



Shelby Aston waits for an okay from the coach before taking a swing at the ball. She is a member of the Purple tee-ball team. Photo by Janie Hartman

## Court urges caution ...

# Rain puts hold on burning and fireworks ban

by Janet Felderhoff  
Much needed rain fell on Cooke County over the weekend. As a result, Commissioners Court tabled two agenda items - instating a burn ban and adopting a resolution restricting the use of fireworks in the county.

Commissioner Virgil Hess noted that people should still use caution, especially when burning. "Even though we got some rain, there's so much dead grass on top that it'll take a while to green up," he remarked. According to Hess Precinct #4 received an average of two inches last weekend. Commissioner Phil Young agreed noting that information from the Texas Forest Service showed that this area was still in some danger of fire.

Larry Pool was hired at a special meeting held May, 26 by Commissioners Court as the Veterans Service officer in Cooke County. He requested that office hours be changed and the court approved his request. New hours beginning June 19 are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1-5 p.m.

David Tharp, constable Precinct #1, approached Commissioners to request permission to apply for a grant for the purpose of tobacco enforcement and education. He said he received the information from the Comptroller's office. It is a block grant from the State of Texas being offered to law enforcement agencies. There would be no cost to the county.

Grants range between \$2,500 and \$25,000. The amount awarded is determined by a formula using the population and the number of stores selling tobacco. Grant money must be used as stipulated including that a

certain percentage be used for tobacco law enforcement education.

Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox worried that parents would be upset if Tharp began to enforce the tobacco law too vigorously. He then expressed concern that Tharp might spend more time and money to enforce the tobacco law. Tharp responded that he was already enforcing the law, sometimes at citizens' requests. "As far as being too tough on kids - I'm not tough on kids," he said. "If they get a citation for possession of tobacco they go to the judge and the judge sets the fine or whatever is going to happen."

the road, said Evans. Even after a visit from a law officer the neighbor keeps working along the road. Evans claimed it was posing a danger because the road is narrow, tree trunks and branches fill the ditches and there is bark chips up to the road. Wood chips from the men working also cause flats, Evans noted.

"If he has a right to use the easement, everybody has the right to use their easement," noted Evans. "All I'm asking is that he be made to abide by the law. If you're going to have a law everybody should abide by the law." Judge Bill Harris explained, "You can't use any object to block traffic on the

and adopted a resolution approving the formation of the Corporation and the form of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the Corporation of the Texoma Area Solid Waste Agency. Cooke and Grayson counties, Gainesville, Sherman, and Denison have formed the agency each is represented on the board by its county judge or mayor. They are forming the Texoma Solid Waste Authority and will be represented by the same five members.

The new authority will be a non profit agency. This will allow them to use revenue debt to construct the new waste disposal facility. The bond will be the responsibility of the authority; not the cities or counties.

Other business conducted at the June 12 Commissioners Court meeting included:

- Approval of re-zoning of 22 acre tract in the Robert D. Perry Survey in Precinct #2 from Agriculture to Highway Business.

- Approved Southwestern Bell's request to install a buried cable: beginning at the intersection of CR 402 and 403, bury cable to the north along CR 403, for approximately 2.5 miles; in Precinct #2 beginning at the intersection of FM 372 and Prairie Grove Road, bury cable to the south along the west ROW (right of way) of Prairie Grove Road, for approximately three miles; in Precinct #1 beginning at the intersection of FM 678 and CR 164, bury cable to the east along the north ROW of CR 164, for approximately two miles to the intersection of CR 109, place south east side of CR 109 to the intersection of CR 160.

- Approved request of Constable Pct. #4 Terry Murphy to appoint Tony Ward as reserve deputy. The current appointed reserve deputy can See COMMISSIONERS, pg 2

## Spring 2000 academic honorees named by North Central Texas College

Officials at North Central Texas College recently named 251 students to either the President's List or the Dean's List due to their Spring 2000 academic accomplishments.

To be eligible for placement on the President's List, a student must complete 12 or more college credit hours with a final grade point average of 4.0 for the semester. According to NCTC Director of Admissions Condoa Parrent, 88 students from throughout the region earned this honor.

To meet criteria for Dean's List recognition, students must complete 12 or more college credit hours with a final grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 for the semester. Parrent said 163 students were acknowledged for this achievement.

Students named to the Spring 2000 "President's List" at North Central Texas College included: Misty Knabe of Burleson; Amy Hoberer, Rachel Laster, and Amy Sandmann of Gainesville; Joseph Wilson of Lindsay; Kristin Dickerson, Christy Drachenberg, Shirley Hoofard, James Poole, and Aaron Sicking of Muenster.

Students named to the Spring 2000 "Dean's List" at North Central Texas College included: Amanda Hellinger, Stacey Hogan, Corey Neu, and Leah Rimmer of Gainesville; Melissa Alexander, Richie Alfrey, Brandy England, and Jamie Zwinggi of Lindsay; and Jill Hess, Shirley Hess, Michelle Landers, and Darlene Williams of Muenster.

**Be a Part of the Big Occasion**  
EVERYONE is encouraged to attend official groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Muenster Public Library. Norman Luke and J.W. Bullion of the Meadows Foundation, major donors to the library, will attend.  
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Tharp related that he started chewing tobacco when he was 11 years old and now wishes he'd never done it. "It's a problem," he noted. "If it wasn't a problem, there wouldn't be a state law. Statistics have shown that there are more teenagers and kids using tobacco products than ever before in the United States. We know the health risks of tobacco."

Some of the kids aren't getting the guidance needed at home, Tharp remarked. Commissioner Phil Young added that parents don't know what their kids are doing once they leave home.

Money is already being spent to enforce the tobacco laws, Tharp reminded the Commissioners Court. The grant is a straight grant and will not cost the county any additional money. His request was approved 5-0.

Jimmie Evans who resides off County Road 161 is looking to Commissioners Court for help with a neighbor who Evans said is doing business from the roadside. About six months ago Evans said his neighbor began operating a bark chip business in his yard.

He dumped a big load of wood, piling it on both sides of

road. You can park on the road in front of your house as long as it doesn't interfere with the traffic. You can use the ditches for anything that doesn't impede the flow of water. The county has to maintain them, so you can't fence them. You can't construct anything or put a building on them."

Young asked the Judge to draw up a letter to the person in question informing him of what he could and couldn't do. Young said he'd deliver it. The Judge asked for a picture of the situation since he hadn't seen it, then he'd write a letter.

Commissioners approved of



Dos Amigos Mexican Restaurant held a grand opening Monday on East Highway 82 in Muenster. Silviano Vega and his staff offer a very large menu for Mexican food lovers. They are open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Part of the staff are pictured above, from left, Silviano Vega, Salome Vega, Juana Mendoza, Maria Puente, Maria Duran, Viviana Barrientos and Valente Vega. This is their second restaurant. Vega also owns Dos Amigos in Sanger. Photo by Dave Fette



Assistant Director Melanie Hesse and Director Darren Baucum of the ABBA Women's Center spoke at the Chamber breakfast meeting. Photo by Dave Fette

## Tigerette Hess signs with Letourneau University

Sarah Hess has signed a letter of intent to Letourneau University in Marshall. The multi-sport athlete Hess plans to play basketball and softball for the Christian University. "I expect Sarah to step in next season and make a big impact on the basketball and softball programs," said Tigerette basketball coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Sarah is a very gifted athlete and Letourneau is blessed to get her."

Hess ends her Tigerette career as a member of three state championships this past year. Hess was named to the TAPPS 2nd team all state basketball squad, won the shot and discus at the TAPPS State Track and Field Meet, and led her first year Tigerette softball program to the TAPPS title.

"We are very excited that Sarah has chosen Letourneau University," said basketball coach Mary Ann Ottwell. "She will be big asset to our basketball and softball programs and also to the University."

Hess is a 2000 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and the daughter of Bob and Janette Hess.

## Chamber seeks remedy for budget shortfall

by Dave Fette  
"We're going to be about \$10,000 to \$12,000 short of our annual operating budget for the Chamber of Commerce," Executive Secretary Margie Starke reported at Wednesday's breakfast meeting at the Center. Chamber President Dan Hamric asked for some extra effort on fund-raisers to help make up the difference. Starke added they still have 74 25th Anniversary Germanfest afghans to sell at \$39.95, that would sure help make up the deficit.

Guest speakers for the meeting were new director, Darren Baucum, and assistant director, Melanie Hesse, of the ABBA Women's Center in Gainesville. Baucum and Hesse took the jobs on May 1. Former director Jeanne Greathouse resigned on May 15. Baucum and Hesse talked about the Women's Center's objective to intervene in problem pregnancies and help new mothers and families.

They described future plans to develop a free medical clinic to confirm pregnancies and offer sonograms. Watch for a story on Baucum, Hesse, Greathouse, and ABBA in a future Muenster Enterprise.

- Other items included: • New Muenster ISD Superintendent Clyde Steelman and his wife, Julie, were introduced.

- Gary Fisher and Robert Weinzapfel talked about the new Muenster Economic Development Group and efforts to find an industry to occupy the former Valente building. Plans include a Muenster promotion program.

- President Hamric reported briefly about plans at Turtle Hill Golf Course to build a conference center and cabins.
- Jewel Otto reminded everyone to attend the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new public library Saturday, 11:00 a.m. The Muenster Antique Mall will officially open with ribbon cutting Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

## Training offered to volunteers helping sexual assault victims

Sexual assault affects all of us, no matter our age, gender, or socioeconomic status.

Cooke County Friends of the Family (CCFF) has set dates for its Sexual Assault Advocacy, and Intervention Training Program. This free training is available to everyone, male and female, who are interested in volunteering for CCFF.

The dates are June 24, July 8 and 22, and August 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The training will be held at Hillcrest Church of Christ fellowship hall, located at 1712 O'Neal St. in Gainesville. The group will be taking trips to the Emergency

Room, Gainesville Police Department, Sheriff Office, and the Courthouse.

Victim Advocates (Hotline Peer Counselors, Court Accompanists) learn how to advocate and support victims of violent crime, family violence, and sexual assault. Learn about victim accompaniment through the medical, law enforcement and legal system and about victim transportation. Learn skills involving communication, active listening, problem solving and peer counseling.

Client Mentors learn how to help CCFF clients receive

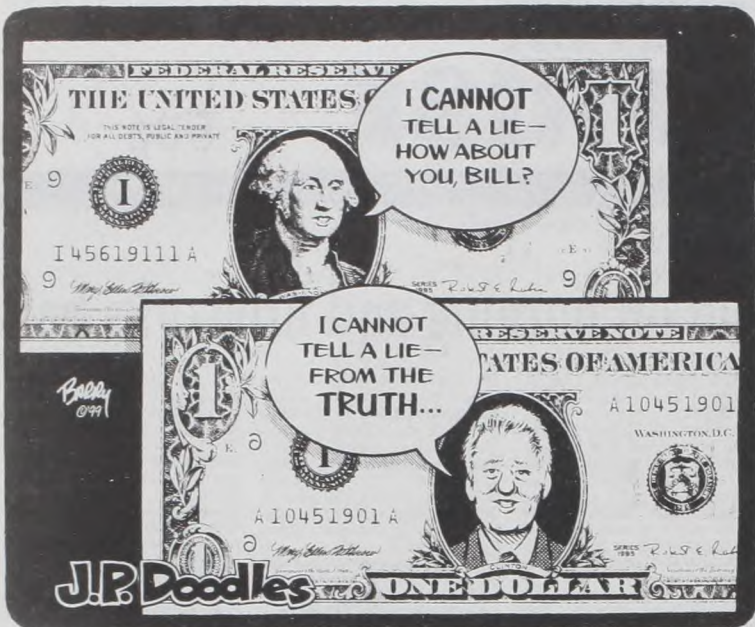
services in a timely manner by providing peer support during and immediately following the crisis of criminal victimizations.

Remember, the investment you make as a volunteer at Cooke County Friends of the Family can become a permanent difference in the life of a survivor of sexual assault - child, teen, or adult.

To register for the training, directions to the training site, or more information, please contact Shirlee Martindale, the Education and Volunteer Director of Cooke County Friends of the Family at 940-665-2873.



# Letters to the Editor



**Dear Editor,**  
 Congratulations and Thank You Cooke County! Over \$128,000 was raised at the 5th Annual Cooke County Relay For Life June 2 and 3, 2000. Although Mother Nature did not cooperate, 40 teams participated in this 24-hour event. The fact that a majority

of the teams had walkers on the track at 3:00 in the morning, in the rain, is proof of their caring and dedication to the efforts of the American Cancer Society in wiping out cancer. We sincerely thank the walkers, the 100+ volunteers, committee members,

underwriters, all cancer survivors who give us hope daily, and all those who generously gave on behalf of the Cooke County Relay For Life.  
 Rita Bayer  
 Christine Beaulieu Weinzapfel  
 Relay For Life 2000 Co-Chairs

**Dear Editor,**  
 I have been following with keen interest the letters following the Easter message by Tom Hess. I too was raised during a time in which Catholicism was somewhat legalistic. True, the message of Jesus was presented, but the commandments and precepts of the church were emphasized. We were also taught about mortal and venial sin and how mortal sin could deprive a person of heaven. And it didn't seem too difficult to commit such a sin. In college I was fortunate to be part of the charismatic renewal in the Catholic Church. I joined a small prayer group and had the experience of being "baptized in the Spirit." I received the gift of tongues, but most importantly, it was an experience of God's presence and unconditional love! I had always had a relationship with Jesus but he became an intimate friend. The Scriptures came alive, and I read the New Testament in three months. The sacraments became encounters with the

living Christ, especially the Eucharist. No longer did I feel like I had to grit my teeth and do all the things Jesus said I should do like forgiving those who hurt me. Now I wanted to follow Jesus unreservedly because I had experienced the depth of his unconditional love. The Holy Spirit began to show me how I needed to forgive others who had hurt me. And again, it was the Spirit who enabled me to do so. Yes, salvation is an undeserved gift that we cannot earn by doing good works. But after being transformed by the Spirit our good works should flow naturally. I think that the dialogue and discussion prompted by the letters to the editor has been good. However, during this Jubilee Year, I think it is good to remember that as Christians we have more that unites us than we have that divides us. As we plumb the depths of our Catholic tradition, let us appreciate the insights and gifts of our brothers and sisters in Christ. I think this passage

from 1 John 2:1-6 is a good description of the Christian life and the relationship between faith and good works: "My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is the expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Whoever says, 'I know him,' but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him. This is the way we may know that we are in union with him: whoever claims to abide in him ought to live just as he lived." Do we live as Jesus lived? If so, our good works will flow naturally from our encounter with God's love.  
 Yours in Jesus,  
 Barbara Fuhrmann Rohmer  
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### On fatherhood

The joys of parents are secret, and so are their griefs and fears.

Francis Bacon

### On fatherhood

The words that a father speaks to his children in the privacy of home are not heard by the world, but, as in whispering galleries, they are heard clearly at the end and by posterity.

Jean Paul Richter

### On fatherhood

When I became a father, I learned that insanity in children, like radio transmission, is liveliest at night.

Bill Cosby

### COMMISSIONERS

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no longer serve. Ward is a state certified police officer and is running for the constable position.

• Adopted a resolution concerning the Texas Travel Trails Regional Program.

• Denied request of Betty Buttolph for reimbursement for her attendance at the Texas Historical Commission meeting. There aren't sufficient funds to cover the expense of more than one person. Ana B. Reed was asked to represent the county and her expenses were reimbursed.

• Approved schedule for Preliminary Budget and Departmental Hearings.

• Tabled decision on bids for a crawler loader for Precinct #2.

• Voted 5-0 in favor of joining the Preservation Texas Committee to advocate the continued support of the preservation of Texas courthouses.

• Took no action on proposal by United Tower Services for an alarm and monitoring service.

drawn to the Tabernacle when we enter the church." We must keep the Blessed Sacrament sacred and holy.

"Pilgrims often make long journeys to visit the holy house of Loretto where our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt for a time or to venerate the Sacred places in the Holy Land where He was born, where He suffered and died. But Father Avila says that among all sacred places, he knows of none more sacred or worthy of veneration than a church in which the Blessed Sacrament is preserved. It is not a place where Christ once lived and suffered, but where He is truly living and dwelling now! For this reason we should be on sacred grounds and every knee should bend to adore Him who is God."

"The Saints found no greater delight in this world than to be in the presence of the Holy Eucharist. St. Dominic went to the church a number of times every day. St. Francis Borgia seven times. St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi 33 times. At the foot of the altar they enjoy true happiness, a foretaste of heavenly bliss."

"God by an act of purest, most glowing love has given us

the adorable Sacrament of the altar.

"The Renowned Doctor of the church St. Alphonsus Liguori states, 'Disengage yourself from relations with men and henceforth spend daily at least a half or a quarter of an hour in some church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Taste and see how sweet is the Lord. Try it and you will learn from your own experience how many graces this will bring you. The time you pass devoutly before Him will prove the most meritorious for you in this life and will be the greatest consolation to you at the hour of death and for all eternity.'

Father Lukas Ethn/Linda Wimmer  
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### On fatherhood

Bringing up a family should be an adventure, not an anxious discipline in which everybody is constantly graded for performance.

Milton R. Sapirstein

St. Peter's Church Annual

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## 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, June 18, 2000 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Happy Father's Day</h3>	Monday, June 19, 2000 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8 pm	Tuesday, June 20, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Diabetes Support Group meeting, MMH, 7 pm	Wednesday, June 21, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Steer Validation for 4-H & FFA major shows, Call extension office for info	Thursday, June 22, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center BPW meeting, The Center Restaurant, 6 pm. Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm	Friday, June 23, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm	Saturday, June 24, 2000 Swim Lesson registration, 9-11 am, Muenster Pool
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Sunday, June 25, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm St. Peter's Homecoming Picnic, Lindsay Centennial Hall	Monday, June 26, 2000	Tuesday, June 27, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board meeting, 7:30 pm	Wednesday, June 28, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm	Thursday, June 29, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm	Friday, June 30, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9 pm, Muenster Pool	Saturday, July 1, 2000
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# Yvonne Martin: a model young NCTC professional

by Stephen Bonin  
NCTC Professor of English  
and  
Contributing Writer



Yvonne Martin

worked side by side with me. He listened to me. As part of the Student Council, I begged and pleaded to have the coke and snack machines reinstalled in the student lounge. We finally got it!"

Linda Ellender, homemaking and journalism teacher: "Miss Reliability, that's her. If you want a job done, call Yvonne," Martin: "She helped with my 4-H applications, activities. I enjoyed cooking and sewing classes. The journalism instruction has helped me in this job, specifically memos."

Carmen Bonin, Sacred Heart Elementary kindergarten teacher: "I remember how she would sit in the rocking chair and read to the kids with animated expression. Then, when I got back to the classroom, she would accurately report the decisions she had made to manage the class. Martin: "I loved helping out with the young children. Doing this helped me know I want to be a teacher."

Though some educators were not contacted, Martin, in the spirit of Academy Awards night gratefulness cascades, still wanted to express thanks to a few others:

Martin about Joe Caserta: "Since I moved out of my parents' home, I realize I learned how to manage my money through him. I really enjoyed the stock market competition. At a Secretary's Workshop here recently, I learned about annuities that can be built up through automatic deduction from my check. I think I'll start that."

Martin about Sister Cabrini: "She's so sweet. I could depend on her with my algebra."

Martin about Jo Bedowitz: "The stories we read junior and senior year, The Canterbury Tales, for example, I have studied here. My freshman course at NCTC I had to do a paper with citations and note cards. I made an A in English because I learned those skills with Mrs. Bedowitz."

The Thorns of a Rose Posted on Martin's desk is a poem by Mother Teresa, decorated with a delicate rose, which begins:

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.

Potential students—a fair share

of older citizens—getting started on their higher education path and current students experiencing academic or personal problems are graced with Martin's sincere small and soft-spoken, yet direct approach. These attributes show the finesse of a winner and a loser, of one who has known the glory of attaining success and the obstacles being involved with sentient beings who are affected in various ways by her triumphs. The third coupling of Mother Teresa's poem addresses a painful experience of a life-long friend who became jealous of one of Martin's victories. While a reconciliation occurred after six months, the pain of that time is evident on her normally serene face.

"If the person is a true friend, they'll be there for you," Martin attests, underscoring her faith in the capacity of friendships to weather storms.

4-H involvement, which began at third grade receives significant credit for her awareness of teamwork, of all for all. In third grade she accepted friend Cheryl Sicking's suggestion that she run for treasurer of 4-H. The other officers were 16 years old! Martin gave an effective public speech, won the office and kept it for seven years.

County Extension Agent Tammy Lively was Martin's mentor through many activities leading to the Gold Star award, including County Camp, which Martin will help direct this summer, when her now-friend/neighbor gets married. When asked to qualify Martin's growth in 4-H, Lively recited a litany of events that "tie in to what she's doing at the college": The Consumer Decision-Making Contest, Method Demonstration and Illustrated Talks, fashion and food.

Recalling Martin's consistent enthusiastic leadership, Lively said, "She's received all the Farm Bureau Award, the Danforth I Dare You Award and Gold Star, highest one can receive, and the Sandy Yarbrough scholarship. Currently she still helps out at the Concession Stand at the 4-H Livestock Show."

An anecdote in A 3rd Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul goes:

Yvonne has known her role many years. Like the father whose job was to affirm his son, she has maintained her role in life to be the reliable one.

Bobbie Owens, Special Populations Coordinator in the Counseling Center, noticed several years ago Yvonne's dexterity handling the phone, the people coming in, the reminding of Counseling Center staff of appointments. One day when Yvonne was sitting at the front desk she asked her: "So Yvonne, tell me, how many office jobs have you had?"

"This is the first," came the matter-of-fact answer.

Talk about drop-your-jaw time. That was when she was a student worker. Now she is secretary.

Yes. Yvonne Martin's role in life is to be the ready one, the reliable one.

# Hall joins majority in repealing estate tax

Rep. Ralph Hall joined a majority in the House of Representatives recently in passing legislation that will phase out the federal estate tax over the next 10 years. Hall, a longtime supporter of legislation that would repeal the "death tax," was a cosponsor of the bill.

This phase-out will bring

relief to our family farms, small businesses and other family-owned businesses that often are forced out of business as a result of having to pay the "death tax," Hall said. "This is not the federal government's money - it belongs to those who have worked hard to build up their savings and their businesses to help ensure their

family's well-being. The estate tax is a punitive tax that places an unfair burden on hard-working Americans, and I'm pleased that we've made progress toward our goal of repealing it altogether."

The bill gradually lowers the estate tax rate over 10 years until it is finally eliminated, with most of the reduction coming in the second 5 years.

# Almons' attend Merle Norman convention in Dallas in May

Wanda and Harold Almon, owners of the Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio located in the Gainesville Shopping Center, recently traveled to Dallas to attend the 69th Annual Merle Norman Convention. Held May 28 through May 31 at Wyndham Anatole Hotel, the convention was attended by more than 1,400 delegates.

The convention offered studio owners a variety of seminars that focused on the latest trends in skin care and color cosmetics. Also introduced were the Fall 2000 Color Collection, "Paris When It Sizzles," and Holiday 2000 Color Collection, "Be Dazzled" with suggestions and application tips on how to use the products in the collections.

Advanced skin care technology was addressed with the introduction and development of a new Merle Norman skin care treatment

called LUXIVA Changing Skin Treatment, specifically created to address cosmetic signs of hormonal changes on skin. In addition, two shine control products specifically formulated for oily skin were introduced, LUXIVA Shine Control Hydrator and LUXIVA Shine Control Lotion.

The studio owners also had the opportunity to attend other seminars and workshops that included "Plan Your Flight and Fly Your Plan" competitive edge seminar, by Dr. Janet Lapp, noted author and business consultant; and "Makeover Magic" by award-winning Hollywood Makeup Artist Robin Neal-Luce. Denise McCommins, corporate image consultant, held a "Fashion, Figures, and Fun" workshop.

The Almons also participated in social activities

during the convention, including a welcome reception and the final banquet. The final banquet included dinner and a show from well-known entertainers Fred Travalena and Louise DuArt.

Founded in Los Angeles over 70 years ago, Merle Norman Cosmetics has approximately 2,000 independently owned and operated cosmetic studios throughout the United States and Canada. Exclusive distributors of Merle Norman cosmetics products, these studios offer specialized, personal services, superior quality products and free makeovers to all customers. For more information, call 665-1321.

Wanda and Harold are excited to announce that Jo Sparkman and Christine Jordan of Lindsay will soon join them at Merle Norman as beauty advisors.

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# Texas State Aquarium features Seahorse Seatopia

Myth becomes reality as visitors enter a mesmerizing aquatic haven at the Texas State Aquarium (TSA) to see seahorses - exotic nymphs of the sea - performing their watery dance! Since Memorial

Day Weekend 2000, guests have the opportunity to dive into their imagination and experience TSA's brand-new exhibit: Seahorse Seatopia. The mystifying world of the seahorse will be revealed, as

visitors meet eye-to-eye with the fishes that have some very "unfish-like" features! With the head of a horse, eyes like a chameleon, a pouch like a kangaroo, a tail like a monkey...and males that give birth, seahorses have captured the imagination of all ages for centuries. Visitors at the Texas State Aquarium can now discover the beauty and the secrets of these fascinating fishes in the land of Seahorse Seatopia, presented in part by H-E-B.

Seahorse Seatopia brings to life a wide variety of seahorse habitats. It is a magical journey waiting to be discovered! Through this vivid presentation of seahorses and their relatives, the Aquarium hopes to educate visitors about the mission of seahorse conservation in the Gulf of Mexico and waters throughout the world.

The Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi is dedicated to providing quality programs about aquatic animals and habitats of the Gulf of Mexico through education, conservation, and rehabilitation. It is a fun, entertaining undersea journey that keeps the wonder alive!

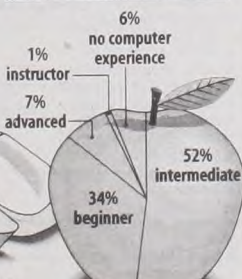
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**Computer skills of Texas teachers in 1999:**

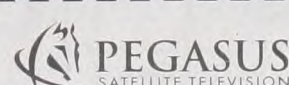

- 6% no computer experience
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# Lifestyle

## Ed and Ginny Schneider celebrate golden wedding

by Elfreda Fette

Celebrating 50 years of marriage with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m., Ed and Ginny Schneider had the added pleasure of being surrounded by their children and spouses, grandchildren, wedding attendants, relatives, and a host of friends.

Father Thomas Craig was Mass celebrant. Altar servers were Chad and Brad Endres, nephews, and Kyle Caldwell.

Music ministers were Diane Grewing, Jim Endres, Christi Klement, Doug Yosten, and Linda Flusche. They presented sacred songs, including "We Remember" for Entrance, "One Bread, One Body," for Offertory, "Only A Shadow," "Wherever You Go," and "Edelweiss Blessing" at Communion, and "How Great Thou Art" for Recessional.

After the homily, Deb Schneider, a daughter narrated an Offertory procession in which grandchildren carried various items that represented the interests and talents of the honor couple. These grandchildren included Chloe, Claire, Eric, Doug, and Ryan Schneider; Katy and Christina Cloud; Brad and Trey McDonald; Jessica Pegg; Ja Lynn Reutsch and Sabrina Harding; Ashley Klement and Aaron Klement; and Jenny Schneider.

Three sons of the honorees, Don, John, and Tim presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar.

After Communion, Father Tom presented the traditional marriage blessing to the fiftieth anniversary couple, and thanked them for their contribution to community and parish.

Trey McDonald concluded the service by singing "Gloria Be" in German in acappella.

Later in the evening, a barbecue dinner followed, in the backyard of the Schneider home, hosted by their children: Don and Shawna Schneider, John Schneider; Pam McDonald; Deb and Claude Klement; Sandy Harding; Wanda and Ricky Cloud; Tim and Kristi Schneider.

A fun game of Schneider/Walterscheid Trivia was played. It covered questions relating to the history of Ed and Ginny's life before marriage, during their courtship, and the years following their marriage. Singing of Karaoke closed the evening.

On Sunday, June 4 a noon dinner was again hosted by children of the honorees, in Sacred Heart Community Center. Presiding at the reception guest book table were grandchildren Kristina Cloud, and Chloe Schneider.

The original wedding dress was on display, as well as a collection of family photos. The two-tiered anniversary cake held a 50th golden topper. Two chocolate cakes were topped with yellow rose buds. Both

were made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Reception assistants were all of the granddaughters.

Recognitions were made during an informal family time. Don Schneider read a brief history. He related that Ed Schneider was born on Dec. 26, 1925 to William and Mary Schneider in Subiaco, Arkansas; graduated from

coveralls, while grinding plow discs at her dad's machine shop. This courtship lasted for three years. On Valentine's Day, 1950, they went to a dance at the B 29 Club across the river, in Ed's 1929 Model T and Ed proposed to Ginny. They were married on Monday, May 29, 1950. Their wedding trip took them to New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and

retirement they are avid golfers, campers, fishermen. What A Wonderful Life!

Family pictures were made, followed by an Open House at the Sacred Heart Community Center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Friends came to visit and offer good wishes and view the displays. Many reminisced about the wedding day on May 29, 1950 when in a Nuptial High Mass at 8:30 a.m., officiated by Fr. Anthony Schroeder, Ed and Ginny were married at the altar in the old parish hall. The new church was under construction.

The bride wore a white gown of springanza over faille taffeta, designed with a yoke and high round collar of imported Chantilly lace, with fitted bodice and long slim sleeves. The extremely full skirt formed a cathedral train.

Her fingertip illusion veil was held by two dainty clusters of bridal white orange-blossom flowers. She carried an orchid, split-carnations, and forget-me-nots on top of a white prayer book.

She carried a rosary belonging to the groom's mother; a white silk handkerchief borrowed from Bernice Henscheid; and a sixpence in her shoe.

Dorothy Walterscheid, bride's sister was maid of honor, attired in a gown of heavenly blue marquisette over faille taffeta. She wore a matching picture hat, and brief gloves, and carried a bouquet of white carnations and larkspur. Wilfred Schneider of Fort Smith, Arkansas, groom's brother was best man.

A brunch followed in the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wimmer. An informal reception followed at the home of the bride's parents; they also hosted a 6:00 p.m. dinner in the parish hall. A dance followed at Danceland 77. The couple departed from there.

A large number of friends and relatives attended the golden anniversary Mass and celebration on Saturday and Sunday including 41 relatives and friends from Subiaco. Others came from Hereford, Scottsville, Tyler, Irving, Texas, and Paul's Valley, Greenwood, Fort Smith, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Haughton, Louisiana.



Ginny and Ed Schneider  
..... on their wedding day, May 29, 1950

Subiaco Academy in 1944; with an academy classmate, George Swirczynski, they began to hitch hike to Muenster; reached Fort Smith, Arkansas; bought a bus ticket to McAlester, Oklahoma and a train ticket to Denison. Once back in Texas, a Camp Howze bus brought them to Gainesville. Ed's first jobs in Muenster were hauling hay for Urban Endres and working at the Gulf Station for Ollie Horn. Ed asked Leo Sicking if there was a place for him at Cooke County Electric Co-op. Leo called him, so on August 5, 1945 Ed showed up for his first day of a long successful career.

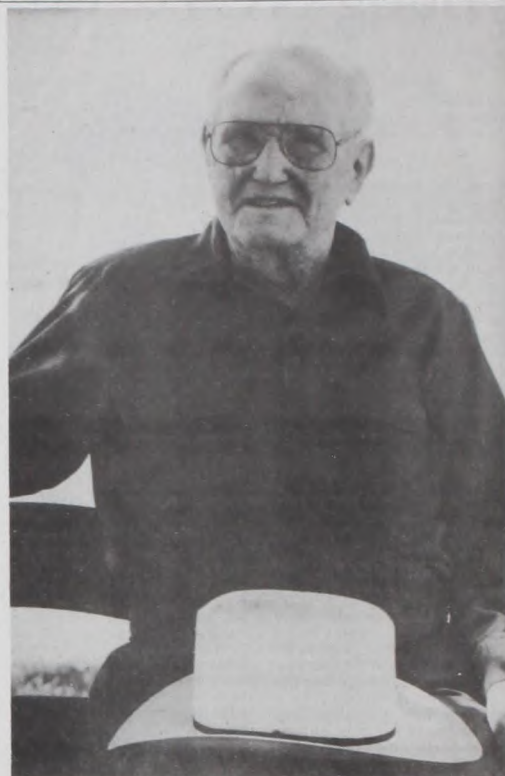
Virginia "Ginny" Walterscheid was born on Feb. 27, 1931 to Al and Catherine Walterscheid. In High school she worked as a "popcorn girl" at the Relax Theatre on Main Street. Ed tells the story that he bought his first new suit for \$35 from Lou Wolf, the barber. He showed it to Ginny; she "modeled" it and he thought she "looked cute." He also thought she "looked cute" in

Arkansas. Their first children were twins Don and Ron, born prematurely. When Ron was 21 days old he passed away as an angel.

Ed and Ginny moved their growing family from Main Street to Third Street to Maple Street. Ginny stayed home as a wife and mother until 1959 when she went to work for her brothers, Willie and Boobie. In 1966 she began a 32 year career as a loyal, dedicated, and much beloved receptionist at the office of Dr. Martin Kralicke, M.D.

As the children entered high school, Ginny's love for cooking led her to prepare a meal for the entire Hornet football team after every game. Slowly this snowballed into preparing and catering dinners for the Knights of Columbus, Volunteer Fire Members, weddings, serving anywhere from 100 to 700 guests.

Their joy increased for Ed and Ginny with the arrival of the first of 16 grandchildren (they are close to the 17th). In



J. R. Dangelmayr

## J.R. Dangelmayr celebrates 100th birthday at KC Hall

Mr. J.R. Dangelmayr celebrated his 100th birthday with many friends and relatives at the Knights of Columbus Hall on June 4, 2000. The hall was decorated with old photographs of family and friends and memorabilia from Mr. Dangelmayr's past. Mrs. Henry Spaeth decorated a beautiful birthday cake. The Albert Dangelmayr families provided refreshments. The

tables were decorated with bundles of wheat and oats tied with ribbons and bandanas. A display of Mr. Dangelmayr's boots was decorated with dried flowers.

Special guests included his sister, Bertha Fleitman and sister-in-law Betty Dangelmayr. Many old tales were told and wonderful memories revisited.

## Muenster Museum now to be open on Sundays starting June 25

The Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum will be open on Sundays, from 1-4 p.m. starting June 25. The Museum is also open Thursdays and

Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. Lots of new items have been added, especially the on-going military exhibit now being featured.



Six members of S.N.A.P. were honored recently at a party honoring those who have reached 90 plus years. Shown, from far left, are Pat Fisher, Joe Hoenig, Joe Wimmer, Margaret Kupper, and Sue Wieler. Also attending, but not present when the photo was made, was Elinor Wiesman. Each honoree received a gift package of favorite cheeses and sausages. Photo by Juanita Knabe

### Schedule of Meetings

A meeting of the Diabetes Support Group will be held Tuesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital Conference Room. Dr. Audrey Morrill will present "Living With The Link (Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes)." For more information, call Joan Walterscheid, RN, CDE at 940-759-2395.

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# Krahls celebrate 50 years of marriage



Christy Ann Sulak of Mansfield and Helmuth Peter Koelzer of Bedford have chosen September, 9, 2000 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Sharon and Marvin Sulak of Mansfield. Parents of the future-groom are Pauline and Wilfrid Koelzer of Muenster. The wedding will be held at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in North Richland Hills at 2:30 p.m. Attendants will be Cheryl Mochling, Michelle Sulak, Jeanette Whitley, Melissa Moller, Christina Elmer, and Lindsay Rusnak. Groom's attendants will be Ryan Sicking, Greg Hess, Robert Sulak, Ryan Gehrig, Chad Simmons, and Gus Felderhoff. The bride-elect is a graduate of Nolan High School and the University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance. She is employed by Bell Helicopter in the Finance Dept. Mr. Koelzer is a graduate of Subiaco Academy, Arkansas and Texas A&M University with a degree in AERO-Space Engineering. He is employed by Bell Helicopter as an aerospace engineer. The couple plans to reside in Hurst.

Nancy and Martin Krahl of Valley View celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary June 10 during a Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville. Rev. Gerald Cooney and Rev. Harry Fisher co-celebrated the service in which the Krahls renewed their marriage vows. The Krahls were married June 5, 1950, at St. Mary's with Rev. Peter Molloy officiating.

The couple processed into church with their seven children and their families. The children and grandchildren participated in the liturgy. Sara Krahl gave the First Reading, Jessica Krahl the Second Reading, and Emmy Schad read the petitions. Following the homily by Rev. Cooney, the Krahls renewed their marriage vows.

During the Offertory, grandchildren brought gifts representing the Krahls' 50 years of marriage as son Damian Krahl read the description of each gift. The crucifix represented the foundation of their faith, the U.S. flag their love of country. A vial of soil represented their devotion to their farm and ranch operation in Valley View. A tractor and Holstein cow represented their 34 years in the dairy business. A textbook and sporting equipment represented the importance of education. Gardening and sewing implements, a recipe book, accounting materials, and the family photo album were all representations of activities of the Krahls. The bread and wine was offered as part of the Mass.

Pam and David Fette, Linda Flusche, Gina Yosten, and Jackie Bartush, all of Muenster, provided the music for celebration. The hymn before Mass was "Wherever You Go," followed by the processional "Where There Is Love." The Offertory song was an instrumental, "Only A Shadow." Communion Songs were "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman," and the instrumental "Panis Angelicus." The recessional hymn was "All That I Can Do."

Acolytes included Nicholas Flusche, Micah Downey, and Angela and Tommy Schad, all

grandchildren of the couple. Ushers were grandsons Jacob Krahl, Eddie Schad, and Alex Krahl. Eucharistic Ministers were Lynn McKay, daughter, and Virginia Krahl, sister-in-law of the couple.

A reception and dinner followed in St. Mary's Parish Hall hosted by the couple's children. The Hermes Sisters of Lindsay served the meal to more than 100 guests. The head table was covered in gold flowers and candelabra with a

special flower arrangement. Guest tables were covered with ribbons using a theme of gold and lavender, the bride's original colors 50 years ago, as well as festive candles. Decorations were arranged by daughters-in-law Cathy and Carla Krahl.

Betty Rose Walterscheid of Muenster made the golden wedding cake and Claudia Zimmerer of Lindsay made the groom's cake. The cake was served by Alice Kendall,

Sharon Tousley, Elaine Schad, Angela Schad, and Jacqueline Flusche. Reception assistants included Jarad and Royce Krahl, Christina and Joe Otto, Lisa Clegg, and Leanne Smith.

Sons Gary and Grant Krahl served as masters of ceremony for special presentations to the couple during a program and for the readings of memory of each child. Jacqueline Flusche read a poem. Elaine Schad, Stephame Krahl, and Damian Krahl, children of the couple, presented the Krahls with a U.S. flag that had been flown over the Capitol in Washington in honor of their wedding anniversary courtesy of Congressman Ralph Hall, as well as greetings from other officials, including Governor George Bush and Bishop Joseph Delaney of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Jessica Krahl, Franchesca Adams, Brenda and Phillip Flusche presented special songs for the occasion. The evening was completed by a special toast and tribute by Charlie Kammerdiener Jr. of Hope, Arkansas, Mrs. Krahl's brother, who served as the couple's best man 50 years ago.

The Krahls' children and their families include: Lynn and Stan McKay and daughter Micah of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Gary and Cathy Krahl and children Alex, Sara, Jarad, and Royce of Callisburg; Elaine and E.J. Schad and children Eddie, Emmy, Tommy and Angela of Valley View; Grant and Carla Krahl and children Jeremy, Jacob and Jessica of Gainesville; Brenda and Phillip Flusche and children Jacqueline, Nicholas, Adria, Kevin, Zachary, and Kendra of Muenster; Stephanie Krahl of Euless; Damian and Lucy Krahl and children Lucinda, Travis, and Louis of Lindsay.

Special guest was Mrs. Krahl's mother, Ethel Kammerdiener of Gainesville. Out-of-town guests included Richard and Evelyn Krahl of Scotland; James and Joan Lutkenhaus of Dallas; Robert Kammerdiener of Arlington; Roger and Debbie Krahl of Whitesboro; and George and Anna Mae Veitenheimer of Windthorst.



Martin and Nancy Krahl ..... on their wedding day, June 5, 1950

## Baptism Celebrations

### Rohmer Dangelmayr

Cousins, Megan Leigh Rohmer and Travis Anthony Dangelmayr, received the Sacrament of Baptism on June 10, 2000 in Sacred Heart Church with Father Thomas Craig presiding. Megan's parents are Greg and Melody Rohmer, and her godparents are aunt and uncle, Cheryl and Dwayne Rohmer. Travis's parents are Chris and Leslie Dangelmayr, and his godparents are aunt and uncle, Shelley Klement and Darrell Dangelmayr.

Megan wore the same christening gown and bonnet that were worn by her mother and her mother's brothers and sisters. Travis wore the same christening suit worn by his Dangelmayr cousins. Both Megan and Travis had white lace blankets that were made by their great-grandmother, Rose Klement.

Those attending the ceremony along with their parents were Megan's sisters, Lauren and Adrien and Travis's sister Kalyn; grandparents Robert G. and Gloria Klement, Agnes Rohmer, and Paul and Patsy

Dangelmayr; and great-grandparents Frank and Lucille Zimmerer and Tony and Sis Klement.

Also attending were uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends: Justin Klement; Shelley Klement; Scott, Zonya, Toby, Tori, and Tressa Klement; Darrell and Amy Dangelmayr; Mike, Kerri, Rashae, Garrett, and Kagen Dangelmayr; Ron, Karen, Amanda, Shelby, and Cassie Dangelmayr; Dwayne, Cheryl, John, and Christina Rohmer; Tom, Lora, Darren, Ryan, and Garrett Hennigan; Jennifer Sicking; Jeff Flusche; Allison Andres; and Brent Foster.

After the ceremony, Megan's and Travis's parents hosted a barbecue dinner at Megan's home.

### On fatherhood

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass. We're raising boys." Dad would reply.

Harmon Killebrew

## St. Richards Villa honors National Nurses Aide Week

St. Richards Villa celebrated National Nurses Aide Week June 5 through 9. The Nurses Aides were given key chains and buttons in their honor. Cake and punch were provided by the Villa.

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### On fatherhood

I don't want to be a pal, I want to be a father.

Clifton Fadiman

## Retha Bond schedules workshop at Sepapu

Retha Bond of Gainesville will conduct a 4 day workshop in New Mexico at the Sepapu Summer and Ski Lodge, as she has for the past several summers. Classes will be held on Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., June 26-29.

Students will learn water techniques each morning; bring a lunch to eat beside a beautiful stream. Afternoons will include a field trip to paint

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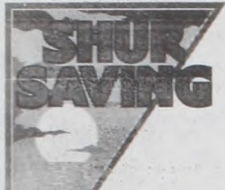
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St. Peter's First Communion Class of 2000

## Dolly McKinney to celebrate one hundredth birthday on June 18 with 2 birthday parties

Spunk! That is one way of describing this 87 pounder who is soon to be one hundred years old. Dolly McKinney is a delight to all that meet her. A young twenty-year-old recently proclaimed that if she were like this little lady, she wouldn't mind getting old.

Dolly Harris McKinney was born on June 18, 1900 just outside Saint Jo. It would seem that she has been a joy and inspiration to others all her life. While a young girl she helped with her six brothers and sisters. When her parents became ill, she cared for them. In the twenties, she taught a generation of rural children in one and two-room schoolhouse in Cooke and Montague counties. Dolly served as a caseworker for the Texas Relief Commission during the hard times of the thirties. During W.W.II she moved to Fort Worth, working in the

engineering drafting department of General Dynamics, to help with the war movement. She then worked in civil service until she retired. She helped care for her sister's children until she married H.D. McKinney in 1955. After his death in 1979, Dolly Harris McKinney moved back "home" to be near her sisters in the Illinois Bend community, north of Saint Jo. She quickly became active in the Saint Jo Church of Christ and the Illinois Bend community. She continued to do "good deeds" including visiting her former students and other "old folks" in nursing homes.

Dolly presently lives at the Saint Jo Nursing home. There she continues to be active. She reads her Bible and her newspaper daily (paying close attention to the stock market). She does tatting, plays cards, and works puzzles to stay mentally active. Dolly goes to

church every chance she gets. This Christian lady is an inspiration to all. She has a positive attitude and sunny disposition. She enjoys people, having smiles for all, judging none. Dolly is always willing to travel to new places and try new things. That is why she is so special. Her life reflects her attitude that when you are looking for good things to happen, if you just look around, you'll discover they were happening all along.

Dolly McKinney will have two birthday parties this week. The Saint Jo Nursing Home will host one on Friday, June 16 from 2:00 until 4:00. On Sunday, June 18, the Church of Christ of Saint Jo will have a party for Dolly from 2:00 until 4:00 in the church annex. Dolly invites the community to come to either or both and help her celebrate a century of good time.

submitted by J. Sneed

## Twenty-one children at St. Peter's in Lindsay receive First Holy Communion on May 7

Twenty-one children of St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay received First Holy Communion, celebrating the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist on May 7, 2000. Father Sebastian Beshoner OSB officiated at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Theme of this year's Mass was "All Good Gifts Come From God." A banner, designed and painted by teacher Amy Hoberer, hung beside the main altar.

Entrance procession gifts and gift bearers were: bread and grapes, Austin Reiter; Crucifix, Wesley Morrison; flower Kelli Reed; baptismal candles Matt and Mitch Dieter.

Liturgical Readings were given by John Block, Josh Hess, and Shirley Hess. Prayers of the Faithful and Offertory intentions were read by Cammi Neu, James Kelly, Adam Krebs, Katie Dieter, and Dax Fleitman.

Offering gifts of bread and wine were brought forward by Dillon Hanson, Danielle Boren, Katy Neu, Jessica Luttmer, Greg Luttmer, and Haley Haverkamp.

Receiving the Sign of Peace from Father Sebastian, and then offering it to their classmates and the rest of the congregation were Cammi Neu and Austin Reiter. Before and

after Communion, special prayers were said by the First Communicants, led by Ryan Kendall and Colton Hermes. At the closing, the First Communicants gathered at the altar to sing "Signs of New Life."

Eucharistic Ministers for this special Mass were Carol Luttmer, Alice Kendall, Melinda Dieter, Beth Kelly, Rudy Dieter, and Leon Fleitman. Altar servers were Danny Kendall, Joey Block, Julie Hanson, and Randi Reed.

Teachers of this year's First Holy Communion class were Pam Hoberer and Amy Hoberer.

## Muller-Herr-Stelzer reunion held June 4

The Muller-Herr-Stelzer reunion held in Muenster City Park on Sunday, June 4 was attended by more than 125 relatives. They came from Post, Mineral Wells, Fort Worth, Euless, Bedford, Joshua, Denison, Gainesville, Watauga, and Sherman, Texas, and included Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nachman of Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stelzer of California. Visiting, reminiscing, picture taking, and a wonderful covered dish dinner with meats provided and prepared by the Stelzers and Emmett Walterscheid were highlights of the day.

## Request for MHMR Services of Texoma Board of Trustee applicants

Cooke County will be appointing a member of the Board of Trustees for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services of Texoma for a two year term beginning September 1, 2000. Board members are eligible to serve consecutive re-appointment terms. Persons residing in the Cooke County who are interested in serving on this important board should request an application from: Executive Director, MHMR Services of Texoma, 5001 Airport Drive, Denison, TX, telephone 903-786-4805, or County Judge's Office at The Honorable Belvin Harris, Cooke County Courthouse, Gainesville, TX - 76240, telephone 940-668-5435.

Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services of Texoma actively seeks trustee representation from consumers or family members of the types of services offered by the center. The center also seeks membership that is reflective of cultural demographics of its service area.

## Glen Dangelmayr is honor graduate

Glen Joseph Dangelmayr graduated with honors from Texas State Technical College in Waco on May 19, with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electrical/Computerized Control Systems Robotics with Electrical Systems Specialization. The Spring Commencement was held at the Ferrell Center in Waco.

Attending the commencement were his parents, Joe and Pam Dangelmayr; family members Kelly and Josh McCoy, Debra and Adam Dangelmayr; his

grandfather Herman Stoffels; aunts June Bartush and Donna Simmons; and DeeDee Walterscheid.

Glen is a 1997 graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Muenster. He completed a year of general studies at the University of Texas at Arlington prior to enrolling at TSTC. While attending TSTC, Glen was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. Currently he is employed by Circuit Breaker Sales Co., Inc. in Gainesville.



Glen Dangelmayr

## New Arrivals

### Boles

Charles and Ann Boles of Whitewright announce with great joy the birth of a son Andrew Joseph Boles in Wilson and Jones Hospital, on May 12, 2000, weighing 3 lbs, 7 oz. and measuring 17 inch long.

He joins siblings Adam and Teresa. Grandmother is Helen Yosten of Muenster.

The infant was baptized on June 11 at Saint Mary's Church in Sherman, by Father Jeremy Meyers. Godparents are Mike and Teresa Boles of Waxahachie.

### Carnes

Jimmy L. and Dea M. Carnes of Muenster are parents of a daughter, Sydney Lynn Carnes, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on June 7, 2000 at 7:11 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 11.8 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Glen and Val Smith of Oak Ridge, Mark and Ruth Cler of Muenster, Lee Carnes of Grove, Oklahoma, and Martin Knabe of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are C.L. Carnes of Grove, Oklahoma, Alberta Spencer of Joplin, Missouri, Ed and Aileen Cler of Muenster, Joe and Viola Schmidkofer of Lindsay, and Marie Ford of Rosston. Catherine Schmidkofer of Muenster and Regina Flusche of Decatur are the great-great-grandmothers.

### Chism

Steve and DaLana Chism of Muenster announce the birth of a daughter in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on June 10, 2000 at 12:40 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. She joins a brother, Sean Chism, age 5. Grandparents are Marlene and Giles Walterscheid of Muenster; Judy and Charlie Taylor of Lake Kiowa, and Danny and Amanda Chism of Waurika, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Tony and Sis Klement of Muenster, Augusta Walterscheid of Muenster, Jessie Taylor of Wichita Falls, and Sonny and Dee Cole of Saint Jo.

The bill retains current law, which exempts \$675,000 from estate taxes, increasing to \$1 million by 2006.

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**On fatherhood**  
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**On fatherhood**  
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**Thank You!**  
J.R. Dangelmayr and the Dangelmayr Family would like to thank all those who attended Mr. Dangelmayr's 100th birthday celebration on June 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.  
Mr. Dangelmayr would especially like to thank everyone who brought or sent birthday cards in honor of this special day.  
100 years contains a lot of memories, but the most precious memories are those of family and friends sharing with you.  
**Thank You!**

## Collin turns three



Collin Pagel

Collin Pagel, son of Renate and Jacob Pagel, celebrated his third birthday in his home on Sunday, May 21. His actual birthdate was May 20.

The party theme was Sesame Street. The big bird cake was baked and decorated by Collin's grandmother, Tommie Sue Hess. Collin gave balloons to all of his guests.

Guests included his parents; sisters Kelsey and Miranda; brother Derek; grandparents Pat and Tommie Sue Hess; aunts, uncles, cousins and friends Jill and Alaina Reiter; Dustin Wimmer; Stuart Hess; Annie Wheeler; Denise and Nicole Pagel; Glenda Russell; Marlene, Kelly, and Sandy Endres; Lisa and Macie Pagel; and Lisa, Kailob, Taylor, and Garrett Miller.

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# School News

## Sacred Heart 8th grade graduates May 31

Sacred Heart School 8th Grade class of 2000 celebrated graduation during a Mass held Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. celebrated by Father Tom Craig.

Prior to Mass, 8th grader, Jake Figallo on guitar, along with Jack White and Stephen Bonin, played "Light of the World." Organist was Ruth Felderhoff. Playing trumpets were Ronald and Tina Weinzapfel.

Mass servers Mark Gehrig, Nolan Hartman, and Kristina Koesler, and Father Tom and the graduates processed into church to "Ode To Joy." The girls carried long-stem white roses with midnight blue ribbons, while the boys wore white rose boutonnières on their jackets. The pews were marked with white roses and silver and midnight blue ribbons.

The first reading from Jeremiah was read by Amy Trevino. The Responsorial psalm "The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation, of Whom Should I Be Afraid" was led by Lisa Endres, Kimberly Hess, and Kate Sepanski. The Second Reading from Timothy was read by Laura Taylor.

The Prayers of the Faithful were read by Cindy Hartman and Tony Koesler. Andrea Bonin and Zach Barnhill presented the Offertory gifts. The song for the presentation of the gifts was "What You Hear in the Dark." The Communion song was "Companions on the Journey."

Serving as Eucharistic Ministers were Frances Bayer, Joan Hartman, Regina Pels, Imelda Rohmer, Bob and Linda Sepanski, Sara Sepanski, Lorena Taylor, Ronald and Tina Weinzapfel.

Following Communion Jack White and Stephen Bonin sang "Only in God" acappella as a tribute to the 8th grade class. Father Tom and Dr. Jack B. Murdock, principal awarded diplomas.

Lynn Sicking read a tribute to parents. Then the class proceeded to the altar where they performed motions to "Music of My Heart" by Gloria Estefan and NSync.

The class formed a receiving line outside of church where family and friends gave their congratulations and best wishes.

Graduates and their parents, former teachers, Father Tom, and Mr. Murdock gathered at the home of Steve and Doreen Taylor for dinner and reminiscing, as the crowd viewed a video compiled of students photos to which the graduation Mass will be added. The class and their families also received a booklet with the class motto, student list, trends, remember whens, and teachers, liturgy, and student autographs.

Graduates were Zachary Barnhill, Jayna Biffle, Andrea Bonin, Lisa Endres, Jake Figallo, Karen Gehrig, Cindy Hartman, Courtney Hartman, Kimberly Hess, Noah Hess, Frank Klement, Anthony Koesler, John McCoy, Tony Moster, Kathryn Sepanski, Lynn Sicking, Adam Taylor, Laura Taylor, Amy Trevino, Ashley Walterscheid, Kevin Walterscheid, Christina Weinzapfel, Weston Wimmer.

Ms. Dorothy Bengfort, their Religion teacher assisted the class in planning the liturgy. Mrs. Annette Bayer was their home room teacher.



Sacred Heart Kindergarten Class of 2000

## Camp kindergarten was the theme of Moving On Ceremony 2000

Sacred Heart Kindergarten students celebrated the end of the school year with the traditional Moving On Ceremony. The celebration was held on May 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Mrs. Ruth Felderhoff did a beautiful job in accompanying the students in their program, which consisted of a collection of well-known camp songs and rhymes.

The opening song was a variation of "If You Are Happy And You Know It," with the last verse stating "shout first grade!" Bob Bartush and Valerie Nystrom welcomed parents, friends, and relatives through their Camp Kindergarten journey. The children followed with a medley which included "Rise and Shine" and "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" while Kelsey Reeves kept rhythm with the claves and Marbella Hernandez on the shakers.

With a clear, assertive voice, Shelby Dangelmayr shared on how special children are to parents, teachers, and most important to God. After that the children sang "Jesus Loves the Little Children." Austin Miller helped to make a smooth transition leading the children through the well-known chant of "Teddy Bear" and the very popular "John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt."

Next, the games "Hot Potato" and "Who Stole the Cookie From the Cookie Jar" brought back to the audience memories of their childhood days. Michael Davis shared the goodies he hunted for as the class sang "A-Hunting We Will Go." Following that, Quinn Sicking "led" the children to the lake to see what was there with "Oh, I went into the Water." And with much enthusiasm, Joshua Biffle shared, "I caught a fish!" Afterward, all the kindergarten boys recited the childhood poem "I Caught A Fish" and

the entire gang sang, "Three Jolly Fishermen."

Adria Flusche brought them all back to the reason they were at the camp stating in a most authoritative voice, "It's time for some serious work, friends. So let's get to it!" Quinn then asked to "Please make it fun, too." The children recited the alphabet, simple addition, and skip counting by tens. Austin Miller and Karli Anderle expressed that after such hard work they were hungry and felt like an "ol' peanut butter and jelly sandwich or some meatballs."

After singing a blessing song to the tune of "Edelweiss," the children recited "Peanut Butter and Jelly" followed by the song "On Top of Spaghetti" and "The Five Days of Kindergarten" to the tune of the "12 Days of Christmas."

Finally, they all agreed that after their camp experience they were "All ready to Move On." As in past years, the program ended with Sister Genevieve's song, "We Are Growing Up." Kelsey Reeves thanked parents, grandparents, and all of the teachers who have helped them to prepare for first grade.

Dr. Jack Murdock, principal, presented certificates to all 16 children who will move on to first grade, including: Karli Anderle, Bob Bartush, Mark Bartush, Joshua Biffle, Shelby Dangelmayr, Michael Davis, Taylor Endres, Adria Flusche, Marbella Hernandez, Amanda Knabe, Austin Miller, Valerie Nystrom, Kelsey Reeves, Quinn Sicking, Andy Ware, and Benjamin Yosten.

Following the program all enjoyed felicitations and photograph taking. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Annette Bayer, and her gracious daughters, Michelle and Nicole Bayer.

submitted by Carmen Bonin



Sacred Heart 8th Grade Graduation Class of 2000

## Grandson of Mrs. Emmet Sicking graduates with high honors in CA

Zach Dostart, a High School All-American in the sport of lacrosse, graduated with academic honors on June 14 from La Jolla High School, La Jolla, California. Zach is the son of former Muenster resident Joyce (Sicking) Dostart and her husband Paul Dostart, of La Jolla, the grandson of Mrs. Emmet (Mary) Sicking of Gainesville, and the nephew of Cliff and Kathy Sicking of Muenster and Bryan and Bill Sicking of Myra.

In addition to being named a High School All-American in lacrosse for the year 2000, Zach was named All-County Lacrosse MVP for San Diego

County, having been recognized as the league's outstanding position player in both 1999 (attack) and 2000 (midfielder). Zach set various scoring records for his high school and for the league, and has received many other lacrosse awards during his past four years on the varsity lacrosse team. Zach also played on the LJHS freshman, junior varsity and varsity basketball teams, three years as team captain or co-captain, and achieved season high-scorer and team MVP status two of his four years representing LJHS on the basketball court.

Zach was editor of his high school newspaper, wrote a column in the *La Jolla Light* community newspaper, and was a finalist during his junior year in the Southern California Journalism Association "On the Spot Editorial Write-Off" competition. Zach was panel captain of the "We the People" Constitutional Debate team which placed 1st in San Diego County and 8th in California. He is a volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul homeless shelter in San Diego, and plays the piano, having completed nine years of piano lessons.

Zach has written a book with his father titled *Likewise in*



Zach Dostart

*Life: Life Lessons from the Playing Field.* The book contains vignettes setting forth sayings a high school athlete hears from his coach, explains the coach's advice as it relates to the sport involved, and applies the sports lesson to adult life. Each vignette is accompanied by a Bible verse which contains the same advice in the Christian context.

Zach received the Golden State Academic Excellence Award following his sophomore and junior years, achieving special recognition in math and science. Zach is included on the *San Diego Union-Tribune* Student-Athlete Honor Roll, and received his high school diploma "With Academic Distinction." He will be entering the College of Business at California Polytechnic State University (CalPoly) in San Luis Obispo, where he will also be on the lacrosse team.

### On fatherhood

Every father expects his boy to do the things he wouldn't do when he was young.

Kin Hubbard

## Muenster High School mini cheerleading camp is coming June 26-30

The Muenster High School Varsity Cheerleaders would like to remind all area youngsters of the Mini Cheerleading Camp which will be held June 26-30 at the Muenster City park. Parents of Muenster ISD Elementary students are urged to mail in the form sent home with the students the last week of school. This form and the \$20 fee need to be received by June 23. Additional forms may be obtained at AceHardware/Ben Franklin's in Muenster.

The cheerleaders will be teaching the latest NCA

cheers, chants and dances they learned recently at the NCA Cheerleading Camp at UNT. Area Junior High Squads are also invited and urged to attend.

The week will end with an exhibition by all the participants for their parents. Competitions and awards for squads and individuals will bring the week to an exciting close.

For additional information, you may contact the MHS cheerleading coach, Joni Sturm, at 759-2724.

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# Sports

## Felderhoff named TAPPS Athlete of the Year

The Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools has selected Kayla Felderhoff, graduating Sacred Heart Tigerette, as the TAPPS AA Athlete of the Year. Felderhoff was honored at the TAPPS annual convention this past weekend in San Antonio.

"What a great honor for a great young lady," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Kayla is one of the hardest working athletes to ever play for the Tigerettes." After winning the award on

Friday night, Felderhoff and her North squad rolled over the South All Stars by a 61-32 score in the Saturday All Star game.

Felderhoff's year included being named to the TAPPS All State Cross-country squad in which her team finished as the runner-up. During the basketball season she led the Tigerettes to their third consecutive crown along with being named to the TAPPS All Tournament team and being

named a First Team All Stater. Felderhoff was also selected by the *Star Telegram* as its Private School Player of the Year. Scoring 2,826 points, Felderhoff leaves Sacred Heart as the all time career scoring leader.

The Spring season found Felderhoff as a member of the State Championship Track squad and an all-district selection at the shortstop position for the State Champion Softball team. "Felderhoff will take her skills to the college ranks next season leaving behind some big shoes to fill," Coach LeBrasseur noted.



Stevie Klement, a member of the slow pitch Navy Team, runs in home after Periwinkle Team members Jana Felderhoff and Joanna Felderhoff struggle to control the ball. Photo by Janie Hartman

## Tigerettes lead North All-Stars

Three members of the State Champion Tigerettes were honored this past weekend in San Antonio at the annual Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools All Star Spectacular. Sarah Hess, Joanna Gehrig, and Kayla Felderhoff were honored as basketball all stars from the North.

The three girls were selected by basketball coaches to represent the North squad in the all star basketball game which was held at Home Court America. Led by Hess, Gehrig, and Felderhoff the North squad rolled to a 61-32 win. "The girls carried the North squad," said North coach Jon LeBrasseur. "They showed why they are champions." Felderhoff led both teams in scoring with 22. Gehrig hit for 11, and Hess scored 7.

The Tigerettes were honored by TAPPS at an All Star Banquet Friday evening at the Omni Hotel. The players were presented All Star plaques along with their game jersey supplied by Reebok.

## Sacred Heart golf tournament rescheduled due to rain

The Sacred Heart Golf Tournament was rained out Saturday, June 10. It has been rescheduled for August 19 at 2 p.m. at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Please call Kenny Hartman at 759-4972 or John Bartush at 759-4052 to re-enter team.



Josh Biffle, Green Team member, takes off from second base. Also pictured is Devin Kubis of the Purple Team. Photo by Janie Hartman

## Muenster native promoted at University of Dallas

Effective immediately, Julie Felderhoff will assume the head coaching position for the University of Dallas men and women's track and field programs. Felderhoff, who is also the school's head women's basketball coach, will remain in that position as well.

Felderhoff takes over for former coach Harry Hall who resigned his position as track and field coach at the end of the 2000 season. Hall will remain as the school's head cross-country coach, and will assist Felderhoff during the 2001 track and field season.

Felderhoff is a 1993 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, and the daughter of Gus and

Loretta Felderhoff of Muenster. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Dallas in 1997 and has been coaching at the University since the fall of 1997, when she was first hired as an assistant women's basketball coach. She was elevated to head women's basketball coach in the spring of 1998.

The University of Dallas is a private, liberal arts institution located in Irving, Texas. The University is a member of the NCAA Division III, and currently competes in the American Southwest Conference.

## Golf Tournament July 15

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Men's Club, Whitesboro, Texas, will be sponsoring a golf tournament on Saturday, July 15. This is a four-person team event to be held at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Proceeds from this outing will be used for the new religious education building.

All are welcome to enter this fun filled event. The deadline for entries is July 1. For information contact Mike Pack 903-564-6708, Jimmy Ferguson 903-564-6476, Ron-Roszkowski 903-564-1584, or John Cunningham 940-665-4622.

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In the matter of the marriage of Omar Alzubi and Diane Susan Greenfeather  
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The petition of Patricia Lynn Speegle, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Cooke County, Texas, on the 8th day of June, 2000, against William Warren Seely, Respondent, numbered 00-141 and entitled "In Re: Wesley Alan Seely, Kara Leanne Seely, and Kristen Anne Seely, minor children."  
The suit requests that the Court change the name of the children. The date and place of birth of the children who are the subjects of the suit.  
Wesley Alan Seely Birthplace: Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Tx. Birthdate: October 31, 1982.  
Kara Leanne Seely Birthplace: Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Tx./Birthdate: June 16, 1985.  
Kristen Anne Seely Birthplace: Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Tx. Birthdate: January 9, 1988.  
The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the children's interest which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.  
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And advancements are not limited to the scientists and engineers. Today's farmers and ranchers themselves are high-tech individuals who use the Internet, mobile telephones and laptop computers to do business. Some 48 percent of Texas farmers have computer access and 39 percent have their own computers — and those figures are on the rise.

Farmers and ranchers today are high-tech professionals who use computers to follow the stock market, check the weather, order tractors, track market prices, conduct research and gather news. We even have computers on tractors to get information from a satellite, helping farmers customize applications of water and fertilizer. We're using technology to address the flow of information, trade situations, production measurements, drought predictions and product marketing in agriculture. And as a rancher, I often use technology to sell my cattle via video.

There is only so much land and water available, and with population levels skyrocketing, we are continuing to look for technologies and methods to seamlessly continue putting food on the tables of the world. Texas farmers and ranchers make up only 1.9 percent of the population — a small group with a big job. Technology is not simply a luxury for most farmers — it's a necessity. While many farming practices are traditional, technology is constantly evolving. Efficiency is the key. We must all make it a point to take advantage of the growing use of technology in agriculture.

## Ranch estate planning seminar planned for August

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners—and their heirs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an Attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 6 and 7, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course. The Seminar will start at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, and conclude at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7. It will be held at the College Station Hilton.

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

saving plans for ranching families. Irrevocable trusts, generation skipping trusts, bypass trusts, property ownership, community/separate property, special use valuation for ranches, partnerships and corporations will be discussed in the context of the gift and estate tax rules.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per person. It includes seminar materials, snacks on Sunday evening and lunch on Monday, as well as refreshment breaks. For more information, Call Sharon Wehring-Forster or Dr. Wayne Hayenga at 979-845-2226, Fax: 979-847-9374 or email: w-hayenga@tamu.edu, or s-wehring@tamu.edu.

## Agriculture Briefs

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Sedimentation can reduce storage capacity and cause ponds to dry up faster during drought. This is also a good time to strengthen dams.

Heat stress in pasture cattle can reduce breeding, milk, feed intake, weight gains and sometimes cause death.

### It's A Stat

**Cattle on Feed**  
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.66 million head on May 1, up 9 percent from a year ago, down 4 percent from the April 1 level. Producers placed 445 thousand head in commercial feedlots during April, up 1 percent from a year ago but down 14 percent from the March 2000 total.

Texas commercial feeders market 530 thousand head during April, down 5 percent from a year ago. Monthly marketings were down 7 percent from the March 2000 total.

## County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

### WHEAT-LOW TEST WEIGHT

Producers in some areas of the county are experiencing low test weight to wheat this year. Wheat weighs 60 pounds to the bushel and much of the crop this year is weighing in the mid-50's. So what is causing these low test weights? There are a variety of circumstances that can contribute to the problem this spring and early summer.

Moisture stress during the milk or soft dough stage can cause low test weight and grain shriveling. This spring we had little moisture from rainfall during this critical grain fill period. Certain sections of the county were drier than others and this moisture stress is a contributing factor.

Another condition brought on by climatic conditions was the high incidence of crown rot or take-all in the area wheat fields. This fungal disease causes the plant to create a rotted area just above the root system on the stems. This again takes place during head and grain development, and causes grain to shrivel and lose test weight. If you had crown rot in your wheat this year the fungus will over-winter in the soil, so a good method of prevention for next year would be to rotate to a non-susceptible crop like milo, oats or hay in that particular field.

Stripe rust and other foliar diseases were very prevalent late in the growing season during grain fill and development. Not only was stripe rust a problem in Cooke County but just this week I received some information from Kansas discussing this problem in their fields. It is a rare disease for both Kansas and Texas because of the heat. The widespread problem in the Southern Plains was due to mild winter and cool spring. Since stripe rust is rare wheat breeders say it is not necessary to consider stripe rust resistance in variety selection.

This year we had a foliar fungicide demonstration on the Rick Wilson farm south of Era near Highway 51. The demonstration was established, a growth stage F-9 on April 4, 2000 for the control of leaf rust. Custer was the wheat variety. This past week we harvested the replicated plots and saw an average yield increase of 10 bushels per acre in the treated areas over the untreated check. Average test weight showed the untreated areas at 55 and the treated plots from 60 to 62. Foliar fungicides registered for wheat are fairly expensive and most treatments cost around \$15 to \$17 per acre.

Finally, we did have some freeze damage to early maturing varieties in some isolated field cases.

In all, the spring of 2000 was not the best on the wheat crop. Prices are somewhat depressed also, averaging about \$2.30 for hard wheat and \$2.10 for soft wheat. In visiting with farmers during the harvest the yield has been good with a possible county average of 40 to 42 bushels.

### STEER VALIDATION LAST CALL

All 4-H and FFA youth who plan to exhibit steers at Major Livestock Shows such as State Fair, San Antonio, Houston, etc., must have their steers validated. An official State Validation Program must be completed in June. Validation for Cooke County will be June 21 and will be held at the Gainesville Livestock Market sale barn located on Refinery Road. Call the Extension office at 668-5412, or your vocational agriculture teacher, if you have steers so we can schedule your time to validate.

### FIRE ANTS COST TEXANS MILLIONS

Texans are feeling the sting of...

fire ants where it hurts most — their bank accounts. According to an economic impact study of re-imported fire ants on metropolitan areas in the state, damage and control costs reached \$580 million in 1998.

Based upon studies that we had seen, we expected to see losses anywhere from \$100 to \$300 million. When they came up with this number of over \$580 million they were surprised.

The cities of Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio were surveyed by the Department of Agricultural Statistical Service.

A breakdown of the itemized costs is as follows: fire ant control and treatment, \$301.5 million; repairs, \$80.6 million; cost of equipment replacement, \$157.2 million; and medical treatment \$47.2 million.

Citizens of San Antonio felt the brunt, shelling out \$202 million with Austin costs totaling \$61 million, Dallas \$121.5 million, Fort Worth \$74.9 million, and Houston \$121.9 million.

Urban households were impacted the most, with the total annual costs reaching \$526 million.

For the typical household in an urban area, homeowners experienced a cost of \$150 and about half of this was for attempting to control the fire ants.

Golf courses were the second hardest hit by the fire ant. They experienced a loss of approximately \$29 million as a result of fire ant damage primarily to irrigation systems and electrical boxes, but fire ants affected the whole golf course from the clubhouse to the green.

The red imported fire ant spread through Texas beginning in the 1950's and now infest more than 80 million acres in the eastern two-thirds of the state.

It may be a little bitty ant, but it's got it's some potent power.

## USDA raises forecast on exports

The Agriculture Department raised its forecast for U.S. farm exports during fiscal 2000 to \$49.5 billion, up \$500 million from the prior estimate.

USDA chief economist Keith Collins said in a prepared speech to the USDA's annual outlook forum that the increase reflects stronger-than-expected cotton and livestock exports.

USDA said it did not factor in a recent promise to donate an additional 3 million metric tons of food to countries in need. About three-quarters of that package would include wheat and wheat flour.

USDA increased its forecast for total agricultural export volume for fiscal 2000 to 109.7 million tons, up from the previous projection of 109.4 million tons.

U.S. farmers exported a total of 113.7 million tons in fiscal year 1999.

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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,299 head of cattle, compared to 1,341 head of cattle the previous week.

Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 505 goats, 144 sheep and 236 hogs. The numbers for last week were 654, 282 and 101 respectively. Results follow:

<b>Feeder Steers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.40; No. 2 & 3, 90-1.10; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.20; No. 2 & 3, 90-1.10; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 97-1.09; No. 2 & 3, 85-97; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 90-1.04; No. 2 & 3, 80-90; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 86-94; Nos. 2 & 3, 77-86; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 79-92; No. 2 & 3, 75-79.	<b>Stocker Cows (per head)</b> Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$575-\$750; \$690; medium frame, \$475-\$575; Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$750-\$920; medium frame, \$575-\$750 Holstein baby calves, \$50-\$85; Crossbreeds, \$140-\$250. <b>Barrows &amp; Gilts:</b> US #1, 230-270, 42-47; US #2, 220-280, 40-42.	<b>Ewes.</b> 120 lbs-up Stockers, 45-50; Thin, 28-32; Fat, 35-42. <b>Bucks:</b> Thin, 33-35; Fat, 35-38. <b>Barbados (per head)</b> Lambs: \$25-\$35; Ewes: \$35-\$45; Bucks: \$50-\$110. <b>Goats (per head)</b> Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$30; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$45; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$60; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$65-\$75. <b>Nannies (per head)</b> Stockers, \$45-\$60; Milk Type, \$65-\$100; Slaughter; Thin, \$25-\$35; Fat, \$35-\$60.
<b>Feeder Heifers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.30; No. 2 & 3, 80-1.10; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.08; No. 2 & 3, 80-1.00; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 90-99; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-90; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 84-93; No. 2 & 3, 75-84; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 85-90; No. 2 & 3, 75-85; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 75-82; No. 2 & 3, 70-75.	<b>Feeder (per head):</b> 100-175 lbs., \$40-\$65; 25-90 lbs., \$10-\$30. <b>Sows:</b> Feeder, 400 or less, 25-28; Light wt., 400-500, 30-31; Med. wt., 500-600, 33-35; Heavy wt., 600-up, NT.	<b>Boer Goats (per head)</b> 1/2 Nanny, \$75-\$90; 3/4 Nanny, \$140-\$150; Full Nanny, NT. <b>Boer Goats (per head)</b> 1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, \$90-\$100; Full Billy, \$140-\$160.
<b>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)</b> Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 48-54; Slaughter cows: #1-3, 25-36; cutter, 36-43.50.	<b>Boars:</b> 300 lb. up, 08-10; 200-300 lbs., 18-20; Light wt., NT.	



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