

Contested elections set for this Saturday, May 6

Muenster ISD School Board candidates address local issues

by Janet Felderhoff

The terms of three Muenster ISD board of trustee members expire in May. They are now led by Jim Endres, Place 5; Tom Hartman, Place 6; and Neil Huchton, Place 7. All three are seeking another term. Tom Hartman is being challenged for his Place 6 seat by Terry Walterscheid.

Endres is a machinist for Valenite. Hartman is a farmer rancher in the Muenster area. Huchton is self-employed at Neil's Phillips 66. Walterscheid is an oil and gas distributor for Walterscheid Oil Company in Muenster.

This Saturday, May 6 registered voters in the Muenster School District have the opportunity to vote for the candidates of their choice from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Muenster Public School. Edgar Dyer is the election judge.

Each candidate was given a set of questions and a certain period of time to reply to them in writing. The questions and the candidates' answers were:

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

Endres - To help provide a quality education to all our students of the school district.

Hartman - We recently hired a new superintendent. In order to provide a smooth transition from the former superintendent to the new superintendent, it is necessary to maintain stability in the school board.

Huchton - To help maintain a school that gives every child a chance to receive an education that will enable him or her to make a significant contribution in today's economy.

Walterscheid - I want to be involved, and by serving on the Muenster Independent School District Board I feel I can do just that. Presently, I have sons in elementary, junior high, and in high school which covers all areas of the school system, each one of these areas are very important in making up what makes Muenster ISD the exemplary school that it has been recognized for these many years.

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

Endres - I feel Muenster ISD is on the right path but we have to continually strive for improvements.

Hartman - In the bond issue of 1998, the school board formulated a master plan to build a new high school and make improvement to the existing buildings. This includes the cafeteria, which is 50 years old, and to make improvements to extend the life of the existing buildings.

Huchton - The cafeteria will be an area that will need to be addressed in the next few

years, also roofing problems in the Jr. High building. As far as education I think Muenster ISD speaks for itself because of the hard work that teachers and parents do to help prepare these children for the future.

Walterscheid - This question is hard to answer because at this time I am on the outside looking in. In May I will have a senior graduating, he spent 12 years in the MISD system. We as parents are very excited about his next step (being college) because we know he has been well prepared. There may be a few fine-tuning here and there but overall the teachers and staff at MISD are doing a wonderful job.

What do you see as the major issues facing the school district?

Endres - Quality, variety, and availability of subjects our students need.

Hartman - The major issues are that the state has mandated teacher pay raises with no money to pay for them. Thus, the taxpayers must split the bill. Also, the mandatory requirements for graduation have been increased; therefore, more classes call for more teachers. It is extremely difficult to gain acceptance into college. The students must then be better prepared for the real world, whether they choose college or the work force.

Huchton - To be able to maintain an above average district with growth coming from people wanting to move to rural areas, also to be able to offer more subjects to students at the high school level. Also maybe take a look at a work-study program for students who aren't interested in going off to college.

Walterscheid - I feel that major areas of importance would certainly be the student, incomes and tax payers.

If any extra funds become available where do you think they would best be put to use?

Endres - All areas of education can use additional funds and we have to always look for the best way to spend these funds.

Hartman - Should funds become available, the board, along with the superintendent and staff, will evaluate the most pressing needs of the district. As with all plans, they must be revised to meet the changing needs of the district.

Huchton - They should be used to help maintain the school and then be added to the school's fund balance so that we will be able to keep our school taxes in check.

Walterscheid - If extra funds were available, looking into the areas where it's most needed fairly for example: updated equipment or supplies for better learning like computers, books, tutoring aids, etc.

Hospital Board candidates voice views before May 6 trustee election

by Janet Felderhoff

There are three seats up for election on the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board and there are four people willing to serve. The three candidates receiving the most votes will serve the three year terms. With the proposed merger of the Muenster and Gainesville Hospital Districts there has been much controversy within the community concerning the hospital. Three of the four candidates are incumbents who have served more than one term on the hospital board. They are Werner Becker Jr., Jerry Hess, and Margie Starke. The fourth candidate is Carol Grewing.

Werner Becker Jr. is a self-employed dairyman. He lives near the Hood community. Carol Grewing lives in Muenster and is a homemaker. She was employed at the Muenster Hospital for more than 13 years as a nurse aid, surgical tech, and in Central Supply. Gerald "Jerry" Hess lives in Muenster and is an independent oil and gas operator. Margie Starke resides in Muenster and she is the secretary for the Muenster Chamber of Commerce.

Candidates were asked to participate in a written question and answer interview. All were given a day to complete the questions and return them to the *Muenster Enterprise*. Incumbent Margie Starke declined to participate. The questions and their answers follow:

Why do you want to serve (continue to serve) on the Muenster Hospital Board?

Becker - I have served on the board of directors for a number of years. Since we are in the middle of a major project, I feel the desire to see it through.

Grewing - We have a good hospital board now and I want to see this continue. We have always tried to do the best job for the people we serve. With government involved it gets harder and harder so we have to find ways to help ourselves. Any outside suggestions will be heard and discussed.

Hess - When I first ran for a board position I made a commitment to the voters of the district to do my best to help and improve the hospital. I felt and still feel with my business experience I can be some help as we move forward.

Starke - No comment.

What are your feelings on the proposed merger of the Muenster and Gainesville Hospital Districts?

Becker - It would be too expensive to maintain two districts under one license. As we learned at our last board meeting, in order to operate two hospital districts under a single hospital license, both institutions would need to continue to provide all the services of a

hospital.

Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements would remain low as they are at the present time. It is doubtful Muenster would have anything to do with the planning of the new facilities.

Out taxes should remain like they are, and probably have to increase as time went on. The hospital would have to remain compliant as in the past.

There would need to be two separate boards of directors along with insurance for the boards and the districts.

These are some of the reasons I feel one district, one hospital seems to be the answer for bringing improved health care closer to home.

Grewing - I'm not sure! I hate to see Muenster lose our district. We worked too hard to better assist the people here in the past, it has brought people to live in our area also. I know we don't have many things larger hospitals have but we can assist and send if necessary. I'm not sure we as a county of 35,000 can afford a \$20,000,000 + tax bill with all the new schools going up too.

Hess - From my experience and having been honored to serve the people of the district for the past eight years, I have spent the past four years soul searching and agonizing over the merger. I have come to the conclusion that if done properly this merger is best for all of the people of the district and the county.

Starke - No comment.

Different issues are important to various people in this hospital district. Are you willing to listen to everyone and make decisions on what is best for the health and well-being of the majority? If so, how will you best do that? If not, why not, and what do you plan to do?

Becker - Yes, I am willing to listen. I understand the feeling and emotions involved with this. I have listened to anyone who wants to talk about it, and also participated in a good number of town hall meetings. Comments and concerns are helpful, some questions can be answered, others have to be looked into. The health and well being of the people is in the mind of the entire board of directors.

Grewing - Yes, I am willing to listen and study to the best of my ability and make a choice on what is best for all.

Hess - Yes, absolutely. If the majority of the voters decide they do not want the merger to go through and I am convinced of the majorities will, I represent them and will vote with them. I am and have always been open-minded. However, if the voters could have seen what I have witnessed in the last four

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Germanfest deemed a success

by Elfreda Fette

Cool weather and minimal showers merely contributed to the comfort of guests, sponsors, workers, and volunteers for the 25th annual Germanfest weekend, April 28, 29, and 30, 2000. Some surrounding areas about 100 - 200 miles distant experienced severity of weather, but here Mother Nature held off at least until late Sunday afternoon and early evening, when showers brought out slickers and umbrellas.

Smiles wreathed the faces of sponsors, workers, and volunteers Monday morning. If there was a stray tear, it came from thanksgiving and gratitude. Weariness will set in later, but after a brief respite, enthusiasm will return. Questions then will be "What can we do to improve for Germanfest 2001? How can we

make it better?" Monday morning there is a glow - an aura of justification, pride, satisfaction in a job well done!

Muenster Chamber of Commerce Secretary Margie Starke said "The Fest was a success, and we are looking forward to the 26th Fest. There were no major problems this year; everything went very well and everyone enjoyed the Fest. Many guests stopped at the Chamber of Commerce booth to compliment us on a very well run festival. One couple who had recently moved to Texas, and had attended many festivals similar to Germanfest in other states, said none could compare favorably with our Fest."

Margie Starke added "We celebrated the 25th anniversary with a Commemorative Afghan we designed and had it produced

for sale at the festival.... Attendance was good in spite of springtime weather, especially Saturday and Saturday night.... People were pleased with the entertainment on the grounds. We had many compliments. People made it a point to come to us and say so. An innovation was Nagelschlagen. It was a good addition to Germanfest.... Guests had many opportunities to be well fed. There were fifteen food booths, both inside the Main tent and encircling the grounds."

Two of the major attractions of Germanfest are the 19th Annual Metric Century Bicycle Rally and the 25th Annual Germanfest Fun Run.

The Bicycle Rally, on Saturday, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Alumni and Supporters and reported on by Duane and Mary Lin Knabe

showed the number of riders at 1,101. Start of the rally from the Community Center was delayed about 20 minutes by construction on I-35. Even so, some of the intended riders could not reach the starting point on time. Weather was good - showers had cleared before starting time. Registration of 1,101 was up and would have surpassed last year's registrations of 1,067 - even more, if not hampered by the construction on I-35.

Winners in a drawing for \$500 gift certificates sponsored by Richardson Bike Mart included John Fraser of Fairview, Elizabeth Kaufman of Eulless, and Fred Lynch of Fort Worth. Ricky Bell of Muenster won the \$1,000 gift certificate. Other prizes were presented after the race, at the Biergarten.

Extra tee-shirts will be available for sale at Duane Knabe's office and other locations to be announced. Proceeds from the Bicycle Rally benefit education at Sacred Heart School.

Duane Knabe reported that there was one accident. A biker was hit by a pick-up, on the route, and received a broken leg. He was Care-flited to an out of town hospital.

Sunday's 25th Annual Germanfest Fun Run was sponsored by Muenster Knights of Columbus Council #1459 and Supporters, and chaired by Ted Heers.

Following is his report on the 5K and 15K courses, and the winners. Starting location was on Main Street, and the finish line was on Walnut Street.

"We had a good turnout with the forecast as it was and the runners seemed to enjoy themselves." Nine hundred and seventy-five runners participated in the 5K and 15K races.

Nathael Amare, 22, clocked a 51:50 to win the 15K race.

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Ray Wiley Hubbard, Country, Folk and Blues singer, entertained at the Texas Stage on Saturday during this year's Germanfest. Photo by Dave Fette

51st annual Soil Conservation awards banquet is May 9

The 51st Annual Awards Banquet honoring outstanding conservationists in the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District will be held Tuesday, May 9 in the Silver Wings Building at the Grayson County Airport at 7:00 p.m.

Announcement was made by Banquet Planning Chairperson Carolann Corado, District Manager for the Upper Elm-Red SWCD. Clyde Hale, past director for the Upper Elm-Red SWCD will serve as the master of ceremonies, and Tom Carson of KGAF radio in Gainesville will narrate the slide show.

Those being honored are: Essay Contest, Kathryn Sepanski, Muenster; Poster Contest, Justin Hall, Denison; Zone I, D.J. Rater, Bowie; Zone II, Don MacLaughlin, Montague; Zone III, J.H. Bayer Sons Inc., Muenster; Zone IV, Randy Reiter, Era; and Zone V, Charles M. Rice, Gunter.

All Zone winners will be presented with a hand carved wooden plaque made locally by Danny Reb, and the poster and essay winners will receive cash awards. Winners will be featured in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.



Sacred Heart senior Kayla Felderhoff signed to play basketball at Kilgore College last week. Felderhoff has the record of all-time leading scorer for the Tigertettes with 2826 points and is the 10th Tigertette to go on and play at the college level. Felderhoff was named a TAPPS all-state player for three years. Kayla is pictured with Kilgore Girls Basketball Coach Scotti McClain, Sacred Heart Coach Jon LeBrasseur and her parents Kim and Kenny Felderhoff. Photo by Dave Fette

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, decisions, 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 staff 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 decimating 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 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...."

5. No, it does none of the above, because we will not be going it alone anymore. Refer to the 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.

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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

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.

Opinion/Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
Since our men are so busy and involved with the hospital issue, we gals feel it's time for us to say something. This is an open letter to Margie Felderhoff York, and though it is authored by only two, it carries a heartfelt message from many more.

Your recent announcement of pending move reverberated through our community with the same shock wave as created by the announcement of our hospital closure. The reaction was the most positive and complimentary testimonial as to what you really mean to people here. We have become so used to your and Ed's contribution in time and efforts toward the well being of our community, it is painful to contemplate your moving your business out of Muenster. But what we really fear is that in this circumstance where your work takes you out of this community, even to a neighboring town, your interest in our community and its affairs will eventually follow. It is human nature that before too long you and your entire family will disappear from our scene.

We not only have become dependent upon you in a professional capacity, but honestly look forward to seeing both you and Ed participating in and helping to fulfill our Sunday faith experience. It is not only comforting in Church, but a very special joy to see you both active wherever we go. And thus, Myra is also especially blessed. We don't know how to say it well, but we very much wish you would change your mind about moving the business. This community needs more of what you and family so freely give. We don't want to lose you.

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Dear David,
Just a few words of Thanks to those that I saw at the Germanfest this week end and mentioned that they enjoyed my Letters to the Editor. Many also expressed their enjoyment of their old hometown newspaper and especially of writer Ed Cler. So wouldn't it be a great idea if more people added their thoughts and news with "Letters to the Editor." It was a great pleasure for me visiting with the former Muensterites during the Germanfest activities.

There were a considerable number of people visiting the new Muenster Museum and especially many former citizens of Muenster and from neighboring towns. They all were very complimentary, and said that they enjoyed it. They felt it should be a great pride for the citizens of Muenster. It was especially pleasing to me to see my one remaining classmate from the second graduating class of Sacred Heart High School, Giles Lehnertz. All of the Lehnertz boys were there from Washington State, Tyler, and Gainesville. They agreed that it was a great way to display memorabilia of a person's family on a loan. They promised they would have some more interesting items to add for the museum. It was great pride to hear the compliments from the visitors. And of course we mentioned the coming new library that is due in a great part to that former citizen Norman Luke, and the many workers involved in that project. I called to their attention to be sure to go by the new park across from the Church contributed by the Alford family.

The bikes run on Saturday with 10,000 riders as reported by the Gainesville Register was a sight to see. Again there were people that were bragging of having made every one for the past many years. A new friend, Dr. Richard Chensong MD, and who is a Major in the AAF and is presently stationed at Abilene, Texas. He and his friend Shawn Parnham originally from Iran were my house guests after the run and we had an extensive interesting visit. My greetings to visitors in Germany brought out responses back in Germany, and I had to quickly excuse myself and switch to English. I discovered there were for me many new German words.

The working at the sign in for the KC pre registered fun run participants was the most enjoyment for me. Even though Denton had four events going on this week end, and the D-FW Metro area also had multiple events, there was a large turn out from that area. A high percent of them were regular returnees and said they really look forward for the event.

I would like to mention the story from the first days of Muenster, when they dedicated Muenster to St. Joseph's protection. I was watching the TV weather report during the last tornado activity so deadly to the Fort Worth Area. At one point the weather man said there was one tornado on the ground headed directly NE toward Muenster. Then shortly later, and from accounts of people to the South of Muenster, they reported that it made a turn Easterly and passed the City of Muenster. Several years back the same thing happened when it was headed from Bulcher, and again the weather TV announcer advised it was headed directly toward Muenster. Later I heard from people West of Muenster that just miles West of town it made a southerly turn! To local men, remember on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. you can join James Fleitman and many others for a special devotional to St. Joseph in Sacred Heart Church.

Auf wieder sehen. Lieben zu alles.

Ray Wilde
1012 Cherry Lane
Muenster, TX 76252

Dear Editor,
We are all aware of the recent news stories detailing the continuing threat of damage due to Texas drought. Texas is now in the midst of its third drought in four years and is entering a crisis situation since some areas have not recovered from the droughts of 1996 and 1998.

The threat of drought and concern for water quality and quantity is a fact of life in our state. Since we cannot control Mother Nature, we must realize how to minimize the damage of her wrath through planning, conservation, and awareness.

In 1997, passage of the historic Senate Bill 1, focused the attention of a great number of Texans on water planning and management. During the development and early implementation of Senate Bill 1 the following issues became apparent:

- Very few Texans understand the important role that water plays in our lives;
- Important and innovative water-related activities across Texas need to be showcased as examples for the rest of the state; and
- Long-range planning requires an informed citizenry.

The Texas Water Foundation was formed in 1998 to achieve such goals. In conjunction with Texas Water Month, the Foundation will produce a statewide calendar of events including conferences, seminars, and water celebrations hosted by various organizations. Please see the Texas Water Foundation's website at www.texaswater.org for this listing.

I strongly urge you to use your editorial page as a platform to distribute greater awareness of the future problems Texas will face with this most precious natural resource. I have attached a sheet of very interesting water facts, as well as some

conservation tips from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Please contact the Texas Water Foundation at 512-477-3876, if you need any additional information regarding Texas Water Month or the Texas Water Foundation.

Together, we can work to secure a clean, abundant water supply for future Texans.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Tom Haywood
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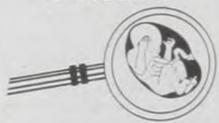
Dear Editor,
If you live in rural Texas and have not received a census form in the mail or at your doorstep, I strongly urge you to contact the U.S. Census Telephone Questionnaire Assistance number at 1-800-471-9424 to make sure you can participate in the census process. Why is this important? Because rural Texans are already outnumbered with 80 percent of the state's population living in urban areas. An accurate census count is especially critical with our Legislature undertaking redistricting of congressional and state legislative seats next year. It is essential that no one in rural Texas miss this important head count and risk losing representation in Austin and Washington, D.C. due to population growth in urban areas.

While most urban Texans have received and already filled out their census forms, others in rural areas still have yet to receive a form because they get their mail at post office boxes, rural routes, box numbers or general delivery addresses. According to the census bureau, if you live in certain rural areas, you don't "count" unless an enumerator sees you face-to-face. That may be a surprise to those of us with post office boxes who think we are still hale and hearty. Many local officials are questioning the practicality of "door-to-door" visits in some areas of the state such as Brewster, Jeff Davis, and other border counties, where homes can be few and far between. Brewster County officials have been told that enumerators will try to visit residences in the 6,129-square-mile county that is almost the size of Israel. Other rural counties are also facing similar instances of a serious undercount with entire communities still not receiving forms.

Clearly, common sense needs to be applied, and the system for canvassing rural areas must be improved when the next census rolls around. Like their urban counterparts, rural residents should be given the option and convenience of filling out a mailed form.

Susan Combs, Commissioner
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Focus on America's Future



Who have we lost?

"Water is Life-2000" theme for water month in Texas

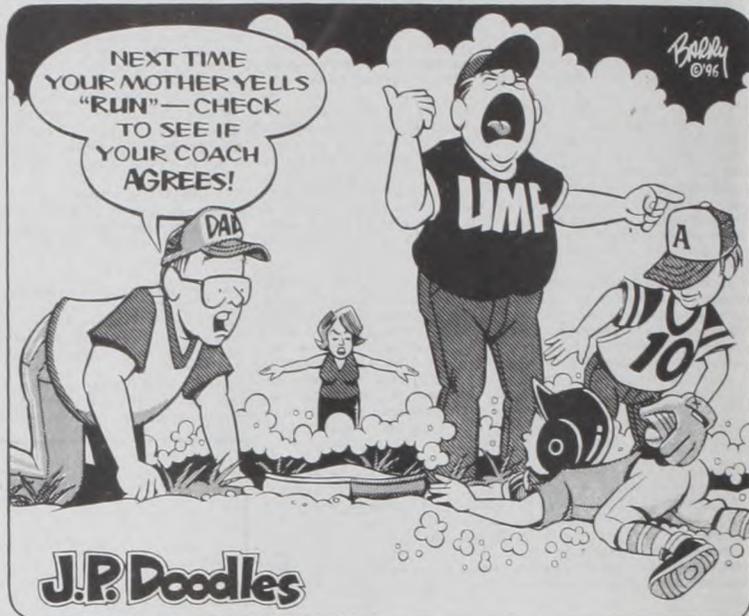
by Tom Haywood Texas Senate

A healthy human body is made up of approximately 55 percent water. Can you imagine the health risk if that was suddenly reduced by 50 percent? Don't you think you would do everything possible to try and stay healthy?

That is the same amount of water reduction projected for some areas of Texas in the next few years, unless we collectively take action to increase water planning and water conservation.

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed April 15 - May 15 as Water Month in Texas. This year, the Texas Water Foundation's theme for their water awareness program is "Water is Life-2000" This celebration focuses on the progress we have made, and the goals we must maintain in guaranteeing the greatest quality and quantity water supply for future generations.

Clean abundant water is the building block of our state's land, economy and healthy population. However Texas must overcome several hurdles when exploring water planning in the next few years. For example, the Texas population is expected to reach 33.9 million by 2030. This would represent a near doubling of the state's population from 17 million in 1990. More people will require a more efficient usage of water resources. The estimated demand for water in the state during 1990 was 15,728,939 acre feet. In 2050, it is projected to be 20,000,391 acre feet. Estimated Texas total for municipal demand for water alone in 1990 was



Important for parents to vote in school board elections

By: Norma Ebbitt

There are two topics on which the majority of Texans have little disagreement: the importance of a quality education and the impact family time has on the development of children. Yet, knowing the importance of education for our young, voter turnout for the one election that controls policy in local school districts is embarrassingly low across the state. As a parent who didn't place much importance on school board elections, after becoming active this year, I have learned that school district elections are critical to the educational quality of our schools and should be given the time and energy they deserve by me and parents across the state.

School board candidates are willing to volunteer virtually countless hours of their time each week, toward the betterment of our schools and our children. Yet, many of us find it difficult to learn the various positions candidates have on important issues and to take the five or so minutes it takes to vote.

Each candidate has unique views on key issues and it is more important now than ever to learn the beliefs of each candidate. I urge all parents to join me this year as I let my voice be heard at the polls.

The Scripps-Howard Texas Poll, conducted the summer of 1999, showed that 77 percent of Texans favor a late-August or early-September school start date. Poll results were reinforced by parents across the state that they volunteered to work on calendar committees, addressed school board members and circulated petitions requesting a later school start date. This work by parents was not done in vain. Due to their efforts, many school districts will be enjoying a later school start date this August. School board members listened to parents' concerns and understood their desire for a more traditional school year. They also understood the early-August school start date was detrimental to teachers wanting to maximize continuing education possibilities during the summer months.

Sadly, many school board members and school administrators were simply not interested in the desires of the community - some seemed to forget they are "elected" officials. Maybe they don't feel they are accountable because voter turnout is so dismal and parental involvement is lacking. Or maybe, they simply need to be replaced by those willing to do what is best for Texas families and students.

As a parent volunteer for Texans for a Traditional School Year, I know first-hand the organization received hundreds of calls from frustrated parents. These were parents who took the time to get involved and found their school board member had a closed ear to their frustrations or simply ignored their calls all together. The questions were all the same, "How can I get my school board member to call me back or to discuss this issue with me?" The solution is very simple, yet the opportunity to impact change only comes around every few years: Make your voice heard during the school board election.

There is no doubt in my mind that the time and effort I put into becoming an educated voter will be worthwhile throughout the next few years. You may consider doing what I have done. Begin by calling and asking each candidate's position on issues important to you - i.e. school calendars, social policy, discipline, teacher pay and budget. Next review voting records of those seeking re-election - does the voting record reflect the stance the school board member communicated to you? Finally, let the candidates know what issues you feel are important and that you will be watching their vote next time around.

The larger the voter turnout for school board elections, the greater impact we will have as parents on new policies and procedures.

Editor's Note:
Norma Ebbitt is the mother of two boys in the East Central Independent School District and a volunteer with Texans for a Traditional School Year. Mrs. Ebbitt and Texans for a Traditional School Year can be reached toll-free at 877-531-9011.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

In the past few days I have read a dozen different views expressed by a dozen different folks, all giving their ideas about how little Elian Gonzalez's case should have been handled.

While I think the matter should have been handled through a Florida court, I do not intend to impose my views on anyone, yet there are some things that people should consider.

Elian's father divorced Elian's mother, and married again, fathered another child, and for sometime after Elian was living in our country, no one knew he was alive.

Well, the hairy faced Castro has his own plan for Elian. But first he must have the child in his own back yard. The old boy is wily enough to take advantage of public opinion, so he calls on Elian's father to demand his son be returned to his custody - but actually into Castro's custody, as children in Cuba are considered wards of the State.

The boy's living with his father would soon end and he would be taken over by the state and sent to a school of Castro's choice, where he would be reprogrammed, even in his thinking.

Most folks say he belongs with his father, who does only what he is instructed to do, or say, while Castro holds his relatives hostage, and sends word to our Administration that he will, again, send a flood of refugees to our shores, if his demands are not met.

Anyone who has read "The Cox Report," a report of the Select Committee on U.S.A. National Security Concerns, would soon realize that people like Castro and the Peoples Republic of China (P.R.C.) seem to get what they want from Clinton, one way or another.

The P.R.C. has managed to get just about anything they need from the U.S.A. and when our investigators get close to the reasons why, Clinton determines that further information about those thefts cannot be disclosed.

Clinton seems to get along well - for his personal gains, with the Commie dictators.

Now he is having his strings pulled by Castro, so he sends his troops, in a Gestapo like raid, that has other nations comparing Clinton's tactics to those of Hitler, using force and fear to get his way.

He says he is following the law - since when has he shown respect for law, our Constitution, or Bill of Rights? Only when it suited his purpose.

The pictures taken during the raid to "save" little Elian, should let people know just how our fire arms could be taken from us, if Clinton and other liberals have their way.

Little Elian's mother gave her life trying to get her son to America where he could have a better life. She was also a parent to Elian, and it seems that her wishes should also be considered.



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.

The week of May 4-10 is the state Water Utilities Week. As you turn on the tap at the sink and water gushes forth, be thankful that you have good city employees working to make that happen. There is a city employee working 24 hours

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 Hanna 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 guitarists 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 Chrustawka, 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 Knauf. 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.

The new members have been involved in the catechumen process for adults and children. They now move into the final stage called "mystagogy" in which they reflect on the mysteries or sacraments they have received. The team who has worked with the new members includes Barbara Fuhrmann Rohmer, Lorena Taylor, Angelo Nasche, and Barbara LaChance.

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.

There are more than 300 chapters throughout the United States.

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.

JUST A THOUGHT ...

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- ★ Tender Loving Care Day Care Center/Wanda Flusche
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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 the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Guests were grandparents Anne and Neil Hesse; grandparents Joanie and Alvin Hartman; aunts, uncles, and cousins; Karen and Jack LeBrasseur of New Britain, Connecticut; Sharlene and Bob Hartman, Shannon and Dan Dainah; Rhonda and Ken Hartman and Courtney; Kristy and Dan Bezner and Betty; Ruth and Joe Felderhoff; Matt, Kaitlyn, and Sam Hesse; and friends Janette Hess and Michelle Henschel. 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 most beautiful veil worn by her mother and cousins; a bracelet worn by her mother, gift from the late great-grandparents Tony and Helen Hesse; a 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 Kalyssa; uncles, aunts and cousins Steve, Doreen, Nicholas, Laura, and Adam Taylor; Danny, Janet, and Michael Voth; 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 HENSCHDEL RYAN HENSCHDEL

Twin brothers, Chad Henschdel and Ryan Henschdel, sons of Lonnie and Valerie Henschdel, 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 Henschdel and Keith Vogel, and Ryan's godparents Stephen Vogel and Colynda Hartman. Also the twins' grandparents Bob and Eileen Vogel and Virgil and Joaline Henschdel; 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 Henschdel. A menu of fried chicken, roasted chicken, a bountiful 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 Gressett; 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 Communion 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 Freitman, 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-proud" 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 received 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 shredded 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

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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

winners to date. Adrienne was chosen from a large group of qualified applicants to represent the "best of the best." FRED and its supporters strive to promote education and development in rural areas. The Foundation's mission is to promote educational, social, and economic development in rural America and Canada. Adrienne is the daughter of Walter and Celine Bartel.



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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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 ut, 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 relays and Grace Cochran 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 advance 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 Truelsenbach	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.	

1600m Run	
Jerod Hon	JC 4:52.83
Nick Taylor	SH 5:35.90
Matt Fleitman	SH 5:40.01
High Jump	
Rusty Retz	WC 6' 4"
Pole Vault	
Patrick O'Brien	HC 11' 6"
Matt Nasche	SH 10'
Aar. Walterscheid	SH 9' 6"
Shot Put	
Kurt Thomas	AC 40' 6"
Stephen Hofbauer	SH 39' 7"
Long Jump	
Tyler Strow	HC 19' 4 3/4"
Jonathan Yosten	SH 18' 8 1/4"
Discus	
Eric Fierro	JC 118' 1 1/2"
Triple Jump	
Joseph Patterson	P 39' 6 1/4"
Jonathan Yosten	SH 39' 0"
Mike Voth	SH 35' 11 3/4"
400m Relay	
1. Harvest Christian, 45:80; 6. Sacred Heart, 47:32;	
1600m Relay	
1. Jesus Chapel, 3:38.73; 3. Sacred Heart, 3:59.38;	
POINT STANDINGS: 1. Jesus Chapel, 193; 2. Harvest Christian, 114; 3. Abilene Christian, 91; 4. Sacred Heart, 76; 5. Parkview, 75; 6. The Highlands, 13.	



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.

Muenster ends short to qualify for state track & field meet

Muenster will not be represented at the UIL State Track and Field Meet next weekend in Austin after last weekend's tough regional competition.

The Hornet mile relay finished in fourth place, with Chris York, Casey Walterscheid, Justin Fleitman, and Bryan Miller running the race.

Fleitman also finished 5th in the 110 hurdles and Miller 6th in the quarter run.

Placing for the Lady Hornets, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Kelly Felderhoff, Kari Felderhoff, and Brittany Haverkamp finished 6th in the mile relay.

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.

Sting coaches were very excited about the play of their young team. They were most impressed by the strong pitching, solid defense and timely hitting. Great pitching performances included Muenster's Mary Jane Callahan.

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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."

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 obligate 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, ag 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.

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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.

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.

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.

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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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Sealed bids should be submitted to Sacred Heart Parish, 714 North Main Street, Muenster, Texas 76252 and must be received on or before June 18, 2000. If the adjoining landowners' 15-day option to purchase property under the same price and conditions of high bid is not exercised, Parish will enter into an earnest money contract with highest bidder.
For more information, call Chuck Bartush Jr., Attorney at Law, at 940/759-2913.

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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.
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 95-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-95.
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, 97-1.00; 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., 85-90; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 80-85.
Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$700; medium frame, \$500-\$600.
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Barrows & Gilts: US #1
230-270, 42-4350; US #2, 220-280, 40-41.
Feeders (per head):
100-175 lbs., \$50-\$70; 25-90 lbs., \$18-\$45.
Boars:
Feeder, 400 or less, 32-34; Light wt., 400-500, 38-48; Med. wt., 500-600, 48-52; Heavy wt., 600-up, 52-53.
Sheep (per lb.):
300 lb.-up, 08-1050; 200-300 lbs., 12-20; Light wt., 20-25.
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 95-1.00; Light lambs: 60-90 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.
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Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$45; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$65; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$75-\$90.
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Stocker, \$50-\$60; Milk Type, \$60-\$75; Slaughter: Thin, \$30-\$35; Fat, \$40-\$45.
Billies (per head)
120 lbs-up
Breeders: \$90-\$110; Slaughter, \$80-\$90.
Boer Goats (per head)
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.

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
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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.
Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Gainesville, Texas, this 27th day of April, A.D. 2000.
Attest:
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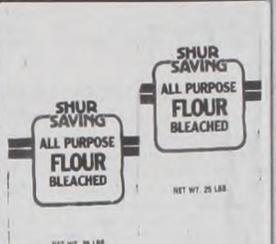


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8-10 OZ. SHURFINE CHICKEN BREAST TENDERS Nuggets or Patties **\$3.00** 2 FOR.

15 OZ. 2 CT. 9 INCH SHURFINE Pie Crust Shells **\$1.49** EA.

LAND-O-LAKE American Cheese 5 LB. **\$8.98**

64 OZ. SHURFINE Citrus Punch **99¢** EA.

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