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Myra Post Office hosts Open House, dedication on April 9 with 73 present

by Janet Felderhoff

Patrons and employees of the Myra Post Office now have more space. On Dec. 19, 1996, the facility was moved from its home of 56 years in the Myra Store to a new building. The new post office building is about three times larger and is located at 1497 Bradford Street, west of the old Myra school house.

Myra Postmaster Rose Hudspeth remarked that customers can now take advantage of expanded services such as a copier and a stamp vending machine that are available 24 hours a day. Window hours at Myra are 7-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7-9 a.m. on Saturday.

On Wednesday, April 9 the Myra Post Office held an Open House from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There were 73 visitors who registered the guest book. The building was officially dedicated and a ribbon cutting

ceremony held at 2 p.m. Special guests included former postmaster C. L. Williams and Eulice Hudson, wife of deceased postmaster Ray Hudson.

During the dedication ceremony Myra resident Peggy Matthews sang the National Anthem. Invocation was offered by Bill Black. Rose Hudspeth introduced guests. Postmasters from many area post offices attended including Nancy Ford of Ponder, Olita Lanier of Forestburg, Clara Hermes of Lindsay, Judy Taylor of Southmayd and Charlie Taylor of Aubrey.

Ben Fulton was credited for a painting of the former post office and his assistance with a commemorative cancellation stamp. Mrs. Hudspeth remarked that requests had already come from Germany, New York, Maryland and other places for the special post mark. Many had notes requesting special care since

this is important to serious collectors of such items. The special cancellation stamp will be used for 30 days only.

Those attending the dedication ceremony were invited to share their memories of the post office. Mrs. Eulice Hudson could remember when the mail was delivered by train. They were always glad when the train pulled out of town around 5 p.m. so the mail could be retrieved and the office closed for the day.

According to official records the first post office in Myra was established as Creed on March 8, 1887, but its name was changed to Myra on Nov. 12, 1887. On Oct. 24 the Myra post office was closed and mail was sent to Muenster. On May 27, 1893 the service in Myra was re-established. The location of the Myra Post Office was changed about 10 times over the years with the longest stay being its location in the Myra Store.



April 9, 1997

Myra Post Office



The new Myra Post Office held a dedication Wednesday, including a ribbon cutting. Above, Postmaster Rose Hudspeth (center right) and Eulice Hudson, wife of deceased Postmaster Ray Hudson cut the ribbon held by relief employees Lynda Hacker (left) and Rhonda Kirk (right). At right is the pictorial cancellation design, which features the Myra Post Office in 1918 and 1997. Rose Hudspeth returns a souvenir cancelled envelope to Bob Powell in lower right photo.

Janie Hartman Photo



Muenster High School UIL District Academic Champions. Dave Fette Photo

Muenster High wins District 9 Region 2 1A Regional Academic Meet March 25

by Janet Felderhoff

Students from Muenster High School accumulated a total of 408 points to win the UIL Academic competition for District 9 Region 2 for 1A schools. Era ISD took second place with 307 points and Perrin-Whitt ISD was third with 225 points. The event was held at Midwestern State University on March 25.

Students who won first through third places will advance to Regional competition. Fourth place winners will serve as alternates in the event one of the advancing students cannot attend. Those placing in first through sixth place were awarded points for their school district.

Muenster competitors who placed were: Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Matt York, first; Eric Fisher, second; Jim Stoffels, fourth.

Extemporaneous Informative Speaking: Holly Mullins, first;

Dolly Patel, second; Jonathan Otto, sixth.

Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking: Raegan Koesler, second; Keisha Dill, third;

Poetry Interpretation: Laurel Green, third; Keisha Dill, fourth.

Prose Interpretation: Andrea Goodwin, first.

Mathematics: Steven Reiter, third; Leigh Ann Reiter, fourth; Number Sense: Bryan Hudspeth, second; Doug Knabe, fifth; Lucas Hartman, sixth.

Ready Writing: Leigh Ann Reiter, third; Stephanie Bierschenk, sixth.

Editorial Writing: Kelly Felderhoff, third; Jackie Henscheid, fifth.

Headline Writing: Stephanie Bierschenk, second; Kelly Felderhoff, fourth.

News writing: Kelly Felderhoff, third.

Calculator Applications: Jerry Stoffels, fourth.

Computer Applications: Kristine Hartman, fifth.

Computer Science: Doug Knabe, third; Laurel Green, sixth.

Current Events: Brandi Lutkenhaus, sixth.

Literary Criticism: Emily Felderhoff, third; Greg Flusche, fourth; Leigh Ann Reiter, fifth.

Spelling and Vocabulary: Valerie Erwin, second; Dolly Patel, third; Telisha Reid, fifth.

Teams placing from Muenster were:

Literary Criticism, first with Emily Felderhoff, Greg Flusche, and Leigh Ann Reiter.

Mathematics, second with Leigh Ann Reiter, Steven Reiter and Jerry Stoffels.

Number Sense, second with Lucas Hartman, Bryan Hudspeth, and Doug Knabe.

Calculator Applications, first with Stephanie Bierschenk, Karen Cler, and Jerry Stoffels.

Spelling and Vocabulary, first with Valerie Erwin, Dolly Patel, and Telisha Reid.

School Board candidates' forum to be held April 22

The Muenster unit of the Association of Texas Professional Educators is hosting a School Board Candidates' Forum on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Muenster ISD Auditorium. Moderator for the

evening will be David Fette. The candidates for the May 3 election will be invited to share their ideas on the issues affecting the school district. All community members are invited to attend. Questions from the public are welcomed

and may be submitted in writing by April 14 to Irene Hartman, A.T.P.E. President, Muenster ISD, P.O. Box 608. The general areas of concern will then be submitted to the candidates by April 15.

Muenster Livestock Commission under new ownership, holds first sale with 917 head sold

Muenster Livestock Commission is under new ownership. Ronnie Austin, Stanley Austin, and Doug Gaston held their first sale Thursday, April 3 with 917

cattle lives working in the cattle industry. Doug is a life-long resident of Saint Jo and has also been involved in all aspects of the cattle business. With a combined sixty years of experience, these men know first hand the ups and downs of the market. Their goal is to make Muenster Livestock

Commission a great place for sellers and buyers alike, providing fresh cattle to be sold for the highest price the market will allow, making Muenster Livestock Commission truly the oldest most reliable sale in North Texas. Come by any Thursday.

Oak Street residents object to proposed topping at Monday's Council meeting

by Daryl Ferber

The City Council meeting Monday, had a busy agenda with several citizens in attendance, voicing objections to gravel and tar topping proposed by the city, for Oak Street.

Residents Gary Fisher and Arthur Felderhoff explained that Oak Street is one of the busiest in the city, with traffic

to Sacred Heart Church and School plus walkers and children crossing. They objected to the dust and loose gravel along the sides. John Pagel explained that street money is budgeted and that paving costs 3 times more; the city is on a 10 year program to make the rounds of street repair. He also said a substantial savings has been

made by using city and county employees doing the labor on the street work. He praised Virgil Hess, county commissioner, for his help and cooperation. Former council member Arthur Hennigan agreed the city is not financially able to do all the street work as requested and residents will need to help if they want more.

Roger Taylor appeared to explain the flooding in his mother's home due to a check valve put on the water system, by the city. The problem happens only on gas water heaters, not electric. He requested that the city notify residents when such valves are put on, as articles in the paper are often missed.

The council reviewed the proposed lease contract with the Jaycees for their new ball park which will run for 99 years. Several members appeared to answer questions

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School Board candidate forum Apr. 23 in Lindsay

On Wednesday, April 23, 1997, the Lindsay Education Association is sponsoring a School Board Candidate Forum. Mr. Tom Carson of KGAF radio will moderate a question and answer format with the four candidates running for two positions on the Lindsay School Board this year.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The candidates will each have an opportunity to address the audience at the beginning. This will be followed by the question and answer session where prepared questions as well as written questions from the audience will be asked of each candidate. Refreshments will be served after the forum.



Joseph Davis was one of 100 students to compete in a statewide Geography Bee at TCU in Fort Worth Friday, April 4. National Geographic Association sponsors the competition for students in 4th-8th grades of private, public and home schools. Joseph, a sixth grade student at Sacred Heart School, won the school's bee. He then took a written test and scored in the top 100, earning the right to compete statewide. He is the son of Kelly and Karen Davis. Joseph was accompanied by his father and his teacher, Bernadette Moritz. He is displaying all the items he was awarded while competing on the local and state levels. They include a plaque, atlas, almanac, T-shirt and certificate.

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The late King Koch serves as the Silver Sponsor for the upcoming American Cancer Society's Relay For Life June 6-7. King and Holly Koch have generously supported the Muenster community, and King continues to lend his support through his family by sponsoring the Relay For Life. Courtesy Photo

THANK YOU

That's what we say to the many volunteers at Muenster Memorial Hospital. Volunteer Week is April 13-19, 1997. This event is about recognizing volunteers who give countless hours and a variety of talents to our hospital. The value of volunteers is priceless, going beyond the dollar amount of the actual hours they spend working for Muenster Memorial Hospital. In recognition of their contribution, the theme of this year's Volunteer Week is "Volunteers: The Priceless Gift." The lighthouse, symbol of hope and safety in darkness, as this year's emblem.

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Muenster's 1997 telephone directory distributed

When Muenster Telephone subscribers receive their 1997 telephone directory this month, they will find a book full of valuable information to make the telephone a more useful tool. We suggest that they take a few minutes to review its contents.

The front cover features a wild rose scene taken by telephone company employee, Steve Sandusky. The picture was taken north of Muenster

and is one of the most attractive pictures to cover our telephone directory in the eighty-eight years of the telephone company.

On the inside front cover subscribers will find Emergency Numbers. "911" is the most convenient way to report an emergency. You will always receive a response, and your call will be directed to the proper emergency unit - Fire, Police, Ambulance or Sheriff. Callers should realize that when reporting an emergency by dialing "911," your telephone number and name

(including nonpublished numbers) will automatically be displayed and recorded at the public safety answering point. When the rural addressing is completed, the answering point will have rural addresses and city addresses along with your telephone number when they answer. Callers not wishing to have their telephone number displayed, should report emergencies by dialing the appropriate seven-digit number listed on the bottom of the inside front cover.

One of the first items you will notice is the change in our

area code. About a month after you receive this book - May 25, you can start using the new area code "940" when placing calls outside the calling area of your exchange (see area codes and map on pages 32 and 33). Permissive dialing ends August 24 and then the correct area code must be dialed.

From pages 2 to 5 you will find interesting information about the area served by Muenster Telephone. You will find "Our Hometown," which gives you information about Muenster. "Mark Your Calendar" gives important dates for the coming year. "For Your Convenience" is a list we have put together of telephone numbers you may need, especially if you are new to the area. On pages 6 and 7 you will find telephone numbers and addresses of State Legislative and National Congressional Officials. Page 8 lists "Things To Do" in the Muenster area.

General information about your telephone service starts on page 10 and continues through page 15. This section covers tariff provisions, telephone solicitation, complaint procedures, service connection charges, annoyance calls, etc., and a lifeline assistance program and repair service.

"Your Rights as a Customer" starts on page 16 and continues through page 19. "Custom Calling Features" starts on page 20. This section tells you about all the features you can add to your telephone to make your service more convenient. New features added this year include, Cancel Call Waiting, Calling Number ID, Call Return, Repeat Dialing, Selective Call Blocking, Special Call Acceptance, Preferred Call Forwarding, Priority Ringing and Call Trace. For an explanation of how these features can help you, please call the telephone company business office.

An explanation of Long Distance Service starts on page 26. This includes how to place a long distance call, Long Distance Rates, Types of Calls, Long Distance Companies, Area Codes/Time Zones, and How to Connect or Disconnect your phone. You will also find city maps of Muenster and Valley View on page 35.

White page listings for Muenster, Forestburg, Myra and Rosston start on page 36. The nine green pages for Valley View and Valley View East start after the white pages. Following the Valley View and Valley View East section are the Yellow Pages followed by the Gainesville white pages.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

<p>Sunday, April 13</p> <p>Life Teen Ultimate Volleyball, 1:30 p.m., City Park</p>	<p>Monday, April 14</p> <p>VFW Meeting, 8 p.m. Beta Kappa Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Jean Walterscheid home</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 15</p> <p>SH Home-School Society Appreciation Dinner Library Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Cooke Co. Diabetic Support Group Meeting, 7:30, GMH</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 16</p> <p>MMH Board Meeting, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday, April 17</p> <p>MISD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday, April 18</p> <p>SH Production of Lil Abner, 7:30 p.m., Comm. Center Muenster Museum Open, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday, April 19</p> <p>SH District Meet at Muenster Muenster Telephone Corp. Bake Sale to benefit Relay For Life, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., behind Telephone Company</p>
National Library Week "Kids Connect at the Library"						
		<p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>		
<p>Sunday, April 20</p> <p>SH Production of Lil Abner, 5 p.m., Comm. Center JELLY Hike at 1:15-6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Monday, April 21</p> <p>VFW Auxiliary Meeting, 8 p.m. SH School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. SH Jr. High District Meet at Nocona</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 22</p> <p>Free Immunization Clinic, 3-6 p.m., Gainesville Conv. Ctr. MISD Board Candidates Forum, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 23</p> <p>Secretaries' Day</p>	<p>Thursday, April 24</p> <p>SH Student Council Swell Day</p>	Germanfest Weekend	
		<p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>		

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Public invitation issued for April 19

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Thirty different solar, wind environmental and futuristic energy demonstrations will be at this year's EarthFair at TU Electric's Energy Park in Dallas on Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The family-oriented Energy Park open house to commemorate Earth Day also features interactive activities, games and door prizes suitable for all ages. Free oak tree seedlings have been donated for the first 1,000 visitors and the grand prize drawing will be an electric bike.

A championship model solar car race of 20 middle school and junior high school finalists from West, East, Central Texas, Dallas and Fort Worth will begin at 1 p.m.

EarthFair visitors may test ride electric bikes, sample cookies baked in a solar oven, roast marshmallows in a solar reflective dish, investigate several rural applications of solar energy, or learn how to build a solar car and other solar models. Children will get a prize for Earth Day pictures they create at EarthFair.

At the outdoor research park, the guests may watch wind turbines in action, see ozone destroy water impurities, peek inside long rows of solar cells as they produce electricity for homes and get a microscopic view of how light-emitting bacteria test water. Visitors also may try the controls of some award-winning robotics demonstrations, test their legs on a bicycle generator and examine electric vehicles and a one-passenger solar car.

Valley View Chamber meets April 2

The Valley View Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday at their office. Ray Leatherwood, President called the meeting to order. Beverly Kelley read the minutes. New members were introduced. Treasurer's report was given.

Denise Pearse and Beverly Kelly gave a report on the welcome packet. A sample will be given in May.

Don Lucky and Ken Pearse presented copies of proposed bylaws to be voted on in May.

The group will be helping to sponsor the 125th year celebration of the Valley View Post Office on Wednesday, April 23. The open house will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with presentations to be held from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Committee members are: Chairman, Beverly Kelley; Publicity, Denise Pearse and Lou Johnson; Parking, John Fortenberry.

More details will be available at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned.

Saint Jo Opry & VFD/EMS Fish Fry on April 12

In conjunction with the April opry show, the Saint Jo Volunteer Fire/EMS Department will have their annual Fish Fry beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. The price will be \$5.00 for the meal and all proceeds go the Fire/EMS Department. The Meal will be served in the school cafeteria located in the new school building. The Fire/EMS invites everyone to come enjoy the meal and help out the department financially.

The Saint Jo Opry will be held in the auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Special guests on the April show will include a brother and sister team, Gene Snow and Paula Reid performing some of their original tunes which have been released on their latest album. Gene and Paula's parents are natives of the Saint Jo area and attended Saint Jo School. Snow has made several appearances in Nashville, Tennessee.

The admission is \$2 for adults and children 12 and under admitted free. Groups may ask for reservation group seating by calling (817)995-2586 or 995-2443.

How to create backyard composts, backyard wildscapes and a snake research project are among environmental demonstrations.

"We began Earth Day open house at Energy Park several years ago in response to public requests to get closer to the giant wind turbines they could see from the highway," said Manager Vernon Smith.

"Because of the tremendous public interest in renewable energy and environmentally clean technology, we have invited exhibitors of more portable, consumer-oriented projects to bring in additional demonstrations for the one-day

EarthFair," said Smith.

Energy Park wind and solar projects currently generate about a million kilowatt-hours a year for TU Electric customers.

Refreshments will be sold and picnic tables will be available.

Energy Park is at 681 Hackberry Road just northeast of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. From Dallas, take I-635 west to the Beltline Road exit. Go north one block to Hackberry Road, and take a right. The entrance is a short distance on the left.

Garage/Bake Sale

A Garage/Bake Sale will be held behind the Muenster Telephone Corporation at 205 North Walnut Street in Muenster, on Saturday, April 19th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be plenty of homemade goods and lots of miscellaneous items. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Relay For Life benefit for the American Cancer Society.



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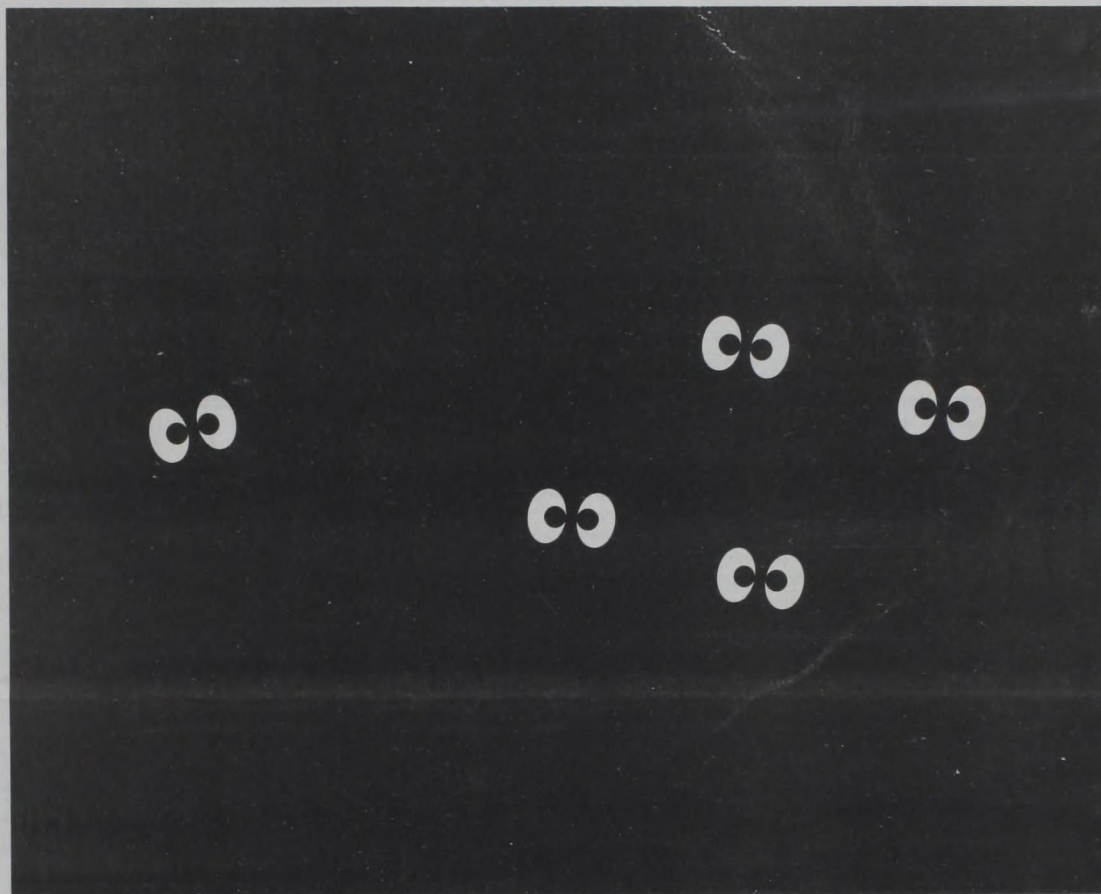
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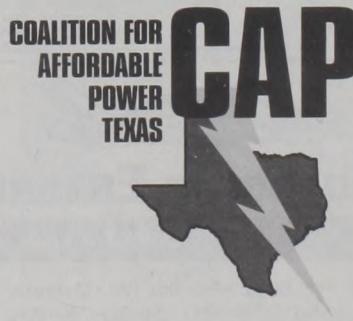
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Opinion/Editorial



CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Reason to Beef

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is giving the meat and poultry industries reason to ponder the old Texas adage, "Man is the only animal that can be skinned more than once."

The department is asking Congress for \$685 million, a \$22 million increase over the current budget, to run its Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) in fiscal year 1998. Of that, USDA says about \$400 million, roughly 70 percent of the cost of running the entire FSIS operation, would come from newly imposed user fees. These fees would be paid by meat and poultry processors. The remaining 30 percent would come from general revenues.

Here we have the government proposing not to streamline or "reinvent" a program, but to merely shift the cost in a way consumer advocates argue would reduce the inspection program's objectivity; and, oh, by the way ... raise prices to consumers into the bargain! The USDA proposal would

effectively remove its primary incentive to control inspection costs and make the inspection program as efficient as possible.

Texas, which produces more cattle and beef than any other state, would absorb a great deal of the pain caused by this misguided funding scheme. Processors and cattle producers would be hit with a steep increase in costs just when a slew of other costly, new food safety programs are going into effect. Moreover, the proposed user fees also would come at a time when producers are facing an iffy market for their livestock.

The beef industry currently pays user fees for beef quality grading, a service that benefits the marketing of its products. But meat inspection, *per se*, is a public health function mandated by federal law. The public directly benefits from the federal inspection program. The burden of maintaining that program should not fall almost exclusively on one narrow sector of the economy — the processing industry — however closely involved.

For most of this century the United States has set wholesome food standards for the rest of the world. Our red meat, poultry and egg industries are committed to providing consumers with safe, quality products. Aside from the industry's societal responsibilities, it is in the processors' enlightened self-interest to maintain the highest standards. They are dependent on consumer confidence in their products; they work hard to ensure they are delivering the safest, most nutritious food possible.

These proposed user fees represent a new tax on consumers, on livestock producers and on the processing industry. Historically, Congress has rejected such fees, and I don't expect that precedent to change.

This proposal is bad for America, bad for consumers and bad for the industries involved. I will work to see it defeated.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Sometime in January of this year, after the wind and ice had played havoc with our TV antenna, I decided that with the luck we have experienced in the last few years with antennae, we would subscribe to a wireless cable service.

Well, the company had us all hooked up in a very short time, and the picture was great.

Then we needed to decide how many channels we would like. Would we like what they called the Movie Channels? These channels should carry many of the older movies, so we decided to try them.

Now folks, much of what we received over the old system was, to be frank, junk that was so uninteresting no one cared to watch.

Well, the new system's programming isn't all that great either, but several of the channels offer programs that we find not only entertaining,

but educational, and are really enjoyable.

But to get back to the movie channels - my first venture was a shocker. At the time we had no program or guide, so one evening while sitting alone, I decided to see if I could find a good movie.

Well, I soon learned that if there were any good films on these three channels, I failed to find them. What I did find was rank pornography that left nothing to the imagination. Frankly, I don't find this crud is at all entertaining, and when I thought of my young grandchildren tuning in and finding such junk on Grandpa's TV, my mind was further made up.

I called the Cable Company and told them to blank out the three channels. A few minutes after the call all three were blank - and people, I am glad of it.

AUSTIN UPDATE

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Veteran's Issues

SB 1060 would create the first state nursing homes for veterans in Texas since the Civil War era. Construction of the homes would be funded through a state-federal match, with 65% of costs covered by the federal Veterans Administration, and 35% covered by state contribution. The state cost is estimated at \$5 million per home. Supporters of the bill say that the state will save money in the long run. Instead of paying \$20.00 a day for Medicaid for each veteran in a nursing home, the state would receive \$39.74 a day from the federal government for each veteran in a state nursing home.

Also, a resolution is pending in committee supporting the right of military personnel to vote in all elections conducted in the county of their home of record. Supporters say those serving their nation should be able to vote. Opponents say service men and women should only vote in Federal elections. I would like your opinion on these issues.

On April 3, HB 833 was passed by the House. It provided that no liens may attach to state property. I authored an amendment on the Floor to provide that no lien may attach to the property of political subdivisions such as cities and counties. This bill prevents a potentially serious problem caused by groups filing bogus suits and liens.

I have received over 700 letters, E-Mails, and phone calls in response to the Austin Update, which I send out weekly.

This newspaper is providing a real service by enabling readers to have input before I vote.

In addition, my office is working on more than 50 cases for constituents requiring help with State agencies. These cases include helping constituents obtain child support payments which had been delayed by the Attorney General's office, and helping a business owner obtain papers from the Secretary of State's office.

Barbara Erickson, Sandi Williams and I plan to have a booth at the "Aging America...It's Everyone's Future - Expo '97" at the Sher-Den Mall on April 11. Please stop by and share your concerns and comments.

How to market protected ideas

The American dream of taking an invention to the marketplace can be one step closer thanks to a course offered this Spring by North Central Texas College's Small Business Development Center.

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For more information about "Invention Commercialization: The Journey From Idea to Marketplace" or any other workshop offered by the SBDC, call (817) 668-4220.

COUNCIL

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which the council was concerned about. The Council agreed that some areas of the contract were too vague and need to be clarified. They asked the Jaycees to present a list of rules for the club house, the balance of the park will operate under the same rules as other city parks. Neal Flusche, asked permission to start ground preparation which the council granted.

Dale Terry of Gainesville outlined the operation of reserve police forces, which he would help with if the city was interested. Helen Thompkins said she didn't feel it was needed at this time and that Sheriff Compton was very cooperative if extra help was needed. The idea will be kept in mind for the future.

The Council approved Pepito's request for the beer and wine license, pending state and county approval.

Lonnie and Valerie Henscheid will be the swimming pool managers this year. The pool will be open Memorial Day weekend, May 24, 25, and 26 and close the balance of that week - opening again the next weekend for the summer. The closing will be after Labor Day. Party fees at the pool have been increased to \$35.

Bills approved for the month totaled \$84,487.45.

Muenster ISD School Board Candidates' Forum

Come hear where the candidates stand on issues that are important to our future:

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- * Aging Facilities
- * School Funding
- * Other District Priorities

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School Board Candidates: Place 5 - Christine Weinzapfel & Jim Endres
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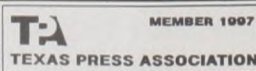
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Lifestyle

Vows solemnized April 4 in Sacred Heart Church

by Elfreda Fette

Carol Koesler became the bride of Gene Luttmer on April 4, 1997 in a Nuptial Mass and double ring ceremony celebrated in Sacred Heart Church at 6:00 p.m. and officiated by Father Frowin Schoech OSB.

Daughter of Alfons and Mary Ann Koesler of Muenster, the bride is a 1989 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is employed in the Laboratory at AMPLI.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Gertrude Luttmer of Muenster and the late Ferd Luttmer. He is a 1979 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, and is employed at Rite-Weld Supply Company of Gainesville.

In a setting created by large groupings of white Easter lilies, ferns, and lighted candles, the bride was presented at the altar by her father, Alfons Koesler. For her

wedding she chose a traditional white satin formal gown, accented with pearls and sequins. A dropped waistline and fitted bodice were highlighted by a high Victorian neckline and long slim sleeves. A shell pattern of lace encrusted with pearls and sequins was featured throughout, especially on the bodice, sleeves and in elegant appliques on the skirt and train. The full skirt flowed to royal cathedral length, with a full bow adorning the back waist. Wide lace tipped the hemline and had drapes of pearls. Multi-beaded lace motifs were elegant accents on the skirt. Her bridal veil was of double layered fingertip lace attached to a headpiece of white roses and pearls.

Her bridal bouquet was a cascade of white and red roses and greenery, entwined with the rosary that had belonged to the late Carol Ann Koesler.

ATTENDANTS

Susan Yosten of Muenster, bride's sister, was the matron of honor. She wore a red dress and carried a single white rose.

Amanda Knabe of Muenster, bride's niece was ring bearer, wearing a red dress trimmed in white.

Tim Walterscheid of Muenster, friend of the groom was best man.

Max Koesler of Muenster, brother of the bride and Ron Trubenbach of Muenster, nephew of the groom were ushers.

Nicholas Yosten and Jonathan Yosten of Muenster, nephews of the bride were altar servers.

Readings selected by the couple for the Nuptial liturgy were given by Kristen Yosten, niece and godchild of the bride and Crystal Hess, niece of the groom. Offertory gifts were carried to the altar by Debra Yosten and Diana Knabe, nieces of the bride.

Wedding music was provided by Mary Lin Knabe, bride's sister, and Wendell Black, vocalist, accompanied by Ruth Felderhoff, organist. They presented "Time In A Bottle," "Wind Beneath My Wings," "The Wedding Song," "Where Are You Going?" "Father Make Us One," "Only A Shadow," and "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman." The Offertory song was "Blessed Unity" written and sung by Mary Lin Knabe, bride's sister, especially for the

couple. Processional and recessional on the organ were "Canon in D" and "Trumpet Voluntary."

RECEPTION

A reception and dinner followed in the VFW Hall, hosted by parents of the couple for 200 guests. Dinner was catered by Rohmer's.

Kelly Lamkin and Jennifer Fuhrmann, friends of the bride, presided at the guest book.

The bride's table was covered in white, with white netting draped across the front, caught with red bows. An arrangement of red roses and red candles centered the table.

Guest tables were decorated with red streamers, and logs holding white roses and greenery, and red candles.

The three-tiered white wedding cake decorated with red and white roses and the brown, horseshoe shaped groom's cake were baked, decorated and cut by Betty Rose Walterscheid.

Reception assistants were Kristen Yosten, Crystal Hess, Debra Yosten, and Diana Knabe.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by parents of the couple in the Alfons Koesler home on Wednesday evening, April 2, and attended by members of the wedding party and family members of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Luttmer have moved into their newly completed home in Muenster.



Mrs. Gene Luttmer ... 'nee Carol Koesler ...



Ms. Annette Clara Gruber of Denton and Lieutenant Commander Joseph Arnold Schmitz of Gainesville announce their engagement. The bride-elect is the daughter of Robert and Marian Gruber of Lindsay. She is the granddaughter of the late Joe and Anna Starke of Muenster and the late Fred and Clara Gruber of Lindsay. The future-groom is the son of John H. Schmitz and Albina Andrews of Gainesville. He is the grandson of the late Joe and Theresa Mages of Muenster and the late John W. and Mary Schmitz of Lindsay. Ms. Gruber graduated from Lindsay High School and North Central Texas College; and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of North Texas in 1985. She is employed by American Airlines as a senior sales and service representative in the International A Advantage reservations department. LCDR Schmitz graduated from Lindsay High School and attended North Central Texas College. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Texas in 1984 and his Master of Business Administration degree from Ohio State University in 1995. He is employed by the United States Navy as a program integrator at Defense Contract Management Command - Texas Instruments in Lewisville. The couple plans to wed on May 10, 1997 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay, with Father Eugene Luke, OSB, officiating. They will make their home in Denton.

St. Richard's Villa salutes volunteers

"We are aware of 'Angels Among Us,'" say staff and residents of St. Richard's Villa. This was the thought they expressed as they related "As we tread through this fast-paced world, simple acts of kindness are sometimes easily forgotten or unconsciously put to the side. Unassuming acts that are given by taking precious time and energy to see to it that the "Memory Givers" of this community are not forgotten.

"These special people are the Volunteers that we call 'Angels.' They entertain with musical talent; give manicures; play and conduct bingo; bring gifts of fruit and homebaked cookies; present barber skits; pray the Rosary; serve refreshments after games or parties; or maybe simply visit, listen or talk.

"We at St. Richard's Villa salute you!! Your acts of kindness are truly appreciated. We will be forever grateful to

you. You will always make a difference in the lives you touch!"

Staff and residents of St. Richard's Villa concluded: "In honor of our 'Angels' and in observance of National Volunteer Week, we at St. Richard's Villa are hosting a luncheon on Friday, April 18 at 12:30 a.m. We consider the attendance of our volunteers a special honor."

NOTICE

The Cooke County Diabetic Support Group will meet on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Gainesville Memorial Hospital Conference Room. It will be an open meeting, and everyone interested is welcome to attend.

New Arrivals

Rohmer

Curtis and Pat Rohmer of Plano announce with joy the birth of their first child, a son, on Wednesday, March 26, 1997 in St. Paul's Hospital at 5:11 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. They have named him Thomas Jake. He is a namesake of his late maternal great-grandfather Jake Kuhn. The infant's grandparents are Sergio and Isela Macias of El Paso, and Viola Rohmer and the late Urban Rohmer of Muenster.

Klement

Zachary Andrew Klement was born to Philip and Debbie Klement of Houston on February 21, 1997, in Cyprus Fairbanks Medical Center in Houston. He is the grandson of Jerry and Carole Klement of Temple and the great-grandson of Mrs. Ollie Klement.

St. William's hosts meal

Plans have been completed for St. William's Altar Society's spaghetti dinner and bake sale, says Society president Margaret Fenoglio. "All we need now is for everyone to come and enjoy a wonderful dinner."

The event takes place this Sunday, April 13 at the parish hall in Montague. Time for eating is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. "A heaping plate will be served, and if you want more, come back for seconds," Margaret adds. Meal price is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

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Yosten and Pankey wed in Sacred Heart Church on Oct. 5

by Elfreda Fette

Stephanie Diane Yosten of Plano and Michael Todd Pankey of Dallas were married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster at 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 1996, celebrating their first meeting five years

before on that date. The couple chose to be married in Sacred Heart Church because the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Yosten were married in the same Church on June 4, 1966. Stephanie and Michael requested Father Frowin

Schoech OSB to celebrate their Nuptial Mass here because his ordination to the priesthood was held on June 4, 1966 in Sacred Heart Church.

The bride is the granddaughter of Leonard (Spike) and Frances Yosten of Muenster, and Alex Yosten of Cyril, Oklahoma and the late William J. Bean of Red Lodge, Montana and the late Mary Bean Vestal of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. The bride is the office manager of the Dallas Montessori School.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hugh Pankey of Longview and grandson of Evelyn Pankey of Monroe, Louisiana and the late Mr. and Mrs. P. Johnson of Shreveport, Louisiana and the late Jack E. Pankey. He is employed by the United States Air Force.

Given in marriage by her parents, David L. and Susan Bean Yosten, the bride was wearing a formal white silk wedding gown featuring a portrait collar and neckline decorated with Alencon lace and pearls, over the elegantly simple fitted bodice with Basque waist. Long fitted sleeves, decorated with Alencon lace and pearls, came to bridal points over her hands. Pearl buttons enhanced the back of the dress. The skirt extended into a chapel train. Her silk custom-made veil swept over the chapel train.

The bride's engagement and wedding rings were heirlooms left to the groom by his maternal grandmother, Mr. Ruby Johnson. Stephanie's rosary had also been carried by her mother on her wedding day 30 years before. It was a gift from her late great-great-grandmother, Margaret McGinley Bean who brought it from her native Ireland.

The bridal bouquet was a soft cascade of lavender stock, livia roses, ivory roses, lavender calycina, white larkspur and sunset heather.

ATTENDANTS

Genna Nygro of Racine Wisconsin, close friend of the bride was matron of honor. Cousins of the bride, Cindy Bean of Temple, Chris Bean Surratt of Littleton, Colorado,

Leslie Bullion of Austin, Lauren Bradford of Austin, and sister of the groom Paige Pankey of Longview were bridesmaids.

They wore floor length, long sleeved black velvet dresses, with off-shoulder, scalloped necklines, with a silver and pearl center pendant, and silver and pearl drop earrings. They carried nosegays of livia roses, ivory mini carnations and plumosa tied with ivory ribbons.

Flower girls were cousins Shannon Grewing of Muenster and Cori Surratt of Littleton, Colorado. Unity candle bearer was Kaycee Surratt of Littleton. Ring bearer was Jackson L. Bradford of Austin, bride's cousin. The flower girls carried baskets of livia rose petals.

Shannon Grewing's dress was made by her aunt, Susie Bullion. It was full length of ivory satin with an overlay of pearlized organza and tied at the waist with a floral satin ribbon. Kaycee and Cori's dresses were made by the bride's aunt, Carol Maniatis of Littleton; they were black and white pin-dot cotton accented with a white eyelet bodice, long circular skirt, white eyelet trim and big puffy sleeves. A bustle effect was made with three handmade roses.

The best man was Matthew McConaughey of Malibu, California, life-long friend of the groom. Groomsman were his brother, David Pankey of Austin, close friends of the groom David Brown, and Marty Flier both of Longview, and brothers of the bride Steve Yosten and Terry Yosten of Plano.

Ushers were cousins of the bride, Christopher Bullion of Austin, Bill Bean of Temple and Sam Walterscheid of Muenster and Denton.

Wedding music was presented by Diane Grewing, Denise Klement, Christi Klement, Linda Flusche, Doug Yosten and Jim Endres. Sacred songs included "Father, Make Us One," "Only A Shadow," "Wedding Song," "Come And Journey With Me," also "Annie's Song." Taped music included "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Canon in D," and "Panis Angelicus." Mothers of the couple were seated during the "Ave Maria." The bride's mother was escorted down the aisle by her son, Terry Yosten and her nephew Bill Bean of Temple. "Ave Maria" was

played for the couple's prayer at the Blessed Virgin's altar. "Trumpet Voluntary" was the recessional.

RECEPTION

The reception followed at the Sacred Heart Community Center. Dinner was catered by Rohmer's Restaurant. A close friend of the family, Marie Murphy attended the guest book.

Reception assistants included cousins of the bride Dana Bean, Kelly Bean Massey and daughter Cindy Bean, Cheryl Bean Terney and Jana Marie Hall.

The three-tiered wedding cake was petal shaped on the bottom layer; all frosted in soft ivory, with ruffles and lattice decorating. Top ornament on the keepsake layer was made of fresh flowers - pink roses, and mini carnations, cream larkspur and mini carnations. The two-tiered chocolate groom's cake was frosted in basket weave and topped with chocolate dipped strawberries. Both cakes were made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Both were placed on a table skirted in ivory lace and edged with tulle.

Decorations in the reception area included tiered candles, greenery and English ivy on guest tables.

The wedding table was skirted in ivory lace and draped with ivy and satin bows. Gold votive candles and

candle holders adorned the table. A background decoration was made of ivory tulle and English ivy, flanked by lighted ficus trees.

Hall decorations were made by Betty Rose Walterscheid and Carol Henschel.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Center Restaurant in Muenster.

The couple went to Cancun, Mexico for their wedding trip. Since returning, they are residing in Dallas.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included but certainly not limited to: Henry P. Johnson of Albany, California; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Merchant of Monroe, Louisiana; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mills of Boyston Beach, Florida; Sandra Bullock of Malibu, California; and many close friends from Longview, Texas; Doctor and Mrs. William J. Bean, Kelly Bean Massey, Dana Bean, Cheryl Bean, Cindy Bean, and Bill Bean all of Temple, Texas. A special mention of Ross and Judy Bean from Red Lodge, Montana who could not attend due to illness. Terry Bean, wife Carol Maniatis, Ken and Chris Surratt and family of Littleton, Colorado; Ann Woodward and Jackie Hutton of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Col. James and Genie Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. David Bullion and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bradford of Austin, Texas.



Mrs. Michael Todd Pankey ... 'nee Stephanie Diane Yosten ...

April 16 screening

On April 16, from 8:30-11 a.m., an early childhood screening will be held at B.T. Washington School to identify children who may have handicapping conditions or might have low potential for success in school.

A child who needs to be screened is one who does not appear to act, see, hear, speak, understand, or learn as others of his age.

Children who are handicapped are eligible to attend school from age three, from birth if visually or hearing impaired. If you have a child who is suspected of having a handicapping condition and is three years

old, please call the special education office at 665-0773 for an appointment. If your child is younger than three, but you are concerned, call Project Kind at 665-1464. The tests include vision and hearing and motor ability procedures, as well as some learning tasks.

Before screening each child must have a permission slip, signed by a parent, giving consent for screening. Forms are available at the Special Education office located at 1420 Rice Avenue or Booker T. Washington School located at 701 Muller. Baby-sitter may bring the child to be screened, but the form signed by the parent is a necessity.

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On Saturday, April 22, it was off to Chuck E. Cheese Pizza! Chad celebrated with his mother, Donna, sister, Ashley, Grandma Cookie Flusche, Aunt Beth Trubenbach and cousins, Levi and Lacey Trubenbach. Everyone enjoyed a personal visit from Chuck E. Cheese, watching Chad open his gifts and playing on the recreational games.

Chad's actual birthday was Sunday, March 23. He celebrated at home with his parents, sister, and grandparents Evelyn and Donnie Walterscheid. Everyone

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Chad Walterscheid

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Entertainment



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Speaker



Jim Morris is the former executive vice-president and general manager of Texas Electric Cooperatives. A former broadcast journalist, Morris became TEC General Manager in 1977 and served in that capacity for 18 years before his retirement in 1995. Morris and his family spent five years in Bolivia, South America where they participated in community development projects for the Bolivian Methodist Church. Since his retirement he has been on several mission trips to Honduras.

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School News



Ashlie Garrison awarded Amon Carter scholarship

Ashlie Garrison was one of two students selected to participate in the 1997 scholarship award program offered by the Amon Carter Foundation. The award is a four-year scholarship worth a total of \$12,000.00. Funds can be used for tuition at any accredited four-year college or university. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA, be a full-time student and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester. The Amon Carter Foundation is located in Fort Worth.

Ashlie is a student at Sacred Heart High School where she has attended for the past two years. She is active in the Varsity Dance Team,

Journalism Club, and is Advertising Editor of the Sacred Heart Yearbook. Prior to moving to Muenster, Ashlie attended Salpointe High School in Tucson, Arizona. She works part-time for Dr. Diana Arnouk, M.D. and is attending two evening classes at NCTC. Ashlie will graduate this year from Sacred Heart and plans to attend either St. Edward's College in Austin, or Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, this fall.

Ashlie is the daughter of Robert and Julie Garrison of Muenster. Julie is the bookkeeper at Muenster Memorial Hospital. Robert is President of TV Connection Inc., a division of Disney/ABC.



Ashlie Garrison

Meeting change

Muenster ISD is changing its regular monthly board meeting from Thursday, April 10 to Thursday, April 17.

Lindsay Middle School wins UIL competition

Lindsay Middle School students scored more than 600 points to win the District 10AA UIL Academic Meet held April 4 at North Central Texas College.

Students in grades six through eight took first place in the overall competition with 616 5/6 points. Krum finished second with 344 1/3, Valley View was third with 342, and Callisburg took fourth with 324 1/3, followed by Chico, Paradise and Nocona.

Placing for Lindsay were:

6th Grade Calculator Applications: 1. Thomas Schad, 4. Genevieve Knauf, **Dictionary Skills:** 1. (tie) Sara Luttmer, Emmy Trammell, Patrick Zimmerer; **Listening:** 5. (3 way tie) Kyle Endres. **Maps, Graphs & Charts:** 2. Alex Hellinger, 3. Joey Arendt, 6. (tie) Patrick Zimmerer; **Music Memory:** 1. (team) Renee Sandmann, Elaine Hess, Chelsea Perry, Jonathan Krahl, Sara

Luttmer, **Mathematics:** 2. Thomas Schad, 3. Genevieve Knauf; **Number Sense:** 3. Genevieve Knauf, 5. Patrick Zimmerer, 6. Thomas Schad; **Oral Reading:** 3. Jessica Mosman, 5. Emmy Trammell; **Ready Writing:** 4. (tie) Emmy Trammell, 6. Sara Luttmer; **Spelling:** 1. Alex Hellinger, 5. Sara Luttmer, Patrick Zimmerer.

7th Grade

Dictionary Skills: 4. Hannah Trammell, 5. Taren Hall, 6. Tommy Arendt; **Impromptu Speaking:** 1. Alexandria Haayen, 2. Tommy Arendt, 3. Christina Otto, 3. Christina Otto; **Maps, Graphs & Charts:** 6. Tommy Arendt; **Number Sense:** 1. Nabeel Anwar; **Oral Reading:** 1. Christina Otto, 3. Megan Ward; **Ready Writing:** 3. Faith Skinner, 5. Jennifer Wilson Science (Life); 2. (tie) Megan Ward, 4. Chad Stoffels; **Spelling:** 1. Sophia Rahman, 2. Dominic Fuhrmann, 6. Jennifer

Wilson; **Modern Oratory:** 1. Nabeel Anwar.

8th Grade

Calculator Applications: 4. Jonathan Bengfort; **Dictionary Skills:** 1. Margaret Luttmer, 2. Dee Ann Fuhrmann, 3. Deanna Meurer; **Impromptu Speaking:** 1. Brent Connett, 2. Courtney Miller, 3. Karah O'Dell; **Listening:** 4. Courtney Miller; **Maps, Graphs & Charts:** 4 (tie) Brandon Schroeder; **Mathematics:** 5. Nicholas Fuhrmann, 6. Sara Krahl; **Number Sense:** 2. Nicholas Fuhrmann, 5. Sara Krahl, 6. Michael Kendall; **Oral Reading:** 3. Rachel Lively; **Ready Writing:** 1. Sara Krahl, 2. (tie) Deanna Meurer; **Science (Earth):** 1. Michael Kendall, 2. John Eberhart; **Spelling:** 1. Deanna Meurer, 2. Ashley Privett, 6. Dee Ann Fuhrmann; **Modern Oratory:** 1. Brent Connett, 5. Paul Metzler.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF APR. 14-18 ERA ISD

Mon. - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, hot roll, milk. **SNACK BAR:** Taco pizza.

Tues. - Turkey fajitas, shredded cheese, pinto beans, trimmings, Spanish rice, peanut butter bar, milk. **SNACK BAR:** Tuna pita pocket.

Wed. - Charbroiled pork strips, corn, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, milk. **SNACK BAR:** Ham and cheese hot pocket.

Thur. - Chicken ala king on toast, green beans, tossed salad, peaches, sunshine bar, milk. **SNACK BAR:** Pepperoni pizza.

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

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Mon. - Taco soup, ham sandwich, lettuce, oranges, milk.

Tues. - Lasagna casserole, California blend vegetables, salad, garlic toast, Jello, milk.

Wed. - Ham, potato salad, baked beans, pineapple, bread, milk.

Thur. - Salisbury steak,

potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, bread, milk.

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

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Corny dogs, baked beans, broccoli & rice casserole, pickle spears, fruit, bread, milk.

Tues. - Crispitoes, refried beans, lettuce salad, fruit cobbler, bread, milk.

Wed. - Deli sandwiches (ham & cheese), potato salad, green beans, apple crisp, milk.

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

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

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Beef enchiladas w/chili & cheese, lettuce salad, pinto beans, banana bread, fruit, milk.

Tues. - Sausage, creamed potatoes w/gravy, sauerkraut, corn, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Wed. - Lasagna, lettuce salad, green beans, fruit, bread, milk.

Thur. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, potato chips, fruit, brownies, milk.

Fri. - Nachos, choice of sandwiches w/lettuce & tomatoes, fruit, milk.

SHYM Events

by Kelly Bayer

J.E.L.L.Y.

LOVE! JOY! OBEDIENCE!

Last Sunday, April 6, at the Community Center we met to have our Easter Celebration. We learned by looking at different quotes of the Bible, that through Christ's death and resurrection we should live in obedience with joy and love for one another and God. We then played a game which the mastermind, Ernie Martin, came up with, and after that we had some marvelous refreshments.

LIFE TEEN

Last Sunday was National Life Teen Night! "What's that?" you ask. It's a Life Teen set up by the Life Teen Organization in which we were able to see, on tape, people from other parishes with Life Teen. We also watched a short clip of Fr. Dale Fushek, the one who started Life Teen 12 years ago, who said that he didn't want to be outdone by the unclean spirits in Mark 3:11 who fell before Jesus and shouted "You

are the Son of God." Fr. Dale asked us to do the same, and it sounded like a good idea to me, so we did. After all, if unclean spirits can proclaim it, seems to me like church people should!

WHAT'S COMING UP IN LIFE TEEN?

Come one, come all for Life Teen ultimate and volleyball. Be at the park at 1:30 this Sunday, April 13. Please bring a snack.

Also call me, Kelly Bayer at 759-2983 if you want to work at the SHYM booth at Germanfest. We'll be open on Saturday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN J.E.L.L.Y.?

Jr. Highers! Stop by the business office and pick up your papers to go on the hike at Felderhoff's Sunday afternoon, April 20, from 1:15 - 6:45. If you don't know if you will be able to go, get one anyway. If you forget to get one, don't fret - just show up early that Sunday with a parent. See ya!

Lindsay Elementary takes 2nd in District 10AA UIL

Lindsay Elementary School students took second place in the District 10AA UIL Academic Meet held April 4 at North Central Texas College, scoring 263 1/2 points.

Students in grades two through five competed in the contest. Rad Ware Elementary placed first with 362 points. Chico placed third with 146, Valley View fourth with 133, followed by Krum, Nocona, and Paradise.

Placing for Lindsay students were as follows:

2nd Grade

Creative Writing: 3. Angela Schad, 5. Rachel Zimmerer; **Storytelling:** 5. Jillian Bezner

3rd Grade

Ready Writing: 2. Tori Baetzel, 3. Stephanie Metzler, 6. Mallory Block; **Spelling:** 3. Michelle Rauschuber, 6. Elizabeth Klement; **Storytelling:** 2. Tori Baetzel, 5. Derek Murray.

4th Grade

Oral Reading: 4. Jessica Bezner, 5. Dana Huchton; **Ready Writing:** 1. Rameez Anwar, 6. Jacob Geray; **Spelling:** 1. Ryan Zimmerer, 4. Emma Eilts, 6. Jessica Bezner; **Art Contest:** 1. (team) Heidi Hess, Rameez Anwar, Cheryl Bayer, Jessica Bezner, Emma Eilts.

5th Grade

Art Contest: 3. (team) Lori Kasperek, Whitney Neu, Kaylee Privett, Emily Walterscheid, Lindsey Williams; **Dictionary Skills:** 1. Cody Hess, 2. Lori Kasperek; **Maps, Graphs, & Charts:** 3. Chap Baetzel; **Music Memory:** 2. (team) Philip Bayer, Adam Krahl, McKenzie Spruiell; **Oral Reading:** 3. Mary Eberhart, 5. Whitney Neu; **Spelling:** 2. Cody Hess, 3. Whitney Neu.

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Sports



Muenster girls win junior high district meet

The Muenster junior high girls, 7th and 8th grade divisions, took the district championships last Thursday at Hornet Stadium. "The weather was terrible, but it did not bother our team at all!" Coach Donnie Vernon commented. "This team did a great job all year and with only 12 girls, they scored a lot of points." One hundred and ninety-four for the 8th grade Lady Stingers. High point girls for the meet were Keri Felderhoff with 25, Diane Britain 24 and Mary Skinner and Kristi Lutkenhaus with 21

points each. "It was an honor to work with these young ladies. They are a super group," Coach Vernon concluded. The 7th grade girls dominated the races, scoring 237 points, 41 more than second place. The Stingers only mustered 45 points for sixth place. The 7th grade young Stingers finished in second place with 95 points, behind Collinsville who scored 246.

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Kacie Garcia and Megan Hennigan in an early lap in the 2400m run. Janie Hartman Photo



Ashley Klement hands the stick to Stephanie Hellman during 400m relay exchange. Janie Hartman Photo



The start of the 2400m race. Janie Hartman Photo

Tigerettes are 3rd at Nocona

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes finished in 3rd place at the Indian Relays last Saturday. Nocona won the meet with 165 points, followed by Lindsay with 151 and the Tigerettes with 97 points. "With just 8 girls, we finished 3rd!" bragged Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "This is a very talented track squad."

12:50; 6, Leah Rigler, 14.57. **400m Dash** - 5, Debra Dangelmayr, 68.5. **200m Dash** - 1, Kelly Rigler, 26.42; 3, Leah Rigler, 28.87. **1600m Run** - 4, Jessica Berres, 6:29. **1600m Relay** - 2, Kelly Rigler, Debra Dangelmayr, Jessica Berres, Leah Rigler, 4:41. **Shot** - 4, Sarah Hess, 27' 4 1/2". **Discus** - 3, Sarah Hess, 74' 5 1/2". **Triple Jump** - 4, Dobe Fleitman, 30' 1". **High Jump** - 2, Dobe Fleitman, 4' 10". **Long Jump** - 2, Dobe Fleitman, 14' 10".

Tigerette Results
100m hurdles - 4, Kayla Felderhoff, 20.30.
800m Run - 2, Jessica Berres, 2:40; 3, Debra Dangelmayr, 2:44.
100m Dash - 1, Kelly Rigler,

Boys' Coach Pitch baseball teams forming

Sign-up deadline for Boys Coach Pitch Baseball, ages 8 and 9, is April 30. Chairmen are Tim Felderhoff and Neal Flusche. For more information, call Felderhoff 759-2878 or 736-3252, or Flusche 759-4747 or 759-2203. Sign-up forms may be mailed or dropped off at Flusche Enterprise, daytime, or Tim's home, evenings. Parents or any others interested in coaching will be very welcome. Call Tim or Neal.

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S.H. Tigers compete in district golf meet in Plano

The TAPPS district golf meet was held at Pecan Hollow in Plano. With twelve teams in the field, the Tigers finished in the middle of the field after posting a team score of 448. Canyon Creek won the meet as their squad shot a 347. Fairhill Academy finished 2nd. Michael Yosten led the Tigers with a 99, Matthew Fuhrmann carded a 109 and Paul Swirczynski and Chad Roller each posted a score of 120. The winning medalist,

from Canyon Creek, recorded a score of 70.

MHS golfers win regional berth to be held April 21-22

Led by Scott Hermes firing a six over par 77 and Jerry Stoffels shooting an 83, the Muenster High School golf team earned second place at the district golf meet to advance to Abilene's Maxwell Municipal Golf Course for the Regional Meet to be held April 21-22.

Hermes finished second overall, two shots by Petrolia's Cody Cope. The Hornets fired a 359 total with a 98 from Steven Reiter and a 101 from Bryan Hudspeth rounding out the team total. Other Hornet golfers were Jeremy Walterscheid with 107, Aaron Klement 112, Lucas Hartman 113, and Chad Felderhoff 115.

"The boys played very well. We shot a 370 last year in district play and Jerry and Scott shot 78 and 81, respectively," commented Coach Ted Heers. "So, comparatively we are on the verge of playing pretty well. We could use two weeks of warm weather for the boys to practice."

The Lady Hornets team won the bronze medal with a 475 total. Petrolia won first with a 459, followed by Saint Jo with a 463.

Jaclyn Bell paced the Muenster squad with a season-best 111 to finish fifth.

Andrea Goodwin shot a 119 Mindy Endres 121, Allisor Endres 124, and Jonna Schneider 132.

Heers noted that the girls won district last year with a 474 total led by Dalana Endres with a 95. This year's total of 475 left Muenster home with the bronze medal.

"You always have to remember that each year is different, and bi-annually we can change our opponents and even out region. Give Saint Jo credit this year. Three of their girls finished in the top five," concluded Heers.

'Fest Fun Run registration is underway!

Registration forms for Germanfest's 22nd Fun Run are at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce. Runners have been pre-registering the past month for \$15.00. The cost is \$20.00 the day of the race.

Race officials will meet Monday April 14 at 7:00pm to prepare race packets. All interested parties and committee members should be at the KC Hall at that time.

Hornets win Alvord Meet

The Muenster Hornets brought home their fifth meet championship Saturday, winning the Alvord meet with 104 points.

"We are looking forward to the challenge of the district championship," said Coach Randy Tankersly.

3200m - 4 - Jeff Klement, 12:28; **400m relay** - 4 - Shane Sparkman, Brian Fleitman, Eric Miller, Bryan Miller, John Tuggle, 47.19; **110 hurdles** - 1 - Barry Fleitman, 15.83; 2 - Brent Sicking, 15.97; 7 - Justin Fleitman, 17.92;

800m - 3 - Bryan Miller, 2:14; **400m** - 1 - Eric Miller, 54.02; 3 - Brian Fleitman, 54.52; 4 - Shane Sparkman, 55.86; **300 hurdles** - 1 - Barry Fleitman, 43.8; 3 - Brent Sicking, 44.87; 6 - Darren Hennigan, 46.8; **1600 relay** - 5 - Brent Sicking, Justin Fleitman, Bryan Miller, Brian Fleitman, 3:53; **shot** - 1 - Michael Boydston, 43'11"; **Discus** - 2 - Jake Luke, 137'8"; **High jump** - 4 - Barry Fleitman, 5'8"; **Pole vault** - 2 - Steven Reiter, 10'; **Triple Jump** - 6 - Brent Sicking, 37'9".

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3-4-5 Coach Pitch 6-7-8 Slow Pitch 9-10-11-12 Fast Pitch

Lindsay girls finish 2nd; boys win Indian Relays

The Lindsay Knights varsity and junior varsity track teams took top honors at Nocona last Saturday. The Knights earned 39 points with the junior varsity boys getting 149. The Lady Knights brought home the 2nd place trophy with 151 points. Varsity girls, junior varsity boys, and varsity boys results are as follows:

VARSITY BOYS
Discus - 1, Gallagher, 133' 8"; 2, Fuhrmann, 122' 9"; 3, Krebs, 121'
Shot Put - 1, Gallagher, 47' 7"; 2, Krebs, 38' 9 1/2"; 6, Mosman, 38'
Long Jump - 1, Hanks, 19' 10"; 2, Tepera, 19' 8"
High Jump - 1, Sharp, 5' 10"; 3, Dewberry, 5' 8"
Triple Jump - 1, Newberry, 41' 2"; 2, Tepera, 39' 4"; 5, Meurer, 38'
Pole Vault - 2, Hanks, 12' 6"; 3, Feurer, 11'
3200m Run - 3, Fuhrmann, 1:02
800m Run - 2, Covington, 2:06; Hair, 2:12
400m Relay - 1, Alfrey, Sharp, Lowman, Hanks, 45.2
110m Hurdles - 2, Perrin, 16.1; Tepera, 16.9
100m Dash - 3, Pierce, 12.1
400m Dash - 1, Sharp, 52.5
300m Hurdles - 1, Perrin, 41.8; Bezner, 42.8
200m Dash - 1, Hanks, 23.9; 3, Alfrey, 24.2; 6, Anderle, 24.7
1600m Run - 2, Hair, 5:06
1600m Relay - 1, Bowman, Sharp, Perrin, Covington, 3:37

VARSITY GIRLS
Shot Put - 5, Smith, 24' 9"
High Jump - 3, HELLINGER, 4' 6"; 1, Fuhrmann, 4' 6"
Long Jump - 4, M. Trammell, 14' 5"
Triple Jump - 5, S. Trammell, 29' 3"; 6, Fuhrmann, 28' 2"
3200m Run - 2, Hermes, 13:25; 3, Stoffels, 13:44
400m Relay - 2, Sandmann, HELLINGER, Dudenhoeffer, M. Trammell, 55.9
800m Run - 1, A. Trammell, 2:39
100m Hurdles - 2, Sandmann 18.00
800m Relay - 1, Dudenhoeffer, Fuhrmann, A. Trammell, HELLINGER, 1:54
400m Dash - 1, M. Trammell, 1:03.6; 3, S. Trammell, 1:08.3
300m Hurdles - 1, Sandmann, 51.5
1600m - 1, S. Trammell, 6:00; 2, Stoffels, 6:24
1600m Relay - 1, A. Trammell, M. Trammell, S. Trammell, HELLINGER, 4:23.4

JV BOYS
Discus - 1, Garner, 108' 10"; 3, Secrest, 106' 8"
Shot Put - 2, Secrest, 36' 11"
Long Jump - 1, Neu, 17' 7 1/2"
High Jump - 2 (tie), Garner and Thomason, 5' 4"
3200m Run - 3, Metzler, 12:02
400m Relay - 2, Pierce, Zimmerman, Secrest, Neu, 50.08
800m Run - 5, Rinner, 2:33
110m Hurdles - 1, Thomason, 18.3
100m Dash - 4, Neu, 12.2; 5, Secrest, 12.8
400m Dash - 3, Garner, 59.9; 6, Ravjani, 1:03.5
300m Hurdles - 3, Thomason, 47.5
200m Dash - 3, Whitaker, 26.0; 4, Zimmerman, 26.1
1600m Run - 3, Bezner, 5:51; 4, Crosby, 6:06; 6, Fleitman, 6:29
1600m Relay - 1, Garner, Zimmerman, Pierce, Zimmerman, 4:03

Valley View Jr. High Meet Results

Muenster 7th grade girls results
2400-2-Lacy Endres, 3-Kaylee Price
800m-1-Krystal Hale
100 hurdles-3-Ashley Klement
100m-3-Jennifer Reid
200m-3-Krystal Hale, 6 Kim Klement
Long jump-3-Jennifer Reid
Triple jump-3-Jennifer Reid
Muenster 7th grade boys
2400m-5-York, 10:31
Discus-2-Hartman, 87
Long Jump-4-Cain, 14'11"
800m-4-Endres, 2:52
400m-4-Cain, 69
Muenster 8th grade boys
Shot put-4-Minnix, 37'4 1/4"
110 hurdles-2-Minnix, 19:16
300 hurdles-3-Minnix, 52.3



Mitch Endres, 800m runner. Janie Hartman Photo



Above, Terri Wimmer clears the hurdle. At right, Brad Minnix tosses the shot. Janie Hartman Photo



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DISTRICT MEET 7TH GRADE BOYS

2400m Run - 3, York 10:15; 5, Fleitman, 11:00
800m Run - 3, Endres, 2:50.16
110m Hurdles - 4, Hermes, 33.89
100m Dash - 6, Hartman, 15.62
400m Dash - 2, Cain, 1:09.49
1600m Run - 6, Fleitman, 7:45
Triple Jump - 4, York, 28' 8 1/2"
Shot - 5, Hartman, 27' 2 1/2"
Discus - 1, Hartman, 75' 8 3/4"
Long Jump - 3, Cain, 12' 9"; 6, York, 12' 4 3/4"
400m Relay - 2, Muenster, 1:01.47
1600m Relay - 1, Muenster, 5:13.16

DISTRICT MEET RESULTS

8TH GRADE GIRLS
2400m Run - 1, Felderhoff, 9:54; 2, Hennigan, 10:21; 3, Garcia, 10:26
800m Run - 1, Felderhoff, 2:46.32; 5, Dangelmayr, 3:09.28
100m Hurdles - 2, Wimmer, 20.28; 4, Britain, 20.79
400m Dash - 1, Lutkenhaus, 1:08.35; 2, Smith, 1:10.49; 5, Skinner, 1:12.51
300m Hurdles - 4, Britain, 1:04.63; 5, Wimmer, 1:06.21
200m Dash - 3, Graham, 33.04; 5, Gieb, 33.67
1600m Run - 1, Garcia, 6:34.43; 3, Hennigan, 7:22.50; 4, Dangelmayr, 8:11.70
Triple Jump - 1, Skinner, 28' 4"
Shot - 4, Britain, 22' 7 1/2"; 5, Lutkenhaus, 22' 5"
Discus - 3, Britain, 64' 5 1/2"; 4, Wimmer, 62' 9 1/4"; 5, Dangelmayr, 62' 1/4"
Long Jump - 3, Britain, 12' 4"; 6, Graham, 11' 3 1/2"
400m Relay - 2, Muenster, 57.86
800m Relay - 3, Muenster, 2:09.60
1600m Relay - 1, Muenster, 4:53.39
Team Standings - 1, Muenster, 194; 2, Saint Jo, 144; 3, Era, 119; 237; 2, Collinsville, 96; 3, Toga, 72; 4, Saint Jo, 42; 5, Ponder, 6

8TH GRADE BOYS

2400m Run - 6, Scoggins, 10:07
110m Hurdles - 1, Minnix, 19.58
300m Hurdles - 1, Minnix, 52.38
Triple Jump - 6, Grewing, N/A
Shot - 1, Minnix, 42' 1"
Discus - 2, Minnix, 100' 2"
1600m Relay - 5, Muenster, 5:21
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Farm Bureau expresses opposition to law change

The Texas Farm Bureau maintains firm in its opposition to the proposed change in the state's constitutional prohibition against taking out second mortgages on homes. Proponents of the change argue that it will free up \$123 billion in untapped collateral for education, medical bills, and to finance businesses, which will, they claim, stimulate the economy. They say it should be a person's own choice and responsibility if they want to risk their home for such purposes. "Our position is that while it sounds good on its face, doing away with the homestead law would really open the door for banks to systematically require pledging of home equity as collateral on any high-risk loan, and a condition for extending a loan that would otherwise be called," says the board of directors of the Cooke County Farm Bureau. "We think that would be a mistake."

Common sense suggests that lenders are likely to ask for every bit of collateral they can before making a loan or extending a loan. The greatest concern of the farm organization, says the board, is that financially-strapped farmers will be most vulnerable if the homestead protection is removed. Current law forbids the placing of a lien on a homestead—which in the instance of an agricultural homestead includes the primary residence and 200 acres—for any debt other than the original mortgage, a home improvement loan, or to pay taxes due. Moreover, a homeowner cannot be forced to sell a homestead to pay unrelated debts nor can a creditor seize the homestead for payment of the debt. "The current law has served Texas and Texans very well," the local FB leaders suggest. "It should not be changed."

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

DROUGHTS IN PROSPECTIVE

Drought is no stranger to Texas and rainfall during 1996 was a stark reminder of what a general drought can be like. There is no doubt that Texas suffered a general drought in 1996. The question is, is it over? Dr. Robert Lyons, Extension Range Specialist, from Uvalde, Texas, makes the following observations and predictions of drought and says that droughts like the ones in the 1930's and 1950's happen about every twenty years and there is a very good chance of a prolonged general drought somewhere in the Western United States every 22 years.

Lyons reviewed research at the University of Arizona and found that researchers studied tree ring growth that looked at the relationships among tree ring growth, precipitation, and temperature and reconstructed climatic conditions in 10-year intervals for hundreds of years. What they found was a repeated 22-year pattern of widespread drought which corresponds to the 22-year cycle of increasing and decreasing numbers of sunspots. Based on this research, these scientists predicted in 1979 that a widespread drought was likely somewhere in the Western United States in the mid-1990's.

Sunspots increase and decrease in numbers in 11-year cycles and a

complete cycle takes 22 years. In the current sunspot cycle, sunspot numbers reached a peak in 1989 and were expected to be at a minimum in December, 1996. El Niño, the abnormal warming of Pacific equatorial waters off the coast of South America that gives us wet years, died at the end of 1995 and is not expected back for 3-6 years. Furthermore, La Niña, an area of colder than average water in the equatorial Pacific that can be indicative of dry years is active. Most predictions estimate that the earliest we could be out of this present 22-year drought cycle would be late 1998 or early 1999 with an El Niño event.

In 1995 and 1996 12-month cumulative rainfall totals show a pattern similar to 1950 and 1951. By itself, this pattern might only indicate a one-year drought. However, coupled with sunspot activity, the absence of El Niño, and the widespread nature of the 1996 drought, this similarity could indicate the beginning of the mid-1990's drought predicted in 1979.

Locations of widespread 22-year droughts are difficult to predict. However, the indicators discussed above and our experience in 1996 should make us cautious, not just in 1997, but, until all the signs are in our favor. Therefore, restocking decisions should be carefully evaluated.

AMPI and Ecolab join forces to provide supplies to producers

The Southern Region of Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (AMPI) and Ecolab Inc., have announced a partnership that will make farm supplies and equipment readily available to Southwestern dairy producers. On April 1, the two organizations formed Dairy Partners Southwest Inc., to offer supplies and equipment along with farm delivery throughout Texas and other states. AMPI and Ecolab will share equal ownership of Dairy Partners. The blueprint for the new organization is drawn from a similar partnership that Ecolab has established in the Southeast and from services that AMPI was already offering its members.

Dairy Partners is available to all producers, not just AMPI members. "By selling to all dairy producers in the region, we can increase sales volume and help everyone take advantage of volume discounts," explains Jim Carroll, AMPI Southern Region Manager. The creation of Dairy Partners allows AMPI to concentrate its efforts on marketing milk for dairy producers while Dairy Partners focuses on selling equipment and supplies. Dairy producers

are expected to benefit from both organizations' clear focus. "The new company merges AMPI's knowledge of the needs of dairy producers with the technical and merchandising expertise of Ecolab's agribusiness division for the greatest benefit of southwestern dairy producers," Carroll says.

Ecolab is the leading supplier of cleaning and sanitation products for food and beverage processors and dairy operators throughout the world. AMPI's Southern Region is a milk marketing cooperative providing market access for 2,800 member-owners that produce 7.2 billion pounds of milk annually.

Dairy cows need water to produce

Dairy producers often worry about the protein intake in a cow, but should be more concerned about her water intake. A cow produces milk containing 87 percent water and only 3.2 percent protein. What is the daily water need of a lactating dairy cow? A cow producing 25,000 pounds of milk per year needs 2,607 gallons of water per

year for milk production alone. Add another 6,000 gallons for maintaining of daily body function, so a dairy cow needs 30 to 40 gallons of water per day during the summer. Cows getting to water sometimes cuts back her needed consumption. A good rule is to allow a minimum of one inch of effective linear water space per cow. Therefore, 60 cows would need at least five feet of water access space.

Waterers should be long, shallow and quick-filling and located near feeding areas and in cow exit lanes. A cow will drink 50 percent of her daily intake right after milking.

Illinois Bend hosts Texoma cattlemen

Ladies, are you interested in promoting the beef industry? If so, don't miss this coming Saturday's noon meeting of the Texoma Cattlemen Association. The focus of this organization is primarily to create an awareness of the value of beef. Texoma Cattlemen is a chapter of state and national associations which strive to promote our beef industry. Members can be seen distributing literature, setting up information booths, sponsoring special events, or talking with legislative staff. All activities are aimed at building an awareness and appreciation of the value of beef in one's diet.

This meeting will be held at the Illinois Bend Community Building. The building, formerly the Illinois Bend school, is located fourteen miles north of Saint Jo off FM 77. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be served by local members. Following the meeting, a tour has been planned for those interested in viewing some of the area ranches. So plan now to be in Illinois Bend on April 12 at noon.

Growth regulator douses fire ants

Fire ants die out after eating a new experimental insect growth regulator, USDA-ARS studies show. When fire ants were fed teflubenzuron, their numbers were reduced by up to 79% after six weeks, 86% after 13 weeks and 91% after 17 weeks. After four weeks, colonies had no immature offspring.

In another study, the scientists found that low levels of boric acid are also effective against fire ants. Feeding sugar water, laced with up to 1% boric acid, reduced fire ant numbers by 90% after six weeks. Previous research indicated that boric acid wasn't effective against the imported ants. But boric acid concentrations may have been too high, say the scientist. They either repelled the fire ant workers or killed them before they could carry baited food into the nest.

Narrow row spacing develop higher yield

Want to boost soybean yields 10-25%? Use narrow row spacing, say researchers. Changing row spacing is a low-cost investment for increasing profits. How much? Anywhere from \$60 to \$90 an acre, if you figure beans at around \$7 per bushel. In experimental plots, 7" rows were used, showing much increase in production. Farmers are accepting 15" spacing easier, because they can buy a planter with 15" spacing that they can also use to plant corn at 30" rows.

The idea of narrow rows also increases corn silage yields. When corn rows were narrowed from 30" to 15," yields increased 3 to 4 tons more silage per acre.

The 15" row offers more shading, which also stunts weed growth. But there are disadvantages, too. A farmer can't sidestep the corn once it's planted, so any extra nitrogen needs to go in the spring. Also, there are no legal application of insecticides for 15" rows. Planting and harvesting require additional capital investment.

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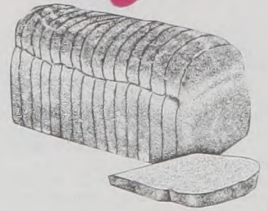
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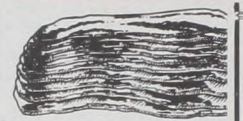
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