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## 1997 Festivities prevail despite soggy conditions

by Janet Felderhoff  
For the first time in its 22 year history Muenster Germanfest sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and visitors had to contend with three days of rain, mud and very chilly weather. Although the Chamber of Commerce doesn't have final results, it is definite that attendance numbers and income were down considerably.

Many visitors appeared to be having a good time despite the disagreeable weather conditions. The wise came equipped with warm clothing and rain boots. Texas Stage entertainment was moved to the VFW Club for part of Friday evening while improvising sponsors constructed a stage in the large food tent. Revelers in the Tanz Halle tent stayed warm and dry dancing to ethnic music. Many activities for children were housed under a tent this year providing a warm, dry place for children to enjoy themselves.

The 16th annual Germanfest Metric Century Bicycle Rally proved to be a wet, chilly event Saturday. "With this being the wettest Germanfest rally that we know of, it makes us feel very fortunate that we, and those before us, have not experienced anything even close to this before in the 16 year history," said Neal Hesse Sacred Heart Alumni president and rally chairman. "We claimed the rally to be a success because we did not have any major accidents to speak of. We had only one minor accident that we know about."

Those who participated in the rally were serious cyclists. One called from Amarillo

where they were having a six inch snow storm to make sure that the rally would take place. About 830 people had pre-registered for the bicycle rally. Another 30 to 40 signed up late Saturday. There were about 200 dedicated cyclists who participated in the rally.

All of the rest stops were geared up to perform as usual. "The hundreds of volunteers deserve a lot of credit for weathering the rain themselves," remarked Hesse. "I give them a lot of credit because it is a lot easier being in the lead vehicle, which I was, than standing out in the elements and handing out water and bananas." He is hoping for another 15 years of dry weather for future events.

Brad Wright, Channel 5's daytime news anchor, and Jon McCoy, 620 KAAM's own voice personality, endured wet conditions at the starting line. Normally participants line up 20 to 30 minutes ahead of rally time. This year they lined up about three minutes before starting time. "Brad and Jon were hoping to entertain and inform the cyclists on course information but were cut short by the weather," said Hesse. "They have shown great interest to be back next year."

Sacred Heart Alumni has decided to sell their remaining T-shirts, three different styles and years, at a cost of 2 for \$5. All shirts were the design of Bert Hesse and screened prints were done by Tops and Teams. Contact Alumni members if you are interested in purchasing shirts.

Major sponsors for the bicycle rally included Miller of Denton, Muenster State Bank, and Coca Cola.

Sunday was the best of the

three day festival for outdoor events. German Fun Run sponsors, the Muenster Knights of Columbus, were pleased. "The race received only compliments which is a tribute to all the chairmen and personnel from start to finish," said coordinator Ted Heers. "We had a good turnout despite conditions and we will make the future races more attractive to runners. The number of entrants can grow some, but I'm not sure we can

expect three to four thousand any time soon. For a city of our size to pull in one to two thousand runners makes us one of the top races per capita in the state."

Karl Polivka, 26, took first place in the 15K run with a finishing time of 49:54. Runner-up was Joe Beisner, 24, with 50:45. Third and fourth were Keith Johnson, 35, with 52:02 and Brad Patterson, 28, with 53:22.

Carrie Spruell, 38, was the

first woman to finish the 15K. Her time was 1:00:38. Frances McKissick, 35 placed second with 1:02:03 and third was Linda Muslin, 45, with 1:05:32.

Those placing in the 15K male division according to age brackets were:

Age 0-13: Steve Miller, 1:28:18; Cody Brown, 1:48:58.

Age 14-19: Keith Fuhrmann, 62:01; Marc Trevino, 66:26; Sean Davies, 67:46; Guillermo Gonzalez, 72:09.

Age 20-24: Art Rodriguez,

60:02; Michael Hundt, 60:36; Shawn Price, 62:46; Hank Bullinger, 63:35.

Age 25-29: Jason Berend, 59:25; George Antone Jr., 60:29; Larry Blait, 68:00; Aaron Kelly, 68:13.

Age 30-34: Rodney Wilson, 54:50; Eloy Carrillo, 55:23; Matt Broderick, 57:34; Paul Brindel, 59:13.

Age 35-39: Samuel Pachelo, 55:31; Brian Daugherty, 62:35; Mike Mote, 63:42; Richard

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The main attractions were inside the main tent at Germanfest this year. Visitors crowded in for shelter, food and entertainment after Texas Stage

entertainment was moved inside the giant tent Saturday.

Dave Fette Photo

## Community concerns addressed by school board candidates

by Janet Felderhoff  
Many important decisions will face the Muenster ISD Board during the next few years. A steady increase in student numbers is causing the school to feel growing pains. The elementary classes have grown large enough that most are split into two classes per grade. That creates a need for more classrooms. This need will follow into junior high and high school as the students progress through school. State

funding is ever changing and a school doesn't know what to expect from year to year. MISD has an Exemplary rating from the state and hopes to keep the same high standards. Actions taken by the school board impact that rating.

Three places on the Muenster school board are up for election on May 3. Six interested candidates have filed, two for each position. Hoping to better understand each candidates' views, the

Muenster chapter of Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) hosted a candidates' forum on April 22. Dave Fette, publisher of the Muenster Enterprise, served as moderator.

Competing for Place 5 are Jim Endres and Christine Weinzapfel. Jim is employed at Valenite and is now attending classes at North Central Texas College. He and his wife, Shirley, have four children. Three are MISD students. Jim

and Shirley both graduated from Muenster High School.

Christine moved to Muenster in June 1994 with her husband, Robert. She attended public schools and graduated from a high school not much larger than Muenster High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree at Iowa State University. Before coming to Muenster Christine worked for a large financial institution in Dallas. She is a licensed real estate agent, does part time

work in a local business and also does substitute teaching for the Muenster school district.

Mrs. Weinzapfel said that she has always given to the communities in which she lives and works. In Muenster she is involved in several organizations. She serves as president of the Muenster Historical Commission, is the outgoing president of Beta Kappa, and a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

"I feel that the school board, the administration, and educators have done an excellent job over the past years as evidenced by the recognition received by the school and students," remarked Weinzapfel. "Since there are three trustee positions available, I have chosen to run in order to help continue this level of achievement and because I believe we have a responsibility to provide an all around education to the youth and future leadership of our

community. I understand that there are many issues and important decisions that will have to be made regarding the future direction of our school district. These decisions will not only affect the students, faculty, and administration, but also the citizens living within the school district. I believe my education and business experience, my desire of quality to be a prospective board member interested in education and all of our youth in this community qualifies me for the job."

Tim Felderhoff and Tom Hartman, incumbent, have filed for Place 6. Tim is a 1975 graduate of Muenster High. He and his wife, Ramona, have four children. He is an owner and operator of a business for about 16 years. He has been very active in the Muenster Jaycee organization. Tim was Jaycee president and served as director for several years.

Felderhoff noted that he has Please See MISD, Page 5



Candidates for MISD school board election were in the spotlight at the ATPE-sponsored forum last Tuesday. They are, from left, Jim Endres,

Christine Weinzapfel, Tim Felderhoff, Tom Hartman, Bob Hermes and Neil Huchton. Janie Hartman Photo

## Lindsay High School wins Regional UIL academic

By Janie Hartman  
Moving up to a 2A classification this school year has not slowed down Lindsay High School's academic competition. After winning big (529 points) at the district level, the Lindsay students earned 243 points at the Region IIAA to bring home the sweepstakes trophy from the UIL competition April 19 at Tarleton State University. The second highest total belonged to Callisburg, at 82 points.

Thirteen students have advanced to the state meet in Austin May 1,2,3.

The following students placed at regional competition. The top three places and first teams advance to state.

L.D. Debate - 2 Richard Haagen; Informative Speaking - 1 Michele Murrell, 3 - Erin Eberhart; Persuasive Speaking - 2 Carrie Hundt, 3 Richard Haagen; Ready Writing - 2 Elizabeth Luttmir, 4 Jennifer

Hoberer; Computer Applications - 3 Ashley Zimmerman; Mathematics - 2 Steven Tepera, 6 Patrick Lusk; Math Team - 1 Tepera, Lusk, Nick Price; Feature Writing - 1 Ashley Zimmerman, 4 Jamie Zwings; Editorial Writing - 3 Elizabeth Luttmir; Science - 2 Patrick Lusk, top biology; Spelling - 1 Amy Arendt, 4 Erica Fuhrmann, 5 Emmy Schad; Spelling Team - 1 Arendt, Fuhrmann, Schad; Literary Criticism - 1 Elizabeth Luttmir, 2 Jennifer Hoberer, LC Team 1 Luttmir, Hoberer, Julie Zimmerman; Current Events - 5 Gayle Walterscheid, CE Team 2 Walterscheid, Emily Zimmerman, Jennifer Otto.

"The students handled the AA competition very well," Craig Hertel, UIL coordinator at Lindsay said. "They performed to their highest degree."

## Sheriff's deputies now get pay for unpaid time

by Janet Felderhoff  
Commissioned deputies for the Cooke County Sheriff's office have at times been working as many as 11 hours a month with no pay. This occurred due to a part of the Fair Labor Standards Act dealing with firemen and police officers. Officers are paid every 28 days and are salaried employees.

According to some interpretations of the law they do not have to be paid for time worked between 160 and 171 hours. This is because when answering an emergency call

policemen and firemen can't just quit and go home because they've worked their 40 hour week.

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton feels strongly that there is nothing "fair" about the rule and for a second time came before Commissioners Court to ask that his commissioned deputies be paid straight time for those hours. "I came to ask that the Court take this opportunity to right what is a blatant wrong, almost, in my opinion, discriminatory against a group of employees," said the Sheriff.

Compton asked only for straight time for the hours worked between 160 and 171. After 171 hours the officers receive overtime pay. Base pay is \$10.38 per hour for commissioned deputies. Investigators receive a little more per hour. He has 11 commissioned deputies and two investigators.

"We schedule them for 160 hours, but it isn't uncommon that they'll have to work over this," said Sheriff Compton. "Transports take up much of the deputies' time. There are times during the day that it is

difficult to have a deputy available to answer calls promptly. If a deputy is on one side of the county and must answer a call on the other side, it takes time to get there. Very seldom is there a deputy sheriff out patrolling the county during daytime hours.

"The main thing that I wanted to address is that the deputies are required to work a day and a half, practically, for free every pay period and nobody else in the county employ has to work a day and a

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# Lindsay School Board candidates share opinions at April 23 forum

Contributed by the Lindsay High School staff writers of *The Knightly News*—Lea-Anne Smith, Alex Krahl, Anna Bayer, Ashley Zimmerman

Candidates for the May 3 Lindsay ISD school board election all agree that their main job, if elected, will be to retain Lindsay's outstanding academic reputation while handling growth in the years to come.

The candidates expressed their views on a host of topics April 23 during the Second Annual Candidate Forum sponsored by the Lindsay Education Association. Voting Saturday will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Old Parish Hall in Lindsay.

Four candidates are running for two at-large positions. Rudy Zimmerer is seeking re-election to his position and is being challenged by Pat Fuhrmann, Norb Mages and Pat D. Zimmerer. Joe O'dell chose not to seek re-election to his position.

Tom Carson, manager of KGAF radio in Gainesville, served as forum moderator. Beverly Neal, LEA member, introduced Carson and the candidates. Jerry Metzler served as timekeeper and Wendell Black provided the speaker system. The Lindsay Knights of Columbus set up the cafeteria for the forum. Each candidate began with a two-minute opening statement and then each candidate answered questions submitted by the LEA and the audience.

Pat Fuhrmann is a native of Lindsay and has two children in LISD. He has contracting experience, which he feels will make him an asset to the school because of the various building plans for the future. He wants to give every child the same opportunities that he received at LISD.

Norb Mages has experience and leadership skills in the city, parish, and school. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School. Mages was mayor of Lindsay for four years, on the city council for seven years, and chairman of the parish building committee for four years. Mages has served on the PTC for two terms, Booster Club two terms, and has been a Site-Based Committee chairman for two years. He has two daughters who are LHS graduates, and wishes to make sure everyone gets the same quality education that they received at Lindsay.

Pat Zimmerer has two children in LISD. She works at the First State Bank. She has lived in Lindsay all of her life. Mrs. Zimmerer cares very much for the school and community. She promises to be open minded and wants to keep Lindsay known for its high academic achievement and strict discipline.

Rudy Zimmerer is the father of six children, all of whom are in LISD. He is a current board member and a farmer. With the exception of attending college and the U.S. Army,

Zimmerer has lived in Lindsay all of his life. He wants to give his children the best education that they can possibly receive. He is proud of Lindsay's reputation, and feels that serving on the board another term would help him return the favors dealt to him from LISD.

Fuhrmann promises, if elected, to do things in an orderly fashion and be open-minded. Mr. Zimmerer believes that his set of beliefs and open-minded personality make him a good candidate. Mages believes that his leadership skills will come into play, and wants to make Lindsay's good school an even better one. Mrs. Zimmerer feels that her open mind will help her perform to the best of her ability.

Candidates spoke on various issues during the forum, including the school's priorities, transfer policies, a larger curriculum, what can be done about teenage alcohol abuse, and tax abatements. Each candidate spoke of the school's strengths and weaknesses.

Fuhrmann feels that development is the biggest priority, while Mages feels a close eye needs to be put on Lindsay's expansion. Mages concern is that as Gainesville grows, so will Lindsay. Mrs.

Zimmerer has lived in Lindsay all of his life. He wants to give his children the best education that they can possibly receive. He is proud of Lindsay's reputation, and feels that serving on the board another term would help him return the favors dealt to him from LISD. Transfer students have allowed us to do many things - more classes and a larger teaching staff," Mr. Zimmerer said. He added, that with the many young families coming into Lindsay, transfer students act as a "cushion" to Lindsay's growth.

Those running for the board wish that the school could have more music and art programs, but the school would need more time and money. With practicing for athletics, UIL and other events, it would be hard for the students to find time. "You can only practice so much," Mr. Fuhrmann said. "Since this is a small school, we don't have the ability to offer more classes," Mrs. Zimmerer said.

The candidates agree that the school has many strengths. They believe the teachers, administration, students, and parents strengthen the school. "People don't have problems with talking to the teachers or the administration about their



Candidates for the May 3 Lindsay ISD school board election expressed their views during a candidate forum held April 23 in the Lindsay Cafeteria. From left are Tom Carson, moderator, Pat Fuhrmann, Rudy Zimmerer, Norb Mages, and Pat D. Zimmerer. Courtesy photo

worked for years with the district to provide a fair lease agreement.

"The religious values of students are one of the things that makes Lindsay a good school," Rudy Zimmerer commented. "Our parents, staff and family life are very strong," he said. "There are many two-parent families in Lindsay, more than in many communities, and that makes a big difference."

Along the line of strong families is the solution to teenage alcohol in Lindsay and the surrounding area, according to the candidates. "This is a great problem," Rudy Zimmerer said. "Parental involvement is 97 percent, and society doesn't help when people accept it," he said. All candidates felt, while dealing with alcohol abuse is the parents' responsibility, the school can help by continuing drug awareness programs at all grade levels.

As a final topic, sports versus

academics was discussed. Fuhrmann felt academics were more important. "As of yet," Fuhrmann said, "I have not seen anyone from Lindsay make a living off of sports." Mr. Zimmerer feels that sports are just a part of a well-rounded person, but that academics is Lindsay's number one goal. Mages feels that a good academic foundation is a gigantic step into college. "Academics are first," Mages said. "Sports on top of that is fine," he said. Mages added he would like to see increased emphasis on sports such as golf and tennis since they are sports that people tend to participate in after high school, unlike football. Mrs. Zimmerer believes that academics are always the top priority.

The Lindsay school board candidates basically have the same views on many issues and view Lindsay as an excellent school. When asked what they would do to have open communication with the teachers, administration, and community, they all said they would welcome anyone to speak with them about their

problems and are willing to listen to everyone's opinions. "Everyone has a right to have opinions," Rudy Zimmerer said. All the candidates felt that the chain of command was the best way to handle problems to and from the school board. "Any problems in the school concerning the student should go first to the teacher, next the superintendent and then the school board if necessary," Mr. Zimmerer said. All candidates agreed that a chain of command is necessary and should be used to keep an orderly school environment.

The candidates were asked how they would work with the site based committee if elected. The state-mandated committee is composed of teachers, administration, staff, parents, and community members to allow input at the local level. They all said they would listen what the site-based had to say, and they would use the board to get more input from teachers and parents. "The site-based committee is a very useful tool," Norbert Mages said. "They are right with knowing what's going on," said Pat Zimmerer.



Lindsay High School Academic UIL Region II 2A Champions. Courtesy photo

Zimmerer believes in the good of the children, while Mr. Zimmerer's main concerns include growth and building expansion.

If there are more additions to the school, all hope that a new high school parking lot will be built first. Also, they want to see a new gymnasium built, and possibly a new library. If a decision is made to build one of these, all candidates feel that there should be enough money available before a project begins. "I feel like we need the money before doing any building," Mrs. Zimmerer replied.

Transfer students are also a

problems," Mr. Zimmerer said. Along with the strengths come the weaknesses. The candidates agree on the lack of a good library and not having the ability to offer a greater variety of classes. Also, they believe the students who do their homework and make average grades need more attention and recognition.

"I would like to give the middle of the road kids more attention and utilize more tutoring in Lindsay," Mr. Zimmerer said. Mages also feels that average and below average students need more time given to them. "We need to see that all of our students are equally prepared for the world," Mages said.

Special education classes were discussed. Mr. Zimmerer, stating that there is no "miracle answer," believes that input from the staff would be the best way to find what the school needs.

On the religion issue, whether holding religion classes before school will be a problem in the future, all of the candidates noted the strong cooperation between the school and St. Peter's Parish, which continues to own many of the school facilities and have

## Three unopposed in MMH Board elections

Three of the nine positions on the Muenster Hospital Board of Directors are up for election. Persons now serving in those positions are Lora Hennigan, Werner Becker Jr., and Gerald (Jerry) Hess.

Becker and Hess are seeking re-election. Lora Hennigan chose not to run for her position. Margie Starke is the

third candidate. She served on the board several years ago.

Citizens in the Muenster Hospital District who wish to cast their vote in the board election may do so on Saturday, May 3 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Muenster High School. School board elections are being held at the same location.

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## 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, May 4	Monday, May 5	Tuesday, May 6	Wednesday, May 7	Thursday, May 8	Friday, May 9	Saturday, May 10
MMH Auxiliary Reception for Dr. and Mrs. Antonetti, 2-4 p.m., MMH Lobby JELLY to St. Richard's Villa, 1:15-3:15 p.m. Life Teen Basketball, Students vs. Parents, 5 p.m.	City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	SHHS Athletic Awards Banquet, 7 p.m.	C of C Board Meeting, 5 p.m. MISD Class of 77 Reunion Planning Meeting, 7 p.m. Rohmer's No CCD Classes, Ascension Mass, 7 p.m.	ASCENSION DAY - No School for Sacred Heart MISD School Board Meeting, 8 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		
Sunday, May 11	Monday, May 12	Tuesday, May 13	Wednesday, May 14	Thursday, May 15	Friday, May 17	Saturday, May 17
MOTHER'S DAY	VFW Meeting, 8 p.m. Muenster Elementary Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m. SHS Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	Muenster Junior High Awards Banquet, 7 p.m. Muenster 4-H Meeting, 7 p.m., SHS	C of C Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m., The Center SH Alumni Meeting, 7:30 p.m., CC Cafeteria CCD Closing Mass, 7 p.m.	Muenster High School Awards Banquet, 7 p.m.	Muenster ISD - No School! Muenster Museum Open, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		

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**SHERIFF**

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half for free," explained Sheriff Compton.

Commissioner Richard Brown stated, "We are given the opportunity and we've taken advantage of the opportunity to not pay for 11 hours in a 28 day pay period. In my opinion we're not treating them fairly by doing that. I hope that we don't have to work them the 11 hours so we're not forced to pay overtime, but if they work overtime they are entitled to pay for it."

Compton noted that he doesn't like to ask his deputies to come in on their days off when they will be working for free. "A deputy could work a whole day and never receive a cent for it," he said.

"These guys and gals put in a lot of time that they never even put down," Compton noted. "We're not talking about people who are trying to avoid working. They come in on their time off for training, just to get the training because we're trying to make it available to them."

Commissioner Virgil Hess noted that a few years ago the county had gotten into a situation when Sheriff Aston requested that comp time be turned into pay at an employee's request. "It cost us \$47,000 just like that," he said.

Brown made the motion to pay straight time for the hours

worked between 160 and 171 hours. Commissioner Phil Young made the second. Commissioners Hess and Jerry Lewis both indicated that they were not against paying the time, but wished it could be delayed until the new budget was being made. The final vote was three in favor and two against. Hess and Lewis cast the dissenting votes.

Precinct #4 Constable Terry Murphy requested permission to appoint two reserve deputy constables. He would use them as back up, usually at night, when he feels there is a dangerous situation requiring assistance. Freddie L. Adams and W.E. Keating are certified peace officers and will be sworn in as the reserve deputy constables. Commissioners agreed to the request and will execute bonds for them.

In other business Commissioners:

- Approved a general certificate for Texoma Housing Finance Corporation to issue series 1997 mortgage revenue bonds for a 48 unit apartment complex in Whitesboro.
- Approved preliminary plat for Shenandoah Subdivision in Precinct #2.
- Approved bond for sheriff's deputy Gregory Dale Martin.
- Approved minutes from last meeting.
- Approved bills and monthly reports.

**Texas community banks unite in "real" fashion**

Henry Weinzapfel of Muenster State Bank has announced that a statewide campaign to link together all community banks as the "real" leaders among financial institutions in their areas has been launched by The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT).

"Community banks have always been the backbone of their city's economy, whether it is sponsoring the local Little League or the high school academic and athletic programs," said Chris Williston, president and CEO of IBAT, in announcing the "Real Community Bank" program as this year's centerpiece of the annual celebration of Community Banking Month.

In recognition of the role independent banks play in the communities they serve, Governor George W. Bush has issued a proclamation recognizing April as

Community Banking Month across the state.

The Governor's proclamation cites the "significant contributions" made by community banks for the past century "by providing vital support to the communities they serve."

"This special designation is the perfect time to unveil this important program," Williston said. "From now on, Texans will know from the 'Real Community Bank' logo at institutions across the state they will be benefiting from the personal service of a hometown bank and its employees."

Credit unions currently have their own governing commission which is dominated by industry insiders. The Sunset Commission is asking that legislation be passed ensuring that membership on the state credit union board be controlled by a majority of the public and that official actions involving mergers, expansions and creation of new credit unions be made public.

"The Sunset Commission is recommending that the Credit Union Commission publish notice in the official *Texas Register*," Williston said. "That's at least a start. They now only publish notice in their own newsletter."

"IBAT is on record calling for the Credit Union Commission to advertise its official actions in the state's newspapers just as community banks and all other financial institutions do now."

The "Real Community Bank" campaign will involve newspaper, magazine, radio and television ads emphasizing the hometown banking theme.

"The campaign will emphasize that your money stays home when you deal with a community bank and that you will be able to look your banker in the eye to ask for a loan instead of dialing an 800-number."

"Community bankers are the Sunday school teachers, PTA officers and civic leaders you work with everyday," Williston said. "These banks pay taxes and reinvest in the local communities. This cannot be said of all financial institutions."

There are more than 700 locally owned and operated independent banks in the state, with more than 1,500 banking offices located in small towns, rural areas, suburbs and cities across Texas representing more than \$61 billion in assets.

**Vote Saturday, May 3**

**VOTE**

**Christine Beaulieu Weinzapfel**  
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**City Council Agenda**

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, May 5, 1997.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of the April 7, 1997, and April 22, 1997, meetings.
3. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
4. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss the status of the paving projects.
2. Discuss the resolution of the delinquent taxes on a formerly leased property.
3. Consider and act on proposed Ordinance #216, Plumbing Code (2nd Reading).
4. Consider and act on the operation of the Muenster Public Library.
5. Consider and act upon amending the FY 96-97 budget.
6. Receive a quarterly report on property clean-up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Canvass the election and pass Ordinance #217, recording the vote.
2. Administer oath of office to Mayor Weinzapfel, Alderman Endres, and Alderman Feldehoff.
3. Consider and act upon not installing check valves with new meters.
4. Consider and act upon awarding a solid waste contract effective October 1, 1997.
5. Consider and act upon asking Texas Department of Transportation to re-route hazardous material from Main Street to either Ash Street or Mesquite Street.
6. Read Ordinance #218, City Parks, which will apply to all city parks and set operating hours (Reading #1).
7. Consider and act upon approving the following resolutions:
  - a. Resolution supporting the efforts of Cooke and Grayson Counties and the Cities of Denison, Gainesville, and Sherman in developing a public solid waste disposal facility.
  - b. Resolution proclaiming National Safe Boating Week Proclamation, May 17-23, 1997.
8. Consider and act upon maturing certificates of deposits (CD's) and purchasing CD's with city reserve funds.
9. Consider and act upon establishing a Section 48 Industrial Development Corporation.
10. Consider and act upon approving a returned check policy.
11. Review October - April 1997 Budget Summaries.
12. Review and act upon monthly bills.
13. Adjourn.

**NOTES:**

1. The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this agenda.
2. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, when it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.
3. People with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact Micallee Matson at 759-2236 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

This is to certify that I, Micallee Matson, posted this Agenda on the glass front door of the City Hall, facing the outside, at 2:20 p.m. on April 29, 1997.

# QUITTING BUSINESS

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# VOTE

Remember to vote Saturday, May 3, for the following elections:  
**Muenster Memorial Hospital Board; City Council and Propositions Election; and Muenster ISD School Board, to be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Muenster High School entry hallway.**

## Klement Ford of Muenster receives excellence award

Klement Ford of Muenster has been awarded the 1996 North American Customer Excellence Award from Ford Motor Company. The award is presented to dealers achieving high honors in customer satisfaction.

Klement Ford of Muenster was one of only a few Ford dealers nationwide to win the award and the only Ford Motor Company dealer in Cooke County to be honored. "We are delighted to receive this high honor from Ford and we are especially pleased because it came from our customers," said dealership co-owner Kirk Klement.

Klement Ford of Muenster earned the Customer Excellence Award by making Quality Care Standards a top priority and delivering a high level of care to its customers, said the Ford Motor Company in presenting the award that honors both Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealers nationwide.

"For more than 50 years our Muenster Ford dealership has worked hard to provide quality

sales and service for all of Cooke County," Klement said. "Receiving this customer recognition for our service is even more exceptional. Although it is rewarding to be recognized by Ford Motor Company, it's even more special when our customers acknowledge our efforts," he said.

Klement Ford of Muenster, formerly Endres Motor Company, was founded in 1946 by Urban Endres and the late Martin W. Klement. The dealership has been the recipient of this award thirty-four times over the years, which underlines their commitment to customer satisfaction. Martin Klement's sons, Karl J. Klement of Decatur and Kirk Klement of Muenster, purchased the dealership in January. It is the oldest family owned automobile dealership in Cooke County.

In addition to the Muenster dealership, Karl Klement owns a Ford-Mercury dealership in Decatur and a Ford dealership in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

## Municipal courts bill passes House, Senate

The House of Representatives has passed legislation by a vote of 120 to 16 allowing municipal judges to serve in more than one city. The legislation, authored by Representative Ron Clark and Senator Robert Duncan, has now passed both houses and will be sent to the Governor for signature.

Clark said, "Allowing a judge to serve in two or more cities benefits each city. The cost of required annual judicial training is spread out and the judge can gain much more experience by presiding in several courts. This legislation will ensure that smaller towns have access to better trained and more experienced judges."

# City election will decide sales tax proposition

## Council seats uncontested

City elections, scheduled for Saturday, May 3, include three city council positions and propositions for an increase in city sales tax and an enlarged Muenster Water District.

The three council men, running without competition on the city ballot for May 3, 1997, have the following committees:

Mayor Henry Weinzapfel said he appreciates the confidence the city council, the administration and the citizens have shown him these past two years. He also appreciated all the committees who served for the library, water department, fire department, library building committee and Fire Marshall Dave Flusche. "It has been especially rewarding to see the cooperation and willingness shown by these committees."

He continued, saying the city has accomplished the task of solving many difficult problems from the past. These include the big project of water wells, major sewer line repairs,

extensive street work, especially on Elm and Second Streets with the efforts of Street Commissioner John Pagel and the city crew.

The mayor said he tried to do a good job and hoped, with everyone's support, the next two years can be as productive. "I would ask all to support the two important propositions on the May 3 ballot so Muenster can continue to move forward."

Stan Endres is also endorsing the two propositions and asked for the voters' support. He stressed the importance of voting in all elections. Endres said he appreciated the support in the past and will work for the good of Muenster in the future.

Ronnie Felderhoff echoed the same thoughts, "just be sure to vote." As water commissioner, he has studied the situation and worked hard towards a better water service for Muenster. The present council has achieved a lot in the last two years and he hopes to see continued progress, he said.

## Sales Tax

The proposition calls for City of Muenster voters to approve/disapprove establishing a Section 4B Sales and Use Tax of one-half of one percent for the purpose of building an elevated water storage tank and water system improvements.

a. **Additional city sales tax** would be \$.005, for a total city sales tax of \$.015. Same city sales tax as Denison, Gainesville, Valley View, Denton, Little Elm, Northland, and Roanoke.

b. **Section 4B sales tax** can only be used to pay for the design and construction of 200,000 gallon elevated water storage tank and water system improvements along Main Street and Division Street (Main to Hickory St). Once these improvements are completed and paid for, sales tax automatically ends.

c. **Advantage of approving sales tax:** reduces the cost burden on property taxpayers for paying for water improvements.

d. **Disadvantage of approving sales tax:**

increases cost of purchases by half-cent per dollar.

e. **Proposed sales tax** would generate about \$65,000 a year to pay for these water improvements.

f. **Other funding options:**

1. **Bond issuance** - must be voted on by city residents and is normally for 20 years

2. **Certificate of Obligations** - loans to city for up to 15 years

3. **Notes** - loans to city for up to 7 years

4. **Grants** - applied for \$250,000 Texas Community Development Program grant.

5. **Water and Sewer Fees** - increases them more than proposed

6. **Cash Reserves:** can only fund 30% of project costs.

## Water District

Election propositions call for Muenster Water District (MWD) voters to approve/disapprove (1) the entire enlarged district as assuming any tax supported bonds then outstanding and those therefore voted by and not yet sold, and (2) levying ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the district as enlarged.

a. **Enlarged district assuming tax supported bonds**

Approval of proposition:  
 (1) **Advantage:** all MWD residents pay for MWD bonds and interest.

(2) **Disadvantage:** newly annexed residents into MWD must pay for MWD bonds and interest.

Disapproval of Proposition:  
 (1) **Advantage:** newly annexed residents into MWD are exempt from these bonds and interest.

(2) **Disadvantage:** all MWD residents are not paying for these bonds and interest.

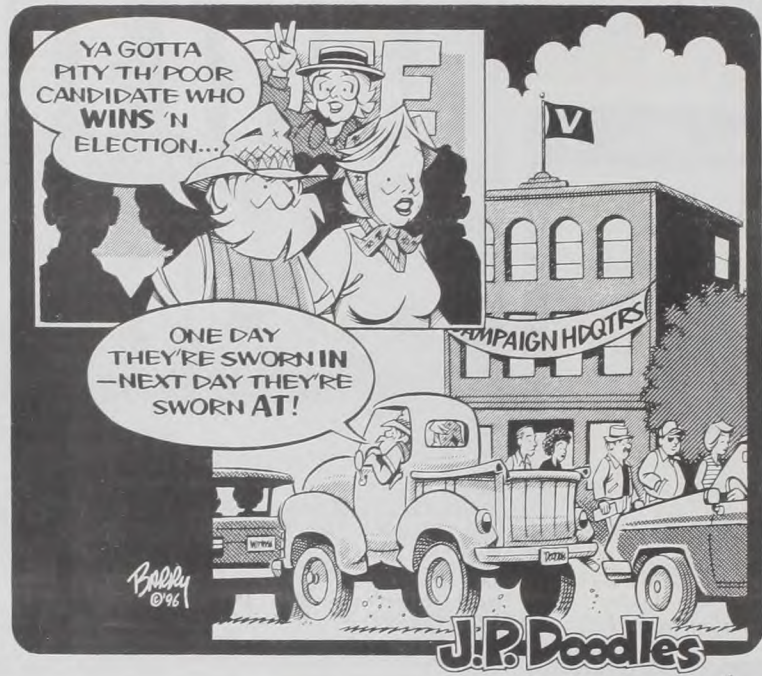
b. **Levying ad valorem (property) taxes on all taxable property within the enlarged district:**

Approval of Proposition:  
 (1) **Advantage:** all MWD residents pay ad valorem taxes.

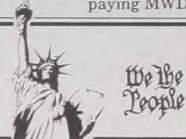
(2) **Disadvantage:** newly annexed residents into MWD must pay these taxes.

Disapproval of Proposition:  
 (1) **Advantage:** newly annexed residents into MWD are exempt from MWD paying property taxes.

(2) **Disadvantage:** all MWD residents are not paying MWD property taxes.



# Opinion/Editorial



## Letters to the Editor

**Dear Editor:**  
 Without the dedicated volunteer efforts of Bert Walterscheid and Milton Knauf, the entertainment scheduled for the Texas Stage at Germanfest would have been canceled due to the rain.

Water on the stage presented a potential shock hazard, especially if rain fell while equipment was set up. Bert, Milton, and other volunteers went beyond the call of duty and helped move equipment to three different locations during the fest trying to find a suitable dry place. With Bert's skill as a carpenter and Milton handling electrical problems, new stages were built under the worst possible conditions.

The published schedule fell apart as the mud conditions made moving heavy equipment go slowly. Some performers got bumped as time ran out. My apologies to Jack White and his family. They waited patiently only to find his performance canceled both Friday evening and Saturday due to the slow pace of equipment setup. Kudos go out to Jack White, Lori Earheart, and Andy Serna for their gracious acceptance of either canceled or abbreviated

shows as they helped us salvage the schedule the best we could.

There are many more people who went beyond their normal activities to try to improve conditions. Thanks to Donna for helping with crowd control; Brent and Ross for pulling out Joe Bob's stuck trailer; the Jaycees who helped spread hay; and to all the others that pitched in when they saw a need.

It is more than interesting to see former and current presidents meeting this week in a "volunteerism summit" to encourage more people to get involved. While they try to plant the seeds across the nation to start volunteer movements, the citizens of Muenster should be proud to already have a strong and dedicated volunteer spirit. This is demonstrated by those who help get through Germanfest every year. The dedication to "community" shows.

Thanks, again, for your help and dedication.

Sincerely,  
 Gary J. Fisher  
 P.O. Box 297  
 Muenster, Texas 76252



## ISSUE UPDATE

with *Mac Thornberry*

### Christmas in April is Great Example of People Giving Back to Their Community

This past weekend, I was in Wichita Falls helping out with the local Christmas in April program. The goal of the charity is to restore or renovate the homes of lower income families who live in the area.

Over the past 12 years, the Wichita County Christmas in April program has restored or renovated nearly 1,000 homes, improving the lives of hundreds of people in the process.

It's a classic example of people giving something good back to their community. It's also an example of what former General Colin Powell and others will be talking about when the Summit for America's Future convenes this week in Philadelphia.

At a time when we're

looking to the federal government to play less of a role in our society, charities like Christmas in April are becoming more and more important.

It's vital that Congress recognize this role and pass legislation that not only encourages people to contribute their money, but also encourages them to contribute their time. A good place to start would be to pass the Volunteer Protection Act, which limits the legal liability of those who contribute their time to charitable causes.

There's no better feeling in the world than helping someone else. With charitable projects underway throughout the year, getting involved and becoming a volunteer is as simple as picking up your phone, and is something we all should try to do.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 412 Cannon Building, Washington, DC, 20515.

## From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

It seems that '96 slipped into the past about a week after Christmas, and that was, it seems, only a few weeks ago. Then Spring of '97 made its debut with some real warm days, followed shortly by a very late freeze.

We were disappointed on St. Joseph's day, March 19, when our barn swallows failed to make their appearance. Not only did they fail to show up on the usual date, but we didn't see one for two weeks after. Eventually one flew in, made an inspection of their old nests which sparrows had taken possession of, and left again.

We were told to destroy the old nests - that the swallows would then rebuild. Well, we have noticed some activity since and we are hopeful they will return.

Was sorry to see the dismal weather that greeted Germanfest and the thousands of attendees who braved the rain, and the mud that was churned up on the grounds and parking areas.

The farmers too, are chomping at the bit, as they

patiently wait for warm and dry days that would give them an opportunity to do their thing.

I am waiting for a real warm day to use a herbicide on our lawn. One of our sons stated that if it wasn't for the weeds in his yard, it would be bare. I am beginning to believe that would be the case with ours too.

And while we may gripe about the continued wet weather we are experiencing, and its drawbacks, we need only watch the news and see just how much better we are faring than our neighbors in other States.

Many of them have lost many of their possessions, have seen their homes ruined by flood waters, their livestock scattered to unknown places while they could only look on, helplessly waiting for better days.

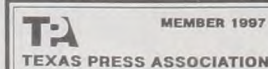
Seeing the faces of these unfortunate flood and storm victims as they grieve at their losses, can only make us grateful to the Good Lord, Who has spared us from so much.



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**MISD FORUM**

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When very interested in the Muenster school district for the past several years. Over the past two years he decided that since his kids were older and important issues were coming it was time to do something and so he is running for school board.

Tom Hartman graduated from Muenster High, attended Cooke County College and graduated from East Texas College. He served two and a half years in the US Army and returned to Muenster in 1971. He is actively involved in his family's farming and ranching business. Tom and his wife, Debbie, have two sons. Both attend school in Muenster.

For the past six years Tom has served on the Muenster school board. Many things have changed in that time, he said. Four years ago there were 16 junior high and high school teachers and 12 elementary teachers. Now there are 18 high school and junior high teachers and 14 elementary teachers. All elementary classes have been split. A full time counselor was hired and four teacher's aides were added to the staff.

According to Tom two computer labs are now being used and a Computer Aided Drafting classes are now offered. Special Education classes have been set up on MISD campus, Pre K classes were started. Improvements were made to the library. A new gym was built for about \$65,000. Renovations were made to the track, fieldhouse and four elementary classrooms. The budget has been increased from approximately \$1.2 million to \$2 million.

Hartman pointed to the fact that Muenster ISD has been rated Exemplary by the state for three consecutive years. He also noted their first and second place UIL accomplishments in academics over the past several years.

Contenders for Place 7 are Bob Hermes and Neil Huchton. Bob has owned Tops & Teams in Muenster for about eight years and has also sold Germania Farm Mutual Insurance in Muenster for about that long. He and his wife, Janet, have three children. They attend Muenster school.

administration, board athletic director, and faculty were important. Jim Endres stated that it is important for the parents to be there and show support for the kids and that Muenster had that which is one reason that the school stands out in the state.

Mrs. Weinzapfel feels that a look should be taken at all the sports offered for both the males and females. The time required for a sport, the time required after school for practices should be considered. Students should be asked if they want to play a particular sport and if it could be done financially, and without cutting into their studies too much, then offering that sport should be considered.

Felderhoff would like to see more variety offered in sports. He feels that as the student numbers increase there will be a need for more variety. "Each sport should be treated as equal as any other one," he said. "They're all important. Each kid has got his sport and should feel at that time that it is as important as any others and he should be made to feel that way."

Hartman indicated that sports are character builders. Sports should be balanced with academic and if there is a choice to be made between the two, academics should come first.

Hermes feels although the athletic program is very strong, there is always room for improvement. One area he thought should be considered is another sport for girls since they have one less offered than the boys. He feels that more sports could be added.

Huchton noted that he couldn't see any weak points in the athletic system at MISD. A student should be able to find some sport that they enjoy playing, he said.

Some of the district's facilities are 50 years old. Given that consideration and the growing student population, candidates were asked how they would address the district's needs for additional or expanded facilities and to prioritize those needs.

Christine Weinzapfel would first look at what direction the school district is going to take in the future. "It doesn't make any sense to build new



Norb Mages helps Lindsay KC Grand Knight Gene Pelzel remove old roofing material from the Parish Hall. The KCs replaced the 50 year old roof with new metal. The appearance of the new roof matches the church and surrounding buildings. It was the result of many volunteers and donations and was also the first major project for the new Lindsay KC Chapter.

Building in stages is something Bob Hermes sees as a feasible possibility. He would consider adding on to the elementary first and down the road building a new high school. Taking care not to increase taxes too much is important to consider and building in stages might help, said Bob.

Neil Huchton agrees that more classrooms are needed, but couldn't say what the best solution would be to the problem.

That the schools are aging is a fact but they are well maintained, said Jim Endres. "We have to be careful not to overspend or overbuild. We have to be prudent with our decisions on this." He agreed that there was overcrowding in the elementary building and that there was a problem with the elementary building leaking. "You have to look at what you are going to spend and what is best for Muenster," he noted.

On the question of funding, candidates were quizzed on the possibility of increasing the tax rate, proposing a bond issue, and/or spending savings to fund the district's needs. Tim Felderhoff would favor somewhat of an increase in the tax rate or the bond issue, depending on which would best suit the situation. He wouldn't rule out any options. He doesn't want to see the district get into a situation where there isn't money for the needs of teachers, etc.

Hartman agreed that funding is a major concern at MISD. The state legislature is in session and what they will come up with and how it will affect schools isn't known, he said. Teacher salary increases are a state mandate. A five cent increase would raise roughly \$50,000, he said. "We need to watch so that we don't expand so much that we can't afford to pay for it."

Regardless of which option is taken, Bob feels taxes will have to be increased for expansion. He's for taking care not to build too quickly to keep that increase to a minimum.

"If it becomes necessary I would rather have a bond issue," responded Huchton. "That would give the whole community a chance to speak out and say what they believe. It gives people a chance to say, 'They're spending too much money or that they could cut back on certain areas.' If increasing taxes is a part of it, then so be it."

Endres suggested looking into a lease purchase where the expansion project could be paid for over a long period of time. Christine agreed that a lease purchase was a viable

option. She was also not opposed to a tax increase, bond issue, or even dipping into savings a little. Currently MISD has the second lowest tax rate in the county, she said. She would look at all options. "We have to look at it as our money, it is our money," she said.

How to strengthen the academic curriculum at MISD was discussed. Tom feels that the best way to strengthen academics is to look around and see which students are having trouble and have them tutored. He also suggested trying different methods of teaching because some students learn better by different methods.

Bob would like to see more up to date computers and have the teachers become better educated about computers. Neil would like to see additional choices in classes and more college advanced classes offered. Jim feels MISD has one of the best academic ratings in the state. He thinks MISD should continue to stay abreast of the current trends.

Christine would like to see everyone continue to encourage the students. She would like to see more courses offered in languages, sciences, more difficult math courses, more advanced English courses to make a more well rounded student. Tim feels that there is a very strong academic program, but that you can't sit back and rest on that, but must strive to improve. Those planning to attend college need a wide range of courses from which to choose. Those not going to college need courses to prepare them for the outside world.

Questions submitted from the audience included, Are you in favor of baseball being offered as a sport and if so how would you fund it. Most were agreeable to it if there was enough interest from students, parents; if it could be squeezed into an already tight schedule; and if there were funding.

Huchton and Felderhoff thought the funding could come from the community. Felderhoff said that there have been unsolicited offers to help with funding. Weinzapfel was against community funding. She feels the district should handle such things. Endres feels that it might hurt the other sports if kids lose interest in them for baseball. Weinzapfel also wondered if it would hurt other sports and if so, should that sport be let go. All seemed to feel academics should come first.

Someone questioned the money spent on a new gym and renovating the track and wondered about spending more

for academics. The consensus among candidates was that those were priorities at the time and that the need for classroom expansion will require much greater funding. The expansion seems to be the next priority.

Candidates were quizzed on their feelings for accepting transfer students to increase enrollment since a substantial amount of state funding is dependent on enrollment numbers.

Endres noted that this year MISD has a contract to accept students from Sivel's Bend. This year there were about 73 of them which brought an additional \$230,000 to the district. Without that income the district might have to increase taxes. There is criteria that must be met or the students are denied entry.

Weinzapfel noted that after the first semester a study showed that seven out of 48 failures were transfer students. She suggested better screening and communication with their teachers and counselors to bring them up to standard.

Felderhoff said he favored charging transfer students a fee; Lindsay charges a fee, he said. He suggested \$100 to \$200 per student with exemptions for hardship cases.

Hartman noted that Lindsay has reached a point where they are losing their identity due to transfer students. MISD hasn't reached that point, he said. Transfer students are a source of income which is needed.

Hermes agreed that transfer students were a good source of income. Although they are screened he said that care had to be taken with screening to avoid lawsuits. That limited screening.

Huchton agreed that transfer students were a source of income and said he feels that a fee could be charged and that would help keep a check on transfer students.

Asked if drugs and alcohol were a problem with students at MISD, all candidates reported that they didn't know of any problem on campus during school hours. All felt that there are some problems in the community and that some students abuse alcohol after school hours. Suggested solutions were more programs at school, parents saying, "No" and more sports to keep students busy.

**Public urged to learn details of HB4 tax plan**

State Senator Tom Haywood has arranged for a public hearing and discussion of the HB4 tax plan which has already passed the Texas House and is scheduled for debate and vote in the Senate. It will be held Sunday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. in Central Texas College's Little Theater in Gainesville.

Senator Haywood wants to give the people of Cooke County an opportunity to learn more about HB4 and to express their opinion before he goes back to Austin to work on the Senate's version of the tax overhaul to fund schools.

**GMH announces land acquisition at Lake Kiowa**

Gainesville Memorial Hospital announced that plans are underway to construct and staff a physician office complex at Lake Kiowa. The hospital completed purchase of land just west of the main entrance and intends to begin construction shortly.

Omie Sherrill, Gainesville Hospital District Board president, stated that preliminary plans include a four to five thousand square foot building to house two doctors' offices, a large common room for community use and one to two other service businesses.

Ed Melugin, GMH board member and Lake Kiowa resident, was instrumental in assisting the hospital in moving quickly on the opportunity and was delighted to receive Gainesville Memorial Hospital as a new member of the Lake Kiowa Property Owners Association. Melugin stated that there was a large benefit to all involved that the hospital had chosen to "buy into" the growing Kiowa community.

**Retha Bond sets workshop for July 7-11**

Gainesville artist, Retha Bond will teach an art workshop this summer at Sipapu Lodge and Ski Area in New Mexico. The classes are scheduled for July 7 to July 11. More information may be obtained by contacting her at 665-1670 or 665-2242.

Retha Bond has had some of her work displayed or exhibited at Guaranty National Bank, Powell Fine Arts, Shady Oaks, and Pearl of the Concho; also in Granbury, the Fort Worth Art Show, and in Taos, New Mexico.

Although watercolor is her main medium, Retha Bond also works with pencils, pastels, ink, acrylic and oils.

**Sports should be balanced with academics and, if there is a choice to be made between the two, academics should come first.**

— Tom Hartman

Hermes has been a member of the site-based management committee for Muenster High and MISD since it was formed. Being on these committees has helped Bob stay informed, on how the school has been operating and its problems.

"Right now Muenster ISD is entering a very critical time with the growth in the schools," commented Hermes. "While the immediate problem facing the school is the overcrowding in the elementary, this will carry up to the junior high and high school in a year or two. Ways to alleviate the overcrowding and maintain the low tax burden that Muenster property owners in Muenster ISD currently enjoy is a deplorable task. One is to think about very carefully and with a lot of knowledge to continue the high standards that this school is committed to. These are the reasons I decided to run as a candidate for the school board."

Neil Huchton remarked briefly, "I could stand here and tell you my name and past accomplishments, but I don't think talking about the past is what you or the community want to hear. So for the next hour or two I hope that I can answer your questions and the questions from the community so that you and I have a better understanding what is required from a school board member. I hope that this evening will be an enjoyable and learning experience for us all."

Candidates were asked how they would strengthen the athletics program at MISD and to prioritize the needs. All seemed to agree that there was already a strong, well-rounded athletic program in place and that a strong school

buildings, more classrooms or computer labs unless we know that is what the school will need in the future," she said. Christine referred to a survey sent out to the families of students and prior students of the school district. She hopes that survey will show strengths and weaknesses, what students have in school and what they might want in the future.

In terms of a building, Weinzapfel said there are several different things to take into consideration. Number one is finances, number two is the layout of the school building to make it efficient. Also the future needs of the students and transfer students coming into the district should be taken into consideration.

Felderhoff feels that enrollment will continue to increase to some point. It's a possibility that the school could become 2A soon, he said. "We need to address the issue of building, of adding on if it is a possibility," Tim said. Keeping the outer face of the school attractive is important so that appeals to prospective students and their parents. Not just with the building, but with the curriculum and everything, he added.

Tom Hartman reported that the student population is growing at a rate of two to three percent a year. Some years the school gains and other years it loses students, he said. It's likely that they will continue to expand. He advises studying the situation and plan before building because, "We don't want to build just to be building. If we do build we need to stay within the financial means of the community, but still provide for the needs of our students."

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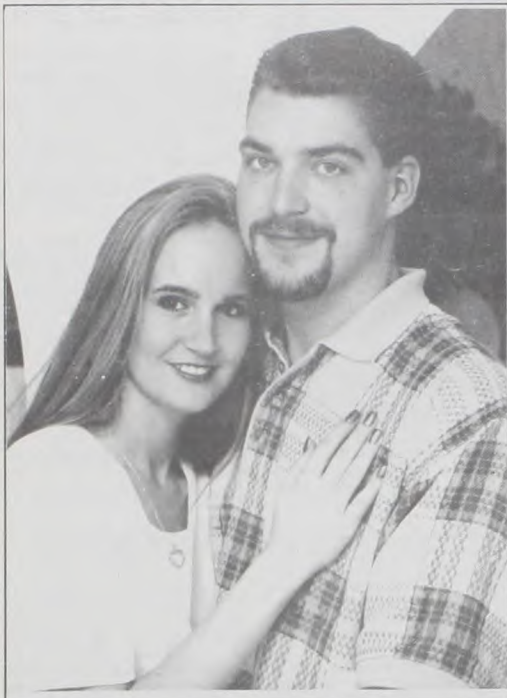
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announce the engagement of their daughter Beverly Burleson of Tyler to Matt McCorkle of Tyler. Matt is the son of Rita McCorkle of Muenster and the grandson of Mrs. Louise Trubenbach of Muenster. The bride-elect is a graduate of Marshall High School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

## Natalie and Lydia celebrate in Keller

Natalie Zimmerer celebrated her First Holy Communion on April 6 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Church in Keller, Texas, with Father John Gremmels officiating. Natalie was selected to do the 1st Reading during Mass. After Mass, family and friends gathered at the Zimmerer home for lunch and opening of gifts. Natalie's First Communion cake was made by her grandmother Imogene Zimmerer.

A "Happy Birthday" wish was extended to Natalie's sister Lydia Ann, who turned 2 on March 16. A "Winnie the Pooh" cake was served, and presents opened after everyone sang Happy Birthday. Those joining the celebration were their parents Gary and Diann, and brothers Stephen and David; great-grandmother Elvira Flusche; grandparents J.D. and Miriam Caplinger, and Albert and Imogene Zimmerer; Albert and Jackie Zimmerer, and Guy, Adam, Ryan, and Josh; Debbie Zimmerer; Jerry and Cindy Caplinger; Shelley Hundt and Allison; Derek and Carl Zimmerer and Stacey Blanton; Denis and Kitty Hess and Cecilia; and Frank Novacek. Unable to attend but sending wishes were Mary and Jack Endres, and Bill and Vivian Flusche.

## Creative writing awards highlight area talent

The 1997 North Central Texas College Creative Writing Contest Awards recipients were announced last week and the list of winners covers a lot of ground. "I was very pleased with the amount of entries we had this year," said event coordinator and NCTC English professor Linda Coolen. "And the quality of the pieces submitted were first rate. It just makes me feel so good to see talented writers receive recognition for good work." The speaker at the Creative Writing Awards ceremony was writer, poet, communicator, critic and SMU professor, James Mardis. Mardis graduated from Dallas Baptist University with a journalism degree and is familiar with the story telling process. "The thing that made writing happen for me was listening and absorbing family tales," said Mardis to the crowd of

writers young and old. "I grew up in an infamous family of story tellers, quilters, and liars. They were so interesting that as a kid that I used to sneak into the parlor when they told stories at night rather than sneaking outside to have fun. I'd listen to them talking in the hall for awhile, and then I'd just stick one foot in the parlor at a time until slowly crept into the room. Over the years, these stories were drummed into my head. You must listen to learn." The essay judge for the competition was Dr. Thomas P. Hoffman, an associate professor of English at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls who has edited three volumes of poems by William Dotz. The short story judge was Dr. Lee Martin, assistant professor of English at the University of North Texas whose short stories have appeared in such journals as

"The Georgia Review," "Story," "The New England Review," and "Prairie Schooner." The poetry judge for the competition was Dr. Walter McDonald, a professor of English at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. McDonald has written 15 collections of poems and one fiction book and more than 1,500 poems published in journals and collections including "American Poetry Review," "The Atlantic Monthly," "Southern Poetry Review," and "The Southern Review." Categories judged in the competition include poetry, short story and essay. The divisions for these categories included a regional competition open to any Texas/Oklahoma resident not enrolled at NCTC, a category for high school students, a middle school category and an NCTC

The short story division of the Jerry Simpson Memorial, also for middle school students, saw a number of local winners. First place went to Audrey Barnhill of Muenster's Sacred Heart for "Oliver the Mouse," Honorable Mentions went to Melanie Bartush of Muenster's Sacred Heart for "The Loss" and to Lisa Rohmer, also of Muenster's Sacred Heart for "The Wizard Comes to School." The Jack Joyce Memorial Essay Contest for NCTC students featured Robert Zietek of Muenster with his piece, "Aspects of My Childhood That Have Been Lost or Endangered by Civilization." Zietek was born in Krakow, Poland and lived under Communism, martial law and the new democracy. He officially sought residence in the United States after meeting his wife, a native of Cooke County.

## VFW Ladies Auxiliary holds officer election

Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW held their monthly meeting April 21, 1997 in the Post Home. Dorothy Hesse president conducted the meeting. Chaplain Ethel Hesse led the opening prayer. Linda Knabe was conductress and Frances Bayer patriotic instructor. Secretary Theresa Muller read the minutes from the previous meeting and treasurer Lucille Hesse gave the financial report. Linda Knabe, safety chairman, reported distributing Lite A Bike tapes and working on additional safety projects. Ethel Hesse, community activity chairman, reported 16 projects by 12 members and 127 hours of donated time to the projects. Frances Bayer, Americanism chairman, told of presenting a new U.S. and a new Texas flag to the schools. Also on May 23, some of the young children will present a short program and small U.S. flags will be distributed to the kindergarten as part of "Week of the Child" observance. Also May 1 is Loyalty Day. Members plan to participate in May Procession

and on Sunday, May 26 the annual Memorial Day service will take place at the cemetery. It is also "Buddy Poppy" Day. June 6 and 7, Relay For Life will have a team of auxiliary members taking part. New business consisted of nomination and election of new officers for the 1997-98 term. Officers being installed in July will be: president - Frances Bayer; senior vice-president, Mary Lee Hennigan; junior vice-president, Ethel Hesse; treasurer, Lucille Hesse; secretary, Theresa Muller; chaplain, Ethel Hesse; conductress, Linda Knabe; guard, Juanita Knabe; 3 year trustee, Hilda Sicking; 2 year trustee, Agnes Hesse; 1 year trustee, Dorothy Hesse; historian, Dorothy Hesse; color guard #1, Armella Cler; color guard #2, Bonnie Hess; color guard #3, Juanita Knabe; color guard #4, Ida Bindel; flag bearer, Lucille Hesse; banner bearer, Julia Cunningham. Mary Lee Hennigan served lunch to the members. Door prize was won by Ida Bindel. Julia Cunningham will provide lunch for the May 19 meeting.



Winners of the 1997 Jerry Simpson Short Story Contest include, from left, Lisa Rohmer, Melanie Bartush, and Audrey Barnhill. Courtesy photo

## 'Pig Out' to be held May 10

It's that time again. Yes, the fourth annual "Pig Out" will be held on Saturday, May 10 in the Illinois Bend community. This event, held on the school yard of the old Illinois Bend School is becoming a major attraction for the North Texas area. Illinois Bend is located fourteen miles north of Saint Jo on FM 677. As in the past, this event will be held in the evening. The

Illinois Bend Community Club has planned another big event with lots of BBQ pig and all the trimmings, free entertainment and homemade desserts. Donations will be accepted to help with the club's building fund. If you haven't been to the "Pig Out", mark your calendars. It will be a great way to entertain your family the night before Mother's Day.

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Mary Knabe and Jennifer Campbell

## Two from Muenster inducted into honor society

The Psi Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, held their Spring induction into the international honor society on Sunday, April 13, on the North Central Texas College campus.

Among the 68 new members were Mary Knabe and Jennifer Campbell of Muenster.

Students and family members gathered in the Little Theater for the procession of new inductees. Each must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average.

They were then welcomed by Mr. David Roberts, President of Psi Iota Chapter. Ms. Cassie Lee, chapter advisor, then introduced the guest speaker for the ceremony, Dr. Regina Organ, dean of students at NCTC.

Mrs. Linda Goodwin, treasurer of Psi Iota spoke on the ideals and emblems of Phi Theta Kappa. Ms. Lou Goin, Chapter secretary, gave the

history of Phi Theta Kappa. Mr. David Roberts led the new inductees in the Phi Theta Kappa pledge. Each new member was called forward to sign the chapter membership book and receive their academic certificate. New members lit their candle from the chapter's candle which symbolizes the torch that they are to carry on as members.

Dr. Gerald McDaniel, assistant advisor, gave the charge to the new members. They were then congratulated on their accomplishments and hard work by Mr. Rusty Waller, dean of applied sciences at NCTC, before being dismissed by Ms. Lee.

The group was then treated to refreshments by the chapter membership.

Attending the ceremony were Linda Knabe, mother of Mary and Josephine Schilling, grandmother of Jennifer.

## Blanchard and Simon wed in California ceremony

by Elfreda Fette

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin P. Simon are at home in Santa Barbara, California since returning from their wedding trip to Boston, Massachusetts. They were married in a Nuptial Mass in St. Martin's Catholic Church of Sunnyvale, California, officiated by Father Ben Manding STO at 2:00 p.m. on Nov. 2, 1996, with double ring vows. Father Ben is a family friend and the bride and her family are long-time members of St. Martin's, where the bride's mother is a CCD teacher.

The bride is the former Kayla M. Blanchard, daughter of Dr. William and Gloria Blanchard of Sunnyvale, California. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Betty Yosten of Muenster and the late Felix Yosten.

A 1992 graduate of Homestead High School of Cupertino, California, and a 1995 graduate of the University of California in Santa Barbara she is pursuing a degree with teaching credentials for First Grade. She is employed by Cathedral Oaks Lodge where she is a sales associate.

The groom is the son of Gene and Patricia Simon of San Jose, California. He is a 1985 graduate of Santa Teresa High School and a 1991 graduate of San Jose State University, with a degree in Business and a minor in Economics. He is a stock broker employed by Prudential Securities of Santa Barbara.

Escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her

parents, the bride was wearing an elegant white silk organza and lace formal wedding gown. It was designed with off-shoulder sweetheart neckline, drop-waist bodice covered with lace-appliqued scattered wildflowers, and randomly scattered pearls.

The full silk organza skirt was accented with embroidered scrolls of flowers trailing from waist to hemline. The cathedral length train was detachable.

Her double-tier illusion veil was held by a Juliet wreath of flowers, pearls and rhinestones. She carried a white bridal cascade of contemporary flair, featuring roses, orchids, stephanotis and lilies. A double string of pearls with a diamond drop was a gift from her mother. She carried the white lace handkerchief carried by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Felix Yosten on her wedding day. The groom had a treasured gold cross from his paternal grandfather.

### ATTENDANTS

Maid of honor was Estelle Yosten of Greenville, cousin of the bride, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cy Yosten formerly of Muenster.

Bridesmaids were Joanna Smith of Denver, Colorado and Jennifer Miller of San Jose, California, friends. They wore hunter green crepe full length gowns with neckline off-shoulder trim of matching cracked-ice lace and sequins; and a single string of pearls with an emerald drop, gift from the bride. Each carried a free style bouquet of white, pink and hot pink roses, orchids and

stephanotis, with pink satin ribbon and white lace streamers.

Tobias Bateson of Santa Barbara, California, friend of the couple and co-worker of the groom was best man. Brian Blanchard of Sunnyvale bride's brother and Steve Simon of Pleasanton, California, groom's cousin were groomsmen and ushers. Brian Blanchard was candlelighter and parents of the couple lit two candles preceding the Unity candle ceremony.

Wedding music included the Wagner wedding march from Lohengrin as the processional, the Mendelssohn recessional with organ and flute; and vocal presentations of "On Eagles Wings" at Offertory, "I Am The Bread of Life" and "Ave Maria." The bride placed a red rose on the Blessed Mother's altar and the couple placed a white rose on St. Joseph's altar.

The couple and a special friend, Judy Kelch, selected the wedding liturgy. The bride's brother Brian read Prayers of the Faithful; her godfather and uncle Cy Yosten gave the First Reading from the Old Testament; Corrie Simon, groom's aunt gave the Second Reading from the New Testament. Betty Yosten and Patricia Trapasso, grandmothers of the couple presented Offertory gifts. Eucharistic Ministers were friends of the bride's family, Carol Jossi, Judy Kelch and Suzanne Young. Ms. Kelch prepared a special book of the liturgy as a wedding gift.

Church decorations included L-shaped altar arrangements

of flowers like the bridal bouquet, and baskets of flowers on pillars.

### RECEPTION

A reception and seated dinner followed in the Westin Hotel in Santa Clara, California, in the Santa Cruz Ballroom, hosted by parents of the couple for 150 guests.

Friends of the bride Tarrah Braswell and Michelle McPhee presided at the guest book.

The bride's table, covered in white, held arrangements of roses, orchids, stephanotis and lilies in white, pink and hot pink. The four-tiered wedding cake had two white layers and two chocolate layers, all with raspberry filling and all covered with white icing and decorated with roses and pearls, and a floral arrangement on top.

Eighteen round guest tables, covered in white, held hunter green napkins, crystal vases, votive candles, arrangements of roses, lilies, orchids and stephanotis. Each guest received a Fortune Cookie covered with white chocolate, wrapped in translucent paper, tied with satin ribbon and marked with the couple's names and wedding date.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Faultline Restaurant in Santa Clara for the wedding party, family members and life-long friends.

Among Texas relatives attending the wedding were Monica McCoy, Betty Yosten and Carl Mages of Muenster and Mr. and Mrs. Cy Yosten of Greenville, and Tom Yosten of Denton.

## Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

The Rosston Cemetery Association will have their annual meeting and dinner Saturday, May 10. The meeting will start about 10:00 a.m. at the Rosston United Methodist Church. Rev. Marshall Stewart, pastor of the Church of Nazarene at Prairie Point will be the speaker. Afterward, dinner will be served at the Ross Point Community Center. Everyone is welcome. The directors will meet in the afternoon at the church.

The children and grandchildren of Bill and Dorothy Christian of Stephenville honored them on their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, April 27 with a luncheon at the Worthington in Fort Worth.

Their children are Mike and Debbie Christian of Stephenville, Barry and Toni Christian, Donna Christian of Lewisville, Debbie and Jeff Giles of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and all their grandchildren. Others attending were their parents Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian, Jimmy and Sandy Christian of Springtown, Miss Ermina

Dutton of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Hudspeth of Pilot Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry had as their guests for the weekend Mrs. Faye McKown of Dallas, Calvin and Norma Fletcher of Casper, Wyoming, Myrl Goery of Lubbock, Kara Goery of Fort Worth, Harrold and Jan of Texas City, Marilyn and Jerry McKown of Valley View, and Wanda DeBorde of Era.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Trigg are proudly announcing the arrival of an 8 1/2 lb. baby girl. She is a sister for Dillon and Trevor and a granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Cecile Raney.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson attended the Country Jamboree at Saint Jo Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson had as their guests Saturday and Sunday their daughter Mrs. Ouida Gage of Clarendon and Larry and Debra Dill. Jewel and Carroll Dill had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Sunday.

Ruth Smith attended the Cooke County Electric dinner and meeting Monday evening.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin P. Simon ... 'nee Kayla M. Blanchard ...

## Cooke County Heritage Society's art contest set

In honor of Archeology Awareness Month (April) the Morton Museum of Cooke County and the Cooke County Historical Commission sponsored an art contest for fourth and fifth grade students in Cooke County. Classes were asked to submit pinatas with an archeological theme for judging. Ribbons and cash prizes were awarded to the first and second place winners in each grade and a ribbon and book were awarded to the third place winner. For the fourth grade, first place was awarded to Brenda Pierce's class at Walnut Bend; second place was awarded to Mrs. Epperson's class at St. Mary's School; and third place went to Jennifer Fuhrmann's class at Sacred Heart School in Muenster. For the fifth grade, a tie occurred for first place with the winners being Mrs. Haynes's class at Robert E. Lee Elementary School and Mrs. Debbie Endres's class at Sacred Heart

School in Muenster. Second place for the fifth grade was awarded to Sister Herman Marie Siebenmorgen's class at St. Mary's School. The Morton Museum of Cooke County and the Cooke County Historical Commission wish to thank all of those who participated and First State Bank for contributing the cash prizes.

## Cooke Co. Library celebrates

The Friends of the Cooke County Library will celebrate its first anniversary on Friday, May 2, 1997. To commemorate that occasion, an open house will be held at the Cooke County Library, 200 S. Weaver from 10:00 until 6:00 p.m. A raffle for a TV/VCR (which currently is on display at the library) is being held and the winning raffle number will be drawn by County Judge Paul Hesse at 5 p.m. on May 2. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Cooke County Library or from any Friends member until the actual drawing by Judge Hesse.

For the children, there is an on-going bean-guessing contest. Two jars (one for K-3 graders and one for 4-6 graders) have been placed in the children's section of the library. The idea is for a child to guess the number of beans in the jar for his/her age group and then write their guess along with their name and address on a form that is provided. A new book from the

Friends of the Cooke County Library will be presented to the child that comes the closest to guessing the actual number of beans in each jar. There is no charge for a child to participate in this contest.

Refreshments will be served on May 2 and the public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, please call the library at 664-2401.

## Inquiry classes offered at Sacred Heart

Inquiry classes for persons interested in joining the Catholic Church will begin Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Fuhrmann at Sacred Heart Church 759-2511, Ext. 37.

## "Chadasha" performs at First Baptist Church in Gainesville

First Baptist Church of Gainesville is proud to present "Chadasha" in concert on Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. "Chadasha" is a 50 voice choir from the student ministry of Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Their name, "Chadasha" is a Hebrew word taken from the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians 5:17 which means "a new creation".

"Chadasha" is a student led group who sings in over 25 churches a year. This year on their Spring tour, May 11-19, they will be singing in Memphis, Tennessee; Ft. Smith, Arkansas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Gainesville, Texas; Sachse, Texas; and Livingston, Texas.

"Chadasha" will perform songs from their new release "You Are Holy". This project features the music of Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir; Christ Church Choir; Andrae Crouch; Phillips, Craig, & Dean; Truth and more.

This is a free concert and a love offering will be taken. Nursery will be provided for

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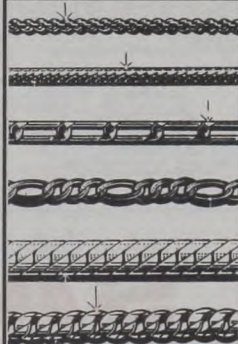
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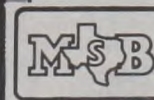
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## Reba, Brooks & Dunn come to Texoma for TMC benefit

Country music's megashow of the year, the Reba McEntire/Brooks & Dunn blockbuster tour, will treat Texoma fans to one show packing the punch of two at this year's Reba Memorial Day benefit concert in Denison. The May 26 show, McEntire's 10th annual concert for Texoma Medical Center, will raise money for TMC's Reba McEntire Center for Rehabilitation.

The high-tech, 2 1/2-hour show will emphasize both McEntire and Brooks & Dunn. The stars will perform separately and together for a seamless evening of superstar entertainment.

The Memorial Day concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 26 at the Grayson County Airport in Denison. Tickets go on sale at a kickoff sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 3 at Midway Mall in Sherman. They are \$28.50 and \$35, reserved seating only. For more ticket information, call

the Reba Ticket Hotline at (903) 416-4010 (toll free 1-888-TMC-REBA).

The 10th annual Reba Memorial Day benefit weekend includes the Reba McEntire Charity Golf Classic, the Reba Pro-Am Bass Tournament, a patron gala party known as "the biggest tent party in Texas" and of course, the community-wide Memorial Day parade that winds through downtown Denison.

For more information about the Reba Pro-Am Bass Tournament, please call the TMC Foundation at (903) 416-4144; for the Reba McEntire Charity Golf Classic, call (903) 416-4147; and for the Memorial Day Parade, call the Denison Area Chamber of Commerce at (903) 465-1551.

Leading underwriters of this year's Reba Memorial Day benefit weekend are Pepsi-Cola, Southwestern Bell Wireless, Bill and Faye Wilson, American Bank, General Medical and KXII-TV Channel 12.



1997 Sacred Heart First Communion Class

## Forty Sacred Heart children receive First Eucharist

Forty children of Sacred Heart parish received the Eucharist for the first time at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 13. Father David Bellinghausen, OSB, was

celebrant and Father Frowin Schoech, OSB, was concelebrant. The children processed in to the entrance hymn "Gather Your People." Amber Fuhrmann gave the first reading. Mark Fleitman gave the verses to the Responsorial psalm. Krystal Wolf gave the second reading.

After the homily, Father David led the children in the renewal of their baptismal promises. Intercessions were read by Zachary Swirczynski and Jessica Bartel. Offertory gifts were presented by Zachary Bartush, Dainah Hartman, Megan Felderhoff, and Evan Koesler. The singing was led by Christy Hesse and Dave Bayer, with Ruth Felderhoff accompanying them on the organ.

Those receiving communion for the first time were Jessica Bartel, Charlotte Bartush, Zachary Bartush, Matt Beaver, Kyle Caldwell, Johnathan Cochran, Renee Dittfurth, Brad Endres, Chad Endres, Sandy Endres, Megan Felderhoff, Jessica Fisher, Mark Fleitman, Micah Flusche, Amber Fuhrmann, Dainah Hartman, Jessica Hartman, Billy Haverkamp, Sammy Hellinger, Meredith Hennigan, Jacob Hess, Dustin Hesse, Katie Hobbs, Evan Koesler, Kristen Miller, Theodore Otto, Amanda Rohmer, Jayna Rohmer, Kalyn Rohmer, Jessica Schilling, Mitchell Sellers, Zachary Swirczynski, Chad Tempel, Michael Valliere, Roman Vogel, Bret Walterscheid, Collin Walterscheid, Jessica

Walterscheid, Christopher Werner, and Krystal Wolf. Each child received the Eucharist from the priests while being accompanied by the parents. Other Eucharistic Ministers were Herb and Dolores Miller, Adam and Alma Wolf, Rudy Koesler, and Leoba Mollenkopf.

After communion, the children sang the song, "Receive Our Prayer" with appropriate gestures. Acolytes were Matthew Fleitman, Thomas Otto, and Dustin Walterscheid. Teachers for the twenty-five religious ed students were Debbie Hartman, Linda Knabe, Connie McAden, and Dorothy Endres. Teachers of the fifteen Sacred Heart School students were Sister Genevieve McConnell, OSB, and Michele Knauf.



Blue Star Line Dancers entertain in the Tanz Halle at Germanfest

## Area Happenings

### Annual Pie Supper to aid cemetery upkeep

The pie supper fund-raiser for the upkeep of the New Harp-Freeman Cemeteries will be held Friday May 2 at 7:00 pm in the New Harp Community Center (the old school house). Everyone is welcome.

Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 418, Forestburg, Texas 76239.

### Old Time Fiddlers Contest in Bluegrove

The Bluegrove Community Center in Bluegrove, Texas is sponsoring their third Annual Old Time Fiddlers Contest on Saturday, May 3 and visitors might hear some old favorite fiddle tunes played.

Performances begin at 11:00 am.

Bluegrove is a growing farm and ranch community about twelve miles southwest of Henrietta.

The Bluegrove Community Center is a non-profit organization which uses the proceeds from fund raisers such as the Old Time Fiddlers Contest, to keep the center open for monthly activities and special community events.

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### Myra Community Club will sponsor benefit May 10 for Cory Nissen

Cory Nissen, a sophomore at Era High School is suffering from Hodgkins Disease, a form of Lymphoma Cancer. He will be hospitalized 4 to 5 weeks for a bone marrow transplant.

The Myra Community Club will sponsor a benefit hamburger supper on May 10, with serving from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Price of the meal of hamburgers, chips, drinks and dessert is \$5.00.

There will be a silent auction, and bingo. A 42 tournament will begin at 7:30 p.m.; price is \$10.00 per team. All proceeds will benefit Cory Nissen.

### New Arrivals

#### Wimmer

Twins! a son, Luke Travis and a daughter, Lindsey Jo, were born to J. Shane and Teena Wimmer of Seminole, Texas, in Saint Mary of the Plains Hospital of Lubbock on April 25, 1997. Lindsey weighed 5 lb. 6 oz. and measured 18.5 inches in length, and Luke weighed 4 lb. 15 oz. and measured 19 inches long.

Grandparent are Larry and Pat Wimmer of Muenster and Jimmie and Geneva Newman of Sudan, Texas. Great-grandparents are Kate Wilson of Muenster, Joe Wimmer of Muenster, Ruth Newman of Sudan and Russell and Rudy Ingel of Sudan.

#### Coursey honored

Linda Coursey was surprised with a birthday gathering on April 26 in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Arthur and Rachel Hennigan. It was hosted by her nieces Donna Hennigan of Arlington and Lisa Hess of Hurst. Donna and her friend Nick brought the birthday cake. Attending were Linda and Robert Coursey of Gainesville, Darrell and Lisa Hess and children Jordan, Brandon and Brittany, and Rachel and Arthur Hennigan. Gifts and videos added to an enjoyable afternoon. Linda Coursey is recovering from recent hand surgery.

### Angela turns four at the zoo!

Angela Marie Wimmer, daughter of Randy and Linda Wimmer, celebrated her fourth birthday on Saturday, April 19. Her actual birthday was celebrated with a party at the Fort Worth park and zoo. The picnic lunch included fried chicken, sausage and trimmings. Her ballerina birthday cake was decorated in pink and purple, her very favorite colors.

Later Angela, her brother Daniel and sister Stacie rode a train all through the park. Then the family and guests went to the Botanic Gardens to open birthday gifts. A movie in Dallas that evening completed a fun-filled birthday.



Angela Wimmer

### May Crowning held May 1

The Sacred Heart Liturgical Commission announces that Sacred Heart Parish will honor the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary, The Queen of Peace and Victory, with a May crowning procession, crowning, readings, Rosary, and Litany on Thursday, May 1. All First Communicants are asked to meet in front of church (west entrance) and bring a flower to carry and wear their first communion clothes with the exception of veils for the girls. Boys should wear their white jacket; if not, a white shirt and tie will be fine.

Gather in front of Sacred Heart School according to

grade (preschool through 12) with parishioners gathered behind the school children. Those who wish to participate in the procession should be there at 6:40 p.m. All are to be in church to begin the service promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Those who have flowers may bring them to Sacred Heart High School at 3:30 that afternoon.

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# School News



## Four MHS students qualify for state UIL



Emily Felderhoff, Greg Flusche, Leigh Ann Reiter, Reagan Koesler. Photo by Dave Fette

Muenster High School has qualified four students for the 1996-97 University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet to be held May 1-3 at The University of Texas at Austin.

Qualifiers include Greg Flusche, son of Jack and Linda Flusche, who placed second in literary criticism at the regional academic meet at Abilene on April 19. Emily Felderhoff and Leigh Ann Reiter, daughters of Tom and Becky Felderhoff and Johnny and Jeanette Reiter, are the other two members of the team which placed first. The literary criticism event involves a 90-minute test on comprehensive literary knowledge and on specific reading selections including a novel, a play, and 26 poems. The contestants are also required to write a poetry analysis.

Raegan Koesler, daughter of Rudy and Martha Koesler,

placed first in persuasive speaking at the regional meet. A persuasive speaker selects one topic from five choices. Then she has 30 minutes to prepare a 7-minute speech. She may use newspaper and magazine files that have been compiled throughout the school year. The contest requires a knowledge of current events and polished persuasive speaking skills. The four competitors are coached by Mrs. Koesler.

Through participation at the State Meet, students qualify for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships which are funded by grants and donations from foundations and individuals. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided almost \$10 million to approximately 9,000 students. This year, the TILF expects to award an estimated 570 new and renewed grants, valued at more than \$700,000.



Cast and crew of Muenster Junior High One Act Play included from left front, Kacie Garcia, Ashley Klement, Crystal Lutkenhaus, Chris York, Megan Hennigan, and Chris Grewing. Back, Bradly Minnix, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Mitch Endres, Lauren Dangelmayr, and Diane Britain. Courtesy photo

## Lindsay FFA sponsors May 5 blood drive

The Lindsay Future Farmers of America will sponsor its third and final blood drive on May 5 following two very successful drives earlier this year. The Texoma Regional Blood Bank staff will be accepting blood donations from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Lindsay High School vocational classroom.

During the last drive in February, there were 45 people who attempted to donate blood. Nine were not able to give

because of reasons such as medication and sickness. Last year 80 people donated blood, which is unusually high, according to FFA Sponsor Mr. Larry Schumacher. This year has also been high since about 30 people give here every time.

The Lindsay FFA would like to thank everyone who participated in the last blood drive and would like to remind everyone to give at the next drive on May 5.

### Texas energy fact

Once a giant, Texas now is a net importer of energy, and imports are expected to increase in the future.



by Daryl Ferber

Another shipment of new books has arrived at the Muenster Public Library. There are biographies which include Bob Dole, Bill Clinton, Clarence Thomas, Boris Yeltsen, Colin Powell, and Helen Keller.

Other interesting new books include "Women in American Wars," "Guns in the U.S.," "Mummies, Dinosaurs and Moon Rocks," "Hurricanes," "Caffeine," "Chernobyl" and "Great Figures of the Wild West."

The poster contest for the National Library Week was a great success. The library thanks the teachers and all school children who took part in the contest.

The summer reading program theme for 1997 is "The Incredible Dream Machine." Watch for story hours too, this summer.

## MJH students perform

Eleven junior high school students from Muenster ISD performed the one-act comedy "Good-bye to the Clown" in District competition in the Saint Jo ISD auditorium Tuesday, April 22, and for Muenster students from grades 4-8 and the high-school's theater arts students on Friday, April 25.

The cast consisted of Diane Britain, Lauren Dangelmayr, Chris Grewing, Megan Hennigan, Pamela Lutkenhaus, and Chris York. The stage crew included Mitch Endres, Kacie Garcia, Ashley Klement, Crystal Lutkenhaus, and Bradley Minnix. JoAnn Pagel, Gerri Eckart, and Kim Walterscheid jointly directed the production.

"Good-bye to the Clown" is an emotional comedy as Peggy, a nine-year-old, has difficulty accepting her father's death and blames all of her troubles at school and at home on a "Clown" who is her imaginary playmate. As Peggy realizes that her father is dead and the Clown has been a substitute for him in her mind, the Clown is no longer needed and says good-bye.

Individual awards were presented to Chris York as

Best Actor for his performance as the Clown and to Megan Hennigan as Best Actress who played Peggy. Diane Brittan, the concerned principal, was named to the All-Star cast, and Chris Grewing, a humorous Uncle George, received Honorable Mention recognition. These individual awards contribute UIL points toward our district's total UIL score.

The play's company and directors are grateful for the support and cooperation of their colleagues and the students' parents. Special thanks is extended to Barbara Felderhoff, who made the clown's costume; to Stephanie Tankersly, who spent a Sunday afternoon teaching the cast and crew various make-up techniques; Mary Dangelmayr and Angel Hernandez, who contributed their artistic talents; and Irene Hartman, MHS theater arts teacher, and Andrea Goodwin, senior theater arts student, for dramatic advice. Teamwork, on the part of the students, their parents, and teachers, made this UIL event a rewarding experience for Muenster Junior High.

## School Lunch Menus

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- Tues. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, peaches, cinnamon bread, milk.
- Wed. - Beef and macaroni, green beans, fruit, garlic toast, milk.
- Thur. - Ascension. No school!
- Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, oranges, milk.
- MUESTER ISD
- Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili, French fries, beans, banana bread, milk.
- Tues. - Chicken pot pie, lettuce salad, fruit, hot rolls, milk.
- Wed. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad, green beans, fruit, bread, milk.
- Thur. - Barbecue sandwiches w/onions and pickles, potato chips, fruit, cookies, milk.

- Fri. - Baked ham, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, bread, milk.
- ERA ISD
- Mon. - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, hot roll, milk. SNACK BAR: Pepperoni pizza hot pocket.
- Tues. - Nachos w/ground beef, Pinto beans, tossed salad, pear half, flour tortilla, oatmeal cookie, milk. SNACK BAR: Peanut butter sandwich.
- Wed. - Barbecue sandwich, pickle spears, tator tots, tossed

- salad, Wacky cake, milk. SNACK BAR: Egg rolls, oriental veggies.
- Thur. - Fish sticks w/tartar sauce, green beans, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, fruit Jello, milk. SNACK BAR: Cheese pizza.
- Fri. - Pizza - sausage or pepperoni, corn, peaches, ice cream, milk.
- LINDSAY ISD
- Mon. - Corny dogs, lettuce salad, broccoli/ricce casserole, pickle spears, assorted fruit, bread, milk.
- Tues. - Sloppy Jo's, baked beans, carrot/celery sticks, fruit, milk.
- Wed. - Taco salad, applesauce, Pinto Beans, fruit, bread, milk.
- Thur. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream, milk.
- Fri. - Weather Day. No School!

### Take Note

Religious ed students are asked to go to the Vigil Mass of the Ascension on Wednesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. They should go directly to church instead of going to the classrooms. The following Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. they should also go to church for the closing Mass of the school year. Certificates for perfect attendance will be given after the Mass.



## SHYM Happenings

by Kelly Bayer

**Life Teen**  
This Sunday, May 4, come and hoop it up against your parents or anyone's parents that you can round up! Be at the Sacred Heart Gym by 5:00 pm. and we'll be done by 7 or 8.

**JELLY**  
This Sunday, May 4, at 1:15, come to the Community Center parking lot. We will leave there and go out to entertain our elders and friends at Saint Richard's Villa. We will wrap up everything at the Community Center by 3:15.

**SHYM**  
Way to Go! all of you that helped at Germanfest. I'm sorry we did not do very well, but all of those that worked now have some money to use for some SHYM events!

Everyone please call Eric (Yes Eric) and welcome him back to the States. He should be back to work Monday, May 5.

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# MISD Junior High wins UIL meet

Muenster Junior High students outscored their competition in the UIL Academic Zone meet that was held April 4 on the Muenster ISD campus.

Muenster outpaced the other schools, getting 600.50 points to win the championship. Era finished second at 194.50, followed by Collinsville at 147.50, Saint Jo 127, Tioga 112 and Ponder 73.50.

Muenster students placing in the meet and their events were:

- 7TH GRADE**  
 Calculator Applications - 1st, Chris York; 5th, Grant Hartman.  
 Dictionary Skills - 1st, Krystal Hale; 2nd, Stephanie Hellman; 3rd, Shanelle Spakes.  
 Earth and Life Science - 2nd, Grant Hartman.  
 Impromptu Speaking - 1st, Mitch Endres; 4th, Ashley Klement; 5th, Kevin Hermes.  
 Listening - 3rd (tie) Grant

Hartman, Pamela Lutkenhaus; 6th, Chris York.  
 Maps, Graphs & Charts - 1st, Grant Hartman.

Mathematics - 1st, Grant Hartman; 2nd, Chris York; 6th, Mitch Endres.

Number Sense - 1st, Pamela Lutkenhaus; 5th, Grant Hartman.

Oral Reading - 1st, Pamela Lutkenhaus; 2nd, Kay Lee Price; 3rd, Brittany Haverkamp.

Ready Writing - 1st, Shanelle Spakes; 2nd, Chisam Cain; 3rd, Ashley Klement.

Spelling - 1st, Ashley Klement; 2nd, Adam Bayer.

**8TH GRADE**  
 Calculator Applications - 1st, Lauren Dangelmayr; 2nd, Mary Skinner; 4th, Bronya Vogel.

Dictionary Skills - 1st, Terri Sue Wimmer; 2nd, Malony Gieb; 3rd, Megan Hennigan.  
 Earth and Life Science - 6th, Mary Skinner.  
 Impromptu Speaking - 1st,

Mary Skinner; 2nd, Lauren Dangelmayr; 5th, Kristi Lutkenhaus.

Listening Skills - 1st (tie) Chris Grewing, Mary Skinner; 4th, Kristie Lutkenhaus.

Maps, Graphs & Charts - 3rd, Bronya Vogel; 4th, Lauren Dangelmayr.

Mathematics - 3rd, Bronya Vogel; 4th, Mary Skinner.

Modern Oratory - 1st, Diane Britain; 2nd, Jennifer Reid; 4th, Brittany Haverkamp.

Number Sense - 1st, Bronya Vogel; 5th, Diane Britain.

Oral Reading - 2nd, Kacie Garcia; 3rd, Kristi Lutkenhaus; 4th, Diane Britain.

Ready Writing - 2nd, Chris Grewing; 3rd, Kristen Smith.

Spelling - 1st, Kacie Garcia; 2nd, Ami Graham; 4th, Megan Hennigan.

Others participating in district competition were: Daniel Rohmer, Kim Klement, Paul Fleitman, Lacey Endres, Willie Scoggins, and Brad Minnix.



Muenster ISD 8th grade UIL Academic participants.



Seventh graders of Muenster ISD who participated in the district academic meet. Photos by Dave Fette



Daryl Ferber, Muenster Public Library board president, accepts a building fund donation of \$400 from the Muenster High Theater Arts Department. Senior Andrea Goodwin, left, and play director Irene Hartman presented the proceeds from a recent public presentation of the school's One Act Play, "A Trip to Bountiful".

Photo by Janie Hartman

## Muscular Dystrophy Assn. seeks summer camp counselors

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is currently seeking applications from people who would like to volunteer for a week as counselors at the MDA summer camp in Meridian, Texas.

Each volunteer will act as a companion to a camper, a child or teenager, during the camp session to be held June 14-June 20. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and able to lift a child.

"Camp is the highlight of the summer for the campers and many volunteers. It is one week of the year when youngsters with muscle-wasting disorders are fully able to participate in a wide range of group outdoor activities that are tailored for their limited mobility," says Susan Newton, MDA Staff Camp Coordinator. "This camp has a relaxed atmosphere which allows campers to develop self-confidence and form lifelong friendships."

More than 4,000 campers are expected to attend MDA camps this year. With the help of one-on-one volunteers, campers will enjoy arts, crafts, sports, recreation and nature activities.

For more information or to volunteer, call the local MDA office at 972-480-0011 or MDA national headquarters at 1-800-572-1717. Information about MDA programs and research advances is also available electronically through the MDA Forum CompuServe ("GO MDA") and its home-page on the Internet (<http://www.mdausa.org>).

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## Jump Rope for Heart program is success at Muenster Elem.

Students of Muenster Elementary School, grades one through five recently participated in a Jump Rope For Heart program cooperating with the American Heart Association. They raised \$1,733. Faculty sponsor was Coach Blair Kellner. He and the students have received a letter from the Regional Director of the American Heart Association, thanking them for their contribution to the fight against heart disease and stroke and congratulating them for efforts to strengthen their own hearts and help the hearts of many.

## Lindsay ISD Honor Roll

### LINDSAY ISD HONOR ROLL Fifth Six Weeks

**5th Grade** - Kendyl Odell, Whitney Neu, Lori Kasperek, Lindsey Williams, Cody Hess, Julie Gieb, MaKenzie Spruiell, Adam Krahl, Mary Eberhart.

**6th Grade** - Tommy Schad, Joey Arendt, Genevieve Knauf, Patrick Zimmerer, Alexandra Hellingner, Emmy Trammell, Sara Luttmeyer, Renee

Sandmann, Corrie Crosby, Jonathan Krahl, Elaine Hess, Kimberly Hermes, Blake Bezner, Kyle Endres, Chelsea Perry, Jalyann Wilson, Chelsea Laux, Katie Schneider, Jeremy Luttmeyer, Stacie Yosten, Jamie Price.

**7th Grade** - Faith Skinner, Sophia Rahman, Jeff Kendall, Nabeel Anwar, Jennifer Wilson, Hannah Trammell, Thomas Arendt, Alexandra Haayen, Jacque Bezner, Megan Ward, Robin Neu, Taren Hall, Austin Krebs, Christina Otto, Chad Stoffels, Cathy Lusk, Cody Lee.

**8th Grade** - Michael Kendall, Margaret Luttmeyer, Nick Fuhrmann, Courtney Miller, Sara Krahl, Jonathan Bengfort, Ashlie Privett, Deanna Meurer, Jennifer Bengfort, Michael Almon, DeeAnn Fuhrmann, John Eberhart, Ellen Bezner, Angela Kirby, Karah O'Dell, Paul Metzler, Melanie Brown, John Bayer, Jeffrey Williams, Brent Connert, Travis Alfrey.

**High School** - Jennifer Otto, Elizabeth Luttmeyer, Emily Zimmerer, Amy Arendt, Steven Tepera, Erica Fuhrmann, Abril Aberasturi, Gayle Walterscheid, Jennifer Hoberer, Anna Bayer, Abbas Ravjani, Amanda Schad, Emmy Schad, Daniel Hellingner, Leah Hermes, Nick Price, Leslie Schumacher, Sadie Trammell, Jeffrey

Sicking, Jamie Zwinggi, Clin Gallagher, Richard McFarridge, Amanda Hellingner, Richard Haayen, Lydia Garcia, Joshua Baugh, Robert Sharp, Molly Trammell, Christina Metzler, Asac Rahman, Ashley Zimmerer, Zachry Bowman, Mickey Meurer, Amy Sandmann, Melissa Alexander, James Thomason, Carrie Hundt, Aaron Krebs, Rachel Laster, Richard Alfrey, Matthew Crosby, Keith Fuhrmann, Kristy Lemons, Diana Schad, Sarah Trammell, John Bezner, Annie Kwan, Julie Zimmerer, Justin Walterscheid, Amber Geray, Hank Huchton, Scott Metzler, Patrick Lusk.

## Muenster 4-H Club meets, sees herb demonstration

Muenster 4-H Club met on April 8 at 7 p.m. with 15 members and four adult leaders attending. Cindy Hartman conducted the business meeting. She also presented a program and demonstration allowing groups of 4-Hers to make their own herb garden in pots, each holding three herbs. Members took the planted pots home to care for.

Recreation was a "pass the orange" game, led by Danny Felderhoff. Reporter for the Muenster 4-H Club is Dana Miller.

## It Was News Then ...

### 30 YEARS AGO

March 17, 1967

Fisher's Market and Grocery marks 40th anniversary. Obituaries: Rose Wiesman dies suddenly at age 57 in Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Joseph Hundt dies in Lindsay at age 83; Sister Leonarda, 76, longtime music teacher at Sacred Heart School, dies here after brief illness; J.A. Travis, 68 dies here after long illness. Muenster Jaycees will sponsor four-day sales training program in April. Peggy Sicking is Spelling Champion at Sacred Heart School. Two guest speakers, Ben Thomas and Bill Medley address Sacred Heart High School students. Muenster Jaycees install four trash barrels, good looking and sturdy, at strategic spots on Main Street and Hwy. 82

intersection and Mesquite St. Mrs. Pat Stelzer is elected new president of Muenster Civic League and Garden Club.

### 10 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1987

Cooke County Livestock Show and Auction lead all classes in price and winnings. East Texas Tourist Conference in Richardson helps promote Muenster - themed: "Tourism - A Tool For Economic Development." The concluding conference was a "Waltz Across Texas" familiarization tour for travel agents and tour operators. Hornet Relays will welcome track fans and more than 20 teams. Andy Burnette receives appointment to U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Walt Schmitz opens Walt's Bait and Tackle Shop as new business.

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## VFW Ladies Auxiliary #6205 presents flags

As a part of their Loyalty Day program, the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary Americanism Chairman Frances Bayer presented a new large American Flag and a Texas Flag to the seventh grade and their teacher Glenda Mitchell at Sacred Heart School. The seventh grade class has the duty of raising the flag everyday in front of the Sacred Heart Grade School. Mrs. Bayer also presented 40 small hand flags to each of the students, which they will use in a Memorial Day program the 7th and 8th grades will give on

Wednesday, May 21 at 9:00 am in the Sacred Heart Community Center. Along with presenting the flags, Mrs. Bayer gave a program on the proper respect of the flag and the people it represents.

On April 23, the Week of the Young Child at Sacred Heart, Mrs. Bayer made a presentation of 21 individual flags to the Kindergarten class with teacher Carmen Bonin assisting. Mrs. Bayer also gave a short program on the colors of the flag and what they mean and why we respect the flag.



Carmen Bonin and Sacred Heart Kindergarten students with flags. Courtesy photo



Frances Bayer presents Sacred Heart new flags. Courtesy photo



Saint Mary's School N.T.I.L. Academic Champions

Courtesy photo

## MISD expansion needs reviewed

by Steve Cooper

In recent months MISD has been considering future expansion needs. MISD has experienced an increase of approximately 50 students over the past 3 years. This has created a potential for overcrowding, as all classrooms on each campus are currently being used. The district is currently able to accommodate all students. This will not be true if the district continues to grow. Recognizing this growth, the school board commissioned an enrollment study by the Texas Association of School Administrators. The results of this study confirm a steady enrollment increase of approximately 2.4% over the next 10 years. However, the study projects an 11% increase over the next 3 years which is another approximately 50 students. This projected growth is the reason for school board concern for adequate instructional space in the future. The district cannot absorb another 50 students without additional classroom space.

Some are concerned the enrollment study may not accurately reflect the future numbers. The concern being the numbers are too high. But that is not the case when

viewing the big picture, and MISD already has kindergarten numbers that were being projected for two years from now. The enrollment study also does not take into account new transfer students. Of course, the argument there is not to accept any transfer students. That is not a good idea if it is the district's desire to use funds generated by transfers to help keep down the tax rate. Also, most of our increase the past 3 years has come from students that have moved into the district.

The dilemma facing the MISD School Board is what to build and how to finance it. One criteria being used to define what to build is to be "something" that will have the flexibility to benefit the optimum number of students. No one can predict exactly where these additional students will be placed (what grade will they be in), so a facility must be built that can accommodate growth anywhere in the district. Financing the project can be done in several ways: either by bond or lease purchase. The desire being to get the most beneficial process for the district. This of course becomes more complicated, as the board has always been committed to keeping the tax rate as low as possible (indicative of the 2nd lowest rate in the county for schools having a high school and one of the lowest in the state) while maintaining educational excellence.

Many things pull at the financial purse strings of a district. Some of which are state mandated and others that

reflect normal increases in operating costs, and if the district continues to grow, additional teachers. All of this must be taken into consideration as the board considers the need for additional facilities. The taxpayers can rest assured that they have been in good hands over the years with dedicated board members who have brought this district "along" while still keeping the tax rate low. While maintaining a low tax rate the past 6 years, MISD's board has been able to achieve the following: increasing total teachers from 25 to 35; a full-time counselor has been added; 4 classroom aides have been added; 2 computer labs are complete; the library is automated and a small computer lab is housed there; field house space was renovated into 4 elementary classrooms; new gym built; curriculum offerings expanded; Tech Prep drafting program in place; and NTEEN classes operational (dual credit, etc.). This is certainly not an all inclusive list but gives a general idea of the progress made. MISD's budget has increased from approximately \$1.2 million to \$2.0 over the past 6 years, yet the district still maintains a very low tax rate.

Difficult decisions lay ahead as building needs challenge the district, as well as all the other changes confronting education

today. I believe that MISD is on the verge of even greater growth, over the next few years, than the enrollment study is projecting. Many of the factors that draw people to a community are in place, and the one factor that determines where a family ultimately decides to go is the school system. MISD has a very good instructional staff composed of dedicated teachers who spend many hours working above and beyond the call of duty. Their work with students has been a direct contributor to MISD's exemplary rating the past three years. Of course good students and supportive parents are also critical to the district's success.

Limited finances always tune the need for a finely tuned prioritized system for spending school money. As the district can only do so much with its funding, education certainly should be the number one priority. MISD is fortunate to have a dedicated board who presides over a complicated and intricate system of finance, rules, and policies. Their experience and expertise are important factors in the success of any school district. So, as MISD proceeds with plans to address the need of additional facilities and growth, it is their desire that citizens will help with input and support as the school board moves through the decision-making process.

## St. Mary's wins NTIL Academic Meet April 18

The North Texas Independent League held its Spring Academic Meet on Friday, April 18. The event was hosted by Sivelts Bend ISD at the North Central Texas College campus. After leading the competition all day, Sivelts Bend ended up second to St. Mary's by only one and a half points.

Final point tally for the five schools were as follows: St. Mary's (SM) 267.5, Sivelts Bend (SB) 266, Texoma Christian 254, Toga 153.5, and Walnut Bend 49.

Stephen Weise (SM) 5 Edgar Guerrero (SB) 6 TIE Sam Bowen (SB), and Brady Howell (SB). **Dictionary Skills 7-8** - 2 Kelly Pulte (SM), 3 Katie Fleitman (SM), 5 Jaime Floyd (SM), 6 Josh Goldsmith (SB). **Listening Skills 5-6** - 1 Paul Richeson (SM), 3 Melissa Case (SM), 5 Brady Howell (SB), 6 TIE Alma Huerta (SM). **Listening Skills 7-8** - 3 TIE Kelly Pulte (SM), 5 TIE Brett Howell (SB), Mike Johnson (SB), Jaime Floyd (SM). **Number Sense 4-6** - 1 Brady Howell (SB), 2 Daniel Nieswiadomy (SM), 4 Dusty Etter (SM) 5 Hayden Vestal (SB), 6 Stephen Wiese (SM). **Number Sense 7-8** - 1 Brett Howell (SB), 4 Greg Johnson (SB), 6 Kelly Pulte (SM). **Ready Writing 3-4** - 1 Hayden Vestal (SB), 2 Erin Chance (SB), 3 Jamie Milam (SB), 4 Justin Epperson (WB), 5 Mark Richeson (SM), Jason Holder (WB). **Ready Writing 5-6** - 2 Ellen Grove (SB), 6 Tiffany Schmitz (SM). **Ready Writing 7-8** - 1 Greg Johnson (SB), 6 Kelly Pulte (SM). **Maps, Graphs, Charts 5-6** - 1 Stephen Wiese (SM), 2 Paul Richeson (SM), 3 Tiffany Schmitz (SM), 5 Brady Howell (SB). **Maps, Graphs, charts 7-8** - 1 Greg Johnson (SB), 2 Matt Sutton (SM), 3 Katie Fleitman (SM), 5 Brett Howell (SB), 6 Katherine Pierce (WB). **Life Science 7** - 3 Maria Montoya (SM). **Earth Science 8** - 2 TIE Michael Ramos (SM), 6 Ben Nieswiadomy (SM).

"A great deal of work and practice went into the preparation for this event," commented Dr. James Masters, Superintendent of the hosting Sivelts Bend district. "I know all the students benefited tremendously from their preparations and participation, regardless of rankings. We are also very proud of the teachers and volunteers who worked so hard and put forth such great effort to see that these students were ready to compete."

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You have accomplished many great things in two years, I am proud to have been a part of the action. Truly Sacred Heart School is a family. Everyone pulls together, works together, complains together and then finishes the task at hand together.

Parents, teachers and other volunteers have been great to step in and assume responsibility. It has been wonderful to have worked with so many talented, caring hard-working people. I stood up and got recognition in many cases when you did the hard work, putting in untold hours or labor.

Thank you for allowing me to be president. Thank you for all of the hours you gave, the smiles you freely shared, the money you spent, the friends and family members you got to join in helping. Thank you for attending meetings when there were hundreds of other things that needed to be done. Most of all thank you for the many many times you helped without being asked. In short, thank you for making Sacred Heart School the family it is!

*Kathy Bayer*

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# Sports



## Lady Cubs and Cubs capture NTIJHC title

Scoring points in every event and running record times propelled the Sacred Heart Lady Cubs to the 1997 North Texas Independent Junior High Conference Track Title. Scoring 267 points, the Lady Cubs outdistanced 2nd place Prairie Valley 122, and Montague, Goldburg, and Terral.

"We had some young ladies run high school times," said Coach LeBrasseur. "I am very impressed with the talent of these young ladies. The 8th graders will be a boost to our high school program and the 7th grade has unlimited potential."

The Cubs also exploded over their competition to win the

district championship by a margin of 83 points.

"I was extremely pleased with these boys. They have worked hard and that has definitely paid off," bragged coach John Nasche. There was one drawback that the coach noted, his team was disqualified in the 800m relay after winning the event. "We lost 4 gold medals and 20 points because we ran out of the exchange zone on a hand off. 'I'll take full responsibility; we didn't work handoffs,'" stated Nasche.

Sacred Heart junior high conference results are as follows:

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## Tigerette golfers ranked third at state competition

The Sacred Heart Tigerette Golf Team scored a school's first as they finished third in the TAPPS state golf championships at Battle Lake Country Golf Course in Mart.

Sacred Heart of Hallettsville won the meet with a score of 983. All Saints of Tyler was runner-up with 996 and the Tigerettes finished third with 1031.

Kelly Rigler and Sarah Hess each posted two day totals of 250. Leah Rigler netted at 265, Jennifer Hess scored at 266 and Gina Yosten carded a 291.

"We have a lot to build on as all the players are underclassmen with the

## Muenster boys' golf sixth at regional tourney

Scott Hermes and Jerry Stoffels shot two-day totals of 164 and 167 to help Muenster finish sixth place out of 16 regional qualifiers at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course in Abilene. Hermes fired rounds of 79 and 85 to finish sixth individually.

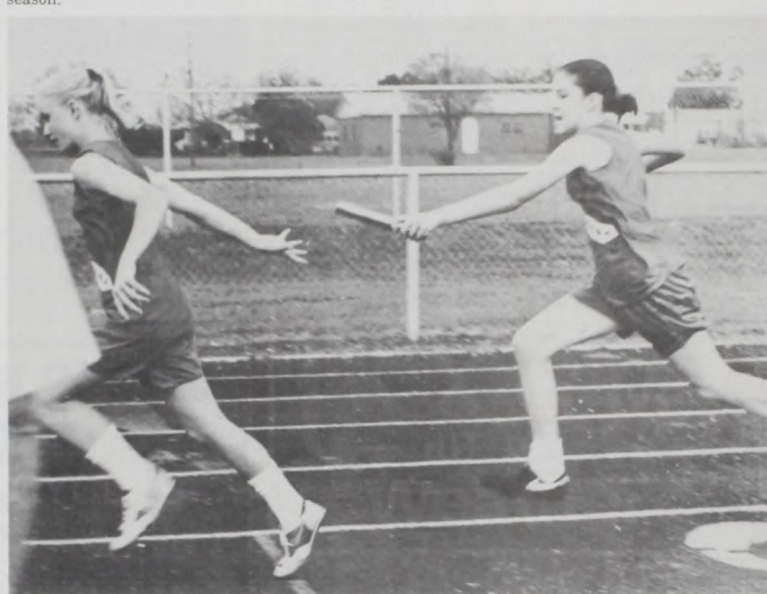
"We had a tougher regional this year," said Coach Ted Heers. "There were better scores individually and team wise. Our guys had their best round of the year, 348, and finished two shots better than we did here last year."

Petrolia fired a 316 the second day to run off lead runner up Robert Lee. Petrolia was also the district champions over Muenster.

Senior Steven Reiter shot consecutive 94's for a 188. Jeremy Walterscheid shot a 94-103 for a 197 and Bryan Hudspeth fired rounds of 102-98 for an even 200.

"With a good summer of work, our guys could be even better next year," added Heers.

exception of Kelly," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We are going to miss Kelly, but hopefully with a year's more play we can return and improve next season."



Keith Felderhoff clears a hurdle at the Junior High district track meet last week in Nocona.

Tanya Hess takes the baton from Lisa Rohmer in the first place 400m relay.

## SHHS Awards Banquet Tuesday

Sacred Heart High School Athletic Awards Banquet will be held Tuesday evening, May 6 at the Community Center. The Banquet will begin at 7:00 with a meal, followed by the presentation of letter awards to the athletes.

Cost of the Banquet is \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased from the High School office.

## Girls Summer League Softball begins sign up

This summer there will be three girls summer softball leagues for the different grades.

There will be coach pitch for girls going into the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Slow pitch for

grades six, seven and eight and Fast pitch for high school girls.

Girls interested in playing can sign up at Tops N Teams. Deadline is Monday, May 5. For more information call Nick Walterscheid 759-4308 or Jeff Gerstberger at 759-4036.

## Muenster tracksters compete at regional

Muenster High School sent 14 members of the track teams to Abilene last weekend to compete in the regional track and field meet.

"Regional was wet and cold," said Coach Randy Tanksley. "But the teams overcame the weather and performed at a high level."

Bryan Miller is the Hornets lone state qualifier, finishing the 800m at 2:04.9 for a silver medal. Barry Fleitman's 6' 2" high jump clearance earned him an alternate spot at the state meet and a bronze medal.

Muenster's 1600 m relay team, Shane Sparkman, Eric Miller, Bryan Miller and Brian Fleitman settled for a fourth place time of 3:35.

The Hornets earned four 6th places - Michael Boydston, 45' 1" shot put throw; Jake Luke, 126' 7" discus toss; Brent Sicking in a 43:00 300 m hurdle race and Barry Fleitman's 15.7, 110 hurdle finish.

Also competing at the regional track and field meet were, Lucas Hartman - discus,

Eric Miller - 400m, Shane Sparkman - pole vault, and Brent Sicking - 110 m hurdles.

The Hornets gathered 20 points for a 6th place overall finish. "This has been a great track season. I'm very proud of the boys," said Coach Tanksley. "They represented Muenster and the community with a lot of heart."

The Lady Hornets had five girls compete at regional. Kelly Felderhoff, district gold medalist, finished seventh in the 800m run with a time of 2:41.0.

Muenster's 800m relay team, Brandi Lutkenhaus, Stephanie Huchton, Emily Felderhoff and Kim Sturm, qualified for the finals at regional. Though they beat their second place district time, they settled for sixth place with a 1:53.4 finish.

"The girls did a super job in very tough conditions. The weather was horrible!" noted Coach Donny Vernon. "These young ladies did a great job all season long and represented MHS very well!"

## Tigerettes ready for to defend state track/field championships

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes track squad is in final preparation to defend their 1996 title and to achieve the school's tenth track and field state championship. The Tigerettes picked up titles in the Texas Christian League in '79 and '81 and have claimed titles in their present league (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) in '87, '88, '89, '90, and also the past three seasons '94, '95, '96.

The Tigerettes roared in the district meet as they scored 223 points and qualified 13 athletes for the championships at the Hart-Patterson Track Complex in Waco. "We have a great track and field tradition here at Sacred Heart and we hope to build on that as we head into this weekend," said Tigerette Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We have a very talented track squad with some exceptional athletes on it. These young ladies are a pleasure to coach and watch perform."

Coach Jon noted this squad does have some exceptional athletes and it starts in the senior class. Sprinter Kelly Rigler has lost only three races in her four years and also holds the Tigerette records in the 100 and 200. Rigler has qualified for both sprints and will anchor the 800 relay. Jumper Dobe Fleitman, like Rigler, holds the school record in the triple jump and high jump and will represent the Tigerettes in all three jumps and will also run

on the 400 and 800 relays. Thrower Leslie Grewing has really improved the past two seasons and has been a big point producer for the Tigerettes in the shot and discus.

Distance runner Valerie Bartush who holds the school records in the 1600 and 3200 hopes to add the 800 record to her list of achievements in Waco noted LeBrasseur. Bartush will run the 1600, 800 and a leg on the 1600 relay this weekend. Also from the junior class is Tigerette hurdler Crystal Klement.

Sophomores Leah Rigler and Debra Voth will run relays this weekend.

Six freshmen will be representing the Tigerettes: Sarah Hess, Debra Dangelmayr, Kayla Felderhoff, Joanna Gehrig, Jessica Berres, and Gina Yosten.

The meet will be run a little differently this year with the running events beginning at noon on Friday and the 3200 and all field events will take place on Saturday. The meet will be held at the Baylor Track complex recently named the Hart-Patterson Sports Complex located at I-35 south, exit 334A-Valley Mills west to Clay. Turn right on Clay and travel to the track.

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**GIRLS**

**200m Dash:** 2, M. Bartush, 1:11; 3, Hartman, 32.60; sten, 36.0.  
**300 Relay:** 1, Sacred Heart, uer, Hartman, K. Yosten, king, 2:11.50.  
**400m Run:** 1, Fette, 1:08.27; Sepanski, 1:16.29.  
**300m Hurdles:** 1, Bauer, 1:13; 2, T. Hess, 60.3; 4, ller, 61.92.

122; 3, Montague, 62; 4, Goldburg, 48; 5, Terral, 33.

**BOYS**

**High Jump:** 2, Hartman, 4'11".  
**Shot:** 3, Smith, 35'2"; 4, Grewing, 34'6".  
**Discus:** 1, Endres, 93'7 3/4".



Grace Cochran, first, 1600m run.



Chris Smith hands off to Charlie Moster in the first place 400m relay.

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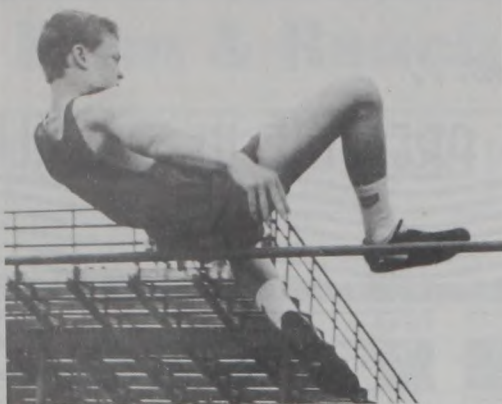
3, Grewing, 89' 1/2".  
**Long Jump:** 1, Moster, 31'5 1/4"; 3, Hartman, 31'4 1/4"; 4, Felderhoff, 28'8 3/4".  
**400m Relay:** 1, Sacred



Kristin Yosten, Jackie Bartush, and Melanie Bartush start the 800m run. Melanie was first, Jackie second, and Kristin fourth.

**100m Dash:** 2, Hess, 14.80; 3, Rohmer, 14.84; 4, Sicking, 15.09.  
**Mile Relay:** 1, Sacred Heart, M. Bartush, Fette, J. Bartush, Sepanski, 5:07.  
**400m Relay:** 1, Sacred Heart, T. Hess, Sicking, Hartman, Rohmer, 59.55.  
**800m Run:** 1, M. Bartush, 2:44; 2, Bartush, 3:01.55; 4, Yosten, 3:08.57.  
**100m Hurdles:** 1, Bauer, 19.26; 3, Miller, 20.86.  
**1600m Run:** 1, Cochran, 6:20; 2, Fette, 6:50.90; Bartush, 6:51.00.  
**Discus:** 1, Koesler, 65' 7 1/2".  
**High Jump:** 2, Hess, Rohmer, tie, 3'8".  
**Triple Jump:** 1, Bauer, 29'8 1/4"; 2, Sicking, 25'11"; 5, Bartush, 23'2 1/2".  
**Long Jump:** 1, Bauer, 14'2"; 2, Hess, 13'4"; 5, Miller, 12'6 1/2".  
**Shot Put:** 1, Koesler, 24'8".  
**Team Totals:** 1, Sacred Heart, 267; 2, Prairie Valley,

Heart, Endres, Smith, Moster, Yosten, 54.19.  
 16'11"; 3, Yosten, 15'5 1/2".  
**Triple Jump:** 2, Yosten, 1600m Relay: 1, Sacred Heart, Moster, Hartman, Grewing, Yosten, 4:23.0.  
**800m Run:** 2, Taylor, 2:43.63; 5, Walterscheid, 2:55.1.  
**110m Hurdles:** 2, Hartman, 20.60; 4, Miller, 22.41; 5, Felderhoff, 22.89.  
**100m Dash:** 3, Grewing, 13.99.  
**400m Run:** 1, Moster, 1:01.70.  
**300m Hurdles:** 1, Hartman, 52.57; 3, Felderhoff, 55.80; 5, Endres, 58.88.  
**200m Dash:** 1, Smith, 27.88; 5, Endres, 38.20.  
**1600m Run:** 1, Miller, 6:04; 4, Taylor, 6:17.18; 5, Minor, 6:28.60.  
**Team Totals:** 1, Sacred Heart, 196; 2, Terral, 113; 3, Prairie Valley, 110; 4, Montague, 89; 5, Goldburg, 25.



Jeff Hartman, second place high jump.



Aaron Walterscheid, Travis Bayer, and Nicholas Taylor start the 800m run.

**GERMANFEST**

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Carrie Spruell, first woman finisher in 15K.



Karl Polivka, first place winner in 15K race. Photo by Dave Fette

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Grubbs, 64:34.  
 Age 40-44: Don Nelson, 54:01; Ernie Ozuna, 55:07; Tim Tehan, 58:16; Ken Ashby, 58:35.  
 Age 45-49: Chester Kennedy, 57:11; Joe Cash, 58:44; Ed Fagan, 66:10; Joe Gunn, 67:22.  
 Age 50-54: David Cromer, 58:52; Bob Sciretta, 66:05; Stephen Brown, 68:08; Norm Frable, 69:31.  
 Age 55-59: Bill Blackburn, 62:09; Jim Engstrom, 63:55; Keith Burdick, 65:25; Danny Monts, 72:48.  
 Age 60-69: Bud Tomlinson, 75:54; Andy Sadowski, 1:26:54; Murray Forsvall, 1:38:35; John Holladay, 1:48:06.  
 Age 70 plus: Richard Widener, 1:22:39; Ted Brewer, 1:32:52.  
 Females finishing in the 15K according to age categories were:  
 Age 0-13: Jode Miller, 1:48:23.  
 Age 14-19: Lauren Hale, 1:15:17; Sara Trevino, 1:28:39.  
 Age 20-24: Lisa Massey, 1:15:56; Kelli Bartel, 1:15:58.  
 Age 25-29: Julie Tolleson, 1:11:51; Sharon Hermes, 1:12:15; Kimberly Taylor, 1:18:54; Leanne Turner, 1:21:42.  
 Age 30-34: Lisa Clark, 1:01:02; Elisa Fisher, 1:12:06; Mary Grant, 1:12:46; Aster Stowell, 1:17:41.  
 Age 36-39: Dawn Burke, 1:13:42; Gayle Loch, 1:14:05; Carol Anders, 1:14:54; Nancy Henley, 1:16:07.  
 Age 40-44: Lisa Hodge, 1:11:54; Doll Cisneros, 1:15:57; Eileen Perry, 1:19:18; Gail Pavur, 1:19:28.

Age 45-49: Glenda Johnson, 1:13:01; Mary Alcock, 1:20:17; Janet Chandler, 1:21:43; Sharon Yount, 1:28:45.  
 Age 50-54: Dee Kaminski, 1:26:35; Kathy Frable, 1:27:14; Judy Barton, 1:40:24.  
 Age 55-59: Mary Kennard, 1:26:45; Mary Rodgers, 1:26:57.  
 Age 60-69: Jan Richards, 1:26:12; Betty Fosrall, 1:41:35.  
 First to finish in the 5K were Chad Schacht, 26 with a time of 15:51. John Bartush, 18 of Muenster was second with a 16:33 time. Bill Parmelee was third with 16:39.  
 Top 5K female finishers were Valerie Bartush with a 21:02 time. Melanie Brown was second with 21:31 and Bridgett Jordan came in third with 21:33.



Brad Fisher, first Muenster finisher in 15K race.

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A sincere thanks to all family, friends and relatives for the many cards, gifts, flowers, encouragement and other kindnesses expressed during my recent illness. Special thanks for all the prayers, to Fr. Frouin and my co-workers at M.M.H. My husband joins me in expressing our gratitude. Mickey Haverkamp

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Bringman, 0.195313 acres; Willie Claire Bringman, 0.390625 acres; Edward J. Lipscomb, 0.79125 acres; Henry Oehman, Jr., 0.1953125 acres; Henry Meiers, 0.1953125 acres; and Valentine Maupin Woolham, 0.1953125 acres. Appointment of a receiver is prayed for under the terms of Section 64.091 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and under the general equitable powers of the Court wherein said suit is filed. The nature of the proceeding is fully shown by plaintiff's petition on file in this cause. The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law and make due return as the law directs. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of its issue, it shall be returned unserved. Witness Pat Payne, Clerk of the 235th Judicial District Court of Cooke County, Texas. Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, in the office in Cooke County, Texas, this 8th day of April, 1997. Pat Payne by: Sue Comer, Deputy Clerk of the 235th Judicial District Court of Cooke County, Texas.

CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS To: Eddie Lee Marshall and to all whom it may concern. Respondent. GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court 235th Judicial District, Cooke County, Texas, at the Court-house of said county in Gainesville, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next following the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the first amended pe-

tion of Willie Jean Marshall, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 28th day of April, 1997, against Eddie Lee Marshall, Respondent and the said suit being number 97-20 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Matter of Marriage of Willie Jean Marshall and Eddie Lee Marshall," the nature of which suit is a request to grant a divorce and such other relief as requested in this petition. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you. The name and address of the attorney for petitioner, is Cindy Stormer, 102 E. Elm, Gainesville, TX 76240. Issued this 28th day of April, A.D., 1997. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Gainesville, Texas, this 28th day of April, A.D., 1997. Pat Payne, Clerk of the District Court, Cooke County, Texas By /s/ Joy Huddleston, Deputy

Cooke County Appraisal District Requesting sealed bids for the sale of 1981 Ford Van. The van may be inspected at 200 W. California, Gainesville. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., May 21, 1997.

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## Prepare for calving problems

When calving problems arise, don't wait until a cow is in labor. Preparing for calving problems helps to think about complicated births. After observing a delay in delivery, examine the pelvic area and determine the position of the fetus. If it is in an abnormal position, experience and judgment must be used to determine if a correction can be made or if professional help should be summoned.

Determine if the calf is too large relative to the birth canal. Pull without causing long-term injury to the cow or calf. This determination is made while the calf is still in the birth canal, the opportunity for successful Caesarean section exists.

Calves are born backwards less than five percent of all births. Due to the premature rupture of the umbilical cord, early assistance and rapid delivery is needed. If not detected, labor will cease. Cows with a twisted cervix or uterus will act similar but will usually show more pain.

Attach the pulling chains to the front legs of the calf, placing the loop of each chain around each leg. Then slide the chains up on the cannon bone

two to three inches above the ankle joints and dew claws. Make sure the chain pulls from the bottom of the leg.

Attach the handles and pull, making sure the chains have not slipped. It is usually best to alternately pull on one leg and then the other a few inches at a time. This is called walking out the shoulders.

Once the head and shoulders are exposed, pull the calf downward at a 45 degree angle. If hip lock occurs, push the calf back a short distance and rotate the calf a half turn and pull down and forward between the cows legs. Pulling down raises the calf's hips, allowing them to slip through.

A calf puller should be used correctly and only by experienced people. The extreme traction can kill the calf and traumatize the cow, and both may be lost. Be sure the calf is in the proper position, lubricate the vagina and apply gradual traction. If no progress is made, a Caesarean section may be needed.

Always remember: Be clean, learn your capabilities and learn when to call for help.

## County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

### SMALL GRAIN FIELD DAY AND TOUR

The recent freeze has caused varying degrees of loss to the county wheat crop. Producers should evaluate their fields on a field to field basis to make haying or grain harvest decisions.

The annual Small Grain Tour and Field Day will be held Tuesday, May 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Wheat Variety Demonstration located behind McCoy's Lumber Company on Highway 82 in Gainesville. This location saw varying degrees of wheat death from the recent freezes. It is a good opportunity to evaluate some of the growing conditions along with varietal differences.

The next stop will be at the Small Grain Variety and Fungicide Demonstration located adjacent to the Cooke County Electric Co-Op on Highway 82 at Muenster. At this location there are various hard and soft wheat varieties along with both seed fungicide treatments and foliar fungicide treatments.

A hamburger lunch will follow the demonstration at the Co-Op location.

The noon program will feature Agronomists Russell Sutton, with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and David Key, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Ken Stokes, Extension Economist, will present a noon program on "Hard vs. Soft Wheat Pricing Scenarios".

The tour and lunch are sponsored by the Extension Crops Committee. Area producers are invited and urged to attend.

Two Continuing Education Credits will be offered toward recertification for private, commercial, and non commercial pesticide licenses with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

### Texas home to 1 million horses

Texas is home to more than 1 million horses, about 15 percent of the total U.S. horse population. About half of all horses registered in Texas are Quarter horses. Although horses are pictured in more rural settings, the counties with the largest numbers of horses are Harris (Houston), Dallas/Tarrant (Dallas/Fort Worth) and Bexar (San Antonio).

Cash receipts for Texas horses averaged about \$155 million per year from 1992-1995, according to the Texas A&M University Extension Service. The Extension Service projects that 1996 receipts will total about \$183 million.

Figuring maintenance costs, total annual income for the Texas horse industry is more than \$2.3 billion and the industry supports about 95,000 jobs in the state.

### REPORTING WHEAT DAMAGE FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES

There have been scattered reports of wheat being damaged by the late freeze. It appears that the actual damage assessments cannot be made until later.

Producers with insurance coverage for wheat should report the damage to their insurance providers within 72 hours of the initial discovery of damage. (I assume initial discovery is when the damage is discovered NOT when the actual damage occurred.)

With notification of damages, the producer's insurance provider will outline the producer's duties, reporting requirements and claim procedures.

If damages exist, it is extremely important that the producers have the consent of their insurance provider before—

1. They destroy any of the crop which is not harvested. (example: hay)
2. Put the insurance crop to an alternative use. (example: graze)
3. Put the acreage to an alternative use. (example: plant milo)
4. Abandon any portion of the insured crop.

The insurance provider will likely not give consent to any of the above until they have made an appraisal of the potential production of the crop.

Producers should be urged to contact their insurance providers for guidance.

## Farmers don't need more taxes

Removing sales tax exemptions for the cost of items used in producing agricultural crops is not the way to provide tax relief, according to a spokesman for the Texas Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm organization.

"Because farmers and ranchers are price takers, we cannot pass increased cost of feed, seed, fertilizer, equipment and other exempted inputs along to the buyers of our products," said the directors of the Cooke County Farm Bureau. "Policy makers are wise in that they have not charged sales tax on food products, in order to keep it affordable. So it doesn't make sense to tax items essential to producing the food."

Farm Bureau is a staunch supporter of property tax reform, but has urged lawmakers to eye means of overhauling the state's system for funding education that will not harm agriculture.

"Profit margins on farming are already razor thin, and some years we don't make a profit," the local FB leaders stated. "Last year's drought and this year's rains during planting season may mean 1996 and 1997 are a couple of

profitless years for some farmers."

The directors reiterated the importance of retaining agricultural exemption in Texas, where farming and ranching contribute so much to the economy. "The average age of farmers in the Lone Star state is 58. We certainly do not need any more impediments that keep young men and women from entering farming," concluded the Cooke County Farm Bureau Leaders.

### Texoma cattlemen will meet on May 5

The next meeting of the Texoma Cattlemen will be held on Monday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau building on Hwy 82 in Gainesville. Cattlemen are asking that you bring a brown bag meal and they will provide drinks and dessert. All are welcome!

Cattlemen is the voice for women in the United States beef cattle industry. Its mission is to involve and support its members in promoting beef and the beef cattle industry.

## Capitalization rate drops .4 percent in '96

County Appraisal Districts (CADs) will use a capitalization rate of 10.35 percent when appraising open space land in Texas in 1997. This cap rate is .4 percent lower than in 1996.

Qualified agricultural land is taxed on its productivity value. To determine that value, CADs first must calculate the property owner's income generated by the land after expenses have been paid. This is commonly known as net-to-land. The property tax code then requires the CADs to divide the net-to-land by the annual capitalization rate cap to arrive at the land's productivity value.

The cap rate may change annually. When the net-to-land

remains the same, but the cap rate decreases, the result is a higher productivity value on the land. If the Local tax rates remain the same (or increase), property owners will pay higher property taxes.

When the net-to-land remains the same but the cap increases, property owners see a decline in their land productivity value. They will pay less in property taxes if the tax rates remain the same.

The cap rate is based on the interest rate charged by the Farm Credit Bank of Texas on the previous December 31, plus 2.5 percent. The minimum cap rate is 10 percent.

Source: Comptroller's Office statement, February 1997

## Perry urges sorghum producers to use seed safeguarded against ergot

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry is urging producers planting grain sorghum to use seed that has been treated against the fungus ergot. Treated seed is one safeguard to prevent the disease from being introduced into their fields. The same precaution applies to hay susceptible to the fungus.

"This disease is new to the United States. While experience in other countries shows ergot can spread rapidly, we don't know how quickly it will spread in Texas," Perry said. "We know the first line of defense is to keep the fungus out of the fields. The most immediate safeguard is to plant seed that has been treated with a product that ensures this."

Sorghum fields planted for grain production are at lower risk of infection because plants are self-fertilizing hybrids.

Ergot is an airborne fungus that attacks sorghum, johnsongrass and some field crops used for haying. The fungus reduced yields and quality. The disease also produces a honeydew that makes harvesting difficult.

Perry points out that the fungus was not detected in last

year's crop. However, ergot has been found in "volunteer" sorghum fields planted in 1996 that have resprouted. Texas fields where ergot has been detected indicate the fungus was transmitted by airborne spores.

Perry also advises producers to stay in touch with their local Extension Service personnel who are monitoring the location of infested fields. Seed treatment guidelines are available by calling 1-800-TELL-TDA.

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## Gross farm income totals \$15.7 billion

The gross farm income from the more than 202,000 farms in Texas totaled \$15.7 billion in 1995. After subtracting \$13.3 billion in production expenses, net income to operators was slightly more than \$2.4 billion. When non-factored payments such as property taxes and capital consumption depreciation and damage were subtracted, returns to operators totaled only \$2.1 Billion.

Many Texas farm owners must depend on other means of income than that received from farm earnings. In 1995, 123,000 farms in Texas produced less than \$10,000 in sales, 61,000 farms produced less than \$100,000 in sales and only 18,000 farms across the state earned more than \$100,000 from their farm operations.

Source: Fiscal Notes, March 1997

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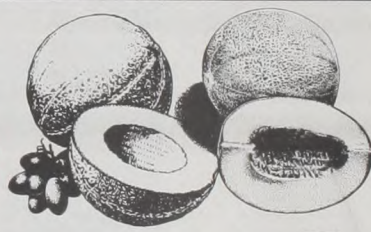
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