

Rural fire protection in jeopardy

by Janet Felderhoff
Although the proposed 1997-98 fire fighting agreement between the city of Muenster and Cooke County is the same as it has been for many years, it is being questioned for the second consecutive year. Each of the nine volunteer fire departments in Cooke County receive \$3,000 a year from the county for fighting fires outside their city limits. Muenster is the only department that asks the county to sign an agreement for the service.

"I registered a strong objection to it last year and I'm going to offer the same objection again this year," said Commissioner Richard Brown at the July 14 Commissioners Court meeting. Eight of the volunteer fire departments are together on one line in the county budget, but the Muenster department is getting special treatment, claimed Brown.

"In my opinion we're taking on some legal obligations that we should not be taking on," Brown continued. "First of all it is a volunteer fire department. It is not owned by the City of Muenster. The City of Muenster has no control over the fire department. In my opinion they have no authority to contract for the volunteer fire department. The volunteer fire department is a free-standing agency chartered by the state and they operate independently of either the City of Muenster or the county."

After noting that all of the other fire departments were totally independent of the county, Brown pointed out clauses three and four in the proposed agreement as being what he objected to. They read:

THIRD: The County of Cooke agrees that the acts of any person or persons, while fighting fires, traveling to or

from fires, or in any manner furnishing fire protection to the citizens of this county outside the city limits of the City of Muenster, shall be considered as the acts of agents of the County of Cooke in all respects, notwithstanding such person or persons may be regular employees or firemen of the City of Muenster.

FOURTH: The County of Cooke agrees to hold harmless the City of Muenster for any damages or injuries to employees, agents, or property, as a result of answering or performing fire call outside the City of Muenster. Should any person assert a claim, cause of action, or file suit for damages to his person or property, then the County of Cooke agrees to defend all such claims, cause of actions, or suits.

Brown noted that the county does not have collision insurance on any of its county owned vehicles such as the

Sheriff's Department or the road and bridge equipment. "Yet we're being asked to insure the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department equipment," he said. "Should they have a wreck, if we're going to be held liable, we'd be responsible for their vehicles. Our liability insurance is for county owned vehicles which this is not. I believe that we would be taking on considerable legal risk when there is no advantage to us in doing so. The other volunteer fire departments provide their own insurance and hold us harmless."

Brown and Commissioner Phil Young made a motion to turn down the agreement. After some discussion Brown withdrew the motion and Commissioner Virgil Hess made a motion to table the matter until the County Attorney could give an opinion on the matter. All agreed.

Last year after Brown objected, Commissioners Court passed the agreement because of the wildfire situation that existed at the time.

Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe disagrees with Brown's comments on the Muenster Fire Department being under the city. The fire trucks all belong to the city. He said that they must answer to the city council.

"All the other departments are different," Knabe said. "The vehicles are under their fire departments' control. They are set up separately from the city. Lindsay and Callisburg may own their fire trucks now. But Muenster is a municipality and must answer to an insurance board." Knabe added that he thinks Lindsay is under Gainesville's blanket.

Gainesville receives a trade off with the county for fire assistance in that part of the county, said Knabe. Since Gainesville no longer has a jail, the county trades off rural fire protection for use of county jail space.

"We are volunteers as far as the Muenster Department, but

we answer to the city just like the Gainesville Fire Department. The difference is that they have a paid (salaried) department," noted Knabe.

Knabe said that in the time he has been fire chief he's been down this road twice before. At one time when the city and the county could not agree on a contract, the Muenster City Council decided that the local fire department was not to answer calls outside the city limits.

That was in the '70s. Since that time most volunteer fire departments have become 911 first responders. When there is a call for an ambulance in the Muenster area, the local department answers the call giving aid until the ambulance arrives.

Cooke County Commissioners could possibly discuss the proposed amendment at the July 28 meeting. It will not be known until Friday, July 25 when the supplemental agenda is posted and will depend on whether the county attorney has made a determination on the matter.

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Muenster Volunteer Firemen have provided firefighting protection for Muenster and the surrounding area for many years. Recently, they have assisted the county in hastening emergency care by acting as first responders when Cooke County EMS is called to the area. Wording in the contract between Muenster and Cooke County is being questioned by the county, causing some to wonder about the future of fire protection for rural residents.

Photos taken from Enterprise files



Muenster Chamber of Commerce plans Family Fun Day in the Park July 27 - come join us!

by Janet Felderhoff
Clinking horseshoes, twirling hula hoops, unusual racing oeds, and musical entertainment are all part of the sights and sounds to be found in the Muenster City Park on Sunday, July 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The occasion is Family Fun Day in the Park sponsored by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for financing the 1998 Muenster Germanfest. This year's extreme rainy conditions created a loss of profits for the Chamber during Germanfest.

Entertainment for Sunday

includes potential new Germanfest talent. Registration for the horseshoe tournament begins at 12:30 p.m. There is a choice between single and double elimination and the fee is \$3 or \$4 per person.

Sign-up for the volleyball tournament is from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Competition begins at 12:30 p.m. Teams are three-man and entry fee is \$5 per person.

Bingo games are scheduled from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Children's games are planned throughout the day. Visit the dunking

booth at various times to see if you might want to dunk the caged person.

Decathlon competition is divided into two categories, adult and children. Prizes will be awarded.

Hula hoopers, young and old, grease your hips for the hula hoop contest at 2 p.m. Judging will be done by crowd acclamation. Prizes will be awarded in adult and children's categories.

Bed races, first featured at the local Oktoberfest several years ago, were a crowd pleaser. Bed races are

scheduled for Sunday at 4 p.m. Live entertainment has been scheduled beginning at 2 p.m. with a pop rock band Heer. At 3 p.m. The Headrick Family performs and at 4 p.m. Tammy Robertson, Ain't Misbehavin' will perform at 5 p.m. and at 6:15 p.m. will be Cowboy Memories.

Throughout the day food such as hamburgers, hot dogs, snacks and drinks will be available.

For more information call the Muenster Chamber of Commerce 759-2227.



Finnell: remember your civic duty

Texans packing up for summer vacations are being urged to remember their civic duty.

State Rep. Charles Finnell reminds fellow Northwest Texans to vote in the Sat., August 9 constitutional amendment election. Early voting in-person begins Monday, July 21, and ends Tuesday, August 5.

Historically, the voter turnout for such summer elections has been very low according to the Texas Secretary of State's Office.

The 75th Texas Legislature approved the use of \$1 billion in state funds this year to raise the amount of residential homestead property exempt from school district taxation next year, from a minimum of \$5,000 to a minimum of \$15,000. The proposed August 9 amendment would make that change a part of the Texas Constitution and therefore a much more permanent tax policy.

The proposed amendment would also allow senior citizens to transfer their homestead exemption to a new residence.

Finnell, a ranking member of the House Transportation committee also noted that our Texas DPS has some recommendations for safer highway travel including:

- Calling the 24 hr. DPS stranded motorist hotline - 1-800-525-5555 - in case of a vehicular breakdown outside of city limits. Rather than accepting a ride from a stranger, motorists who call this number will access a law enforcement officer for assistance on state highways and roads. This number can also be used to report road hazards or suspected drunk driving.

- Watching weather conditions along the intended travel route by checking with the Texas Department of Transportation 24 hr. recorded, but region-specific, road conditions number at 1-800-452-9292.

Muenster School Board discusses roof repairs, lunchroom increases

by Janie Hartman
The Muenster Board of Trustees met for their monthly business session on Thursday, July 10.

Discussion on roof repairs is a main problem facing the school district. A two year leak in the old gym has had lots of patching, but the leak still hasn't been fixed. An estimated cost of \$3,225 to repair a 10'x50' area was given, but not a guarantee that the leak would be found. No action was taken at the regular meeting with Steve Cooper getting a bid in the whole roof and another repair bid. Discussion continued at the Budget Workshop meeting Tuesday, July 15, but no action was taken.

Also the elementary roof needs repaired, including the kindergarten area. Action on his work is on hold, waiting for a building decision. The board did approve a \$500 cost to repair the roof over the occasional/woodshop area.

Elementary principal Gwen

Trubenbach gave a report on the results from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills scores for grades one and two, giving a comparison with the national norm, and grades three to five TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test results. Mrs. Trubenbach noted that one elementary student didn't get the grade in one subject, and that kept that school from being exemplary.

Mr. Cooper gave the high school results, grades six through 12, in the TAAS test. Also the TASP test reported that 87.5% of Muenster High students will go on to college. Cooper also noted that 23 out of 25 students took the SAT and MHS had no dropouts last year.

In the Superintendent's report, Cooper noted the following:

- Health insurance increased their rates 16%.
- Placing exemplary signs outside of town on Hwy. 82 announcing the school's rating.
- Handicap ramps into the

football bleachers.

- Railing outside (northeast) of gym barrier.

New business, informative items included Cooper giving the board the latest information on the 1997-98 school finances, including the budget projections. Also he informed the board of the results of the inspection of the new gym by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Problems found included: No handicap seating for the home side; concession stand counter is too high; no grab bars or benches in the player showers; and no Braille identification on the restroom doors.

Action items covered by the board included:

- Extended the current depository bid contract with the Muenster State Bank for two more years. The First State Bank of Gainesville and GNB also submitted bids.
- Changed the code of conduct, gambling to a level 3 offense that allows the district

to deal with offenders.

- Approved changes in the student handbook including slogans on shirts, the required apparel for graduation, and the principal's ruling on excused absences.
- Approved increase on lunch room prices. Elementary up from 80¢ to \$1.00; high school \$1.10 to \$1.25; with adult prices remaining at \$1.50. Cooper noted that the lunch room serves approximately 300 meals a day and prices have not increased in many years. Once more the board pondered on ideas to increase students eating in the cafeteria.
- Twelve transfers were approved for the coming school year, including nine freshmen from Sivells Bend, and four returnees from last year.
- The board also approved the TASS local policy update 55 and PDAS changes and calendar; revised the school calendar; athletic insurance; cafeteria food bids; and moving tutorials to 7:45 - 8:10 a.m.

GOOD NEWS!

Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you."

ISAIAH 35:3-4

Donated computers put NCTC in unique position

A donation of computers and powerful industry-specific software to the department of Applied Technology at North Central Texas College has placed the school in a unique position, making one of the strongest potential suppliers of trained workers to an industry seriously in need.

The Dallas company Machine Tool and Technology Sales recently donated six Pentium 166 MHz computers along with the machining industry software "D.P. Espirit" to the college's machining program. The college previously had only one copy of machining software due to the expense.

"The combination of six powerful computers and the cutting-edge software to run them makes NCTC a very important entity to local manufacturers," said Rusty Waller, NCTC's Dean of Applied Sciences. "Now our machining program is a valuable tool for local shops because it's one of the strongest technical education departments in the state. What we have on those computers represents about \$200,000 worth of equipment, but it represents their future as far as keeping an educated workforce."

"The country is going to need 44,000 machinists by the end of the century," said John Marsh, Chair of the NCTC Applied Technology department. "There's a serious lack of people to operate the manufacturer's machines severely limiting the country's ability to produce goods."

"Once people realize the kind of wage a skilled machinist can get though, they'll start to consider technical positions with a lot of respect. With our new software and computers, the program is already up two hundred percent from last semester."

The National Tooling and Precision Machining Institute (NTPMI) is a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Labor, and the National Tooling and

Machining Association (NTMA) and NCTC's machining program. The Gainesville-based college was selected as the institute's "educational entity of choice" according to Debbie Zimmerer, Director of Institutional Advancement at NCTC, because of its mission to meet the needs of manufacturers along the I-35 corridor.

It's been due to the recent determined steps taken by the community college to answer the needs of the machining industry that Machine Tool and Technology Sales stepped up to be a player in NCTC's future, according to Marsh.

"They know that we want to alleviate the lack of skilled workers in the industry and they also know this would be a win-win for them," said Marsh. "It sure beats seeing another manufacturer move out of the country or another contract go overseas."

Since the northern Texas and southern Oklahoma region has a large concentration of machine shops and there is a serious lack of expert personnel to operate the machines, the efforts of business, educators

and government to improve the job ranks will be mutually beneficial as well as a boon to the local and national economy.

"I hear it from manufacturers all the time that they can't find good help," said Danny Greer of Machine and Tool Technology Sales. "I think the NCTC apprenticeship program will be a great asset in the future. One of the reasons I'm personally excited about it is that's how I started in the business, as an apprentice. I don't know if companies can't effort these programs any more or not, but I know NCTC's is already drawing a lot of attention. It's always good to have a source of qualified employees."

NCTC is preparing for the Fall semester of courses in their Applied Technology program. For more information about the future of manufacturing or where a student can fit into NCTC's machining program, call the department of Applied Sciences at (940)668-4212, e-mail: rwaller@nctc.cc.tx.us, or the department of Industrial Technology at (940)668-4205, e-mail: jmarsh@nctc.cc.tx.us.



Alvin Fuhrman of Muenster Telephone Corporation accepts a membership certificate from Valley View Chamber of Commerce Secretary Beverly Kelley. Courtesy Photo

Valley View Chamber meets

Valley View Chamber of Commerce heard a report on the membership banquet Betty Fortenberry and Denise Pearce discussed plans for the 50th year celebration for Sloan's Grocery.

Committees appointed were Fund Raising - Dorothy Dearing; Membership - Denise Pearce; Industrial Growth - Bill Dearing.

Discussion included the Christmas Party and an August 6 date for the next meeting and covered dish lunch.

President Lou Johnson will chair the installation/ Awards Banquet set for February 28.

The Chamber also held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Dee/ Bee Antiques on Love Trail.

Ribbon-cutting ceremony held in Valley View

A ribbon cutting ceremony was hosted by the V.V. Chamber of Commerce at Dee/ Bee Antiques on Love Trail outside of Valley View. Owners are Bill and Dorothy Dearing. Following the ribbon cutting, officials and guests enjoyed punch and snack foods.

Hyde is elected president of TPA

Rollie D. Hyde, publisher of The Plainview Daily Herald, was elected president of the Texas Press Association during the group's 118th annual summer convention in Amarillo, June 26-28.

He succeeds Jerry Tidwell, publisher of the Hood County News in Granbury, who becomes chairman of the association's board of directors.

The Texas Press Association, founded in 1880, includes 511 daily, weekly and semi-weekly newspapers.

Hyde, 60, had served as a director of the Texas Press Association. He is immediate past president of the Panhandle Press Association and a board member of the West Texas Press Association.

Active in many community organizations, Hyde is immediate past chairman of the Plainview-Hale County Industrial Foundation — in which he has worked hard to bring new housing to Plainview, the Plainview Community Concerts Association and the Cotton Barons Ball, which raises funds for the American Cancer Society.

He is chairman of Kids Voting of Texas and vice chairman of the Hale County Hospital Authority. He is president of the Fair Theater restoration project and serves on the boards of Plainview Area United Way, Wee Care Child Center, High Plains Research Foundation, Leadership Plainview and the Plainview Downtown Development Corp.

Hyde is past president of Unity Church of Lubbock, past president of



ROLLIE HYDE

Toastmasters Club 763 and is a member of the Elections Advisory Council for the Texas Secretary of State.

Professionally, he also is a member of Newspaper Association of America, Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and the Inland Press Association.

He is past president of the Oklahoma City Ad Federation and Corpus Christi Ad Federation and is a member of the Texas Tech University Journalism Advisory Council.

He has presented speeches or workshops for the Texas, Oklahoma, Inland, Wisconsin, New England and Panhandle press associations.

A veteran of 40 years in newspapers and the printing business, he has owned several publications through the years.

Before becoming publisher of The Herald, a Hearst newspaper, in July of 1990, he was advertising director

of the Midland Reporter-Telegram. He also has worked for newspapers in Oklahoma City, Borger, Canyon, Corpus Christi and Fort Worth.

A native of Binger, Okla., he graduated from Binger High School in 1955. He studied accounting at Blackwood Business College in Oklahoma City and Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

His research paper on the history of Plainview during World War II was published in "Touchstone," an annual publication of the Texas State Historical Society.

The Plainview Daily Herald traces its history to 1889. Hyde is the fifth man to serve as general manager-publisher since the paper became a daily publication in 1929.

The paper has a circulation of 7,700 daily and 8,500 Sunday. Hyde has been instrumental in developing The Herald's "Texas Online," an internet provider which already is turning a profit in its second full year of service.

Under Hyde's leadership, The Herald has won numerous awards and was named best internet paper in the small papers category of the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors contest this year.

Hyde and his wife, Jeri, who also is active in civic affairs and a lay minister for the Unity Church, have three children; Debbie Hyde of Dallas, Becky Mills of Oklahoma City and Kimberly Munson of Midland; and five grandchildren.

Hyde enjoys traveling, camping and computers.

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Muenster Telephone Corporation of Texas (Muenster or the Company) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) seeking approval to modify the following existing service offerings: TeleForward and Local TeleForward Services. This request has been assigned Tariff Control Number 17691. These services will be available throughout the Muenster service territory to all residential and business customers, where technical facilities permit, excluding pay telephone services.

TeleForward and Local TeleForward Services are services currently being offered through General Exchange Tariff of the Company. TeleForward Service permits incoming calls to TeleForward telephone number to be automatically forwarded by the Company's equipment to customer's location in another exchange. Local TeleForward Service permits incoming calls to Local TeleForward telephone number to be automatically forwarded by the Company's equipment to the customer's remote location within the local calling scope of the exchange.

For these services, the Company is proposing to modify regulations which require a customer to have a separate exchange access line and telephone number in the exchange in which the TeleForward Local TeleForward telephone number terminates. In addition, the Company is proposing to implement an "optional local unmeasured/unlimited usage charge" for the Local TeleForward Service. This "optional local unmeasured/unlimited usage charge" will be applicable to Local TeleForward Service when the customer requests an EAS or ELC Local TeleForward telephone number and terminating number is a non-Muenster telephone number, a non-EAS, or a non-ELC telephone number.

The proposed effective date for these changes is October 15, 1997. The estimated annual revenue increase to the Company is \$720 for the first year. The proposed rates for the services are as follows:

SERVICE	RESIDENCE	BUSINESS
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Local TeleForward Service, Optional Local Unmeasured/Unlimited Usage Charge	30.00	30.00

If the Commission receives a complaint(s) relating to this application signed by the lessor of 5% 1,500 of the affected local service customers to which this application applies by September 14, 1997 the application will be docketed. The 5% limitation will be calculated based upon the total number of customers of record as of the calendar month preceding the Commission's receipt of complaint(s). As of May 31, 1997, the 5% limitation equals 163 customers. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by call the Public Information Office at 1-888-782-8477 or (512) 936-7140 or (512) 936-7141 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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Early voting begins

Residents of Cooke County who wish to vote early by appearance may do so from Monday, July 21 through Tuesday, Aug. 5. Voting will be conducted at the Cooke County Clerk's office in the courthouse between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Judges for early voting are Shirley Newton and Angelo Nasche.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, Aug. 1. They should be mailed to: Evelyn Walterscheid, County Clerk, Cooke County Courthouse, Gainesville, TX 76252.

The only issue concerning voters in the Muenster and Lindsay areas is a proposed Constitutional Amendment on Homestead exemptions.

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 Commissioner Virgil Hess said that the agreement has always been that way and he feels that an agreement will be reached. "One reason that it is different is that Muenster pays money to the volunteer department," he said.
 County Judge Rusty Duncan said that he feels it is important to reach an agreement.

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Sunday, July 27	Monday, July 28	Tuesday, July 29	Wednesday, July 30	Thursday, July 31	Friday, August 1	Saturday, August 2
Fun Day in the Park, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.	MHS Mini-Cheerleading Camp, Muenster City Park, 9 a.m.-Noon	Muenster Public Library, Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Life Teen Intro to P&W Songs, 7-9 p.m., SH Church Muenster Public Library, Hours: 2:30-5:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Don't forget to plan your field trip to Muenster Museum!	Jaycees' Baseball Tournament
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		
Sunday, August 3	Monday, August 4	Tuesday, August 5	Wednesday, August 6	Thursday, August 7	Friday, August 8	Saturday, August 9
SH Alumni Golf Tournament, 8 a.m., Indian Hills, Nocona	City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.		C of C Board Meeting, 5 p.m. MISD Registration: 9 a.m.-noon High School, 1-3 p.m. Junior High	Muenster Kiwanis Family Swim night, 7-9 p.m. MISD Orientation for Parents & Students, 7 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Vote on Constitutional Amendment
		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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Intrigued? Then come and explore the latest exhibit at the Morton Museum of Cooke County - "Just the Facts: Newspapers in Cooke County". The exhibit traces the rise and fall of newspapers in the county, beginning with the first paper in 1869 and moving chronologically through the 1980s. Included in the exhibit is a journalism award presented to the *Cooke County Leader*; issues of the *Cam*

Howe Howitzer (published at the army camp during WWII), the *Gainesville Hesperian*, *Gainesville Signal*, *The Free Press*, *Cooke County Democrat*, *Myra Reporter*, *Lindsay Voice*, *Muenster Enterprise*, *Gainesville Daily Register*, some regional publications, and the magazine *All Around Gainesville and the Red River Valley*. Photographs showing numerous individuals involved in and at work in the newspaper business are displayed along with some

items used in the actual printing of papers - print blocks, lead type, an offset plate, and a press plate. The exhibit will be on display through the first part of September.

The Morton Museum of Cooke County is open Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 12:00 until 5 p.m. For more information about the display or museum programs call 940-668-8900.

Taxpayers groups endorse homestead tax exemptions

The North Texas Taxpayers League, representing 9 taxpayers associations including Cooke County endorses H.J.R. No. 4 to increase the School District property Exemptions on residential Homesteads from \$5000 to \$15,000 for each Homestead on the Tax Rolls.

E.F. Carson, of Cooke County, and President of the North Texas Taxpayers

League, says the Increase of the Homestead Exemption from \$5000 to \$15,000 will be helpful to the Taxpayers, who pays School District property Taxes in each County. The North Texas Taxpayers League supports H.J.R. No. 4, and recommends that the Voters in each County, "Vote For" Proposition No. 1 at the Special Election to be held on August 9, 1997.

Monthly oil and gas stats

The commission issued a total of 1,201 original drilling permits in June compared to 982 in June 1996. The June total included 919 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 48 to re-enter existing well bores, and 234 for re-completions.

So far in 1997, there have been 6,984 drilling permits issued compared to 6,067 recorded during the same period in 1996.

Permits issued in June included 475 oil, 281 gas, 402 oil and gas, 34 injection, and 8 other permits.

In June operators reported 373 oil, 370 gas, 27 injection and two other completions.

Total well completions for 1997 year-to-date is 4,633 up from 4,387 recorded during the same period in 1996.

Operators reported 533 holes plugged and 115 dry holes in June.

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In preparation for the new school year, Sacred Heart High School received new flooring in the halls and in all the rooms. The summer project required removal of the contents of the rooms. Now comes the chore of putting everything back in order. In the computer room, Tony Desmuke and John Nasche work on replacing keyboards, printers and monitors. Watch next week for the *Muenster Enterprise* Back-to-School Issue.
Janie Hartman Photo

National Pro-Life advocate leads rosary crusade

by Elaine Schad
New York Monsignor and lifelong pro-life advocate Philip J. Reilly visited the area recently to highlight the need for prayer in the struggle to save unborn children and minister to other victims of abortion.

Following a Mass and talk July 9 at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Denton, Msgr. Reilly joined a police escort to Denton Health Services for Women where a group of about 30 people prayed the rosary for the victims of abortion. That was followed by the blessing of the newly opened Susan B. Anthony Crisis Pregnancy Center. Among those attending the rosary rally were Kenneth and Marilyn Bierschenk of Muenster.

During the presentation following the Mass, the Monsignor told of his lifelong commitment to the pro-life effort and how he now realizes that prayer is the most powerful tool in converting hearts and saving babies prior. "I've tried it all, and I think we have finally found the right instrument," Msgr. Reilly said.

"We are finally taking God seriously, and God is doing marvelous things."

The Denton stop rounded out a full day of activities which included a public talk and prayer procession to a Dallas abortion clinic earlier in the day. Msgr. Reilly, active in the pro-life movement since the 1960s, is founder of New York-based Helpers of God's Precious Infants. Since 1989, HELPERS has witnessed the closing of at least 20 abortion mills and more than 20,000 women leaving the mills and choosing life, Msgr. Reilly said.

The Monsignor told of his participation in virtually every aspect of the abortion fight since he was a parish priest and seminary director in the early 1960s. He was involved in lobbying efforts in New York State to prevent the legalization of abortion.

When the Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973, Msgr. Reilly publicly withheld a portion of his income taxes, protesting the use of public funds for abortion. His tax forms and testimony were used

as part of a successful appeal of the Hyde Amendment, which is still in force to withhold public funding of abortion.

Msgr. Reilly helped coordinate the first March for Life in Washington D.C. He has participated in hundreds of Walks for Life and has been arrested numerous times during peaceful pro-life demonstrations, including Operation Rescue.

Through all of his experiences, Reilly is convinced that prayer is the most powerful tool in the pro-life fight. "I got tired of the police taking me away," Msgr. Reilly said with a laugh. "In this whole approach, we have to bring the love and life and light to the people," he said. "Your job is not even to win this; your job is to be faithful."

Msgr. Reilly started HELPERS on the Feast of the Rosary in October 1989. The movement has spread to four continents. Once a month across the United States, 50 bishops, three cardinals and three archbishops are leading rosaries outside abortion clinics while there is a continual

prayerful presence at abortion clinics nationwide. Brooklyn Bishop Thomas Daily has led the rosary in front of New York area abortion clinics for the past 84 consecutive months. Dallas Bishop Charles Grahmann led the rosary during the Monsignor's Dallas visit. "We end up treating the whole person," Msgr. Reilly said. "We have people making rosary beads with 10,000 rosaries given out in front of abortion mills last year."

The main focus of HELPERS is to make visible the victim of abortion, the unborn baby, through a prayerful presence at the clinics, Msgr. Reilly said. "No one is condemning," he said. "It's totally peaceful and forgiving, and tries to change hearts."

For more information about Helpers of God's Precious Infants, contact Msgr. Reilly at 5300 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, 11219 or by phone at (718) 779-0698. Anyone wishing to participate locally may contact Kenneth Bierschenk at 759-4197 for more information.

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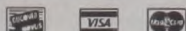
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Opinion/Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Dear Friends,
Many have asked for news from Congo (former Zaire). Even though the new leader, Kabila, has been in self-appointed office as president since May 17, it is hard to see clearly which direction we are going. Reforms are necessary in all areas including political and military, monetary, transportation and agriculture, social, health and education, etc. (see accompanying article).

For our sisters, life goes on as usual. An eight day retreat was planned in mid-July. The sisters from one mission about 200 miles away joined another community 25 miles from them. Since our jeep is still in the garage for repairs (it has been there since January waiting for a part), the sisters had to find another way to travel. Three of them traveled the 25 miles on bike or motorcycle to our community in Fatuda. The next day, joined by five other sisters, they traveled on an open truck for 80 miles. The third day, the Jesuit priests sent a jeep to pick up all eight of them for the remainder of the journey. This trip of 200 miles took three days.

For myself, I am here in Fort Worth waiting to see when I will return. Unfortunately, my return ticket to Congo is worthless as the airline on which I was to fly belonged to Mobutu and so no longer exists. In the meantime, I have the pleasure of being with our retired sisters and working with Sr. Francesca at OLV Center.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,
Sister Roberta Hesse

by **Arthur Malu-Malu**
National Reconstruction Minister Etienne Mbaya, outlining government plans at the end of a two-week reconstruction and development conference in the capital Kinshasa, said they would resort to technology

tailored to the nation's specific needs. "We will make agriculture, cattle breeding and fishing the main source of the country's economy growth," he told 1,200 Congolese delegates on Saturday at the closing ceremony.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, the former Zaire, is Africa's third largest country and potentially one of its richest, with a wealth of minerals, rich farmland and the hydroelectric potential to light up much of the continent.

Over three decades of corruption and mismanagement under ousted Mobutu Sese Seko left its more than 40 million people among Africa's poorest. With official statistics lacking, many economists say unemployment hovers at about 70 percent of the workforce. Many people scratch a living in the informal sector, trading anything from home-grown vegetables to currency and cigarettes.

Kabila, who proclaimed himself president in May after his Rwandan-backed forces toppled Kabila in a lightning seven-month campaign, inherited a foreign debt of around \$14 billion and a crumbling and, in some places, non-existent infrastructure. He pledged in his inauguration speech that the government would rehabilitate the nation's social and economic fabric.

Major Western donors had forsaken Zaire for human rights violations and lack of democracy under Mobutu. They say aid can resume if Kabila improves the nation's human rights record. The World Bank plans to convene a meeting of donors in September. The government is also keen to bring home what remains of the billions of dollars reportedly stashed away by Mobutu and his cronies and use the money to revive the economy. In the meantime, it says it wants to get the nation back to work. "What counts is to resume production," Mbaya said.

Dear Editor:
The statement beneath the pastoral scene on page 11, of the July 18, 1997, Enterprise does not meet your usual high journalistic standards. It is a classic example of the use of innuendo and abstracts rather than fair reporting. Scorn directed toward the Muenster Water District and the lake project is ill-concealed.

People of integrity have worked long and hard to bring the project this far. To use a phrase - it is a done deal. It has been through the state legislative process, ratified by plebiscite, overcome many hurdles, and is now nearing the construction stage. Can we not now unify behind it looking forward to its benefits and what it will mean to those who come after us.

Sincerely,
David M. Bright

Dear Editor:
I read something the other day that really struck me as profound. It should come as no surprise to those of us who know the author that it came from Father Placidus Eckart and is contained in his book entitled *Listen*.

The message in the book's introduction caught my attention. Basically Fr. Placidus says that a good part of our knowledge comes from listening and that what we listen to has an important effect on who we become. He goes on to say that if we listen to good things, goodness will become part of our life. There is no arguing the message here.

In today's world it is a given that we will find very little good by listening to much of today's music lyrics or the abundance of trash on television shows. Have you ever flipped through the channels and come across an old TV show that was entertaining, tastefully done, and you know actually required some talent to write and produce. It doesn't take much



talent to do today's modern TV shows filled with sex, sexual innuendo, violence.

So where do we find good listening? Fr. Placidus says if we will listen to God day after day, God will become part of us. In the rest of the book's introduction, Fr. Placidus goes on to tell us how to listen to God. If you are interested in the book, we got our copy at the local Ben Franklin store.

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From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

According to an article in the *Gainesville Daily Register*, a group of folks calling themselves "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals" (PETA), are mounting a campaign to ban the age old sport, and or profession of fishing.

Their main reasoning is that fish can feel pain and suffering while being caught.

Well, they are probably correct in that belief, but fish have been a food source for as long as history has been written, and likely, long before.

If they really feel that humans are mistreating the fish, they would do well to see how bears, raccoons, and other animals, even many types of birds fill their bellies.

It certainly does look cruel to see bears catching fish with their claws and teeth, ripping them apart and devouring them while they are still alive. Even Jesus Christ, seeing some of his disciples lose heart while fishing in the Sea of Galilee, had pity on them and helped them take the largest catch of their lives.

There are many instances of cruelty to animals that are imposed on them by other animals.

Seeing a pride of lions bringing down a much larger animal that is strong enough to put up a fight, makes one believe that a well-placed shot would be almost painless, by comparison.

In the natural course of life, one animal, or fish, feeds on another. Some creatures turn vegetation into meat to feed other animals, as well as humans.

Our Creator, in His infinite wisdom, has set up a food chain that He intended man and beast to use, and even improve on, so that with a bit of thoughtful conservation, all can survive.



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Try The Impossible

By Edwin Feulner

A recent conversation with a group of voters — known in the parlance as a "focus group" — revealed that most Americans have just about given up on Washington ever balancing the budget.

Washington has done such a cynically good job of convincing people that the budget can't be balanced without padlocking the Washington Monument, forcing senior citizens into soup-kitchen lines, and cutting huge holes in the safety net for the poor that the whole idea has become a non-issue.

That's why members of Congress should make it their No. 1 issue. The only way to attack the cynicism that rots the body politic is by showing the American people that nothing is impossible if you really put your heart and mind to it. Heck, that's what we tell our kids every day, right? Is it all a big lie?

Newt Gingrich & Company can do the impossible if they really try — and nobody will be hurt. The last Congress — the 104th — eliminated more than 270 federal programs, agencies and offices, and nobody is dying in the streets as a result. Wall-to-wall protesters aren't manning the barricades. The world hasn't come to an end.

Indeed, the overwhelming majority of Americans, including Yours Truly, can't name more than one or two of the now defunct programs. That shows you how necessary they were and how much they're missed. Not at all.

Scott Hodge, who was named by a local business magazine as one of Washington's premier "pork busters," recently completed a top-to-bottom review of hundreds and hundreds of government programs. He found 160 separate job-training programs, run by 15 different federal agencies, at an annual cost to taxpayers of \$20 billion. Some of the "jobs" programs are so loosely run, according to government auditors, they have no idea how many "students" are enrolled or what percentage ever get jobs.

Hodge also found dozens of programs that are so out of date that they should have been retired years ago. The Rural Electrification Administration, for example, was created in 1935 to help bring electricity to rural America. Despite the fact that its job was completed many years ago, the REA still lives on, now with a new identity: the Rural Utilities Service. Retire the program and we save \$1.8 billion over the next five years. Then there's the Depression-era Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), previously known as the Soil Conservation Service. The 12,000-person agency operates out of 2,500 field offices around the country at an annual cost of some \$800 million. Its work is so vital that the government's audit agency, the General Accounting Office, could find no difference in soil erosion levels between areas served by the NRCS and those ignored by the NRCS.

Hodge also found programs that take money from you and me and hand it over to some of the world's largest and wealthiest corporations.

In short, Hodge found that balancing the budget would be anything but impossible if Washington would get serious and ask the right questions: Does this program work? Does this program duplicate other existing programs? Have the goals of this program been accomplished? Is this an appropriate function of the federal government?

In his 450-page book, "Balancing America's Budget," Hodge asks precisely such questions. He proposes getting rid of those programs that don't pass the test. In the process, he found, we will get the balanced budget Washington keeps promising while telling us it can't be done.

Note: Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based policy research institute.

Letter to the Editor

Since I provided access to the Muenster Water District's (MWD) lake area for the photographer, I feel responsible for setting the record straight on the by-line which accompanied last week's photo of cattle grazing on the pasture land. Instead of being objective, I believe the by-line editorialized.

While the by-line stated that "Former landowners were ordered... off", it's important to remember several things. First, MWD purchased the land being grazed and had no obligation to allow former landowners use of the land. Instead, knowing it could not use the land for several years; MWD allowed former landowners to graze cattle, and plant and harvest crops AT NO COST. Second, the by-line implies that the cut-off date of December 1, 1997 is arbitrary since actual construction of the lake won't begin until 2000. The reasons for this date were explained in the previous week's article: A Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) geological study and survey will begin in January 1998. This includes boring deep holes every 25'-50' along the dam area, as well as throughout the lake area. Since this will be a future lake, the holes will NOT be covered up and would endanger grazing cattle. In addition, digging and boring equipment will go wherever the NRCS team wants it to go—regardless of any planted crop. Thus, the December 1, 1997 cut-off date was set for a January 1998 digging date.

The by-line implies that Lake Muenster will "supposedly" supply municipal water. All current plans and the establishing legal authority for creating the Muenster Water District include building a surface water treatment plant and supplying municipal water. In fact, Kimberly-Horn Associates, Inc. is currently designing the inlet piping structure for this plant so that it is incorporated into the dam design structure. In addition, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission estimates that by 2030 the Trinity aquifer will no longer be useable for drinking water, primarily because more water is being consumed daily than is being replenished into the aquifer. Evidence of this problem is the lowering by 3 1/2 feet of water levels in the city's wells each year. It is only a matter of time before these wells will not provide sufficient water for the city's needs. The lake is the solution to not having to build wells to an aquifer which is not being replenished.

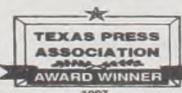
The by-line ends with "With urban growth and such facilities as the lake taking precedence over farm and ranch land, one wonders if cattle will go the way of the bison." This statement ignores the reality that city well water will be insufficient within the next 25 years. While regrettable that it comes down to this, I believe that supplying drinking water to people is more important and should take precedence over cattle. In addition, the statement ignores the fact that cattle are raised and protected by their owners, while there was no one protecting the bison. Thus, wiping out all cattle is pretty far-fetched. In fact, the July 1997 Texas Comptroller comparative facts shows that Texas is number one in the nation with 14 million cattle on farms.

My recommendation is that by-lines to photographs should be accurate and objective. Editorial comments should be limited to the Editorial page and Letters to the Editor.

Sincerely

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Lifestyle

Gehrig and Mendoza exchange vows in Houston June 7

by Elfreda Fette

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Carl Gehrig are at home in Fort Worth since returning from their wedding trip to Jamaica. They were married in Annunciation Catholic Church of Houston on June 7, 1997, in a Nuptial Mass with double ring vows at 2 p.m., officiated by Father Gregory Pilcher, O.S.B., a former teacher of the groom at Subiaco Academy. Annunciation Catholic Church is a beautiful Gothic Cathedral building which has a Texas Historical Site Marker, and is one of the first churches built in Houston.

The bride is the former Felicia Ann Mendoza, daughter of Mike and Gloria Mendoza of Houston. She is a 1990 graduate of Jersey Village High School in Houston and a December 1994 graduate of Texas A & M University and is a teacher in the Birdville Independent School District in North Richland Hills. She is the granddaughter of Zapopan Martinez and the late Felix Martinez and the late Michael and Feliciano Mendoza.

The groom is the son of Jim and Cindy Gehrig of Muenster. He is a 1989 graduate of Subiaco Academy and a 1993 graduate of Texas A & M University and is a Civil Engineer employed by Kimley Horn and Associates in Fort Worth. He is the grandson of Herman Stoffels and the late Alma Stoffels and Josephine and Arnold Schilling of Muenster and the late George Gehrig.

Presented at the altar by her father, Mike Mendoza, the bride was wearing a diamond white, matte satin wedding gown with bodice covered with Alencon lace, and long sheer sleeves heavily appliqued with matching lace. Throughout the dress the lace was embellished with seed pearls and sequins. An exquisite butterfly bow accented the back waistline and the scalloped cathedral length train. Down the middle of the train was a line of raised white satin roses.

A heavily beaded and sequined crown held her fingertip veil and three-tiered waist length veil. She wore a pearl necklace and earring set, gift from the groom.

She carried a bridal bouquet of Virginia roses, dendrobium orchids, gardenias, and a cascade of phalaenopsis orchids.

Attendants

Grace Villalovoz of Houston, bride's sister was matron of honor.

Sherri Winkler, Jennifer Mangum, Monique Mc Williams all of Houston, and Tammy Prewitt of Temple, Jennifer Eckert of Plano, friends of the bride, and Joanna Gehrig of Muenster, groom's sister were bridesmaids.

Karen Gehrig of Muenster, groom's sister and Mary Helen Bustamante of Houston, niece of the bride were junior bridesmaids.

All were identically dressed in long, purple crepe formal gowns with a criss-cross design on the back bodice accented with rhinestone buttons. Each wore matching pearl drop earrings with a purple rhinestone. They carried bouquets of hot pink, pale pink, and lavender roses, tulips, callas and pixie carnations.

The flower girl was Emily Stoffels, groom's cousin. Ring bearer was Adam Villalovoz, bride's nephew.

Mike Walter of Muenster was best man, Tim Bologna of Lafayette, Louisiana, and Chris Edmundson of Austin, friends of the groom, and Ryan Gehrig, Lucien Gehrig, and Michael Gehrig of Muenster, brothers of the groom, and Russell Simmons of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, groom's cousin, were groomsmen.

Altar servers were Daniel Bartush, and Debra Dangelmayr of Muenster, groom's cousins.

Wedding music, presented by Tom Martin, organist and Zony Alparaque included, "On Eagle's Wings," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "O Lord Most Holy," "Ave Maria," by Schubert; Clarke's "Trumpet Voluntary," and Beethoven's "Ode To Joy."

Readings of the special wedding liturgy, selected by the couple were from the Old and New Testament and were given by Michael Mendoza of Turkey, brother of the bride, and Amber Rodriguez of San Antonio, friend of the bride. Eucharistic Minister was Sister Mary Patricia Martinez of San Antonio, aunt of the bride. Presenting Offertory gifts were Mark Gehrig, groom's brother and Genevieve Bustamante, bride's niece.

Reception

A reception, catered buffet dinner and dance followed in the University Center on the



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Carl Gehrig ...nee Felicia Ann Mendoza ...

University of Houston campus, hosted by parents of the bride Gloria and Mike Mendoza for 350 guests.

A performance by Strolling Mariachis entertained. Guests danced to music by deejay.

Table centerpieces, on white tablecloths, decorated guest

tables, each with a mirror base with silk magnolias, and two wine glasses filled with nuts and mints for the guests to take home.

The four-tiered Amaretto wedding cake with a Bavarian creme filling, was decorated with fresh flowers on each

layer. The round German Chocolate groom's cake was decorated with a Texas A & M seal on top.

Serving the cake were Martha Alvarez and Julie Ngo and Jackie Benavides, friends of the bride.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gehrig at the Spaghetti Warehouse in downtown Houston.

Out-of-town guests attending the wedding from the Muenster area included: Joe and Pam Dangelmayr and family of Muenster; Rex and Donna Simmons and family of Denton; Chuck and June Bartush and family of Muenster; Craig and Connie Stoffels and family of Sanger; Ken and Connie Rheams and family of Grapevine; Sally Stoffels of Grapevine; Mark Stoffels of Shreveport, Louisiana; Joe and Diane Bedolla and family of Sherman; Chris and Jana Stoffels and family of Gainesville; Janel Stoffels of

Denton; Herman Stoffels of Muenster, Chad and Debbie Fleitman of Lindsay; Brian Hess of Gainesville; Pat and Alice Hennigan, Emily and Allison Klement, Tony and Marjorie Rohmer, and Adam and Renee Schniederjan, all of Muenster; Paul and Maxine Sandmann, Sandra Hess, Marcella Hess, and Ray and Rosalie Sandmann, all of Lindsay; Michael and Beverly Fuhrmann of Allen; Josh McCoy of Muenster, Duane Haverkamp of Muenster, Jennifer and Duncan Campbell and Jon Ambrose of Muenster; Kody Dill of Muenster; Josephine and Arnold Schilling of Muenster; Mike and Betty Kleiss of Katy (formerly of Muenster); Daryl and Magen Moody of Gainesville; Melissa Walter (wife of Michael Walter - groomsmen) of Muenster; Karen Simmons (wife of Russell Simmons - groomsmen) of Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Helmut Koesler of Muenster; and Gus Felderhoff of Muenster.

Canada is site of Fette, Poirier vows June 28

The wedding of Caroline Ulys Poirier, daughter of Claire and Jean-Pierre Poirier of Pointe Des Cascades, Quebec, Canada and Christopher Aaron Fette, son of Claudette and Daniel Fette of Denton took place on June 28, 1997, in a large gazebo at the base of Mont Royal in the heart of Montreal, Quebec.

Grandmother of the bride is Mamie Yvette Poirier of Montreal. The groom is also the grandson of Lt. Col. Ret. and Mrs. Eugene Voelkel of Bryan and Mrs. Elfreda Fette of Muenster and the late R.N. Fette.

The wedding followed the tradition and customs of the area. The bride wore a treasured antique ivory colored wedding dress from the 1920s, with seed pearls and ivory roses edged in pink sewn into its delicate lace overlay. A wreath of flowers held the bridal veil, and the bridal bouquet were both fashioned of fresh ivory roses edged in pink.

Guests included the bride's parents and the groom's parents; the bride's grandmother Poirier; the bride's aunt and uncle Joanne and Raymond Poirier and her sister, Isabelle Poirier. Friends in attendance came from many cities in Canada and the United States, as far away as British Columbia, California and Louisiana.

For the wedding ceremony, the bride and groom wore their own wedding vows, and exchanged them privately following the procession. Six witnesses, including the bride's grandmother, the groom's mother, the bride's father and three of the bride's friends, then each read one of the vows aloud to all gathered there. All signed the original copy of the wedding vows, promising to hold the bride and groom accountable to them.

A reception followed in the gazebo, with a celebration of

this public proclamation of their vows as follows: AARON & ULYS' WEDDING VOWS

We promise to respect one another and to consider each others needs as they are our own. To always be gentle and kind, practicing patience with one another always.

We promise to keep speaking our minds to one another and to always keep our conversation for the rest of our lives on this earth.

We will always care for each other no matter what sickness, injury or accident may fall in our paths.

We will continue to follow a path which will bring us both to happiness and fulfillment never forgetting one another's spiritual well being in our unending search for the beauty and flavour that life has to offer us.

To remember always that selfishness is the root of our dissent and to check our selves and each other rigorously for this defect as it is our greatest enemy.

And finally we swear to strive for serenity and acceptance, acceptance of each other that we might learn eventually through this small feat to accept the world around us for it is this allowance for defects and allowance for strengths that has carried us this far together and shall continue to carry us on into eternity.

Take Note

LIFE TEEN

On Wednesday, July 30 Life Teen will meet to learn some P & W (Praise & Worship) songs. Those attending will learn all kinds of different music in the praise and worship mode. The event will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church.

Angie Reiter celebrates

Angie Reiter was honored with a special birthday party at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Gladys and Mike Gordon, on Sunday, June 29. Her actual birthday was July 2. Pickup foods, drinks and birthday cake were served to friends and relatives, and gifts were presented to the honoree.

The table was decorated with balloons and flowers. The centerpiece was a small basket with tiny flowers and the number "90" which was used by her mother, Agnes Yosten, on her ninetieth birthday.

Those attending the celebration included her sons and daughters-in-law, Louis and Dorothy Wiesman of Odessa; Don and Shirley Wiesman of Fort Worth; brothers and sisters-in-law, Al and Dorothy Yosten and daughter Judy; Leonard (Spike) and Frances Yosten; LeRoy (Buddy) and Dorothy Mae Yosten and daughter, Karla, all of Muenster; Stan



Angie Reiter

and Bell Yosten and Paul Yosten of Fort Worth; and brother-in-law, Curtis Holland of Cleburne. Also attending were grandchildren, Tim and Kathy Terry, Katy and Wesley, Tye Terry and Melane, Traci and Devin Sparkman and baby Sylar.

Library News

by Kay Broyles

The Muenster Public Library has new books thanks to Jo Bedowitz who donated books from her mother's (Dorothea Pasqua) library to our collection. We were able to add 25 new titles to our shelves, including four mysteries by Elliott Roosevelt, four books by

Robert Fulghum, one by Billy Graham, three cookbooks, several romance novels and the biography of Katharine Hepburn.

We were also able to add some other titles to our "for sale" shelf. Be sure to come in to take advantage of this wonderful gift.

Forestburg Watermelon Festival set for Aug. 16

The seventeenth annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Homecoming will be August 16, 1997. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Forestburg school building. Trophies will be presented in seven categories: Riding Clubs, Individual Horse Riders, Floats, Decorated Motor Vehicles, Antique Automobile, Antique Farm Machinery, and Miscellaneous.

The theme for the 1997 parade is The Best of Rural

Life. Participants in the parade should be at the Forestburg School by 10 a.m. for alignment. Anyone may participate in the parade, however to be considered in the judging, entry forms must be returned to Charles Edwards, Rt. 1 Box 138, Forestburg, Texas 76239 by 8 p.m., Friday, August 15, 1997. Anyone desiring additional information may write to the above address or call 940-964-2289.



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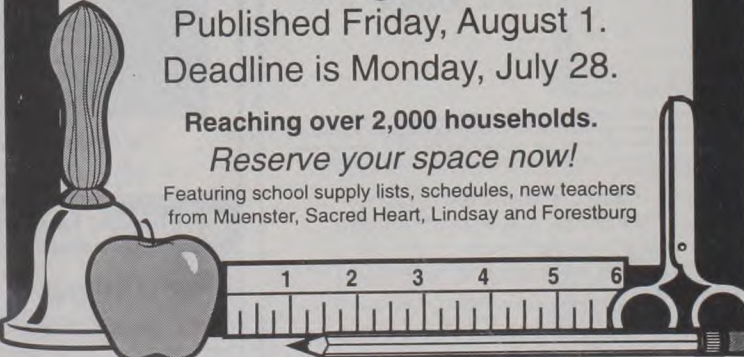

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June 28 ceremony unites couple in Gainesville

Connie Rose Black of Denton and Bobby Lee Woolf of Bowie were married at 7 p.m. June 28, 1997, in a double ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church of Gainesville with Brother Jamie Reed of Bowie officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Bill and Rose Black of Myra. She is also the granddaughter of Dorothy and the late David Black of Myra, and the late James and Angeline Eckart of Muenster.

The groom is the son of Jimmy and Beverly Woolf of Bowie. He is also the grandson of Louise and Curtis Woolf and the late Robert and Joan Hoover. He is the great-grandson of Dessie Vanbeber.

The bride wore a white formal wedding gown with floral appliques outlined with pearls shaping the off-the-shoulder sweetheart neckline and Basque waist. Glittering appliques highlighted the fitted bodice. Beaded lace was gently placed throughout the full ball skirt. The detachable train was decorated with appliques and a rich hemline lace.

Maid of honor was Jennifer Black of Myra, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Donna Black of Myra, sister of the bride and Joy Black of Irving, sister-in-law of the bride.

The flower girl was Kelcie Brown, niece of the groom, and daughter of Robert and Tammie Brown of Bowie.

Best man was Byron Tate of Bowie, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Robert Brown, brother-in-law of the groom and Gary Vieth, friend of the groom, both of Bowie.

Ring bearer was Dustin Black, cousin of the bride, son of Wendell and DeeAnn Black of Myra.

Danny Black of Irving and Paul Black of Denton, both brothers of the bride, were ushers. Craig Boggs of Myra, cousin of the bride, and Jeremy Johnson of Era, friend of the bride's family, were candlelighters.

Wedding music was presented by pianist and vocalist Wilbur Matthews of Dallas, uncle of the bride, and vocalist Wendell Black of Myra, uncle of the bride, and vocalist Faye Skeans of Houma, Louisiana, aunt of the bride.

Music included a beautiful selection of love songs and wedding marches. Songs included "I Can't Help Falling In Love" by Elvis Presley, "Carried Away" by George Strait, and "We Ask God's Blessing" by Faye Skeans.

Clarissa Hess, friend of the bride, and Michele Yosten, cousin of the bride, both of Muenster, presided at the guest book.

The reception was held at the Gainesville VFW where friends and family joined together to celebrate the event. A buffet of assorted sausages, cheeses, fruits and vegetables was available for the 250 guests.

A five-layer white wedding cake and a horseshoe-shaped chocolate groom's cake decorated with chocolate-dipped strawberries were both made by Betty Rose Walterscheid.

Food and cake servers were James and Kim Huckaby and family of Myra, Mark and Terry Krebs of Lindsay, DeeAnn Black of Myra, and Jan Black of Flower Mound, all family of the bride, and Amy Hellinger, friend of the bride's family. German sausage was smoked by Glen Block of Lindsay, co-worker of the couple.

The *Entertainer* provided music for dancing and entertainment for the reception.

A rehearsal dinner hosted by the groom's parents was held on Friday night, June 27, at The Center in Muenster for approximately thirty guests.

The couple spent a week's honeymoon in Negril, Jamaica and now reside in their home in Denton.



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee Woolf
...nee Connie Rose Black...

Local trio attends Cancer Society Leadership Summit

According to a recent study, over 48% of Americans volunteer for community causes. On Saturday, July 19 in Austin, the American Cancer Society hosted more than 60 volunteer leaders from throughout Texas during its third annual Leadership Summit.

Mary Endres, Cheryl Pollard and Christine Weinzapfel from Muenster attended the summit meeting and participated in discussions concerning how best to involve new volunteers in the American Cancer Society's efforts to offer more local programs and services that benefit communities.

"People volunteer for different reasons," stated Gaylene Freeman, Chairman of the Board of the American Cancer Society, Texas Division. "For some it is the desire to

help others. It's also a compassion toward people in need, wanting to do something for a cause that is important, and enjoying the volunteer work."

The American Cancer Society brings together its volunteer leaders like Mary, Cheryl and Christine on an annual basis to get their advice and to coordinate volunteer involvement activities for communities across the state. The American Cancer Society is a community-based organization fighting cancer through the efforts of thousands of dedicated volunteers.

If you have cancer, we can help. If not, you can help. To get involved with your local American Cancer Society group, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or 940-759-4546.

Volunteer training begins for CC Home Hospice

"As I shared myself with others, I found that I got so much more in return," says Karen Geer of the time she has given patients and families since she completed the Life Awareness/Death Awareness Seminar, volunteer training for Home Hospice, in the Fall of 1996.

Karen is one of the trained volunteers who help the terminally ill patients and their families with tasks much like a family friend would. These very special people might do such things as run errands, read to the patient, sit with the patient while the family is out, cook a favorite meal, visit the children, or a myriad of other tasks which can make the final phase of life easier.

This training seminar begins August 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 122 S. Union in Whitesboro. There are a total of seven sessions - August 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 and September 2 - presented by Home Hospice staff, volunteers and speakers from the community. Many topics such as the hospice philosophy, spiritual issues of the final stage of life, HIV/AIDS awareness, the progression of various terminal illnesses, emotional and psychological issues which patients and families face, support for the bereaved, active listening, and volunteer experiences are included to help provide understanding of this final step in the journey of life and to help each individual better understand his/her own feelings about living and dying. Bree Bond, a Sherman High

School Health Occupations student who completed the seminar when it was offered at the high school in the spring said, "There is only one word that can describe what I have received from the Hospice training: invaluable. From the stages of dying to the tour of the funeral home, I have gained a vast amount of understanding from everything I have heard and seen."

This training seminar is also necessary to become a part of the Home Hospice Bereavement team. The volunteers, along with the staff and patient/family care volunteers, help Home Hospice remain in contact with the family for a minimum of three months following the death of their loved one. During the training, the stages of grief and common experiences surviving family members explored. Many people feel abandoned within a few days or weeks of the funeral. Bereavement volunteers help Home Hospice ensure that they don't happen.

Jean Stephens said of her experience, "I became bereavement team volunteer hopes I could pass on to the support one very special lady gave me after the death of my husband. In return I have been blessed by their up-beat attitudes and hearing about their loved ones."

Anyone interested in attending this Life Awareness/Death Awareness Seminar should contact Kelly Lamkin, L.S.W. Social Worker/Volunteer Coordinator for Home Hospice of Cook County at 940-665-9891 for more information or to sign up.

Jones Farm living history

Most of the original Jones Farm land was flooded during the creation of Ray Roberts Lake and is now under water, but the historic homestead, barn and other buildings are being maintained and studied for potential future renovation. The farm is inside a popular lakeside state park that opened in December 1996. Jackson and Ruth Jones originally settled the site in the late

1850's from Missouri and began farming cotton. Jones family members descended from the original settlers now live in the area and could be contacted for interviews. The Friends of Jones Farm Society leads visitor group tours of the farm on an appointment basis. For more information contact the park staff at (817) 637-2294 or Nadine Pitzinger, Friends of Jones Farm, at (817) 637-2361.

Health Notes

Listen for signs of lung cancer

If you have quit smoking, lung cancer is less likely to threaten your future. Nonsmokers should also know the signs of lung cancer. There are several warning signs of lung cancer.

The most common indications of a potential problem are a persistent cough, blood-streaked sputum, hoarseness, unexplained weight loss, night sweats, decreased appetite and shortness of breath, which may be accompanied by wheezing or other harsh breath sounds. If you have any of these symptoms, and they have persisted for more than a few weeks you should consult a physician.

New Arrivals

Zimmerer

Sammy H. and Diane E. Zimmerer of Keller are announcing with pride and joy the birth of their third daughter, Madalyn Rose Zimmerer in Harris Methodist Hospital of Fort Worth on July 9, 1997, weighing 8 lb. 8 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. Madalyn Rose joins two sisters Erin Elizabeth, age 8 and Hannah Kathryn, age 3. Their grandparents are Angela Rose and Frank A. Haverkamp and Mrs. Dorothy Zimmerer all of Lindsay.

Bradley

Richard and Shelley Bradley of Gainesville are parents of their first child, a daughter, Mackenzie Kate Bradley, born

in Muenster Memorial Hospital on July 14, 1997 at 1:13 p.m. weighing 5 lb. 12 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches long.

Creed

Angela and Chris Creed of Gainesville announce with great joy the birth of their daughter, Chelsie Beatrice Creed in Muenster Memorial Hospital on July 16, 1997 at 4:26 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 7.0 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Chelsie joins a brother, James Robert Creed, age 7 years, and a sister Felicia Rayann Creed, age 7 years. Their grandparents are Robert and Rita Creed of Forestburg and Ronnie and Cheryl York of Sivells Bend.

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MADD extends services to Cooke County

The Director of Victim Services for the North Texas Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Teri Massengale, announced recently that the chapter has received a grant from the Governor's Office to provide services to drunk driving victims in Cooke County. The VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) grant was awarded to the chapter in an effort to help reach victims of DWI in all parts of Texas. "MADD is committed to providing services to victims of drunk driving in every county of the state. This grant allows our chapter to provide service to victims in Cooke, Montague, Jack, Wichita, Denton, Young, Archer, Clay and Wise counties.

realizing that when they are hit by a drunk driver, they are victims of a violent crime, not just a traffic accident," Massengale said. In 1995 three persons were killed and 28 were injured in DWI related traffic crashes in Cooke County according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"We plan to offer more than victim services," said Sandra Lewis, president of the chapter, which is based in Denton. The chapter will recruit volunteers in these counties to help with our public policy and public awareness campaigns which are meant to prevent these crashes from happening in the first place. Our mission is to stop drunk driving and to

support victims of this violent crime."

One way MADD tries to stop the tragedies caused by drinking drivers is to conduct public education campaigns to remind persons not to drive if they have been drinking. During the Christmas holiday season the Chapter provides red ribbons for motorists to tie to a visible spot on their vehicle as a pledge not to drive if they have been drinking and to remind others to do the same. Volunteers are needed to help distribute these ribbons and counter top boxes to businesses, schools and organizations in the county.

To volunteer or to get more information about services offered by MADD, North Texas, call 940-387-8814.



crewman with a piece of equipment works to complete the film, Armageddon.



A group of extras (who had sought refuge in the building, according to the story), are clustered outside and viewing the sunset in a world still in existence, to their great relief. Courtesy Photos

Film crew puts Hood in the movies

A film crew from Touchstone Pictures explored rural areas in several places surrounding Muenster recently. They were seeking a building of Early American design, in a rural, wide open space, indicative of a church membership, to picture a forthcoming film.

And they found exactly what they were looking for in Hood Community Center building of Hood, Texas, formerly used as Methodist Church as long ago as 1892. Now restored, the building is used for meetings, dinners, town gatherings, etc. The film company brought extras, crew and equipment to Hood on July 16, 1997.

The storyline of the movie is as follows: ARMAGEDDON - A newly discovered asteroid the

size of Texas is headed toward Earth. Its impact would mean the end of mankind. NASA, after a mad scramble, formulates a plan and calls on the world's foremost oil driller, Harry Stamper (played by Bruce Willis) and his Dirty Dozen drilling crew to help. Their goal: train the oil drillers and fly two teams to the asteroid with nuclear weapons, drill into the surface, and plant the nukes. With the help of topflight NASA personnel and the finest Military pilots, Harry and his Roughneck crew, on a very heroic journey, face the most physically and emotionally trying conditions they've ever encountered to save the world and avoid --

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Summer 1998, ARMAGEDDON promises to be the largest, most dynamic live action motion picture released in the history of The Walt Disney Company.

Party honors Kristin on 5th birthday

June 26 was a special day for Kristin Rose LeBrasseur. She celebrated her fifth birthday with a party hosted by her parents, Jon and Monica LeBrasseur. A barbecue dinner was served.

Christy Bezner, a special cousin, decorated a Barbie doll cake for Kristin's birthday. As everyone sang "Happy Birthday" Kristin made the

traditional birthday wish and blew out her five candles. Cake and ice cream were served.

Guests included great-grandmother Margaret Hartman; grandparents Alvin and Joanie Hartman; godparents Anne and Neil Hesse and Matt and Kaitlyn; aunts uncles and cousins John and Pat Yosten, Christy and Dan Bezner, Sharlene Hartman and cousins Shannon, Dainah, and Courtney; and friends Michelle Henscheid and Garrett Walterscheid.

Birthday greetings came to Kristin in a telephone call from grandparents Fern and Dick LeBrasseur and Aunt Karen and Uncle Dickie LeBrasseur.



Kristin LeBrasseur

appropriation and a donation of pipe by Grewing Brothers Well Service. Mrs. D.O. Robinson, 88, formerly of Bulcher, dies. New Arrivals: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boruff; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mason.

10 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1987

Richard Grewing is named 1987 Outstanding Citizen of Muenster by Muenster Jaycees at 25th anniversary banquet of the service organization. Joe Pagel is winner of prestigious MHS Hornet Hustler Award at annual Recognition and Awards Banquet. Stephen Becker and Sharon Henscheid are named Mr. and Miss Sacred Heart at SHHS Awards Banquet. Obituary: Hugo Lutkenhaus dies at age 78. Wedding: Joan Schad and Larry Wyrick are married in St. Peter's Church. New Arrivals: Jason Charles Pagel to Rhonda and Carl Pagel; Cody Allen Condra to Roger and Candy Condra. Bert Miller receives Juris Doctor Degree at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio; James Bright graduates at Virginia Military Institute with Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and commission in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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Muenster High Cheerleaders bring home NCA awards

by Joni Sturm

The Muenster Varsity Cheerleading Squad returned recently from the National Cheerleaders Association Camp held at The University of North Texas in Denton, July 9-12.

The squad brought home 3 blue superior ribbons and one red excellent ribbon for each daily evaluation on cheers and chants. Evaluations were based on formations, sharpness, placement, timing, voice, expression and crowd interaction.

The squad also brought home the following awards earned in competition with approximately 30 squads from all high school classifications:

Champion Chant Trophy - Teams compete on the last day of camp with a chant they have learned during the week. Technical skills as well as the ability to lead the crowd are judged to select the winning squad.

Stunt Smart Award - Several squads were awarded this certificate for displaying excellent skills in spotting and stunt technique and commitment to team safety.

NCA Spirit Stick - This is given out each day to recognize squads for outstanding spirit and positive attitude. This award was won 3 days including the final day. Winning the stick on the final day is especially important in order to bring it home for the trophy case.

Individuals were also recognized throughout the week. NCA Camp Instructors were on the watch for those that excelled in tumbling, jumps, cheer techniques, stunting or leadership. The following were nominated: Kim Sturm, jumps; Kristin Grewing and Jackie Henscheid, tumbling; Stephanie Huchton and Kelly Felderhoff, leadership.

Hornet Mascot, Leigh Ann Reiter, also had a successful week attending camp. She won all blue superior ribbons for

her performance evaluations, the NCA Spirit Stick twice, bringing it home on the last day, Most Valuable Mascot Award and NCA All American Mascot Nominee and Award Winner.

The Muenster Varsity Cheerleading Squad is eager to share the new cheers, chants and dances they learned at their 15th Annual Mini Camp held at Muenster City Park July 28-August 1. This is an excellent opportunity for area youngsters to brush up on their cheerleading skills and learn the new cheers for the season. Spirit Sticks will be awarded each day, as well as other awards at the end of the week. Drinks and snacks are also provided.

Forms may be picked up at Tops and Teams or Ben Franklin's, or call Joni Sturm at 759-2724.

Muenster Telephone hosts summer party

Muenster Telephone Company's summer party was held Friday evening July 18 at the Muenster City Park. The party began at 6 p.m. and the picnic lunch was served at 6:30 p.m. The meal consisted of sausage, hamburgers, and hot dogs and all of the trimmings.

After the meal there were swimming, volleyball, and a horseshoe tournament. The winners of the trophies for horseshoes in the men's division were George Spaeth, Jesse Walterscheid, and Steve Henscheid. In the Ladies division was Robin Englebright, Tammy Trubenbach, and Bernice Bartel.

After swimming the children enjoyed a Piñata and sculptured balloons. Each child also received a goody bag to take home. The party was attended by 120 people.



1997-98 Muenster Hornet Cheerleaders

Felderhoff is Subiaco grad

James Felderhoff, son of August and Loretta Felderhoff of Muenster received his high school diploma in the 110th commencement exercises held at Subiaco Academy, Arkansas, on May 17. During the ceremonies, he received an award in Physics. He was an active member of National Honor Society, the student newspaper and yearbook staff, Lector and Server Society, and named Presidential Scholar. He also received a journalism award, and was a counselor at Camp Subiaco, a summer camp for young boys.

James' main sports interest was soccer and he played on the Subiaco team for three years. He played freshman football and basketball and was active in the hunting and farm clubs. He received his elementary education at Sacred Heart School in Muenster and plans to attend Texas A & M at Kingsville to major in environmental science or fish and wildlife management.



James Felderhoff

Muenster ISD Registration
Wednesday, Aug. 6
 9 A.M.-Noon - High School
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Thursday, Aug. 7, 7 P.M.
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Mountain Springs presents summer musical till Aug. 2

Television theme song favorites past and present will leave audiences humming and recalling memories of some great shows during the 14th Annual Mountain Springs Summer Musical production "TV or Not TV."

Performances are set for July 25, 26, and Aug. 1, 2, at the Mountain Springs Community Center's outdoor stage. The 8:30 p.m. performances each Friday and Saturday will display a wealth of local talent, with some 40 performers taking the stage to entertain audiences with a variety of song and dance numbers, ranging from hilarious to serious.

Mountain Springs is located along Farm-to-Market 922 about eight miles east of

Interstate 35 in northeastern Cooke County. Those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs to enjoy the performance under the stars. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12 with those under six admitted free of charge.

This year's show is a combination of famous numbers that have earmarked the television industry with a few non-television tunes as well. Audiences will be treated to song and dance routine from a variety of television, theme numbers ranging from "Gilligan's Island" to "Happy Trails To You" to newer theme songs such as the theme from NYPD Blue.

For more information about the Mountain Springs musical call 637-2361.

Harris participating in summer AISE program in Australia

Holly Harris, sixteen-year-old daughter of Rebecca Harris, of Saint Jo is participating in the summer American Intercultural Student Exchange program for four weeks in Australia. American AISE Exchange students must be 15 to 18 years of age to participate in the program. Holly is living with a host family for four weeks in Sydney, Australia. Twelve students from the United

States are participating in the summer program in Australia. Holly is the only student from Texas participating. While in Australia the students will be touring the country. Seeing new sights and participating in new experiences while living with a host family offers benefits which cannot be acquired within a classroom. They can only be learned when you enter the classroom of the world.

Baptism

Pagel

Collin Anthony Pagel, son of Renate and Jacob Pagel, was baptized on Sunday, July 13, 1997 after 8:00 a.m. Mass by Fr. David Bellinghausen in Sacred Heart Church.

Collin's godparents were Uncle Troy Pagel, and a family friend Jill Reiter.

He wore a candlelight christening gown and bonnet of silk charmeuse designed and made by his grandmother Tommie Sue Hess. The gown featured heirloom and Venice lace, and was accented with pearls. The buttons were from his mother's baby dress. Collin's white garment, also worn by his sister Miranda at her baptism, was made with an antique cross-shaped handkerchief passed down from the Hamilton family. Collin wore a gold baby ring and bracelet that was a gift from his parents, a gold cross

and chain a gift from his grandparents, and a silver guardian angel pin, a gift from his great-grandmother Leon Hamilton. Collin also carried rosary a gift from his grandparents.

After the ceremony guests were treated to breakfast at The Center. Collin's bible shaped cake was baked and decorated by his grandmother.

Guests included his parent siblings Kelsey, Derek, a Miranda; his grandparents Pat and Tommie Sue Hess; his great-grandmother Leon Hamilton; Fr. David Bellinghausen; aunts, uncles, and cousins Rodney and Cind Hess; Stuart Hess; Dwayne Denise, and Nicole Page; Glenda Russell; Sharlene, Bol Shannon, and Daina Hartman; Troy and Lisa Page; Lisa and Garrett Miller; and friends Jill Reiter and Dustin Wimmer.

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Sports

Cooke County Tornadoes are All-Stars

The Cooke County Tornadoes are the all-star team from the American league of the Cooke County Pony Baseball Association. Team members include Paul Bartush, Russell Endres, Derek Felderhoff, Sean Fuhrmann, and Justin Wolf from Muenster; Phillip Culbertson and Jake Wimmer from Gainesville; Russell Tullock, Cory Green, Chance Huddleston and Scott Johnson from Era; and Trinity Otto from Lindsay.

The Tornadoes competed in a tournament in Ardmore, Oklahoma, on June 9, and finished the tournament with a 2 and 2 record. Next, the team traveled to Southlake where they finished a very strong round-robin tournament with a record of 1 and 3. Two weeks go, they won the Pony Mustang District tournament in Denton with a record of 3-0. In the first game, they beat Decatur 8 to 3. In the second game, the Tornadoes prevailed over a team from Fort Worth 3-3. Finally, in the

championship game, the Tornadoes again beat the Fort Worth team 12-4, which had come back through the loser's bracket.

By winning the district tournament, the Tornadoes qualified for a Sectional tournament of the Pony baseball playoffs which was also held in Denton. In addition to the Tornadoes, the tournament field consisted of two teams from Denton, and also teams from Whitesboro and Keller. In the first game, the Tornadoes managed a 19-9 win over Whitesboro. They lost the next game to the best team from Denton 13-3. Finally, the Tornadoes were beaten 13-9 by Keller, which eliminated them from the post-season playoffs. The Keller team came back through the loser's bracket to defeat the Denton team for the championship.

The Muenster players on the all-star team had combined regular season and post season record of 27 wins and only 7 losses.



Cooke County Tornadoes

Sacred Heart's Bartush selects Marquette Univ.

Marquette University was the choice of Sacred Heart distance runner John Bartush. Bartush selected the Wisconsin school over Oklahoma State and North Texas.

Marquette is a member of the USA Conference and is a NCAA Division I program. "Marquette has an outstanding middle distance track program along with a great academic record," said Bartush. "Being a small private Catholic school made the decision easy."

Bartush is expected to compete in the 1500 and 3000 meter races for coach Dave Uhrich. Marquette, having a 400m indoor track, will also be

counting on Bartush for the indoor season.

Bartush leaves Sacred Heart as the school record holder in the 800, 1600, and 3200 races. "John has left his mark in North Texas track and is known throughout the state of Texas," said SH athletic director Jon LeBrasseur. "Now he will move on to continue his athletic career at Marquette. We are very proud of John and we know he will be an outstanding person for Marquette University."

John is the son of John and Lanie Bartush, and will pursue a degree in business administration.

Blue Jays win their division

The Muenster Blue Jays, sponsored by Fredrick Farms, won the 9-10 year-old division of Cooke County Boys Baseball in Gainesville. The Blue Jays won the American league division, comprised of seven teams, with a perfect record of 16-0.

Following the regular season, the top two teams from the American and National leagues met in a post-season tournament to determine an

overall league champion. The Blue Jays first beat the Valley View Rockies from the National league by a score of 10-4. They then won a thrilling game against the Era White Sox by the score of 9 to 3, for the championship.

The players and coaches would like to thank John Fredrick and Fredrick Farms for sponsoring the team this season.



The Blue Jays team members are, from left, first row - John Fredrick, Paul Bartush, Sean Fuhrmann, Andy Davis, Jordan Walterscheid; second row - Justin Wolf, David Walterscheid, Adam Dangelmayr, Russell Endres, Clint Miller and Derek Felderhoff. Not pictured is Coach Tim Felderhoff. Courtesy Photo

Golf fundraiser set Aug. 3

The Sacred Heart Alumni will host their annual fundraiser golf tournament on Sunday, August 3, at the Indian Oaks Country Club (Nocona Municipal). There will be a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. and arrival time is around 7:30 a.m. The tourney will feature a

4-person scramble limited to the first 25 teams. The cost will be \$40 per person which includes a mulligan, green fees, cart and beverages and food after the round. Additional mulligans may be purchased. There will be prizes given for longest drive (men and women) and closest-to-pin. There will be a mulligan raffle during the awards presentation. For more information contact Neil Hesse (940) 759-4821, Kevin Reeves (940) 759-4050



Jackson Bradford



Sam Bradford

Yosten grandchildren win in Austin swim competition

Sam and Jackson Bradford, who live in the Balcones Woods Subdivision in Austin, Texas, are members of the 1997 Blue Wave Swim Team. The Balcones Woods Blue Wave Team went undefeated throughout the season and took first place at the Austin Aquatics League Championship Meet on July 11, with a total of 491 points earned by the team. The Blue Wave Swim Team is coached by Jan Girard, Huddie Murray, and Josh Blake, and they have coached this team to league championships seven time in the last nine years.

This was Jackson's first year on the swim team. He swam back stroke and freestyle, and swam on the freestyle relay team for the 8 and under boys. Jackson was voted Most Improved by the coaches and also received an attendance award.

Sam set a new meet record for the 12 and Under Boys 50 freestyle at the Championships with a time of 27.59 seconds. Sam also took first place in the

50 Individual Medley, the A-team freestyle relay, placed second in the A-team Medley relay, and took third in the 50 breast stroke. Sam was second High Point 12 and Under Boy at the Championships with a total of 18 individual points. Sam was voted Most Valuable Player by the coaches. He was also voted the Leadership award and Best Attitude Award. This was Sam's fourth year on the swim team.

Sam and Jack's sister, Lauren, has been on the Blue Wave team for the last four years, but was unable to compete this year because of foot surgery. Despite this, Lauren cheered the team on throughout the season and helped with coaching during swim practices, and was presented a Spirit Award by the coaches for her support and efforts.

Sam, Lauren, and Jackson are the children of Stuart and Debbie Bradford of Austin, Texas, and the grandchildren of Spike and Frances Yosten of Muenster, Texas.

Is your child ready for sports?

Although it is common for parents to dream about their children becoming superstars, it's important not to push children into sports before they are ready for them. Organized sports can, however, help children build self confidence, sharpen physical and social skills, and use up energy while keeping them out of trouble.

When is the appropriate age to start children in sports? Most children are able to understand instruction, and are strong and coordinated enough by age six to play team sports. Soccer and T-ball are recommended for this age group along with individual sports such as tumbling, running and swimming.

Around age eight, children are ready for basketball, wrestling and field hockey. Complex motor and thinking skills develop by age ten, and this is the age to start children at contact sports such as football and ice hockey.

The size of the child, in addition to his/her age, should be considered before starting a child in a certain sport. Short or thin children might better choose non-collision sports like tennis, running and swimming instead of football and hockey. Have your child's health checked before starting in an athletic program. A yearly pediatric exam should

uncover muscle imbalances, medical problems or weaknesses that would make a child prone to injury.

Many parents worry about their child's safety while participating in sports. Talking to the coach can answer many questions. Make sure the coach:

- * Knows the sport and will be able to teach children how to play safely.

- * Takes recommended safety precautions.

- * Will make learning fun while maintaining control of the group.

- * Is trained in first aid and has a first aid kit available at all times.

- * Has a plan for getting needed medical care for injured children and can quickly locate the nearest phone and medical facilities.

- * Inspects all equipment regularly.

- * Believes a child's physical and mental welfare is more important than winning.

Organized sports activity provides children with many skills that they use during their whole life. By taking some time to investigate sports programs and checking the child's readiness for sports activity, the athletic experience can prove to be beneficial to both children and parents.



Kimberly Nix

Former local wins state

Kimberly Nix, 14-year-old daughter of Kim and Brenda Nix of Marietta, Oklahoma, and granddaughter of Cecilia Wimmer and the late Andy Wimmer of Muenster recently participated in the 16 and under A.S.A. Softball Tournament in McAlester, Oklahoma, July 11-13. This was the team's 5th trip to the state tournament in as many years. They had never placed higher than 5th until this year. The team which is named the "Elite" took home the state title with a clean sweep. The girls are now qualified to play in the 5 state regional tournament in Tulepe, Mississippi, on July 26-27. Kimberly plays pitcher and catcher for the team. Those going for the exciting trip are Cecilia Wimmer, Kimberly's parents, brother Patrick and sister Katie, Barbie and Dave Felderhoff, JoAnna, Megan, Shaina, and Andi.

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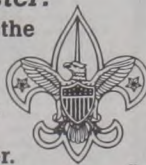
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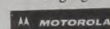
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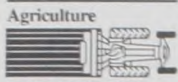
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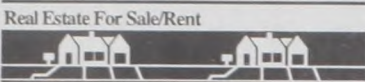
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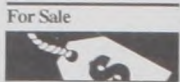
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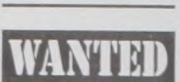
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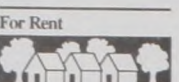
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The amended petition of Patricia Lee Avalos and Raul Gavilanes Avalos, Petitioners, was filed in the said Court of Cooke County, Texas, on the 18th day of July, 1997, numbered 97-400 and entitled "In the interest of Shavon Corene Baker, a child." The suit requests the Court to terminate the parent-child relationship between the unknown father and the child, and to grant adoption of the child by petitioners.
The date and place of birth of the child who is subject of the suit is 8/15/97, Gainesville, TX.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.
Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Gainesville, Texas, this 18th day of July, A.D., 1997.
Attest:
Pat Payne, Clerk, of the 235th District Court, Cooke County, Texas
/s/ Joy Huddleston, Deputy

Amended Petition in condemnation at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 18th day of August, A.D., 1997, before the Honorable the 235th District Court of Cooke County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Gainesville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition in condemnation was filed in said court on the 9th day of June, 1995, and the Plaintiff's First Supplemental Petition to his Second Amended Petition in condemnation was filed on the 1st day of July, 1997, in this case, numbered 93-204 on the docket of said court, and styled, Muenster Water District, Plaintiff, Vs. Albert Dangelmayr, et al, Defendants.
The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Muenster Water District is Plaintiff and Albert Dangelmayr, Joseph D. Dangelmayr, Elizabeth Dangelmayr, Paul E. Dangelmayr, Billy Joe Dangelmayr, Martea Thompson, Jimmie Harvey, Mary E. Felderhoff, Eunice Gwynne, Charles C. Felderhoff, Irene Hellman Frost, State of Texas, Mary A. Kessler and the unknown heirs of Dimple A. Frost are Defendants.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: To acquire by condemnation or otherwise, a fee simple estate, in the hereinafter described land(s) for the public purpose of constructing, within or without the boundaries of the district, a reservoir or reservoirs and all works, plants, transmission lines and other facilities necessary or useful for the purpose of diverting, impounding, storing, treating and transporting water to the City of Muenster and others for municipal, domestic, mining, oil flooding, or any other useful purpose, which land herein sought to be condemned consists of the tracts of land being described in exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, owned by the defendants such land being situated in Cooke County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition and First Supplemental Petition in condemnation on file in this suit.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due

return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Gainesville, Texas, this 2nd day of July, 1997.
Pat Payne, Clerk, District Court, Cooke County, Texas,
/s/ Joy Huddleston, Deputy, EXHIBIT "A"
Being an irregular shape tract of land that is situated in tracts No. 19 and No. 20 of the subdivision of the George Ivy Survey, Abstract No. 516, Cooke County, Texas as conveyed by Anthony J. Felderhoff et al to J. R. Dangelmayr et al by Warranty Deed dated June 14, 1980 and recorded in Volume 638, page 700 of the Deed Records said Cooke County. The tract herein being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at the Southeast corner of subdivision tract No. 20, which is common with the Southwest corner of the Gertrude Bayer 285 acre tract, said corner is in the center line of the county road;
Thence in a Westerly direction with the center line of the county road the following bearings and distances: S. 88° - 16' W., 645.2 ft. and S. 88° - 53' W., 143.1 ft.; to a point in the West line of the Proposed Muenster Lake;
Thence in a Northerly direction with the boundary line of the Proposed Muenster Lake the following bearings and distances: N. 22° - 31' W., 1161.1 ft.; N. 52° - 11' W., 1405.1 ft.; S. 62° - 03' W., 116.9 ft.; S. 61° - 25' W., 400.6 ft.; to a point in the East Boundary line, as fenced, of the Alois Schmitt 130 3/4 acre tract as described by field notes in a conveyance from H. J. Lukenhans et al dated August 22, 1957 and recorded in Volume 408, page 108 of the Deed Records of said Cooke County;
Thence following an old fence which is the division line between the Dangelmayr and Schmitt tracts, the following bearings and distances: N. 12° - 19' E., 211.5 ft.; N. 89° - 21' E., 273.2 ft.; to a point in the West line of said Gertrude Bayer 285 tract;
Thence S. 00° - 58' E., along an old fence which is the East line of subdivision tract No. 20 and the West boundary line of the Gertrude Bayer 285 acre tract, a distance of 1942.1 ft. to the place of beginning, containing 61.066 acres of land.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Muenster will hold a public hearing at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 1997, at the Muenster City Hall, 400 North Main Street, in regard to the proposed paving of Eddy Street from F.M. 373 to Hickory Street; South Hickory Street from a point 245 feet, more or less, north of Eddy Street, and South Walnut from a point 200 feet, more or less, south of U.S. Hwy 82 to Eddy Street, and in regard to curbing these streets - except Eddy Street - where no curb presently exists.
The purpose of the public hearing is to allow landowners of property abutting the improvements and opportunity to discuss and provide input on how much special benefits the improvement may put upon their land. The city encourages these landowners to participate in the discussion and to make the views known at this public meeting. Landowners unable to attend may submit the views and proposals to the City Administrator's office during regular office hours. Handicapped individual who wish to attend this meeting should contact Mickey Matson, City Secretary, at (940) 759-2236 to arrange for assistance.

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USDA Rural Development announces office closures

"Rural Development is in the middle of a restructuring and downsizing effort in a Department-wide reorganization aimed at efficiency and customer service," said Steve Carriker, Acting State Director for Rural Development. "Unfortunately, this means that some of our offices throughout the state will be closing."

Before the transfer of agricultural credit to the Farm Service Agency in 1995, the old Farmers Home Administration (since called Rural Economic and Community Development, and now simply Rural Development) had over 600 employees in Texas. As of June 8, 1997, Texas Rural Development has only 217 personnel to serve all 254 counties and our 4.5 million residents. These reductions in personnel are due to cut-backs in many areas of government.

In this area, the Gainesville Sub-Office recently closed. Customers in Cooke County will be served by the consolidated office in Bowie. Information regarding this office follows:

**USDA Rural Development
Bowie Local Office**
203 East Greenwood
Bowie, Texas 76230
telephone: 940-872-2295
facsimile: 940-872-2943

According to Carriker, Rural Development will hold regular office days in most USDA Service Centers where their sister agencies, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and/or the Farm Service Agency (FSA), are present but where Rural Development does not have a dedicated office. They will also schedule appointments at those local service centers for the convenience of their customers for whom travel to the nearest Rural Development office would present a hardship.

Lab finds 'Mad Cow' signs completely absent in Texas

No signs of "mad cow disease" have been found in Texas.

"All the work we have done indicates there have been no cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or 'mad cow disease,' in Texas," said Dr. Konrad Eugster, executive director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

As part of its work and at the request of ranchers and veterinarians, the laboratory handles autopsies on any Texas cattle whose cause of death is uncertain.

The laboratory has tracked information for the USDA on bovine brain specimens both examined and sent on for further analysis. Between the 1990-91 and 1994-95 fiscal years, the lab examined 2,354 brains, an average of 471 per year, and none had to be sent on to the USDA.

Those figures are consistent with both previous years and current figures, Eugster said. "That would be some 5,000 brains in the last 10 years, and I am certain that we have not found any lesions during that time," said Eugster, who has directed the laboratory since 1980 and has been employed there since 1970. "That should be a statistically significant sample."

BSE is one of a category of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, of which Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease is the human form. Researchers suspect cases of BSE in England may be related to a new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease identified in England, although the links have not been confirmed.

Recent news articles have reported incidences of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in East Texas. In response, the Texas Department of Health issued a statement in late June saying no evidence of BSE in cattle or the new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans has been found in the United States.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease is usually found in levels of approximately one case per million people in the United States, but the new variant has been found only in England and France.

Matter of Fact

by Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry

When is a hamburger good enough for Austin, Texas but not good enough for Austin, Minnesota? When the federal government is involved, of course. You see, the feds put up roadblocks when it comes to state-inspected meats being marketed to other states - even though in most cases the state inspections must meet, and in fact often times exceed, all USDA standards.

The same roadblocks aren't found when Canada or Mexico chooses to ship beef or chicken into the United States. If a country's inspection program is "equivalent to" federal standards, then foreign inspected meat is sent right on through to any state. Yet U.S. meat products that have won national and international awards for quality are restricted for sale within state boundaries.

If the federal government lifted the ban on interstate shipments, it's estimated that around \$450 million in gross sales would be generated and approximately 1,800 jobs would be created in Texas alone. And since many of these state-inspected plants are located in our rural communities, the new jobs and additional income would have a tremendous impact.

But for now, the beef barricades remain at the state line. And until the feds take them down, the steak that's good enough for Albany, Texas apparently has no place in Albany, New York.

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced its recommendations for new "national ambient air quality standards for particulate matter." In other words, standards for what they believe should or should not be in the air we're breathing. However, the whole proposal has me gasping for breath.

According to the EPA, 34 percent of all affected particulates are created by agricultural operations. How did they come up with that number - and in turn, proposed rules that would have a tremendous impact on the agricultural industry? They can't answer that. In hearings on the proposed rules, EPA testified that they didn't use agricultural engineers to compile their numbers.

So without proper research and sound science, it's no wonder we get proposed rules like these. For instance, one rule would prevent farmers from burning field residue and tree prunings. But they didn't take into account that such burning actually is an effective way to control certain pests and disease without the use of chemical pesticides. And - get this - another rule would actually limit the amount of manure livestock producers allow their animals to drop on the ground each day.

There are no bigger conservationists than the hardworking men and women in the agriculture industry.

Beef producers go "back to the basics"

In today's ultra-competitive business environment, even cattle producers find they must stay on top of the latest agricultural research, techniques, markets and industry developments. Providing that edge is the purpose for the annual Southern Plains Beef Symposium August 9 at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum in Ardmore.

The symposium is jointly sponsored by the Noble Foundation and the Carter County OSU Cooperative Extension Service.

Following a stock dog show demonstration by Gary Erickson with Hangin' Tree Stock Dogs, Atoka, at 8 a.m., and a trade show at 9 a.m., will be a series of seminars designed to provide the latest forage, cattle production and market information to regional cattle producers.

Early registration of \$15 is due by August 4. At-the-door registration is \$20. Registration includes a rib eye steak dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by entertainment from cowboy/country poet and humorist Charley Heath. For registration forms, call the Noble Foundation at (405) 223-5810, or the Carter County OSU Extension office at (405) 223-6570.

Seminar topics include fertilization of summer and winter forages, wheat pasture considerations, the beef cattle market outlook, and preview of a new Southern Plains Beef Symposium scholarship program. The seminar period of the symposium ends with a producer panel discussion, "Beef Cattle Production Today - What Implications does it have for Your Operation?"

Environmental quality incentive program set

EQUIP is the new conservation cost-share program that will replace all other cost share programs for our area. There will be no more annual type conservation programs. EQUIP offers 5 to 10 year contracts that provide incentive payments and cost-sharing for conservation practices needed. EQUIP works in priority area where there are serious and critical environmental conservation needs and concerns. High priority is given where agriculture improvement will help meet water quality and other environmental objectives. All EQUIP activities must be carried out according to a conservation plan developed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Eligibility is limited to persons who are engaged in livestock or agriculture production. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pasture, forest land, and other farm or ranch lands in identified priority areas. All land eligibility and ranking

requirements will be determined by the NRCS.

Due to the fact that the Cooke County Agency has not received any training on this program and will probably be training during the sign-up, interested persons are asked to please call the Agency at 940-665-4397 to schedule an appointment. Sign up will go through August 1, 1997.

Nominations sought for land steward awards

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking nominations for the 1997-98 Lone Star Land Steward Awards which recognize private landowners for excellence in wildlife habitat management. For nomination forms, contact TPWD at (512) 389-3495. Deadline for return of the forms is August 29, 1997.

Be sure to vote Aug. 9

Texas voters get the chance to approve a constitutional amendment to reduce their property taxes August 9.

The proposed amendment will increase school property tax residence homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000, allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65-and-

over tax freeze to another homestead, and allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons currently receiving the 65-and-over tax freeze.

Experts estimate the average homeowner will save about \$140 a year.

Local weather forecast

Mid-July through mid-August is predicted to be warmer than normal.

The hot sunny spell we have now, should continue through Monday with some clouds, and a few clouds likely Tuesday and Wednesday, with next Thursday expected to be hot and dry.

Generous amounts of showers should be seen next weekend and temperatures should be moderate.

Only light, widely scattered showers are likely August 4-7 with warm temperatures.

The period from August 8 to the 12th should be clear and dry.

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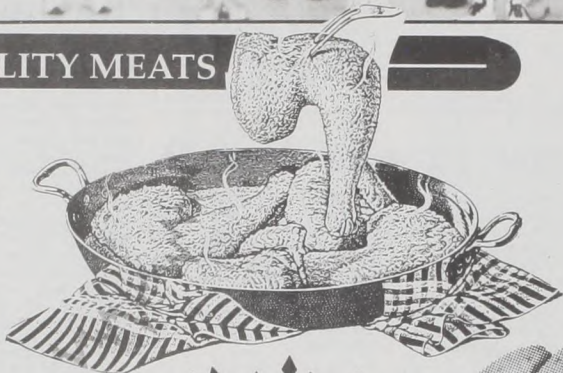


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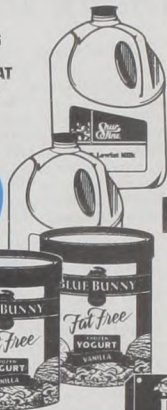
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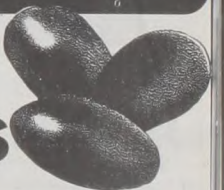
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