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## Muenster Hospital hopes to attain Level 4 trauma status

by Janet Felderhoff

On June 12 a Trauma Survey was conducted at Muenster Memorial Hospital. "We passed with flying colors," noted MMH Administrator Jack Endres. "We've been in the process for about the past year and a half, maybe two years, of installing and getting up to speed on a trauma program so that our hospital can be designated as a Level 4 trauma center by the Texas Department of Health. That's what that inspection was all about. We passed it with flying colors and as soon as we get the survey results back from the surveyor then we can send our survey down to Austin for consideration and designation."

He anticipates no problems with obtaining the designation. "It's a culmination of a lot of work on the part of Pat Wimmer," said Endres. "She did a great job. They were very, very complimentary. Muenster Memorial excelled compared to other hospitals they had surveyed, said the surveyors."

Word was received from the Center for Rural Health Initiatives that Yvonne Ambrose and Melissa Trubenbach had both been chosen as Outstanding Rural Scholars.

A physician interested in possibly moving his practice to Muenster visited the hospital and community on June 13 and 14. Reports from the recruiter are that his visit was favorable, but he will be visiting one other hospital before making a

decision. They were really impressed with the community and the schools, said Endres.

Endres reminded board members of the hospital's picnic which is scheduled for August 2 in the Muenster Park. Employees voted last year to have a picnic during the summer rather than the usual Christmas party. It is anticipated that this will become an annual event. Employee pins will be awarded at that time.

The hospital is currently seeking an alternate insurance plan, either a self insured or partially self insured plan.

Equipment which might be purchased in the near future include a surgery OB/C-section table. It will replace the current operating table which will be placed in the scope room for emergency C-sections. Also ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life

Support) training equipment is being considered. "We're looking into an interlocal agreement with Cooke County EMS and Gainesville Memorial Hospital to acquire equipment which would enable us to train our own employees to get their ACLS certifications or re-certifications instead of paying other hospitals or colleges courses," reported Endres. "We don't know what its going to cost yet. It may be as high as three or four thousand dollars each."

Plans continue to establish a Rural Health Clinic and the purchase of St. Richard's Villa continues to progress slowly, reported Endres.

Board members present for the regular June 18 meeting of the hospital's board of directors were Don Flusche, Jerry Hess, Dennis Hess, Duane Knabe, Phil Endres, and Margie Starke.

## Benefit Supper, Auction June 28 in Era

by Leann Spears

Era suffered a tragic loss last weekend when we lost two of our finest, most precious children. Our hope is that these boys will be remembered not for how they left us, but rather how they lived and all of the lives that they touched. While it is difficult to express feelings and emotions in print, we hope to convey what "lights" Scott and Cody were to everyone who came in contact with them.

Having an extremely close sibling bond between each other and with brother James and sister Meghan, the boys' brilliant light will be greatly

missed, yet carried forth through them. Scott's quick smile and magical laugh will always be remembered by classmates, friends and teachers. He was a good student at Era School, who won the Oral Reading Competition in UIL last year and this year also. His reading of "Raggedy Man" will stay in the hearts of all those blessed to hear it. He participated in 4-H, showed pigs, played football and was a member of the Era Science Club. His gifts, love and light are missed. We were so fortunate to have Scott for 12 years to know and love.

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## Sacred Heart captures TAPPS All-Around Championship

After Pantego Academy took the TAPPS All-Around Championship away from Sacred Heart last Spring, Sacred Heart School was on a mission to recapture the 1996-97 title. Last weekend at the TAPPS convention, the mission was accomplished as Sacred Heart regained the Class AA All-Around title. The All-Around Championship is awarded to the school who earns the most state honors in academics, music, art, and athletics.

For Sacred Heart this will be the school's fourth title in the past five years. "I have always hoped Sacred Heart could be the Stanford of high schools, excelling in both academics and athletics," said athletic director Jon LeBrasseur. "We seem to be headed in the right direction."

During the past school year the Tigers and Tigerettes finished second in the state academic meet and 3rd in the art competition. The Tigers and

Tigerettes captured the state title in cross-country and track. The Tigers finished as runner-up in swim while the Tigerettes brought home the championship trophy. The Tigerettes finished as the runner-up in basketball and in the third place slot in golf. "The success of the programs are a direct reflection upon the outstanding students and staff of Sacred Heart School," said LeBrasseur. "The Sacred Heart Family is to be commended again!"



Accepting awards at the TAPPS State Awards program last Saturday were John Bartush, Trisha Endres, Coach Jon LeBrasseur, Dobe Fleitman, and Russell Fette. Photo by Dave Fette

## Fleitman and Bartush named outstanding athletes

The Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools named Sacred Heart's Dobe Fleitman and John Bartush its top Class AA Female and Male Athletes of the Year. Fleitman and Bartush, recent graduates of Sacred Heart, were presented the honors at the TAPPS summer convention last weekend in Waco.

Fleitman's accomplishments include: a member of the state winning cross-country and track squads, the state finalist basketball team, and a member of the award winning cheerleader squad. "This is a great honor for Dobe," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Dobe is one of the most talented athletes to ever perform for the Tigerettes."

During Fleitman's senior year she was named All-American cheerleader, All-State in cross-country, All-State in basketball, All-Star in basketball, named to the National Christian Association All-Star team where she was selected the outstanding guard in the national all-star game. In track she set new school standards in the triple jump and the high jump.

Dobe is the daughter of Billie and Jerry Fleitman and she will continue her athletic talents at the university level next season.

John Bartush's accomplishments include: leading his Tiger cross-country squad to the state title, a member of the Tiger football

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## Endres and Fette named TAPPS Fine Arts students

Trisha Endres and Russell Fette received their State Honors at the TAPPS Convention Saturday, June 21, held at the Waco Convention Center. They were awarded a plaque each, designating they were Female and Male Class 2A Fine Arts Students of the Year; joining eight other Fine Arts students from across the state who received awards for their divisions. The students for these honors are selected by a State TAPPS Committee who review and vote on the honorees.

The awards were presented at a luncheon where the keynote speaker was the newly hired head football coach of Baylor University, Dave Roberts. Mr. Roberts addressed the honorees and shared with them the first meeting he held with the Baylor football team. His words were both inspirational and practical reminding the students that you must think and dream big; to not accept average or being average. He said that there is really little physical difference overall in most collegiate football teams. The winning edge, according to Mr. Roberts, is the difference in mental condition. Winning starts off the field. Perhaps one of his strongest points to the students was, "Act classy and you'll play classy!" He is a firm believer that people recognize class and that takes students and athletes a long way

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## David Wiese tours Washington

Cooke County Electric Cooperative Youth Tour winner David Wiese returned recently from his all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. Wiese won the trip last Spring by entering the Cooperative sponsored contest which was open to high school students who live in a residence served by Cooke County Electric Cooperative. Wiese is the seventh youth to be sponsored by CCEC. Following is a trip highlight written by Wiese.

by David Wiese

The greatest experience of my life began on Thursday, June 5, 1997. After telling my family 'bye, Kathy Bauer

brought me to the Holiday Inn at the DFW Airport where my many adventures awaited me. When I first arrived at the hotel, I was overwhelmed at the number of people that were there, 101. Texas and New Mexico joined together on this journey to D.C. After meeting my roommates, we had an orientation dinner where everybody introduced themselves. There, I met what would be my family for the next twelve days.

The dawning of a new day brought with it the excitement of starting the trip...and also the enforcement of the rule

that all boys carry the girls' luggage. The fact that girls always seem to pack all of their belongings didn't help the matter any! We had three charter buses for approximately 120 people. I got on the third bus which was, of course, the coolest bus. We had, looming ahead of us, three days on the bus before reaching D.C. It didn't sound like very much fun, but actually it was. It was a great opportunity to make new friends. I made some lifelong friends on the bus. We also watched movies on the bus, so there was always something to do. By the end of the first day, we had gone over the Mississippi River, through Memphis, and we finally wound up in Jackson, Tennessee, where we stayed for the night.

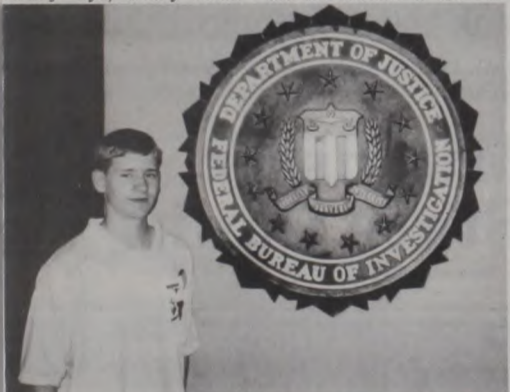
Day two in the bus was much like the first. Although we drove the whole day, we stayed in Tennessee! We spent the night in Bristol, Tennessee. In the hotel we stayed in, there was actually a line dividing Tennessee and Virginia, so we could be in both states at one time.

The third day in the bus brought with it some anticipation since this was the day we would enter D.C. We rolled into D.C. late in the afternoon and unpacked our bags at the Sheraton Hotel. We ventured to the Washington Monument that evening. The elevator ride to the top lasted over a minute. It was from the top of the Washington Monument that I got my first impression of our nation's capitol. And what a grand impression it was! The sights were awe-inspiring. This was one of the highlights of the trip for me.

Monday, June 9, was the first full day in Washington D.C. for us. We kicked it off by touring Mount Vernon, which was absolutely incredible. To walk in the same house that George Washington, our first president lived in, sends chills down your back.

After a quick tour of Mount Vernon, we headed to the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. It was an enormous building. One of the rooms was longer than the Washington Monument is tall! The Kennedy Center contains six

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David Wiese at the FBI headquarters in Washington, DC. Below, our nation's capitol. Courtesy photos



## Germanfest funding ideas presented at June Chamber of Commerce meeting

by Daryl Ferber  
Planning for '98 Germanfest and the future was the main topic of discussion at the June meeting of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce.

A debriefing meeting held May 20 brought many ideas which were well summarized by Kathryn Koch Hicks and Gary Fisher, to the general membership.

The Chamber lost \$27,018.84 after income and expenses were finalized. With this in mind, it is necessary to raise funds in order to continue. Hicks presented suggested options: business solicitations, an auction, something of interest to youth, a dance, billboard sub-leasing, a raffle of a nice child's playhouse and a start up sur-charge. She cited proposed changes for '98 Germanfest: a sponsor for food tent which costs approximately \$2800, and an increase in gate price from \$4 to \$5 (which the board has already approved).

Fisher took over to explain the whys and wherefores of a plan for the future which he emphasized needs to start now. "We must have a direction to

solve problems" he stated. He outlined the disadvantages of the temporary facility as it has been for years and still continues. The costs of the temporary facility - setting up and taking down, these could be channeled to a permanent arrangement. The present area is too crowded and has poor access for visitors and vendors. Musicians need dry and better stages for performing. It is not secure for night closings. Permanent facilities in the park take up space that can't be utilized at Germanfest. There is also costly repairs for the park after conditions such as in '97. It

takes approximately \$28,000 for these thing in one year only.

A permanent facility would have following advantages; lower risks of bad weather, set-up and take down time and labor would be greatly reduced, would have other use possibilities, and safer and more reliable grounds.

Cost of a permanent facility is being studied. A location is presently being considered. A long range planning committee of Gary Fisher, Kathryn Koch Hicks, Milton Knauf, Troy Sicking, Dr. Currier, and Stan Endres has been appointed to

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The official announcement from Bishop Joseph Delaney was made in all Sunday Masses in Sacred Heart Church that Father Thomas Craig of St. Catherine of Sienna Church of Carrollton will become pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Muenster on Aug. 22, 1997.

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study the permanent site proposition. Comments and thoughts from the general group were "this is a crisis for everyone", "Germanfest is a catalyst for the whole community." Consider Germanfest benefits everyone in the community - everyone must have a part in keeping it going. There will be many ways to lend a hand besides funds, for the average persons - there are many jobs that could use volunteers. Volunteers, in the past years, used to do a great job, then in recent years it seemed to require pay for the same jobs. At least until Germanfest gets back on its feet, expenses have to be cut drastically.

The Chamber board and members will be working hard to find solutions, any suggestions will be appreciated and the public will be kept informed. A membership drive will be coming up in December and all businesses are urged to join, to show their support. There are also memberships for individuals.

The following was also written by Daryl Ferber. It is an account of the Germanfest funding meeting held Tuesday night, June 24, in the telephone company meeting room.

To continue with the problems of funding '98 Germanfest, after the bad '97

year, representatives of Muenster organizations met June 24 to bring out ideas and commitments.

John Pollard, Chamber president, outlined the financial situation and what has been accomplished so far in the fund raising.

Chamber Board has decided to raise Germanfest gate fees to \$5 and ask booth vendors for rent 3 months in advance (not refundable). Monies are needed in next few months as contracts for entertainers and other needs have to be made early before brochures can be printed.

John has made a phone canvas plea for loans from businesses to start the needed funds and has promises of

approximately \$15,000. It takes \$45,000 to operate Chamber for one year. Membership dues raise only 10%. \$25,000 is needed for Germanfest start-up.

After discussion, possible ideas and commitments were made as follows: car wash - cheerleaders and Boy Scouts; a raffle and Cowboy book - Chamber; football super bowl - Alumni. A party in the Park with a dance would need several groups so representatives are to return to their groups for further suggestions and commitments. The Gainesville Optimist Club has offered their dunking booth. Suggestions, ideas and offers of help will be welcome from anyone.

## Farewell for Benedictine priests of Subiaco July 9

A farewell for the Benedictine priests of Subiaco will be Wednesday, July 9 with Mass at 7 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church followed by a reception in Sacred Heart Community Center. All parishioners of Sacred Heart are urged to attend to visit with former pastors and to express their

thanks for the 104 years of dedication of the Benedictines to Sacred Heart Parish. Abbott Jerome has indicated that any monetary expressions of gratitude will be applied to the Subiaco Health Center. Checks should be made payable to Subiaco Abbey and brought to the reception or sent to the church business office. Also, each family is asked to donate 3 dozen cookies for the reception following the Mass.

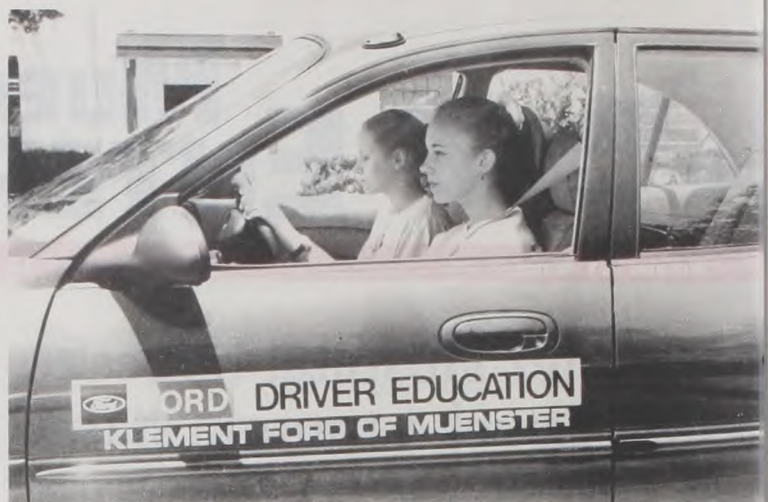
## ERA TRAGEDY

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How could anyone resist Cody, the tow-headed six-year-old with the engaging smile? He had an exuberance for life that was very contagious. Everyone exposed would quickly fall under his spell. He had an enthusiasm for learning that led him to become a voracious reader in kindergarten. He was a ball of energy that bounced quickly into so many people's hearts. There are not words to describe the loss that the boys' parents feel. One's mind cannot comprehend the emptiness left.

As a community, we want to ask that you remember the family, friends and loved ones in your prayers and thoughts. It not only was a loss to our small community but to the world.

In order to remember these boys forever, the Era Community is having a benefit supper and auction at the Era School Cafeteria Saturday, June 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. All proceeds will be used toward the purchase of headstones for the boys. For more information, contact Leann Spears, 668-8537.



Sacred Heart Driver's Education students Adrienne Bartel and Debra Voth get in some driving time this summer. The use of the Driver's Ed car was donated by Klement Ford of Muenster. Janie Hartman photo

## Freeman named Judge of the Year

Cooke County Justice of the Peace, Precinct One, Place One, Bill Freeman was selected as Judge Of The Year at the yearly conference of the Justices of the Peace and Constables' Association of Texas Inc. Each year a member judge of the association is selected as judge of the year. The criteria for a judge to be selected is based upon personal information, overall impressions, awards, civic and community service, service to the association and activities that have favorably enhanced

the position of justices of the peace in the state.

Judge Freeman has represented the association as President and has served on many commissions and committees not only for the association but for the State of Texas. Judge Freeman is a past president of the North Texas Justice of the Peace Association, past Vice-President and present member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Counties. He also serves on the Workers Comp. Trust Board for the

Texas Association of Counties. Judge Freeman has been instrumental in helping pass legislation which enhances not only the position of justice of the peace but the citizens of the state.

In his acceptance speech Judge Freeman thanked the association for the recognition and pledged his continued support for the association and his continued effort to make the justice court system one of the best for the citizens of Texas.

## Congratulations, John Bartush!!!

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Love, Dad

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Sunday, June 29	Monday, June 30	Tuesday, July 1	Wednesday, July 2	Thursday, July 3	Friday, July 4	Saturday, July 5
St. Peter's Homecoming Picnic, Dinner served 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Centennial Hall A&M Retreat for High School Students of Muenster, KC Hall	Cow/Calf Clinic, 6:30 p.m., Cooke Co. Fairgrounds Fischer's vs. Forestburg, 6:30 Mariners vs. Diamondbacks, 8:15	T-Ball: Yellow vs. Orange, 5:30 Teal vs. Red, 6:30 Blue vs. Green, 7:30  Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	C Life Teen Capture the Flag, 8:30-11 p.m. Tops & Teams vs. Jaycees, 6:30 Fina vs. M. Drilling, 8:15  Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	 INDEPENDENCE DAY	
Sunday, July 6	Monday, July 7	Tuesday, July 8	Wednesday, July 9	Thursday, July 10	Friday, July 11	Saturday, July 12
	City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Little League Playoffs	T-Ball: Teal vs. Blue, 5:30 Orange vs. Green, 6:30 Yellow vs. Red, 7:30  Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	C of C Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m., Center Restaurant Farewell Gathering for Benedictine Monks, 7 p.m. SH Church Little League Playoffs	Muenster Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Don't forget to plan your field trip to Muenster Museum! Little League Playoffs	
Red Cross Swim Lessons						
		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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# Mary Felderhoff dies June 15 at age 53

Mrs. Charles (Mary Cecelia) Felderhoff died in Hillcrest Hospital of Waco on Sunday, June 15, 1997 after a several-week struggle to recover from surgery.

She is survived by her husband, Charles of Waco; two sons Chad Felderhoff of Houston and Larry Felderhoff of Orlando, Florida; and one daughter Cecelia Felderhoff of College Station. Also three brothers and sisters-in-law Larry and Jo Dittlinger, Donnie and Jeanne Dittlinger, and Tom and Jackie Dittlinger. Also sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. A.J.) Felderhoff, Joanie and Alvin Hartman, Joe and Ruth Felderhoff, and Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents Lawrence and Theresa Dittlinger.

Mary Cecelia (Dittlinger) Felderhoff was a graduate of Mount Carmel High School and the University of Houston, and had previously worked for NASA and the V.A. in Houston.

A loving wife and devoted mother, she was an active member of St. Jerome Catholic Church in Waco where she led the Senior High Youth Group for two years; helped establish the Care Team; was a member of the Women's Society; served as a Eucharistic Minister; participated in Meals on Wheels and other volunteer activities.

A Rosary Service was held in Connally/Compton Funeral Chapel of Waco on Monday night June 16 at 7:00.

Mass of Christian Burial was offered in St. Jerome Catholic Church of Waco on Tuesday, June 17 at 11:00 a.m. with Father Bill Brooks as celebrant. Participating in the special funeral liturgy of the Mass with First and Second Readings were nieces Judy Woodall and Julie Dittlinger. Offertory petitions were read by a niece Laurie Walterscheid. A Meditation poem was read by Sr. Elizabeth. Sacred Music was presented by a sister-in-law Ruth Felderhoff, organist and a niece Christy Hesse.



Mary Cecelia Felderhoff

vocalist, including "On Eagles Wings," "The Lord Is My Shepherd," "Be Not Afraid," "Ave Maria," and "How Great Thou Art."

Graveside services were held in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston on Wednesday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m. Pallbearers were nephews Mike Dittlinger, Deon Dittlinger, John Dittlinger, Greg C. Walterscheid, Ronald Felderhoff, and Robert Hartman.

For those who have asked, memorials may be sent to St. Jerome Catholic Church in her name, or to one's church of choice.

Among local relatives attending the funeral were: Janie Cox; Joe and Ruth Felderhoff; Christy Hesse; Anne Hesse; Jenny, Emily and Alyssa White; Mauro Ganzon; Sylvan and Theresa Mae Walterscheid; Danny Walterscheid; Laurie Walterscheid; Amy Walterscheid; Greg and Julie Walterscheid; Joan and Alvin Hartman; Kenny and Rhonda Hartman; Monica and Jon LeBrousseau; Robert Hartman; Girlie Felderhoff; Ronald and Patti Felderhoff; Carol and Bob Zimmerer, Jessica and Kristen; Mary Fiala; Kathy Metzler; Steve and Donna Felderhoff, and Karri; Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr; Bill and Charlotte Dangelmayr; Joe Dangelmayr; Patsy Fleitman; Della Voth; and Louise Knauf.

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theaters. We saw the President's boxes in each of them, or where the President sits when he comes to watch a play.

That afternoon we took a tour of the FBI building. We saw the actual labs where various tests are performed on evidence in cases. We also attended a live firearms presentation.

We toured Ford's Theater that same afternoon. It was very spooky to think that this was the actual place where one of our greatest presidents was assassinated. It was almost like reliving history. After eating dinner at Union Station, we made our way back to the hotel where we could only anticipate the next day.

Tuesday, probably the most memorable day of my trip, finally arrived. This was the day that I would visit my congressman, Ralph Hall, and tour Capitol Hill. My visit with Mr. Hall wasn't until 4:00 p.m., so I had seven hours to tour Capitol Hill.

I visited the Supreme Court building first, which was very impressive. The massive pillars left you with the impression that this truly is the place where the law of the land is decided.

Next, I went to the Library of Congress which was, by far, one of the most beautiful buildings in D.C. The architecture and art inside were absolutely amazing. The building was so detailed and ornate...it was just so beautiful!

After eating lunch, Marlene Hess (one of the chaperones and past Cooke County REA Youth Tour winners) gave me a tour of the capitol. I was able to sit in on a session of the House and the Senate. I viewed the room in which the President gives the annual State of the Union Address. The room is so much smaller than it appears on television. The inside of the dome on the capitol was very pretty. Around the circular dome were engravings depicting the history of the United States.

After the quick tour, I met Congressman Ralph Hall, which was very interesting. Scott Nelsen, who won the trip from Denton County Electric Cooperative, also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Hall. We talked about our goals for the future, and Mr. Hall told us what steps needed to be taken to achieve our goals. Our visit was cut short because Mr. Hall had to vote. Although our visit was shortened, it was a memorable experience.

That evening, we visited my favorite memorial, the Iwo Jima Memorial. We saw the Sunset Parade, performed by the Marines. The Marine Band and the Silent Drill Team performed several routines. It was very impressive.

We began Wednesday by visiting the newest memorial, the FDR Memorial. Next, we visited the White House where we viewed several rooms on the first floor. I was surprised to find these rooms to be quite small.

After the White House tour, we took our first visit to the famous Smithsonian Institution. I spent some time in the American History Museum, but most of my time was spent browsing through the Air & Space Museum, which was my favorite



A single soldier at the Korean Memorial, Washington, DC. David Wiese photo

museum. There were planes and rockets everywhere I turned. It was unbelievable!

We visited Ford's Theater once more Wednesday evening to see the play, *Paper Moon*. The play was absolutely hilarious!

Thursday was Rural Youth Day. Since there were other states participating in the Youth Tour besides Texas and New Mexico, this was when we all congregated. We listened to some speakers and played a few games.

That afternoon we went to the Washington National Cathedral. This building was so big it was intimidating. It is thirty stories tall at the highest point. The stained glass inside was incredible. It seemed to be everywhere. The whole cathedral was very intricately designed.

That evening we got together

with the other states and had a dance. This was the part of the trip I enjoyed the most. I met some people from other states and had a lot of fun.

I awoke the next day with the sorrowful thought that it would be my last day in D.C. We began Friday by going to Arlington National Cemetery. We saw the changing of the guard and the Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was a very solemn ceremony.

At Arlington National Cemetery, we saw JFK's grave, Robert E. Lee's house, and the tombstone honoring the astronauts that died in the Challenger explosion.

We then rode the metro to the Smithsonian Institution. I visited the Natural History Museum, the Art Museum, and the Air & Space Museum again. I saw the Hope Diamond which was surprisingly small!

We capped off our tour of D.C. with a tour of the memorials at dusk. We went to the Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, and Jefferson Memorials. The Vietnam Memorial was very touching. The Washington National Cathedral offered a service honoring the men and women who died in the Vietnam war. It took three days and two nights to read the names of all the soldiers who gave their lives in this war. Out of the four memorials we toured that night, my favorite was the Korean Memorial. The phrase "Freedom is not Free" which is engraved at the Korean Memorial really touched me.

The trip back home was much like the trip coming up; lots of movies and lots of visiting. After spending the first night in Chattanooga, Tennessee, we started off the next day by going to Lookout Mountain for a Father's Day Devotional. After that, it was "On the Road Again" and before I knew it, we were back in Dallas.

One thing that this trip did for me was help me with my friend-making skills. When over 100 people come together, and nobody knows anyone else, you learn how to make friends. Each night during the trip, we had a sing-song where we congregated and sang songs. At the end of each sing-song, we had a prayer. At our last sing-song (which was the last time we were together as a group) there were many tears and hugs. Our family was to depart and go separate ways. I made many friends that I will never forget and hopefully will meet again someday.

After it was all said and done, I wish I could take this trip again. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that everybody should get a chance to experience. Learning about our nation's history where it all began was very interesting. It was very overwhelming to see all the memorials and monuments in person that you usually only see on TV or in books. Thanks to the Cooke County Electric Cooperative for the experience of a lifetime!

## Texas funds fire ant plan

Texas is the first state with a plan to manage red imported fire ants. Legislative approval of funding for a statewide fire ant management plan puts Texas in the forefront in the fight against the aggressive pests. Gov. George Bush is expected to sign the measure as part of the state budget.

The plan spends \$2.5 million annually on research, education, regulation, and community-wide controls. Research will concentrate on

chemical controls as well as biological controls such as parasites and diseases.

Fire ants do an estimated \$300 million dollars in damage annually in Texas. That figure includes medical expenses, equipment repair, livestock losses and pesticide purchases.

The red imported fire ant came into the United States in the 1930's. It spread to Texas in the 1950's and now covers two-thirds of the state. They infest a total of nine states.

## Endangered Species Act reform is endangered!

Washington policy makers rely on "real life" stories to help develop federal laws. Because the Endangered Species Act may be moderated during the 105th Congress, your help is needed to explain to policy makers what impact the ESA has had on your ranching operation.

Mendoza, TSCRA director of public affairs, at (817) 332-7064 or Fax (817) 332-5446 regarding your experiences with the ESA.

The ESA is generally viewed by the public as an effective tool with reasonable success. As a result, the ESA will continue to be a significant part of public policy.

Please contact Beverly

### NOTIFICATION

This is to announce that Russell Duncan, newly-appointed County Judge for Cooke County, will continue his private law practice at 103 East California Street, Gainesville, Texas during his tenure as appointed judge.

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# Lifestyle

## Green, McDaniel wed in Plano June 22

by Elfreda Fette

The wedding of Amy Elizabeth Green of Richardson and Quinton Bradley (Brad) McDaniel of Muenster was held on June 21, 1997, in a nuptial Mass officiated by Father John Stack, in St. Mark's Catholic Church of Plano, with double ring vows at 7:30 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Kathy Green of Richardson. She is a 1991 graduate of Plano Senior High School and a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University, and is employed as a teacher in St. Monica School of Plano.

The groom is the son of Robert and Judy McDaniel of Muenster. He is a 1991 graduate of Muenster High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed as the manager of Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen of Fort Worth.

Presented at the altar by her father, Don Green, the bride was wearing a formal white silk wedding gown by

Moonlight, designed with off-the-shoulder neckline, brief sleeves, and delicately beaded bodice. The skirt swept into a cathedral-length train trimmed in matching beads. The headpiece holding her tiered illusion veil matched details of the bead embroidery.

She carried a bridal cascade bouquet of champagne roses, white freesia and orchids. For sentiment and tradition she carried her grandmother's handkerchief as "something old."

### ATTENDANTS

Katy Green of Richardson, sister of the bride was maid of honor.

Katie Doyle of Richardson, Sara Mayes of Dallas, Carrie Heitzenrater of Lubbock, friends of the bride and Meredith Smith of Lubbock, sister of the groom were bridesmaids. They wore teal satin and crepe dresses, sleeveless, and designed A-line to floor length, and carried bouquets of light pink, dark pink, and cream roses.

Tony Perryman of Denton,

friend of the groom was his best man.

Groomsmen and ushers were Doug Hennigan of Muenster; Bradley Smith, groom's brother-in-law of Lubbock, and Scott Hudspeth of Muenster, and Jason Biffle of Muenster all friends of the groom.

Altar servers and candlelighters were Jon Gresham of Danville, California and John Jackson of Kansas City, Missouri, cousins of the bride.

Wedding music was presented by organist Ellen Hart and vocalist Kenton Kravig, including "Ave Maria," "Canon in D," and "In This Very Room."

Altar decorations included two candelabra with lighted candles, decorated with roses and greenery, on pedestals.

Readings for the wedding liturgy were selected by the couple and were given by Aron Hoenninger, cousin of the bride and included I Corinthians 12:31-13:8, the Responsorial

Psalm "The Lord is Kind and Merciful." The Gospel was from Matthew 7:21, vs. 24-29.

### RECEPTION

A reception and buffet were hosted by the bride's parents for 200 guests at Canyon Creek Country Club in Plano.

Mandy Truesdale and Elizabeth Panzer presided at the guest book.

The four-layered white wedding cake was decorated with fresh roses. The chocolate groom's cake was topped with chocolate-covered strawberries.

Bouquets of roses enhanced the reception area. Rose bowls and candles decorated guest tables, where fresh rose petals were also scattered.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by parents of the groom at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Plano on Friday night.

When the couple returns from a wedding trip to Seattle, Washington and Canada, they will be at home in Bedford, Texas.



Mrs. Quinton Bradley McDaniel ...nee Amy Elizabeth Green ...

## Muenster Girl Scout Troop #2003 wins award for community service

A Muenster girl scout troop has won a national award in the 24th annual search for the country's best community projects by young Americans. Muenster Girl Scout Troop #2003, assisting parents in a two week long project to clean and paint their school, has won high honors in the 1997 "Colgate Youth For America" campaign.

The announcement was made in New York recently by Jonathan Silverman of TV's "The Single Guy," Amy Yasbeck of "Wings," and Debra Messing of "Ned and Stacey," three of the members of this year's judging panel for the program established in 1972 to encourage community responsibility in young people.

U.S. clubs and troops of six national youth organizations (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, Girls Incorporated, 4-H, and Boys and Girls Clubs) are invited to enter their best community service projects in this annual Colgate campaign. Cash grants are awarded for the best projects in each of the organizations. Girl Scout Troop #2003 was voted a \$100 fourth prize.

To date, Colgate-Palmolive Company has awarded more than \$5.5 million to America's young people through "Youth for America." The program has been honored by The White

House under five different administrations, has received a Freedoms Foundation Award and is praised each year by members of Congress and countless governors and mayors throughout the nation.

In discussing the 24th annual campaign, Michele Macchia the program's Executive Director commented, "Our Youth for America program puts special young Americans in the spotlight for their positive efforts in improving their world. Clubs and Troops involved in this program consistently prove that our kids are truly committed to their country and up to any challenge when it comes to building a better tomorrow for themselves."

The members of Troop #2003 who helped with this very worthy project are Kristen Knauf, Kayla Felderhoff, Jennifer Hess, Debra Dangelmayr, Anne Flusche, Andrea Bartush, Joanna Gehrig, Jessica Berres, and Dana Miller. Special recognition goes to Debra Dangelmayr for preparing the application for the award.

Entry forms for the 1997/98 25th anniversary "Youth for America" campaign will be available this fall through local offices of the six national youth organizations or by sending a stamped, self-addressed

envelope to Colgate's Youth for America at P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058, or visit the Web site at www.colgate.com where you can click on "Colgate for Kids" for further details and print an entry form right from your computer screen.

## Exchange students need host families

Unable to take that dream vacation to exotic lands? Well, let the Youth Exchange Service (YES) bring the culture to you! By hosting a teenage student (15-18) from another country, you can gain a cultural experience in the comfort of your own home. The Youth Exchange Service is a non-profit organization that is currently seeking families to share their homes with students from around the world. These students will be arriving August of 1997, and will stay for the 1997-1998 school year.

To make reservations for your own cultural experience, Youth Exchange Service (YES), 4675 Macarthur Court, Suite 830, Newport Beach, CA 92660, or phone (800) 848-2121 or (714) 955-2030.



Shannon Hartman tosses a ring hoping to win a prize at Sacred Heart picnic's ring toss game. Dainah Hartman waits her turn as Kaylee Fisher, at right, donates her time working at last Saturday's event.

Photo by Janie Hartman

## New Arrival

### Nasche

Mark and Libby Nasche of Overland, Kansas proudly announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Vincent Nasche on Saturday, June 14, 1997 at 12:48 a.m. He weighed 6 lb. 13 1/2 oz and measured 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Angelo and LaVerna Nasche of Muenster and Merle Schawd of Woodward, Iowa. Great-grandparents are Gary and Caroline Hess of Muenster and Adeline Schawd of Bayard, Iowa.

### Ramsey

Justin and Cori Ramsey of Denton joyfully announce the birth of their first child, Canyon Clay Ramsey was born June 9, 1997, at 12:08 p.m. in the Women's Pavilion at Denton Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lb. 1/2 oz and measured 20 inches long. Grandparents are Bobby and Tricia Barthold of Valley View and Eddie and Sherry Ramsey of Gainesville and long time residents of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Johnny and Patsy Barthold, Doyle and Mary Suddeth and Melvin Ramsey of Woodbine.

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## Area Graduates

### Darren Bindel Tarleton outstanding graduate

Darren Bindel of Muenster was one of 17 members of the spring 1997 graduation class at Tarleton State University honored as Departmental Outstanding Graduates during commencement exercises held May 17.

Tarleton President Dr. Dennis P. McCabe recognized



Darren Bindel

the students during the two ceremonies held to accommodate the large number of graduates. Department Outstanding Graduates are selected from their major departments based on recommendations from administrators and faculty members.

Darren is a 1993 graduate of Muenster High School and the son of Harold and Betty Jean Bindel. He was chosen from the Department of Animal Sciences and received the Bachelor of Science degree.

Dr. Jack Russell, a recent recipient of the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor award and a member of the faculty in Tarleton's Department of Computer Information Systems, was commencement speaker.

### Lesley Bullion is Austin High graduate

Lesley Bullion, daughter of David and Susie Bullion of Austin and granddaughter of L.J. (Spike) and Frances Yosten of Muenster, graduated with honors from Stephen F. Austin High School on Saturday, May 24, 1997. With highest honors, she was recognized for receiving UIL



Lesley Bullion

Scholar and Tandy Technology Scholar Awards. She received scholarships from the Austin-Travis County Livestock Association, National Honors Society, M.D. McCauley Memorial Foundation, and the Knights of Columbus. Lesley Bullion will attend the University of Texas at Austin in the fall, majoring in Pre-Med.

Among those attending the graduation party were Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Yosten, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grewing and family all of Muenster; Terry Yosten of Plano; Mr. and Mrs. John Bizilo and Alta Dillon of Midland; and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Smith, Lisa Simek, and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bradford and family of Austin.



Piano students from left, front, Michael Eckart, Angela Cox, Jordan Ledbetter, Christina Eckart; second row, Karen Flusche, Brady Howell, Diana Felderhoff, Joelle Fuhrmann, Justin Hess, and standing Sara Luttmir; third row Jalynn Wilson, Danielle Bindel, Mrs. Dankesreiter, Megan Lippe, Amanda Felderhoff, Kristian Koesler, Kristin Yosten, Bridgette Klement, and Chris York. Courtesy photo

## Recital given by piano students

Piano students of Rosemary Dankesreiter performed in a Piano Recital on Sunday, June 1, 1997. The recital was held in the First Baptist Church in Muenster at 3 p.m.

Chris York welcomed parents, grandparents and friends. Amanda Felderhoff responded with an opening prayer. Mrs. Dankesreiter then introduced each of the 18 students and their parents and listed the number of years each student had taken lessons.

Each student played two solo selections. Karen Flusche and Angela Cox played three selections. The students played classical, romantic, folk, pop, traditional and religious

melodies from their various repertoires of music learned during the year.

Christina and Michael Eckart pleased the audience with an appealing duet rendition of "The Dancing Kangaroo."

After the performances, Mrs. Dankesreiter complimented all students on their hard work and accomplishments. She then presented all with certificates of merit for individual years of training.

The piano stage was decorated with large fern plants on either side of the piano. Also surrounding the stage were large fresh arrangements of white

gladiolas and red carnations. Atop the piano was a beautiful basket arrangement of multicolor spring flowers which had been sent to Mrs. Dankesreiter by her son and daughter-in-law Eric and Cheramie Dankesreiter. Also two crystal candles and votives were added as accents.

Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bill Ledbetter gave the closing prayer after praising the talents of the students. Mrs. Dankesreiter thanked all parents and students for their great cooperation throughout the year and invited all to a reception held in the Fellowship Hall.

## Muenster ISD recognized for outstanding program

Mr. Steve Cooper, Superintendent of the Muenster Independent School District was recently honored for outstanding employee safety by the East Texas Educational Insurance Association at its annual meeting conducted in Austin. The Association consists of 169 participating school districts located throughout East Texas. The purpose of the meeting was to recognize those districts that have held both the number and severity of employee accidents to a very low level.

Muenster ISD was a Platinum Performer award recipient with the actual losses from employee accidents equaling less than 25 percent of the fund set aside by the district for claims expenses. The actual savings to the school district was \$16,494. "Our self insurance program

was designed to provide the highest level of safety and offer the greatest potential for premium savings to our members," said Billy Hibbs, CEO of Hibbs-Hallmark & Company.

Claims Administrative Services, Inc., President, Barry Jones, stated "Member districts' commitment to safety is one of the key reasons for the Association's success. Their participation in HHC/CAS's program sets the standard for all schools across the state to reduce on the job injuries and save taxpayer dollars. Taxpayers should also be pleased to know that the Board of Trustees and the administrative staff of the Muenster Independent School District is doing everything possible to insure a safe working environment for its employees while reducing the cost of workers' compensation insurance," continued Jones.



Barry Jones, left, Steve Cooper and Billy Hibbs

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SPECIAL ELECTION AUGUST 9, 1997

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase the school property tax residence homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to limit all or part of the exemption to political subdivisions that are the principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries.

In addition, the amendment would authorize the Legislature to allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65-and-over tax freeze to another homestead. Specifically, the Legislature would be authorized to provide that the current limitation against increasing school property taxes on the residence homesteads of persons age 65 or older, or their surviving spouse who is eligible to receive the exemption, may be transferred if the person establishes a different residence homestead.

The amendment would also allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons cur-

rently receiving the 65-and-over tax freeze. Specifically, for a homestead affected by this limitation in 1996 or in an earlier tax year, the Legislature must provide for a reduction in the school property tax limitation in the 1997 tax year and subsequent tax years in an amount equal to \$10,000 multiplied by the 1997 school property tax rate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes subject to the limitation."

*Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 9 de agosto de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 a por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711*

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# School News



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATES BOOKS...** Junior and senior students in the St. Peter's Religious Education program received their own copies of the new *Catechism of the Catholic Church* recently during a special presentation at closing ceremonies for the school year. The juniors were members of this year's Cindray Knights of Columbus Chapter 11905 donated the books as part of the group's evangelism efforts for the year 2000. Pictured from left are Skipper Bezner, KC chapter representative who made the presentation; Keith Fuhrmann, Amanda Hellinger, Steven Tepera, Kacey Sandmann, Zach Fuhrmann, Andrea Fuhrmann, Abbie Bezner, Stephanie Stoffels, Rev. Eugene Luke, OSB, St. Peter's pastor; Megan Sandmann, Erin Eberhart, Carrie Hundt, Amanda Schad and Julie Zimmerer. Courtesy Photo

## Kids find new Texas reading club material at local libraries

With school over and assigned reading lists complete, it's time to think about reading for fun! Turn to your local public library for summer reading and turn on "The Incredible Dream Machine" and the Texas Reading Club.

The Texas Reading Club is an annual summer recreational reading program for toddlers through young adults and family members of all ages, sponsored cooperatively by local public libraries and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin. Using this year's theme of "The Incredible Dream Machine," the program's goals are to encourage reading by inspiring children to seek their dreams in books.

The lovable rottweiler puppy Carl, hero of many books by author/illustrator Alexandra Day, is the 1997 book character for the reading program. Kickoff events featuring artwork of Carl are being planned in the next few weeks to introduce the theme.

"Summer reading programs at public libraries introduce kids to reading for pleasure, and plant the seeds for a lifelong love of reading," says Jeanette Larson, Manager of the Continuing Education Program for the State Library. "The Reading Club is as much a part of summer in Texas as are picnics and getting together for a swim at the pool."

In keeping with Governor



and Mrs. Bush's emphasis on family reading, libraries participating in the Texas Reading Club offer books and videos for families, and are an ideal source for summer family entertainment. Families with children with special needs are also encouraged to participate in the program, and the librarians can make accommodations. Certificates signed by the Governor and Director and Librarian of the State Library are awarded to children who complete the program.

Over 400,000 children, including many in Muenster, participated in last year's Texas Reading Club, with 93% of Texas public libraries offering programs to encourage summer reading.

## Life Teen Alert!

Life Teen members are reminded of a special event for Wednesday, July 2. They are invited to attend a "Capture the flag!" to be held at the home of Butch and Eileen Fisher, 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Please bring a snack to share. For more information, call 759-4413, and ask for Janie.

## Attention, students! Scholarship available

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and TSCRF Foundation are offering six IVOMEC Generations of Excellence Scholarships to juniors and seniors at Texas Tech University, Oklahoma State University, and universities within the Texas A & M University System.

To qualify for the \$1,500 scholarships, students must be sponsored by TSCRA member, have at least a 2.75 grade point average and have a background that includes beef cattle production and/or be enrolled in an animal science or pre-veterinary program. Candidates should also demonstrate financial need.

Applications are due to TSCRA by July 15.

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Sr. Anselma Haverkamp is celebrating her 75th Jubilee on Friday, July 11. All nieces and nephews are invited. Please call Holy Angels Convent, 870-935-5810, if you plan to attend.

## Sacred Heart 8th grade students graduate May 28

"We are gifted by God and called to use our gifts" was the theme selected by the 1997 eighth grade graduating class of Sacred Heart School. They celebrated the completion of their elementary education with Mass and graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 28 in Sacred Heart Church.

Father Frowin Schoech, OSB was the celebrant and Father David Bellinghausen, OSB concelebrated. The First Reading was by Holly Hartman. Responsorial Psalm was by Jackie Bartush, Melanie Bartush, Diane Becker, and Dana Miller. Nicholas Taylor gave the Second Reading. Gospel Acclamation was read by Jeff Hartman.

Jonathan Yosten and Jessica Koessler read the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by Travis Bayer and Chris Smith.

Song leaders for the occasion were Pam Fette, Eric Gray, and Christy Hesse. Mass servers, siblings of the

graduates, were Mark Bayer Tony Moster, and Laur-Taylor. Eucharistic minister were parents Chuck Bartush John Bartush, Don Hartman and Doris Koessler.

Members of the eighth grad class of 1997 are Jacquelin Bartush, Melanie Bartush Robert Travis Bayer, Dian Becker, Grace Cochran, Keith Felderhoff, Kenneth Grewing Holly Hartman, Jeff Hartman Jessica Koessler, Mikel Lawers Dana Miller, Michael Miller Richard Minor, Charlie Moster Kendal Sellers, William Christopher Smith, Nicholas Taylor, and Jonathan Yosten.

Father David Bellinghausen and Principal Jack Murdoc awarded diplomas to the students.

The song "Because You Loved Me" was dedicated for the students to their parents. Grace Cochran made the dedication on their behalf.

Students planned the Mass and graduation ceremony with the assistance of their teachers Ms. Dorothy Bengfort.

## Students attend PSAT/SAT prep program at Paschal

Seven Muenster High School students are attending a PSAT/SAT preparation program at Paschal High School in Fort Worth. The camp started on June 16 and runs through July 2.

The workshop is designed to increase the students' scores by at least 10% by concentrating on vocabulary development and reading and math skills.

Practice tests help to determine each student's strengths and weaknesses. Students of similar ability work together in small groups toward improvement.

The students attending the program are Leigh Ann Reiten Joyce Hacker, Lucas Hartman Dolly Patel, Eric Fisher, Mat York, and Raegan Koessler.



MISD students attending workshop.

Janie Hartman Photo

## SHYM News ... by Eric Gray

### Gray is Diocesan keynote speaker

Last weekend, June 20-22, the Diocese of Tyler Office of Youth and Family Life Ministry hosted their 4th Annual Diocesan Youth Convention, "Youth Fiesta '97" at Tyler Junior College. Eric Gray, Coordinator of Youth Ministry for Sacred Heart Church gave the keynote address for almost 200 youth assembled for the occasion. The theme of "Cross to the Other Side," based on the Gospel of Mark 4:35-41, was the focus of the keynote. The crux of the matter is, "we're all in a boat crossing over. Do we know Jesus, who is with us, or do we just know about him? When the storms are blowing, and they will, are we able to cry out to him or not? Either way, he's still there, whether we recognize him or not." Using

song, humor, personal stories, faith experience, and youth interaction, Eric gave a fantastic keynote address," said Director of the Office of Youth and Family Life, Eddie Ruesswald. High energy, faith, fun, and fellowship were the norm for the weekend, which was deemed a radical success by all who attended.

### New youth ministers for Sacred Heart

Effective July 1, 1997, Sacred Heart Parish will employ a part-time coordinator for high school youth ministry and a part-time coordinator for junior high ministry. These positions will be filled with Janie Fisher and Kelly Bayer, respectively. Both of these ministers have been working with the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry in both high school and junior high for the past

two years as volunteers. They have both been trained in youth ministry by a variety of sources, including Life Teen Training in Mesa, Arizona, practical on-the-job training by SHYM Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Eric Gray, and completion of the Fort Worth Diocesan Basic Certificate in Youth Ministry. Kelly Bayer brings with him experience with the Liturgical Commission and altar servers as well. Janie Fisher brings with her training in elementary education from TWU. These two people will do much of the week to week particulars current to events of the week. Eric Gray will work with them but then also be responsible for long term goals and objectives and continued training and recruitment of volunteer youth ministers.

## Health Notes

### Lack of sleep can be a nightmare

Studies show that people are less alert, personable and happy when they don't sleep enough or when their sleep is interrupted frequently. They also may be depressed.

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# Sports

## Jaycees host Ruth Hess Golf Tourney July 13

The Muenster Jaycees are sponsoring the 10th annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament with a 4-person scramble at Nocona Hills Golf Course on Sunday, July 13. Tee time is 8 a.m.

232 S. Willow, Muenster, Texas 76252. Deadline for sign-up is Friday, June 29.

Fee is \$160 per team, which includes green fee, cart and 1 mulligan.

All proceeds will benefit the new baseball complex in Muenster.

## Game wardens arrest four for bass tournament fraud

Four Central Texas men are currently free on bond facing criminal charges of attempted fishing tournament fraud during a bass fishing derby June 8 on Lake Waco.

Texas game wardens arrested two of the suspects after being notified by tournament officials that several fish known to have been caught prior to the contest had been weighed in and prize money awarded. Subsequent investigation uncovered two additional suspects who have also been arrested and face similar charges.

Working in cooperation with tournament officials, wardens located a holding basket on Lake Waco early last week which contained several live bass. Wardens marked each specimen so as to be identifiable by forensics and left the device intact.

"We got a tip through the McLennan County Sheriff's Office and went out with tournament representatives to the site where bass were being held in a submerged wood-framed cage covered with metal screening," said Capt. W.J. Rawls, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden. "We marked the fish and told the tournament director we'd be standing by if these fish showed up at their next tournament on Wednesday night."

When none of the marked fish surfaced at the weekday event, wardens returned to the holding basket to find some additional bass had been added. "We figured they were waiting to use these fish in a Sunday tournament that offered a bigger pay out," said Rawls. "All four of the marked

fish showed up and once the individuals received their winnings, we moved in and made an arrest. We later discovered a second holding basket on the lake believed to be used by the second pair."

The individuals were competing in a two-man tournament and using the marked bass, finished in second place, which paid a \$450 cash prize. The second pair ended up in third place.

All four suspects are free on bond and could face Class A misdemeanor charges under a 1985 statute in the Parks and Wildlife Code making freshwater fishing tournament fraud a criminal offense punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000 and one year in jail. According to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement officials, cases involving this charge have been rare.

Prior to 1985, fishing tournaments in Texas were self-policed by organizers, who resorted to polygraph tests to verify participants had abided by the rules. The advent of "live catch and release" weigh-ins at tournaments have also helped to make retention of pre-tournament catches difficult.



Sara Sepanski, pitcher for the Blue Team, Muenster girls softball league. Photo by Dave Fette



Lia Endres, Blue Team, scores a run as Saint Jo Mariners catcher Carrie Lown waits for the ball. Nick Waterscheid officiated the game. Photo by Dave Fette

## Forestburg Riding Arena has busy summer schedule

Five Alive Bull Riding competition will have their final event of their summer series this Saturday, June 28.

Action will be at the Forestburg Riding Arena, beginning at 8 p.m. Events include sheep riding, junior bull riding (age 16 and under) and open-to-the-world bull riding. Riders have been competing for points to cash in for a variety of prizes throughout the summer competition.

Gate admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids. Price includes a dance after the event.

For more information call Mark Knabe at 768-2259.

The Forestburg Riding Club will sponsor an Open Rodeo beginning at 8 p.m. nightly on July 4 and 5, 1997, at the Forestburg Arena.

Feature events include Ranch Bronc riding, Calf roping, and Bull riding. Jackpots will be awarded nightly for Jr. Barrel racing, Barrel racing, Team roping, and Double Mugging. A calf scramble will be held nightly with 2 \$25 gift certificates from Naifeh's Western Wear to be given at each performance for children 12 and under.

"Big L" Stock Producer Dale Lyons will open the books from noon to 10:00 p.m. Monday June 30, 1997. To enter call 405-276-5606.

## MHS Cheerleaders host Mini Camp July 28-Aug. 1

The Muenster High School cheerleaders would like to bring attention to all community residents of the date for their annual Mini Cheerleading Camp held at the Muenster City Park July 28-August 1. The camp will be offered for all students in grade 1 through 8 next school year. The time is 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the cost is \$15 per child or \$25 for two children in one family.

Individual and squad competitions are another fun tradition featured at the mini camp. Spirit sticks will be awarded daily, with the chance for each camper to take one home on Friday. Awards will be given on the final day of camp for Most Spirited Camper, Most Improved Camper, Top Team Award, Most Improved Squad, and the Spirit Award. There will also be a competition for the coveted All-American cheerleader.

Registration forms were sent home with Muenster Elementary students the final week of school. Additional

forms may be obtained from Tops and Teams or Ben Franklin's, or by contacting MHS cheerleader sponsor, Joni Sturm at (940) 759-2724 or (940) 759-2281/ext. 664. In case of rain the camp will be held at the Muenster High School campus.

## Notice! SH Swim Team

Beginning on Monday, June 30, swimming practice for swim team will begin. Anyone (all ages), who would like to swim laps and learn strokes and swim team techniques, is invited to attend. Practice begins at 7 a.m. and ends at 8:30 a.m. Fee is \$1 per practice. All are welcome, with special emphasis for Sacred Heart Swim Team members. A swim meet for participating members is in the works, but is not mandatory. For more information contact Jeannine Flusche or Jill Hess.

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# Farm & Ranch

## CC Texoma Cattle Women honor fathers

In conjunction with the promotion "Beef For Father's Day," the Texoma Cattlewomen honored Cooke County's newest father on Father's Day 1997. Ann Knight, of Era, and Gloria Klement, of Muenster, presented the new father, Billy Wymack, a roast "Beef For Father's Day." Billy and Tara Wymack's daughter, Karley, was born at 10:05 a.m. at Jainesville Memorial Hospital on June 15, 1997. She was the first baby born in Cooke County on Father's Day. The Wymack's reside in Burneyville, Oklahoma. Texoma Cattle Women is a local organization whose purpose is to work for the betterment of the beef industry. The local group has members from Fannin,

Grayson, Montague, and Cooke counties. Each county had its own beef project for Father's Day. Members in the local organization also belong to the Texas Cattlewomen and American National Cattlewomen. Together they assist the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to promote the cattle industry in the United States. New members are always welcome. Membership is open to anyone who is actively engaged in the cattle or allied industry or is interested in the welfare and promotion of the beef industry. For more information about Texoma Cattle Women, contact Ann Knight of Era, 665-4608 or Gloria Klement, of Muenster, 759-2912.



Ann Knight, Billy Wymack, and Gloria Klement.

## Horse regulation

License tags. Renew them every 12 months, and you can go just about anywhere, anytime. Get your horse tested every 12 months for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), commonly called "Coggins" or "Swamp Fever", and you can take your animal just about anywhere, anytime. After six months of requesting voluntary compliance with the EIA testing requirements, inspectors from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency, are ready to start checking test

papers July 1. TAHC inspectors will drop by randomly at fairs, events, rodeos, roping competitions and trail rides to ensure that all equine (horses, donkeys, mules, asses or other members of the horse family) have been tested within the past 12 months for the viral disease, EIA. Owners or riders are to have with them either their animals' original EIA test document, called "VS 10-11" form, or a copy of the form that has a second, original signature by the issuing veterinarian.

## County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

### CATTLE PREMIUMS AND DISCOUNTS

"There are no premiums in the cattle business, only discounts". How many times have you heard that? Is it true? How much premium should a cow-calf producer expect? Maybe that depends on premiums received later in the production cycle. Taking one factor, let's say you produced calves that will grade 75% Choice instead of the current industry average of about 50%. The long-term average difference between Choice and Select carcass price is about \$5/cwt. Using average carcass weights, that makes Choice carcasses worth \$35-40 more than Select. But, if you increase Choice from 50% to 75% you're changing grade on only 1/4 of the cattle. So, the increase in average value per head is \$9-10, still a significant number to a cattle feeder. How much of that extra value is the cow-calf producer due? If you say half then that's \$5/head or \$1/cwt for a 500 lb. calf. So, if you get just \$1/cwt more for calves that will grade 75% Choice when fed that's probably about all you're "due".

On the flip side, Standard carcasses average about \$12-15/cwt discount to Choice. That is just one reason why poor quality cattle are discounted more than high quality cattle are rewarded.

### COW/CALF CLINIC

The Extension Livestock and Forage Committee has scheduled a Cow/Calf Clinic on "Beef Quality and Consistency" for Monday, June 30, at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. Producers, mark your calendars. A hamburger supper, sponsored by Martindale Feed Mill, will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the program will start at 7 p.m. Dr. Ron Gill, Extension livestock specialist, will be conducting a clinic on the Value of Beef Quality and Consistency for cow/calf producers. Call by Friday, June 27, to the County Extension Office at 668-5412 to register for the program.

### GOOD YEAR FOR GRAINS

Feed grain crops are expected to be good this year. Winter wheat is up six percent from last year. Corn crop yields are predicted to be the second largest on record and the soybean crop may be the best ever. Even though a mid-April freeze wiped out much of the wheat crop in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, other areas were able to recover and make up for the loss. The corn crop was planted early, which usually means high yields.

## Flowing, grain most common cause of death around bins

Suffocation, resulting from flowing grain, drowning is one of the most common causes of death in and around grain bins. Grain bin suffocation happens especially often when victims are unaware of the potential dangers.

If you become trapped in a bin with nothing to hold onto, try staying near the outside wall. It is best to keep walking around the edge of the bin, until it is empty or grain stops flowing. If you get covered by flowing grain, cup your hands over your mouth and take short breaths. Prevention is the best measure to reduce the risk of suffocation. Some ideas

include incorporating safety design features into the construction of grain bins and establishing safety operation procedures such as:

- Provide a path of escape in case of an emergency. Ladder and safety lines can provide escape routes.
- Place safety stickers at different locations on bins to alert workers of the dangers of flowing grain.
- Never be alone when storing grain. Have another person with you.
- Do not walk on the surface of crusted grain. There is only a very slim chance of survival if the crust breaks and you fall into the flowing or hot grain.

## Ear plugs, respirators reduce risks associated with farming

Harvest time is hazard time on many farms. Long hours and stress lead to thousands of injuries every year.

Serious hearing loss is often the result of years of working with loud equipment. However, hearing can be saved for only a few dollars by using inexpensive ear plugs.

To prevent respiratory problems, dust mask and respirators come in handy especially when cleaning out stalls or unloading grain bins.

Wear a double strapped dust mask approved by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Wear charcoal respirators in areas where added protection from dust is needed.

Farmer's lung disease, a common respiratory illness that has flu-like symptoms, can be prevented by using respirators. Respirators are more expensive than dust masks, but can be used many times if they are cared for properly.

## AGRIFACTS

For beginning farmers and ranchers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has increased its maximum loan guarantee on operating and ownership loans to 95 percent under certain circumstances. Previously, USDA loan guarantees were limited to a maximum of 90 percent. The program helps beginning farmers and ranchers purchase farms or ranches and provides a means for retiring farmers to transfer their land to a new generation. Interested borrowers and landowners should contact their local Farm Service Agency offices.

A bill in the U.S. Senate would make government takings of private property more difficult. The Omnibus Property Rights Act of 1997, S 781, would require compensation for regulatory takings of private property when the property is devalued by one-third or more. It would remove unreasonable barriers to litigation, and it would require that the government assess the impact of property takings before they are made.

The federal program to reintroduce Mexican wolves into the southwestern United States is set to start as early as December of this year. The wolves will be reintroduced into eastern Arizona and western New Mexico. A private conservation organization, Defenders of Wildlife, has established a fund to pay livestock owners market value for livestock killed by the wolves. Verification that the animal's death was caused by wolves will be required.

Landowners won a major victory recently when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a California woman must get her day in court to seek compensation for being barred from building on her Nevada land. The ruling went against arguments by the Clinton administration and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. If the ruling would have gone against the woman, states and communities could have been given a green light to continue attempts at regulating land use without having to pay just compensation.

A new technology that removes gristle and cuts fat in steaks may open new doors (or drive through) in the fast food market.

The uniform, chunks of meat, are mechanically tenderized, then bound with natural meat proteins. The steaks are then created by pressing the meat into forms, seared in a 1,200 degree Fahrenheit for 20 seconds and frozen.

## Milk drinkers led by youth

The market for fluid milk is dominated by youth. While people below the age of 18 are only 26% of the population, they drink 46% of the fluid milk. Older people, those more than 18 years old, make up 74% of the population and drink 54% of the fluid milk. Of the adult milk-drinkers, it was found that 24% routinely drink milk at one or more meals per day. That sub-segment uses 22 more gallons per capita per year than other adult milk drinkers.

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