

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

would like to publicly compliment Mrs. York on a letter well done...Most of what she did was right on! Addressing her thoughts and the points she made will serve to correct me misconceptions a number of people still have. Taking one paragraph at a time:

1. It is certainly correct about the hospital issue being fueled by emotion rather than reason. I couldn't agree more, just as the Board members pointedly told me during a Muenster Hospital Board meeting. Reason should prevail over emotion, and reason states that it is much more cost efficient to operate one county-wide hospital than to create two....And a lot of Gainesville people agree. Now if the one hospital were to be located in Muenster, then we would have the emotion thing ticked in this west side of the county! Faceious? Yes, my tongue is in check! But it makes the point.....The point -- be serious about it -- is that somewhere I've read that 97% of all human thoughts, actions, and actions are dictated by emotion, NOT REASON. That's why "emotion" is of the brain is referred to as the hot side. To be human is to be emotional.

2. I agreed, the MMH will not remain open with low patient load and very high operating costs. So it is time for real innovation and concentrated efforts to get patient up, and operating costs down. That is why we here in Muenster must work closely with the GH Board -- cooperation is certainly beneficial to both districts. Much, much more can be accomplished by acting in unison and helping each other. The Gainesville board and community are willing to act with us in concert to advance both districts' interests. They realize MERGER is too one-sided in their favor and consequently are willing to cooperate in the fullest sense of the word. There ARE WAYS to advance together. It does not have to be "Gainesville celebrating and Muenster mourning". It is possible to have a joint celebration. Gainesville is willing! And the majority of the Muenster community are ready to pitch in to accomplish:

I. Highest level of operation possible of our MMH (but realizing that level will probably be less than the current level); BUT NOT, HOWEVER, CLOSED DOWN TO THE LOW LEVEL OF A DOCTORS CLINIC. And I think everyone is now willing to admit that over time we WILL see a full reversal in the legislative policy that decimated our health care system throughout the country. Both houses of Congress are entertaining bills restoring funds. I think it is \$20- plus- billion in the Senate, and \$10 billion in the House, during this legislative session, just for starters (and our hospital administrator will be going to Washington to help Congress see the situation more clearly).

II. Advancing with plans to join Gainesville in an effort to structure (via CONTRACT) a HOSPITAL SYSTEM in the county which centralizes administration of other components of overhead costs, in order to reduce those costs to both hospitals; and also allows transfer of certain high cost, state-mandated medical requirements to a centralized location for further cost reduction. That way both of the county's districts can afford the operation of a hospital, and thereby satisfy constituency of both Districts.

III. Making absolutely certain that our district's medical team and hospital staff jobs are protected. Because when MERGER is considered that leaves only one hospital in operation, which will have approximately the same number of beds, or less, than the current Gainesville hospital. "Not larger, but more comprehensive" is the way the new facility was described, quoting from the final town hall meeting at Lindsay last week.....Ed Cler stated it most succinctly in his column two weeks ago: "If Muenster loses the entire hospital there will be another loss of employment and, if and when the new facilities are completed near Gainesville, there is no way they will be able to use all of the employees from both districts." The facts: 421 total combined employees to operate one new facility which will probably be smaller than the current Gainesville facility, and certainly less labor intensive.....When the Gainesville Hospital Administrator was asked during our last Muenster town hall meeting for a straight answer to a question presented by Muenster Hospital employees, "Will you guarantee us employment if we MERGE?", most people present heard in answer "a political statement", which avoided a straight yes or no answer! But we all know that one generally hears only what they want to be said, and evidently the employees were satisfied with the answer they did not receive.....

4. Your third paragraph. You stated it as well, or better, than most analysts on the subject: technology and specialization HAVE changed the practice of medicine, and a small rural hospital will have limited practical use into the future; which points up a very important consideration: I learned recently "Hospitals of less than 150 beds are considered small rural hospitals". You know what? After the new Gainesville facility is built, it too will fall into that category. In fact, it will be only 40% the way up the ladder the next category. So everything said applies there as well. So why do we in Cooke County even bother with a new hospital? Why not all drive to Parkland in Dallas? If it is so efficient to reduce the number of county hospitals to one, think how much more efficient to have zero??? Yes, I've slipped into absurdity again, and do not anticipate anyone taking the stupid questions seriously. But down through the above point about a new Gainesville facility being only a slightly larger version of our small rural Muenster Hospital, that must make one stop to reflect.....

5. This question certainly begs an answer: Just what is accomplished, by building a new \$20-million-plus small rural hospital. Is the expected success an indication we are over-achieving? It makes one thing crystal clear to me: It is going to take a major concentrated effort from all involved, from both Districts, to make a financial and operating success of the facility. We in Cooke County, plus neighbors to the north and west, must all pull together. That means these two districts need each other; and that boils down to a County-wide Healthcare System, not just a Gainesville Hospital! Needless to say, we are not headed totally in the right direction under the plans to MERGE; but it will require only a slight shift toward reason and accommodation to make the necessary adjustment, and get this community's drive and enthusiasm behind a endeavor.

6. Your fourth paragraph.....I rotated this paragraph discussion to "finale".

7. Your fifth paragraph is adequately treated above. That "...we need to provide a reader and better base at the local level than either Gainesville or Muenster currently offers." Yes, I do agree -- have said so, and will continue to say so.

8. On your sixth and last paragraph, one point at a time:

1. "I see no logical reason to keep the Muenster Hospital District, without a hospital."

The following first sentence of my statement below pertains to all the following points as well:

2. You have either read, and misinterpreted; heard, and misunderstood; been told, and been informed; or some combination of all three, or maybe failed to see two earlier letters to the Editor, which I now recommend perusing in conjunction with the above offered suggestion. To reiterate what was offered in earlier LTE, MHI District represents only 5% of the county's vote, yet Muenster Hospital is 1/3, in size and revenue, that of Gainesville's. If we maintain our district and speak with the authority of the district, (Muenster) are much stronger and more convincing in any joint effort (CONTRACT) with Gainesville. And we are dependent upon our relative strength to maintain the level of health-care facilities we in Muenster desire on into the future. And from all that is ritten above you can see that people within our hospital district are not satisfied with us to MERGE and dissolve our hospital. We want fair treatment when we give our support to Gainesville's new facility. We are not satisfied to build and pay for (through taxation) a new facility in Gainesville, while giving up our own hospital! Despite the "efficient, one facility" factor, that is not the only factor to take into consideration. If it were, the MMH would never have been built. Why did so many contribute so much in order to establish our local hospital? At the time it was built Gainesville Hospital was available for our use. Obviously, all that effort and contribution was made in the name of something other than bottom line efficiency. It was accomplished because it was what the people of this community wanted -- and the people still want it!

3. Now the time is ripe to work with Gainesville in a joint effort that helps them obtain a new facility, and operate it successfully with our help, while at the same time we in Muenster accomplish what we deem important -- -- -- the eventual preservation of our hospital. It can be, and I feel confident, it will be accomplished, by innovating, and re-inventing our health care requirements into the form of a County-wide Healthcare System, herein Muenster's input is valued and respected and wherein our interests are protected to the future.

4. "It keeps our Muenster taxes higher, it limits the reimbursement to the County facility and....."

5. No, it does none of the above, because we will not be going it alone anymore. Refer to 2. above, earlier point II.... That is where Gainesville is able to help us reduce our cost of operation to the point of no longer having to supplement operating losses. Taxes could go down.

6. Instead of forming one single County-wide Healthcare System, MMH would work under one newly created "System", with Gainesville hospital, and no longer be in competition to Gainesville. By the way, that IS the way we will be operating, just as nickly as the two Districts' Board members sign the documents; and will continue operating that System until the new Gainesville facility is complete and in operation. So do not make the mistake that all this is merely a delusional episode! It already is a fact, and nearly operational.

7. ".....it will keep Muenster out of the planning strategy for the County Hospital". MHI Board definitely already has substantial and important input regarding planning strategy, through this new system. But please, do not refer to the County-wide System as County Hospital, as that nomenclature carries a heavy load of unwanted baggage.

8. Now the obvious question: If our MHI Board is actually putting immediately into effect an agreement creating this County-wide System I am advocating, then why all this after writing?

The answer is, that for some unknown reason the MERGER plans that the Board members advocate keep this system in effect only temporarily -- only during the GH construction phase. At that point they then dissolve this desirable System and go to an UNDESIRABLE MERGER. And of course that ends any cooperative effort to keep our hospital open. Now as previously stated, that seems too one-sided, in favor of Gainesville, and all to Muenster's detriment..... Gainesville people realize all this, and continue to assure me that the GH board is ready and willing to continue the preferable "System" approach. So why is it that our own MHI Board is intransigent in this matter? Why are they working against the best interest of our District and seeking a MERGER, and resisting the will of the people making up this District?

Well, I figure there are two possibilities: They have made good and convincing presentations regarding MERGER, and obviously some portion of the District's population have shown support; enough so that confidence has been built to the extent they offer up to the public "that 99% of our District are in accord with our MERGER plans".

The other possibility that comes to mind is so startling that I cannot at this time handle the possibility that I may be correct in my supposition. I must stop here and give more consideration, before putting it on paper....And no, it will certainly NOT be anything of an accusatory nature,.....just the opposite! But are they courageous enough to try THAT? Umm, devilishly clever! Well, maybe more later.....

4. "They (MHI Board) were doing everything they could to reverse the (financial down turn) trend for so long that they failed to realize the impact such an announcement (hospital closure) would have on those not so intimately involved."

Now if any reader fails to understand this subject of threatened income and insurance, let me clarify: Our MMH employees have been instructed by the Board and Administrator that they face two options -- Either MHI District MERGES with GH District and closes our Muenster Hospital, and in so doing ALL employees of both Districts are guaranteed employment, or, the alternative is that MMH closes its doors and all employees are laid off. Given only those two options, the employees are bound to interpret any effort from any source that is not in exact harmony with the Board and Administrator as a direct threat! You bet they are emotional under these circumstances.....Any reasonable person would be.

Finally, Paragraph #4, wherein you make excellent and valid point that we face the very real danger of losing loved ones due to poorly equipped and/or under-technological preparedness in small hospitals. And that very acknowledgement underscores the earlier question: Once we build the new Gainesville facility and we here in Cooke County awake to the realization that despite the newness and modern facilities, WE ARE STILL DEALING WITH A SMALL RURAL HOSPITAL OF SOME SIXTY-BEDS, can we then expect to attract the type medical staff desired? You know, I am afraid that you are right.... For us within this county there will still remain that consistent need to seek more complete facilities at neighboring major hospitals. Anyway, there is total agreement that the new hospital should dramatically improve our present situation.

John G. Aytes
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Muenster

CAROL GREWING respectfully requests your VOTE and support for her election to the Board of Directors of Muenster Hospital District at election to be held this Saturday, May 6th. Carol favors retaining the Muenster Hospital District, as is, and looks forward to working with the Hospital Board to maintain the best possible medical services for our community.

Carol is a former employee of the Hospital, having worked closely with Dr. Marvin Knight, as well as with doctors Juarez, Antonetti, and Kralicke. Carol supports the many people of the District who want to keep our Hospital District, our own control, and possibly work through CONTRACT AGREEMENT with our neighboring hospital or other medical facility.

Our Hospital is paid for, and it must be noted that a proposed "\$20 million PLUS" new facility would create an interest load of approximately one and one half million dollars per year, plus payment on the revenue bonds. Do we really want to be part of such a debt? Our answer is NO!!! It is very doubtful that a county hospital could produce enough profit to cover such obligation, and we all know that the result would be higher taxes, disguised as operating funds.

Keep our District, and we keep control of what we fund.

PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 6TH. FOR CAROL GREWING.

Thank you. Hospital District Support Group

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Attention Letter to the Editor,

Dear Sirs,

I would like to write a letter to correct what I believe is a great injustice. Some weeks ago in a local paper a remark was made in reference to the Emergency room physicians at GMH as being "Incompetent". I believe that is an unfair quote and have been surprised to note that no one has written any defense of these men.

I am speaking in reference to Doctor's Respass, and Thompson (There are others in the ER group but I only know these two well). I am appalled that such comments were made in such a public arena without proof or evidence for that matter. Furthermore, I would charge that this kind of public image bashing is exactly what will not build an outstanding medical system in our county. If public leaders want to improve the ER services in this county I would advise them to look at specific solutions. An objective look at increasing the number of ER rooms at GMH for example.

We in emergency services have known the Doctors mentioned above for many years and know them to be knowledgeable and very competent. I have taken my family to see these physicians.

My chief complaint at the statements made is that they address gossip and not fact. The concept of incompetence is one that includes things like standards of care, qualifications, experience, special certifications, negligence, and quality assurance. Many of you know that I have had strong disagreement with my share of ER physicians. Usually over issues related to pre-hospital care. Disagreement, however, is not an excuse to publicly attack good men who serve this county well! I would like to state that Dr Thompson and Dr Respass are fine physicians who give us their best! I thank both of them very much, and I apologize to them for the public embarrassment.

Thank you

Chuck Skinner Cooke County EMS Training Officer

The similarities of then and now: There was an attempt at that time to MERGE two local institutions into a single unit. Good, earnest, honorable individuals, presented a common-sense case of increased cost efficiency, well thought out and sufficiently analyzed. It was felt, evidently, that an "open and shut" effort was all that was required, because the obvious advantages would carry the cause. Besides, it wasn't even innovative; the neighboring village had been utilizing the proposed MERGER for years, and a second similar situation was found within 100-miles. But there was one factor, seemingly insignificant, that jumped up and totally demoralized their efforts of MERGER, and in the process left open wounds, even decades later. That "insignificant" factor: EMOTION! Do not try to take away "my institution", that I love and which I and my family have grown to depend upon. Cool logic over raw emotion.....? Lessons learned, lessons forgotten.

But what DID surprise me was that the greatest emotion is being displayed not by the "don't take my institution" side of the issue, but by the supporters of the MERGER. That is, it was at first surprising, until it was pointed out that nearly all supporters of the MERGER fit into two distinct groups:

- Those (and their families and very close friends) who labored continuously for almost five years to bring this plan to the public.
- Those (and families) who are immediately and totally impacted, as employees of the hospital, by possible loss of income, and sometimes the families' health insurance as well. And include in this group anyone aligning or positioning themselves, business-wise, with the proposed new facility.

And that's okay! Anyone would feel exactly the same, were they in either group. I know that I become emotional when my special projects are threatened; but doubly so, should my income and health insurance be threatened.

Lindsay ISD voters have variety of choices for Board of Trustees

by Janet Felderhoff

When voters go to the poll Saturday, May 6 to decide who will serve on the Lindsay Independent School Board, they will see five names on the ballot. Those who filed are Bruce Bezner, Carol Sandmann Conaway, Richard Connett, Pat Zimmerer, and Steven Zwinggi. According to LISD Superintendent Travis Winn, Zwinggi had a letter read at the school board forum held last month which thanked people for support, but asked that he not be considered as a candidate. Zwinggi announced that he wished to withdraw his name from the ballot since recent job promotion will require more of his time and he feels he couldn't serve adequately. Ballots were already printed so his name will still appear.

Pat Zimmerer is the only incumbent. Rudy Zimmerer holds the second expiring seat, but he didn't file for another term.

Bruce Bezner lives in Lindsay and is an application engineer at Peterbilt Motors. Carol Conaway is currently a homemaker and lives in Lindsay. Richard Connett is employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Zimmerer works at First State Bank in Gainesville.

Elections will be held Saturday, May 6 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Conrad Hall in Lindsay.

To help voters make their choice, each candidate was given the opportunity to reply in writing to a set of questions. Three of the four contenders for the Lindsay School Board returned their answers. Pat Zimmerer didn't participate. The questions and candidates answers follow:

Why do you want to serve (continue to serve) on the Lindsay Independent School District Board?

Bezner - Being a lifetime resident of Lindsay, I want Lindsay to maintain its high academic and athletic achievement level. I want to ensure the policies of the Lindsay ISD remain in place to meet the present and future needs of the children and community. Also, I want to offer my construction experience and knowledge and engineering education to satisfy both short and long term facility needs.

Conaway - I am a native of Lindsay graduating from Lindsay HS in 1981. After having lived in other states for 13 years, I moved back to Lindsay with my husband, Curtis, and our four children in August 1997. My husband commutes to the Metroplex in order that our children can attend Lindsay schools. LISD has a great tradition of excellence and I want to contribute to maintaining that tradition.

I received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1986 and worked several years as a financial analyst in the private sector. In 1989, I began working as a Contracting Officer for the US Government. I continued my career till 1997 when I became a stay-at-home Mom. During my tenure, I received over 700 hours of training in Federal Acquisition and achieved a \$5 million purchasing authority. I was responsible for negotiating and issuing contracts for a wide variety of needs, including aircraft components and engineering services under large programs, to facility maintenance and small supplies and services, always certifying the proper use of public funds. The last five years, I worked with a team of three others to award and administer over 100

construction contracts for new National Weather Forecast weather forecast offices located throughout all 50 states. This included working with engineers at the design phase ensuring all state and local regulation were met, putting competitive bid packages together, advertising to achieve greatest level of competition among bidders at each site, selecting Contractor, performing sight visits and inspections, approving invoices, and administering each contract till final closeout. Our team was recognized by the U S Secretary of Commerce for completing the program under budget and under time limits. I will bring that experience of working with local architects and contractors within the confines of state regulations to the Board in both drafting design/bid documents and administering any construction contracts if LISD decides to pursue any facility renovation or construction.

I am accustomed to interpreting government regulations and working with them or through them to accomplish a mission. I have attended most every board meeting the last two years and have seen many ways I could contribute some meaningful discussion. I have the time necessary to be an active Board member and want to energize this Board to be proactive in our handling of business.

Connett - I want to serve on the LISD Board because I feel that I could contribute a great deal to the students and taxpayers of the district. In addition, I would truly like to serve the community and be a part of Lindsay's continual excellence and success in education. I believe my varied background (former teacher, college and high school basketball official, working in management for the past 11 years) would help me to be a valuable asset to the district and community.

Zimmerer - No comment.

What areas, if any, do you see as needing improvement at Lindsay ISD?

Bezner - Special Education programs, employee benefits and long term facility planning.

Conaway - We need to establish a master plan with goals outlined for district, including facilities' usage, budgeting, and academic achievements for at least five years in the future, so that we can methodically work toward those goals and keep them in sight as we make our monthly decisions.

We need to look for new ways to increase efficiencies in facilities' utilization, supply handling, and staffing requirements in order to pass a balanced budget. We need to look to taxpayers for additional funding only after we have taken exercises to increase our financial efficiency.

We need to evaluate 99-00 discipline program and its failures, and work with new principal to encourage a return to strong, consistent discipline with a respect for teacher/adult authority that has a positive, progressive way of being communicated and enforced.

We need to improve on daily maintenance and cleanliness of our existing facilities.

We need to address scheduling issues including lunches, end of school day, lack of elementary PE and many others that include both student and employee's use of their time.

Connett - I believe the following areas

need improvement at Lindsay ISD: 1) district-wide day to day management and communication; 2) discipline; 3) information and public relations program to keep the public informed on LISD news, issues, etc.; 4) reduce or change the sometimes excessive homework load on students.

Zimmerer - No comment.

What do you see as the major issues facing the Lindsay School district?

Bezner - Facility upgrade, buildings in need are the Kindergarten, Elementary, and Cafeteria buildings. Also, the possibility of the construction of a second gymnasium needs to be considered. Financing these upgrades may require a bond election, the parents and taxpayers will need consider what is best. I feel as long as the money is spent wisely, all the facility needs can be met.

Conaway - We must accommodate changing times, but cling to unchanging principles. We must ensure that with a history as successful as Lindsay's, changing of historical policies and procedures is not taken lightly as for the sake of change alone, but only after very careful consideration and consultation with veteran staff members who have seen what works.

We need to maintain our philosophy of a strong, solid education in the basics that a small school can offer and realize we can not offer all the extras. We need to focus as a board on the academic structure of our school and ways to improve/ fine-tune it, in order to give each student the aid necessary to achieve their individual level of greatness.

We need to examine our facilities carefully and identify our facility needs precisely.

We need to look to our Superintendent for leadership in controlling our budget that has grown from actual expenditures in 1995 of \$1,889,000 to actual expenditures in 1999 of \$3,104,000, during this time there was not growth in student population numbers.

We must look at the role of transfers in our district currently as we approach a transfer percentage of 30% and keep this number in perspective as we look at our facility/staffing needs.

Connett - I see facilities needs, fiscal and

budgetary responsibility and overall district management as the major issues facing the Lindsay school district.

Zimmerer - No comment.

Do you feel that there is sufficient communication between school administration, board, parents, and taxpayers? Explain, please.

Bezner - Yes, Lindsay ISD takes pride in their academic and athletic achievements. This pride starts with the parents' involvement in their children's education. The parents and taxpayers elect the school board, who are the educational policy maker for the district, then policies are carried out by the school's administration. I believe, a good line of communication between school administration, board, parents, and taxpayers is one reason the Lindsay ISD has met the needs of children and community in the past and will continue in the future.

Conaway - Communications can always be improved at all levels, I am sure. With that said, I realize there is increased interest among our parents and taxpayers as many changes have taken place the last several years. We need to work with our administration as a Board to listen to the concerns of our veteran staff and parents. I have attended many Board meetings and have felt welcome; and encourage more of our community to play an active role and attend Board meetings. They're very interesting. I will be an open-minded Board Trustee if given the opportunity and will welcome any ideas/suggestions along the way.

Connett - I do not feel that there is sufficient communication between school administration, board, parents, and taxpayers. I do not think this is a serious problem in LISD, but it is an area in need of improvement. It's important to keep everyone "on the same page" as we all strive for continual success in LISD. Good communication between all involved is imperative for Lindsay ISD to give its students the best education possible at a reasonable cost to taxpayers.

Zimmerer - No comment.

Becker - To elect board members that you feel will best represent you on the board of directors.

Grewing - Can we afford such an undertaking? Will \$20,000,000 be enough? Will we get competent doctors to run the different departments? Will our county residents use it?

Hess - The merger!

Starke - No comment.

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years and know how vulnerable we are, I think they would have to come to the same conclusion that I have.

Starke - No comment.

What do you see as the major issues in this election?

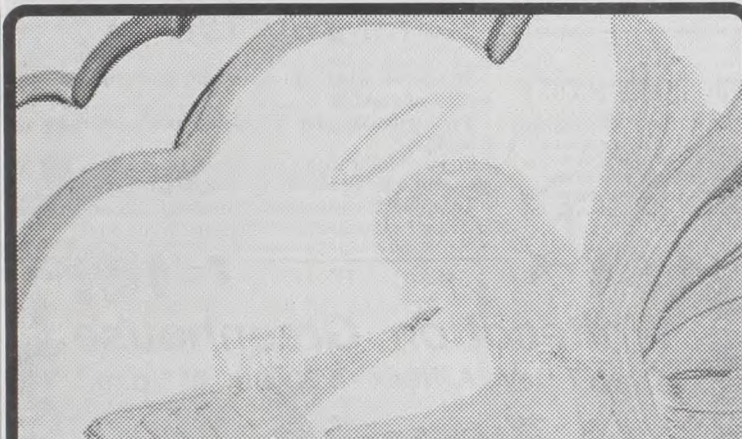
Week of May 4-10 is water utilities week

The City of Muenster is blessed with good tasting water! Since the city completed its major water utilities upgrade last year, the water pressure has increased and the city is in compliance with state water regulations.

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a day to ensure that water pressure and well are properly working; this includes checks at least four times a day at each main station, as well as repairing any sudden water leaks that may occur.

submitted by Steve Broyles



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Lifestyle

Murdock, Wheeler joined in matrimony April 29 in Plano



Mrs. F. Scott Wheeler III ...nee Erin Lynn Murdock...

The wedding of Erin Lynn Murdock and F. Scott Wheeler was held on April 29, 2000 at 12:30 p.m. in Christ Episcopal Church of Plano, officiated by Father David Rosenberry, pastor, with double ring vows.

Daughter of Dr. Jack and Shirley Murdock of Muenster, the bride is a graduate of Berkner High School of Richardson and Texas Woman's University. She is a certified Massage Therapist with practices in Muenster, Denton, and Carrollton.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Scott Wheeler II of Fort Worth. He is a graduate of Nolan Catholic High School and attended the University of North Texas. He is a Technical Service Representative employed by Compu Serve.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride was wearing a white formal gown of simple elegance. Her brief illusion veil was held by a jeweled tiara. She carried a bridal bouquet of roses and mixed flowers, tied with white satin ribbon.

ATTENDANTS
Carly Wheeler was bridesmaid and Angie Boisselle and Sabrina Harrison were matrons of honor. Flower girl was Hannah Harrison.
Gordon Vail, friend of the groom, was the best man and

groomsmen were Ray Kendall and Jeremy Stroop. Ushers were David Clarke and Zach Milwood.

The liturgy included a Call to Worship from the Book of Common Prayer; the Declaration of Consent; Ministry of the Word Reading from Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7, Corinthians 13:1-13; Mark 10:6-9 by Dawn Alexander; and Homily by Father David Rosenberry.

Following the vows of marriage were special prayers; The Peace Presentation; Holy Communion; and Eucharistic Prayer I; and Blessing of the Marriage.

Wedding music was presented by pianist Danny McGee and classical guitarist Nick Di Gennaro. Selections included a piano prelude followed by "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach; Pachelbel's "Canon in D" and Bach's "Arioso"; Gounoud's "Ave Maria"; Beethoven's "Ode To Joy" and Bach's "Where Sheep May Safely Graze" were played for Recessional.

RECEPTION
A reception followed in Radisson Eagle Point Hotel and Golf Club of Denton.

Following a wedding trip to Disney World of Orlando Florida, the couple will reside in Lewisville.

Sacraments celebrated at Sacred Heart Easter Vigil

Thirteen people received various sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil Service at Sacred Heart Church at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2000.

David and Renee Cantrell and their children were among them. David made profession of faith and received Confirmation and Eucharist. His sponsor was Dorothy Endres. Renee along with daughters Angela and Sarah were confirmed. Their sponsors were Lorena Taylor, Jason Anderson, and Laverna Nasche. Angela and Sarah also received the Eucharist for the first time. David and Renee's son Billy received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Angelo Nasche and Jason

Anderson were his godparents. Their youngest, Samantha was baptized. Her godparents were Barbara LaChance and Mike Hoselton. Others receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist were Ami McCourry and Tonia Evans. Amie's godparent was Debbie Hess; Tonia's was Angie Tempel.

Two other families joined the church. Ruth-Anne Brustawka, who was baptized and confirmed in the Greek Orthodox Church, made a profession of faith. Her daughter Adriana Finney was baptized, confirmed and received the Eucharist for the first time. Her godparent was Michele Knaut. Ann Dennison made a profession of faith and was confirmed; and her

granddaughter, Samantha Barnett, was baptized, confirmed and received Eucharist for the first time. Ann's sponsor was Jeanne Greathouse and Samantha's godparent was Jo Bedowitz. Wayne Muller also made a profession of faith and received Confirmation and Eucharist. His sponsor was Deann Felderhoff.

Father Tom Craig, celebrant, presided at the Easter Vigil Service that included a light service, the recounting of salvation history through Scripture readings, the celebration of the sacraments, and Mass. This celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is the high point of the liturgical year. Music for the service was led by the choral group under the direction of Anne Poole. Afterward Annette Bayer, a member of the social activities commission, hosted a reception in the cafeteria for the new members.

Myra Masons sponsor local Easter egg hunt

Myra's park was the scene of an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 22. It was sponsored by the Myra Masonic Lodge, #878 for the children of Myra. Fliers sent out earlier invited the children to participate.

The lodge was open and while the kids were waiting for the eggs to be hidden, Master Jimmie Muller gave a short history on the Masons.

Approximately 45 children hunted the eggs. Punch and cookies were served while the children searched their baskets to see who had found the prize egg for each age group.

Prizes included singing ducks and bunnies, along with coupons for a cinnamon twist from Taco Bell, and a frosty from Wendy's.

ACS Relay For Life 2000 luminary ceremony June 2

Lights will be turned off around Hornet Stadium on June 2 at 10 p.m. as the ACS Relay for Life Luminary ceremony begins. Cancer survivors and those who have died as a result of cancer will again be remembered in this glowing tribute. The name of each individual honored on a luminary will be read during the ceremony. Each year more than 800 luminaries line the track at this event. The luminary bags, decorated by you or the Relay committee, present an inspiring display for this memorable ceremony while the names of all tributes are read aloud. Carolyn Bayer, Luminary chairperson, invites everyone to attend this candlelight event honoring the valiant struggle of their loved ones against cancer.

The following businesses and individuals have underwritten the luminary ceremony and include Brookes-Reynolds

Haus (Rick and Sydney Reynolds), Guaranty National Bank, and J.D. and Miriam Caplinger, Catholic Life Insurance, Tech Trans (Carl Alford).

Luminaries may be purchased for \$3 each until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 26. After that time luminaries will be \$5 each. Order forms are available at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, MMH Home Care, and GMH Information Desk, and will be available at Bank Nights scheduled for Wednesday, May 10 at GMH Culwell Conference Center and Thursday, May 25 at Cooke County Electric Co-op meeting room. King Koch and the Muenster and Gainesville Hospitals are the Silver Underwriters for this year's event.

For more information call Relay for Life headquarters at 759-2271, ext. 36.

Health Notes

Babies hurt by formula myths

Parents who have strong feelings against iron-fortified infant formulas should reconsider.

Dr. Robert Squires, Jr. said is a misconception that iron formulas cause colic, constipation, and reflux. Rather, babies fed low-iron formulas are deprived of a crucial mineral important for brain development.

"Consumers should stop buying low-iron formula," said Squires. He recommends breast milk, which contains a form of iron the baby easily absorbs.

"Anemia is the last thing that happens with iron deficiency," said Squires, associate professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Iron deficiency is associated with decreased ability of a child to handle bacterial infections, decreased work capacity, and delayed mental skills. Iron also is involved in immune response."

Debra Voth inducted into honor society

Debra Lee Voth of Muenster has been inducted into Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society at Stephen F. Austin State University. Phi Eta Sigma is national honor society for college freshmen.

Voth is a 1999 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and the daughter of Janet and Danny Voth.

All full-time students are eligible to join who have a

cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale at the close of any curricular period during their first year.

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- ★ Gainesville ISD/Barbara Heeren-Rohrbough
- ★ Gainesville Kiwanis Club/Carlos Vigil
- ★ Gainesville Physical Therapy Center/Phyllis DeLancey
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- ★ Guaranty National Bank/Annette Walterscheid
- ★ Home Hospice Angels/Kelly Lamkin
- ★ KZ Kids/Sonya Block
- ★ Lindsay R.O.C.K./Leah Hermes
- ★ Martindale Feed Mill/Shena Henzler
- ★ Muenster State Bank/Shellie Hoedebeck
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To mark a child's, or an adult's solemn reception of First Holy Communion, and to relate its religious significance to family involvement, the happy day frequently includes family gatherings or reunions, and special or traditional celebrations after Sunday Mass, and also later in the day.

In importance, First Holy Communion Day is second only to the Day of Baptism.

Observances sometimes include the attendance of several generations of many who attend the Mass with the children. Reunions held this day honoring First Communicants are truly "Memories In The Making".

KRISTEN LEBRASSEUR

Helping Kristin LeBrasseur celebrate were her parents Jon and Monica LeBrasseur who served her First Communion day with a gathering of family and friends in their home after 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Guests were her parents Anne and Neil Hesse; grandparents Joanice and Alvin Hartman; aunts, uncles, and cousins; Karen and Dick LeBrasseur of New Britain, Connecticut; Sharlene and Bob Hartman, Shannon and John Damah; Rhonda and Ken Hartman and Courtney; Kristy and Dan Bezner and Amy; Ruth and Joe Felderhoff; Matt, Kaitlyn, and Sam Hesse; and friends Janette Hess and Michelle Henscheid. Sending greetings were the paternal grandparents, Fern and Clayton LeBrasseur of Escanaba, Michigan; cousins Andrea LeBrasseur of Waterbury, Connecticut; Rick LeBrasseur of San Francisco; Andy and Paul Gaston of St. Paul, Minnesota; Aunt Wilma and Uncle Elroy Zimmerman of Escanaba; and Aunt Pat and Uncle John Yosten of Muenster. Kristin wore the more veil worn by her mother and cousins, a bracelet worn by her mother, gift from the late great-grandparents Tony Felderhoff; lapel pin worn by Aunt Karen LeBrasseur; a ring, gift from grandparents Anne and Neil Hesse; cross necklace, gift from the paternal grandparents. A buffet of pickled foods was served followed by a special First Communion cake made by the maternal grandmother. The afternoon was spent enjoying outdoor activities and visiting.

GERRY BRUNDAGE III
Gerry Brundage III, son of Gerry and Colleen Brundage of Waterbury, was a member of the Sacred Heart Parish First Communion class of 39 children who received First Holy Communion on April 9, 2000. A special honor for him was the attendance of his grandfather Gerry Brundage, Sr. and Uncle Art Brundage and Uncle Tom Phelps, New York. Following the church service, they were all together again for a noon meal at The Center restaurant in Muenster. In the afternoon little Gerry, his dad, his grandpa, and his uncles went fishing for Striper Bass.

Guess who caught the first fish!!! In all, they together caught over 50.

IAN BARNHILL

Ian Anthony Barnhill, son of Monte and Janet Barnhill, was honored by his parents on his First Holy Communion Day, April 9, 2000 when they hosted a family gathering in their home in the afternoon. Ian's favorite menu of grilled chicken and several of his very special salads were served. His First Communion cake was decorated with a Eucharist figurine. Guests included the parents, the honored one, his sisters and brothers, Mandy, Adam, Audrey, Zachary, and Isaac, and the grandparents Arthur and Frances Bayer. They had all been in attendance at the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Ian wore the same white jacket that had also been worn by his two big brothers. Gifts were opened and displayed, and pictures were taken.

JACOB BAYER

Craig and Rita Bayer honored their son, Jacob Henry Bayer on his First Holy Communion Day, April 9, 2000, by hosting a family gathering in their home after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Guests were the grandparents, Regina Pels and Charles and Carolyn Bayer; the godparents John and Cherilyn Pollard and cousin Kallyssa; uncles, aunts and cousins Steve, Doreen, Nicholas, Laura, and Adam Taylor; Danny, Janet, and Michael Voith; Greg, Charla, and Will Taylor; and Curt and Prudy Bayer; and friends Dorothy Hesse; Father Tom Craig, and Sister Jeanette Bayer. Dinner was prepared by Jacob's family; and a cake baked in the shape of a cross, with a chalice and host drawn in icing, was made by his mother. Guests watched Jacob open and display his gifts, and enjoyed viewing pictures of his parents' First Holy Communion Day.

ANDREW KOESLER

Fred and Elaine Koesler honored their son, Andrew on his First Holy Communion Day, when they hosted a family gathering in their home, with a smoked brisket and turkey dinner. A special cake was baked and decorated by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Joining the honoree were his parents and brother Evan; godparents Leon and Christi Klement and

children Elliot and Bridgette; his maternal grandmother Julianna Grewing; his paternal grandmother Elizabeth Koesler; his uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends Sr. Francesca Walterscheid; Rudy and Martha Koesler and daughters Raegen and Kristian; Karl Koesler; Marla Fette and daughters Becky and Polly and friends Nathan Sowler and Aaron Klement; Larry Grewing; Glenn and Connie Grewing and children Christopher, Megan, and Carrie; Jimmy and Diane Grewing and children Shannon, Craig, Aaron, and Randy and friends Diane Britain and Cassie Sicking; George and Sheila Kleintert and children Daniel and Kara; Earl and Donna Charles. Unable to attend but sending greetings and gifts were Mary Alice Bayer, Larry and Gretchen Kostyniak and sons Brian and Michael of Arlington; and Steve Fette. The honoree opened and displayed his gifts. Pictures and videos were made. During the afternoon everyone enjoyed watching Uncle Leon Klement

CHAD HENScheid
RYAN HENScheid
Twin brothers, Chad Henscheid and Ryan Henscheid, sons of Lonnie and Valerie Henscheid, were the center of attention at a family reunion in their home that followed the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 9, 2000 in Sacred Heart Church. They were honored in observance of their First Holy Communion Day. Guests included Chad's godparents Tracey Henscheid and Keith Vogel, and Ryan's godparents Stephen Vogel and Colynda Hartman. Also the twins' grandparents Bob and Eileen Vogel and Virgil and Joaline Henscheid; great-grandmother Elizabeth Mollenkopf; and other relatives and friends, Leoba Mollenkopf, Stephen, Sarah, and Kyle Vogel; Janet Hesse; Alex Sicking; Tammy, Wayne, Wes, Whitney, Sam, and Calvin Wimmer; Larry Allen; Bart Henscheid. A menu of fried chicken, roasted chicken, a beautiful assortment of salads and casseroles and breads; then cake and ice cream for dessert. Later in the day, the twins' great-grandparents, Urban and Jane Endres and uncle Carl Endres came to join in the celebration.

CHRISTOPHER VALLIERE
STEVEN VALLIERE
NATALIE VALLIERE
Tom and Laurie Valliere honored their triplets, Natalie, Steven, and Christopher, on their First Holy Communion Day, April 9, 2000, when they hosted a family gathering and dinner in their home, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Special guests were their big brother,

Michael; grandparents Lawrence and Irene Wimmer and Florence Valliere and all the godparents. Christopher's godparents are Tim and Eunice Wimmer. Steven's godparents are Willie and Margie Wimmer. Natalie's godparents are Kay Wimmer and Brad Wimmer. Other guests included uncles and aunts, Ray Wimmer; Carol Gressetti; and cousins Brad and Page Wimmer and children Jena and Abby; and Gayle Baumbach with children Joshua and Sarah. A meal featuring barbecue brisket and smoked wild turkey with all the trimmings. Three decorated First Communion cakes were served, baked and decorated by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Natalie shared the celebration with her brothers Steven and Christopher; Steven shared with Christopher and Natalie; and Christopher shared with Natalie and Steven.

JOSIAH YOSTEN
GENE YOSTEN, JR.

Josiah James Yosten and Gene Robert Yosten, Jr. received their First Holy Communions together in a Mass celebrated in Sacred Heart Catholic Church on April 9, 2000 at 10:30 a.m., along with 39 First Communicants from Sacred Heart School and Muenster Public School. Josiah James and Gene Robert are the twin sons of Gene and Linda Yosten, and brothers to Jeffrey, Jeremy, Joshua, and Benjamin Joseph. They are the twin grandsons of Lee Roy and Dorothy Mae Yosten of Muenster and the deceased grandparents Agnes and Lawrence Knabe, Sr. of Gainesville. Godparents of Josiah James are Dominic Knabe and adoptive godmother Collette Knabe, both of Lindsay and Valarie Knabe of Forney. Godparents of Gene Robert are David and Pam Fette of Muenster. Each twin's own godparents are adoptive godparents to the opposite twin, making it a very special spiritual commitment joining in attendance at Mass were their parents, brothers and grandparents. The Knabes were unable to attend, but the Fettes and Elizabeth were present. Others present were Aunt Karla Stevenson of Muenster, uncles, aunts, and cousins Arnold and Kathy Yosten with Rachel and Kristen of Aledo; Paul Freitag, Jr. and Karen Cler of Muenster, and many other relatives and friends.

A casual and informal come and go family/friends gathering continued the celebration at the Gene Yosten home and in the back yard, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and lasting into the late evening. Prayerful thoughts, thanks, and blessings for the honorees, their deceased grandparents, and absent friends and other

deceased relatives made the day even more special.

The joint family effort of cooking, grilling, and presenting a bountiful menu was served to family and friends in a very casual, "make-yourself-at-home" buffet type meal. Three different cakes, made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, were served, decorated as the twins chose. Adults enjoyed the day of reminiscing, laughter, visiting, praying and memorializing; children enjoyed watching gifts being opened, playing in the sandbox, on the swing set, volleyball, ping pong, pool, walks, and bike riding, playing guitars, banjo, mandolin, and fiddle played by Grandpa Lee Roy (Buddy) Yosten, Aunt Karl Stevenson, and Uncle Troy Yosten, and the twins on their new harmonica and sliding whistle; a song by Cheryl Knabe; and even a little dancing.

As twilight came, leftovers were served and night prayers and blessings brought "the end of a perfect day." It was particularly precious to the hosts, who said it marks a day when all of Gene's relatives and Linda's relatives were guests in their home at the same time. A total of more than 50 relatives attended.

ERIN ENDRES

Erin Marie Endres was honored on her First Holy Communion Day by her parents Monte and Jacque Endres and her sisters Brooke, Abby, and Taylor in their home, when a family gathering followed the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Together in Sacred Heart Church for the services and again in the family home until about 6:30 p.m. were the parents, sisters; the grandmother Clara Endres; the godmother Janet Endres; aunt and uncle Paulette and Tom Swirczynski; and special guests Tom Vogel; Mike, Lori, Cagen, Camden, and Corky Chaney; Kacie Garcia and Joyce Swirczynski. Godfather Stan Endres was unable to attend. Illness prevented the attendance of grandmother Beth White and great-grandmother Lena Christopher. Erin wore an ankle-length white satin sleeveless dress with matching gloves. Her veil was made by a good friend, Patsy Dangelmayr. The hamburger and sausage meal was served with trimmings, chips, and dips. A decorated cake, made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, was served. Erin received many precious gifts from relatives and friends.

Writers from the region claim creative writing awards

Forty-nine winners in the 37th Annual Creative Writing Contest at North Central Texas College were recognized Thursday, April 27 during a special awards ceremony.

According to Linda Coolen of the NCTC English faculty, 340 entries were submitted for this event by writers throughout the region. She said, "The judges were quite impressed with the caliber of work presented for this contest. In particular, they were complimentary about the mature work of the middle school students."

Dr. Bill Franklin of the NCTC English faculty introduced guest speaker Dr. Barney Nelson, a renowned

writer, professional photographer, rancher, dedicated environmentalist and professor at Sul Ross State University.

Nelson entertained the crowd with a delightfully humorous story from her soon-to-be-published book, which chronicles the experience of "washing dishes" in the colorfully depicted backdrop of rural America.

Sacred Heart student Andrew Davis of Saint Jo earned third place in the Jerry Simpson Memorial Poetry contest. His entry was entitled "The Buzzard." There were 76 entries in this middle school division.

Whitewright to hold Mother's Day tour May 13 and 14

May 13 and 14, Mother's Day weekend, will be very eventful in Whitewright, many "rose-pride" citizens will open their rose gardens to the public; this is a weekend given to mothers and their families by the owners of antique rose gardens and Keep Whitewright Beautiful organization. It is a Mother's Day gift to families and to the city of Whitewright.

Maps to the Mother's Day Antique Rose Tour are available at any of the garden tour sites. The maps will be available in front of the Visitor's Center, 125 Grand Street, downtown Whitewright; the tour may be started at any of the gardens that are open, open gardens will be marked with colorful garden flags.

Sons and daughters are invited to bring their moms and smell the fragrant roses during the 8th annual Mother's Day Rose tour.

Box lunches and drinks will be provided by First United Methodist Women. Cost will be \$5.00 from 12:00 - 3:00.

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School News

Local fourth graders attend North Texas Farm City week

The Muenster Elementary fourth grade classes attended the North Texas Farm City sponsored by the Collegiate Future Farmers of America at North Central Texas College. The event was held at the Gainesville Civic Center on April 18 and 19.

The students first saw a very entertaining exhibition on how to milk a cow provided by the educators at the Southwest Dairy Classroom. They were also able to see "Elsie the Cow," the famous television spokesman for Borden's Milk. Representatives from Pilgrim's Pride chicken farms were there to explain how a chicken is raised from the egg to the kitchen table. Students were also able to check out a variety of the most technological farm

equipment available to farmers today.

Inside the Civic Center the students were able to witness the creative workmanship of both a saddlemaker and a bootmaker, watch cotton being ginned, and feel the different textures of corn, sorghum, and wheat. They spoke to vendors from Muenster Milling Company, Fischer's Meat Market, Morrison Supply, Texas Department of Game and Wildlife, Texas Farm Bureau, and many others. Probably the highlight of the event for the students was when they were able to sample the Blue Bell Ice Cream. Everyone involved with this event did a super job of teaching the students about a part of their everyday life that is taken for granted.

Once finished at the Civic Center in Gainesville, Rick Walterscheid drove the students back to Muenster to have a picnic lunch and their annual Easter egg hunt at the park. Theresa Walterscheid finished off the day leading the students through a walking tour of Main Street Muenster. She gave a brief history lesson on the businesses in Muenster and how they have grown and changed. Juanita Bright,

Nancy Walter, Betty Kralicke, and Celine Dittfurth welcomed all 42 students into the newly opened Muenster Museum. They were very helpful in guiding the students on a tour of this home and explaining the importance of all the donations inside the building. What a beautiful place!



Lindsay High School students qualifying for the State UIL 2A Academic Meet May 5-6 in Austin including from left, back - Courtney Miller, Melanie Brown, Alex Hellinger, Sophia Rahman; middle - Patric Zimmerer, Ashley Privett, Kristan Tucker, Alex Haayen, Leah Hermes, Tommy Arendt, Maggie Luttmie; front - Brent Connett, Abbas Ravjani, and James Thomason. Photo by Janie Hartman

MHS students compete at TCEA State Meet

Three MHS students traveled to Houston on April 27-29 to compete in the Texas Computer Education Association State Programming Meet. Chris Jackson, Doug Knabe, and Chris McLaughlin competed against 37 other teams from classifications 1A, 2A, and 3A. They placed 6th at the

competition held at Cypress Falls High School in Northwest Houston. The team from Muenster was defeated by teams from larger class 3A schools in this programming only team only event. Team trophies were given through 10th place as well as individual medals to team members. Students could use the compiler of their choice for this test of problem solving skills. TCEA is a state-wide organization that promotes education through computer use in the classroom.

While in Houston, they saw the Battleship Texas, the San Jacinto Monument, NASA, and Professional Compounding Centers of America, a pharmaceutical compounding supply company which supplies pharmacies in the United States and several foreign countries with specialized products.

The students viewed various parts of PCCA, including the network system which controls the entire inventory of the company. The network system included UNIX and Windows NT servers, an Internet firewall, and a modem bank to handle the thousands of fax that are sent and receive daily.

The students also met M Don Cooper. Don Cooper is the head programmer and Chief Information Officer for PCCA. He also worked as an engineer on the Apollo 13 mission and helped guide the crippled spaceship safely to Earth. Mr. Cooper discussed various parts of the computer system used by PCCA, as well as the compute systems and how they were programmed in the 1970s. They then toured the exhibit at NASA, including the Saturn V rocket.



Muenster High School was well represented in the NCTC Art Show. Winners included, from left, Karen Cler, Raegan Koesler, Josh Luke, Darren Hennigan, Allison Endres, Kristin Smith, Keri Felderhoff, Jackie Henschel, and not pictured Jason Lutkenhaus. Photo by Janie Hartman



Muenster High School took top honors at the regional UIL meet, advancing to State are, from left, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Jackie Henschel, Raegan Koesler, Allison Endres, Kacie Garcia, Kelly Grewing, Lauren Dangelmayr, Karen Cler, Kelly Felderhoff, Ashley Hess, Justin Fleitman, Kristen Creed, Doug Knabe, Chris Jackson, Chris York, Bronya Vogel, Mary Skinner, and not pictured Brett Howell and Ashley Klement. State competition was May 4-6 in Austin. Photo by Janie Hartman

Sacred Heart High School Seniors experience the sights and frights of downtown Dallas

The senior Economics/Civics class of Sacred Heart High School extended their classroom to include downtown Dallas on Wednesday, April 26. Their first stop was the Crowley Court Building for a justice lesson. They viewed portions of three trials in progress: a narcotics case, embezzlement, and 1st degree murder. In the latter trial the students were enthralled by a husband's cold-blooded account of shooting his wife in the face.

watching \$20,000 bundles of money being shred by the minutes.

After a lecture and tour, the students took a stroll through the Arts district with its unique architecture. On the way back to the West End, they stopped at the Chase Tower. There they went to the 50th floor Sky Atrium for a panoramic view of the downtown skyscrapers. The students then took the light rail to the vehicles for the trip back to Muenster.

Chaperones for the trip were Kim Felderhoff and Joe Caserta.

After the court visits, the group walked to the vans, encountering some "panhandlers" asking for 79¢ for hamburgers. As soon as one senior boy gave a buck, several more hustlers came out of the bushes looking for marks. It was a good lesson in the need for discretion in charity.

The group then went to Dealey Plaza. There they went over the various scenarios for the JFK assassination, single gunman and multi-conspiracist views, and then went to the 6th Floor Museum in The Texas Schoolbook Depository.

After the museum tour, the students went to the West End Marketplace for lunch and sightseeing. The next stop was the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank. The students went there by way of the light rail. At the West End Station, the group was amused and annoyed by the stentorian rantings of a street corner preacher who predicted that the "end" was near.

At the Federal Reserve Bank, the students were especially interested in the money shredding system, and found it a bit disconcerting

Children's health & safety Lead dangers lurk in odd places

While most parents realize the dangers of lead-based paint often found in older homes, they may not realize there are other culprits. Some items of potential danger include miniblinds, craft products, some cosmetics and herbal medications, and crayons may contain lead additives. Children most at risk are between 12 and 36 months because they put many objects in their mouths.

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To ensure your child's safety, conduct a home assessment and read product labels.

A news tip from Texas Children's Hospital



TCEA State competitors, from left, Jerry Eckart, sponsor, Doug Knabe, Chris McLaughlin, and Chris Jackson. Photo by Janie Hartman

NOTICE

DIALOGUE, an ongoing support group for cancer patients and their families are friends will meet Thursday May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lindsay Health Clinic. For more information call Kellie Lamkin, L.S.W. at 665-9891.

Bartel selected for FRED scholarship

Adrienne Bartel, a senior at Sacred Heart School, was selected to receive a \$1,000.00 academic scholarship by the Foundation for Rural Education and Development (FRED). Adrienne will be using this scholarship to attend North Central Texas College where she will study Social Work and plans to return to contribute to a community in rural America. Adrienne's scholarship application was sponsored by

Nortex Communications (formerly Muenster Telephone Corporation of Texas). FRED, a national 501(c)(3) charitable foundation located in Washington, DC, was founded in 1989 by the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO). The FRED Scholarship Program is made possible through the generosity of more than 1,000 small independent telephone companies operating in rural areas across the United States and Canada. Nortex Communications is both a member of OPASTCO and a supporter of FRED.

FRED selected 53 award winners from rural areas around the United States and Canada. The Foundation received over 150 outstanding applications sponsored by more than 50 rural, independent telecommunications companies and cooperatives. The 2000 class of FRED Scholars is the Foundation's largest number of

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Adrienne Bartel



School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAY 8 - 12 SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENUS

Mon. - Cook's choice w/vegetables, salad, dessert, bread.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, cobbler, bread.
Wed. - Ham and cheese hoagies, lettuce, pork and beans, pineapple.
Thurs. - Spaghetti and meat, corn, salad, applesauce, hot rolls.
Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, English peas, peaches, bread.
Tues. - Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, pickles, onions, pears.
Wed. - Fish, black-eyed peas, macaroni and cheese, pineapple, bread.
Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, cheese slice, French fries, oranges.
Fri. - Roast beef, creamed potatoes, green beans, peaches, bread.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, cinnamon apples, tossed salad, cornbread.
Tues. - Country fried pork steak or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, hot roll.
Wed. - Chicken spaghetti or chicken nuggets, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.
Thurs. - Frito chili pie, corn, peaches, tossed salad, spice cake.
Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

CORRECTION

Muenster ISD Daniel Russell was misnamed in last week's A-B Honor Roll for Muenster ISD Grade 8.

Lindsay ISD

Omitted from the Lindsay ISD 5th six weeks A-B honor roll were Tanner Henry in the 6th grade and 2nd grader Matt Dieter.

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 Bake Sale before the concert
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 And say, welcome home.

May 6, 1995
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 Mom
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 & Loved Ones

Sports

Tigers settle for 4th ...

Tigerettes win district

On Tuesday, April 25, Sacred Heart track members competed in the TAPPS 1-AA district track and field meet at Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

The Tigerettes ran up 217 points to earn the district championship. The boys finished in fourth place, allowing Jesus Chapel to take the title.

Andrea Bauer earned five old medals at district, winning the long jump, triple jump, 100m hurdles, and as a member of the winning 1600m and 800m relays.

Sarah Hess took the gold in throwing the discus and shot put, with Elizabeth Fette and Debra Dangelmayr also earning double gold on the relay teams. Also earning first place medals were Raney Bauer and Melanie Bartush in the 3200m run.

The Tigerettes also earned eight silver and seven bronze medals, and will be competing in 12 events at state.

The Tigers missed the gold, but brought home two silver and six third place finishes. Jonathan Yosten and Stephen Hofbauer advanced to state competition.

Gold district winners and Sacred Heart players are as follows:

GIRLS DIVISION	
3200m Run	
Grace Cochran	SH 13:32.22
Lilly Nasche	SH 15:25.78
Sarah Sepanski	SH 15:48.45
800m Run	
Ruth Nanyinza	AC 2:15.18
Melanie Bartush	SH 2:44.95
Catherine Bartush	SH 2:52.16
100m Hurdles	
Andrea Bauer	SH 15.65
Dana Miller	SH 16.34
Sarah Hess	SH 19.37
100m Dash	
Nichole Logue	AC 13.66
Jen. Hoedoback	SH 14.11
Michelle Bayer	SH 14.21
400m Dash	
Kath Hernandez	AC 1:07.10
Elizabeth Fette	SH 1:13.15

300m Hurdles	
Jackie Shilcutt	AC 49.85
Dana Miller	SH 50.13
Kayla Felderhoff	SH 54.78
200m Dash	
Katie McDaniel	AC 27.00
Raney Bauer	SH 29.57
Jen. Hoedoback	SH 29.74
1600m Run	
Ruth Nanyinza	AC 5:21.89
Grace Cochran	SH 6:02.92
Lilly Nasche	SH 7:06.47
Sarah Sepanski	SH 7:13.33
High Jump	
Katie McDaniel	AC 4' 10"
Sarah Hess	SH 4' 4"
Catherine Bartush	SH 4' 4"
Shot Put	
Sarah Hess	SH 37' 9"
Jana Trauebnach	SH 27' 11"
Long Jump	
Andrea Bauer	SH 16' 5 3/4"
Elizabeth Fette	SH 14' 4"
Discus	
Sarah Hess	SH 96' 10"
Anna McMurray	SH 85' 9 1/2"
Triple Jump	
Andrea Bauer	SH 33' 5 1/2"
400m Relay	
1. Abilene Christian, 52:73; 2. Sacred Heart, Raney Bauer, Jennifer Hoedoback, Kayla Felderhoff, Mary Jane Callahan, 55:29;	
800m Relay	
1. Sacred Heart, Raney Bauer, Andrea Bauer, Debra Dangelmayr, Elizabeth Fette, 1:57.35;	
1600m Relay	
1. Sacred Heart, Melanie Bartush, Andrea Bauer, Elizabeth Fette, Debra Dangelmayr, 4:32.51;	

POINT STANDINGS:	
1. Sacred Heart, 217; 2. Abilene Christian, 152; 3. Jesus Chapel, 63; 4. Harvest Christian, 45; 5. Christian Parkview, 37; 6. The Highlands, 23.	
BOYS DIVISION	
3200m Run	
Jerod Hon	JC 10:36.96
Daniel Bartush	JC 12:29.36
800m Run	
Mark Rich	AC 2:09.66
Chris Fuhrmann	SH 2:22.40
110m Hurdles	
Willie Caballero	JC 15.30
Jonathan Yosten	SH 15.89
Clint Fuhrmann	SH 19.17
100m Dash	
Tyler Strow	HC 10.93
400m Dash	
Danny Medina	JC 53.16
Mike Voth	SH 55.35
Jeremy Yosten	SH 59.98
Travis Fuhrmann	SH 1:00.43
300m Hurdles	
Willie Caballero	JC 40.26
Clint Fuhrmann	SH 48.29
200m Dash	
Tyler Strow	HC 22.35

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Matt Fleitman	SH 5:40.01
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Patrick O'Brien	HC 11' 6"
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Stephen Hofbauer	SH 39' 7"
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Discus	
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Triple Jump	
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Jonathan Yosten	SH 39' 0"
Mike Voth	SH 35' 11 3/4"
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1600m Relay	
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District Champions Sacred Heart Tigerettes.

Photo by Pam Fette

Sacred Heart Junior High competes at Tom Landry relays

Sacred Heart Junior High competed in the Tom Landry Relays on April 14. The Lady Cubs finished in third place and the Cubs in eleventh out of eighteen schools.

Kate Sepanski won three gold medals - 800m run, and as a member of the 1600m relay and 800m relay. Other winners in the relay races were

Courtney Hartman, Jacqueline Bauer, Katie Flusche, and Lisa Endres.

Sacred Heart Track results are as follows:

GIRLS DIVISION
100m Hurdles, 4, Jacqueline Bauer, 18.25; 1600m Run, 6, Karen Gehrig, 6:34.17; 3200m Run, 5, Karen

Gehrig, 14:14.24; High Jump, 6, Jacqueline Bauer, 4' 3.99";

Long Jump, 6, Courtney Hartman, 13' 9 1/2"; Triple Jump, 3, Jacqueline Bauer, 28' 11 1/4";

400m Dash, 3, Katie Flusche, 1:08.52; 800m Run, 1, Kate Sepanski, 2:36.14; 200m Dash, 4, Courtney Hartman, 29.14; 1600m Relay, 1, Courtney Hartman, Katie Flusche, Kate Sepanski, Jacqueline Bauer, 4:29.17; 800m Relay, 1, Courtney Hartman, Lisa Endres, Kate Sepanski, Jacqueline Bauer, 1:54.56.

TEAM SCORING: Fort Worth Christian 98; Trinity Christian White 97; Sacred Heart 74.50.

BOYS DIVISION
Pole Vault, 6, Tony Moster, 8' 6"; 3200m Run, 4, Wes Wimmer, 12:15.68; 1600m Relay, 5, Kevin Walterscheid, Wes Wimmer, Paul Bartush, Frank Klement, 4:14.74

TEAM SCORING: Fort Worth Country Day 150, Trinity Christian Blue 120, Sacred Heart 9.

Texoma Sting undefeated in Norman 15 team tournament

The 16 and under Sting girls fastpitch team from the Texomaland area went undefeated in a strong, 15 team tournament held in Norman, Oklahoma this past weekend. They were rained out in the top of the third inning of the championship game with a one run lead on the Texas Sox

out of Plano. Both Texas squads had come through their bracket play without a loss as they prevailed over the host Oklahoma teams.

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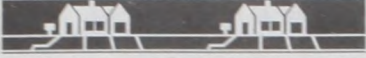
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Farm & Ranch

National Farmers union leaders discuss federal dairy policy with representatives

A special dairy committee of the National Farmers Union (NFU) recently met with representatives of Congress and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to express its opposition to the FDA's pending, National Cheese Institute, petitions that would change the definition of milk used in cheese manufacturing to allow ultra-filtered (UF) products in cheesemaking.

This change in the definition of milk would

increase the cost of the dairy program and lower the price to U.S. farmers," said Wes Sims, Texas Farmers Union President. "It could open the door to unlimited imports that would displace the wholesome milk produced by U.S. farmers." Because lactose and minerals are removed in the UF process, it is not considered a dairy product. The current standard does not allow UF as an ingredient in natural cheese.

"U.S. dairy farmers have

developed an identity for milk and dairy products that is pure and wholesome in the eyes of their ultimate user -- the consumer. Changing the product standard would be misleading to the consumer," said Sims.

"Producers will never have the opportunity to be paid for the full value of their milk until we have a good farm policy in place," said Sims. "We are now developing proposals that are national in scope and do not pit one region against another."

AFBF reveals results of young farmer survey

America's young farmers and ranchers say government policies, to boost U.S. farm exports, such as establishing permanent normal trade relations with China, are the best way to address the top challenge facing them today -- profit.

This was according to the results of a survey of 302 young farmers and ranchers from 47 states, ages 18-35, conducted by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Jeff Hellman, chairman of the Cooke County Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Committee, agrees. "For young families to have a future working land, we must expand markets for agricultural products."

According to the survey, here is still a lot of optimism among the nation's young agricultural producers, but some of that has been

tempered by difficult economic times. The survey ranked profitability as the top concern of young farmers and ranchers, followed in order by cost of government regulations and the availability of land.

A telling statistic; more than 70 percent of the respondents said that one or both the spouses in these young farm families worked off the farm. More than 58 percent said they began farming as part of an existing family operation. Less than 20 percent started on their own.

Only 53 percent of the respondents said they were optimistic about the future of agriculture, but 94 percent considered themselves "farmers for life." Ninety percent said they would like their children to follow them into farming.

USDA: EPA runoff rules too complex

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently told the Senate Agriculture Committee that the Clinton administration must clarify its proposal for reducing water pollution from farms and logging operations and find out what the price tag will be for landowners.

In August, the EPA recommended rules that would oblige states to submit plans within 15 years to clean up every waterway that fails to meet water quality standards.

Glickman told the committee he is concerned about the complicated structure of the plan and the lack of complete cost assessment. The rules are "very complex and would present a challenge to any expert on the issue," he said. The plan should also make it

clear that regulators will take into consideration efforts farmers have made to limit runoff, such as planting trees along a stream.

"Farmers demand clarity. What they don't need is more uncertainty," Glickman said.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner told the committee it would be up to each state to decide how to meet the reductions in pollutants required by their plans.

She said the plan was a "very, very sensible way to do the final work to ensure clean water for everyone in this country."

John Barrett, a representative to EPA's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) federal advisory committee, said the plan is not legal.

"EPA's proposed regulations

are unlawful because they go well beyond the authority of the Clean Water Act," he said. "The proposed regulations empower EPA to regulate nonpoint sources of pollution through the TMDL program. Congress did not intend for EPA to possess such power. Congress made a conscious decision to treat point/nonpoint sources differently and separately in the CWA."

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

TSCRA inspectors account for \$7 million in 1999

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's 32 field inspectors investigated 1,319 cases in Texas and Oklahoma in 1999, primarily involving stray or stolen livestock.

Assisting them were 72 market inspectors who inspected 5,615,370 head of cattle and 38,848 horses at 142 auction markets in Texas.

Working closely with federal, state and local law enforcement officers, TSCRA field inspectors recovered or accounted for 4,493 head of cattle, 88 horses, 14 trailers, 61 saddles and miscellaneous ranch property, which had a total market value of \$7,006,888. The average value of property recovered or accounted for each day was \$19,197.

Offenders were given 154 years of prison, probated,

deferred, suspended and jail sentences. In addition, the courts ordered those convicted to pay \$475,957 in restitution to the victims and \$17,641 in fines, court costs and attorney's fees.

Aflatoxin reduction targeted

Finding new ways to reduce aflatoxin in crops is the focus of a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station study that researchers hope will lead to reducing the economic hardship the fungus places on the state's corn farmers.

"It can lead to incredible financial losses," says Dr. Nancy Keller, an Experiment Station mycotoxin researcher. "Every two to three years, an epidemic can cost \$30 million to \$200 million (in crop losses)."

Keller's research is aimed at reducing aflatoxin production using nontraditional methods.

"What I decided to do was find the genes in Aspergillus (a fungus that thrives on oilseed crops) that produce aflatoxin," Keller said. "If you can clone these genes, then you can ask what turns the genes on and

off. That's a powerful thing. So we've cloned the genes in the fungus that make aflatoxin."

Now we can perform experiments and see what makes the genes turn on and off -- with the thought that those factors that turn on the genes should be eliminated."

Keller said there are a couple of factors controlling aflatoxin production, including a genetic pathway in the fungus itself that controls the aflatoxin genes. She said research also focuses on the factors involving the host seed that play a role in the interaction with Aspergillus.

"We are also looking to see if there are any components of the seed that may be turning on the aflatoxin genes or if there are any environmental factors such as pH that turn on the genes," she said.

Working children

By eliminating aflatoxin, farmers wouldn't have to worry about the added expense to test crops, not to mention the economic damage the mycotoxin wreaks on the value of the crop.

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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,199 head of cattle, compared to 860 head of cattle the previous week.
Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 290 goats, 96 sheep and 168 horses. The numbers for last week were 174, 168 and 174 respectively. Results follow:
Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.30-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-130.
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.33; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-120.
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-100.
600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 88-99; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-88; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 78-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-78.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-115.
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.03-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-103.
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 97-100; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-97.
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 89-93; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-89; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 78-89; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-78; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 76-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 59-76.
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter bulls; yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs.; lbs., 85-90; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 80-85.
Ewes:
Stocker, 48-50; Thin, 30-32; Fat, 40-45.
Bucks:
Thin; NT; Fat; NT.
Barbados (per head)
Lambs: \$20-\$35 Ewes: \$35-\$45 Bucks: \$60-\$260
Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs. \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs. \$30-\$45; 55-75 lbs. \$45-\$65; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs. \$75-\$90.
Nannies (per head)
Stocker, \$50-\$60; Milk Type, \$60-\$75; Slaughter, Thin, \$30-\$35; Fat, \$40-\$45.
Billies (per head)
120 lbs-up
Breeders \$90-\$110;
Slaughters, \$80-\$90.
Boer Goats (per lb.)
1/2 Nanny, NT; 3/4 Nanny, NT; Full Nanny, NT.
Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Billy, NT; 3/4 Billy, NT; Full Billy, \$150.

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LAND FOR SALE
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For more information, call Chuck Bartush Jr., Attorney at Law, at 940/759-2913.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frankie Hacker, Deceased, were issued on May 3, 2000, in Cause No. 15109, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas, to: Henry Hacker.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Myra Cooke County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o Chuck Bartush, Jr., Attorney at Law P.O. Box 68 Muenster, Texas 76252-0068

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 3rd day of May, 2000.
s/Chuck Bartush Jr. Attorney for the Estate State Bar No. 01865000

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: HERBERT MICHAEL HAGAN, and to all whom it may concern, Respondent.

"YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF TWENTY DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU."

The petition of TONDA RENE HAGAN, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Cooke County, Texas, on the 24th day of April, 2000, against HERBERT MICHAEL HAGAN, Respondent, numbered 00-217, and entitled "In the Matter of Marriage of TONDA RENE HAGAN and HERBERT MICHAEL HAGAN, AND IN THE INTEREST OF HEATHER RENE HAGAN, CHILD."

The date and place of birth of the child who is subject of the suit:
Birthdate: 3-22-84
Birthplace: Mattoon, Illinois.

The suit requests that the Court grant a divorce and such other relief requested in this petition.

The Court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you. The Court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding on you.

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