

Sacred Heart High recognizes 1997-98 student achievements

by Janet Felderhoff

Teachers, family, and friends gathered in the Sacred Heart Community Center on Thursday, May 21 to celebrate the academic and athletic achievements of the students of Sacred Heart High during the 1997-98 school year. The All Awards Banquet was sponsored by the Sacred Heart Alumni Association and Sacred Heart Home and School Society.

Chuck Bartush, Home & School Society president, welcomed guests and offered an opening prayer. Principal Jack Murdock served as Master of Ceremonies. It was announced that for the second consecutive year two Sacred Heart students were named TAPPS 2A Fine Art Students of the Year. Elizabeth Fuhrmann was recognized as the Female Fine Arts Student and Patrick Miller the Male Fine Arts Student. This was the first time in TAPPS history that this honor went to two students from the same school for two consecutive years, said Dr. Murdock.

Nominations for Class Awards were made by the teachers. Each teacher announced the nominees and then presented the award during the banquet. Nominees were as follows with the winner indicated by bold type:

Religion I - Grace Cochran, Jackie Bartush, Nicholas

Taylor, Jonathan Yosten, Melanie Bartush;

Religion II - Gina Yosten, Jennifer Hess, **Michelle Fuhrmann**;

Algebra I - Keith Felderhoff, Jackie Bartush, **Diane Becker**;

Algebra II - Nicholas Yosten, Lucien Gehrig, **Joseph Reiter**;

Geometry - Gina Yosten, Glenn Gleason, John Skotnik;

Trig./Pre-Calculus - Patrick Miller, Russell Fette, Duncan Campbell;

Art I - **Carrie Coker**;

Chemistry - Nicholas Yosten, Patrick Miller, Debra Voth;

English I - **Jackie Bartush**, Diane Becker, Keith Felderhoff;

English II - Michelle Fuhrmann, **Jennifer Hess**, Gina Yosten.

English III - Allison Bayer, Joseph Reiter, **Nicholas Yosten**;

Advanced American Literature - **Russell Fette**, Patrick Miller, Debra Voth;

Spanish I - Gina Yosten, Russell Fette, **Leah Rigler**;

World Geography - **Keith Felderhoff**, Dana Miller, Jackie Bartush;

U.S. History - Jennifer Hess, **Debra Dangelmayr**, Michelle Fuhrmann;

Economics - **Russell Fette**, Joseph Reiter;

Comprehensive Home Economics - Deann Felderhoff,

Jackie Bartush, Keith Felderhoff;

Comprehensive Home Economics - Allison Bayer, Betty Trevino, **Debra Voth**;

Music - Melanie Tisdale, **Gina Yosten**, Adrienne Bartel;

Speech - Gina Yosten, **Jennifer Hess**, Glenn Gleason;

Theatre Acting - Adrienne Bartel, Kristen Knauf, **Anne Flusche**;

Theatre Tech - **Matt Bayer**, Josh Walterscheid, Matthew Nasche;

Accounting - Shauna Endres, **Patrick Miller**, Glenn Gleason;

World History - Elizabeth Fuhrmann, **Russell Fette**, Patrick Miller;

Physical Science (Freshmen) - Diane Becker, Dana Miller, **John Skotnik**;

Physical Science (Sophomore) - **Adrienne Bartel**, Michelle Fuhrmann, Sarah Hess;

Earth Science - Melanie Bartush, **Nicholas Taylor**, Debra Voth;

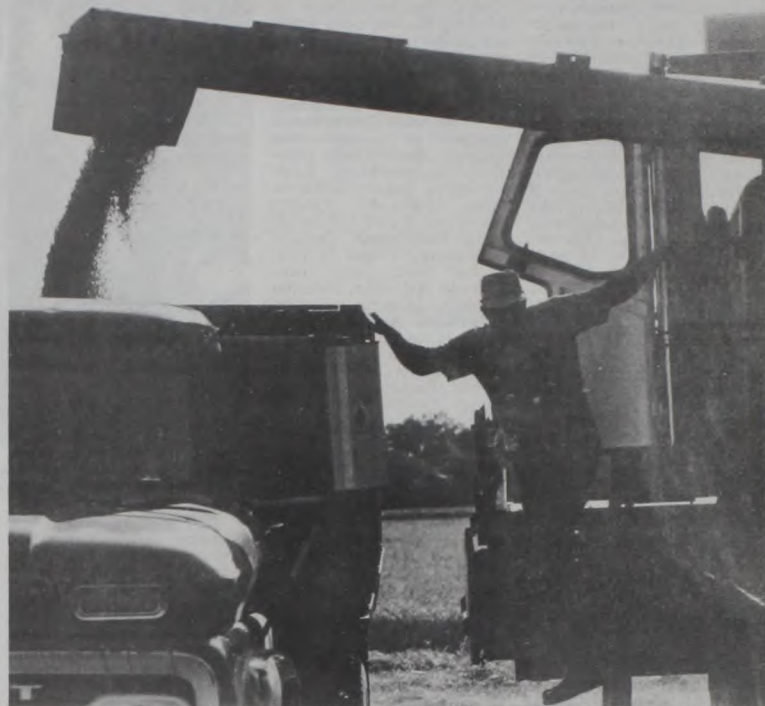
Advanced Science - Jonathan Grewing, Tammie Lopez, **Joseph Reiter**;

Health - Jackie Bartush, **Diane Becker**, Grace Cochran;

Religion III - Patrick Miller, **Russell Fette**, Nicholas Yosten;

Computer Science I - Adam Barnhill, **Sarah Kelley**.

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Gene Block prepares to inspect his combine while unloading wheat before returning to gather more grain. Cooke County wheat and oats harvest is in its second full week with what many say is the best crop ever. Yields are averaging 50-60 bushel per acre with up to 80 reported, according to the local feed and seed dealers. "Dry weather is hurting all the grass and other crops, but it's helping the wheat with moisture levels below nine," commented Ronnie Felderhoff of Muenster Milling Company. "We're seeing the best quality wheat with all grain testing 60 or better - oats, over 40," Joe Hellman of Tony's Seed and Feed noted. Prices Wednesday were averaging \$2.70 for hard wheat and 20 cents less for soft. "The price is pretty sick. The market indicates a possible 40 cents lower coming," concluded Felderhoff. Prices last week started at \$2.80 per bushel. Photo by Janie Hartman

KOHLER FAMILY DEEPENS BOND THROUGH TRIBULATIONS OF CANCER BATTLE

by Janet Felderhoff

His life some days at best could be described as a struggle. Even the simplest tasks took a long time and were so tiring that he had to rest often before completing one. Many would have given up, become bitter, or questioned why they had to bear such a burden. Not so Steve Kohler.

It was in May of 1994 that Steve Kohler learned that he had esophageal cancer. He was having trouble swallowing, especially red meat, and after the tumor in his esophagus was discovered, Steve went to Baylor Hospital for treatment by a team of cancer specialists.

The diagnosis was grim - a tumor about 17 centimeters long was found in his esophagus and was diagnosed as esophageal adeno carcinoma. It was one of the fast growing cancers.

How to treat this type of cancer presented a dilemma because of its location and fast growing nature. After a meeting of specialists the treatment selected was to have aggressive chemotherapy and radiation therapy and then the surgery.

"I had chemotherapy and radiation together for about three months," explained Steve in an interview in late August of 1995. "It was threshold dosages. If they didn't give me that really heavy dosage - they had to go at this real aggressively because people just don't survive. If they didn't go at it real aggressively, I would have died in a couple of weeks, maybe months. The dosage was so strong that it could have killed me too. It was a real teeter totter as to which was going to get me first. The doctors didn't think that I was going to make it to the surgery. This was how they had to go about it. They wanted to shrink the tumor and kill it. Because of where it was and the fast growing type that it was, if they cut into it and miss it you're gone. It just spreads like wildfire."

This was a different approach. Most people have surgery and then chemotherapy and don't make it because the surgery is so overwhelming.

Steve's surgery was done at the end of

August 1994. The tumor was removed along with the top part of his stomach. What was left of the stomach and esophagus were reconnected. After the surgery Steve was sent home with the doctors giving him a little advice on diet and how to chew food and saying that they had done all they could do.

"He told me that I was going to have to figure out how to live with the combination of

food routines and the different medications because no one has lived this long with esophageal cancer, so they don't have anything to go on," said Steve. After the surgery the doctors gave him about a year. "That's already gone by. I'm in free time now," exclaimed Steve.

As far as any tests could determine, Steve's cancer was gone. He had to retrain his intestines to work like a stomach. With good humor he called what was left of his esophagus and stomach an esophomoch since his stomach is in the wrong position to be much of a stomach.

Shortly after the 1995 interview with Steve and Jane Kohler, he felt a growth in his side and doctors confirmed that the cancer was back and was inoperable. He decided not to take any more "heroic measures" to fight the cancer. His health deteriorated quickly. His family recalls that he was back into his chair, then into his bed and finally into a hospital bed. Towards the end Steve couldn't communicate with speech.

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Sacred Heart Seniors enjoy last minutes together following commencement exercises Friday, May 29. Watch for story in Enterprise next week. Photo courtesy Mark Fuhrmann

Tepera is valedictorian at Lindsay High School, Zwinggi salutatorian

Steven Paul Tepera and Jamie Lynn Zwinggi are the highest ranking graduates of Lindsay High School, with Steven named Valedictorian and Jamie the Salutatorian of the 1998 graduating class, in ceremonies held on May 29 in St. Peter's Centennial Center at 7:30 p.m.

Steven is the son of Joe and Martha Tepera. Jamie is the daughter of Danny and Sherry Zwinggi.

Steven Paul Tepera excelled during his high school years, with an impressive record. He was a member of the basketball team all four years, reaching second team All-District in his junior and senior years, and was named to the Academic All-Star Team as a senior. In football, junior and senior years, he received the Honorable Mention All-District award as a junior; was named Most Valuable Player in District as a senior; won the Whataburger Student Athlete of the Week on Jan. 6; won the National Student Athlete Day Award as a junior and senior. He was honored by Brown Motor Company with their "Hero of the Year" award as a senior; and was named Academic All-Star Quarterback as a senior. In track he participated as a freshman, sophomore, and junior, and was a regional qualifier his third year.

His record in UIL was also excellent. Competing all four



Steven Tepera



Jamie Zwinggi

years, he was a regional qualifier in years 2, 3, and 4 and a state qualifier in years 2, 3, and 4. He was state champion in CX Debate as a sophomore; won third place in CX Debate as a senior; second place as a member of the Math team as a junior; fourth place in Ready Writing as a senior and sixth place in Persuasive Speaking as a senior.

He has received the following class awards: Algebra I, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, English III, Computer Math, AP Calculus, and AP English IV.

He was named consistently to the Honor Roll all four years. He was Student Council president as a junior; historian as a sophomore; and senior class president as a senior. He

is a member of St. Peter's Church of Lindsay. His future plans include attending the University of Texas in Austin, majoring in Aero-Nautical Engineering.

Jamie Lynn Zwinggi has been named Lindsay High School Salutatorian. During high school she has competed in cross-country all four years and basketball her freshman, sophomore, and junior years, being named to the Academic All-District list her junior year. She ran track her freshman and sophomore years, and was part of the golf team her junior and senior years. She was a member of the National Honor Society her junior and senior years.

During her junior and senior years, Jamie competed in UIL. See LINDSAY GRADS, Pg. 2

Ted Henscheid appointed to Council

by Daryl Ferber

Mayor Weinzapfel administered the oath of office to Ted Henscheid at the Monday meeting of the city council. Henscheid will fill the unexpired term of Ronnie Felderhoff whose resignation took effect May 31. Henscheid had resigned from his water board position to avoid any conflict of interest. He was then named water commissioner by the mayor.

The council gave approval for the sale of beer in the park during the Firemen's Barbecue Dinner and Auction on Aug. 8, 1998. Also, the stored, unclaimed bikes will be given to the firemen for their auction.

Ben Bindel of the park board recommended submitting a

forestry grant application, with matching funds, for the city park and it was accepted.

The setting of curb heights by the city will be done free the first time on property locations, with any additional settings carrying a fee of \$50.

The gasoline and diesel contract with Willie Walterscheid was renewed. The fire contract with Cooke County was also renewed for one year. The city's end loader and Case 220 mower will be auctioned by silent bids. Dues of \$416 for the Texas Air Quality Coalition was approved.

Johnny Pagel stated "We have a big program looking at us" in reference to the paving projects. They have been

working on the contract for the Fourth Street project.

Steve Broyles said the use of water for May has reached a high level and home owners should expect their bills to reflect the dry hot month which has necessitated lawn watering.

Carl and Mary Lee Alford are new property owners in the Muenster community and she spoke on her desire to see Muenster area help with the roadside trash problem. Her letter to Texas Department of Transportation (printed in the Muenster Enterprise) explained the amount of trash picked up, by Alford's, along Hwy. 373, asking for help from the department. Alford has picked

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Thirty-nine graduate from Lindsay High School

Thirty-nine diplomas were awarded at the 1998 Lindsay High School Graduation on Friday, May 29 in Saint Peter's Centennial Center.

The evening opened with the Select Choir singing several songs under the direction of Fran Schully. The processional was played by Ms. Schully. Lisa Mosman gave the invocation and Jamie Baggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christi Smith introduced guest speaker Janelle Haverkamp, Cooke County District Attorney. Haverkamp referred to statements she made 21 years ago in her valedictorian address to Lindsay High graduates. "Each of you (graduates) will reflect credit to this institution. You've completed one phase of your life - now you begin in the next phase of life." Haverkamp noted to the class that the success they make of their future depends on them. That success is measured by what they do as compared to what they are capable of doing. "I encourage you to have goals - have dreams. If you plan for life, you'll lessen your chance for regret later on. You must have a purpose, you must have direction."

Salutatorian Jamie Zwinggi gave her address to her classmates. "It's time to open a new chapter in our lives, but remember the experiences we have had together. Never let anyone tell you how to live. Follow your dreams."

Superintendent Gilbert Hermes and principal Will Steger presented class awards. Elaine Schad made a special thank you to Richard Porter for all his assistance with the school's computers. The school board then presented a plaque to Gilbert Hermes for his 34 years of service to Lindsay ISD.

Steven Tepera presented his valedictorian address,

comparing Aesop's Fable, "the Ant and the Grasshopper" to life at Lindsay High. "Behind me are 38 graduates, who will soon find out if we are ants or grasshoppers. Lindsay is a school best able to get us through the winter... To make us all like the ant." Tepera also noted the advantage of Lindsay School as "Hicksville" compared to the larger city school. He concluded in thanking "the dedicated people who guided us through our life so far."

Diplomas were awarded by Gilbert Hermes and school board president Robert Roese. Graduates of the senior class included: Jamie Baggs, Abbie Bezner, Sharon Colwell, Bryan Covington, Bonnie DeBorde, Danny Evans, Andrea Fuhrmann, David Fuhrmann, Keith Fuhrmann, Zackary Fuhrmann, Lydia Garcia, Rachel Goin, Jade Hale, Amanda Hellinger, Jennifer Hermes, Carrie Hundt, Alexander Krahl, Angela McBee, Lisa Mosman, Brian Patrick, Thomas Plumlee, Richard Porter, Asad Rahman, Jeremy Rinner, Jarod Root, Kacey Sandmann, Megan Sandmann, Jeffrey Sicking, Christi Smith, Lea-Anne Smith, Stephanie Stoffels, Ida Marie Sundin, Robert Tamplin, Amber Taylor, Steven Tepera, Sadie Trammell, Ashley Zimmerman, Isaac Zimmerer, Jamie Zwinggi.

Principal Will Steger congratulated the parents of the seniors, the graduating class and all their accomplishments, with wishes that each will be happy and successful.

Senior class members of the National Honor Society were Keith Fuhrmann, Carrie Hundt, Richard Porter, Asad Rahman, Steven Tepera, Sadie Trammell, and Jamie Zwinggi.



Tears of joy. Tears of sorrow. Lindsay High School graduates, from left, Sharon Colwell, Lydia Garcia, and Jennifer Hermes, celebrate after last Friday's ceremony. Photo by Janie Hartman

Jeremy Rinner gave the benediction. The choir then sang "Go The Distance" to the graduating class. Fran Schully gave the recessional.

The following list of student class awards were presented at graduation: Valedictorian, Steven Tepera; Salutatorian, Jamie Zwinggi; CAD, Patrick Lusk; Interior Design, Lydia Garcia; FSN, Carrie Hundt; CHE, Courtney Miller; PCD & Family Living, Amanda

Hellinger; Algebra II, Abbas Ravjani; Government, Carrie Hundt; Economics, Amanda Hellinger; Spanish III, Lydia Garcia; Spanish II, Amy Arendt; Spanish I, Leah Hermes; Communications, Robert Ghyers; Algebra, Rachel Lively; Advanced Science, Patrick Lusk; Chemistry, Amy Arendt; Physics, Keith Fuhrmann; Anatomy/Physiology, Jamie Zwinggi; AP Calculus, Steven

Tepera; Math of Money, Lisa Mosman; ALG 1-4, Russell Fleitman; ALG 1-4, Philip Fleitman; Geometry, Jonathan Bengfort; Biology I, Leah Hermes; BCA I, Emmy Schad; BCA II, Richard Porter. Also English I, Michael Kendall; English II, Abbas Ravjani; Art, Christi Smith; Intro to Business, Michael Kendall; Accounting, Jeff Sicking; Physical Science, Jonathan Bengfort;

Trigonometry, Nick Price; Analytic Geometry, Nick Price; Computer Math, Patrick Lusk; Health, Courtney Miller; World Geography, Leslie Schumacher; Journalism, Melissa Carpenter; Outstanding Student, Andrea Fuhrmann; Informal Geometry, Jeff Bezner; English III, Stacey Hogan; English III AP, Amy Arendt; English IV AP, Steven Tepera; U.S. History, Courtney Miller; World History, Amy Hoberer; World History Honors, Amy Arendt; Speech, Brent Connett; Freshmen Ag Science, John Bayer; Sophomore Ag Science, Brent Krebs; Senior Ag Science, Keith Fuhrmann.

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feature writing, news writing, and headline writing. She was the district champion both years in feature writing, advancing to regionals, and was the State alternate her junior year. She was also a member of the One-Act-Play cast her junior and senior years, going to state competition as a senior. She was a member of the drama club her last two years and a member of FFA her senior year.

In her junior year, Jamie was the class president and was also on the Student Council. She has been on the Honor Roll all four years. After graduation from high school, she plans to attend NCTC for one year, then transfer to Texas Tech University in Lubbock to study law. She eventually would like to study criminal justice and work as a homicide investigator.

She is a member of St. Peter's Church of Lindsay, she is also the granddaughter of Abriah and Joyce Zwinggi of Lindsay.

County contemplates benefits of joint communications

by Janet Felderhoff

On June 4 the City of Gainesville plans to begin construction on a building to house a joint communications system. According to Gainesville Fire Chief Steve Boone the building will be large enough to accommodate both the city and the county communications units, if the county is interested. It could be used by the Gainesville Fire Department and Police Department and by Cooke County EMS and Sheriff's Department.

EMS Director Bob Harbin said that if done correctly joint communications could be a benefit, but he didn't know the plans for running the one in Gainesville. Harbin noted that he had been getting complaints about all the switching (dispatchers) to get an ambulance.

Sheriff Compton agreed that the success of joint communications would depend on how it was set up and how it

was addressed. Also he noted that it wouldn't be cost saving at first. When the dispatchers are moved from the Sheriff's office it will leave a vacuum that must be filled, he said.

"It's going to take some looking at to make it work correctly," said the Sheriff. "The only thing that makes these things work anyway is people. When you're dealing with 911 calls and you're dealing with radio traffic, a shortage of people cripples the whole operation. The key to success is people."

"Dispatching is a profession. It's not like it was 30 years ago. A professional dispatch center dispatching for all entities within the county that's concerned only with proper dispatch techniques and not having to worry about anything else should be a benefit to everyone."

Gainesville Police Chief Carl Dunlap added that the 911 system had gotten way beyond their capabilities of handling.

The non emergency service calls are far greater than the 911 calls. The City doesn't have enough 911 calls to keep an operator occupied and he felt that was probably also true of the county, but by combining the entities a designated 911 operator might be justified.

A trained 911 operator could save lives, said Harbin. It said that pre-arrival instructions could be handled by a 911 operator. You see it on television programs all the time, he said.

Judge Duncan remarked that if the county saved even one law suit from not acting on time they would pay for the new system.

It was agreed to form a committee to study the situation and consider how it would be run and whether one of the entities would run it or if a board would be established to run a joint communication operation. Serving on the committee from the county will be Sheriff Compton, Harbin, Judge Duncan, and Commissioner Phil Young. Gainesville will also have representatives on the committee. The committee plans to visit at least one similar county where a joint communications system is in operation.

Commissioners Court embraced proposed legislation by the Texas Legislature to require jail inmates to reimburse the county for all or part of their incarceration costs. In part the resolution noted, "Cooke County taxpayers are burdened with

the high costs of providing food, clothing and other expenses for persons convicted of criminal wrongdoing, when many have the ability to pay all or a portion of their per diem costs of confinement."

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton remarked that the way he understood the proposed legislation, "When somebody goes to jail we charge them room and board and make them pay a portion of what we're having to spend as taxpayers on their upkeep," referring to an article he read in a Denton paper on the topic. Compton said the probably 10 or 20 percent would be all that the county could expect to collect from an inmate.

"That's 10 or 20 percent we're not getting now," said the Sheriff. "That way before they can have a candy bar, a soda pop, or a pack of cigarettes, they can fork out a little money for their food and help reimburse the taxpayers for food."

Sixteen states now have statutes that enable counties to charge jail inmates per diem costs. Commissioners Court was unanimous in their vote supporting the legislation.

Jim Farquar of Cooke County Juvenile Probation requested financial assistance from Commissioners Court to fund the placement of juveniles in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson County Boot Camp. He explained that the Probation office had to spend all of their allotted state money.

It is hard to budget, Farquar said. Last year they had money

left over and this year they have gone over budget. "It's done a good job," he said. "It's money well spent, it's not money that we've wasted."

There is one juvenile the office is planning to send to the Boot Camp and Farquar asked that Commissioners approve funding for two slots so that he wouldn't have to come back if another slot was needed before the new budget cycle begins in September 1.

Normally the rate for juveniles sent to Boot Camp by Cooke, Grayson or Fannin counties is \$65 per day. Juveniles sent by other counties are charged \$80 to \$85 per day. A special rate of \$52 was set for the two summer slots.

Farquar noted that some youths just aren't good candidates for Texas Youth Corrections and are better off being sent to the Boot Camp. Commissioner Virgil Hess remarked that he and Commissioner Jerry Lewis had recently attended the first graduation from the Boot Camp. They found the place very impressive.

Commissioners voted 5-0 to allot \$9,360 for use at the Boot Camp is needed.

Judge Duncan read a letter from Governor George Bush alerting Commissioners Court that farmers and ranchers in the county might be eligible for emergency loans. The loans are available from the USDA. Since Cooke County is located adjacent to a county (Love) that was determined to have sustained losses of 30 percent

or greater, to a single farm enterprise.

The losses occurred from July 1 through Sept. 30, 1997. Loan applications will be accepted from March 2 through Nov. 2, 1998.

In other business at the May 26 meeting Commissioners Court:

- Approved Technology Committee's recommendation for a phone system and approved funds for installation.
- Approved request by Sprint/United Telephone Co. of Texas, Inc. to install buried communications cables on and along the right of way of County Road 433.
- Reappointed Carol Hutchison to the Public Responsibility Committee for the term of Sept. 1, 1998 to August 31, 2000.
- Approved final plat for Timber Hills Estates Subdivision in Precinct #2.
- Approved final plat for The Ranch at Lake Ray Roberts Subdivision Phase II.
- Took no action on setting a hearing date for the closing of a portion of CR 469 in Precinct #4.
- Read from archival Commissioners Court Road Minutes.
- Tabled presentation of update on the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Committee.

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Sunday, June 7	Monday, June 8	Tuesday, June 9	Wednesday, June 10	Thursday, June 11	Friday, June 12	Saturday, June 13
			Life Teen! Life in Wind & Water, 7 p.m., Comm. Ctr. Meeting Rm.		JELLY Pool Party, 4-8 P.M. at Chuck & June Bartush	Felderhoff Family Reunion, 7 P.M., Muenster Park
Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School Week, 9-11:30 A.M.						
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		
Felderhoff Family Reunion, noon, Muenster Park FLAG DAY			High School Mass in Lindsay, 7-9 P.M.		Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9 P.M. at Muenster Pool	Red Cross Swim Registration 9-11 A.M.
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		

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Scouts have adventure in Hill Country



At left: New Scout Jon Ambrose and his father, Bob, paddle down the Colorado, a Texas Wild and Scenic River. Below, members of Scout Troop 664 pause for a picture at the entrance of a restricted access cave they toured with a park ranger. They are from left, Joseph Dangelmayr, Bob Ambrose, Karl Fisher, Jack Biffle, Jack Freeman, Eric Endres, guide, Jon Ambrose, Daniel Rohmer, Chris York, Chad Felderhoff, and Jack Endres. Photos by Dave Fette



The explorers guided their canoes smoothly out of the main course of the Colorado River and paddled up a creek flowing into the river. As they rounded a turn their progress was halted by a ten foot waterfall plunging into the creek. The expedition leader sent a scout climbing up and around the falls where he "discovered" a beautiful spring-fed, crystal-clear swimming hole. It was perfect to cool off a group of hot Boy Scouts on a sultry day. They promised to return later in the day and bring the whole troop to enjoy the swim and explore the pools and ice-cold springs up hill. Canoeing the Colorado River, exploring a wild, protected cave and the afore-mentioned swimming were the main adventures for Boy Scouts and leaders of Muenster Troop 664

during Memorial Day weekend at Colorado Bend State Park in the Texas Hill Country west of Lampasas. Scout leaders, David Fette, Gary Fisher and Ed York, assisted by parents Margie York, Jack Endres, and Bob Ambrose took 16 boys ranging from brand new scouts to experienced Eagle and almost Eagle for a three-day high-adventure trip. The adults cooked a hamburger feast Saturday night and the boys cooked for everyone on Sunday evening and then conducted a Sunday prayer service around the campfire. Half of the party went canoeing on Saturday while the other half went hiking and took a wild cave tour guided by the Park Ranger. On Sunday, the groups switched places, then everyone went back to the

Spicewood Springs swimming hole Sunday afternoon. Scouts attending the Colorado River Trip were Eric Endres, Keaton Haverkamp, Jon Ambrose, Daniel Rohmer, Josh Freeman, Matt Chris, and Alex York, Russell Fette, Chad Felderhoff, Mike Voth, Shawn Moore, Adam Bayer, Karl Fisher, Jack Biffle, and Joseph Dangelmayr. Troop 664 is currently attending summer camp at Camp Grayson on Lake Texoma. The week-long resident camp gives scouts a great opportunity to learn and experience the ideals and skills of the Boy Scouts of America and get to know boys from other troops. They are being led by Assistant Scoutmaster Shirley Knabe and Assistant Senior Patrol leader, Daniel Bartush.

Muenster Water District bond election Aug. 8

by Stephen Broyles
NOTE: This is the first article in a series concerning the Muenster Water District Bond Election.

The Muenster Water District (MWD) will hold a bond election on Saturday, August 8, 1998 for the purpose of approving funding to build a dam for Muenster Lake and for approving a maintenance tax to pay for daily operations. A MWD Capital Improvement brochure explaining the problem, solution, and rationale is available in many locations in town.

Why do we need a lake? is still a frequent question people ask. Muenster Lake will serve as insurance for providing the city's residents and business with water in the future; it will also encourage businesses and industries to move to Muenster because there will be an adequate future water supply.

The Texas Water Development Board, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department prepared the official water plan for Texas and published it in August 1997, entitled "Water for Texas." This publication, as

well as other engineering studies, shows that the Upper Trinity Aquifer is being consumed faster than it is being recharged by rainfall. For instance, consider a full 5-gallon container of water that has a hole in the bottom leaking 2 gallons of water an hour, but is being filled up at the rate of 1 gallon per hour. Eventually, this container will run dry of water. The same thing is happening to the Trinity Aquifer: In 1994, total water pumped from the Trinity Aquifer was 192,961 acre feet (ac-ft). (One acre-foot approximates the amount of water a family of five uses in one year). The annual effective recharge of the Trinity Aquifer was 95,100 ac-ft. Thus, the aquifer lost over 97,861 ac-ft in one year. Based on a loss continuing to occur each year, eventually the Trinity Aquifer will be dried up, or else not provide quality water for human consumption. While this may occur in 5-years, 10-years, or more, action needs to be taken NOW to protect Muenster's water resources! Consider that the average annual water table loss in Muenster's city wells is 2.9

feet. With the water table dropping, oil or salt water may eventually get into the ground water system and contaminate it for people's use. In fact, many wells in the local area have already gone dry or are useless, with new wells having to be dug. Consider also that the Upper Trinity Aquifer will be affected first because it is higher in elevation. The City of Muenster's five water wells are in the Upper Trinity Aquifer. Therefore, a back-up plan is needed to provide water to the city's residents and business. The back-up plan is Muenster Lake.

MISD Board reviews schedule

Muenster ISD School Board met recently with the architect and construction manager on planning for the new high school recently approved by MISD voters. The Board, during this session, wanted to express their appreciation to all those that voted and for the vote of confidence and support of those that voted in favor of the issue.

During the meeting with the architect and construction manager a timeline was initiated to give the board some idea as to when construction could start. Because the sale of bonds will be a little later than originally planned and because of an extended time for bidding the project the timeline for beginning construction is the middle of October. Anticipated completion of the project is for April of 1999. This, of course, depends on weather and many other variables.

Another part of the bond issue that the board hopes to complete this summer is replacing the roof on the elementary building. This

should go out for bids sometime in June.

Other summer projects include putting in a new elementary playground, renovating the old auditorium, and building a new administration building. Since the existing superintendent's office will become part of the new high school, a central administration space is needed. The board believes the best interests of the district will be served financially if a new building is constructed. These summer projects will be paid for out of existing district funds. They are not a part of the bond issue. The renovation of the auditorium and playground would have been done even if the bond issue had not passed. The board had also planned for a new administration building months ago realizing that if the bond issue passed a new administration space would be needed.

The summer promises to be busy as many projects will be on going.



Perry Murphy has recently completed a 16 week training course at the Regional Police Academy in Denison. He also passed the required State Examination held in Austin for certification of Peace Officers. Perry is currently serving a four-year term as constable in Precinct 4, Cooke County.

CITY COUNCIL

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up 200 gallons the week before Germanfest. She explained that she is spearheading a group to be called "Muenster Proud" (as used in other areas) and will have an invitation only (because of space) to organizations for a meeting July 9 at the Center. Monthly bills approved amounted to \$51,317.

RELAY FOR LIFE
Friday & Saturday, June 5 & 6, 1998
Hornet Stadium

TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING - FRIDAY, 5 P.M.
Rules, regulations and responsibilities will be discussed. Team captain or one team representative must attend this short meeting, to be held in front of the Relay For Life stage.

SURVIVORS' LAP
will kick off the '98 Relay For Life at 6 P.M. Friday. All cancer survivors are invited to join in the first lap. Survivors participating will receive special T-shirts, survivor ribbons and goody bags, as well as complimentary food and drinks throughout the event. A reception will be held immediately following the Survivors' Lap.

RAFFLE
will be held Sat., June 6, at 5 P.M. during the Relay For Life. Items include: Seraphim Angel, donated by Christi's Jewelry; crocheted tablecloth, handmade by Harriet Scoggins; and a complete set of Teenie & Full-Size Beanie Babies, donated by Crafty Olde German Gift Shoppe.

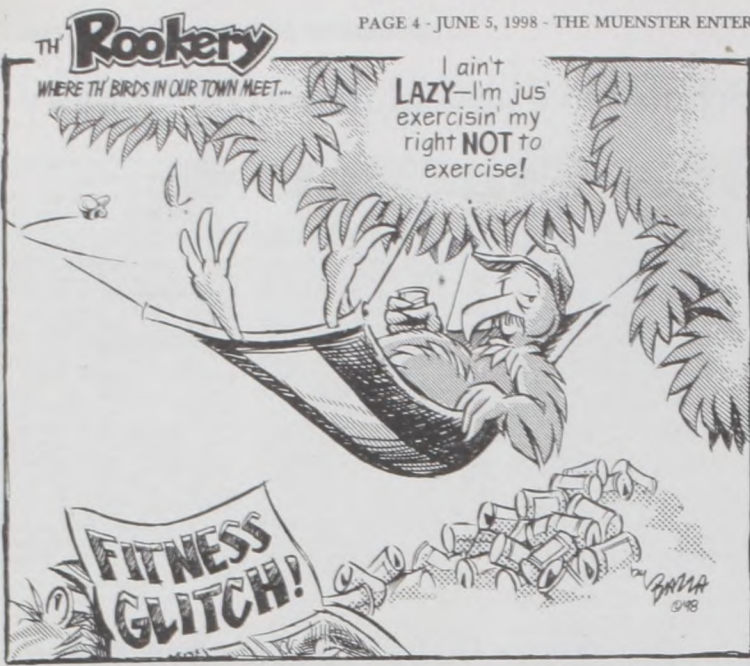
LUMINARIA CEREMONY
At 10 P.M. Friday, luminaria will be lit in memory and honor of loved ones and friends who have had cancer. Luminaria may be purchased for only \$3 each, and will be available at the Relay For Life event. Order forms are available at: Bayer's Kolonialwaren, MMH Home Care and Muenster Chamber of Commerce.

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From My Side of the Fence
by Ed Cler

Time passes quickly, but memories linger on. Some 20 years ago while working land in preparation for seeding fall crops, I was chiseling land that had been plowed earlier in the summer.

After making a few rounds in the upper terrace in the northwest corner of our farm, the right outside chisel shank caught on an edge-rock that was too solidly embedded in the soil to pull out, and before I could stop the tractor, it had pulled itself to the right so that I was facing almost due east instead of north.

Just as I came to a standstill, I saw a strange incident as it was taking place on the road on the east side of our place. The county was in the process of resurfacing that road with gravel, and I saw a new looking sort of orange-colored dump truck rearing up, and then sitting on its rear-end like a puppy begging for a morsel of food.

Fascinated by this strange development, I sat there to see what might happen next. As I watched I could tell the driver was trying to exit the cab, but since the truck was facing upward, he had to lift the door, instead of swinging it open.

After a bit, he managed to get out, and as he was clinging to the vehicle, he was waving to the operator of a nearby maintainer for help. After the maintainer was driven as closely as possible beside the truck, the truck driver dropped down on the machine's cab and then made his way to terra-firma.

Shortly after, the maintainer was pulled in front of the truck and a chain was used to pull it back down. I was surprised to see it settle down to the road as gently, not even a bump.

Later I ran into Alf Luttmer, the maintainer operator, and I thanked him for an interesting performance, and asked him what had caused this strange event.

With a big grin he said that the truck driver was Jerry Lewis, commissioner from our Precinct 3. Alf said Jerry was filling in for a regular driver who was unable to work that day.

When I asked Alf what Jerry's reaction to the incident was, he replied, "Well, Jerry said he would trip the tail gate so it would open before attempting to dump another load!"

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor and Citizens,

Concerning the article on the project of the Veterans Memorial Monuments placed at Sacred Heart Cemetery. I have a few added thank you's and comments.

Thanks to the late Marty Klement who began the project in 1994.

A thank you with a listing of names and monetary donations was given in the article in last week's paper and the article also gave thanks in general to those who participated in the fund-raisers over the years. I would like to add an approximate gift value to some of the donations that were made to each of the fund-raising projects. I know quite a number of people who donated \$100.00 to each of these fund-raisers and some \$200.00 and \$300.00. Another person gave at least \$500.00 per each fund-raiser. To these anonymous donors I say an extra special thanks for your generosity and participation. Also, a special thanks to those who are not members of the VFW who helped on all the fund-raisers (preparing food, etc.).

Thanks too, to Commander Johnny Rohmer, who determinately, saw the project through the year of the actual preparation of the grounds for the completion of the placing of the monuments. (This included decisions about flag poles, their placement, the concrete slab, the selection of monuments, lettering, listing of names, placement of names, etc.). Many of the on-site last minute and final decisions were left at his command. Thanks too, to the monument committee for all their time and for what they were able to accomplish.

Sincerely,
Frances Bayer
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GNB supports Habitat for Humanity

GNB applied as a FHLB member bank to get grant funds for Gainesville Area Habitat for Humanity. FHLB is matching the \$4,500 contribution commitment from GNB with \$13,000 in cash! Funds will be designated for "organizational capacity building."

If questions, contact Marcia Neal at Guaranty National Bank 668-8531, ext. 639.

Teachers and students clean up

by Dr. Pat Ledbetter
NCTC Environmental Committee

"Think globally, act locally." North Central Texas College students followed the advice of that adage last week as they celebrated Earth Day, 1998. Campus activities focused on the big picture with videos and a slide presentation by Sierra Club activist Gary Hayden, while students targeted a serious local problem and organized a movement to clean up Cooke County's environment.

Approximately 50 students worked Tuesday and Saturday removing years worth of illegally dumped trash from stream beds north of Hwy. 82, from the roadsides and under bridges near Dexter, and from along County road 147 east of Gainesville.

North Central Texas College professors, Peggy Connolly (government), Ron Melugin (government), Jim Crump (biology) and Pat Ledbetter (history) helped with the project. County Commissioner Phil Young also worked with the students, guiding them to some of the most degraded sites and ensuring the project's success. Off the sides of the road, the volunteers piled huge mounds of trash, which the county workers then scheduled for pick up.

As they worked, the students expressed shock and dismay that so many people fail to respect the natural beauty of our landscape. They removed a tremendous variety of items from tin cans and bottles to abandoned furniture, appliances, sheets of tin, old tires, bags of clothing, roofing materials, televisions, and mattresses.

"It's so encouraging to see young people willing to give up their time to help with a project like this," Mr. Young told the volunteers. He added, "Once we get the roads cleaned up, it will be much easier to identify the individuals who have dumped trash or littered."

Many of the NCTC students are enrolled in Peggy Connolly and Ron Melugin's political science courses, others are in Jane England and Pat Ledbetter's history classes and

Jim Crump's biology classes.

"Besides improving the landscape in the county, this experience taught the students an excellent lesson in direct democracy," said Connolly, whose class provided the impetus for the project.

"The students had the opportunity to meet the County Commissioner, a representative of the local government, and see first hand how concerned citizens can work with their government to get something positive done for themselves and their community," Connolly concluded.

"When so many people are cynical about government and its effectiveness, it's good for young people to see how hard our representatives work and to learn that they can make a difference," Melugin added.

"Hopefully, they will carry this lesson into other aspects of their lives and become more active citizens."

"It is easy to feel overwhelmed, especially by environmental problems," said Melugin. "But here, our students see that solutions must start somewhere."

Students expressed the hope that their work would inspire a county-wide clean up project. In fact, Cooke County is currently working for a cleaner environment. The key to the success of this project was connecting volunteers with county officials.

In July, 1997, the Sheriff's Department hired Deputy Larry Lange as an environmental officer charged with enforcing the law against illegal dumping and littering. A grant from Texas Council of Governments and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission made it possible for the county to add this service.

Lange, who has been trained in environmental criminal investigation, has put his skills to work for the county in an ongoing effort to address this problem. In a recent interview, he said that he will be attending a three-day training seminar later this month to learn the latest in environmental crime detection techniques.

"Dumping is a crime," said Deputy Lange. "Of course, punishment depends on the nature of the trash."

For example, anything over five pounds dumped by commercial operators is a Class A misdemeanor and carries a penalty of up to one year in jail and up to \$4,000.00 in fines. One local case, scheduled for trial soon, involves two individuals who were allegedly hired to clean out a house and then illegally dumped the refuse. According to Lange, certain items such as batteries and medical trash can net a \$1,000 fine.

Both Commissioner Young and Deputy Lange encourage people living or driving in the countryside to be on the lookout, take license numbers and vehicle descriptions and report any illegal dumping witnessed to the County Sheriff's office.

"The sooner freshly dumped trash is discovered," Lange said, "the better the chances of apprehending the responsible individuals."

Students who served on the NCTC "Trash Posse" include Stacy Dickerson, Stacie Smith, Erin Eager, Dedre Lee, Shawna McGehee, Jill Rotruck, Angie Minor, Misty Farquhar, Antoine Williams, Mardee Crane, Caroline Svenson, Jaime Moss, David Watson, Emma Mashim, Laura Giza, Nicole Davis, Aaron Krebs, Kenny Jones, Dea Cler, Leslie Hellinger, Kevin Bentley, Chad Roberts, Kris Jones, John Lockhart, Tammy Meek, Tami S. Pierce, Hayley McNamara, Shannon Gonzales, Annejanette Williams, Georgina Serrano, Charleen Smith, Jack Grassman, Marnee Smith, Dean Robinson, Ami Hines, Sherry Glenn, Clay Carter, Cody Muller, Jason Nace, Bradley Fisher, Zach Theus, Jackie Gilbert, Brand Hunter, Amy Hamman, Grace Kershner, Michael Fish, Mandy Marmon, Ghasan Okasha, Amy Austin, and Jennifer Sicking.

For more information about the NCTC Environmental Committee, contact group leader Peggy Connolly at 940-668-7731, ext. 389.

Abandoned water wells - a threat to drinking water

Submitted by
Stephen Broyles

This is the fifth in a series of articles prepared by Texas Rural Water Association on drinking water protection in the City of Muenster area.

Have you ever dropped stones into the casing of an old well and listened to the sound it makes? Maybe you have leaned over the opening to hear the echo of your own voice bounce back from the mysterious darkness below? These are just two examples of the phenomena that arouse a child's curiosity and make abandoned wells as intriguing and as dangerous as a discarded ice box with the door still attached.

It is only natural for a person to assume no one would ever fall into his deserted well, as the odds are high against this happening. But it can and has happened numerous times in Texas. Abandoned wells are also a direct conduit to our ground water—a threat to our drinking water.

An abandoned well's potential for adversely affecting drinking water quality will depend on its original use, the local geology, land use, and the type of well construction. An improperly sealed well is often simply covered by a board or a sheet of metal in an unsuccessful attempt to ensure that the well does not become a hazard.

The natural quality of drinking water tends to be degraded by human activity. Wastes that are not discharged into lakes and streams are

deposited on or below the land, and from there may migrate downward to contaminate ground water. The problem is compounded because ground water contamination and the effects of contamination are not usually recognized until ground water quality is seriously impaired.

Ground water normally moves very slowly, from a few feet to tens of feet per year, and is filtered in the process. But an abandoned well will circumvent the natural filtration process, and can transfer large amounts of contaminated water directly into the aquifer.

Abandoned wells are found everywhere—on farms, industrial sites, and in urban areas. Well plugging restores the ground water protection originally provided by soil and rock that were present before the well was drilled. Filling a well also eliminates the possibility of injury, death, or

property damage due to falls or sudden collapse of an old well. To achieve these important benefits, however, the right plugging materials and procedures must be used.

It won't be easy to convince everyone to plug or cap their abandoned wells. Proper well plugging takes time and money. The exact costs vary with well depth, diameter, and the geology of the area. Some will say well plugging is like pouring money down a hole. But spending a couple of thousand dollars to plug an abandoned well may prevent contamination of your drinking water. It might also prevent a serious accident involving your family or friends.

To report an abandoned well or obtain information or plugging abandoned wells contact the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission Water Well Drilling and Pump Installer Program at (512) 239-0530.

Free environmental site visits

Free and confidential environmental site visits for small businesses are available through the Small Business Assistance Program of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

With the sheer complexity and volume of environmental rules and regulations, many small businesses are

unknowingly in violation. It's these kinds of situations that free site visit can prevent.

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Lifestyle

Reunion of 1948 SHHS graduates held on May 23

Graduates of Sacred Heart High School in 1948 and those who attended grade school with them met for a 50th year reunion on May 23, 1998. They gathered as a group for the 5 p.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. A special guest was a former SHH teacher, Sister Geraldine Homer, OSB.

Sacred music was presented by Linda Flusche, Mary Lin Knabe, Mary Endres and Debbie Hess. Readings and Responses were given by Sister Romana Rohmer OSB, a classmate.

A meditation following Communion was a special song: "Little Herman Joseph" which was taught by Sister Bertha OSB to all second graders, both preceding and following this class. Sister Bertha taught second grade here for many, many years.

After Mass, they all gathered at The Center Restaurant for a social hour and dinner. Ted Gremminger, president of the senior class was master of ceremonies. He called for a moment of silence in memory of deceased classmates: Donald Endres, Daniel Luke, Jackie Reiter, Alvin Noggler, Raymond Derichsweller, Steve Grewing, and John Lewis Hess.

Sister Romana Rohmer reported on all former teachers; only other surviving teacher is Sister Michael Lansing, who is a patient in the convent's

infirmary in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Named as the classmate traveling the greatest distance was Michael Luke of Vienna, Virginia; classmate with the most children was Rosalee Bayer with 7; classmate with the most grandchildren was Dolores Miller with 13; classmate with the most great-grandchildren was Gladys Gieb with three.

On Sunday morning, most of the group met again to tour Sacred Heart grade school, and reminisce of the days "they were little kids." Attending were Gertie Bindel Wimmer, Mariana Flusche Simeroth, Rosalie Fuhrmann Bayer, Ted Gremminger, Dolores Henscheid Miller, Monte Hellman, Walter Haverkamp, Sister Mary Lin Koesler, Victor Koelzer, Michael Luke, Sister Romana Rohmer, Gladys Sicking Gieb, Evelyn Vogel Otto, Donald Walterscheid, and Leonard Walterscheid.

Unable to attend the reunion were Bernadine Lutkenhaus McCurtain, Bernadine Sicking Beizer, Isabelle Eberhart Stelzer, Martha Hennigan Montoya, Marilyn Gremminger Wehman, Eugenia Herr Brown, Lillian Knabe Cardwell, Nina Owen Bardsley, Ernest Sicking, Reynold Reiter, Sylvia Streng Wood, Kenneth Wiesman, and Ernie Zipper Stockman.

Justin Felderhoff receives First Communion April 26

Justin Walter Felderhoff, son of Floyd and Marceline Felderhoff of Montgomery, Texas, and grandson of Henry and Betty Felderhoff and Walter and Celine Bartel, celebrated his First Holy Communion at the 11:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church of Conroe, Texas on April 26. Msgr. David Kennedy and Father Manuel La Rosa-Lopez officiated. There were 79 children receiving First Eucharist. Celebrating with Justin were his parents and his sister Chelsea, joined by his uncle Craig Felderhoff of Houston. A reception followed in the Sacred Heart Auditorium, with cake and punch.



Justin Felderhoff

For a special lunch, Justin and his family celebrated at his favorite restaurant, "The Outback" in Conroe. Later the following week, in Muenster, Justin and his family spent time visiting with his grandparents the Henry Felderhoffs. On Tuesday, Justin celebrated his reception of First Eucharist with his Aunt Jessica Bartel and Aunt Adrienne Bartel in the home of his grandparents, the Walter Bartels. The "First Communion" cake was made

and decorated by his mother. Guests enjoyed cake and ice cream. Pictures were made and gifts opened. He received a prayer book, rosary and First Communion lapel pin from his parents.

Justin is a second grader in Montgomery Elementary School, an honor student, and is actively involved in Cub Scouts.

Area Graduates

Shelley Klement is TWU graduate on May 16

Shelley Ray Klement graduated from Texas Women's University on May 16, 1998, with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Sciences degree. Shelley graduated Magna Cum Laude. She is a member of the Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Societies and the Student Dietetic Association. She also has an Associate of Science degree from North Central Texas College.

Attending the graduation ceremony were her parents, Robert and Gloria Klement; and Leslie and Kalya Dangelmayr, Damon Foster, and Sabrina Truebenbach. A noon party was held at Shelley's home on Sunday, May 17. Those attending were parents, Robert and Gloria; grandparents, Lou and Frank Zimmerman and Rose and Ed Klement; uncle Ronnie Klement; and Leslie, Chris, and Kalya Dangelmayr; Melody, Greg, Lauren, and Adrienne Rohmer; Scott and Zonya Klement; brother, Justin; and Damon Foster.

Shelley has been accepted to Texas Women's University Physical Therapy School in Dallas. She started the two-year program on June 1. She will work toward her Master's degree in Physical Therapy. Shelley is also a member of the American Physical Therapy Association.



Jennifer Bayer

Jennifer Bayer is graduate of Sam Houston State

Jennifer Kay Bayer, daughter of Tom and Joyce Bayer and granddaughter of Tony and Sis Klement and Louise Bayer of Muenster and the late Martin Bayer, is a graduate of Sam Houston State University of Huntsville, Texas. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education on May 16, 1998.

While a student at SHSU, she maintained an overall GPA of 3.75. She was on the Dean's List and a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

She will be employed as a Kindergarten teacher in Mark Twain Primary in Alvin, Texas, beginning this Fall term.

Attending graduation ceremonies were her parents, Tom and Joyce Bayer, Adam Bayer, Cheryl Bayer, Curtis and Rhonda Pagel, and Tyler and Brittany Pagel of Muenster; Donnie and Renee Knabe of Saint Jo; Chris Wright of College Station; Clarence, Verma, Christi and Shawn Wright of Alvin; and surprise guests Willie and Janet Fisher of Muenster and Cecil and Melissa Cheshier of Plano.



Shelley Klement



Annette Bayer

Annette Bayer, spring graduate from TWU

Annette Bayer graduated Cum Laude, May 16, 1998 from the College of Education and Human Ecology Department of TWU, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, specializing in Early Childhood Education. The 11:30 a.m. ceremony was held on the TWU campus in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. While attending TWU Annette was named to the Dean's Honor Roll and was a member of the Golden Key Honor Society.

Attending graduation were her husband Bill and their children, Michelle, Nicole and Neil; Louise Bayer; Nelda Bayer; Annette's parents, W.J. and Anna Mae Block; her sister, Natalie Alexander; and brothers, Kevin and Tim Block; and Sara Flusche.

Annette is a 1978 graduate from Lindsay High School, and 1996 graduate from North Central Texas College with an Associate of Science Degree. She has proudly accepted a position at Sacred Heart School beginning in the Fall.

Baptism

Schneider

Claire Ann Schneider, infant daughter of Tim and Christi Schneider was baptized in Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, May 30, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. by Father Tom Craig, pastor.

Attending were her parents, her sister Chloe; her baptismal sponsors Dale and Jill Swirczynski; her grandparents Richard and Kay Pagel and Ed and Ginny Schneider. A meal was hosted in the Ed Schneider home, following Mass. Attending were Paul, Dolle and Sarah Porter; Jerome and Gertie Pagel; Claude, Deb, Ashley and Aaron Klement; Pam, Trey and Brad McDonald; Ricky, Wanda, Katy and Kristina Cloud; David, Laurie, Katie and Dylan Flusche; Dale, Jill, Tara, Zach and Hillary Swirczynski; Darren, Jennifer, and Kimber Walterscheid.

Unable to attend, but sending their blessings were the John and Don Schneider families.

Claire Ann wore her Easter dress to church. It was given to her by her godmother. She was changed into her baptismal gown to be presented to the congregation as the newest member. The infant is the namesake of her great-grandmother Gertrude Ann Pagel.

Health Notes

Does blinking help?

People with dry eyes may find the problem worsens in the winter. Cold, windy weather tends to exacerbate dry eye syndrome.

Blasts of air from hair dryers, furnaces, and car heaters and air conditioners also can make the symptoms worse, if you have to blow dry your hair, or have a constant stream of wind or air blowing at your eyes, you should blink frequently or, if possible, keep your eyes closed.

An ophthalmological exam to devise a treatment for the dry eye syndrome's root cause, which usually is either a lack of tear production or excessive tear evaporation. Symptoms include a burning sensation and a gritty feeling in the eyes, and extreme light sensitivity.

MHMR family, consumer support group meeting

Mental Health Mental Retardation services of Texoma has scheduled its Family Support meeting for Thursday, June 11, 7:00 p.m., at Visions Enterprises-Joe Walter Workshop, 610 West Broadway, Gainesville. The topic will be The Value of Peer Support and Self Help Groups (Persons with mental illness

helping each other on the road to recovery). The presenter will be Stephen Collins.

For More information contact Judy Foster at 903-786-4812 or Debra Weir at 940-665-1071. Both family members and consumers are invited to the meetings unless otherwise announced. The general public is invited to attend.

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New Arrivals

Sicking

Allen M. and Martha A. Sicking announce with pride and joy the birth of their second son, Devin Christopher Sicking in Denton Community Hospital on Tuesday, May 26, 1998 at 9:44 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 19 1/4 inches in length. Devin joins a brother, Quinn, age 4, at home. Their grandparents are Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann of Gainesville, Rt. 2 and Adeline Sicking of Muenster and the late Bernard Sicking.

Dennis

Jimmy and Laurie Dennis of Saint Jo are parents of their first child, a son, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on May 20, 1998 at 7:43 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 22 inches long. They have named him Colby James Dennis. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Dennis of Saint Jo and Jerry Stout of Lubbock and Vicki Stout of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Faye Dennis of Saint Jo and Frances Raymond of Saint Jo and Henry and Opal Stout of Tulia, Texas.

Hill

Corey and Bobbie Sue Hill of Saint Jo announce the birth of a son, Devan Angel Hill, in Muenster Memorial Hospital on May 27, 1998 at 6:08 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 14.2 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. He joins a sister Jasmine Haley Hill, age one year. Grandparents are Glenda Sue Collins of Myra and Lana Kirby of Denton. Great-grandparents are Pauline Hessel and Eli and Shirley Harvill and Bobbie Wuldrige. Great-grandmother is Lucille Cummings.

Kuykendall

Brad and Crystal Kuykendall of Gainesville are parents of a son, Darius Edward Kuykendall, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on May 30, 1998, at 12:49 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 18 3/4 inches in length. He joins a sister, Christy Kuykendall. Grandparents are Daisy and Keith Barrett of Gainesville.



Father Bill Hopkins, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Fort Worth, is shown with Rose Bartush and Kathryn Sepanski, fifth grade winner and sixth grade winner, respectively, of the diocesan-wide Serra Club Vocation Poster Contest. Winners of the contest were honored during a reception on May 3, which followed a special prayer service held at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Fort Worth. Contest theme was "Come, Follow Me". Rose Bartush and Kathryn Sepanski are students at Sacred Heart School. Sponsors were impressed with both the quantity and quality of the entries in this year's contest, which is open to all Catholic school and CCD students in grades one to eight. Each winner received a \$100 savings bond. Courtesy photo

Jo Ann Greenwood dies

Jo Ann Greenwood of Forestburg died on May 31, 1998 at 5:15 p.m. at age 52 in Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

She was born on June 29, 1945 in Decatur, Texas to Virgil Gano Greenwood and Georgia Bolinda Hunt Greenwood. She lived her entire life in the Forestburg area; was the Valedictorian of the Forestburg High School class of 1963; graduated from Gainesville Junior College, and from Texas Woman's University in Denton. She was an Honor Student and on the Dean's List all through college. She taught in Forestburg ISD for seven years, and was a substitute teacher for Forestburg and Alvord for many more years, loved by her students, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Some of her special hobbies were growing flowers, tending pets and small animals in general. She was a member of Forestburg Church of Christ.

Survivors are two sisters, Wanda Lee Magee and Wynona Riddles both of Forestburg, two brothers Buford Greenwood of Forestburg and Delbert Wayne Greenwood of Sunset; many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one infant sister

Doris; five brothers Grady, Billy Bob, Truman, Weldon, Terry Leon Greenwood; one nephew Alvie Gano Riddles, who was raised with her as a brother.

Services were held Wednesday, June 3, 1998 at Forestburg Church of Christ officiated by C.E. Cole and Gene Davenport. Burial in Perryman Cemetery in Montague County was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.

Pallbearers were Elvin Echols, Dale Shults, Tracy Greenwood, Rodney Greenwood, Terrell Johnston, and Braydon Dunn. Honorary pallbearers were Gordy Lynch, John Dunn and Garvin Clower.

Family swim nights planned

The Kiwanis Club of Muenster is again sponsoring Family Swim Nights at the City's Swimming Pool. Families are encouraged to go swimming for free. Mark your calendars now for swimming from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on June 5, June 19, July 2, July 17, July 30, August 7, and August 21. Enjoy yourselves!

Centennial farmhouse fest set at Johnson Branch Park

A centennial celebration at the century-old Roy Jones farmhouse in Johnson Branch Park is Saturday, June 6 beginning at 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by Friends of Jones Farm in cooperation with Lake Ray Roberts.

The celebration will commemorate 100 years the farmhouse has stood on the outer banks of Isle de Bois Creek sheltering the ancestors of the Jones family, and in recent years the headquarters for the Friends' group. The parents of Roy Jones moved their family across the yard from their log cabin to the present structure on June 3, 1898, on Roy Jones first birthday.

The farm was rescued from demolition some ten years ago when the Friends' group sought help from the Corps of Engineers to keep the farmhouse intact and to leave the farm machinery on the farm.

Activities start at 1 p.m. with the arrival of the 1924 Model T Ford formerly housed on the farm for some fifty years. Horseshoeing demonstration

begins at 2. In continuous demonstrations will be quilting under the trees, weaving spinning, krautmaking, candlemaking, soapmaking, churning, washpot washing and food preservation. Game for kids will be stick horse racing, kick the can, hoop racing, goat petting and haystack sliding.

Spotlighted will be a 4 p.m. organ concert in the Jones farmhouse parlor on an 188 reed pump organ. The organ is fourteen year old Gart Claylor. Following the organ concert will be a lively gospel concert by the Mountain Springs Hallelujah Chorus.

At 5 p.m. fiddling and picking begins under the oaks. Participating will be Hoss Radish and Dill Picker, Denton, and the Mountain Springs Hootenanny Pickers.

At 7 p.m. Gainesville Forty Niners square dancers will dance on the grass. Music will continue past dark.

Entrance to the park is the only charge. Pioneer food will be available all afternoon for minimal donation.

Austin celebrates five!

Austin Killian, son of Gail and Scott Killian of Houston turned five years old on May 19. He celebrated with a swim party for friends and family at Heartstone Country Club with a fish and swimming theme. His birthday cake simulating an ocean was made by a friend Kristen Anderson. Guests enjoyed swimming, games, a buffet dinner, fish cookies and cake.



Austin Killian

Helping him celebrate were his parents; his sister Allie; his brother Ross; friends Brendt, Matthew, Steven, Stuart, Caleb, Priscilla, Tabatha, and Jesse. Kristen, Derik and Maddison Anderson; Kristy, Evan and Maddison Haas; Randy, Ann, Preston, and Brennan Schamberger.

Austin is the grandson of Butch and Eileen Fisher and great-grandson of Margaret Fisher and the late John Fisher.

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Area Happenings

Cowboys With A Cause

On August 14 and 15, some 17,000 people will swarm the Mounted Patrol Arena Grounds in Wichita Falls, Texas and celebrate the 18th Texas Ranch Roundup. Folks from out-of-state, and on occasion, from other countries, plan their vacation sojourns to catch a glimpse of this rare opportunity to see Texas cowboys.

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Once a year, these ranch owners and managers pull their families, cowboys, horses and chuck wagons together to make the trek to Wichita Falls, and "put on a show".

Three large Texas charities benefit from the unique event which these ten ranches will

produce. North Texas Rehab in Wichita Falls, West Texas Rehab in Abilene, and West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo have benefited by some \$1.1 million in the previous seventeen years.

In addition to the arena events on Friday and Saturday evening, beginning at 8:00 p.m., the weekend offers a large tradeshow. On Saturday morning at 10 a.m., the Talent Competition begins.

Tickets can be purchased at Cash-A-Check (940) 691-1723.

Beach Bash '98

The Montague 4-H clubs are sponsoring an all day outing June 13 at Hudspeth Beach on Amon G. Carter Lake in Bowie.

Beginning at 8:00, activities include Jet Ski Skills Contest, Volleyball Tournament, and Chili Cook-Off.

For more information contact Barbara Holeman, Count Extension Agent at 940-894-2831.

Chisolm Trail Western Swing Weekend

Western Swing Days will be at Nocona on June 4-5-6. Musical artistry of Gary P. Nunn, Don P. Walsler and Leon Rausch and the Original Texas Playboys will be featured. Many other events fill the weekend including Motley: leather works exhibit, fiddlers' contest, quilt show, chili cook-off and parade.

For more information contact the Nocona Chamber of Commerce at 940-825-3526.

W. F. Summer Arts and Crafts

The sixth annual Wichita Falls Summer Arts and Craft Festival will be held June 6 and 7 in the Multi-Purpose Events Center in Wichita Falls. More than 100 artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art and handmade items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

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KOHLER FAMILY STRENGTHENS FAITH DURING CANCER TRIAL

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Jane remembers that Steve held on until his son Gavin got home from college. "One of the hardest things I had to do was the morning before he died when things were just so horrible, I had to ask him to go ahead and let go because we were going to be all right and he shouldn't go on suffering," Jane remembers sorrowfully.

Steve died at home on Nov. 4, 1995, just 22 hours after Jane told him it was okay to let go. Steve's last days were spent with his family and friends at his bedside. Letting people die at home is very hard work, but very rewarding, said Jane. She would be willing to talk with anyone considering such an endeavor. The caregiving was probably the hardest work she's ever done in her life, but also the most rewarding, she said.

No longer will his mellow voice be heard in the Sacred Heart third grade class room recounting the tales of C. L. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" or "The Hobbit", but his former students will not forget. Steve Kohler's teaching skills helped to form the children whose lives he touched. He knew how to make learning fun, where to draw the line, when to be gentle and when strict rules were to be set.

The natural teacher in Steve saw each child's strengths and weaknesses, allowing him to customize lessons to their needs. Perhaps it was this skill that helped Steve prepare his family for his death and helped them with the positive attitude they developed as cancer survivors.

"You are not a cancer survivor just if you've had cancer," commented Jane Kohler. "There's another group of people who are survivors that are family members after somebody dies of cancer. I think overall, although it's not a desirable experience, that it can be a good experience and it can be a unifying experience. It's not all good and not easy, but I believe that we have come out stronger as a family unit."

"We're living on faith. The faith that Steve talked about before he died — we've taken some of the things that he learned and built on them."

Steve reflected during the interview, "I gained so much more than was ever taken away. I've been given a brand new look at every day. In the past I've been so conservative about every day and so careful. I might miss out on company or conversation or sunsets or something because I might be too tired tomorrow. The next day comes and plans change and you miss those folks. I've come to the point where I don't count on tomorrow. I count on the day when I wake up. When my eyes come open, I'm alive — that day I've got! I've quit trying to save energy from one day to the next because I don't know if there will be a next day."

"It's not that I don't worry," Steve commented. "Because there are things that I still worry about, but I'm having trouble finding out what they are. It's just that the joys and fragility of life are right up front in my face. There were times in that hospital that all I was doing was trying to stay alive. I couldn't focus on anything else. I was completely helpless — at the mercy of the elements. All I could do was pray. That's the thing I should have done first. It took being down that low to realize your total dependence. It's just come along since then. If I do a daily ongoing miracle. It's just faith. It has to be what I'm supposed to be doing because I'm still here."

Jane recalled attending the Sacred Heart Homecoming in 1994. "Some of the kids, especially the younger ones, would just come up and look at Steve or come up and touch him and look at him and not say a thing. One kid just sat there and kept looking at him. He said, 'You're here.' Steve said, 'Yeah, I'm here.' It was really, really touching."

Steve said, "It's been neat to those kids 'cause they're told to pray and be good and all that, but they can see a real tangible result of their prayer. Even if it is only for another week or two — I'm just not worried about how much time is left. For this day I'm alive! What I've got now is because of prayer."

The Kohlers have three children, Jessica, Gavin, and Jordan. Jessica married Jeff Wilson and they now have a seven month old son, Josh.

On being a cancer survivor Jessica remarked, "It strips you down to your barest self and that's not always pretty. You have to deal with that and come out on the other side."

Jane added that sometimes you make bad decisions or bad moves and act poorly. You can beat yourself up about it or recognize this and go on from there, she said. She suggests turning to God and asking Him to make good of it. She said, "I've been amazed!"

During Steve's illness he and Jane began attending the American Cancer Society sponsored DIALOGUE meetings at Muenster Memorial Hospital. "It helped his morale and it helped me during that time," Jane said. After Steve died she hesitated to go back because she felt that it wasn't for her anymore. With the group's encouragement she went back and she found that they were still a part of her life.

That is how Jane became involved with the Relay For Life. She missed the first one, but participated in the second. Jane also urged her children to take part. "I really didn't want anything to do with it," recalls Jessica. "I was really mad. I thought, 'Why should I help anybody else?' That was because we lost and I didn't feel like listening to a bunch of people who have won or are still dealing with it. I just didn't want any involvement." Even her husband asked why she was being so negative and hateful about the event, she said.

Jessica went because her mother asked her to go. When she got there she knew she had to be there and attended the entire event. "I



Gavin, Jane, Steve, Jessica, and Jordan Kohler on a summer outing.

felt very compelled to be there," she notes. "Those two days really made me change. I've felt differently since."

Her mother remarked, "We were given so much help that somewhere down the line I knew I'd need to return it. It takes a little while and it takes courage to go back because in going back you have to face the cancer."

For Jessica the Survivors Lap at the Relay For Life was very moving. She said that she felt she had dealt with a lot with her father having cancer. The people walking had dealt with so much more. Jessica noted it was hard to see because she felt that her family members were survivors too, but that they didn't have her Pop. She wanted him to be there and walking with the other survivors.

"To see so many people who had survived made me feel like I had to do something," Jessica commented. All the luminaries and the list of names inspired her to help other survivors. Every luminaire is for somebody, she said.

Looking back, Jane can point to the many blessings they experienced during Steve's cancer. He had his life's work acknowledged as people came back into his life and told him what he had done for them.

"As a long-term spouse I felt my identity was wiped out," remarked Jane. "It was, so to speak, because Steve and Jane Kohler basically died and I had to become a kind of different identity. Father Frown (Schoech) was the one who told me it would happen, but I didn't really believe him. You have to re-establish a relationship with everyone else, including yourself."

"You can choose to sit back and be a widow or you can decide to go on and find a new identity. I am very proud of being Mrs. Steven Lynn Kohler, but I want to be Jane Kohler too." It's not easy and Jane said she doesn't have an answer. She is excited to see where the Lord is going to direct her. She wonders what she will be doing in the next century.

Jordan will graduate in the year 2000 and another obligation will be fulfilled. Becoming a single parent wasn't part of Jane's game plan. One of her greatest fears was that she wouldn't be able to raise their youngest son alone.

Jane marvels that the Lord directed them back to Sacred Heart with Jordan. "He moved us back into Steve's community which means that Steve is still helping me raise Jordan," she remarked.

When she discussed her fear with a psychologist in the hospital before Steve's death, he told her that Jordan would tell her how. "It's been true, but you have to have a lot of open communication and a lot of faith," Jane noted. "The open communication being it. Both of us (Jane and Jordan) could have gone down real bad paths if we hadn't talked directly to each other, very honestly about anything. That isn't always easy or comfortable."

Jordan remarked that he loves going to Sacred Heart School. "I feel like I'm part of something," he said.

"I think that the unfortunate thing that I've learned about our public schools in all of this is that in separating God and state we've not allowed our public schools to give spiritual support. What Jordan was lacking in the public school was emotional and spiritual support. That people there might have wanted to help, but by law they couldn't say certain things to him that can be said at Sacred Heart. There are laws on the books that prevent them from saying some of those things."

Jane said she hadn't been aware of the difference before because there hadn't been a crisis at home. "Public schools aren't really allowed to help them as much and I think it is a crime for the whole country. A family having trouble isn't new, but communities not being allowed to help them is fairly new."

Jane explained that she looks back at times and can see that she wasn't doing very well then and was kind of messed up but that she's doing better now. "I've been doing that for two and a half years now," she said. "That's a positive thing. That means that there is continual progress or at least an attitude of progress in healing. I find that my life is a real blessing."

Lessons were learned by Jane from her husband about not putting off conversations or relating to people because you might miss something else. "I know from his life that he did that some," she said. "He stopped doing that after the cancer. He would push himself to the limit to talk with people and lived a fuller life in that respect. I learned a lot from that."

That life goes on is another lesson Jane learned. We spend so much time worrying about details of material things and think they are so important. When you have to forget them all, that doesn't mean you come back and ignore all material things, but you have to keep going and they don't matter as much as just living life, Jane said.

The Kohler family just celebrated an event that Jane feels sums that up. Four years ago, the day after Gavin graduated from high school, is the day that the family was informed about Steve's cancer. "Gavin just graduated from college on time," said Jane. "To me it was more than just his graduation. We came through as a family unit, through a real rough period of losing Steve. Gavin went on. We've all gone on. We've got Steve's grandson here. Jordan is excelling at school. Jessica is doing a good job as a mom. I'm not sure what I'm doing, but I think I'm doing all right! What ever it is I'm okay day by day."

Jessica added, "All of us had our own road to hoe after he died, but watching Gavin graduate, we all knew we had come through it and could celebrate. It was tough for everybody in their role at the time, whoever they were being... son, wife, Gavin graduating was like: he did it, we did it, everybody did it and we can say we're okay."

Now when medical emergencies come up, Jane says it is easier for her to turn immediately to prayer. Bad things happen to good people and they don't stop happening just because you've had one, said Jane and Jessica.

"Before this I'd always felt awkward about religion and prayer," Jordan remarked. "During this whole sickness, up until the last few months, I felt really awkward about religion. Something's just clicked and I'm starting to realize what I want in religion and what I'm supposed to do. I'm sure that's from the whole experience." Jessica said it would be pretty easy to just denounce prayer after praying for something and not getting it as they had for Steve's recovery.

Jane remembered that recently they had been discussing living in the spiritual world and the material world. She was saying that you need to live in both, but the spiritual world is more important. "Jordan came back with, 'Well, if you lived in just the material world without faith, you couldn't have any fun.' I heard that and went, 'Wow' because if you're in just the material world, then you have to worry about the material things all the time. We all know we could preoccupy ourselves with that and never have any fun. If you just take care of the material things and have faith that they'll work out, then you can go ahead and have fun."

When Jane first received a letter from the American Cancer Society asking her to consider being a Road To Recovery volunteer, she thought it would be horrible. Her first reaction was that she didn't want to be involved. As she found out more about it, she changed her mind. "It's a positive thing to be able to do a small thing," she said. "You don't have to immerse your life in cancer to be signed up to be on call." All Jane's experiences in driving patients to cancer treatments have been positive, she noted. Also it usually possible to work the trip into her schedule when a call comes.

"The Relay For Life and those types of things need to happen and everybody should get involved," urges Jessica. "You don't have to go all out, just make a little contribution in some way. You'll be surprised at the pay back. It's (cancer) everywhere and it affects everybody."

"It's the little things you do that really help," concluded Jane.

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School News

Eighteen graduate from Sacred Heart 8th grade

Sacred Heart School graduated 18 students from the 8th grade in ceremonies on Thursday, May 28, preceded by a Mass in Sacred Heart Church, celebrated by pastor Father Tom Craig at 6:00 p.m. Graduates include Audrey Elizabeth Barnhill, Andrea Kathleen Bauer, Johnathan Albert Bayer, Luke Joseph Endres, Kelly Marie Fetsch, Elizabeth Jean Fette, Matthew Curtis Grewing, Ashley Dawn Hess, Tanya Lorraine Hess, John Henry Knabe, Sara Elizabeth Rogers, Lisa Marie Rohmer, Sara Rohmer Sepanski, Mattie Elizabeth Sicking, Christin Hill Smith, Aaron Kyle Walterscheid, Jeremy John Yosten, and Kristen Rose Yosten.

former and present teachers, Father Tom Craig, Mr. Jack Murdock. A buffet dinner was served, with a decorated cake. The class read aloud from a booklet they made; and played games.

Their class motto was "Yesterday's a memory; Tomorrow's a dream; Today is reality - Make the most of it."

Theme of the graduation Mass was "Jesus Is The Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever."

Class flower is a rose; class colors are maroon, hunter green, and silver.

Girls each carried a long-stemmed red rose and boys wore a lapel rosebud.

Participating in the liturgy of the Mass were organist Ruth Felderhoff, song leader Christy Hesse, Altar servers Zachary Barnhill, Lisa Endres, Kevin Walterscheid, all siblings of 8th graders. Eucharistic ministers were Bob Bauer, Frances and Arthur Bayer, Patti and Leonard Bayer, Linda and Bob Sepanski, Imelda Rohmer, and Viola Rohmer, parents or grandparents of 8th graders.

The celebrant, Father Tom Craig, Altar servers and graduates entered in procession to "All My Days." Luke Endres gave the First Reading, from Joshua; Andrea Bauer, Audrey Barnhill, Kelly Fetsch, and Elizabeth Fette the Responsorial Psalm; Sara Sepanski gave the Second Reading, from Hebrews.

Father Tom read the Gospel, Matthew 6:25-34, and delivered the homily.

Mattie Sicking read Prayers of the Faithful, and John Knabe and Aaron Walterscheid presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar. "Consider the Lilies" was sung. At Communion "Companions on the Journey" was sung.

The graduation formalities followed Mass, with Father Tom Craig pastor and Dr. Jack Murdock, principal presenting diplomas.

Eighth grade boys read "tributes to Dad" and eighth grade girls presented "tributes to Mother" with a lovely dance, standing on the altar steps.

The recessional song was "Lead Us On, Oh Lord."

Graduates formed a receiving line in front of church. After the ceremonies, they were honored with a party in the Alan Rohmer home. Other guests included parents,



Steve Broyles presents \$500 scholarship checks from the Muenster Kiwanis Club to Kristine Hartman, right, Muenster High graduate, and Laura Klement, Sacred Heart High graduate. Photo by Janie Hartman

Muenster ISD Honor Roll

Sixth Six Weeks ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL
6th Grade - Rachel Clark, Melinda Walterscheid.

7th Grade - Ricky Endres, Kyle Fuhrmann, Kami Klement, Megan Lippe, Tyler Walterscheid.

8th Grade - Laura Drachenberg, Grant Hartman, Chris Jackson, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Christopher York.

9th Grade - Chris Grewing, Greg Johnson, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Mary Skinner.

10th Grade - Karen Cler, Allison Endres, Kelly Felderhoff, Justin Fleitman, Darren Hennigan, Jackie Henscheid, Jeffrey Klement, Douglas Knabe, Raegan Koesler, Krystle Sparkman, Casey Walterscheid, Yanyi Zhao.

11th Grade - Stephanie Bierschenk, Cristy Drachenberg, Eric Fisher, Dolle Patel, Brent Sicking, Dee Dee Walterscheid, Matthew York.

12th Grade - Corey Anderle, Kristin Dickerson, Keisha Dill, Valerie Erwin, John Fanning, Brian Fleitman, Michael Grewing, Joyce Hacker,

Kristine Hartman, Brya Hudspeth, Cody Perryman, Leigh Reiter, Angela Russe, Kimberly Sturm.

HONOR ROLL
6th Grade - Kyle Endres, Chelsea Felderhoff, Roby Hermes, Kristian Koesle, Kristi McAden, Daniel Russel

7th Grade - Michael Endres, Amanda Felderhoff, Karl Fisher, Layla Khali, Christopher Rains.

8th Grade - Chisam Cai, Krystal Hale, Tob Walterscheid.

9th Grade - Diane Britai, Lauren Dangelmayr, Josh Freeman, Kacie Garcia, Bre Howell, Kristin Smith.

10th Grade - Polly Fett, John Flusche, Randy Grewin, Craig Hartman, Heather Hes Bryan Miller, Jessica Schopp, Jim Stoffels.

11th Grade - Melina Fanning, Chad Felderhoff, Janet Fetsch, Jesse Luke.

12th Grade - Mindy Endres, Emily Felderhoff, Luca Hartman, Scott Herme, Telisha Reid, Aaron Sicking, Larry Sparkman, Er Walterscheid.

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Alexander, Brandon Schroeder, Scott Metzler, DeeDee Dudenhoeffer, Rachel Goin, Jenny Huchton, Jarod Root, Andrea Fuhrmann, Ashley Zimmerer, Travis Alfrey, Angela Kirby, Jeffrey Williams, John Bezner, Courtney Hoelker, Adrienne Sandmann.

8th Grade - Nabeel Anwar, Megan Ward, Faith Skinner, Tommy Arendt, Jennifer Wilson, Kristan Tucker, Alexandria Haayen, Sophia Rahman, Hannah Trammell, Jeff Kendall, Taren Hall, Jacque Bezner, Robin Neu, Cathy Lusk, Chad Stoffels, Austin Krebs, Christina Otto.

7th Grade - Genevieve Knauf, Sara Luttmmer, Tommy Schad, Corrie Crosby, Emmy Trammell, Patrick Zimmerer, Alexandria Hellinger, Elaine Hess, Joey Arendt, Jonathan Krahl, Renee Sandmann, Kyle Endres, Kimberly Hermes, Jalynn Wilson, Jamie Price, Taylor Shauf, Chelsea Laux, Stacie Yosten, Chelsea Perry.

6th Grade - Lindsey Williams, Christina Nieto, Lori Kasparek, Kendyl Odell, Makenzie Spruiell, Cody Hess, Amber Wolf, Julie Gieb, Whitney Neu, Mitchell Ward, Emilee Burt, Mary Eberhart, Brandi Martinez.

5th Grade - Jacob Geray, Cheryl Bayer, Rameez Anwar, Kelsey Tucker, Travis Reiter, Michael Roese, Daniel Aberasturi, Ryan Zimmerer, Nathan Hermes, Whitney Galubenski, Bradley Anderle, Jessica Bezner, Jared Schroeder, Lisa Reidy.



Sacred Heart High School Class Award winners. Photo by Dave Fette

Cooke County Chorale to sing in Dallas on Sunday, June 7

The Cooke County Chorale, united with several other choral groups and church choirs to form a 250 voice Texas choir, will perform at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas this Sunday. The program will be that

planned for the choir's trip to New York next week.

Performance time is 4 p.m. on June 7. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information call the Cooke County Chorale at North Central Texas College Music Department.

AWARDS

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Other scholastic awards presented included Mr. Joe Caserta's Password School Championship in Geography to Holly Hartman and Melanie Bartush and U.S. History Password to Jennifer Hess and Kristen Knauf and the runner-up award to Melissa McCarty and Adrienne Bartel.

Teachers also recognized their students for the awards earned during the year in district and state academic competition and various other competitions. It was noted that Sacred Heart students had only one tenth of the entries in

the Cooke County Youth Fair, but were recipients of one third of the trophies, more than any other school.

Donna Maxon, Student Council sponsor, presented letters to all Student Council members who had earned at least 80 points during the year.

Coaches reviewed their seasons and letters were presented to students for their participation in cross country, football, swim, dance team, cheerleading, track, basketball, or golf.

Letter jackets were earned by Yvonne Martin, Stephen Bartush, Allison Bayer, Duncan Campbell, Russell Fette, Lucien Gehrig, Pat Miller, Leah Rigler, Betty Trevino, and Debra Voth.

Seniors who participate in three sports during their senior year have \$100 savings bonds donated to the school in the name by the Sacred Heart Alumni Association. Seniors earning that honor were Valerie Bartush, Jon Grewin, Aaron Hess, Jeff Yosten, Dave Hesse, and Matthe Fuhrmann. The presenterator were made by Neil Hess, Alumni Association president.

Seniors Matthew Fuhrman, Jon Grewing, and Aaron Hess presented appreciation gifts to boys' coaches John Nascho, Dale Schilling, Julia Walterscheid, and Sylvia Walterscheid on behalf of a their teammates.

Father Tom Craig offered the closing prayer.

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Sports

Free fishing day June 6

Sacred Heart Alumni host basketball camp June 15-18

The Sacred Heart Alumni is sponsoring their annual basketball camp the week of June 15-18 at Sacred Heart school. The camp is open to all boys and girls in grade three to coming freshman.

The camp will emphasize the fundamentals which are required to become a good ball player, noted Coach Jon Brasseur. A special segment of the camp will be devoted to techniques of shooting. The camp will be under the direction of Coach Jon and

former Sacred Heart players. Special camp features include video tape analysis, a self improvement plan, one-on-one competition, free throw competition, individualized instruction and a camp t-shirt.

The cost of the camp is \$40, beginning at 8:29 and ending at 11:30 each day. To enroll in this camp contact Jon LeBrasseur at Sacred Heart School, 759-2511 ext. 33 or at 759-4538. Please note registration form elsewhere on this page.

Sports and Your Child

from the American Academy of Pediatrics

What are the risks of injury in various sports?

Despite safety measures, such as protective padding and helmets, the risk of injury is present in all sports. Some sports pose a greater risk than others, with football leading the list. Children and parents should be aware of the risks involved with each sports activity.

The chance of injury increases with the degree of contact in a sport. Football produces many times the number of injuries as the next group of sports with significant injuries: wrestling, gymnastics, soccer, basketball, and track/running. Knee injuries are the most common serious injury in major sports. Boxing involves a high risk of brain damage; therefore, no young person should participate in this sport.

Most sports injuries involve the soft tissues of the body, not the bony skeleton. Only about 5% of sports injuries involve fractures. By far the greatest number of injuries - two thirds of the total - are sprains and strains. Sprains are injuries to the ligaments, which connect one bone to another. Strains are injuries to the muscles.

If players wear protective equipment, many sports injuries can be prevented. You should urge your young athlete to use protective gear and teach your child that this equipment will increase long-term enjoyment of the sport.

Volunteers shed light on horned lizard and others

Texas' most beloved reptile, the Texas Horned Lizard or "horny toad," is thriving in the western half of the state, but may be struggling in the eastern half, say the results of a citizen inventory effort conducted in 1997.

The first annual report of the Texas Horned Lizard Watch, a volunteer monitoring effort coordinated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, also reports that the likelihood of encountering a horny toad is significantly less where fire ants are present.

The results of the first year of the watch program confirm many people's personal experiences, as well as the results of a survey conducted by the Horned Lizard Conservation Society in 1992. The horny toad has essentially disappeared from the eastern third of Texas. In addition, many respondents reported that the horny toad was increasingly rare in Central Texas and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Only in West Texas, the Panhandle, and the western portion of South Texas do populations seem to be somewhat stable. Results also showed that areas that had fire ants were less likely to have Texas Horned Lizards.

Many causes have been proposed for the disappearance of the horny toad, including collection for the pet trade, changes in land use, fire ant invasion, and environmental contaminants.

A total of 394 people in 154 counties scattered all across Texas requested information about Texas Horned Lizard Watch in 1997. Each potential participant was provided with information on horned lizards, instructions on survey techniques, data forms, and maps. A total of 61 people or teams returned their data sheets, indicating an effort to conduct a formal horned lizard count on 98 different routes in 39 different counties. Of the 98 different routes for which results were reported, Texas Horned Lizards were seen on 49 (exactly 50%). Information was also gathered from a questionnaire sent to all persons who had requested survey materials.

For more information about Texas Nature Trackers, including how to participate in Texas Horned Lizard Watch, call the Endangered Resources Branch toll-free at 1-800-792-1112, dial zero and ask the operator for extension 7011.

A "Free Sportfishing Day" will highlight the 19th celebration of National Fishing Week by allowing anglers to fish any public waters of Texas without a license on June 6.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) officials said the special day, authorized by the Texas Legislature, is intended to promote fishing and encourage people to enjoy the state's fishery resources.

Roy Lawrence, TPWD law enforcement director of field operations, said resident and nonresident recreational fishermen will be allowed to

fish without a license and will not be required to have special stamps such as the saltwater sportfishing or freshwater trout stamps.

No fishing license will be required to fish in any state park waters on June 6, but normal entry and facility use fees apply. Camping reservations are recommended.

National Fishing Week will be observed across the nation May 30-June 7 with a variety of activities centered on fishing as family recreation. Nearly one in five Americans enjoy fishing, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

TPWD hunter education courses are available now

There is no need to wait until right before hunting season to take hunter education classes because the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department offers classes all summer long, throughout the state.

Although the hunter education course is not required to purchase a license, 1 Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 are required to meet these hunter education requirements:

- Hunters 17 and older must successfully complete a hunter education course.
- Hunters between the ages 12 and 16 must successfully complete a hunter education

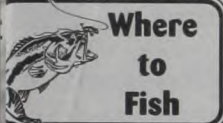
course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older.

Hunters under 12 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older.

The hunter education course is a 10-hour class that teaches hunting safety, skills and responsibility. When the course is completed, the certification card is good for life and is honored by the 48 states and 10 Canadian provinces that require hunter education. The card is supposed to be carried at all times while hunting.

The department also offers courses to certify new instructors. Volunteer instructors are needed across the state to teach hunter education.

For more information or the latest schedule of hunter education courses, call 1-800-792-1112, option 6, then 2.



Where to Fish

RAY ROBERTS: Water clear, normal level; 83 degrees; lack bass to 4 pounds are good on minnows and Carolina-giggled worms. Crappie are fair to good on small minnows. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with minnows and prepared baits and on cut bait trotlines.

TEXOMA: Water fairly clear; Black bass to 6 pounds are good on spinners and poppers fished early and late. Striped bass are good on slabs and live bait. Crappie are fair in minnows and jigs fished in 2 to 30 feet of water. Catfish are good on shrimp, stink bait, frozen shad and live minnows.

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Los Palominos, Eddie Gonzalez and Stefani	Sun., June 7	7:00 p.m.
98 Degrees and Allure	Fri., June 12	8:00 p.m.
K.C. & The Sunshine Band and The Commodores	Sat., June 13	8:00 p.m.
Intocable, Alma Pulido and Carlo y Cachorros	Sun., June 14	7:00 p.m.
'N Sync	Fri., June 19	8:00 p.m.
Clay Walker	Sat., June 20	8:00 p.m.
Michael Salgado, Elida y Avante and Grupo Vida	Sun., June 21	7:00 p.m.
Fito Olivares, Shelly Lares and Masizzo	Sun., June 28	7:00 p.m.
Wade Hayes & Sherrie Austin	Sat., July 11	8:00 p.m.
Backstreet Boys **CANCELLED**	Wed., July 29	8:00 p.m.
4-Him and Anointed	Thurs., July 30	7:00 p.m.
Audio Adrenaline and Out of Eden	Fri., July 31	7:00 p.m.
Steven Curtis Chapman and Clay Cross	Sat., Aug. 1	7:00 p.m.

*Concert ticket price is in addition to Six Flags' regular admission price, and includes tax. Season Pass Holders may get concert tickets free on the day of the show, subject to availability. Concert tickets will be on sale at Ticketmaster outlets (plus service charge) and also at the Six Flags Concert Booth during park operating hours (no service charge). To order tickets by phone, call Ticketmaster at 214/373-8000.

- Concert times and dates are subject to change.
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BIDS shall be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank form of proposal furnished. Sealed envelopes shall be marked **"200,000 GALLON ELEVATED STORAGE TANK"** - DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 3:00 P.M. June 30, 1998.

Pre-qualification of bidders is required. Bidders are required to furnish a written experience record, an equipment schedule, a financial statement and the T.C.D.P. Document-Statement of Bidder's Qualifications. The financial statement required shall have been prepared by an independent certified public accountant holding a valid permit issued by an appropriate state licensing agency and shall have been so prepared as to reflect the current financial status. The statement must be current and not more than one (1) year old. In the case that a bidding date falls within the time a new statement is being prepared, the previous statement shall be updated by proper verification.

Liquid assets in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the estimated project cost will be required. For an experience record to be considered acceptable, it must reflect experience in design and construction of elevated water storage tanks of the same nature and similar magnitude as that of the project for which bids are to be received, and such experience must have been on a minimum of five (5) projects completed not more than five (5) years prior to the date on which bids are to be received. The location, capacity and year completed are to be included in the experience record to be submitted. Prospective bidders whose qualifications are not deemed to be appropriate to the nature and/or magnitude of the project will be notified before the date of the bid opening, and any proposals submitted by them shall be returned unopened. The Owner or his representative shall be the sole judge as to the acceptability of experience for qualification to bid on this project.

Pre-qualification packages, including, but not limited to a current financial statement, an acceptable experience record, an acceptable equipment schedule and the T.C.D.P. Document-Statement of Bidder's Qualifications are required to be delivered to the office of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., 801 Cherry Street, Suite 1100, Fort Worth, TX 76102, by 5:30 P.M., June 15, 1998.

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, may be examined without charge at the Muenster City Hall. Copies of such instruments may be obtained from the office of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., 801 Cherry Street, Suite 1100, Fort Worth, TX 76102 for a refundable deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per set. (KHA office hours: Monday-Thursday: 7:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.; Friday: 7:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.)

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.

All contractors/subcontractors who are debarred, suspended

or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

No bids may be withdrawn within forty-five (45) days after date on which the bids are opened. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids.

CITY OF MUENSTER
by Stephen D. Broyles, City Administrator

BID INVITATION

The Muenster Water District solicits bids for the construction of approximately 1,100-foot raised roadbed, having a 32-foot subgrade crown. The road must be raised up to 6 feet in height, to an elevation of 1,032 feet above sea level and which meets the edges of the bridge crossing the creek. A copy of the profile of the road is available in City Hall. Dirt to raise the road may be taken from the surrounding Muenster Water District property. Gravel needs to be provided for the job. The grade, roadbed and gravel must be constructed to meet Cooke County, Texas minimum road specifications for county roads having a 24-foot wide road surface and a 32-foot subgrade crown. Construction is to be located on County Road 426, approximately 1.3 miles west of Farm-to-Market Road 373 in Cooke County, Texas proceeding west approximately 1,100 feet. Construction is to commence in June 1998. Please send sealed bids to Muenster Water District, c/o City Hall, P.O. Box 208, Muenster, TX 76252 to arrive on or before 4:30 P.M. on June 15, 1998. Please mark the front of the sealed envelope with "SEALED BID - CR 426." For any questions on specifications, please contact Steve Broyles, (940) 759-2236, City Hall, City of Muenster, Texas.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, July 9, 1998, from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the District Office Assembly Room, which is located at 1601 Southwest Parkway in Wichita Falls, Texas.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow public input into the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) preparation process. A list will be provided of projects selected in the UTP and the STIP. Maps and drawings will be on display. Mr. Pat Harris, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development with the Texas Department of Transportation in Wichita Falls, will be in charge of the hearing.

The hearing will be informal, and all interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views on the programs. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this hearing and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact Jerry Young at (940) 720-7741 two (2) weeks prior to the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, 1601 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls, Texas 76302-4906, but must be received no later than 10 days after the public hearing.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

TO DEMETRIUS HARGROVE, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture 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 6th day of July, A.D., 1998, before the Honorable 235th District Court of Cooke County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Gainesville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Notice was filed in said Court on the 27th day of April, A.D., 1998, in this case, numbered 98-222 on the docket of said Court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS (Plaintiff) vs. ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$1,237.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY (Defendant).

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: THE STATE OF TEXAS is Plaintiff and DEMETRIUS HARGROVE is Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to-wit: The State of Texas prays that, upon hearing, this Court enter a finding that the said One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$1,237.00) in United States Currency is contraband, and upon such finding, order the forfeiture of said property to the State of Texas with the District Attorney's Office acting as agent for the State as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture 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.

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Drought conditions critical for county corn and grain sorghum

by Craig Rosenbaum,
County Extension Agent

The recent drought conditions coupled with the high temperatures have created a critical situation for county corn and grain sorghum producers. Sorghum is more forgiving than corn when it comes to moisture shortage during the growing season. Corn plants grown under moisture stress will tend to sacrifice grain yield potential much more consequentially and significantly than sorghum under similar stress. County corn producers are in the early tassel stage of growth. This heat and drought will impact pollination. Ears will be delayed and pollen shed can begin before ears are receptive silks. This factor alone can cause poor kernel set on ears.

Sorghum requires about 22 to 24 inches of total moisture for optimum yields. Moisture conditions should be even throughout most of the growing season. The highest daily use of moisture for grain sorghum happens during boot to early bloom. We are rapidly approaching this period for most of the sorghum planted in the county. So, rain is needed as soon as possible.

What can be done to salvage corn or other crops during drought stress requires planning. One of the major considerations for drought stressed corn would be the accumulation of nitrates. Nitrates usually are most abundant in the lower sections of the stems but can be in any part of the plant. With this in mind, if you are cutting for silage, it would be best to cut 6 to 12 inches off the ground. If you

are green chopping, the nitrates would be more prevalent and plants would need to be cut approximately 12 inches off the ground. Nitrates do not totally dissipate in the ensiling process. Some nitrates will be converted to gaseous forms of nitrogen and escape as silo gas. Other forms of nitrogen can escape as liquid seeps during fermentation.

Dos and don'ts of nitrate problems in drought damaged corn are available in a publication at the County Extension Office. Producers can obtain this by calling the Extension Office at 668-5412.

Hopefully we will receive some much needed rain soon to help producers with not only sorghum and corn but pastures and hays that are also showing extreme heat and drought conditions.



Combines could be seen in area fields all week as farmers yield one of the best harvests in years. Billy Felderhoff kicks up a cloud of dust in a field east of Lindsay.

Photo by Janie Hartman

10 ways to stretch your grazing season

from Russ Dre Dahl,
Iowa State University

1. Utilize cornstalks. At 2-2 1/2 acres per cow, you can get 40-75 grazing days on cornstalks with no supplement. These are hay free days.
2. Stockpile forages. Starting 70-75 days before the killing frost date that ends the growing season, hold cows off a pasture and let the forage accumulate. At 2 acres per cow you can get 40-60 days of grazing in the late fall, early winter.
3. Graze a hay field. Graze a legume hay field in late summer and early fall while allowing your grass pastures to stockpile. Legumes deteriorate more rapidly after a freeze, mat down more and won't stockpile as well as grasses.
4. Native warm grasses. Seed bluestem, Indian grass or switch grass and graze them in midsummer, allowing other grasses to stockpile for the winter.
5. Warm season annuals. Plant sudans, and stockpile. Don't graze sudans for 4-5 days after the killing freeze to avoid prussic acid problems.
6. Small grains. Fall seed grains, such as wheat for early grazing next spring.
7. Plant turnips. Seed turnips after an oat crop is harvested. In 50-60 days it can be grazed. It will take a several hour freeze to kill turnips. After a freeze, cows will pull up and eat the turnip.
8. Stockpile corn. Leave a few rows of corn in the field or along the fence by the pasture to supplement in the winter.
9. Early wean. Wean calves earlier so cows don't have to eat as much. Calves do better in the feedlot and mamas have better body conditions going into winter.
10. Supplement. Give cows grain with their forage. It stretches the forage.

Massey Ferguson introduces 8 new "next generation" platform tractors

"Massey Ferguson's new MF 4200 Series platform tractor line covers the horsepower range most in demand by farmers in North America," said Leighton Smith of S & W Tractor Co. in Gainesville. "With the wide range of transmission, PTO, hydraulics, linkage control, and two and four-wheel drive options available, we can effectively match tractor and implement combinations to our customer's needs."

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For added flexibility in matching tractors to applications, new MF 4200 Series tractors are available in standard, high visibility, and low-profile designs, depending on the model.

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Low-profile tractors feature the steeply-slanted hood with a horizontal exhaust and clamshell style fenders to allow branches to ride over fenders and lights, plus reduced height dimensions for working in orchards, vineyards, and confined spaces.

Five transmissions - an 8/2 sliding gear, and synchromesh 8/8, 12/4, 12/12 shuttle, and 18/6 Speedshift - provide exceptional flexibility in matching performance to applications, and to budget. The 12x12 shuttle transmission also has a creeper gear option providing low forward ground speeds for specialized applications.

PTO systems ensure optimum efficiency from any implement. Standard features include fully independent, on-the-move engagement. Depending on the model, 540 or 540/1000 rev/min operation is available.

Conservation plan urged by Farm Bureau

Bob Stallman, president of Texas Farm Bureau, noted that an effort by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to develop a voluntary, landowner-based approach to habitat conservation is being unfairly criticized and distorted.

"Some groups are more concerned about preserving their own fledgling membership base than finding a workable solution to this issue," said Stallman.

The Farm Bureau has been working alongside other agricultural and natural resource groups in helping TP&WD develop a draft of a proposal, called the Central Texas Rare Species Conservation Plan. The goal of the plan is to offer landowners an opportunity to voluntarily designate portions of their property as habitat for endangered species. In return, landowners are assured

"regulatory certainty" that no further habitat designations will be made on their property, even though additional habitat might be created by normal rangeland practices in the future.

"Throughout the drafting process, the TP&WD has provided landowners an opportunity to review the proposal, asking them to compare the state plan with the current regulatory provisions of the federal ESA as they exist today," Stallman

said. "When given that choice, landowners prefer the state plan because it is voluntary and because it prevents the federal requirements of ESA from being instituted on their land."

Stallman said it is unfortunate that groups such as the American Land Foundation and Liberty Matters are misleading their members and the public by releasing information that scares landowners and boosts their membership.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

LIVESTOCK NOTES

This past week we were visiting with some of the veterinarians in the county and they said that they are seeing a lot of pneumonia in calves and adult cows. Producers should avoid excess livestock working and handling during these hot days. Summer pneumonia can happen very quickly with devastating results. So, keep an eye on your cattle during this heat period.

STEER VALIDATION

Don't forget, 4-H and FFA members, if you plan to exhibit steers at the major livestock shows which include State Fair, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, etc., these animals must be officially

validated during June. Contact your Vocational Agriculture Instructor or County Agent's Office if you plan to validate steers.

County validation will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, at the Gainesville Livestock Market on Refinery Road.

Again, give us a call so that we will know your intentions and have ample equipment and tags available.



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Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 343 hogs, 210 sheep and 267 goats. The numbers for last week were 131,108 and 206, respectively. Results of both sales follow:

Feeder Cattle Steers, medium & large frame, 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 90-115; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-90; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 88-110; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-88; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 80-92; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-80; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 78-90; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-78; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 70-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-70; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 63-76; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-63. Heifers, medium & large frame, 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 80-92; Nos. 2 & 3, 68-80; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 70-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-70; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 68-80; Nos. 2 &	3, 60-68; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 68-80; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-68; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 68-76; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-68; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 60-74; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-60. Slaughter Cattle Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 40-52. Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, 24-34; cutter, 32-39. Stocker Cows Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$475-\$625; medium frame, \$300-\$475. Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame,	\$625-\$775; medium frame, \$350-\$625 Holstein baby calves, \$15-\$50; other baby calves, \$60-\$190. Hogs (cents per pound) Barrows & gilts: US 1-2, 220-275, 40-42.50; US 1-3, 220-275, 37-40. Sows: US 1-3, 300-650, 22-29. Boars: US 1-3, 200-650, 13-25. Feeders: US 2-4, 100-175, 30-65. Sheep Lambs 55-83. Ewes: 20-37. Bucks: 20-33. Goats Kids: \$17.50-\$60. Nannies: \$25-\$120. Billies: \$40-\$135.
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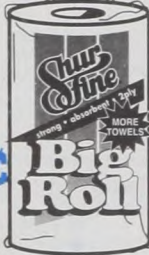
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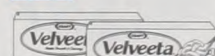
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