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## Relay For Life thunders past goal

by Janet Felderhoff

With distant thunder echoing in the background, Cooke County 2000 Relay For Life kicked off at 6 p.m. June 2 at Muenster Hornet Stadium. Chuck Skinner offered the invocation. As the Boy Scouts from Troop 664 raised the American flag, Mikki Jones sang a stirring rendition of the National Anthem.

This year's goal was to raise \$105,000. By the closing of the Relay Saturday, that goal was surpassed; a total of \$124,655 was raised and the goal was expected to exceed \$126,000. Wednesday morning co-chairman Christine Weinzapfel was elated to announce that in excess of \$128,000 has been raised by the event.

cancer. Later the chains were linked together and displayed on the fence at the track. There were 682 links on the chain representing survival 682 years. The "chain of hope" hung as a continuous reminder of why all were gathered for the 20 hour event - to fight the fight against cancer, said Co-chairman Bayer.

As the first walker from each team took to the track, the underwriters and committee were recognized. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Silver Underwriters Gainesville Memorial Hospital and Muenster Memorial Hospital, and King Koch and to Blue Ribbon Underwriters J. H. Bayer Sons, Inc., CSR Poly Pipe, Gainesville Printing,

"To wipe out cancer from the earth and honor those fighting the battle and remember those who lost the fight..."

Rita Bayer

Co-chairmen for the fifth annual Relay For Life were Rita Bayer and Weinzapfel. "We will be having lots of fun and making new friends in the next 20 hours, but it is important that we don't lose sight of our mission here," remarked Bayer. "That is to wipe out cancer from the earth and honor those fighting the battle and remember those who lost the fight." She then read the Mission Statement of the American Cancer Society.

Applause, encouragement, and words of cheer were sounded for the 85 cancer survivors who walked the opening lap of the Relay. Each of their names was announced during the lap. On some the only outward sign of their battle with cancer was the teal survivor Relay shirt. Some of these are survivors of many years. Some are still battling the disease.

Following the first lap, survivors attended a reception in their honor. Each was pinned with a paper chain with links representing the number of years they had survived

McLeroy & Lewis Medical Clinic, Muenster State Bank, and David and Lou Ann Spaeth in honor of Henry Spaeth.

Certificates were also presented to underwriters, committee members, teams, and team captains who have participated in the Relay since its inception five years ago. Five year underwriters are King Koch, Muenster Memorial Hospital, J.H. Bayer Sons, Inc., Muenster State Bank, Muenster Knights of Columbus Council #1459, Bill Black Electric, Catholic Life Insurance, Muenster Kiwanis Club, Alan Ritchey, Inc., Martindale Feed Mill, Inc. Nortex Communications, Bayer's Kolonialwaren, and Muenster Enterprise.

Teams recognized for five year participation included Alan Ritchey, Inc., Bill Black Electric, Footprint Friends, Martindale Feed Mills, Inc., Muenster State Bank, Tender Loving Care Day Care Center, and Muenster Memorial Hospital. Five year team captains include Bill Black,



2000 Cooke County Relay For Life survivors numbering 85 opened the 20 hour event last Friday. As they walked the first lap they were cheered on by family, friends, and Relay participants. This was the

Shellie Hoedebeck, Barb Rider, and Wanda Flusche.

Those who have volunteered for the Relay For Life Planning Committee since its beginning in Cooke County are Carolyn Bayer, Rita Bayer, Jenny Beznar, Kim Gerstberger, Mary K. Endres, Cheryl Pollard, Robynn Walterscheid, and Christine Beaulieu Weinzapfel.

Rain set in dampening everything, but the spirit of the participants. It showered most of the night. At 10 p.m. a luminaria ceremony was held. There were 865 luminaries glowing along the rain dampened track. Each was in memory of someone who had lost the battle with cancer or in honor of those who'd won the battle or who is presently fighting cancer. The name of each person represented by a luminaria was called out by Chas and Carolyn Bayer.

During the ceremony, Gina Yosten recited a prayerful poem she had written. She and her father, Doug Yosten, sang "Amazing Grace." It was

Relay's fifth year with the event growing in size each year and the funds being raised to fight cancer increasing with each Relay.

Photo by Janet Felderhoff

a hilarious, but factual skit on how to reduce the risk of cancer. Other entertainment included performances by Elm Creek Strings, Andy and Mandy Headrick, Jack White, Gainesville 49er's Square Dancers, Cooke County Ballet Academy, and Gainesville Swing Orchestra. Games included Breast Cancer Bingo, nutrition control patrol for kids, poster contest, scavenger hunt, limbo contest, hula hoop contest, and a huge twister contest.

Drier weather marked Saturday's activities. Closing ceremonies began at 1:30 p.m. It was a time of celebration for a successful event and a time to thank all the volunteers and participants who made it possible.

Individuals who raised more than \$1,000 were Cindy Rohmer, Janie Weinzapfel,

Patty Pierce, John Monday, Cindy Geray, Betty Moody, Alice Hellman, Juanell Branyon, Darla Anderle, Jack Sneed, Rose Beznar, Peggy Walterscheid, Beth Trubenbach, Annette Walterscheid, Jimmy Gossett, Kalyssa Pollard, Kelly Walker, Will Taylor, Rita Fisher, Gayle Loche, and Lori Neu.

Family teams raising more than \$3,000 were Team Cure, Walterscheid/Beznar, Brewer Bunch, Ray Swirczynski, and Fisher Clan. Business teams raising more than \$4,000 included Nortex Love of Life, First State Bank of Gainesville, Spraylat, and Muenster State Bank.

Earning the award for the most money raised by a team individual was Juanell Branyon. Nortex Love of Life raised the most money as a See RELAY FOR LIFE, pg 2

## MEDG offers economic development help to city

by Dave Fette

The Muenster City Council approved development of a web site for the city at Monday's regular City Council meeting. This was part of the discussion on economic development with the Muenster Economic Development Group (MEDG). This group is a continuation of the former Muenster Industrial Development Board. The MEDG includes among immediate plans, to search for possible tenants for the vacant Valenite building, to complete design of a web site and present the first version at the next regular meeting, and to develop a PowerPoint preservation and other material that can be used to market the city.

The membership of this volunteer group includes Ed York, Robert Weinzapfel, Gary Fisher, Annette Walterscheid, Carl Alford, Joey Anderson, Steve Broyles, Kathryn Hicks, Cathy Otto, Milton Knauf, and Claude Walter. MEDG's first meeting was on May 16. They meet every Tuesday evening. MEDG has requested recognition as the official economic development group for the city. Upon approval they will present a goal plan to the Council.

Other items of discussion and action included:

- A parking restriction ordinance affecting parking along Highway 82 near the Kountry Korner was approved. Vehicles parking in this area

must be completely off the highway shoulders to allow better visibility of traffic approaching from the west.

- 3.92 acres of property at the corner of Highway 82 and Ash Street, located north of the highway between Ash and the Elm Creek bridge, was granted a zoning change from local business to light industrial.

- The Council is still looking for a replacement for Steve Broyles, city manager, who resigned to take a position with North Central Texas College.

- The Council approved floor plans for the new public library presented by the Library Board.

- Monthly bills totaling \$62,547.23 were approved for payment.

## Kevin Sebade joins staff of MSB as VP

Muenster State Bank this week announced the addition of Kevin Sebade as vice-president to its lending staff. Sebade is a graduate of Wayne State College with a degree in Business Administration. He worked for former Texas Congressman Jim Collins. For the past 11 years Sebade worked as a bank examiner for the FDIC, primarily out of the Dallas Field Office.

Sebade is originally from a rural, agriculturally oriented community northeast of Omaha, Nebraska. He enjoys golf, horseback riding, and skiing. He now lives in Muenster and is looking forward to getting involved in the community.

Muenster State Bank invites everyone to stop by the bank



Kevin Sebade

and welcome Kevin to the community.

## NCTC regents okay dorms for fall

Deluxe accommodations will be available to 32 students living on campus at North Central Texas College this coming fall, with construction of a new dormitory unit getting the go-ahead from members of the NCTC Board of Regents at their regular May meeting Monday, May 22.

The new 5,250-square-foot dorm will be a two-story structure with eight two-bedroom suites, each bedroom accommodating two students. All of the four-student suites will feature a shared "common" area and bathroom and will have their own exterior entrances. One of the first-floor suites will be specially outfitted to accommodate the needs of students with disabilities.

Akins Construction Co., of Gainesville will be the builder. The firm was chosen by the

college governing board last month after reviewing proposals from contractors asked to bid on the project on a "design-build" basis. The guaranteed maximum price submitted by Akins for construction of the dorm is \$392,045.

"This is our master plan in action," commented Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, NCTC president, after the meeting. "After all the months of planning and the input from students, staff and local citizens serving on the President's Council on Excellence, it's wonderful to know that bricks and mortar will be giving substance to what have been just dreams and drawings."

As called for in NCTC's master plan for facilities at the home campus, the new dorm is the first of three on-campus

housing facilities on the drawing board, with the others to be phased in over the next few years as need dictates.

Dr. Glasscock stressed that rooms in this new dorm will not, as are many in the existing Residence Hall, be given as part of a scholarship package to athletes. Occupancy of the existing facility has remained at or very near capacity for the past several semesters.

Rental rates for the new dorm rooms have yet to be determined. Students wishing to inquire about reserving space in the new dorm may contact Dean Joanne Sanford at 940-668-4241. A deposit may be required.

Monday's meeting agenda was a particularly crowded one, beginning with the swearing in by County Judge Bill Harris of newly elected

members of the board. They included longtime member Neil Tibbets, re-elected for a fourth term to the Place 2 position on the board; Ann Kemplin of Valley View, elected to serve the four years remaining of the Place 7 term of the late Col. Guy Winstead; and Russell Duncan of Gainesville, elected to fill the Place 1 seat vacated by Charles Draper.

Immediately following the swearing in, as required by statute, the board was reorganized, with the existing slate of officers - President Milton Dickson, Vice President Karon Sullivan, and Secretary Tibbets - being re-elected by acclamation by their fellow regents to new terms.

Turning to another construction-related item after approving the new dorm, the See NCTC REGENTS, pg 3



Jason Lutkenhaus of the Muenster Jaycee's Coach Pitch Green Team was the first batter in the first game played at the new Muenster baseball complex Monday evening. He also got the first hit. Hind-catching for the Red Team is Dakota Newton. The Reds beat the Green Team in the season opener.

Photo by Janie Hartman



Myra Volunteer Firemen, assisted by Muenster's Volunteer Department, battle a fire at the residence of Dwaine Balthrop on FM 1198 south of Myra, Wednesday morning. The fire, assumed ignited by an electric fence, spread through tall weeds to Balthrop's shop. Everything in the shop was lost. Muenster also responded to a fire on East Hwy. 82 Wednesday afternoon, extinguishing it before it could turn into a prairie fire. Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe noted that even though the area had rain last weekend, we are still under high risk. "Grass, everything is ready to burn...it's just waiting for something to set it off. Everyone must stay alert."

Photo by Janie Hartman

## New EPA report shows progress for Texas air quality

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its newest National Air Pollutant Emission Trends report, which covers the 1998 reporting year. The report confirms that while Texas still faces challenges with regard to air quality, there has been a substantial improvement since 1995.

According to the report, between 1995 and 1998, emissions of Carbon Monoxide in Texas fell by 23 percent, emissions of Nitrogen Oxides fell by 11 percent, emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds fell by 51 percent, emissions of Sulfur Dioxide fell by 21 percent and PM 10 emissions fell by 2.6 percent.

Combined levels of these emissions fell by close to 4 million tons between 1995 and 1998, the largest reduction in the nation. As an overall percentage, these emissions were cut by 22 percent, tied for second best in the country.

Said Patrick Burns, Director of Environmental Policy at Citizens for the Sound Economy, "Texas had made some great progress since 1995 when, in the words of the Sierra Club, Gov. Ann Richards left the state a mess." The EPA report also shows that there's still room for further improvement. Air quality legislation passed by the State last year should help Texas continue on the path to cleaner air."

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Celine Dittfurth, president of the Muenster Historical Commission, finds a place to display a U.S. Marine Corps drill instructor's hat in a hat press at the Seyler Museum. This display is just a part of the military exhibit now extended at the museum. The armed forces will be honored through July 4. The museum is opened Thursday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Photo by Janie Hartman

## TXU Electric accepts on-line payments

TXU Electric rolled out a new service recently - you can pay your residential electric bill online, and it's free! No more checks, stamps, or envelopes.

TXU E-Bill, the new electronic billing and payment service, offered with CheckFree, is convenient and easy. Residential customers can register at [www.txu.com](http://www.txu.com) and pay next month's bill electronically. According to a 1999 report by Longwood Information, LLC, the average American spends three to six hours per month paying bills. With the new service, TXU customers can pay their electric bill in a matter of minutes. Each month, TXU Electric sends an e-mail message to customers alerting them that their bill is ready. They just login, review the bill, and schedule payment - all with a single click of the mouse.

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way for us to give more power to our customers - the power to make their lives a little bit easier," said TXU Electric Manager Terry Tombaugh.

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team. Will Taylor was recognized as the child team member under 12 who raised the most money. Brandon Kiesel was the teen who raised the most money.

Best Campsite decorations award went to Guaranty National Bank. The team earning the most spirit points was Nortex Love of Life.

Besides the two co-chairmen, the 2000 Cooke County Relay For Life Planning Committee was composed of Carolyn Bayer, Luminaries; Kim Gerstberger, Information; Gayla Blanton and Susan Metzler, Team Recruitment; Melissa Trubenbach, Vanese Alguire, Beth Trubenbach, and Donna Walterscheid, Team Captain Coordinators; Sharon Ivins, Registration and Accounting; Cindy Jankiewicz

and Lou Ann Spaeth, Entertainment and Games; Jenny Bezner, Medical Support; Charla Taylor, Food and Beverage; Regina Pels, Breakfast; Mary K. Endres and Dianne Walterscheid, Public Relations; Tina Bindel and Barbara LaChance, Logistics; Janet Voth, Newsletters; Dr. Audrey Morrill, Cancer Control; Pam Sidwell, Cancer Fact Signs; Fay Hamric and Alice Hellman, Cancer Survivor Activities; Valerie and Lonnie Henscheid, Goody Bags; Cindy Jankiewicz, Prizes; Cheryl Pollard, T-shirts; Darla Anderle, Kim Gerstberger, Laura Stoffels, and Robynn Walterscheid, Relay Store; Mary K. Endres and Cheryl Pollard, Advisors; and Christine Weinzapfel, Underwriting/Treasurer.

## 13th Annual Ruth Hess Golf Tourney July 9

The Thirteenth Annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, July 9 at the Indian Oaks Golf Course in Nocona. Tee time is 8 a.m. for the 4 Person Scramble. The fee is \$220 per team (includes green fee, cart, and t-shirt). Proceeds will benefit City of Muenster Baseball Complex.

All participants will be put in one group and prizes will be awarded in four different flights. There will be prizes for closest to the pin on all par 3s.

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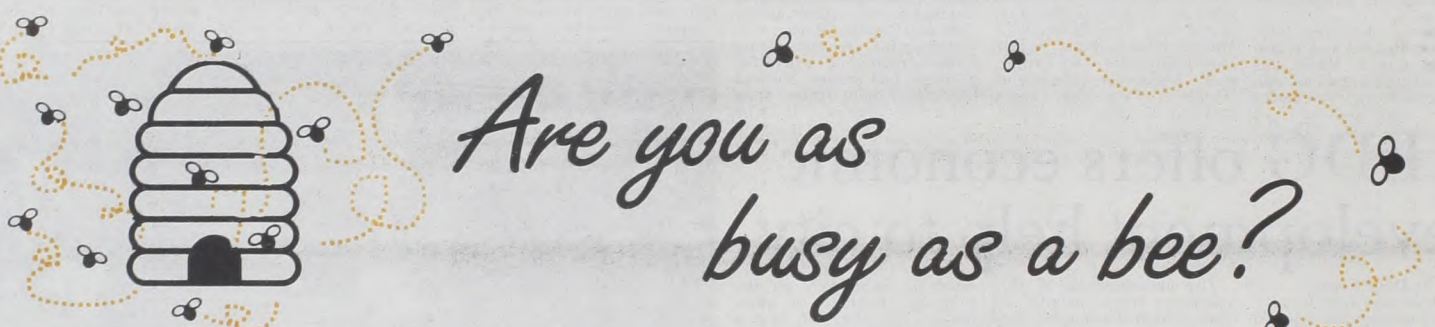
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**Fr. Bonaventure Koelzer 1912 - 2000**

Father Bonaventure Koelzer, a native of Muenster, long-time resident of Hereford and member of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, with Abbey in Graymoor, New York, died on June 2, 2000 in the Resurrection Nursing Home near Albany, New York at age 88.

He was buried on Monday, June 5 at Graymoor Abbey. Born in Muenster on March 18, 1912 to John and Mary (Huls) Koelzer, he was named Louis. He entered the Franciscan order at Graymoor in September 1926; was ordained on Feb. 13, 1938 and read his First Mass in Hereford on Feb. 15, 1938. He served the order well, and was sent to Rome to be Graymoor's Superior during W.W.II. Later

he served in France, then in Japan. His last mission was in Jatai, Brazil where he spent almost 14 years. He was privileged to visit family members frequently. After returning to Graymoor, he lived in Resurrection Nursing Home near Albany, New York for three years. He was privileged to celebrate his 25th and 50th jubilees in Hereford. It was his pleasure to relate that he met and served under four Popes. He was elected Father General at Graymoor in 1960 and served for seven years.

Survivors are his sisters, Mary Noggler and Theresa Koelzer, both of Hereford, and has a large number of nieces and nephews.

**Gainesville Memorial Hospital has new ER physician group**

Gainesville Memorial Hospital announces that Team Health, a physician services company, will be providing emergency room physician services as of June 1.

"In a continued effort to provide our patients with the best services possible, I am excited to announce Team Health as our provider of emergency physician services," said GMH administrator Andrew E. Anderson, Jr. "Our commitment to providing quality, accessible and affordable healthcare to Gainesville and Cooke County

is our foremost concern. The Team Health addition should enhance our emergency room services, marking an improvement for our patients."

Team Health is a national organization, providing hospital-based physician services for over 20 years. The regional office of Team Health Southwest, located in Houston, is the regional affiliate providing GMH with comprehensive emergency department management.

Heading Team Health Southwest is president Mark Jergens, MD, MHA, who was in Gainesville Thursday as Team Health took over operations of the GMH emergency room.

"We are committed to delivering superior and cost-effective care through a physician-led clinical enterprise, connecting all partners and patients."

"We are committed to maintaining our reputation for being a physician-led, patient-focused organization," Jergens said. "Our success stems from our unwavering dedication to innovation, teamwork, and integrity."

"First and foremost, we want to offer high-quality, compassionate, and clinically competent physicians to Gainesville. We believe that people rate you on how they feel." He added that patients trust the institution for clinical care, but will judge the treatment they are receiving on the feeling they have as to attitude of the caregiver, time management and treatment.

Sherri-Lynne Almeida, RN, MSN, is vice president of client services and will serve as the clinical and administrative liaison between GMH and Team Health Southwest.

Because of this, Team Health has structured its organization to service clients from 14 different regional offices across the United States.

Jergens points out the Team Health billing service will be somewhat different from what has been used. Team Health will be billing from four regional centers, but Jergens notes that the company has a special customer service line that only handles patients and their concerns.

Patients will be able to access customer service through a toll-free number, or through the internet. Jergens points out that patients will even be able to access or pay their bill through the internet.

Jergens said that Team Health realizes the public relations impact of billing, both for GMH and the physicians, so his company has an operating philosophy that is both patient-sensitive and cost-efficient.

Team Health manages more than 350 hospital-based contracts in 27 states, but realizes that healthcare is best delivered on a local level.

**NCTC REGENTS**

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regents rejected a proposal - also submitted by Akins Construction - for construction of a restroom-concession stand facility for the baseball-softball fields complex. They were unanimous in their agreement with Dr. Glasscock that the bid of \$99,000 was too high.

The board authorized Dr. Glasscock and the administration to pursue other options in regard to constructing the facility. Also rejected by the NCTC board as too high was a change order bid from Hisaw & Associates, contractors for the recently completed Corinth Campus, to construct additional paved parking at that facility.

"Here too, we will have to pursue some other options, including sending out a new request for proposals," said Dr. Glasscock. "We quickly discovered, once the current semester got underway, that the existing 406 parking spaces at Corinth were insufficient to accommodate students, faculty and staff. We are expecting substantial enrollment growth this fall, so we must find a way to provide additional spaces."

The subject of parking also found its way into the board's consideration of the new 2000-2001 college catalog, routinely submitted each year by the administration for their approval prior to publication. New Regent Russell Duncan, citing spiraling costs of building and maintaining parking lots, moved that the catalog's currently listed parking fee of \$5.00 per

semester be doubled to \$10, pro-rated for summer terms, to bring it more into line with what other colleges and universities are charging.

The motion passed unanimously, with indications that this may be the first of additional incremental increases in parking fees over the next few years.

Board members also voted unanimously to approve a budget amendment from the Cooke County Tax Appraisal District. Requested from all county taxing entities to help offset costs of financing a new CCAD computer, the adjustment for NCTC will mean a \$500 reduction in the amount scheduled for refund to the college due to a projected CCAD surplus.

Also approved and accepted by the regents was a Distance Learning Plan outlining the college's policies and practices for delivering instruction via the Internet, by interactive video, by instructional television and other means. They also approved and accepted a detailed Developmental Education Plan covering all aspects of the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test and related remediation programs.

In other business, the NCTC regents approved the employment of Dr. Kevin Eubanks, full-time English instructor; Molly Showalter, full-time vocational nursing instructor; and Janet Dragoo, financial aid director.



Saint Peter's of Lindsay honored all veterans of the parish on Memorial Day with a Mass and procession to the cemetery. Blessing of the graves, prayers for peace and a thanksgiving to those who served were led by Father Sebastian. Pictured with parishioners are Fr. Sebastian, Danny Kendall, Wayne Fleitman, and Leroy Metzler. Courtesy photo


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TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**RON CLARK**  
HOUSE DISTRICT 62



*Changes in the Air to Reduce Pollution*

Clean air is a major issue confronting Texas. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is developing a program to address the problem of air pollution. This program is necessary because certain areas of Texas have exceeded the maximum air pollution standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These four areas are Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston/Galveston, and Beaumont/Port Arthur.

Failure to implement a state program to meet federal air quality standards can result in (1) a more difficult licensing process for factories and other sources of pollution and (2) cutoff of federal highway funds. Continued failure to implement a plan would result in the federal EPA taking over enforcement of the Clean Air Act in Texas.

Air pollution is the contamination of air by the discharge of harmful substances. The sources of air pollution are either stationary (such as factories or refineries) or mobile (such as cars, trucks, lawn mowers). Cars and trucks cause the two worst kinds of air pollution: ozone (or smog) and carbon monoxide. Smog can lead to permanent lung damage, while carbon monoxide can impair the function of the eyes and brain, and is fatal in very high concentrations.

Texas is considering stricter emissions standards for all new cars sold in Texas, limits on the time of day that certain types of heavy machinery can be operated, and requirements that reformulated gasoline be sold in certain regions.

Each of these proposed regulations will cost consumers and taxpayers. However, the Federal government will cut off some types of funding if improvements are not made. The challenge we face is balancing the desire for cleaner air with the cost of achieving each incremental improvement.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact my Capitol office at P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas, 78768-2910, or E-mail me at ron.clark@house.state.tx.us.

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# Lifestyle

## Endres, Bindel exchange vows

by Elfreda Fette

Mr. and Mrs. Darren Bindel are on a wedding trip to San Antonio and when they return will reside in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. They were married on Sunday, May 21, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. in double ring rites in a garden wedding in the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony and vows were composed by the couple. Blessing of their vows will take place in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster in the spring of 2001.

The bride is the former Karri Jo Endres of Denton, daughter of Clinton and Debbie Endres. She attended Southwest Texas State University and graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in Speech Pathology. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Clara Endres.

The groom of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is the son of Harold and Betty Jean Bindel of Muenster, and the grandson of Mrs. Ollie Klement. He received his undergraduate degree from Tarleton State University and his master's degree from Kansas State University. He is an animal nutritionist employed by Furst-McNess Company.

The marriage ceremony officiated by Rev. Elwood Poore, took place beneath a double arch covered with fern, nandina, and white baby's breath. Ferns and flowers encircled the base of the arch. Wedding music included "How Beautiful," "Pachelbel's Canon in D," "Mauret Rondeau," and Handel's "Water Music." During the lighting of the

Unity Candle "Faithful Family" was sung.

Presented by her father, Clinton Endres, the bride was wearing an informal white satin trainless gown designed with double spaghetti straps and banded sheer netting at the shoulders and back. The waistline was accented with lace, pearls, and sequins. Her brief illusion veil was held by a narrow white coronet band.

She carried a bridal bouquet of lilies, snapdragons, and roses in white and shades of light pink.

### ATTENDANTS

Trisha Endres of Muenster, sister of bride was maid of honor. She wore a pale yellow taffeta dress, with an overlay of sheer organza. Tiny yellow flowers adorned the straps at shoulders and back. Her

bouquet was identical to the bride's.

Mike Hacker, friend of the couple, stood with the groom as best man.

Included in the wedding liturgy was a reading from First Corinthians, given by Krystal Hale, niece of the groom.

### RECEPTION

Attending an outdoor poolside reception at Picket Fences Bed and Breakfast were parents, grandmothers, brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews of the bride and groom.

Table centerpieces at the reception included fresh pastel-colored flower arrangements that rested atop wrought iron candle holders. These flowers were removed, and candles were lit at sunset.



Mrs. Darren Bindel ...nee Karri Jo Endres ...



Kaylynn Patterson of Plano and Gene Fuhrman of Denton have chosen June 24, 2000 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Ken and Elyn Patterson of Lubbock. Parents of the future-groom are Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman of Muenster. Father Mel Bessellieu will officiate at 2:00 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Denton. Attendants will be Kendra Patterson, Julie Washburn, Mark Johnson, and Brian Bearden. The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed by the Container Store Distribution Center in Dallas. Fuhrmann is a graduate of the University of North Texas. He is employed by Nortec Communications of Muenster.

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## Steinruck visits Endres

Ernst Steinruck of Creussen, Germany is a guest this week of Urban and Jane Endres. He is returning their visit of three years ago to him and his wife in Germany. Steinruck is a teacher of French and English in Grammar School.

He enjoyed walking about town Tuesday morning, at his leisure, just "looking the place over." Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by Urban Endres, they visited at the Muenster Enterprise, the Muenster Museum, and local stores. On Wednesday they attended a Texas Rangers Baseball game.

He will leave next week to visit his relatives whose home is on an island in the Caribbean.

### Schedule of Meetings

Sacred Heart Alumni and Supporters will meet on Wednesday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Cafeteria. Items of discussion include approval of the budget and election.

Cooke County Business and Professional Women will meet Thursday, June 8 at The Wooden Spoon, in Lindsay at noon, and again on Thursday, June 22 at the Center Restaurant in Muenster at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the upstairs dining room.

## Cooke County Youth Concert and Rally

Six hours of fun for five bucks! Call it the bargain of the month. It is the Cooke County Youth Concert and Rally. Three bands will be performing *Shepherd Hall* from Little Rock, *Salvador* from Austin, and *moderndayjohn* from Houston.

## Saint Jo Opry set for June 10

The Saint Jo Opry is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Saint Jo School Auditorium. Guests scheduled to appear on the June show include lead guitar and vocalists Hank and Carol Mansell from Nocona Hills, vocalist Harvey Tipton Jr. from Montague, and steel guitar and vocalist Roger Watson from Burk Burnett.

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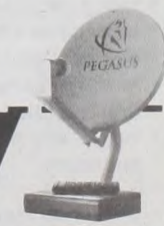
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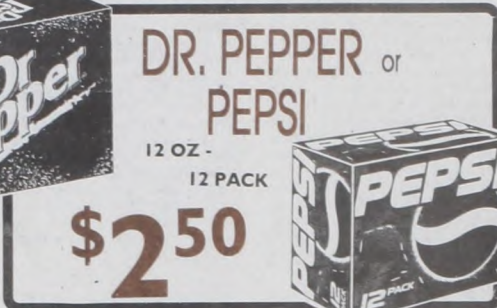
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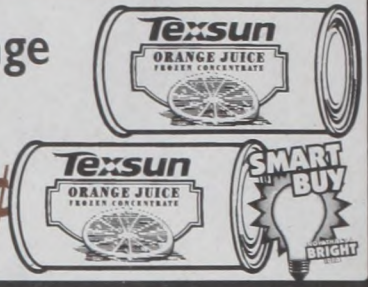
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# Sports

## Wardens warn of low water and lower legal limit for boating-while-intoxicated

As boaters prepare for the summer season, game wardens are warning of low water conditions throughout the state as well as strict enforcement of boating-while-intoxicated laws under the new minimum 0.08 percent blood-alcohol content law.

On lakes, rivers, and bays throughout the state, game wardens, along with local law enforcement agencies, are patrolling busy waterways and will continue throughout the summer.

The key messages game wardens deliver to boaters are:

- Always wear a life jacket.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Be especially careful on personal watercraft.
- Maintain a proper lookout at all times (required by law).
- Maintain a safe speed as weather, water, boat congestion, and traffic conditions dictate (required by law).

Legislation went into effect Sept. 1, 1999, which lowered the blood-alcohol content from 0.10 to 0.08 for boat operators as well as automobile drivers. Any boat operator who appears to be under the influence or who has a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or greater may be arrested. Boating-while-intoxicated violations carry penalties similar to driving-while-intoxicated violations.

There will be no grace period for enforcing this new water safety regulation, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife's Law Enforcement Director Jim Robertson.

"It seems that many boaters are becoming aware that drinking while boating is just as dangerous as drinking while driving," said Robertson. "Nearly all accidents and fatalities can be avoided if

people simply use common sense, are courteous on the water, wear their life jackets, and avoid alcohol."

Despite recent rains in various parts of the state, some lake levels remain as much as 15 to 30 feet below normal. Boaters are reminded to be cautious when operating on lakes with low water levels.

Tips for boaters operating on lakes with low water levels include: be familiar with the body of water, watch closely for submerged objects such as tree stumps, rocks, islands and sandbars, and avoid operating at night.

Water-skiers, wake-boarders and persons towed in inner-tubes should be extremely careful on lakes in which the water level is low, according to TPW's Boating Law Administrator Carlos Vaca. Those being towed in inner-tubes are particularly vulnerable to being injured by submerged objects because they are not able to maneuver the tubes.

For information on boating safety courses, call Texas Parks and Wildlife at (800) 792-1112 or visit the department's Web site at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us).

Persons born on or after Sept. 1, 1984 must complete an approved boater education course before operating alone boats of 10 horsepower or more or sailboats over 14-feet in length.

### BOATING-WHILE-INTOXICATED FACTS:

• As of Sept. 1, 1999, any boat operator who either appears to be under the influence and/or has a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or greater may be arrested for boating-while intoxicated.

• BWI offenders face similar penalties to driving-while-intoxicated offenders. The first offense is a class B misdemeanor and may result in a jail sentence of 180 days, a \$2,000 fine, or both.

• Texas game wardens are responsible for recreational boating safety. In addition to checking boats for equipment required under the Texas Water Safety Act and monitoring boating activities to ensure safe operations, wardens make a special effort to enforce the boating-while-intoxicated statute passed in 1989.

• In 1999, game wardens made 167 boating-while-intoxicated arrests.

### WHY BOATERS SHOULD AVOID ALCOHOL:

- Half of all boating accidents are alcohol-related.
- The effects of alcohol may be increased while boating. The sun, wind, and water pounding against a boat create added stresses.
- Alcohol not only impairs the operator's ability; passengers who drink may lose their balance and fall overboard. Most injuries result from falling overboard.
- If a person who has been drinking alcohol falls into the water, disorientation may cause the person to swim in the wrong direction during the first crucial seconds and could result in a drowning.



Steven Valliere, member of the Red Coach Pitch team, attempts to run to third base before Matt Flusche can throw the ball to his teammate. Also pictured for the Green Team on second base is T.J. Acuna. Photo by Janie Hartman

## Golf Tourney Sat., July 15

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Men's Club, Whitesboro, Texas, will be sponsoring a golf tournament on Saturday, July 15. This is a four-person team event to be held at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Proceeds from this outing will be used for the new religious education building. All are welcome to enter this fun filled event. The deadline for entries is July 1. For information contact Mike Pack 903-564-6708, Jimmy Ferguson 903-564-6476, Ron Roszkowski 903-564-1584, or John Cunningham 940-665-4622.



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### An approach to boat docks

Boat docks are a great place to catch bass. Knowing where the fish relate, as sky conditions change will help you catch more fish from docks.

On a cloudy, dark day, fish will relate more to the edges of the dock, roaming in and out of the structure to feed. On sunny, bright days the bass will, for the most part, stay in the shadiest areas of the dock. They will move accordingly as the sun's position and sky conditions change. Keep this in mind and you will fish docks more efficiently while covering more water. Also learn to use a spinning outfit effectively, so you can skip a worm or jig under the dock in order to reach those isolated corners. It will pay dividends.



### Pay attention to your strikes

By paying attention to each strike you get, you can often tell how close you are to really being focused in on what the bass want. A bass that totally inhales your bait is a good indication that you are giving the bass exactly what they want.

Fish that are barely hooked or fish that tend to short strike may be telling you that you are close to what they want, but just not quite there. If this happens, try a change in color, retrieve, size of your bait or,

in some cases, completely change to a different type of lure.

Line size could make a difference. Drop down a couple of sizes and see if that generates a more serious bite.

### Let the Water Dictate the Lure Color

Lure manufacturers continue to improve upon finishes, colors and patterns of lures. Some of today's offerings look so natural; they even fool the fisherman. So how do you know the right color or pattern to throw?

I let the water color dictate my choice of lure colors. Color or shade has a much greater effect, than the pattern itself. My rule of thumb says chartreuse, red or black shades for muddy or heavily stained water. In clearer water, the more natural colors like chrome, clear, blue or white will be my first choices. Fish slower in stained water and speed up the retrieve in clear water.

### The Quiet Approach

Avoid running your big motor into the shallow areas. Instead, shut off at least 100 yards from your targeted fishing water. Place your trolling motor into the water quietly. You'd be surprised how far sounds carry under water. Avoid dropping, kicking or thumping things in the boat. Use the subtle approach. A bass in shallow water is naturally spooky. Sneak up on it to up your chances

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



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**CROSS TIMBERS WILDLIFE NEWS**  
by Jim Dillard, Wildlife Biologist, TP&WD

**Cross Timber Tongue Twisters**

Prior to 1927 Texas didn't have an official 'state bird' and not many other states did either. But thanks to the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, through their Birds, Flowers and Garden Division; the Texas Legislature adopted their nomination, the mockingbird, in January 1927, much to the chagrin of advocates for the wild turkey. The resolution, signed by Governor Dan Moody stated... "it is found in all parts of the State, in winter and in summer, in the city and in the country, on the prairie and in the woods and hills, and is a singer of distinctive type, a fighter for the protection of his home, falling, if need be, in its defense like any true Texas ...". Folks in other southern states including Florida, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi were likewise infatuated with this songster and soon followed suite by also giving them state bird status. I know of no other bird that sings a better signature song of Texas than this silver tongue treetop orator.



The mockingbird in my neighborhood is the first sound I hear in the morning and one of the last each evening. If I don't hear him pretty soon after I wake up I lay there wondering if the local alley cat might have counted coup during the night. But when he starts that "Tra-la-la, tweddle-dee-dee, there's peace and good will up on Mockingbird Hill" routine at all hours of the night, then that peace and good will can run thin. Some scientists believe that unmated males are the culprit, night serenaders. Night singing mockers are our Texas equivalent of the nightingale and skylark of Europe all mixed into one. I once watched a squirrel, apparently annoyed by the incessant singing of the mockingbird perched on top of a telephone pole, stealthily climb all the way to the top for no other apparent reason than to scare it elsewhere. They'll sing during most months of the year and the warmer it is the louder it seems they sing. Females also sing.

Our Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) is one of ten species of Mimic-Thrushes of the Family Mimidae found in the Americas from Canada to Argentina and Chile. Its range has increased northward in the United States since the mid-1800s and they're now found coast to coast and into southeastern Canada. Some were released along with a wide variety of other songbird species by ornithological groups and wealthy residents in the 19th century in an effort to introduce new birds into the wild and around their homes. Others gradually moved into

new habitats created by changes on the landscape. Clearing of woodlands for croplands and planting of ornamental fruit and berry producing trees and shrubs in cities also contributed to their range expansion. They adapted well to cities, parks, and backyard habitats and are one of the most people tolerant species I know.

*Mimus* is Latin for "mimic" and *polyglottos* means "many tongued." Indians in South Carolina called them Centrolatololy or four hundred tongues and sometimes they sound like they may have that many. Although they have their own language and songs, their ability to copy calls, songs or phrases of other birds around them set them apart from all others. I read about a football game that was interrupted by one that could imitate an official's whistle and another up in New York City that learned the bee-beep-beep sound of a backhoe in reverse. Others have been known to imitate crickets, frogs and squeaking gate hinges. Mockingbirds repeat a phrase several times and then switch to a new one. If they can't think of one they know, I think they just make up a new one. If you listen close you're likely to pick out the song of several local species in addition to their normal gibberish. I often hear the sound of grackles, scissor-tailed flycatchers, and bluejays in the repertoire by my resident mocker.

Coloration of plumage on both sexes is dull gray with white outer tail feathers. White wing patches flash in flight like white lights. While feeding on the ground, mockingbirds often walk stutter-stepped, alternating with raised wing movements thought to flush insects from cover for capture. Insects and berries or fruits make up the bulk of their diet so you're not likely to see them on a backyard bird feeder filled with seeds.

Males build cup-like nests of small sticks and females line them with soft grass where she lays 3-5 bluish green eggs blotched with russet or cinnamon that hatch in about 12 days. After 12 more days of eating insects and fruit cuisine delivered to the nest by both parents, the young leave.

Rather than establish territories purely by singing to convince other males in the area to keep their distance, mockingbirds take action and physically chase them out. They show no quarter to other trespassers as any dive bombed house cat with hunks of fur missing can attest. Even an innocent robin or a passing buzzard may be unceremoniously jostled from the area. The sight of a snake sets them off with much scolding and aerial assaults.

In 1855, Septimus Winner of Philadelphia wrote the enduring song "Listen to the Mocking Bird" that became famous all over the United States and Europe. I can still hum the refrain from it that I learned in grade school. I hope to never live in country where mockingbirds don't. Thankfully, Cross Timbers Country is home sweet home to this legendary icon of Texas. Until next time -- I'll see you down the road.



Top- Cancer survivors round the curve at Hornet Stadium as they walked the opening lap of the Relay For Life. Each survivor was presented with a paper chain made of links equal to the number of years since the survivor had been diagnosed with cancer. Note that some are wearing very long chains. Below - Dedicated participants kept on walking despite the continuous rain Friday night. There were 40 teams taking part.

Photo by Janet Felderhoff



**Thornberry pushes for reform of Endangered Species Act**

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) recently threw his support behind legislation that would reform the Endangered Species Act and, he said, restore some common sense to the law.

"The Endangered Species Act is a classic example of good intentions gone astray," Thornberry stated. "It's also an example of how the federal government has crossed the line between responsible conservation and overzealous regulation. No one wants to see bald eagles go extinct, as the law was originally intended to prevent."

"But as the recent debate over the prairie dog has shown, the federal government has lost its sense of balance between

preserving endangered species and protecting the rights of law-abiding American citizens. This bill will help restore that sense of balance and, in the process, put some common sense back into the law."

The bill is called *The Common Sense Protections for Endangered Species Act (HR 3160)*. According to Thornberry, the legislation would reform the law in four key ways, including:

1. **Returning more authority for wildlife protection back to the states** - Under the Constitution, the states have always had primary responsibility for the protection of wildlife and plants within their borders. This bill

recognizes the importance of state involvement in this area by restoring to them a more cooperative role in protecting species.

2. **Requiring that the listing of endangered species be based on sound science** - Too often, the federal government has rushed to list a species as endangered only to later find that the scientific information used for the listing was incorrect. This bill will help put an end to this by, among other things, requiring the use of peer reviewed science to support any listing.

3. **Giving private property owners a greater voice in the listing process** - HR 3160 will help ensure that those people most affected by the

Endangered Species Act are aware of what the federal government may be proposing in the area and are able to participate more fully in any federal action involving the listing or delisting of a species.

4. **Putting the emphasis on species recovery, not just species listing** - There are currently 1,197 species listed as endangered or threatened. Yet, Thornberry noted, none of these species have been recovered due to actions taken under the Endangered Species Act. This bill will make sure that more resources are devoted to the recovery and delisting of species.

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