephew of the bride was ring bearer. Tommy Sotuyo of McAllen,

godson of the bride was train bearer.

Michael Tepera, groom's twin of Gainesville, Florida and Mark Tepera, also a brother, of Lubbock, stood with the groom as his best men.

Groomsmen were Michael Del Bosque of Grand Prairie, bride's brother, Marc McCluer of Plano, Kirby Keeney of Lubbock and Tim Carter of Lubbock, all friends of the groom.

Ushers were Steven Tepera of Lindsay and Mark Tepera of Lubbock, groom's brothers, Daniel Chavez of Grand Prairie bride's cousin, Frank Carrillo

presented by Mr. and Mrs. David Sotuyo of McAllen; "El Libro and Rosario," a Bible and rosary presented by Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Crutcher of Amarillo; and "Laso" a double rosary placed around the bridal couple as a symbol of unity, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tepera of Tyler.

Preceding the bride's entrance into the cathedral, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Anderson of Madison, Wisconsin carried a "Cojines," a satin-embroidered kneeling cushion from Mexico, for the couple to kneel on. They are

in D, "Trumpet Voluntary," "I Am the Bread of Life," Schubert's "Ave Maria," Handel's "Hornpipe," and the recessional by Mendelssohn.

Serving as first witnesses, and presenting the bread and wine for the Liturgy, were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Del Bosque of Lockport, N.Y., brother and sister-in-law of the bride. The First Reading, Genesis 2 and Prayers of the Faithful were given by Janet Moeller, groom's sister of Houston. The Second Reading, from First Corinthians Ch. 12 was given by Aron Guerrero, bride's cousin, of McAllen.

Church decorations included arrangements of champagne roses, Easter lilies, and gardenias.

RECEPTION

A reception with seated dinner, preceded by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres was held at the Radisson Suites Hotel in Arlington for 225 guests, hosted by parents of the bride and groom.

A Mariachis Trio played during the cocktail party, and serenaded the guests during dinner. Later, guests danced to music by Eric Melton DJ.

Erica and Dena DeLeon, cousins of the bride presided at the bride's book.

The table for the wedding party held a centerpiece of champagne roses, with white Easter lilies cascading from the center.

A "floating in the air" style wedding cake was decorated with basket-weave butter-cream frosting and fresh roses, and featured Bavarian cream filling.

The rehearsal dinner was held at Harrigan's Arlington "The Library Room."

The bride attended Immaculate Conception School in Grand Prairie, and is a 1988 graduate of Bishop Dunne High School in Dallas, and a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed as a Claims Representative by State Farm Insurance.

The groom attended Lovejoy Elementary in Lucas, TX, Allen Middle School of Allen, TX, and is a 1989 graduate of Van Alstyne High School, and a 1994 graduate of Texas Tech. He is a Sales Representative employed by Summers Electric of Fort Worth.



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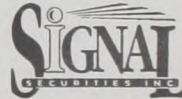
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sister and brother-in-law of the groom.

Wedding music was provided by organist Mickie Akin, music director at the cathedral, and Sherie Friedel, including the prelude "Air on G String," "Panis Angelicus," "Sleepers Awake," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Pachelbel's "Canon



JULINE MARIE BARTEL of Muenster and Jason Paul Brogdon of Gainesville will be married in Sacred Heart Church on June 15, 1996. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Walter and Celine Bartel. Parents of the groom are Max Brogdon of Torrington, Wyoming and Cheryl Polk of Gainesville. Father Frowin Schoech, OSB, will officiate the Mass and ceremony at 5 p.m. Attendants include Matron of Honor Rhonda Walterscheid; Marceline Felderhoff, Lorene Dudley, Bernice Bartel and Adrienne Bartel; and Best Man West Jordan; Tim Bartel, Terry Bartel, Duane Walterscheid and Jeff Dudley. The bride-elect is currently attending North Central Texas College and is employed as a receptionist at Cooke County Rural Health Clinic. The future-groom is a 1995 graduate of Tarleton State University and is employed by Justin Seed Company as a Crop Advisor. The couple plans to reside in Gainesville after the wedding.



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Cotton throw offered by the Texas 4-H Center

The early years of 4-H is the theme used for the beautiful cotton throw being offered by the Texas 4-H center. Seven detailed scenes frame the shape of Texas with the traditional 4-H Clover in the middle. Each corner depicts the cornerstones of the program - Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

Pictured with the throw are Jerry and Evelyn Sicking of Muenster who worked on the committee for the reunion of the Volunteer Leaders Association of Texas when the throw was unveiled. Cost of the

throw is fifty dollars including tax.

Along with the throw, a certificate suitable for framing is included, telling of the organization of the boys "corn club," adoption of the 4-H insignia, the four-leaf clover, the girls "tomato club," and the Boys and Girls Clubs (the forerunner of 4-H). The proceeds of the sales will be used for 4-H scholarships.

For more information to purchase a throw, contact Jerry or Evelyn at 817-759-4388 or the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood at 1-800-432-8342.

Saint Jo church celebrates Heritage Sunday, April 28

In celebration of Heritage Sunday, longtime members of the Methodist Church in Saint Jo, who joined between 1925 and 1930, will be honored on Sunday, April 28 during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Also recognized will be those members who transferred their membership to the Saint Jo congregation when their church disbanded because of lack of population in the community, such as Illinois Bend and Bonita, as well as those who were members in other area towns until they moved to Saint Jo.

Their friends and families will attend along with former

members of the church. Pastor Mike Miller has extended an invitation to everyone to come and visit at this time.

Testimonies by some of the lay members will be given, and special music by the church choir and solos by Gladys Morgan and guest soloist Dana McCrary will follow.

"Dinner On The Grounds" (actually a covered-dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall) will be served afterwards.

The First Methodist Congregation in Saint Jo was organized in 1872. The present building was constructed in 1919.



HALLELUJAH HYMNS that rev up the blood and bring the sinners to the Amen bench will be glorified when the Mountain Springs Mellow Drummers present "Hallelujah Brother" Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, at 8 p.m. in the Mountain Springs Community Center. The 1996 Drummers' production is a lighthearted salute to their community auditorium which is a century old this year. Cast members include, l to r, front - B.J. Murphy, Casey McKown, Tabatha Williamson; seated, Marilyn McKown, Sherry Isbell, Kay Fuller; standing - Spencer Bevers, Bernard Childs, Sandy Vann, Dave Isbell, Linda Bevers and Delsie Lillard.



THE ENGAGEMENT and approaching marriage of Melanie Lynn Chappell of Saint Jo and Steven Lee Billmeier of Pilot Point have been announced by parents of the bride-elect, Carl and Marian Chappell of Saint Jo. Parents of the future-groom are Rudy Billmeier of Pottsboro and the late Phyllis Billmeier. They will be married on May 18, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the Gainesville Civic Center with Todd Brown, pastor of Gainesville Bible Church officiating, where the couple attends church services. Attendants will be Julie Chappell, bride's sister of Arkadelphia, Arkansas as maid of honor; Lynette Rios of Odessa, Michelle Landers of Muenster, Kyra Newberry of San Angelo and Angie Hilton of Saint Jo as bridesmaids. The flower girl will be Ashley Billmeier, groom's niece, of Pilot Point. The best man will be D.J. Billmeier, groom's brother of Pilot Point, and groomsmen will be Michael Early, Bradley Hamilton of Pilot Point, Corey Moore of Grapevine and Chuck Redman of Stephenville. The ring bearer will be Justin King, groom's cousin of Mesquite. The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Saint Jo High School, attended Angelo State University and is currently attending Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, majoring in Radiological Technology. The future-groom is a 1988 graduate of J. Earl Selz High School of Pilot Point, and a 1993 graduate of Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He is employed in Denton as a Surveyor for Landmark Surveyors, Inc. The couple plans to reside in Saint Jo for the first year until the bride finishes school in Wichita Falls.

New Arrivals

Walterscheid

Doug and Leigh Walterscheid and their two-year old daughter, Traci of Grapevine announce with joy the birth of their son and brother, Christopher Douglas Walterscheid on April 17 at 9:29 a.m. He weighed 8 lb. 10 1/2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Christopher was born in Baylor Medical Center Hospital in Grapevine. Proud grandparents are Randy and Marilyn Bayer of Roanoke and Jerry and Betty Rose Walterscheid of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Frank and Romana Bayer and Mrs.

Margaret Kupper of Muenster.

Dangelmayr

Kerry and Michael Dangelmayr are parents of a son, Garrett Michael Dangelmayr born on March 19, 1996 at 10:50 p.m. in Wilson N. Jones Hospital of Sherman, weighing 8 lb. 6 1/2 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. Garrett Michael joins a sister, Rashae, age 4 years. Their grandparents are Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr (their first grandson) and Benny and Mickey Haverkamp. The great-grandparents are Tony and Sis Klement.



JERRY AND EVELYN SICKING

Home Hospice Auxiliary hears program, plans brunch

The Home Hospice Auxiliary held their regular meeting on March 7th at Whaley United Methodist Church. President Norma Williams conducted the business meeting.

Jane Dudley presented the program for members and guests. Her talk began with the words "Hospice was not meant to save Don's life, but they saved mine." She continued to relate the many and varied ways that all the Home Hospice team gave to her and her husband, Don Dudley, who was dying of Lou Gehrig's disease.

Home Hospice is a community-based, non-profit organization which, as Mrs. Dudley stated, gives loving support and care to the terminally ill and their families

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Plans are currently being made for a Membership brunch on June 6th at the home of Joe and Patti Wallace.

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It Was News Then ...

50 YEARS AGO March 15, 1946

Harvest prospects here get worse daily in current plague of green bugs. Conditions are so bad that farmers to the east and south are plowing up their grain and preparing to plant row crops. Candidates announcing for three trustee positions on Muenster Independent School District Board include Albert Henscheid, Frank J. Yosten, and Meinrad Hesse for re-election, and C.M. Walterscheid and J.P. Flusche. C.J. Kaiser and Herbert Meurer receive dealership for the Kaiser-Frazer automobile lines, that also includes tractors and farm machinery.

30 YEARS AGO March 11, 1966

Joe H. Endres, 72, dies suddenly of heart attack. Native of Sacred Heart Parish, Father Frowin Schoech, OSB will be ordained in Sacred Heart Church on June 4 and will offer his first Solemn High Mass on June 5. It will be the

first time in Muenster's history that the ordination will be held in the parish church. Science Fair and classroom exhibits will be featured for Public School Week. Thirty boys report for baseball season at Sacred Heart School for Coach Walter Wolf. Muenster High School will compete in two track meets this week. New Arrivals: a son for Mr. and Mrs. John David Fleitman; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Syverson; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Youngblood. Family gathering honors John Rohmer on 80th birthday.

10 YEARS AGO March 14, 1986

Interest is rising in the campaign against littering in the Muenster area. "Operation Clean Sweep" will lead off a "March Against Trash" and litter pick up on March 15. Each year a clean up is held before Germanfest, now citizens are voicing concern because cleaning up is lost within several months as those responsible for littering continue to toss out their bottles and cans. Education and stricter law enforcement urged. Jane Monday is assembling materials and organizing information for an authentic film reflecting Muenster history. New Arrivals Andrea Ann Christina McCullares to Dr. and Mrs. George McCullares - she is a granddaughter for Lupe and Ben Martinez, Lynn Ann Sicking to Herbert and JoAnn Sicking; Catherine Elizabeth Weatherhead to Jim and Carol

Weatherhead. Two Tigers and five Tigerettes named to TCII III AAA All District Basketball. Andy Burnette and Stuar Hess lead Hornets to second place win at S&S track meet.

10 YEARS AGO March 21, 1986

Forty-eight volunteers pooled energies and resources on Saturday, March 15 in the "March Against Trash" the second phase of "Operation Clean Sweep." By 6:30 p.m. they weighed the bags of trash they had picked up, covering seven miles of roadside right-of-way - all 7,980 lbs. of litter! By dark on Sunday evening, it was generally conceded that they are losing the war - much of the trash had re-appeared. "Over a thousand pounds of litter for each mile is incredible." Litterers are trash themselves! Stiff fines might correct some of this - but first litterers have to be reported and caught. Dust on unpaved Ash Street is creating a problem for health of individuals, and survival of shrubs and trees. Darren Cheaney of Muenster has grand champion 4-H Club steer at Cooke County Junior Livestock Show. New Arrival Alexandria Beth Porter to David and Sidney Porter. Her honor is won by Dean Sicking of Texas Transportation Institute. He is the winner of the 1985 Fred Burggraf Award, and is the Texas Researcher so honored. Muenster Homets win two first places at Gunter relays.

Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

The quarterly singing sponsored by the local churches will be Sunday April 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Forestburg United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to come and sing and enjoy the singing.

Mrs. Gladys Balthrop and Mrs. Anna Kirk were in Decatur Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson had as their guest Friday Billy Ray Jackson of Decatur; and Sunday dinner guests were Jewel and Carroll Dill.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth spent the weekend in Wichita Falls with their children, grandchildren and other relatives.

Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde had as their guests during the week Bill Adcock, Bill Christian of Stephenville, and Mrs. Cindy Ferguson of Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian have had as their guests during the week Bill and Dorothy Christian of Stephenville, and Jimmy Christian of Springtown.

In this area we have received about one inch and a half of rain. We welcome every drop that falls and hope for more for our grass and crops, and the ponds all need washing out and fresh water for our livestock. Sounds like from the weather forecasts we are in for some more rain. Maybe the drought is broken.



MUESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY hosted an Open House Saturday, April 20. Present were, l to r, Librarian Pat Weaver, retired librarian Mary Moster and volunteers Agatha Wolf, Betty Felderhoff, Marcie Klement, Alice Davidson and Teresa Fowler.

News of the Sick

Personal

Mrs. Richard Cain accompanied her daughter, Judy Hartman of Denton, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hogan of Lubbock last weekend to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Naomi and Pete Smith. Naomi Smith is the sister of Mrs. Cain and Hogan. The party was hosted by children and grandchildren of the honorees.

Loma Dempster is spending several days at home, recuperating normally from surgery performed last Friday. She looks forward to returning to work soon at Muenster Telephone Company.

Father Harry Fisher underwent cataract surgery at a Richardson hospital on April 25. He returned home Friday.

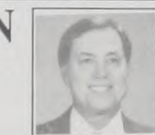
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Blood Donor Drive nets 34 units, plans for June 27

The Blood Donor drive sponsored by the Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary netted 34 units. There were three deferrals. The next drive will be held on June 27, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, noon to 8 p.m., sponsored by

the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary. Its members offered sincere thanks to the Knights of Columbus for use of the K.C. Hall, to Muenster State Bank, to Charles Wimmer and especially to all the blood donors.

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Illinois Bend to hold "Pig Out"

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The Illinois Bend community is located on FM 677 about fifteen miles north of Saint Jo. Monies collected from this event will go toward the Illinois Bend Community Club building fund.

Mark your calendar now for a great evening of food, fun, and entertainment. Bring your family, lawn chairs, and a big appetite.

Willkommen to Germanfest!

We welcome all our friends, old and new, to the 21st Annual Germanfest. Have a Great Time and, Please, Drive Safely!

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School News



Sacred Heart 2nd grade explores Heard Sanctuary

Sacred Heart 2nd graders recently visited the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney. The day-long event included a tour of the museum, a nature walk, and a bird of prey program.

After a general introduction of the sanctuary, the children were divided into two groups for a tour of the grounds. Trained guides took the class down trails where the children observed plant and animal life and habitats.

They were also shown birds that had been badly injured and nursed back to health by trained staff members. Guides explained that whenever possible, birds are returned back into the wild. The only birds kept in captivity on the sanctuary grounds are birds that can no longer survive in the wild because of permanent disabilities.

After walking the trails, the children gathered indoors for a bird of prey program. They were shown a red-tailed hawk and an owl. The children were able to closely observe the birds while listening to a talk about the birds' physical appearances, capabilities, habits, habitats, etc. The children were also able to ask questions and handle model talons of several different birds. Before leaving, the children were given coloring books showing and describing each bird of prey.

Next, the children took time to enjoy the museum. They saw the shells, fish, rocks, and antiques, but their favorite exhibit was the cave.

After a wonderful time at the Heard Museum and Sanctuary, the class had a picnic at Finch Park and enjoyed the playground until time to return to school.



PROFESSIONAL SCULPTRESS, MARITA McMILLAN OF GAINESVILLE, (right) put on a program for the art students of Muenster and Sacred Heart High Schools. After the program McMillan talked one on one to the students about sculpturing from clay model to the finished bronze. McMillan, who specializes in bronzes of horses and people, is pictured with L. R. Joey Martin, Becky Endres, and Andy Ladd. Photo by Janie Hartman

Muenster ISD Honor Roll

ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

- 6th Grade - Paul Fleitman, Grant Hartman, Ashley Klement, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Christopher York.
- 7th Grade - Diane Britain, Lauren Dangelmayr, Kacie Garcia, Megan Hennigan, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Mary Skinner, Terri Wimmer.
- 8th Grade - Karen Cler, Allison Endres, Kelly Felderhoff, Jackie Henscheid, Jeffrey Klement, Raegan Koessler.
- 9th Grade - Dolly Patel, Matthew York.
- 10th Grade - Joyce Hacker, Kristine Hartman, Lucas Hartman, Leigh Reiter.
- 11th Grade - Greg Flusche, Brandi Lutkenhaus.
- 12th Grade - Fernando Arakaki, Matt Chisam, Jeff Flusche, Hollie Fuhrmann, Carrie Hess.



SACRED HEART 2nd GRADE students and parents enjoy a nature walk at a wildlife sanctuary. Courtesy Photo

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF APR. 29 - MAY 3 ERA ISD

BREAKFAST: Oatmeal, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY SPECIAL: Scrambled Eggs.

Mon. - Sausage pizza, French fries, salad, pear half, peanut butter cookie, milk. SNACK BAR: Chicken sandwich, pickle spears, salad, pear half, milk.

Tues. - Turkey pot pie, corn, salad, broccoli and carrot sticks, peach cobbler, milk. SNACK BAR: Burrito w/cheese sauce, green beans, salad, peaches, milk.

Wed. - Chicken nuggets, sweet peas, salad, fruit cocktail, cornbread and butter, milk. SNACK BAR: Barbecue sandwich, French fries, salad, raisins, milk.

Thur. - Ham, sweet potatoes, salad, green beans, hot rolls/butter, milk. SNACK BAR: Pepperoni pizza, corn, salad, pineapple, milk.

Fri. - Hamburger, cheese slice, French fries, trimmings, ice cream, milk.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chalupa w/trimmings, Mexican rice, beans, fruit, bread, milk.

Tues. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, cole slaw, fruit, bread, milk.

Wed. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, iced cake, bread, milk.

Thur. - Burritos, refried beans, applesauce, fruit, bread, milk.

Fri. - Hamburgers, w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream, milk.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL S.N.A.P.

Mon. - No School!

Tues. - Lasagna casserole, corn, lettuce, fruit, garlic toast, milk.

Wed. - Corny dogs, cole slaw, vegetarian beans, cinnamon apples, milk.

Thur. - Oven-fried chicken, rice, gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, milk.

Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream, milk.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - BREAKFAST: Donuts, juice, milk. **LUNCH:** Hot dogs w/chili, French fries, Pinto beans, fruit cobbler, milk.

Tues. - BREAKFAST: Grilled ham and cheese on toast, juice, milk. **LUNCH:** Fried chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

Wed. - BREAKFAST: Pancakes w/syrup, juice, milk. **LUNCH:** Vegetable beef soup, choice of sandwiches, fruit, cornbread or crackers, milk.

Thur. - BREAKFAST: Cinnamon toast, juice, milk. **LUNCH:** Hamburgers w/trimmings, potato chips, fruit, brownies, milk.

Fri. - NO SCHOOL!

HONOR ROLL

- 6th Grade - Chisam Cain, Lacy Endres, Mitchell Endres, Kimberly Klement.
- 7th Grade - Ami Graham, Chris Grewing, Jennifer Jewkes, William Scoggins.
- 8th Grade - Randy Grewing, Jim Stoffels.
- 9th Grade - Stephanie Bierschenk, Kristen Chisam, Brent Sicking, Dara Walterscheid.
- 10th Grade - Kristen Dickerson, Keisha Dill, Brian Fleitman, Michael Grewing, Stephanie Huchton, Bryan Hudspeth, Telisha Reid, Kimberly Sturm.
- 11th Grade - Andrea Goodwin, Jacob Luke, Jonathan Otto, Jennifer Sicking.
- 12th Grade - Melissa Biffle, Darrell Charles, Dalana Endres, Julia Fleitman, Andrea Klement, Mary Knabe, Cody Sicking.

Lindsay Honor Rolls

Fifth Six Weeks

5th Grade - Sara Luttmr, Genevieve Knauf, Emmy Trammell, Patrick Zimmerer, Alexandra Hellinger, Stacie Yosten, Elaine Hess, Renee Sandmann, Jalynn Wilson, Joey Arendt, Kimberly Hermes, Chelsea Perry, Jonathan Krahl, Megan Metzler, Blake Bezner, Chelsea Laux, Jamie Price, Kyle Endres.

Hermes, Daniel Hellinger, James Thomason, Scott Metzler, Sarah Trammell, Courtney Hoelker, Diana Schad, Abby Trammell.

High School

- Connie Wang, Amy Arendt, Elizabeth Luttmr, Dave Brown, Christine Fuhrmann, Emmy Schad, Abril Aberasturi, Matthew Murrell, Jennifer Otto, Erica Fuhrmann, Steven Tepera, Elizabeth Cler, Richard Haayen, Mary Tepera, Jennifer Hoberer, Rachel Laster, Julie Zimmerer, Janet Pearson, Angela Bengfort, Amanda Schad, Joey Wilson, Gayle Walterscheid, Robert Sharp, Sabrina Nagy, Jilly Hsu, Nick Price, Sadie Trammell, Keleigh O'Dell, Jamie Zwinggi, Carrie Hundt, Amy Sandmann, Richard Alfrey, Patrick Lusk, Shawnda Underwood, Annie Kwan, Keith Fuhrmann, Amber Griffith, Anna Bayer, Chrs Garner, Andrea Gieb, Clint Gallagher, John Spaeth, Jeanie Mosman, Jennifer Bezner, Garret Hellinger, Amber Geray, Kristy Lemons, Asad Rahman.

6th Grade - Nabeel Anwar, Megan Ward, Sophia Rahman, Hannah Trammell, Jennifer Wilson, Jeff Kendall, Thomas Aarendt, Alexandria Haayen, Chad Stoffels, Faith Skinner, Cathy Lusk.

7th Grade - Sara Krahl, Jonathan Bengfort, Nicholas Fuhrmann, Michael Kendall, John Bayer, Ellen Bezner, Ashlie Privett, Jennifer Bengfort, John Eberhart, Margaret Luttmr, Deanna Meurer, Courtney Miller, Jeffrey Williams, Brent Connett, Dee Ann Fuhrmann, Karah O'Dell, Michael Almon, Stacie Sandmann, Melanie Brown, Paul Metzler.

8th Grade - Abbas Ravjani, Leslie Schumacher, Leah

TAAS tests to be given at Muenster ISD

TAAS tests will be given to Muenster Public School students in grades three through eight during the week of April 29-May 2 as follows: April 29 - Grade Eight Science; April 30 - Grades Three through Eight Math; May 1 - Grades Three through Eight Reading; May 2 - Grade Eight Social Studies.

Parents are asked to ensure their children have plenty of rest the night before the test and to send them off with a good breakfast and plenty of encouragement. There are no retakes for the TAAS tests, so it is important that all students be in attendance and on time for the tests.

If there are any questions, parents are welcome to call Kay Perry at 759-4614.

Unclaimed scholarships seeking eligible students

With confusion over federal student grant approvals, direct government student loans and changes in college financial aid guidelines, many students are finding it difficult to identify and understand their financial aid options and are missing out on receiving assistance that could be available to them.

Students taking the traditional path of relying on federal, state and college financial aid and loans are becoming frustrated as they discover they can't afford to pay the increasing dollars they are asked to contribute each year. These extra payments are straining family budgets and assets as many families try to fund schooling through burdensome debt.

Yet unknown to most people, there are over 375,000 scholarship and grant sources available which do not have to be paid back. More than 80% of these scholarships do not depend on family need or

exceptional grades but are awarded based on factors such as the student's interests, hobbies, academic focus, age, heritage or parent's work or military service.

Remarkably, according to the National Commission on Student Financial Aid, over \$6 billion of funding goes uncollected each year simply because students are not aware of it and do not apply for it. Now, through the resources of the National Academic Funding Administration (NAFA), an updated publication for 1996 is available which provides important information that will help all students seeking financial assistance.

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Sports

Sacred Heart runners take district championships

On Saturday, April 20, the Sacred Heart varsity track teams traveled to Abilene for their TAPPS district I track meet.

The Tigers came away with their 6th consecutive district track championship and qualified 12 athletes for the state meet.

"The quest for the title was very different than most of our past championships," commented Coach Nasche. "Our district as a whole has steadily improved." The Tigers and Midland Christian battled for the lead, switching hands several times throughout the day. With only four events remaining, the Tigers trailed 98-101. The 1600m run and 1600m relay helped blow open the title for Sacred Heart.

For the fifth consecutive year the Tigerettes roared to the

district title. Recording twelve 1st place finishes, the girls collected twenty-one gold medals as they scored 229 points. "The girls were outstanding," exclaimed Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "They were golden."

The Tigerettes won all three relays and Kelly Rigler remained undefeated in the sprints. Dobe Fleitman won all three jumps and finished her day with five gold medals.

Sacred Heart now turns their eyes toward the state track meet which will be held in Waco on May 3-4.

"We will make good use of the next couple of days," stated Coach Nasche, "competition at state will be very competitive, something the Tigers have become accustomed to dealing with."

Results

TIGERETTES		5 SW Christian		32	
3200m Run		6 Masonic Home		18	
1 Valerie Bartush	13:05	Also Alamo Catholic and			
3 Betty Trevino	14:27	Ambassadors.			
4 Amanda Wimmer	14:37	TIGERS			
800m Run		1 John Bartush		11:17	
1 Angel Sicking	2:43.60	2 Brad Schilling		11:23	
4 Shauna Endres	2:49.29	4 Brandon Bayer		11:41	
6 Debra Voth	2:58.91	1 Mike Becker		2:07.00	
100m Hurdles		4 Glen Dangelmayr		2:12.69	
2 Crystal Klement	19.19	6 Paul Swirczynski		2:20.72	
4 Brandi Gilpin	20.44	1 Jake McCoy		15.31	
100m Dash		5 Matthew Fuhrmann		17.68	
1 Kelly Rigler	12.60	6 Waylon Hess		20.22	
5 Leah Rigler	13.81	2 Mike Becker		54.16	
400m Dash		5 Glen Dangelmayr		57.21	
2 Angel Sicking	69.31	1 Jake McCoy		42.10	
6 Debra Voth	72.78	3 Matthew Fuhrmann		45.15	
300m Hurdles		5 Waylon Hess		48.55	
1 Crystal Klement	52.57	1 John Bartush		4:48.00	
4 Brandi Gilpin	55.94	2 Brandon Bayer		5:00.06	
200m Dash		4 Lucien Gehrig		5:25.19	
1 Kelly Rigler	27.54	1 Jake McCoy		6' 0"	
1600m Run		5 Matthew Fuhrmann		5' 2"	
1 Valerie Bartush	5:47.38	1 Jonathan Grewing		37' 10"	
5 Shauna Endres	6:25.28	2 Joseph McCoy		20' 6 1/2"	
6 Betty Trevino	6:30.68	400m Relay - 4th, 48.47, Duncan		Campbell, Jeff Yosten, Paul	
High Jump		Swirczynski, Joseph McCoy,		1600m Relay - 1st, 3:41.41, Jake	
1 Dobe Fleitman	4' 6"	McCoy, Glen Dangelmayr, Paul		Swirczynski, Mike Becker.	
Shot Put		Team Standings			
2 Leslie Grewing	28' 3/4"	1 Sacred Heart 158			
6 Courtney Grewing	25' 5"	2 Midland Christian 116			
Long Jump		3 Masonic Home 88			
1 Dobe Fleitman	15' 3"	4 Happy Hill 87			
4 Teresa McCarty	14' 9"	5 Abilene Christian 41			
Discus		5 Harvest 41			
2 Leslie Grewing	88' 3 1/2"	Also Ambassadors and			
5 Jennifer Hess	74' 4"	Southwest Christian.			
Triple Jump		Photo by Chuck Bartush			
1 Dobe Fleitman	30' 9 1/2"				
2 Teresa McCarty	29' 5 1/2"				
400m Relay - 1st, 54.75, Leah					
Rigler, Amanda Russell, Dobe					
Fleitman, Teresa McCarty,					
800m Relay - 1st, 1:56.00, Leah					
Rigler, Teresa McCarty, Dobe					
Fleitman, Kelly Rigler,					
1600m Relay - 1st, 4:47, Angel					
Sicking, Dobe Fleitman, Valerie					
Bartush, Teresa McCarty.					
Team Standings					
1 Sacred Heart	229				
2 Happy Hill	125				
3 Abilene Christian	94				
4 Midland Christian	47				



JAKE MCCOY GOES UP in the long jump. Photo by Chuck Bartush



MICHEAL BECKER finishing the race. Photo by Chuck Bartush

Stoffels win trip to Austin

Muenster High School Sophomore Jerry Stoffels held up to the second round leader tag and won a medalist berth to the state golf tournament by firing an 80-79=159 total. Stoffels finished second behind Brock's Byron Gardner (158) at the regional tournament Monday and Tuesday at Abilene's Maxwell Municipal Golf Course.

The Hornet team, fueled by career bests from Jeff Flusche (91) and Matt Chisam (94) on Monday, ran out to a first round lead with a 349. Sophomore Scott Hermes (84) and Stoffels (80) played steady and Muenster had a 3 shot lead over Brock with six other schools within 8 shots. Sixteen teams completed.

Dalana Endres led the girls the first day with a 102. Junior Andrea Goodwin had a season best of 107, followed by Joyce Hacker's 133 and Telisha Reid's 134. Their total of 476 had them in 8th place.

Second round action on Tuesday was highlighted by Stoffels play and Hermes' 81. Scott finished fifth with a 165 total. Flusche had a 99, Chisam 104, and Brian Hudspeth a 107 (230).

The girls shot a season low 458. Endres had a 98 (200) and finished eighth overall in the 66 golfer field. Goodwin had a 109 (216). Hacker a 123 (256) and Reid a 128 (262).

Seniors for Muenster were Dalana Endres, a four-time

regional qualifier, Matt Chisam, and Jeff Flusche. Dalana's father, Jim still holds the low regional round for a Hornet with a 156 in 1973. The last time Muenster had a state appearance was 1989. The team of boys was making their 3rd trip in 4 years and the girls team also qualified.

Stoffels will play the Morris Williams Golf Course on May 6 and 7 in Austin. There were 86 golfers at Abilene.

"We were very proud of the season everyone had, extremely proud that each team was able to post their low round of the year at Abilene," said Coach Ted Heers. "Jerry hung in there after a scrambling six over par on the front nine Tuesday and played a fine back nine to put him in the medals."



KELLY RIGLER takes home the gold in the sprint races. Photo by Chuck Bartush



DOBE FLEITMAN TAKES THE STICK FROM THERESA McCARTY in a gold medal district race for the Tigerettes. Photo by Chuck Bartush

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Thanks also, to the priests, the ministers, the Eucharistic ministers, and others who came to pray and to bring the Lord's message.
Johnny and I have been overwhelmed by the response of our family, friend, and neighbors, to whom we will forever be grateful. We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, Mass offerings, flowers, food, gifts, visits, cards, love and concern. We wish to thank the people who helped on the farm, the people who sat with me in the hospital, the people who babysat for Alex, and those who called to offer their help in any way.
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Track Regional Qualifiers



HORNETS - L-R back, Jeff Flusche, Darrell Charles, Cody Sicking, Eric Miller, Front - Brent Sicking, Greg Flusche, Brian Fleitman. Photo by Janie Hartman



LADY HORNETS - L-R back; Brandi Lutkenhaus, Andrea Klement, Julia Fleitman, front; DeeDee Walterscheid, Hollie Fuhrmann and Emily Felderhoff. Photo by Janie Hartman

Junior High Meet Results

Sacred Heart's Lady Cubs ran away from the field to capture championship honors at the North Texas Independent Junior High Conference Track Meet held last Thursday at Nocona. The Lady Cubs scored 210 to outdistance second place Prairie Valley with 98 1/2 points.

"The girls were very impressive," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "They are a joy to coach and to watch perform. The Tigerettes are looking forward to an outstanding group of athletes moving up next year."

The Cubs fell short of the district title, but not on effort according to Coach John Nasche. "These kids laid it all on the line. I'm extremely pleased with their effort. There is nothing wrong with getting second as long as you tried your best."

NTIHL DISTRICT RESULTS

GIRLS	
1600m Run	
2	Joanna Gehrig 6:30
3	Grace Cochran 6:45
5	Jennifer Hess 7:02
Shot Put	
2	Jo Sparkman 25' 2 1/4"
3	Sarah Hess 24' 10"
5	Gina Yosten 24' 1"
High Jump	
1	Kayla Felderhoff 4' 4"
3	Jennifer Hess 4' 2"
Triple Jump	
1	Kayla Felderhoff 27' 9"
2	Debra Dangelmayr 26' 8 1/2"
3	Joanna Gehrig 25' 1"
Discus	
2	Sarah Hess 81' 10"
Long Jump	
1	Kayla Felderhoff 13' 3"
100m Dash	
3	Kayla Felderhoff 15.26
400m Dash	
1	Jessica Berres 68.11
2	Debra Dangelmayr 71.00
200m Dash	
1	Jo Sparkman 30.70
2	Kristen Knauf 30.80
800m Run	
2	Melanie Bartush 2:28.34

3	Jessica Berres	3:01.22
4	Debra Dangelmayr	3:05.56
400m Relay - 1st, 58.8, Kayla Felderhoff, Gina Yosten, Joanna Gehrig, Jo Sparkman.		
800m Relay - 1st, 2:08.18, Kristin Knauf, Gina Yosten, Jennifer Hess, Jo Sparkman.		
1600m Relay - 1st, 5:14.25, Jennifer Hess, Joanna Gehrig, Debra Dangelmayr, Jessica Berres.		
Team Results - 1st, Sacred Heart, 210 points; 2nd, Prairie Valley, 98 1/2 points; 3rd, Montague, 63 1/2 points; 4th, Terrel, 56 1/2 points; 5th, Goldburg, 44 1/2 points; 6th, Forestburg, 14 points.		

BOYS	
1600m Run	
4	Josh Walterscheid 5:56
High Jump	
2	Jeff Hartman 4' 8"
6	Charlie Moster 4' 3"
Triple Jump	
3	Jonathan Yosten 29' 6"
5	Stephen Hofbauer 27' 10 1/2"
6	Lee Skinner 26' 4 3/4"
Discus	
1	Josh Walterscheid 102' 7"
4	Matthew Nasche 87' 8"
6	Chris Smith 83' 10"
Long Jump	
3	Josh Walterscheid 15' 4 3/4"
4	Charlie Moster 14' 11"
100m Dash	
2	Stephen Hofbauer 13.62
400m Dash	
5	Jonathan Yosten 68.50
200m Dash	
1	Matthew Nasche 27.30
800m Run	
2	Charlie Moster 2:41.55
3	Jeff Hartman 2:49.19
400m Relay - 2nd, 56.29, Chris Smith, Charlie Moster, Jeff Hartman, Jonathan Yosten.	
800m Relay - 1st, 1:56.64, Charlie Moster, Josh Walterscheid, Stephen Hofbauer, Matthew Nasche.	
1600m Relay - 3rd, 4:36, Josh Walterscheid, Jonathan Yosten, Matthew Nasche, Stephen Hofbauer.	
Team Results - 1st, Prairie Valley, 169 points; 2nd, Sacred Heart, 129 points; 3rd, Terrel, 86 points; 4th, Goldburg, 74 points; 5th, Montague, 33 points; 6th, Forestburg, 1 point.	



LINDSAY KNIGHTS regional qualifiers.



LADY KNIGHTS - L - R back; Sharon Colwell, Molly Trammell, Amanda Hellinger, Front; Erica Fuhrmann, Megan Sandmann, Christine Fuhrmann. Photo by Janie Hartman

Knights show well at qualifiers' meet

The Lindsay Knights competed in a regional qualifiers meet at Lake Dallas Saturday, and finished in second place with a team total of 74 behind Celina at 80.

The Knights earned five 2nd place finishes. Jeff Hale's shot put throw of 50' 9" and Shawn Hank's vault of 11 feet started the day's placings. Garret Hellinger's 2:05 in the 800m run earned a 2nd along with Kenny Jones' 11:02 in the 100m dash and Casey Forson's 2:00m dash of 23.09. Forson was also a member of the two 3rd place relay teams along with Zach Bowman, Jones and Robert Sharp. The 400m relay finished at 44.3 and the 1600m relay at 3:29.

Cory Booher came in 4th in the 110m hurdles with a time of 15.7. Fifth place finishes went to Zach Bowman in the 300m hurdles and Bryan

Covington in the 800m run. Robert Sharp was 6th in the 400m and Garret Hellinger's triple jump of 39' 11" was also good enough to place.

U.S. Metro Golf Tour in May

The Dallas-Metro Golf Tour, starting in May, offers 16 weekend events for golfers who want Pro Tour competition without travel. Metro-Golf's unique format of \$200,000 prize money, autos, and million dollar hole-in-one shoot-out per event gives every entrant a chance to win. Local charities benefit. The tour offers four age divisions.

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NCTC sets open house of indoor baseball practice field

Starting next week, neither rain nor snow nor sleet, etc., will keep members of the North Central Texas College Lions baseball team from taking batting practice, strengthening their throwing arms or working on general conditioning.

On Sunday (April 28), NCTC will formally dedicate its new indoor baseball practice facility on campus. Funding for the building's construction was provided by the NCTC Baseball Boosters Club, chiefly from revenues generated by its annual Danny Darwin Celebrity Open golf tournament.

The general public is invited to a brief dedication ceremony beginning at 3 p.m., followed by an open house and tours of the facility.

According to Kevin Darwin, the college's head baseball coach and athletic director, the

5,000-square-foot metal building is insulated and features skylights, two offices, a restroom and storage room. There is room for future addition of a dressing room and weight room.

The practice space includes three turf-carpeted 12"x12"x70" batting "tunnels" of netting, as well as two pitching machines - one with an armature which simulates a pitcher's arm motion and the other a Casey machine which operates with wheels. The building is also equipped with video recording and playback equipment for analyzing hitting and throwing technique.

Lion baseball team members will be on hand at the open house to demonstrate all these machines and equipment. The new baseball facility is located on Bonner Road, just past and across from the college tennis courts.

Texas Wildlife Expo poster, essay, poetry contest deadline nears

The deadline is approaching fast for a chance to compete for one of 15 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license as winners of the Texas Wildlife Expo '96 youth poster, essay and poetry contest. "Hooked On Texas Outdoors" is the theme for this year's contest.

Last year, 2,775 Texas Youngsters submitted entries to the contest. Entry forms for this year's contest were mailed out to schools in March. Deadline for entering the contest is June 1.

The poster contest is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade and must be on standard-size poster cardboard (approximately 22

inches by 28 inches) and be in any medium. Students in grades seven through twelve are eligible for the essay contest. Essays must be 500-1000 words. The poetry contest is open for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Poems must be 50-500 words.

One entry (either poster, essay or poetry) per individual may be submitted. Winners must be Texas residents.

Mail entries to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wildlife Expo '96 Contest, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. For more information, call 1-800-792-1112 or (512) 389-4800.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS
IN RE: ESTATE OF EDGAR LEE MOZINGO, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 14236

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TO: All persons interested in the Estate of Edgar Lee Mozingo including its creditors:
Take notice that on April 10, 1996, Daniel Lee Mozingo, Route 6 Box 380, Gainesville, Texas, was appointed Executor in Cause No. 14236, styled, Estate of Edgar Lee Mozingo, now pending on the docket of the County Court of Cooke County, Texas.
All persons having claims against the above estate shall present the same within the time prescribed by law.
/s/ Daniel Lee Mozingo, Executor
4-26-11

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS
IN RE: ESTATE OF H.L. CASE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 14237

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TO: All persons interested in the Estate of H.L. Case, including its creditors:
Take notice that on April 10, 1996, Peggy Case Johns, 907 S. Raydon annessville, Texas, was appointed Executor in Cause No. 14237, styled, Estate of H.L. Case, now pending on the docket of the County Court of Cooke County, Texas.
All persons having claims against the above estate shall present the same within the time prescribed by law.
/s/ Peggy Case Johns, Executor
4-26-11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Muenster Zoning Board has received a request for a variance in Block 63 at the corner of Maple and Cross Streets. Applicant is requesting the variance in order to hold weekend garage sales.
A public meeting will be held on the request on Monday, May 13, 1996, 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. All interested persons may appear at that time and speak for or against the variance request.
Muenster Zoning Board
4-26-11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Catherine M. Kolb, Deceased, were issued on April 23, 1996, in Docket No. 14243, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas, to: Lorene Wilson.
The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Cooke County, Texas, the post office address is: 107 Line Drive, Gainesville, Texas 76240.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 23rd day April, 1996.
/s/ Chuch Bartsch Jr., Attorney for the Estate
4-26-11

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

TO Paul F. Bickford, E.J. Bickford, Ruth Bird, Marjorie Alice Katman, Stanley Doran, Elizabeth Davis Drewa, Robbie Lee Dobbs, Kenneth Drewa, J.B. Sledge, William E. Portman, The Ajax Company, Eugene Arnold, Mary Alice Doran, W.E.F. Holding, Inc. and, if said corporation is dissolved, the surviving individual stockholders, and if they be deceased or any of the above named defendants be deceased, then their unknown heirs or legal representatives, Defendants, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Tuesday, the 28th day of May, A.D., 1996, before the Honorable 235th Judicial District, Court of Cooke County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Gainesville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 10th day of April, A.D., 1996, in this case, numbered 96-183 on the docket of said court, and styled, Loyd Gibbs, Plaintiff, vs. Paul F. Bickford, E.J. Bickford, Ruth Bird, Marjorie Alice Katman, Stanley Doran, Elizabeth Davis Drewa, Robbie Lee Dobbs, Kenneth Drewa, J.B. Sledge, William E. Portman, The Ajax Company, Eugene Arnold, Mary Alice Doran, W.E.F. Holding, Inc. and, if said corporation is dissolved, the surviving individual stockholders, and if they be deceased or any of the above named defendants be deceased, then their unknown heirs or legal representatives, Defendants.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Loyd Gibbs is Plaintiff and Paul F. Bickford, E.J. Bickford, Ruth Bird, Marjorie Alice Katman, Stanley Doran, Elizabeth Davis Drewa, Robbie Lee Dobbs, Kenneth Drewa, J.B. Sledge, William E. Portman, The Ajax Company, Eugene Arnold, Mary Alice Doran, W.E.F. Holding, Inc. and, if said corporation is dissolved, the surviving individual stockholders, and if they be deceased or any of the above named defendants be deceased, then their unknown heirs or legal representatives are Defendants.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: THE COURT TO APPOINT A RECEIVER WITH POWER AND AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE.

All that certain described land situated in Cooke County, Texas, to-wit:

BEING 156 acres of land out of the Hiram Strong Survey, A-930.
BEGINNING on the West line of said Hiram Strong Survey, 289 varas North of its Southwest corner, which beginning corner is the Northwest corner of tract of 50 acres originally conveyed by John T. Rowland to John Brown, by deed recorded in Vol. 5, page 991, Cooke County Deed Records and is the Southwest corner of 56-1/4 acre tract conveyed by M.G. Taylor and wife to Edward Wilson by deed recorded in Vol. 26, page 49 of Cooke County Deed Records;

THENCE North with the West line of said Hiram Strong Survey 606-1/2 varas to the Northwest corner of said 56-1/4 acre tract;
THENCE East 523 varas to its Northeast corner which is also the Southeast corner of 56-1/4 acre conveyed by M.G. Taylor to Richard Crow by deed recorded in Vol. 26, page 50 of Cooke County Deed Records;

THENCE North 116-1/2 varas to the Southeast corner of 12-1/2 acre tract conveyed by Richard Crow to Edward Wilson by deed recorded in Vol. 47, page 173 of said deed records;

THENCE West 144 varas to the Southwest corner of said 12-1/2 acre tract;
THENCE North 490 varas to its Northwest corner of the North line of said 56-1/4 acre tract conveyed by M.G. Taylor to Richard Crow;

THENCE East 144 varas to the Northeast corner of said 12-1/2 acre tract which is also the Northeast corner of said 56-1/4 acre tract and the Northwest corner of 47 acre tract conveyed by Richard Crow to Edward Wilson by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 24, Cooke County Deed Records;

THENCE South to the Southwest corner of 32 acre tract conveyed by Edward Wilson to Lula M. Curry, et al, by deed recorded in Vol. 143, page 590 of Cooke County Deed Records;

THENCE East 427 varas to the Southwest corner of said Lula Curry 32 acre tract on the East line of said 47 acre tract;
THENCE South along the East line of the 94 acre tract conveyed by J.T. Rowland to H.J. Cumble by deed recorded in Vol. 29, page 416, Cooke County Deed Records, to the Southeast corner of said 94 acre tract, which is also the Northeast corner of 25 acre tract conveyed by Charles Kirchenbauer and wife to Edward Wilson by deed recorded in Vol. 72, page 44 of Cooke County Deed Records, and continuing South to the South line of said Hiram Strong Survey to the Southeast corner of said 25 acre tract;

THENCE West 475 varas to the Southwest corner of said 25 acre tract;
THENCE North 289-1/2 varas to its Northwest corner;
THENCE West 475 varas to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, being 156 acres out of the Hiram Strong Survey, A-930.

AND All that certain tract of land located in the T.B. Stroud Survey, A-950 located in Cooke County, Texas and described as follows: BEGINNING at the SW corner of the H. Strong Survey and the NE corner of the said Stroud Survey;
THENCE West 475 varas;
THENCE South 475 varas, to the NW corner of the Johnson tract of land;
THENCE East 475 varas, to the NE corner of the Johnson tract of land;
THENCE North 475 varas to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 40 acres, more or less, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Gainesville, Texas, this 10th day of April, A.D., 1996.
Attest:
Pat Payne, Clerk,
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/s/ Jean Rawls, Deputy
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NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY KATHERINE TRAMMELL

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COOKE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of MARY KATHERINE TRAMMELL were issued on April 23, 1996, in Cause No. G-96-15, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas, to JAMES C. TRAMMELL and THOMAS D. TRAMMELL, Guardians.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Estate of MARY KATHERINE TRAMMELL, c/o THOMAS L. CLAXTON, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 329, Gainesville, Texas 76241.

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

April 23, 1996
JAMES C. TRAMMELL and THOMAS D. TRAMMELL, Guardians
/s/ THOMAS L. CLAXTON Attorney for Applicant
4-26-11

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DECEASED

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COOKE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of ANDREW JACKSON TRAMMELL were issued on April 22, 1996, in Cause No. 14228, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas, to JAMES C. TRAMMELL, Administrator.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Estate of ANDREW JACKSON TRAMMELL, c/o THOMAS L. CLAXTON, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 329, Gainesville, Texas 76241.

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

April 23, 1996
JAMES C. TRAMMELL, Administrator
/s/ THOMAS L. CLAXTON, Attorney for Applicant
4-26-11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alois Wiseman, Deceased, were issued on April 23, 1996, in Docket No. 14242, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas, to: Elinor Wiseman.
The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Cooke County, Texas, the post office address is: 514 North Oak, Muenster, Texas 76252.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 23rd day April, 1996.

/s/ Chuch Bartsch Jr., Attorney for the Estate
4-26-11

FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Saturday, April 27, 1996 11:00 A.M.

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Legal action sought against talk show guest

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry today asked the Attorney General to seek legal action under a 1995 state law against a talk show guest who made outlandish and unsubstantiated remarks designed to alarm the public about the safety of beef.

On Tuesday, April 16, vegetarian activist Howard Lyman, appeared as a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show, where he made several false statements about beef and the so-called Mad Cow Disease or Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

Perry is asking Attorney General Dan Morales to file suit against Lyman under the "False Disparagement of Perishable Food Products Law," enacted in 1995 by the 74th Texas Legislature to protect the state's agricultural producers from irresponsible actions and false statements.

"For Mr. Lyman to even insinuate the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy will make AIDS look like the

common cold' and that the livestock industry is feeding 'road kill' to cattle certainly implies that a perishable food product is not safe for consumption by the public," Perry said in a letter to Morales.

"With the current collapse of our cattle market, producers in our state's \$6 billion cattle industry don't need to be branded with deceptive innuendo and sensational slander," Perry said. "Texas is the nation's largest beef producer, and the economic livelihood of our beef producers is at stake."

After the talk show's broadcast, live cattle futures tumbled, dropping down by \$1.50, the daily limit allowed under exchange rules to \$58.925 per pound on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Perry added that attorneys general from other states with similar laws also are considering legal action over the broadcast.

"Mr. Lyman can go on all the national talk shows he wants and present his extremist and radical views on BSE, which do not have any scientific basis, but he and others must realize there will be consequences," Perry said. "We're not going to sit back and let trash TV trash a vital industry that provides nearly two million jobs to hardworking folks across this nation."

No cases of BSE have been found in the United States, and the USDA has implemented extensive preventative measures to keep BSE out of U.S. cattle.

There has been no scientific proof found to link eating beef from cattle infected with BSE to the human brain disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. Scientists are looking for, but have not yet found evidence that BSE has jumped over the genetic species barrier from cattle to humans.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas farmers/ranchers to pump nearly \$15 billion into state economy

Texas agricultural earnings will be up by 4.3 percent over 1995. Cash receipts are climbing, exports are up and new markets are flourishing, ensuring that agriculture will bring in nearly \$15 billion during 1996 and remain one of Texas' thriving industries in the future.

Estimated 1996 market value of top 10 Texas crops, in billions

Beef	\$4.8
Cotton*	\$2.3
Milk	\$1.80
Nursery	\$1.79
Timber	\$1.67
Corn	\$1.63
Broilers	\$1.53
Sorghum	\$1.48
Wheat	\$1.39
Eggs	\$1.18
Rice	\$1.16

* Estimates for cotton lint and seed.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas A&M Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Statistics Services.

Farm Bureau hosts program on farm bill

Farmers trying to make heads or tails of the new farm bill will have an opportunity to participate in a special satellite briefing at the Cooke County Farm Bureau office, located in Gainesville on the evening of May 6.

"Farmers have a lot of questions about the details of the new farm program and how it will affect them. The broadcast will try to answer as many of those questions as possible," said Tim Hartman, local Farm Bureau president.

The broadcast, which will air from 7-8:30 p.m. that Monday evening, will include a question and answer session in which viewers' questions will be taken live on the air, or read from faxed messages, said Hartman.

A brief overview of the development of the farm bill, the Administration's view of the farm legislation and taped comments from key Congressional leaders including Texas Congressman Charlie Stenholm (D-Stamford), Rep. Larry

Combest, (R-Lubbock), and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas will be included. USDA officials will be on hand to give new farm program details, implementation information and conservation provisions.

"An important segment will be a discussion on what farmers can expect in seven years, when the farm program ends," Hartman stated.

Area farmers interested in participating in the May 6 broadcast should call the Cooke County Farm Bureau office at 665-1763 for details.

FFA Rodeo April 26, 27

The FFA Chapter of Forestburg High School will sponsor a Rodeo in Forestburg on April 26 and 27. The rodeo starts at 8 p.m. each evening. Events include bull riding, calf roping, saddle bronco, bareback riding, team roping and barrel racing.

Hay shortage adds to cattlemen's burden

Some Texas livestock producers are facing a hay shortage, due in part to earlier-than-normal hay feeding because their pastures were dried and withering with some areas barren from lack of rain.

"Many areas of Texas have received less than a third of their normal rainfall," Cooke County Farm Bureau President Tim Hartman said. "The hay supply has dwindled and as a result the high prices are reflecting the shortage."

Hartman said everyone thought it would rain soon so they held on to their cattle and kept feeding hay.

"When cattle prices are low, people tend to put off selling down their herd," said Hartman. "With high feed costs, they have to endure a double whammy when they are finally forced to sell."

Animal waste management workshop set for May 15-18

The second annual national Constructed Wetlands for Animal Waste Management workshop will be May 15-18 at the Ramada Inn-Downtown in Fort Worth. Along with general sessions and numerous topics to be discussed, field trips to an on-site waste water treatment systems and dairies are planned.

Registration is \$100. More information is available from Dr. Paul DuBowy, at 409-845-5765.

A Sodbuster's Sentiment

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason why so few engage in it.

- Henry Ford

Texas ranchers were going to neighboring states in search of hay, but supplies are far away and expensive. Hay being trucked in from Kansas, two months ago, sold for \$125 per ton, but just last week that same hay was selling for as much as \$150 per ton.

Hopefully a few days of sunshine after last weekend's soaking rain to the Muenster area, will produce enough green grass to keep stockers a little longer, maybe for better cattle prices.

Emu Assn. to meet in Gainesville

The Zone 4 of the Texas Emu Association's May meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, at the Gainesville Civic Center, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Guest speakers include Al Jodoin and Ralph Benton whose topics include How to set up a Commercial Farm and Free-ranging Emus & the Commercial Market.

For more information contact Martha Lavender at 903-897-5516.

TDA appoints Dippel asst. commissioner

Donnie Dippel had been named assistant commissioner of Pesticide Programs at the Texas Department of Agriculture. Dippel, deputy assistant commissioner since 1992, replaces Steve Bearden, who left in February to enter private business.

Dippel began at the department in December 1988 as a certification and training specialist. Before coming to TDA, he worked 17 years in a farm and ranch service center.

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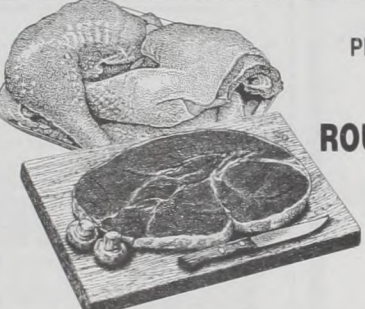
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