



Amtrak arrives in Gainesville, cutting the ribbon Monday morning.

Photo by Dave Fette

Passenger rail service returns to Gainesville

by Dave Fette

Lots of flag waving and reminiscing from a crowd estimated over 500 helped to welcome the inaugural Amtrak passenger train stop in Gainesville Monday morning. Gainesville Mayor Kenneth Kaden welcomed everyone and talked about the history of rail in Gainesville. Thanks and encouragements came from State Representatives Ron Clark and Phil King who came

to town for the big occasion, along with State Senator Tom Haywood.

Master of Ceremonies Tom Carson of KGAF Radio introduced distinguished guests who have worked hard to save and renovate the Santa Fe Passenger Depot. It was the eighth busiest in the country during World War II and was credited with bringing much economic growth to the county.

Many residents joined the trip to Oklahoma City Monday.

"The Heartland Flyer" started out from Fort Worth at 8:34 a.m. with two locomotives and 11 cars headed for Oklahoma City. The Gainesville Chamber of Commerce is working to advertise the retail aspect and tourism of the city and build shuttle service to help passengers get around the

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Martin named head coach MISD board discusses possible schedule changes

by Janie Hartman

A dozen parents and teachers were on hand at the June Muenster ISD Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday to discuss possible class schedule changes and grading policies.

The high school's current block schedule includes 12 classes. "If finances do not work out, we may have to change our present schedule and split some classes," noted Superintendent Steve Cooper. Muenster now has an 8 period block day with 90 minute teacher conference. A straight schedule would go back to 45 minutes per day per class. "We want to do what's better for the kids," said Principal James Hopper. "The site base committee suggested we stay with the modified block, which could split the last class into two 45 minute classes."

High school math teacher Dana Hess was spokesperson for the teachers. "Most classes are already split. If you split again, some will be very small classes, with only four or five students." Hopper noted, for example, they need to split and have another English IV class. "We can't see giving teachers another class," Hess continues. Board member Nick

Walterscheid noted that he would like to see students have a wider variety of classes to choose from. Hopper said that Muenster will be limited to choices because of the size of the district.

Rudy Koesler noted the 45 minute classes aren't long enough, you have to rush. Hess continues on other pros and cons on changing. "Please consider not doing any changes when we are trying to move into a new building, especially the week school starts." Hess also noted that the present block schedule prepares all high school students for college, allows teachers more hands-on training, and allows students to work on homework with teachers and not every night at home.

Lora Hennigan, of the site base management committee, noted that in talking to students, they all like the block system, not one said anything negative. "Before the board makes any decisions, check with our kids."

Hopper added, the UIL activity period will receive high priority, but would like to include classes like journalism, accounting, and choir.

"On block, the high school has progressed to a different

level. The test scores have shown success. Why change what is working?" Hess concluded.

Teachers now have 90 minute conference periods, where most districts have 45 minutes," Cooper added. "We use our conference time - it shows in the success of our students. If you want to compare schools, Lindsay teachers get 90 minutes," Hess added.

Teachers use conference time to meet with parents, attend ARD meetings, prepare lessons, grade papers, tutor students, and prepare for UIL, to name a few. "If the interest of the kids is at heart - we may all have to sacrifice," Cooper said.

A concern of the site base committee is the present testing system used at Muenster ISD. Six weeks grades are 2/3 based on test grades and 1/3 on daily work. "The question in discussion was 'Should averages be more equal?'"

Several teachers commented on the possible change. Mary Dangelmayr noted that the tests should count more. "Tests need to carry more weight. Accountability is important." See MISD, pg. 4



Muenster Girl Scouts receiving the Gold Award were from left, Andrea Bartush, Joanna Gehrig, Dana Miller, Jessica Berres, Anne Flusche,

Kayla Felderhoff, Jennifer Hess, Debra Dangelmayr, Melanie Bartush, and Jackie Bartush. Not pictured are Sarah Kelly and Kristen Knauf. Courtesy photo

Gold Awards achieved by 12 members of Troop 2003

The Gold Award, Girl Scout's highest achievement, was earned by all twelve members of local Girl Scout Troop 2003. Efforts to earn this award express a special commitment to the community, the world, the future, and to each individual Girl Scout.

This award has five requirements, including a project which is an extension and combination of all that has been learned in previous Girl Scout work. The requirements help develop skills, practice leadership, explore career possibilities, and personal development. Each Scout is required to complete a Gold Award project to which a minimum of 50 hours work is required. Troop 2003 chose to help with the renovations of the new Muenster Museum, resulting in over 600 hours work.

The 1999 Statewide Gold Award Celebration was held at the Texas State Capitol, House of Representatives Chamber in Austin, Texas, on Monday, June 7, 1999. The program

included a welcome and congratulations by Carole Keeton Rylander, current Texas Comptroller. Keynote speaker was a recent Gold Award recipient, Rachel Chandler, whose Silver Award project inspired her to write her first book entitled "The Most Important Lessons in Life: Letters To A Young Girl." As part of her project, Ms. Chandler wrote to celebrities worldwide inquiring what they thought are the most important lessons in life. She incorporated the replies into her book.

Honorees attending the ceremony were Andrea Bartush, Jackie Bartush, Melanie Bartush, Jessica Berres, Debra Dangelmayr, Kayla Felderhoff, Anne Flusche, Joanna Gehrig, Jennifer Hess, and Dana Miller. Unable to attend were Sarah Kelley and Kristen Knauf.

Many family members attended the ceremonies including the Scout co-leaders, Kim Felderhoff, Stacie Miller, and Jeannine Flusche.

Police department kept at chief and one deputy

by Dave Fette

The Muenster City Council held a short meeting Tuesday evening at City Hall to discuss staffing of the police department. Chief Robert Stovall had requested authorization for an extra police officer and increase in pay to raise Muenster police at least to a comparable level with other area police officers. Currently Stovall is authorized one deputy. The City Council denied his request for a second. However, they did increase the starting salary from \$1,650.00 to

\$1,800.00 per month and gave the chief some flexibility to offer a little more if he could attract a more experienced officer. By comparison, the Cooke County Sheriff's Department starts at \$1,908.00.

"We'll find out if this will help me find a good police officer," said Stovall. "We have to compete with other big agencies and industry that offers better pay. I need to hire an officer who is a jack-of-all trades because a small town officer has to do so many different jobs."

Ed Zielinski named new Republican chairman

The Cooke County Republican Executive Committee has selected Ed Zielinski as chairman, following the resignation of Patricia Peale. The committee met Thursday, June 10. Peale's resignation is effective July 15.

She has accepted a position on Gov. George W. Bush's exploratory committee for President of the United States. Voting members of the Cooke County Executive Committee are precinct chairmen.

GISD says late fee unfair

by Janet Felderhoff

Is a misplaced bill an excuse for late payments as far as the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) is concerned? CCAD board members are being asked to make that decision for Gainesville ISD since three notices of a bill being due were sent and not acknowledged. The topic was intensely discussed at the June 10 regular meeting of the CCAD Board of Directors.

Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson was asked to report on his meeting with Gainesville ISD officials regarding unpaid late fee penalty and interest charges in the amount of \$3,451.27. He said, "The whole bottom line is if you're going to do it you have to be fair with everything as far as that goes. And have we been fair with everyone?"

Board member Donna Doty said that since the present board has been in place they have been fair with everyone.

Smithson disagreed saying that it was discussed as to who was late and was not late. He referred to Clear Creek Watershed. Doty responded

that the CCAD was charging Clear Creek a late penalty and why was that unfair. Smithson said it goes back three to six months and they were being inconsistent.

Business Manager Beverly Medley explained that apparently no one was aware that a charge should be levied. Usually payment is made after a reminder notice is sent, but in the case of GISD this time a third notice was mailed. When Medley and Smithson began investigating their options if GISD didn't pay its quarterly invoices for the school district's allocation of the budget for appraisal and collection expenses. It was discovered that by state law, penalty and interest must be charged on the late charges.

Smithson reported that GISD explained that the notice had been misplaced; they had meant to pay the bill. Doty responded that she could go with that initially, but there had been a third notice sent.

Board member Ken Kaiser queried, "Do we have an option? Are we going to follow the law or are we not going to

follow the law? Everyone in this county has been beating up on us (CCAD) like a stepchild that we're not following the law and we're not doing everything exactly like we're supposed to be doing and the minute that we step up to the plate and say let's implement the law, we're getting criticized. I don't understand."

Leon Klement, board member, wondered who the first person they should decide to enforce the rule with and how long the board was expected to wait before doing so. "In other words as long as you start with somebody else it's fine," remarked Klement.

Doty said she was sorry that it hadn't been done in the past, but the board wasn't aware that it was something they were supposed to be doing. It was the consensus of the board that the problem needed to be resolved. Doty, who was appointed to the CCAD by GISD, and Smithson were appointed to meet with the Gainesville ISD board to work out a solution.

In his Chief Appraiser report

Smithson informed the Board that Geraldine West had retired after 18 years effective May 28 and Julie Andrews, as of June 4, had gone on to other employment. Terry Bevan was hired for data entry and Jennifer Boren for data entry/deeds.

Renovations of the recently purchased building to house the CCAD office are nearly complete. Carpet and cabling should be done soon. The sprinkler system has been repaired, said Smithson.

Money spent thus far, \$23,186.21, on the new building expenses include: building expenses \$750; A/C inspection \$75; initial cleaning \$105; roof repairs \$835; A/C service/repairs \$207; lock change/keys \$53; down payment \$14,586.88; light bulbs \$104.42; Open House supplies \$43.04; May payment \$2,142.29; June payment \$2,142.29; July payment \$2,142.29.

Work is progressing on the re-writing of the CCAD's policy manual. The committee met May 20 and worked for See CCAD, pg. 2

Phil King speaks at Optimist Club law enforcement lunch

by Dave Fette

"We killed a lot of bad legislation and passed some good bills," said Phil King, Texas state representative at the Gainesville noon Optimist Club meeting last Thursday at the Neu Ranch House. King was guest speaker at the lunch meeting honoring law enforcement. The Optimists hosted many peace officers and judges from around Cooke County.

King, who represents District 61 which includes the west side of Cooke County, talked about several law enforcement oriented bills which the Texas legislature had worked on. He described the effort to pass a law requiring the taking of blood alcohol level immediately in the case of a serious injury accident. Many times the driver involved in an accident does not submit to blood alcohol testing for several hours which may allow a return to legal levels. That effort did not quite pass but maybe next session, he said. The legislature did pass the lowering of the legal blood alcohol level from .1 to .08. King said that this sends a signal to Texas drivers that we're serious about drunk driving. "Now we need an extra stiff penalty," he said.

King also discussed legislation in areas such as theft of anhydrous ammonia, hate crimes, gang violence, sex



Dr. Kevin Wheeler, president elect of the Gainesville Optimist, greets State Representative Phil King. Photo by Dave Fette

offender registration, and gun regulation.

King, a licensed peace officer said most gun laws simply punish good people. He resisted recent renewed gun law attempts because he doesn't like to pass legislation just because emotions are high.

The representative also discussed education funding in Texas saying that enough money went to schools for all of them to reduce taxes if they want to. "We wanted to make sure that some money definitely went to teacher pay raises."

Cooke County Justice of the Peace John Roane coordinated the visit by King and the lunch honoring law enforcement.

Tax rebates remain up compared to last year

There was \$184 million in monthly sales tax payments sent to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties. June sales tax rebates are down slightly compared to June 1998. However, total payments to cities and counties for January-June 1999 are running 7.1 percent ahead of the same period last year.

"The Texas economy continues to grow at a steady pace," Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said. "Sales tax collections show that consumer confidence is strong."

June sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in April and reported to the comptroller in May.

The sales tax rebates included \$169.4 million to Texas cities. Thus far in 1999, rebates to cities are 7.7 percent higher than for the same period in 1998.

Locally Muenster received \$15,773.25 which was down 2.87 percent from June 1998. To date Muenster has received \$104,940.38 in rebates during 1999. That is an increase of 0.69 percent from the total a year ago.

All other towns in the county saw improvements in this June's payments compared to those of 1998. Lindsay took in \$7,282.21 this month which was up 44.15 percent from June 1998. To date this year Lindsay has received \$51,978.30, an improvement of 72.38 percent.

Gainesville's June 1999 payment of \$265,063.15 was up 3.03 percent from last June. To date Gainesville's total payments are up 6.17 percent from this time in 1998.

Oak Ridge took in a \$5,859.08 rebate for the month. That is up 45.91 percent from the amount received last June. Valley View's June rebate was \$3,190.80, up 21.99 percent from the previous June.

Texas counties received June sales tax rebates of \$14.5 million. Year-to-date rebates to counties are up 1.0 percent compared to 1998.

Cooke County was presented a \$103,989.16 rebate this June. That was up 5.37 percent from June of 1998. Total payments to date in 1999, \$650,100.40 are up 8.95 percent from this time in 1998.



The view from the elevated window is grand. Below - Jan Fox sings while the Gainesville Swing Orchestra makes music celebrating the inaugural run of the Amtrak passenger train in Gainesville Tuesday. Photo by Dave Fette



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 6:45 p.m. Gainesville
 7:33 p.m. Ardmore
 8:29 p.m. Pauls Valley
 8:57 p.m. Purcell
 9:21 p.m. Norman
 10:00 p.m. Arrive Oklahoma City

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several hours. Smithson said that the auditors were at CCAD May 17-20 and their report will be presented at the July meeting. In other action the Board:

- Heard a bid proposal from a representative of Toshiba Telephone Systems and tabled a decision.
- Approved meetings of May 18 meeting.
- Set next meeting for June 17 at 9:30 a.m.

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<p>Sunday, June 20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Father's Day</p>	<p>Monday, June 21</p> <p>VFW Auxiliary Meeting 8 P.M.</p> <p>Deadline for Muenster High School Mini Cheerleading Camp registration</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 22</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 23</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p> <p>4-H and FFA Show Steer validation, Gainesville Livestock MKF</p>	<p>Thursday, June 24</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Friday, June 25</p>	<p>Saturday, June 26</p>
<p>Sunday, June 27</p>	<p>Monday, June 28</p> <p>MHS Mini Cheerleading Camp Week begins</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 29</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p> <p>MMH Board Meeting, Administration Office, 7 P.M.</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 30</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Thursday, July 1</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p> <p>Kiwanis Family Swim night, 7 - 9 P.M., Muenster Pool</p>	<p>Friday, July 2</p>	<p>Saturday, July 3</p>

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Relay \$ aid county programs

by Janet Felderhoff
This year's Relay For Life in Cooke County brought in more than \$99,000. That money is used to fund a variety of programs such as patient services, prevention/education and detection/treatment, as well as going towards cancer research.

"Without the Relay we wouldn't be able to have the programs that we do," remarked Relay Co-chairman Mary Endres.

Relay sponsors are conservative and try to hold expenses to a minimum. Co-chairmen Endres and Cheryl Pollard noted that the expenses for putting on the Relay For Life come to less than 10 percent of the amount of money provided by underwriters. All of the expenses have been covered by

underwriting dollars. None of the money raised by teams goes toward expenses. According to Endres any money provided by underwriters that isn't used for Relay expenses is donated to the American Cancer Society (ACS). "We keep costs as low as we can," she explained.

All money raised in Cooke County by the Relay is given to the American Cancer Society, but is designated for use by the people of Cooke County. "Any time we use any service, order supplies, or train volunteers, that money comes from funds designated for use in Cooke County," said Endres. A portion of the money also goes towards research for a cure for cancer.

Since the inception of the Cooke County Relay For Life

several programs were made possible. While funding is there for the programs, one thing lacking is sufficient volunteers. These are especially needed at this time for the Road To Recovery program. More volunteers are needed to drive cancer patients to their treatments. Also needed are more volunteers to participate in the Tell-A-Friend Friday in October.

Programs now in place in Cooke County include the following:

Road To Recovery
Volunteers provide transportation to and from cancer-related treatment. Available for cancer patients when family or friends aren't available to help. These volunteers are ACS trained. More such volunteers are needed in Cooke County. If you



Those receiving Keep Muenster Beautiful awards at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting included, from left, seated: Johnny Rohmer, Mary Lee Alford, Juanita Bright; Standing Steve Broyles, June Bartush, Johnny Fisher, Pam Fette, Carl Alford, and Christine Weinzapfel. Mary Lee Alford received gifts of appreciation from the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, Keep Muenster Beautiful, and Fischer's Market.
Photo by Dave Fette



Cooke County Relay For Life Co-chairmen Cheryl Pollard, far left, and Mary K. Endres, far right, discuss strategy with Rita Bayer, second from left, and Christine Weinzapfel, who will chair the event in 2000.
Photo by Dave Fette

KMB gives awards

After winning the Governor's Community Achievement Award, Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB) took time to recognize many of the people and businesses that made the achievement possible. Certificates of Appreciation and various awards were presented at the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting held at the Center Restaurant on June 9.

Next on the agenda is determining how to spend the \$65,000 prize. Keep Muenster Beautiful is an organization of the community and prides itself in having involved the community in its efforts resulting in the success of the organization this year. KMB is asking those living in and around the Muenster area to contribute their ideas on how to spend the money. Ideas should be mailed to Keep Muenster Beautiful, P. O. Box 327, Muenster, TX 76252-0327.

The organization encourages ideas from everyone familiar with Muenster and its beautification needs. That includes those living in the countryside around Muenster.

There are objectives and

guidelines which must be considered with the ideas. The objectives of KMB are to clean up and beautify Muenster in such a way that is attractive to quality businesses, tourists, and residents.

Representatives from Keep Muenster Beautiful will attend the Keep Texas Beautiful convention in Austin June 28 through July 2 where they will learn more about how the award money may be spent. The information provided to date states, "Specific locations of landscape projects will be determined by consultation between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the winning communities. Highway landscape projects will be designed, funded, and contracted by TxDOT at approved sites on the existing state highway system. TxDOT must ensure that the site selected and activities performed are appropriate for the expenditure of the state highway funds and that

designs are compatible with traffic operations."

Muenster's existing highway system consists of Highway 82 and FM 373, therefore the money must be used on these areas. Muenster won the Governor's Community Achievement award in 1986 and the money was used to purchase street lights and rock gardens on the corners of Hwy. 82 and FM 373 (also Main Street). The corner intersecting these two roadways is the most important intersection in Muenster from a "community marketing" point of view, stated Mary Lee Alford, KMB president. When tourist or business executives are traveling through Muenster, this intersection is the only light to catch them and give them a moment to look around, she said. If it makes the right statement it could mean tourists dollars or even bring new businesses to Muenster thus improving the town's economy.

Certificates of Appreciation

Recipient:	Reason:
Jaycees	Provided the first \$150.00 for start up expenses
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Terri Barrett	Served on Board and is Chairman of the Recycling/Solid Waste Committee
Steve Broyles	Served on Board, Treasurer, and is Chairman of Law Enforcement & Municipal Operations Committee
Stan Endres	Board Member & provides a meeting place for organizations
Daryl Ferber	Served on Board and served as Chairman of the Public Awareness Committee
Gary Fisher	Served on Board and served as Chairman of the Cleanup Committee
Kathryn Koch Hicks	Served on Board and is Chairman of the Business/Industry Committee
Jo Ann Pagel	Served on Board and is Chairman of the Schools & Education Committee
Claude Walter	Served on Board and is Chairman of the Finance/Fundraising Committee
Christine Beaulieu Weinzapfel	Served on Board, Vice President, assumed secretarial duties and is Chairman of the Beautification Committee
Muenster Chamber of Commerce	Provided financial support with postage, copies, labor and largest donor of "Treasures"
Rick Walterscheid	Video Production
Cooke County Electric Co-Op	Free meeting place for our monthly meetings

Recipient:	Award:	Reason:
SISTERS	BEAUTIFICATION	Most significant new Main Street Beautification Project for 1999
JO ANN PAGEL	TEACHER LEADERSHIP AWARD	Outstanding leadership in involving youth in environmental issues
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ALFRED "Johnny" ROHMER	OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN LIFETIME AWARD	Outstanding community service - Won 2 nd place in the State of Texas for the O. P. Schnabel male senior citizens award
MUENSTER ENTERPRISE	MEDIA AWARD	Outstanding public information service - won 2 nd place in the State for Media - weekly newspaper award
FISCHER'S MEAT MARKET & GROCERY	BUSINESS AWARD	Outstanding support & contributions to Muenster and Keep Muenster Beautiful - won 3 rd place in the State for Ebby Halliday - Maurice Acers Business/Industry award
STEVE BROYLES	Keep Muenster Beautiful AWARD OF HONOR	Outstanding dedication & support in winning the 1999 Governor's Community Achievement Award
CARL S. ALFORD	Keep Muenster Beautiful AWARD OF HONOR	Outstanding dedication & support in winning the 1999 Governor's Community Achievement Award
CHRISTINE BEAULIEU WEINZAPFLE	Keep Muenster Beautiful AWARD OF HONOR	Outstanding dedication & support in winning the 1999 Governor's Community Achievement Award

OBITUARIES

Allen Truebenbach dies June 14

Allen Ray "Bodie" Truebenbach, 45, died at home on Monday, June 14, 1999 at 9:45 p.m. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father Thomas Craig, pastor. Rosary service

was held at McCoy Chapel at 4:00 p.m. and Vigil at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16. Other information was not complete at press time, and will be included with the photo and obituary in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.

are interested in giving of your time as a Road To Recovery volunteer or if you need this service, contact Christine Weinzapfel (940)759-4749.

DIALOGUE
This is an ongoing support group designed to help patients, their families, friends, and caregivers better understand and learn to live

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Alonzo "Craig" Lawson 1920 - 1999

Alonzo "Craig" Lawson, age 78, of Saint Jo died on June 9, 1999 at 11:46 p.m. in Denton. He was born on June 30, 1920 in Montague County to Virgil Rafe Lawson and Katie Lee Hall Lawson. On Oct. 13, 1946 he married Charlotte Roach in Saint Jo. He was the Western Shop owner, a veteran of W.W.II served in the European Theater as a Paratrooper; was a rifle instructor at Fort Riley, Kansas. His main duties were scouting and reconnaissance. A disabled veteran, he had also received the Purple Heart Medal. A former member of the Saint Jo School Board, he was also past president and long time member of the Saint Jo Riding Club. He owned and operated Craig's Western Store in Saint Jo about 25 years. He was a contract mail carrier for about 20 years. He lived most of his life in the Saint Jo area and was a member of First

Baptist Church in Saint Jo. Survivors include a daughter, Camille Lawson Crist of Saint Louis, Missouri and a son Craig R. Lawson of Denton. There are five grandchildren; and two sisters Frances Lawson Raymond of Saint Jo and Mary Mosley of Saint Jo. Preceding him in death were his wife Charlotte on Dec. 11, 1987; his parents; and one brother J.B. Lawson. Funeral Service was held Saturday, June 12, 1999 at First Baptist Church of Saint Jo at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. John Sursa and Rev. Terry P. Jones. Burial in Mountain Park Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Roger Russell, Jimmy Dennis, Lewis McPherson, Jeff Raymond, Walter McPherson, Joe Raymond, and Bill Lawler. Memorials may be made to Saint Jo School Library.



Kirk and Donna Klement, representing Klement Ford of Muenster, accept Ford Motor Company's highest customer satisfaction award, The President's Award, from Jack Nassar (at right), president of Ford. They received the 1998 award in Florida recently at a celebration hosted by Ford. Only about three percent of the Ford dealerships receive this prestigious honor.
Courtesy photo

Dolly Rivoire Doty Dillard 1920 - 1999

Dolly Rivoire Doty Dillard, beloved mother and wife, age 78, died Monday, June 14 at 2:30 p.m. in her home at 411 S. Grand Avenue. Mrs. Dillard suffered from cancer for the past year. She was born Nov. 11, 1920 in Wolf Ridge, Texas, to Delia and John Daniel Rivoire. She married Doye Doty on July 31, 1937, who preceded her in death August of 1973 and Mr. Wayne Dillard, retired Air Force Major, Dec. 7, 1988. She was a lifelong rancher in Cooke County, employed at Gainesville Livestock for 25 years and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Dillard of Denison; brother and sister-in-law Kenneth and Olivia Rivoire, sister and brother-in-law Marie and Sam Cotten; sisters Loree Blagg and Lucille Autry; also several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, step great-grandchildren. Mrs. Dillard was predeceased by brothers Bud, Milton and Jesse Rivoire. The pallbearers are grandsons Shane Burden, Cody Doty and John D. Polk III, grandsons-in-law Kevin Wright, Jimbo Love and Paul Scott, nephews Ronnie and Robby Autry; Randy, Mike and Danny Turbeville and Rory Rivoire and grand-nephew Joe Turbeville.

Funeral service was conducted by Dr. Lawrence D. Burks at the First Baptist Church, Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery. Memorial contributions are requested to be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Changes made in Benedictine parishes

Dear Editor,
Because I am presently on vacation in Muenster, I was able to attend the Class Reunion (thirtieth year) of the 1969 graduates of this community which was held Saturday evening, June 12, in the KC Hall.

What a delight it was to visit with former students, altar boys, and friends of decades past. I recognized almost everyone on sight, but I had to apologize to a few who were kind enough to "prompt" my memory.

May God continue to bless my hometown of Muenster!
Love and prayers,
Brother Thomas Moster, O.S.B.
(a monk of Subiaco Abbey Subiaco, AR 72865)



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Rev. Eckart

Bishop Andrew J. McDonald announces the following appointments:
Effective July 21:
Rev. Sebastian Beshoner, OSB, accepts assignment in Lindsay, Texas.
Rev. Victor Gillespie, OSB, pastor, St. Benedict Parish, Subiaco, AR.
Rev. Paul Hoedebeck, OSB, retirement.

Rev. Eugene Luke, OSB, pastor, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Booneville, AR.
Rev. Denis Soerries, OSB, pastor, St. Joseph, Paris, AR.
Rev. William Wewers, OSB, pastor, Holy Redeemer Church, Clarksville, and Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Morrison Bluff, AR.

Effective August 18:
Rev. Raphael DeSalvo, OSB, pastor, St. Scholastica Church, Shoal Creek, AR.
Rev. Placidus Eckart, OSB, pastor, St. Ignatius Church, Scranton, AR.
Rev. Msgr. Francis I. Malone, JCL, Chancellor (reprint from the Arkansas Catholic, dated June 5, 1999)

Survey of Times for High School Religious Education Sacred Heart Parish June 19-20, 1999

This survey is only concerning the high school level formation, grades 9-12. Given that we will be returning to religious education classes for our high school students, the times at which these will meet is now to be decided. Below, please find the three main options which are the times being considered. Please select one option which best suits your family. This is only for CCD high school. K-8 religious education will remain on Wednesday nights, regardless of the outcome of this survey.

1. Wednesday Evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., including 1 Mass per month with class following until 8 p.m. This is the current model for grades K-8.
2. Sunday morning between the two Masses, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
3. Every Tuesday and Thursday, before school begins, from 7 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. at MISD.

Above is a copy of the survey which will be used this weekend to decide on which day and at which time Sacred Heart Parish will have its religious education program for the high school. This survey is published so that those concerned can discuss it with their family and determine which option is best for them. The survey will be held at each of the three weekend Masses.

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organization may contact Mary Endres at 759-2226 or Cheryl Pollard at 759-2871. Other services available to Cooke County residents with cancer include:

Equipment
Home medical equipment is available through your American Cancer Society. The ACS covers the amount not paid by private insurance or Medicare (excluding the annual deductible). For patients without resources, standard equipment may be available for temporary use when medically necessary as prescribed by a physician.

Housing
The Guestroom Program provides temporary housing for patients who must travel for cancer related treatments and check-ups. This service is available in Midland, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and many other Texas cities with agreements between the ACS and hotels.

Although there are no plans to begin any new programs in the county this year, Endres said that they do plan to build on the programs already in place. Especially targeted are the Tell-A-Friend Friday and the community education programs. Volunteers are a vital part of these programs and more are needed. If you have the time and desire to be a part of any of these, please contact the Volunteer Involvement Chairman, Charla Taylor at (940)759-5256. If you have any questions regarding ACS programs or services you may contact Mary K. Endres, FNP-C, ACS Patient Services Representative, at 759-2226.

If you are concerned as to how funds are spent in Texas by the American Cancer Society, please refer to the following pie chart.

Reach To Recovery
Volunteers trained by ACS and who themselves have been treated for breast cancer, visit patients before and after surgery. Patients receive gifts items and literature to help with recovery and understanding cancer and its treatment. Exercises are demonstrated at the request of the patient's physician.

Great American Smoke Out
Each November the Great American Smoke Out is sponsored by ACS to provide educational information and activities aimed at increasing public awareness on the dangers of tobacco in all forms.

Breast Health Awareness
These programs are presented by ACS trained volunteers to provide instruction regarding early detection and prevention of breast cancer. Breast Self Exam will be taught, mammography guidelines presented, and information presented on breast cancer. Those wishing to schedule a program for their group or

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Mr. Cooper had no first name. But he was a great friend of our two oldest children, Phyllis and Gary.

When the two were four and five, Mr. Cooper was quite a help to their mother and me. We have never seen, nor have we met Mr. Cooper, yet the kids knew him rather well, even though he was just a figment of their imagination, and invisible.

Phyllis said that their friend looked a lot like me, but, he always wore overalls with a bib, something I don't remember ever owning, and he would often caution them not to do things that Aileen and I would not approve of.

When the kids were grown they said they couldn't understand how we could calmly accept their having a full grown adult invisible friend whom they often consulted about things we had told them to do, or not to do. Little did they know that we

sort of considered him to be their Guardian Angel and that we often smiled about the things they told us of him.

In fact we often felt grateful for his imaginary presence. He did a lot of good. It was a bit startling when they would caution a visitor, at times, not to sit in a certain chair because Mr. Cooper occupied it.

Well, by the time the two kids started school they had many new interests and Mr. Cooper went the way of a lot of imagination. He just ceased to exist, but we will always remember how he helped us manage a couple of very active youngsters.

MISD

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Homework is not always done by students.

Nick Walterscheid questioned, "Should hours of homework be less than a 30 minute test?"

Most teachers at Muenster try nine daily grades and three test grades. "Daily work causes more to fail," commented Dangelmayr. Hopper noted that he would like to see 60-40 on grading.

Nancy Perryman brought to the board that semester tests do count too high on the grading average, the same as a six week grade.

"I would like to see that change," said Hopper. "The weight of a semester exam is too much, counting 1/4 of the mid-term grade." Hopper will check with other school districts for a comparison.

Other informative items discussed by the board included:

- Student parking - the board may want to consider moving parking onto campus, off the street, for control purposes.
- Construction update - have about six weeks of hard pushing to finish. Most equipment is ready to install when the rooms are complete. The building is now weathered and is locked when interior work is not being done.
- Finance and budget - Mr. Cooper gave an update on Senate Bill 4, legislation dealing with school finance and tax breaks for property owners. Nothing official has been voted on. "It's not good," Cooper said, "I hope there is something we don't know. They will be giving us (the school district) more state money, but taking away local money."
- Principal's report

elementary principal Gwen Trubenbach gave her spring registration count: Pre-K, 21; Kindergarten, 43 (usually gain 3-4 from spring to fall); 1st grade, 30; 2nd grade, 33; 3rd grade, 33; 4th, 40; 5th, 31.

Cooper's superintendent's report began calling attention to an article in a Dallas Morning News last week. Of the approximately 6600 schools taking the TASP (pre-college) test, only 16 schools in 14 districts were recongnized by the state for having 75% or more students scoring high on

the test, which included Muenster with an 85% average.

Also had only one bid, \$1,500 from Community Lumber on the portable building and submitted a \$1994 estimate on painting the lockers in the old high school, but also need to paint junior high lockers.

Items the board took action on were:

- Approved new tile and base board in new band hall.
- Approved MISD TIF grant application drawn up by Jerry Eckart for \$45,000 which will cover the cost of room net worth, 3 network printers, upgrade the library's software and the request for a data projector.
- Approved eight repeat transfers and one freshman from Saint Mary's.
- Approved Oak Farm milk bid.
- Approved student performance domains on principal and superintendent's evaluations.
- Approved athletics insurance and worker's compensation.
- The board approved several dress code handbook changes, which included baggy pants. Pants can not exceed 3" when measured from the knee to the edge of the pants. Pants can not cover the tops of shoes. Frayed and floor dragging pants are not allowed.
- Also shirts that expose chest area or under garments (sports bra) are not allowed.
- These and all dress codes will be enforced at all school functions, including banquets.
- Approved contract with Dustin Office Supply for high-speed copier with a \$404 per month contract.
- Approved purchase of 24 rolling chairs for teachers, offices and sewing machines in home ec at \$45.60 each. Also approved 10 4-door file cabinets at \$142.00, and \$157.00 for locked files; 27 lab chairs for \$69.60 each and 28 home ec chairs all from Ace/Ben Franklin Store, the low bidder. There are also several teacher desks to bid out. Cooper reported that the district's cost is now lower than what they budgeted for.
- Discussion continued on a drug testing policy for the school. "Not to approve a particular policy, but if we want to test students this next school year," said Cooper. "our survey showed vast parental support."
- At this time, the district would like a policy that would test extra-curriculum students on a voluntary basis. A form would be given to students before joining a "team" (athletic or academic), to be filled out and signed by a parent, giving or not giving permission for that child to be tested. It must

be signed before student participation.

Rick Morrill questioned the board, "Drug testing is expensive - do we need it?" "Compared to other schools, it's not bad, and we want to keep it that way," said Hopper. "We have drugs in Muenster, but we want to keep it off campus."

Morrill asked why just extra-curricular students (90% of students), wouldn't the other 10% be more likely drug users?" Board member Jim Endres noted that you can use extra-curricular as a threat, and Cooper said that if a kid tests positive, we can't do anything to the student, but if they're in football for example, we can punish.

Morrill added "Sounds like the policy you are intending has no teeth." Clifford Sicking said that for this drug program to work, it will take the support of the parents. Morrill asked "Did anyone ask the kids how they feel? They're the ones that have to fill the cup." "I'd rather try this and fail, than not try anything at all," noted Neil Huchton, board member. "I would like to see a system that would work," Morrill concluded.

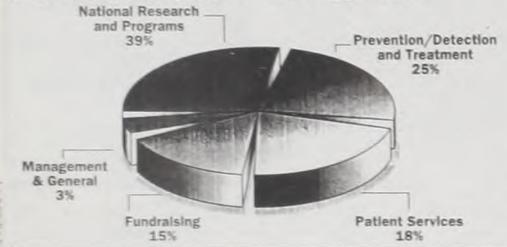
"We want to do everything we can without costing the district court costs," said Hopper. "This is not a 'golly-gee, look what we're doing' basis. We want to keep the drugs off of campus. It's the law that students go to school, but to drug test must be voluntary. The ones this will help will be those tempted, not the hard-core users," Hopper added. Any parent will be allowed to request drug testing.

"Whenever anything goes haywire in this country - it gets dumped onto the schools. When you have parents that don't care, the schools take up the slack. I see this as a possible mandate in the near future," Mr. Cooper pointed out.

The future policy has a lot of "blanks" to be filled, including what grade levels will be affected; how many times to test; consent forms; sample collection procedures; and punishments.

The board approved a volunteer program with stipulations that a finalized document will be in place when school starts in August. Parents' support is requested. The program will be implemented depending on the support from the parents.

In executive session, the board accepted the resignation of Stephanie and Randy Tankersly. Coach Gordon Martin has been named head coach over Muenster athletics, with Steve Cooper acting as athletic director for the 99-00 school year. A position is now opened for a boys basketball coach.



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Felderhoffs observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Vince and Trudy Felderhoff celebrated fifty years of marriage on Sunday, May 30, 1999. A dinner and reception honoring the couple on their golden wedding anniversary was held in the home of a daughter and son-in-law Mike and Janie Hennigan, and hosted by Vince and Trudy's five children and their families.

Vince and Trudy's life together began with a blind date arranged by Helen and Larry Yosten. They became engaged Christmas Day 1948 and married May 18, 1949. St. John's Church in Valley View was the scene of the 8:30 Wednesday morning nuptials, with Rev. Thomas Weinzapfel performing the ceremony.

Escorted to the altar by the groom, the bride wore a dress of white marquisette fashioned with a fitted bodice and long sleeves tapering to points at the wrists. The full skirt fell into a long train which was edged with two ruffles. Her fingertip veil of imported French illusion edged with lace was attached to a tiara of

flowers. Attending the couple were maid of honor Celine Felderhoff of Muenster, sister of the groom and best man Marvin Rauschuber of Valley View, brother of the bride.

After the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a wedding breakfast in their home. Also a noon meal, reception, and buffet supper were served to 125 guests on the lawn of the Rauschuber home. In the evening a dance was held in the Lindsay Parish Hall. After the dance the couple left on their honeymoon first stop Denton, then on to points in South Texas, Mexico, and Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. Trudy, the daughter of Frank and Katie Rauschuber graduated from Valley View High School in 1946. Vince, the son of John and Lena Felderhoff attended Sacred Heart School.

About a month into the marriage Vince went into partnership with his brother Al in the drilling business. Vince and Trudy moved with the rig to a little west Texas town

called Mertzton. At night Trudy would ride with Vince in the water truck hauling water to the rig site which was located on a big, dry ranch. Trudy was very happy when the rig struck a cavity and they could move back home to Muenster.

Vince and Trudy became the parents of five children and the grandparents of 15. Their children and families are Mike Felderhoff of Gainesville, his sons Chris and Vince Felderhoff of Muenster and Jeff Felderhoff stationed in Virginia with the U.S. Navy; Debby and Jack Brittan and Bradley Fisher of Krum and Dyan and Greg Fisher of Denton; Janie, Mike, Megan and Meredith Hennigan of Muenster and Mindy Hennigan of Lubbock and Michelle Hennigan of Denton; Carol, Roy, Ryan, Brandon and Kimberly Klement of Muenster; Brenda, Steve, Shelby and Grant Simpson of Denton.

Vince and Trudy stay busy with a large vegetable garden, yardwork, canning and keeping

the freezer stocked with delicious chocolate chip cookies.

Guests at the Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration were Bea Hess, Eleanor Felderhoff, Al and Sis Felderhoff, Tee and Millie Voth, Lucille Hess, Casey Walterscheid and Duncan Campbell all of Muenster, and Leo and Rosina Felderhoff of Gainesville, Rita Tucker of Wichita Falls, Marvin and Jody Rauschuber and Imelda Rauschuber of Valley View, Lance Gillum of Aubrey and Cindy Carrio of Richardson.

Unable to attend but sending greetings were grandson Chris Felderhoff who was in Ohio on work related business, Henry and Betty Felderhoff who were in Birmingham, Alabama visiting son Kevin and his family, Emma and Monte Elliot of Lincoln, Illinois, Phyl and John Ladd of Napa, California, Celine and Urban Schrage of Salinas, California, and John and Selma Wright of San Antonio.



Vince and Trudy Felderhoff on their wedding day, May 18 1949

Lutkenhaus is UNT graduate

George Patrick Lutkenhaus, son of Walter and Kathleen Lutkenhaus of Lindsay and a 1995 graduate of Lindsay High School was among the graduates of UNT on May 15, 1999.

George received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology. He was a four year letterman on the University of North Texas Cross Country and Track teams and listed on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll and Dean's List. He was a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, received the Pop Noah Academic Scholarship, and was named to the Big West Conference Academic Team.

George plans on returning to UNT in the fall for his Masters degree. He will be teaching Physical Education classes, as well as finishing his last year of eligibility on the track team at UNT.

Attending the 2:30 p.m. Commencement Program at the Coliseum were George's family, Walter and Kathleen Lutkenhaus, Donna Neu, Laura and Jim Fisher, Michael

Lutkenhaus, Gus and Armella Lutkenhaus, Doris Muller, Leo Lutkenhaus family, Dennis Lutkenhaus family, Mary Kubicek, Leonard Hermes and Rita Cottle, and friends from Denton.

Also joining George for an evening supper were Jack and Marge Alexander of Wichita Falls, cousins and friends from Lindsay, Valley View, and Denton.



George Lutkenhaus

45th Anniversary celebrated by Victor and Frances Sicking

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sicking celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on May 22, 1999. They were married on May 25, 1954 in Sacred Heart Church, with Father Patrick Hannon OSB celebrating the Nuptial Mass. Mrs. Sicking is the former Frances Hennigan, daughter of the late Fred and Caroline Hennigan of Muenster.

She was a homemaker until she started working at Muenster Garden Center in 1979 and still continues there today. She has many friends who depend on her gardening expertise.

Mr. Sicking is the son of the late August and Augusta Sicking. He was raised on a farm south of Muenster and attended school at Freemound School. He was an oil field worker for Felderhoff Bros.

Drilling until he retired.

Frances and Victor have lived all their lives in the Muenster area. They are active members of Sacred Heart Church, and have raised their eight children here. Their family includes Ronnie Sicking of Gainesville; Cathy and James Dangelmayr of Muenster; Darell Sicking of Odessa; Glenda Sicking of Muenster; Carl and Diane Sicking of Myra; Carmen Davis of Gainesville; LeAnn Lewis of Muenster; LaNell and Kenny Noggler of Lindsay.

There are 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Fifty-four relatives and friends attended the party at the home of Ronnie Sicking, coming from Muenster, Gainesville, Valley View, Rosston, Lindsay, Fort Worth, and Haltom City.



Victor and Frances Sicking

Fleitman family holds reunion

Descendants of the late Henry and Mary (Hessel) Fleitman gathered under the Pavilion in Muenster City Park on Sunday, June 13, 1999, with 129 persons signing the guest book.

Johnny Fleitman, age 91, only surviving child of Henry and Mary was present, with his wife Annie. Also attending were Lena Fleitman, Bertha Fleitman, Ira Fleitman, and Joe Hoeng.

Youngest family member, Brenna Marie Fleitman, daughter of Wayne and Cyndi Fleitman was present. Brenna Marie was born on May 11, 1999. Floyd and Marceline Felderhoff and family came the greatest distance, from Montgomery, Texas.

Eddie Fleitman reported three deaths in the past two years; three weddings; fifteen births and adoptions; five boys and ten girls.

A covered dish dinner was held at noon. Afterwards the group spent time visiting and meeting new family members. Many pictures were taken. Younger family members spent their time in the swimming pool.

The next family reunion is planned for the second Sunday June, 2001.

New Arrivals

Hutson

Brad and Betty Hutson of Forestburg joyfully announce the birth of a daughter, Katie Ann Hutson was born on Thursday, June 3, 1999, at 3:05 p.m. in Gainesville Memorial Hospital weighing 7 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. Welcoming their new sister are Kenda Hutson and David Hutson. Grandparents are Kenneth and Mozzell Hutson of Forestburg and the late Ferd and Gertie Luttmmer.

lb. 9 1/2 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. He joins a brother Bridge Coffman, age 2 1/2, at home.

Alsop

Summer and Aaron Alsop of Terral, Oklahoma are parents of a daughter, Charlee Alexis Alsop born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 9, 1999 at 6:25 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 6.7 oz. and measuring 19 1/4 inches long.

Croxton

Michelle and Travis Croxton of Nocona announce the birth of a daughter, Kynadee Brooke Croxton in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 4, 1999 at 7:32 a.m., weighing 8 lb. 15.2 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length.

Coffman

De De and Marty Coffman of Montague, Texas are parents of a son, Carington Brooks Coffman, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 1, 1999 at 11:53 a.m., weighing 7

New Arrival

Woods

Tony and Sandra Woods of Nocona announce the birth of a daughter, Kendra Nicole Woods in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 9, 1999 at 10:51 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 5 1/2 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.

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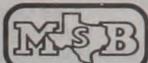
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Hamby is site of Yosten, Chapman marriage

by Elfreda Fette

Sara Janay Chapman and Bradley John Yosten were married on June 5, 1999 in the Hamby Methodist Church at 5:00 p.m. officiated by Ricky Carstensen, Methodist minister.

The bride is the daughter of David and Cheryl Chapman of Hamby, Texas. She is a graduate of Clyde High School of Clyde, Texas and is employed by Blue Cross Blue

Shield as Customer Service Representative.

The groom is the son of Beverly Yosten of Denison, and Daniel and Jo Yosten of Poland, Ohio. He is the grandson of Earl and Beatrice Koelzer of Muenster and Mrs. Frances Yosten of Muenster and the late Werner Yosten. He is a graduate of Colbert High School in Colbert, Oklahoma and serves in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Dyess Air

Force Base.

The bride was presented at the altar by her parents. For her wedding she was wearing a formal, white satin bridal gown, with fitted bodice highlighted with lace appliques, short puff sleeves, and sweetheart neckline. The floor-length full satin skirt was elegant with scalloped tiers and bow inserts. Her fingertip veil of illusion was held by a circular headpiece of delicate white roses. She carried a bridal bouquet of miniature white roses.

ATTENDANTS

Kasey Mashburn of Abilene bride's cousin, was matron of honor. Raesha Breedlove of Stephenville, cousin, and Crystal Chapman of Hamby, sister-in-law of the bride were bridesmaids. They wore purple, long, sheath style, tailored crepe dresses, straight line bodice, short sleeves, and matching shoes, and carried bouquets of spring flowers.

Callie Moore of Lake Jackson, Texas, groom's niece, and Paige Chapman of Hamby, bride's niece were flower girls, wearing white eyelet dresses, designed with empire waist, and rows of lace and beading in the skirt. They carried baskets of flower petals.

Jeremy Yosten of Muenster, groom's brother was best man. Rodney Key of Colbert, Oklahoma, friend of the groom, and Russell Chapman of Hamby, bride's brother were groomsmen.

Wes Chapman of Lubbock, bride's brother, and Philip Koelzer of Denton, groom's

cousin were ushers. Both were also the candlelighters.

The couple lit their Unity candle preceding the ceremony.

Wedding music was presented by an organist for the wedding march and the recessional.

Church decorations included two heart-shaped candelabra holding lighted ivory candles on the altar. Tulle purple and white bows marked center-aisle seats. The bride entered through a flowered archway.

RECEPTION

A reception followed at the Ramada Inn in Abilene, hosted by parents of the couple, for 150 guests. A buffet was catered by the Ramada; and guests danced to music by a DJ.

The registration table held the bride's portrait. The bride's table held floating purple hurricane candles and white flower candles.

Purple flowers decorated the white, three-tiered wedding cake.

Tiny boxes of white chocolate covered almonds, inscribed with the couple's names and wedding date and purple-inscribed "Thank You" ribbons were given to wedding guests.

Decorations included purple and white balloons, and matching streamers covered the ceiling.

The rehearsal dinner was held at Betty Rose's Little Brisket in Abilene.

Since returning from a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple is residing in Abilene.



Brenda Jean Stephenson of Era and Cory Dean Klement of Muenster will be married on July 17, 1999 in First United Methodist Church of Gainesville with Rev. Dr. Joe Pool officiating at 3:00 p.m. The bride-elect is the daughter of Wallace and Doris Stephenson of Era. She is a 1989 graduate of Valley View ISD and a 1992 graduate of Texas Woman's University and is employed as a second grade teacher at Valley View Elementary. The future-groom is the son of Marcie Klement of Muenster and the late Roman Klement. He is a 1985 graduate of Muenster ISD and is employed by Community Lumber Company. The couple will reside in Muenster.



Mrs. Bradley John Yosten ... 'nee Sara Janay Chapman ...

Reservations requested for English Tea Party

An English Tea Party will be hosted by the Christian Women's Club on Thursday, June 24 at the Holiday Inn in Gainesville. Mrs. Ida Harris will tell about different teas and how to enjoy them. Entertainment will be by Shirley O'Dell.

Connie Tolbert of Dallas will present a program with the theme "You're Not Alone". She

is a successful businesswoman and mother of three grown children.

Reservations are requested by noon Tuesday, June 22 with Genny (940)665-0141 or Joan (940)668-6353. The cost of \$8.50 is inclusive. Complimentary childcare is available on a limited basis by reservation only.

Jennifer Anne Root wins high honors

Jennifer Anne Root, daughter of Jim and Sharon (Denny) Root, granddaughter of the late Charles and Dorothy Mae (Luke) Denny and great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Luke, has been named Freshman of the Year by the University of Texas

Music Department. She has also earned the distinction of being placed on the College of Fine Arts and Humanities Full Time Student Dean's List, an honor reserved for those who have achieved a semester grade point average of above 3.75 in a 4.0 ratio.

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School News

Sacred Heart students honored by Duke University talent identification program

As 7th graders this year, Sacred Heart students Andrea Bonin, Lisa Endres, Cindy Hartman, Patrick Knapp, Kathryn Sepanski, and Kevin Walterscheid earned the privilege to take a college entrance exam early. Bonin and Endres scored high enough on the exam to earn recognition on the state level.

Andrea Cecile Bonin, who will be a Sacred Heart School 8th grader in the fall, was one of about 250 students her grade level honored by Duke University Talent Identification Program June 2 at the University of North Texas. Endres did not attend the ceremony.



Andrea Bonin

According to the Talent Search organization, a total of 21,632 students nationwide scored well enough to be invited to a state recognition ceremony. This represents 30 percent of the students who actually tested. In Texas 5,143 students out of the 21,733 who tested qualified for the state ceremony.

Also present at the ceremony were a few students - 2 percent of all those taking the college placement tests as 7th graders - who qualified to be honored

on the national level. Those students were invited to Duke University for that recognition.

The TIP, established in 1980, enables young college-bound students to find early recognition. Many garner outstanding scholarships. This year 1,265 schools in Texas participated.



Lisa Endres

Bonin is the daughter of Carmen and Stephen Bonin. Endres is the daughter of Mary and Gary Endres. Both were students of Mrs. Glenda Mitchell. Mrs. Jo Angeli Kasper, counselor, coordinated the opportunity for the students.

Take Note

Deadline for registration for 1999-2000 Religious Ed program, grades K-8, is *this* Sunday, June 20. Forms are in the vestibule of Sacred Heart Church.

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Kindergarten students explore nature at River Bend. Courtesy photo

Sacred Heart students spend a user friendly day at River Bend Nature Works

Sacred Heart's 2nd grade class and the Kindergarten class combined to take a science field trip on May 10. After a relaxed picnic lunch at Lucy Park, the two classes attended a program designed for each one.

Kindergarten's program was entitled "Observing My World." Activities included a feeling bag, seed and leaf collecting, looking at nature through a magnifying glass, and doing leaf rubbings.

The 2nd grade's program was entitled "Weather Watching." Activities included a study of clouds, solar energy, and basic weather monitoring equipment. The students discussed weather forecasting while on a "Weather Watch Walk." River Bend's user friendly approach to science made it possible for all to have an educational and enjoyable time.



Kelley, Yosten selected for MSU summer workshop

Two Sacred Heart High School students have been chosen to participate in a special "McMurtry Center Summer Workshop Program" at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Gina Yosten and Sarah Kelley are two of only 25 Texas and Oklahoma high school students chosen for the Center's summer workshop program, hosted annually for gifted young actors and writers. Yosten, who will study writing, and Kelley, who will study acting, were chosen on the basis of their school records and teacher recommendations. Both Gina and Sarah were awarded scholarships to the workshop.

Workshop participants will live on the Midwestern State campus for two weeks in late June, where they will take intensive all-day classes taught

by distinguished faculty and visiting guests. Pulitzer Prize winning author Larry McMurtry, for example, after whom the Center is named, will host a special day-long session for the students studying writing.

"We are really pleased that Gina and Sarah applied to our program and were accepted," said Dr. Fred Reynolds of the City University of New York, a Midwestern State alumnus who directs the McMurtry Center's annual summer workshop program. "There are obviously excellent things going on in the Sacred Heart School, and everyone there should be very proud."

Students interested in applying for next summer's program should contact Reynolds at the McMurtry Center at MSU in Wichita Falls.

Emelia Endres wins high honors

Emelia Endres, daughter of John Paul and Nancy Endres, granddaughter of Paul and Marie Endres of Muenster, and Betty Yarbrough and the late John Yarbrough of Fort Worth, was named the Valedictorian for Era Junior High School on May 28. Attending her graduation were her mother, sister, and grandmother Betty Yarbrough. Absent for the ceremony were Paul and Marie Endres who were in New York attending the High School Graduation of their grandson Peter Endres.

The Valedictorian, Emelia Endres, and Salutatorian, Shea Skelton, were awarded plaques of honor. Emelia Endres' honors that evening included: Algebra 1 award, Science Student of the Year,



Emelia Endres

Outstanding achievement in English, History, Science, and Reading. Other events of the evening included speeches by the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, as well as the reading of a poem by Melinda Myers in memory of Scott Wilhoit.

Special achievement awards were presented by Mr. Gene Gee, Principal of Era ISD, and Mr. Bill Alcorn, Superintendent. The Class Will was read by Ashley Bookhout, Andy Crenshaw, and Josh Morris. Graduation Diplomas were awarded by Mr. Gene Gee and Mrs. Bill Alcorn. There was a reception in the cafeteria after the graduation ceremony, followed by a swimming party for the graduates at the home of Tiffany Ward.

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The director of the school, Stephanie Tankersley, said participants will hear the good news that Jesus calls us, Jesus loves us, Jesus wants us to feed his sheep, we can praise God, and God loves everyone. The director wants everyone to visit the VBS website at www.gospelrock.com.

Everyone is invited to register or to obtain more information by visiting the church office or by calling the church at 940-995-2146.

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Reminder for MHS Mini Cheerleading Camp

The MHS Varsity Cheerleaders would like to remind all area youngsters of the Mini Cheerleading Camp, June 28-July 2, at the Muenster City Park. A form was sent home with the Muenster Elementary students the last week of school. This form and the \$20.00 fee need to be received

by June 21. Additional forms may be obtained at Ace Hardware/Ben Franklin's in Muenster.

The cheerleaders will be teaching the latest NCA cheers, chants and dance they learned at the SMU Cheerleading Camp this past week. Participants will also be offered the opportunity to practice tumbling skills with Rose Henscheid, owner of the Gymnastics Sports Center of Muenster. Area Junior High Squads are also invited and urged to attend. The week will end with an exhibition by all the participants for their parents. Competitions and awards for squads and individuals will bring the week to an exciting close. For additional information, you may contact the MHS cheerleader sponsor, Joni Sturm, at 759-2724. Deadline to register is Monday, June 21.

Benefit Golf Tournament set for June 26

Lindsay will host their 4th annual Booster Club Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 26 at the Gainesville Municipal Golf Course. The tournament will feature a two-person scramble in six flights. A 7 a.m. shotgun start will begin the event.

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each flight and 3 awards to the lowest teams.

The tournament will benefit the Lindsay High School golf and tennis programs. For more information call Bill Pearson at 665-6838 or Tom Fluker at 668-7918.



Bus trip to Ranger game July 31

The Muenster Jaycees are offering a charter bus trip to the Texas Rangers vs. Kansas City Royals baseball game, Saturday, July 31. Tickets are \$30 each, with ballpark seating in the lower homerun porch.

Ballpark rules include no metal cans or glass containers are allowed. Coolers may be brought in the ballpark, but must be 16"x16"x16" or smaller. No alcoholic beverages may be carried in the ballpark and no one under 21 may purchase or consume alcoholic beverages in the ballpark.

The chartered bus will leave Hornet Stadium around 4:30 p.m. No Styrofoam coolers are allowed on the bus.

For reservations or more information contact Mark Klement at 749-4019 or at 82 Liquor, 759-4343.

The Muenster Jaycees are not responsible for accidents or injuries which may occur during the trip or game.

Tea-ball action Tuesday evening included, above Taylor Klement swinging at the ball for the White Team; Below, Mary Cochran pitches the ball to Tyler Pagel.

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At left, Spencer Nelson gets a base hit for the Blue Team. At right, Teal coach Terry Luke helps batter Aaron Grewing get a good grip on the bat.

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Mr. John Barton, 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. Utility companies are also invited so that we may inform them of the upcoming state projects in the Wichita Falls District.

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LOOK IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

Farm & Ranch

TFU urges reforms on sanctions

Lawmakers must reform the nation's sanctions policy to improve export opportunities for U.S. producers, Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims, Sweetwater, Texas farmer, told the House Agriculture Committee recently.

Sims, testifying on behalf of National Farmers Union, told the committee that Congress must take action to capitalize on the administration's recent

decision to permit sales of food to countries under U.S. sanctions.

"Agricultural sanctions unfairly punish U.S. farmers and ranchers," said Sims. "Fewer sales opportunities mean declining prices for farmers and ranchers and lower income. Over the longer term, sanctions damage our reputation as a supplier and bolster the position of our competitors by giving them market share, which allows

them to sell products at a premium to leverage their position in other markets."

At the recent National Agricultural Summit, hosted by NFU, the leadership of 28 of the nation's farm organizations unanimously adopted language expressing that U.S. exports of food and fiber "should not be used as the subject of sanctions."

In closing, Sims stressed that Congress must improve the farm safety net, establish a fair and level playing field in global agricultural trade and keep global and domestic markets competitive if U.S. producers are to achieve some level of economic stability.

USDA releases long awaited assistance to Texas farmers

"After months of delays, Texas farmers are finally going to see their promised and much-needed federal disaster assistance," says U.S. Senator Phil Gramm. "Last October, Congress passed emergency legislation for farmers who were hit by natural disaster -- and time then was of the essence," Gramm said. "Now we are heading into summer and the relief is at last arriving."

The U.S. Department of

Agriculture is mailing \$2 billion worth of assistance checks beginning the first week of June to hundreds of thousands of American farmers scorched by drought to help cover their crop losses.

"I am relieved that our Texas producers are receiving this long-awaited assistance. This not only assists them with last year's losses, but will enable them to secure essential loans for this year's crops," Gramm concluded.

Cut forage, but not milk production

Dairymen with a limited supply of high-quality forages don't have to lose milk production.

Cows fed less forage can still produce as much or more milk than before, according to dairy nutrition specialists at Ohio State University.

It's just a matter of balancing the carbohydrates - fiber and starch - that cows eat to allow the most efficient fermentation of feed in the rumen.

Researchers fed one group of cows a normal diet - 21% fiber from forages and 35-40% starch from grains. Three other groups were fed whole cottonseed and soybean hulls and less forage and starch.

Cows performed very well when fed an 11% forage-fiber diet containing 11% cottonseed and 30% starch primarily from corn.

Dry matter intake and milk yield was highest with the 11% forage fiber diet. Cows in midlactation can perform well when fed less than 21% forage fiber, as long as the starch level in the diet is balanced along with the effective fiber level.



THEY'RE BACK! A plague of grasshoppers once again invade the area. Photo by Janie Hartman

Beef cattle field day scheduled for June 18-20

A Beef Cattle Field Day is being held June 18 - 20, at Halliburton Farms Barn & Sale Facility located 3 1/2 miles north of Bells, Grayson County, on FM Hwy. 1897.

Several breeds of Beef Cattle will be on display from 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 18 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 20, 1999. Breeds confirmed to date are Angus, Belted Galloway, British White, Brangus, Gelbvieh, Polled Hereford, Maine Anjou, Parthenais and Santa Gertrudis.

Educational programs will be Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., including: Management Tips For Small Producers, Look Into The Future Of The Meat Industry, Embryo Transfers, What's In It For Me?, Texas Cattle Women Projects, Pasture Weed Control, and Linear Measurement and Ultrasound Imaging of Beef Cattle.

Call Mark Arnold, Grayson County Extension agent at 903-813-4206 for more information.

New Web resource on farm animal health

"Healthy Animals" is a new online compilation of Agricultural Research Service news and expert resources on the health and well-being of agricultural animals and fish. The "Healthy Animals" web site is at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/nh/a/>

Updated quarterly, the new web site provides links to recent ARS research accomplishments involving the health of various livestock and fish, as well as related research on deer and other wildlife. The site also provides complete contact information for the more than 25 ARS research groups that conduct studies aimed at protecting and improving farm animal health.

ARS produced the web site to help inform producers interested in research. The site does not provide treatment advice for sick animals or give individualized recommendations.

Each quarter, one article in "Healthy Animals" will focus on a particular element of ARS animal research. The first issue highlights the four ARS national programs devoted to keeping animals healthy and productive: Animal Health, Animal Pest and Parasites, Aquaculture, and Animal Well Being and Stress Control Systems.

To receive quarterly announcement of each new issue's arrival, contact Kathryn Barry Stelljes, ARS information, at 510-559-6069.

Extension Service to offer seminar

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners--and their heirs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an Attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 8 and 9, 1999, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course. The Seminar will start at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 8, and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 1999. It will be in Room 457 of the Blocker Building on the Texas A&M University Campus.

Topics covered will include the basic tools of estate planning: Wills, Living Trusts, and Powers of Attorney. But most of the time will be spent on income and estate tax saving plans for ranching families.

Registration fee is \$75.00 per person. It includes seminar materials, snacks on Sunday evening and lunch on Monday, as well as refreshment breaks. For more information, call Sharon Wehring or Dr. Wayne Hayenga at 409-845-2226, Fax: 409-847-9374 or email: w-hayenga@tamu.edu..

Texas Weather

Hot and muggy weather is expected across Texas from mid-June to mid-July.

Sunny and hot is likely June 15-17 with extensive showers likely the 18th and 19th. Additional showers should dominate from the 20th through the 28th with heat, high humidity, and locally heavy rains likely across the state.

Another round of scattered showers are expected statewide on July 1-2. The 3rd and 4th could also be wet in areas with hot and muggy conditions.

The sun should shine on July 6, with July 7 and 8 hot and dry before isolated showers pop in on the 9th - 11th, followed by fair skies and hot temperatures July 12-13. Clear skies and summertime heat will return July 15.

It's A Stat!

WHEAT

The 1999 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 112.2 million bushels, 18 percent less than last year and 6 percent less than in 1997. The estimate is up 6 percent from the May forecast.

According to a June 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 33 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage, at 3.4 million acres, is down 13 percent from 1998.

United States winter wheat production for 1999 is forecast at 1.61 billion bushels, down 14 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 44.7

bushels per acre, down 2.2 bushels from a year ago.

Major show steer validation June 23

4-H and F.F.A. members who plan to show steers at the major livestock shows this fall and in the spring of 2000 must have those animals validated during June. The county validation date is Wednesday, June 23, 1999 at the Gainesville Livestock Market on Refinery Road in Gainesville. Major shows include the State Fair of Texas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso, etc. Contact the County Extension Office or your local Vocational Ag Instructor now to let them know you have animals to validate.



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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,012 head of cattle compared to 1,139 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 454 goats, 73 sheep and 235 hogs. The numbers for last week were 212, 68 and 373 respectively. Results of both sales follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 94-115; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-94; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 82-107; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-82; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 82-97; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-82; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 78-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-78; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 73-82; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-73; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 69-76; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-69.	2 & 3, 51-62. Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 45-51; Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, 28-33; cutter, 33-40.	Sows: US 1-3, 300-650, 21-28; Boars: US 1-3, 200-650, 08-14. Feeders: US 1-3, 100-175, \$28-\$40 per head. Pigs: US 1-3, 25-90, \$7.50-\$25 per head.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 80-100; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-80; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 80-89; Nos. 2 & 3, 63-80; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 78-89; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-78; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 73-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-73; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 70-75; Nos. 2 & 3, 53-70; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 62-73; Nos.	Stocking Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$500-\$560; medium frame, \$425-\$500.	Sheep (per lb.) Lamb: 70-82; Ewes: 35-40; Bucks: 40-65.
	Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs., large frame, \$600-\$710; medium frame, \$500-\$600; Holstein baby calves, \$70-\$110; Crossbreds, \$100-\$180.	Barbados (per head) Lamb: \$25-\$35; Ewes: \$22-\$54; Bucks: \$33-\$50.
	Hogs (per lb.) Barrows & Gilts: US 1-2, 220-275, 28-33; US 2-3, 220-275, 25-28.	Dairy Goats (per head) Kids: \$20-\$35; Nannies: \$30-\$50; Billies: \$50-\$90.
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