

At right, Muenster Volunteer Fire Department First Responders, from right center, Steve Henschel, Ben Bindel, and Shawn Flusche, attend to Jim Biffle. Biffle was injured in an accident on FM 373 Tuesday morning around 9 a.m. Also at the scene are Chas Bayer and Leonard Bayer. Above - Cooke County EMS, Muenster First Responders, family and friends wait for the Care Flite helicopter to land. Biffle was transported by Care Flite to Fort Worth and later released.

Photo by Janie Hartman



MMH Board installs newly elected members on May 23

by Janet Felderhoff

Werner Becker Jr., Carol Grewing, and Jerry Hess were officially sworn into office as directors of the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board by Administrator Jack Endres at the May 23 meeting. They were elected May 6. Grewing is serving her first term. Becker and Hess were incumbents.

Election of officers took place. Don Flusche was re-elected president of the board. Jerry Hess will serve again as vice-president and Chas Bayer accepted the position of secretary for another year.

In an update on the proposed merger between the Muenster and Gainesville Hospital Districts, Endres reported that on May 10 a meeting was held and an architect selected for the new hospital. He and Chas Bayer attended the meeting as representatives of the Muenster District. The firm of Collins, Risen and Vicker Architects was chosen. It is a small firm based in Dallas. About 90 percent of its projects are in the health care industry, Endres noted. A meeting is planned for May 24 at 8 a.m. to interview and possibly select a construction manager to oversee the project.

A draft of the proposed interlocal agreement between MMH and GMH was received. Some changes were proposed and MMH is awaiting word from GMH. Also received was a draft for the enabling legislation for the proposed new district. Endres hopes to have it available for the Board to review by the next board meeting.

Endres responded that they were still getting 90 percent response in favor of a new district from the Town Hall meetings that they've had. Flusche claimed that the feedback he's had was all real positive.

Grewing said most people she's talked to concede that they'll probably lose the hospital, but they say that



Muenster Hospital Board members, from left, Jerry Hess, Werner Becker Jr., and Carol Grewing. Photo by Janet Felderhoff

"What kind of feedback are you getting from people you're talking to? I'm getting very negative stuff from the people who are talking to me. They don't want to combine the districts," Grewing said.

they don't want to lose the hospital district. They're worried that they won't have any say so if the two districts combine, she said. "We won't have any say so if we don't go See GREWING, pg 2

Muenster schools graduate 57 in the Class of 2000

Sacred Heart awards diplomas to 23 seniors

by Janet Felderhoff

"Be the kind of men and women the Lord calls you to be," the Most Reverend Joseph P. Delaney advised the Sacred Heart High Class of 2000 at graduation ceremonies held Friday, May 26 in Sacred Heart Church. He told them that as they went off to other places all kinds of people would be telling them what they needed to do to be happy. That is something they already know, he said.

Bishop Delaney reminded the graduates to be close to the Lord and to love one another. It's not how much you have acquired or many people know you, he noted. "When graduation night comes teachers are always filled with mixed emotions," remarked Bishop Delaney. "Teachers have nothing to show for their hard work except these young men and women." He credited the staff and faculty of Sacred Heart School with making Catholic education possible in Muenster.

Celebrating the Mass before graduation ceremonies were Bishop Delaney and Father Thomas Craig. Sarah Kelley gave the First Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-13. Responsorial verses were recited by Adrienne Bartel. Offering the General Intercessions were Jessica Berres and Glenn Gleason. Kayla Felderhoff, Kristen Knauf, and Melissa McCarty presented the Offertory gifts.

Eucharistic ministers for the Mass were graduates parents, Harold and Jeannine Flusche, Dale and Dolores Hofbauer, and Leon and Sandra Fuhrmann, and grandparents

Herbie and Dolores Miller. Acolytes were Mike Bayer, Jeff Walterscheid, Jesse Coker, and Adam Dangelmayr, all brothers of graduates.

Musicians for the occasion included Ruth Felderhoff, Pam Fette, Emily Klement, Jacqueline Bartush, Elizabeth Fette, Katherine Cox, and Gina Yosten.

Class President Sarah Hess opened the graduation ceremonies by welcoming those present. Debra Dangelmayr introduced Jennifer Hess as the Class Salutatorian.

Jennifer reflected on the years the graduates had spent together. She remarked, "At our (senior) banquet, we gathered in front of the T.V. and watched the memories float by our eyes, and it felt like just yesterday that we were on the playground waiting to be pushed on the swing sets or to be spun on the merry-go-round. And seems like that is how our lives continued. We've kept going 'round and 'round that same circle, together, having a blast, and always being pushed by those who cared, to work a little harder, learn a little more, and always take pride in ourselves."

During the past two weeks Jennifer noted that she observed the class growing closer. They wondered why they hadn't done more together as a class. It was her wish for the class that they learn a lesson from this and not let the time pass them by in the future. "Grasp each moment that you have with your friends and family, don't take them for granted, because nothing lasts forever, and if

you wait, you will only feel regrets in the end," she said.

As the graduates move forward with future plans Jennifer advised them to keep in touch with friends and family. Each of them were blessed with the love of so many, she noted. "Now, we are no longer those curly-haired kids on the playground, yet we are all still waiting for that last push forward," Jennifer concluded. "The push that will lead us spinning into our future."

Valedictorian Gina Yosten was introduced by Michelle Fuhrmann. Gina observed that autumn is a time of harvest when crops are gathered, weeds cast away, and a time to thank God for wonderful gifts. "We are in the autumn of our time at Sacred Heart," she remarked. "It is a time for us to gather together all of the many things we have learned and experienced so that we may take them with us as we depart from these fields. Now is the season for us to cast away all of the misgivings of the past and forgive the wrongs of yesterday so that we may look upon each other's accomplishments and see one another as worthwhile human beings."

Gina remarked that it was time for the Class of 2000 to thank all who had helped them on their journey, especially their parents. "They are our mentors, our security, and our friends. They have spent their lives building us up, and now, they sacrifice themselves once again by letting us go," she said.

Not that they are no longer See SACRED HEART, pg 6



Muenster High School graduates get a round of applause after receiving their diplomas during Friday night's commencement. Threatening weather moved the ceremonies into the gymnasium. Graduation was scheduled to take place on the football field. Photo by Dave Fette

Rep. Phil King advises Muenster graduates on success

by Janet Felderhoff

State Representative Phil King addressed the Muenster High School Class of 2000 at commencement exercises on Friday, May 26 in the school auditorium. He recalled his own graduation and how strange he felt. He also shared with them some of the things he felt that he needed to be reminded of on his graduation night to help him be a success.

King told the graduates that they would have to be students for the rest of their lives. They had entered an economy where knowledge, not building, machinery or inventory will be the chief resource. Workers have always had to gain skills, but knowledge is different from skills because skills change very slowly. For the modern "knowledge workers" to stay ahead in their field they'll have to spend as much time learning and studying as working.

"There are consequences to your actions! Just like there are physical laws that govern the universe, there are also moral laws that govern life," Rep. King explained. To live in defiance of the physical laws brings swift and certain disaster, he said. If someone is about to walk off a cliff, the law of gravity becomes very important. King continued, "It's no different if we ignore the moral laws of life. Just as physical laws have predictable results, so do the laws of morality. Whether it's the heartache that comes from neglecting your family or the poverty that comes from laziness, the results are always predictable. Imprudence, irresponsibility, selfishness, ignorance, infidelity, dishonesty, greed -

they'll bring pain just as sure as falling off that cliff. And you know it's still true that the real test of a person is what you do in your heart, what you do when no one's looking."

Those who are committed to living life within a moral framework and excelling in whatever they do will at times face adversity, warned King. When that happens you should make sure that you're right, if not admit it, change it, and move on. But if you're right he advised hanging tough.

Rep. King told the graduates to remember that success isn't what you have, but it's what you are. He said, "So, my charge to you is this: Go forth and prosper; do so in a moral framework. Be thick skinned and stand up under adversity. Focus on your family and your community - not yourself, and above all, always remember measure your success by what you are, rather than what you have and you'll do great!"

Karen Cler opened the evening's ceremony with an invocation. Muenster High Principal James Hopper introduced the Salutatorian Kelly Felderhoff.

Kelly remarked that she believes that to get the most out of high school students need to combine having a good time with preparing for college and the rest of their lives. She reminded her classmates of several events during their school years.

Several words of wisdom Kelly offered to her classmates included, "Read directions even if you don't follow them; Be careful whose advice you buy but be patient with those who supply it. Do not worry about tomorrow. Let tomorrow

take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values. Remember the compliments you receive and forget the insults; Get to know your parents; Be nice to your siblings, they are your best link to the past and people most likely to stick with you in the future; Dream what you want to dream. Go where you want to go. Be what you want to be because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do."

Reagan Koesler, Valedictorian, compared herself and fellow graduates to very young trees - saplings. She said that they'd weathered storms and gone on growing and succeeding and were now ready for the transformation into fully grown trees.

"In the Orchard of Life, we began as seedlings, sprouting in the soil of experience," remarked Reagan. "The planters, our families, have continued to cultivate us, giving us more and more water of knowledge as we could absorb it. Sunlight is also essential for seedling growth. It is the confidence that all of us need in order to take our knowledge and experience and apply them productively. This care has given us strong roots, a foundation to support ourselves for our entire lives. Our planters have chosen the best limbs that would give our tree strength and stability, and they have pruned the weakest ones. This discipline has made us stronger, and it is one of the reasons that we have flourished to this day."

Reagan stated that since See KING, pg 3



Members of Sacred Heart High School's graduating class celebrate outside of church after commencement exercises Friday evening. Pictured are, from left, Sayaka Kawatake, Michelle Fuhrmann, Sarah Hess, Matthew Bayer, Gina Yosten, Stephen Hofbauer, and Anne Flusche. Photo by Janet Felderhoff

Lindsay High School graduation held

Lindsay High School held their commencement program for the graduates of 2000 on Friday, May 26 in Saint Peter's Centennial Hall.

Leah Hermes, class president gave the invocation after the procession of Seniors. Salutatorian Daniel Hellinger, in his address to the class, noted that "life is one great journey. My class has made the past 13 years an adventure," as he reminisced through the school years. "Now we go on to a new adventure, traveling our different ways." Hellinger concluded his speech with a special message, in German, to exchange student Jan Herrman.

Principal Jerry Metzler and Superintendent Travis Winn presented class awards and scholarships to the Seniors.

Adrian Anderle received the Mary Josephine Cox (MJ Cox) Scholarship, Research, Design & Development Class Award.

Sarah Collis earned the Journalism, English IV AP, and Anatomy Class Awards.

Dalana Cunningham was awarded the MJ Cox and Germania Insurance scholarships.

Trent Endres received the President's Student Service Scholarship; Business Calculus, and Accounting Class Awards.

Russell Fleitman received P.T.C., MJ Cox, 4-H FCE, and 4-H Sandy Yarbrough Memorial scholarships.

Stephanie Fleitman received UIL Track Certificate of Achievement.

Daniel Hellinger earned Salutatorian; UIL Scholar Award; Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, University of Houston Academic Merit, University of Houston Cullen School of Engineering, and Air Force ROTC Scholarships; and United States Air Force Academy Appointment.

Leah Hermes was awarded the UT Arlington, and Fleitman Drink Scholarships; UIL Track Certificate of Achievement; UIL Scholar Award; Texas Association of Secondary School Principals' Commended Scholar; Outstanding Student Award; Economics Class Award; AP Biology Class Award.

Courtney Hoelker received MJ Cox and Pauline Pace Scholarships.

Christine Jordan received the MJ Cox Scholarship.

Brent Krebs earned Career College & Schools of Texas Scholarship, and the Senior Agriculture Class Award.

Clint Metzler was a Burger King Scholarship Program Nominee.

Scott Metzler received the College Algebra Class Award.

Shawn Neu earned the Career College & Schools of Texas Scholarship.

Abbas Ravjani was awarded the US Government and AP Calculus Class Awards; the National Association of Secondary School Principals Leadership Award; was a *Fina/Dallas Morning News* All-State Scholar-Athlete Team Finalist; Dean's Scholarship to Austin College; also University of Rochester's Xerox, and University of Texas at Dallas Academic Distinction Scholarships; UIL Scholar Award, and Valedictorian.

Diana Schad received the Presidential Scholarship Texas A&M Kingsville, Catholic Life Insurance, Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Presidential Honors Program Tarleton State University, Wilson N. Jones Medical Center Foundation Scholarships; and was a Burger King Scholarship Program Nominee.

Tyler Schneider was awarded the MJ Cox Scholarship.

Leslie Schumacher earned the MJ Cox, Shay Ledbetter, Knights of Columbus, and Texas Tech Outstanding Achievement Scholarships; Business Computer Information Systems, and Spanish III Class Awards.

Cody Secrest received the P.T.C., MJ Cox, and President's Student Service Scholarships.

Jo Sparkman received the MJ Cox Scholarship.

Amanda Tamplin earned the MJ Cox and Waldine Bates Purcell Scholarships.

James Thomason earned the Architectural Graphics Class Award.

Abby Trammell received the UIL Track Certificate of Achievement.

Sarah Trammell received the UIL Track Certificate of Achievement.

Jonathan Whitaker earned the Knights of Columbus Scholarship and Lindsay ISD Special Service Award. Metzler noted, "On behalf of the Lindsay ISD, I would like to present a special award to senior Jonathan Whitaker. For the past four years Jonathan has worked tirelessly doing volunteer work in technology for our school district. While increasing his own skills, Jonathan has also assisted numerous teachers, students, and staff on his own time and during summer months. We are most appreciative of Jonathan for all his hard work."

Also senior exchange student Jan Herrman received the Independent Studies in Technology II Class Award.

The above scholarship awards are in excess of \$470,400.

Abbas Ravjani, valedictorian of the class talked about how life is like a book, which cannot always be judged by its cover.

"After 8th grade we started our own high school novel... then the climactic chapter - our senior year. Class of 2000, we are here, the closing of our novel. Will there be a sequel? Yes! Thirty-four of them." Ravjani ended his address "We will choose our own adventure in our novel of life. Whenever in doubt, follow your heart and don't give up - don't ever give up!"

The seniors then recognized their parents, presenting a yellow rose to the song "I Will Remember You."

Presentation of the senior class was made by Jerry Metzler, with certification by Travis Winn.

Earl Cunningham, Lindsay ISD board of trustees member presented diplomas, assisted by Winn and Metzler. Class sponsors Debbie LaCelle and Larry Schumacher turned the tassels before the seniors exited the stage.

Graduates were: Adrian Anderle, Sara Anderson, Kelly Beyer, Sarah Collis, Matthew Crosby, Ancil Crutsinger, Dalana Cunningham, Trent Endres, Russell Fleitman, Stephanie Fleitman, Clayton Gallagher, Robert Ghyers, Daniel Hellinger, Leah Hermes, Courtney Hoelker, Christine Jordan, Brent Krebs, Clint Metzler, Scott Metzler, Shawn Neu, Ali Rahman, Abbas Ravjani, Diana Schad, William Schneider, Leslie Schumacher, Cody Secrest, Jo Sparkman, Carly Stark, Ryan Tabbert, Amanda Tamplin, James Thomason, Abby Trammell, Sarah Trammell, and Jonathan Whitaker.

Seven graduates are National Honor Society members.

Leslie Schumacher, class vice president gave the benediction to conclude the program.



Hats off to the Lindsay High School graduating Class of 2000. Photo by Janie Hartman

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with them either," Endres replied. "The thought that we're somehow going to have a greater say so with them if we don't join in with them just doesn't make common sense. If somebody can tell me how we can have greater impact on them staying apart than going together, we'll be happy to listen."

"I think most people are afraid of losing the facility here," Growing explained. "They don't want to have to go over to Gainesville for everything."

Endres remarked, "Say we do this by contract like Mr. (John) Aytes talks about and we merge the hospitals and we keep the districts separate. We've lost the hospital period. It won't ever come back. It can't come back. There is no way financially or legally to open this place back up. So once Gainesville got us to go by agreeing or whatever, they've already got us. If they're going to screw us, they're going to screw us. There's no way to change things."

Flusche said that the conversation he's had with people on the Gainesville board and the Gainesville people independently they've said that if Muenster District decides not to close and combine with Gainesville, they're not willing to work with Muenster at all because Muenster will close anyway.

Growing said that she and the people she's talked to don't want to see the Muenster Hospital close, but that she realizes it's coming. Flusche said that it will be lost as a hospital only, but not as a medical facility as a clinic. "We'll have first care right here at home," he promised. "That's exactly what we're trying to keep here at all cost. At every meeting that I've ever gone to with Gainesville ever since the inception of us going to the meetings is that's the idea - to keep the clinic right here to keep it viable."

People don't understand the program, said Flusche. He said once people understand they are satisfied.

Endres said that at a forum held for the GMH board candidates, two of the three incumbents proposed doing more at this hospital than ever proposed ourselves as far as continuing care. The two were Dr. Doug Lewis and Dr. Anwar. Both talked about 24 hour coverage.

Flusche said that if anyone doesn't understand things they should come to the board meetings so that the directors could answer their questions. Endres told the Board that the Family Health Clinic did qualify for the IFD grant. It is a matching grant and the hospital will have to match 10 percent of the total cost. It is a grant specifically for Internet connectivity. Endres hopes to connect the hospital's main computer system with St. Richard's Villa and the Family Health Clinic.

Endres has requested that Nortex Communications give the hospital district a cost estimate on a new phone system. He plans to use it for a grant application for a new phone system. A new system is needed soon since the old one isn't expected to remain functional much longer.

OBITUARIES

Nick Dieter 1930 - 2000

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Nick Dieter on Wednesday May 31, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiated by Father Reinhard Sternemann OSA and Father Pat Murphy. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery of Lindsay.

Nick Dieter died at age 69 at his residence in Gainesville.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1930 in Lindsay to Mike and Helen (Hugo) Dieter. On Feb. 19, 1955 he married Henrietta "Hank" Mages in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church; a veteran of the U.S. Air Force; and was employed with National Supply in Gainesville for more than 32 years.

Survivors are his wife, Henrietta "Hank" Dieter; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Melinda Dieter of Lindsay, and Stan and Rhonda Dieter of Gainesville; two daughters and sons-in-law Connie and David Lloyd of Whitesboro and LeAnn and Jerry Brown of

Weatherford. There are 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also one brother Harold Dieter of Missouri and one sister Betty Reiter of Post, Texas.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two sons Brad Dieter and Darrell Dieter; three sisters Rose Mary Stelzer, Mildred Harrison, and Adeline Reno; one grandson Bradley Brown.

Wake Service was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening at Clement/Keel Funeral Home.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Clement Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Walter Dennis, Ray Haverkamp, Bob Zimmerer, Bill Dankesreiter, Norman Shasteen and Alrich Zwings.

For those who have asked, memorials may be sent to St. Mary's Catholic School, 931 N. Weaver St., Gainesville, TX 76240 or Cooke County Home Hospice, P.O. Box 936, Gainesville, TX 76240.

Paul Schmitz 1934 - 2000

Paul Joseph Schmitz of Galveston passed away on May 22, 2000 after a lengthy illness. He died at UTMB of Galveston. Rosary and memorial service were held at Carnes Bros. Funeral Home in Galveston on Wednesday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m.

Paul J. Schmitz was born on Oct. 22, 1934 to the late William and Cecilia Schmitz of Lindsay. In 1952 he graduated from Lindsay High School.

From October 1952 to October 1956 he served in the U.S. Navy. He married Burnelle Shaw on Dec. 31, 1962 in Houston, and resided in Houston and Galveston since that time.

Survivors are his wife, Burnelle Schmitz of Galveston; four sisters Aileen Sandmann and Maxine Sandmann of Lindsay, Judy Crabtree and Patty Hubik of Mesquite. Also several cousins, nieces, and nephews.



Sacred Heart investors, from left, - Matt Bayer, Josh Walterscheid, Jennifer Hess, Sarah Hess, Joanna Gehrig, and Barbara Nussbaum. Photo by Dave Fette

Sacred Heart School investment gurus win honors in stock market competition

The Center for Economic Education at Cal State Fullerton announced the winners in their annual investment challenge. Two Sacred Heart teams placed 2nd and 3rd in the competition of over 300 West Coast Teams. Placing 2nd was team T51003 - Joanna Gehrig, Sarah Hess, and Jenni Hess. Placing 3rd was team T51006 - Matt Bayer, Josh Walterscheid, and Barbara Nussbaum. Each team member will receive a Savings Bond, Certificates of Commendation, and championship T-shirts.

Winning the competition was Edison High School of Huntington Beach, California. Also finishing in the Top Ten

was the 8th place team of Sayaka Kawatake, Matthew Nasche, and Gina Yosten.

Each team in the competition starts with a \$100,000 portfolio with the ability to buy and sell and short-sell another \$100,000 on margin. Sacred Heart teams benefited from the NASDAQ crash as they all had one or two short-sells in their portfolio which increased substantially during the decline, and they immediately short-covered to lock in profits. Participation in a major stock market competition is a requirement of the economics program at Sacred Heart. Sacred Heart School stock advisors are Evie Felderhoff and Joe Caserta.

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Green Tips
 Fact: 24 million tons of leaves and grass clippings are disposed into American dumps each year.
 Tip: Use a mulching mower. Use leaves as mulch or compost them.

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, June 4, 2000 Confirmation - St. Peter's Parish / Muller, Herr & Steizer Reunion, Noon, City Park / CDA Breakfast, KC Hall, after 8 am Mass / Youth Organizational meeting, 7:30 pm, KC Hall	Monday, June 5, 2000 TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 am, Cooke County Electric Co-op City Council meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	Tuesday, June 6, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, June 7, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5:30 pm	Thursday, June 8, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, June 9, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm	Saturday, June 10, 2000 Myra Community Improvement Club Highway Pickup
Sunday, June 11, 2000	Monday, June 12, 2000 VFW meeting, 8 pm	Tuesday, June 13, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, June 14, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, 7:30 am, The Center Flag Day	Thursday, June 15, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Blood Drive, KC Hall MISD Board Meeting	Friday, June 16, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9 pm, Muenster Pool	Saturday, June 17, 2000

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Memorial Day Services



Two views of Memorial Day services held at Sacred Heart Cemetery on Sunday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass show a portion of the large crowd present. In the foreground, First Communicants are placing red carnation on grave markers. Shown at right, the VFW Rifle Squad, in summer uniform, from far left - Arthur Bayer, Officer of the Day, Don Eckart, Bernard Hesse, Johnny Rohmer, Melvin Luke, Virgil Henschel, and Willie Fisher. Ronnie Weinzpfel played TAPS, with Tina Weinzpfel providing the echo in the background.



Photos by Frances Bayer

Muenster Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6205 and its Ladies Auxiliary honored Muenster's deceased veterans during their annual Memorial Day Services on Sunday, May 28.

Tributes began with the 8am Mass in Sacred Heart Church being celebrated by Fr. Tom Craig, for all deceased veterans.

Liturgical readings were read by auxiliary president Frances Bayer and prayers of the faithful by auxiliary conductress Linda Knabe. Servers for mass were Paul Fleitman, A.J. Fleitman and Joshua Yosten. Christy Hesse and Ruth Felderhoff provided the sacred music.

Immediately following the mass, the post color guard and Rifle Squad led the first communicants and auxiliary flags and colors and the congregation in procession to Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Upon arrival, auxiliary chaplain Ethel Hesse placed a floral arrangement on the main altar in memory of all faithful departed.

The group then processed to the Veterans plot where Department Frances Bayer and Auxiliary Junior Vice President Ida Mae Bindel placed a memorial wreath respectively at the Veterans Monument. The first communicants then placed carnations on each grave in thanksgiving for their service to our country.

Fr. Tom Craig then said a prayer and blessed each grave. Doug and Gina Klement sang, "God Bless America" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in honor of the deceased servicemen.

President Frances Bayer then introduced guest speaker Ret. Air Force Major John Roane of Valley View, who talked about service and TAPS.

Officer of the Day Arthur Bayer then led rifle squad in the 21 gun rifle salute to the deceased heroes. Ronnie and Tina Weinzpfel then saluted the men and women by the playing of TAPS.

Serving as members of the VFW Color Guard were Buddy Yosten, James Hess, Don Hess and Don Hellman. Post Rifle Squad members were Don Eckart, Ben Hesse, Johnny Rohmer, Melvin Luke, Virgil Henschel, Willie Fisher, with Arthur Bayer.

Auxiliary officers participating were Lucille Hesse, Mary Lee Hennigan, Juanita Knabe, and Linda Knabe.

First communicants participating were Dalana Sicking, Josiah Yosten, Ryan Henschel, Ian Barnhill, Kristin Le Brasseur, Gene Yosten, Chad Henschel, Sara Walterscheid, Ginger Bartush and Jacob Bayer.

submitted by Linda Knabe

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

While visiting with a friend Sunday evening, he told me of his watching a history program on cable TV, that touched on some of the happenings in our neighboring town of Saint Jo, in its earlier days.

I have some remembrances of a pair of old lawmen who, at one time or another kept the peace in that town.

Their names are a little blurred, but I believe one was called Gooche, and the other was a man known as two gun Donovan.

When I was just a kid I rode along with my dad to Saint Jo, and I remember seeing Mr. Donovan walking the streets wearing a long frock coat that almost kept his guns hidden.

Sometime later, when old Highway 5 was a not much improved road from Saint Jo to points east, my brother and I saw an early day ambulance

stopped on the road just south of our garden, and the driver was busy changing a tire.

Well, we two kids were just nosy enough to go out and see what was going on.

When we got to the ambulance, we saw a man inside that had been shot several times in the chest with a fairly heavy caliber pistol.

He was propped up on his elbow, and was smoking a cigarette. As we watched him inhale the smoke, some of it escaped through the holes in his chest and as we stood there with our mouths hanging open, he said, "Boys, they shot the heck out of me!"

Later, we learned the man had been in a barber shop in Saint Jo when the law-man told him he was under arrest.

He grabbed a semi-automatic pistol he evidently knew was kept in a drawer there, and attempted to shoot the arresting officer.

The problem was the gun was jammed but each time the officer told him to drop it, he tried to fire it, and each time he refused he was shot again.

As the story goes, he was shot five times. Someone offered to drive him to Gainesville for medical attention, but he refused.

Sometime the next morning, he finally agreed to be transported and that is when we saw him in the ambulance.

Believe it or not, the man overcame the shooting and lived for many years thereafter, but as a law-abiding citizen.

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they have been blessed with firm foundations they could now grow confidently toward their dreams. As budding young trees, she predicted that they would soon produce the fruit of their dreams.

Muenster ISD School Board President Clifford Sicking awarded diplomas to the following members of the MISD Class of 2000: Jessica Danielle Anderson, Toby L. Chapman, Karen Francine Cler, Kristen Renee Creed, Allison Dawn Endres, Daniel Thomas Felderhoff, Kelly Ann Felderhoff, Polly Anna Fette, Justin Ray Fleitman, Kristen Nicole Fleitman, John Paul Flusche, Kristin Dawn Grewing, Randy Stephen Grewing, Craig Thomas Hartman, Courtney Jean Haverkamp, Darren Thomas Hennigan, Jatelynn Rose Henschel, Angel Alfredo Hernandez Lopez, Heather Marie Hess, James K. Holley, Brandon M. Klement, Jeffrey Wade Klement, Douglas Wayne Knabe, Raegan Ann Koessler, Joshua A. Luke, Jason Robert Lutkenhaus, Brandon Cody Mask, Bryan John Miller, Nicholas Scott Silmon, Krystle Gayle Sparkman, Jim E. Stoffels, Jennifer Lynn Tompkins, Casey Don Walterscheid, and Justin Michael Walterscheid.

Foundation Scholarship of \$500;

Justin Fleitman - Texas A&M Commerce Academic Excellence Scholarship \$3,000 for four years, Sam Rayburn/William Mayo Housing Scholarship \$1,000 a year up to \$7,000 and Texas Christian University Scholar Award of \$2,750 a year, TCU Academic Grant of \$1,250 a year, Tuition Equalization Grant of \$3,380 a year;

John Flusche - Kiwanis Scholarship of \$500, Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Award, and V. J. Patel Scholarship of \$100;

Randy Grewing - Muenster ISD Band Booster Scholarship of \$500, North Texas Central College Pauline Pace Scholarship of \$1,200, Mary Josephine Cox Scholarship of \$500;

Craig Hartman - \$800 renewable scholarship at Texas Tech University up to \$3,200;

Courtney Haverkamp - Mary Josephine Cox Scholarship up to \$500, First National Bank of Saint Jo NCTC total \$1,200;

Darren Hennigan - Texas A&M University C. R. Smilo Scholarship up to \$5,000, Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Award, and V. J. Patel \$150 Scholarship;

County Electric Cooperative Scholarship for \$2,000, Hilsabeck Foundation Scholarship \$500, V. J. Patel Scholarship \$550, Texas Association of Secondary School Commended Scholar, UIL Scholar Award;

Jason Lutkenhaus - NCTC Mary Josephine Cox Scholarship \$500 total;

Brandon Cody Mask - Mary Josephine Cox Scholarship \$500 total;

Nicholas Silmon - Mary Josephine Cox Scholarship \$500 total;

Krystle Sparkman - University of North Texas Texas Public Education Grant \$1,000 renewable and Rancho Oil Company \$7,000 each year renewable up to \$28,000;

Jim Stoffels - All-Around Students Service Scholarship Award of \$500;

Jennifer Tompkins - Mary Josephine Cox Scholarship \$500 total;

Casey Walterscheid - V. J. Patel Essay Contest \$250, Texas Tech Honors Endowed Scholarship \$12,500, Texas Tech ROTC Grant of \$8,000, Cooke County Electric Scholarship \$2,000, Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Interest Free Loan, Texas Christian University Room and Board Grant \$16,000 total for four years, Air Force ROTC Type I Scholarship all tuition books and fees for four years at Texas Christian University plus monthly stipend approximately \$100,000 total;

Justin Walterscheid - NCTC Muenster State Bank renewable \$1,000 Scholarship and Mary Josephine Cox Scholarship \$500 total.

Lt. Col. Richard Turner presented Casey Walterscheid with the Air Force ROTC Scholarship.

Darren Hennigan gave the Benediction after which the graduates processed out to "Pomp and Circumstance".

Class sponsors are Martha Koessler, Jerry Eckart, and Gordon Martin.



Allison Endres accepts the Maggie Fisher and Stephanie Huchton Memorial Scholarship from Jason Huchton and Sally Fisher Hacker during Muenster High School graduation last Friday. Dave Fette photo

Scholarships given

Principal Hopper presented awards and scholarship to the graduates as follows:

Karen Cler - V. J. Patel Scholarship of \$350, Norman and Evelyn Luke Scholarship at University of North Texas, University of Texas at Arlington for \$7,500;

Allison Endres - Texas A&M University C.R. Smilo Scholarship for five years - \$5,000, Presidential Student Service Challenge Scholarship for \$1,000, V. J. Patel Essay Contest Scholarship of \$200, Texas Public Education grant \$2,500 renewable, Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Award, Texas Tech University \$1,000 renewable, Maggie Fisher and Stephanie Huchton Memorial Scholarship \$500;

Danny Felderhoff - Navarro College Ag-Tech Scholarship, Ag-Tech John Deere Dealer Match Scholarship for \$1,000;

Kelly Felderhoff - Presidential Endowed Scholarship at Texas Tech University up to five year for \$20,000, Texas Tech Ex-Students Association \$200, Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship total \$6,000, Jim and Marcia Hilsabeck

Jackie Henschel - V. J. Patel Scholarship of \$150, Wilson N. Jones Medical Center Foundation Scholarship of \$1,000, and Texas Tech University total \$2,000;

Heather Hess - Mary Josephine Cox Scholarship \$500 total;

Jeff Klement - Presidential Student Service Challenge Scholarship of \$1,000, Cooke county Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Scholarship of \$500, Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Award, and Muenster Jaycees \$500 Scholarship;

Douglas Knabe - Texas Tech University Presidential Endowed Scholarship \$20,000 total;

Reagan Koessler - Texas Tech University Honors Endowed Scholarship \$12,000 total, Tuition waiver Valedictorian award \$4,300, Baylor University Presidential Scholarship \$13,000, University of Oklahoma Honor Scholar Award \$12,000, Houston Livestock and Rodeo Scholarship \$10,000, Sam Walton Community Scholarship \$1,000, Cooke

Nocona Western Swing Festival June 1-3

Bigger and better with more entertainment than ever before. Dance under the stars overlooking the beautiful Red River Valley at the historic Benton-Whiteside Ranch Amphitheater. The size of the dance floor has been doubled to over 3600 square feet. All proceeds go toward the construction of the Tales N' Trails Museum (official ground-breaking for this facility will be Friday, June 2). Special western entertainment is scheduled Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 1-3, with parade, crafts, and lots of Western Swing.

The Western Swing Weekend/Festival concludes with a four-hour concert in the Benton Amphitheater featuring Leon Rauch and The Texas Playboys from 8 p.m. until midnight. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the gate.

There is a special Western Swing Festival package for \$30 a person which includes the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night concerts, the Fiddlers Contest, and the Special Tribute. That is a savings of \$22 off the gate prices and a \$14 saving off the advance ticket prices. For more information, contact Tracy Mesler, Nocona News, 940-825-3201 or e-mail tracymesler@aol.com.

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City Council Agenda

AGENDA MEETING DATE - June 5, 2000

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, June 5, 2000.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on May 1 and the special meeting on May 17.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act upon approving construction of a ramp at the Seyler Museum.
2. Consider and act upon the city's sale of North Hickory Street between Sixth Street and Seventh Street at the Fair Market Value to Sacred Heart.
3. Consider and act on a proposed Ordinance #249, Solid Waste, which increases the trash pick-up rates effective October 1, 2000, based upon contractor increases (Reading #2).
4. Review a proposed Ordinance #250, Parking Restriction, which would restrict parking on U.S. Highway #2 near Country Korner (Reading #2).
5. Consider and act on amending pending actions for involuntary annexations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open sealed bids for washed pea gravel and gravel base.
2. Consider and act on required upgrades to Wells 1 and 4 following THRC's annual inspection completed on May 9, 2000.
3. Consider and act on zoning change request on 3.92 Acre property at the corner of Highway #2 and Ash Street.
4. Consider and act on proposal from AVR, Inc. regarding replacing City's handheld meter reader unit.
5. Consider and act on nomination for Board of Directors of Greater Texas Utility Authority.
6. Consider and act on water line extension to Cler Acres subdivision.
7. Consider and act upon approving development of a website for the city.
8. Discuss city economic development.
9. Review and act upon monthly bills.
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters.
11. Return to open session. Act upon approving any actions from the executive session.
12. Adjourn.

NOTES:

1. The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this agenda.
 2. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, when it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.
 3. People with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact Micalee Matson at 759-2236 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
- This is to certify that I, Micalee Matson, posted this Agenda on the outside bulletin board by the front door of City Hall at 11:30 am on May 30, 2000.

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Lifestyle

Millers celebrate golden wedding on May 27

Surrounded by their children and spouses, wedding attendants, grandchildren, relatives and many friends, Herbert and Dolores Miller celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2000 with Father Tom Craig as the celebrant.

Kathy Berres, daughter of the honored couple was the lector of liturgical readings, Gayle Burke, another daughter, read the petitions and narration of the Offertory procession. Various items that represented the interests and talents of the couple were carried in the procession by their grandchildren, Troy, Aaron, Neil, and Jessica Berres, Lisa and Austin Miller, Amelia Burke, and Ryan, Travis, and Derek Miller.

Music ministers were the Acappella Choir directed by Pam Fette and Anne Poole, accompanied by Ruth Felderhoff, Dana Miller, granddaughter of the couple, is a member of the choir. Mass servers were granddaughter, Kristen Miller, and Laura and Adam Taylor great-niece and great-nephew of the couple.

Eucharistic ministers were Regina Pels, Leoba Mollenkopf, Rosabell Yosten, Bert and Debi Miller, Clinton Endres, Paulette Swirczynski, Carla Truebenbach, Rita Bayer, and Margie York.

After Communion, Father Tom performed a marriage

blessing over the couple, and commended them for their commitment to the parish community.

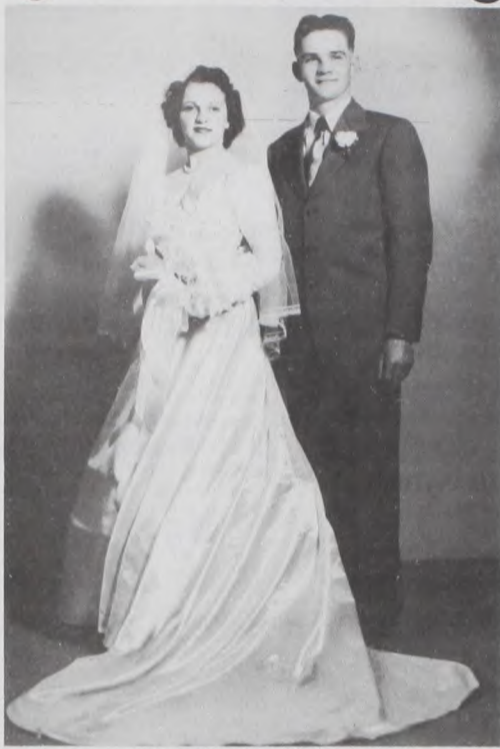
A dinner reception followed in the Sacred Heart Community Center hosted by the couple's children Dave and Kathy Berres, Glenn and Stacie Miller, Sean and Gayle Burke, and Bert and Debi Miller.

The reception's guest book table was presided by great-nieces Debra Voth and Shauna Endres.

The hall was beautifully decorated in gold and ivory. A special area included presentations of family photos covering the time from the dating years through the present. Also on display was the wedding dress worn by Dolores on her wedding day and updated in 1989 for her daughter, Gayle, to wear on her wedding day.

The three-tiered wedding cake, was made of layers of "Hummingbird Cake" and "Orange Cake" topped with cream cheese frosting. A second cake, made of chocolate, was topped with chocolate-dipped strawberries. The cakes were made by daughter-in-law Stacie Miller and Charlotte Dangelmayr. Reception assistants were the couple's granddaughters.

After the meal, Bert Miller, son of the couple, presented a fun-filled game called "Who Wants To Be A Miller Heir?", loosely fashioned after a



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller ... on their wedding day, April 24, 1950

popular television game show. The game covered the history of the couple's life together, and the competition between Millers and Henscheids was close. Participants for the Millers included Ted Miller, Barbara Felderhoff, and Trish Baker. Participants for the Henscheids included Ervin Henscheid, Janet Voth, and Monte Endres. Each side of the family had many fans and hecklers.

Recalled in conversations and reminiscing during the reception were memories of relatives and guests on the wedding day, Monday, April 24, 1950 when Dolores Henscheid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henscheid became the bride of Herbert Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Miller in a Nuptial High Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 8:30 a.m. celebrated by Father Andrew Wewer OSB.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride wore an ivory bridal satin wedding gown designed with fitted waist, marquise yoke, long sleeves, and very full skirt that swept into a train. The skirt was worn over a hooped taffeta underskirt edged with multiple ruffles. A fingertip veil was

held by a crown of seed pearls. She carried an arm bouquet of white calla lilies and a pearl rosary borrowed from her sister Rosalie Schilling. Her pearls were a gift from the groom.

Regina Henscheid, bride's sister and Barbara Miller, groom's sister were attendants, wearing identical blue organdy over hooped taffeta petticoats. They wore open-crown blue organdy picture hats, matching gloves, and carried blue satin hoops with blue carnations.

Flower girls were Dianne Endres and Sharon Yosten, wearing pink organdy and carrying white baskets of daisies.

Groom's attendants were his cousin, Eugene Derichsweiler of Denison as best man, and Thomas Felderhoff, Rufus Henscheid, and Leonard Walterscheid as ushers.

Mass servers were Ervin Henscheid, Jerry Henscheid, Paul Hesse, Tommy Hesse, and Meinrad Yosten.

A brunch followed in the home of the bride's parents for 40 guests. An informal reception began at 3:00 p.m. and a buffet dinner was served in the parish hall at 6:00 p.m. to 150 guests, followed by a dance in the K.C. Hall.

New Arrivals

Flusche

Phillip and Brenda Flusche of Muenster are parents of a daughter, Kendra Faustina Flusche, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on May 28, 2000 at 1:52 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 7 1/2 oz. and measuring 20 1/4 inches long. She joins Jacqueline age 12, Nicholas age 9, Adria age 5, Kevin age 4, and Zachary age 2. Grandparents are Martin and Nancy Krahl of Valley View, and James and Sally Flusche of Decatur. Great-grandparents are Ethel Kammerdiener of Gainesville and Regina Flusche of Decatur.

Craven

Leannya and Alan Craven of Gainesville announce the birth of a daughter, Cerah Jeane Craven in Muenster Memorial Hospital on May 24, 2000 at 8:52 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 8.9 oz.

and measuring 20 inches in length. She joins a brother Alexander Craven age 6 1/2, a sister Sharon Craven age 7 1/2, and twins, Mark and Nadene Craven age 9. Grandparents are Speed Craven and Georgene Craven of Sacramento, California, and Sharon Whitetto of Gainesville.

Dangelmayr

Kristi and Shawn Dangelmayr of Muenster announce the birth of a son, Jess Colton Dangelmayr, on May 25, 2000 at 9:15 p.m., weighing 9 lb. 3 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length, in Muenster Memorial Hospital. He joins a brother, Dustin Hesse, age 11 years. Grandparents are Bill and Charlotte Dangelmayr, of Muenster, Stanley and Sandy Kemp of Tioga, Dewayne York of Nocona and the late Jessie York of Nocona.

Wimmer receives court reporting license May 1



Stephanie Wimmer

Stephanie Wimmer has successfully completed a course of study at The Court Reporting Institute of Dallas. She received her license from the Supreme Court of Texas on May 1. A ceremony, held at The Institute, was attended by her daughter Mariah, parents Willie and Margie Wimmer, and brother Shayne Wimmer. A number of friends also attended, including Jami Flusche and Marie Hall.

A party was held in Stephanie's honor at the home of her parents. Stephanie has accepted a position with Diana Henjum Reporting Services in Dallas.

St. Anne's Society holds May meeting

The St. Anne's Society of Sacred Heart met in the Community Center S.N.A.P. Room at 7:00 p.m. on May 7. President Toni Hess led opening prayers.

The minutes from the last meeting were read by Nancy Nystrom and approved as written.

Tillie Otto gave the treasurer's report for April and read a letter received from Fr. A.J. Williams. She also reported on the annual dues paid to the National Catholic Women's Union.

Members discussed new business coming in June with a motion made by Armella Cler and seconded by Mildred Walterscheid to donate to Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School.

St. Anne's Society is still

collecting pennies for their money making project this year. A jar for the pennies has been placed at the Muenster State Bank, but contributions can also be given to Tillie Otto. If members would prefer not to collect pennies, \$5 can be added to their usual dues instead.

Caroline Hess won the door prize. The meeting ended with prayer.

There will be no St. Anne's Society meeting in June, but will resume in July.



Jeanie Marie Mosman of Gainesville and Joseph Ernest Martin of Muenster will be married on July 22, 2000, in a Nuptial Mass in Sacred Heart Church, celebrated by Father Mike Olsen at 7:00 p.m. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Jimmy and Barbara Mosman. Parents of the future-groom are Ernie and Laneta Martin of Muenster. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Lindsay High School, is employed as a waitress at The Center Restaurant in Muenster and is a student at North Central Texas College. Mr. Martin is a 1996 honor graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is employed at Valenite as a machine operator. Attendants in the wedding will be Lisa Mosman as maid of honor; Yvonne Martin, Shanna Mosman, and Sabrina Nagy as bridesmaids; Bradley Fisher as best man; Mike Walter, Corey Knabe, and Greg Fisher as groomsmen. The couple plans to reside in Gainesville.

Cooke County Youth Concert and Rally

Six hours of fun for five bucks! Call it the bargain of the month. It is the Cooke County Youth Concert and Rally. Three bands will be performing. *Shepherd Hall* from Little Rock, *Salvador* from Austin, and *moderndayjohn* from Houston, will blast away with the sounds of today. Dawson McAllister, nationally known speaker, and Carl Miller, former Dallas Cowboy, will be sharing life perspectives during the evening.

It all takes place at the Gainesville Rodeo Grounds on Friday, June 9. Five dollars per person at the gate will get you in. Seating in the stands is available or you may bring your own seating and sit in the arena in front of the stage. The first band will kick off at 5:00 p.m. Come when you can but remember, the earlier you come the more you take in.

For more information, contact Glen Kersey (940-726-3350) or Ray Hall (940-637-2414).

Myra Community Club plans clean-up June 2-12

The Myra Community Improvement Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23. Special guest was Mary Lee Alford who gave a presentation on "Keep Texas Beautiful," and described various activities accomplished in Muenster, which won the

Governor's Community Achievement Award.

Myra will have a community wide clean-up between June 2 and June 12, and on Saturday, June 10 will have a roadway pick-up along the highways leading into Myra.

Please Join Us In The Celebration of **J.R. Dangelmayr's 100th Birthday!!** 1900 - 2000 The Celebration Will Take Place Sunday, June 4th 2:00 - 4:00p.m. Muenster Knights of Columbus Hall Come and Go Reception Everyone Welcome!!!

Tanveer A. Qureshi, M.D. and **The Heart Center of North Texas** Welcomes **Yvonne Ambrose, NP-C** to our medical group practice. Yvonne has 25 years of critical care experience caring for the critically ill medical and surgical patient. Practice included serving as the clinical educator and preceptor to staff as expert in her field. She is an Advanced Cardiac Life Support provider and instructor. Currently, her work in advanced practice includes the management of the patient with cardiac, respiratory, and medical conditions, including heart disease, heart failure, and heart rhythm disturbances. **NEW LOCATION: 900 North Grand Ave., Ste. 100** Serving Gainesville, Muenster and Denton **FOR APPOINTMENT: call Mon. - Fri., 8 am to 5 pm** **Gainesville: 940-665-1183**

HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY **GUESS WHO'S 40?**

Hess, Lewis wedding features Old West theme

by Elfreda Fette

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Lee Lewis, Jr. have returned from a wedding trip to San Antonio and are presently at home at Lake Kiowa, but will soon move to Callisburg where they have purchased acreage.

The bride is the former Cherry Beth Hess of Argyle, daughter of Kenneth and Alma Welch (both deceased). She is a 1979 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School of Dallas, and is the owner of Dust Busters Cleaning.

The groom is the son of Herbie and Magdalene Yosten of Muenster and Wylie Lewis, Sr. of Gainesville. He is a 1981 graduate of Muenster High School and is owner of R&R Construction.

The wedding ceremony was held at Quarter C Circle Ranch on May 13, 2000 at 6:30 p.m.

with a 1900 wedding theme of an old Western town. Officiating minister was Pastor Larry Eberhart, Old Western Town, Little White Church.

Church decor was themed on cowboy hats, cowboy boots, pew bows with dried flowers, with country music.

The bride was presented by Stuart Reeves. For her wedding she chose a white sleeveless corset-type dress with bustle emphasis in back. She wore elbow-length matching white gloves. For tradition and sentiment she wore matching pearl earrings and pearl necklace. Her flowers were carried in a hand bouquet of long stemmed pink roses.

ATTENDANTS

Joy Caldwell of Krum, friend of the couple was maid of honor.

Ashlee Baker of Argyle, Sheila Scoggins of Muenster, Janet Woodall of Argyle, and Christine Stacey of Gainesville, friends of the couple were bridesmaids. They wore black and pink saloon-girl dresses, black lace gloves, chokers, and granny boots and carried single stem roses.

Heather Hess of Argyle, daughter of the bride was flower girl, and Randi Lewis of Gainesville, daughter of the groom was ring bearer.

Randy Spencer of Gainesville, friend of the couple was best man.

Michael Lewis of Muenster, groom's brother, Woody Tiller of Gainesville, Mark Edgett of Gainesville and Gary Hale of Gainesville, friends of the groom were groomsmen.

Candlelighter was Ashley Estes of Argyle, bride's daughter.

RECEPTION

A barbecue dinner followed the traditional reception. Then everyone went to Silver Spur. About 90 guests attended, hosted by the bride and groom.

Mindy Estes, bride's daughter presided at the guest book.

Decorations included hay bales with pink and black ribbons, old time pictures, candles, cowboy hats, and cakes decorated with dried flowers. The four tier wedding cake with waterfall theme had pink trim and black cowboy hats.

Reception assistants for the punch and cake service were Ramona Reeves, Mindy Estes, and Stella Johnson.



Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Lee Lewis Jr. nee Cherry Beth Hess

Tepera, Bussell wed in Bryan

by Elreda Fette

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tepera are at home in Houston since their marriage on May 6, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Bryan, Texas, the bride's childhood church. Officiating minister was Rev. Robert Richers.

The bride is the former Stacey Bussell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bussell of Bryan. She is a 1995 graduate of Texas A&M University, with a bachelor's degree in Genetics. At present, she is a Ph.D. candidate at Baylor College of Medicine.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tepera of Lindsay. He is a 1994 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in Geography. He is employed by Idea Integration as an IT Consultant.

Presented at the altar by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bussell, the bride wore a formal white wedding gown designed with an embroidered matte satin fitted bodice with a square neckline, short sleeves and basque waistline, all trimmed with embroidered illusion. The full skirt and chiffon overlay extended into a cathedral length train for a soft, romantic look. She wore a brief illusion veil, and carried a

bridal cluster bouquet of bright summer flowers.

ATTENDANTS

Betsy Bussell of Irving, sister of the bride was maid of honor. She wore a pale mint green full length formal dress designed with a brief shoulder wrap. Her flowers were carried in a miniature arrangement similar to the bride's.

James Tepera of Arlington stood with his brother as best man.

Ushers were Andy Tepera of Flower Mound, Mark Tepera of Houston, and Steven Tepera of Austin, brothers of the groom.

Wedding music was presented by Gerry Selden-Janik, organist and John McSpadden on the trumpet with Handel's "Water Music Suite" for processional and recessional. Special music was provided by the Carillon Handbell Choir for "The Lord's Prayer" and by Philip Alexander on the oboe for Schubert's "Ave Maria".

Church decorations included lighted votive candles on the chancel rail, and pew markers of bright summer flowers.

RECEPTION

A reception and buffet meal followed in Pebble Creek Country Club, hosted by the bride's parents.

The wedding cake of four



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tepera nee Stacy Bussell

Faculty Club in College Station, Texas where guests could view a wide sweep of the TAMU campus from the top of Rudder Tower.

The couple is residing in Houston. They will delay their wedding trip until September, for a tour of Europe.

satellite layers on graduated criptol pillars was iced in white and each held a cluster of flowers similar to the bride's bouquet.

An elegant rehearsal dinner was hosted for 50 guests by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tepera the night before the wedding. It was held at The

Bailey Walterscheid honored with parties

Bailey Walterscheid celebrated her 4th birthday on Sunday, May 28, her actual birthday, at a party hosted by her godparents Dale and Elaine Schilling at their home. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, and potato salad were served to guests.

Special guests included parents Wade and Rhonda Walterscheid and brother Tyler; great-grandmother Jake Schilling; grandparents George and Fran Jones, and Julian and Carrie Walterscheid; aunts and uncles, Stacie and Glenn Miller, Jesse and Francine Walterscheid, Beverly and Mike Fuhrmann, Rachel Monhollon of Abilene, and Angela Jones of Garland; cousins, Dana, Kristen, Lisa, and Austin Miller, Joshua Monhollon of Abilene, Amelia Burke of Coppell, and Travis Miller of San Antonio; special friends Ben and Dawn Phillips, Ross, Garrett, and Katie all of Rockwall. The kids enjoyed playing games and swimming.

Bailey had celebrated her birthday at Ms. Terry and Ms. Lisa's Preschool on Tuesday,



Bailey Walterscheid

with 35 classmates, with cupcakes and goody bags. Ms. Jan Nielsen hosted a surprise party for Bailey on Wednesday, serving special pokemon cupcakes.

Bailey really enjoyed celebrating turning 4! Special birthday wishes were sent from great-grandparents Mary English and Helen Jones of Tyler.

Avery is one

Avery Nicole Truebenbach turned one year old on May 19. Avery is the daughter of Floyd and Tammy Truebenbach. Avery celebrated her birthday on Saturday the 20th with a party at her home. Gifts were opened, and pictures and videos were made. After everyone enjoyed a barbecue brisket meal, cake and ice cream were served.

Attending the party were Avery's parents, brother Garrett, grandparents Barbara Pierce and Clifford Truebenbach, grandmother Nancy Pena and grandfather Gary King; aunt Vicki Polson and cousin Hope; aunt Heather Sanderlin and cousin Aston; aunt Julie King and uncle Charles Truebenbach; godparents Bubbah and Melinda Klement with Brianna and Zachary; special friends Steve, Julie and Skyler

Sandusky; Darren and Kimber Walterscheid; Jason, Juline, and Emily Brogdon; and Tim and Staci Bartel.



Avery Nicole Truebenbach



Amy Katherine Luttmer

Amy celebrates first

Amy Katherine Luttmer, daughter of Gene and Carol Luttmer, turned one year old on May 7. She celebrated her birthday on that day with a party at the home of her grandparents Alfons and Mary Ann Koessler. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, dip, and ice cream were served along with a "Blue Clues" cake. Everyone enjoyed watching Amy open her gifts.

Guests included her parents; her sister Abby; grandparents Alfons and Mary Ann Koessler; uncles, aunts, and cousins; James, Sue, Jonathan, Kristen, and Debra Yosten; Barbara Koessler; Duane, Mary Lin, Diana, and Amanda Knabe; and Max, Cindy, and Samantha Koessler.

News of the Sick

Walt Klement underwent surgery successfully on Tuesday, May 30 at Harris Methodist Hospital of Fort Worth. Cards may be sent to him there, at 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76104, Rm. # 697. Your prayers will be gratefully received. His room telephone number is 817-882-2697.



Andrea Klement

Correction

In the story about the Kindergarten graduation held at Muenster ISD on May 23, 2000, the names of two students were inadvertently missed. The account should have stated that the program was completed by Nicole Pagel who gave the "Thank You" and by Cole McAden who read the "Benediction." The Enterprise regrets the omission.

Alex Krahl earns scholarship

Alex Nathan Krahl has been awarded the Texas Transfer Scholarship for the 2000-2001 academic year at the University of North Texas. The scholarship is for a total amount of \$2,000 - \$1,000 per year with half to be applied to the payment of tuition and fees each semester.

A 1998 graduate of Lindsay High School, Krahl is a business major and has just received his associate degree from North Central Texas College. He is the son of Gary and Cathy Krahl of Gainesville. He is the grandson

of Mary Ann Arendt and the late Andrew Nick Arendt of Lindsay and Martin and Nancy Krahl of Valley View.

NOTICE

S.N.A.P. lunches will be served as usual during the summer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except the time between June 12 to June 23. Menus will be announced in advance of each week in the Enterprise.

Klement earns BA degree

On Friday, May 12 Andrea Klement graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Texas A&M University. Attending the 7:30 p.m. ceremony were Andrea's parents Leon and Christi Klement; sister Bridgette; brother Elliot; cousin Michael Kostyniak of Arlington; and Jared Artho. Joining them after the ceremony were Andrea's godparents Larry and Gretchen Kostyniak of Arlington.

Andrea is the granddaughter of Elizabeth Koessler and Ed and Rose

Klement. While attending Texas A&M Andrea was a member of the Psychology Club, a Prime Time Mentor for disadvantaged children, a member of Cap and Gown, a national Senior Honor Society. She also held officer positions in both the Texas A&M Cancer Society and the Pre-Law Society.

Andrea has been accepted at the Texas Tech School of Law and will begin classes in August 2000. Andrea is a 1996 graduate of Muenster High School.

NCTC offers innovative child care provider training

A new class, titled "Learning to Play," will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 15 at North Central Texas College as the finale in the licensed child care provider training series.

"Before videos and computers were a part of everyday life for our children, they simply played," said NCTC Manager of Community Programs Kay Moody "Through games, children are able to learn math and language skills. This class will accent the merits of this vital proficiency."

During the hands-on training, Instructor Rhonnie Tompkins will emphasize the essentials of social skills

during "play." In addition, attendees will receive instruction on teaching children problem-solving skills and encouraging youngsters to follow directions.

This class satisfies mandatory continuing education requirements. Those employed in a licensed child care center or operating a registered family care center may apply for a scholarship by calling 800-717-TRAIN. In addition, participants must follow the registration procedures for NCTC.

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School News



Sacred Heart Preschool Class of 2000

Sacred Heart preschool holds Moving On Ceremony

Students of the Sacred Heart Preschool Class of 2000 celebrated the end of the school year with the annual Moving On Ceremony. The celebration was held on May 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Sacred Heart Pastor Fr. Thomas Craig gave the invocation to open the program. The children processed to the stage to "March of the Toys" played by their music teacher, Mrs. Ruth Felderhoff. All were invited to join the children in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance and singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Performing to a full house, the Preschool Children delighted proud parents, relatives and friends with a selection of their favorite songs and fingerplays. The selections reflected various aspects of their learning throughout the school year and included: "Give Thanks," "Garden Song," "The Itsy Bitsy Spider," "Sambalele," "This Old Man," and four fun animal fingerplays. Dr. Jack Murdock, principal, presented certificates of attendance to the nine children who will be preschool age again next year. They were: Chris Bartush, Mason Binder, Destin Fleitman, Mikayla Fleitman, Mikenzie Fleitman, Jace Fredrick, Brooke Henry, Clint Sidwell, and Cole Walterscheid. Moving-On Certificates were

then presented to the following 15 children who will be in kindergarten in the fall: Mikaela Bartush, Cody Denison, Devan Henry, Paige Herr, Brooke Hess, John Paul Hesse, Kaitlin Hesse, McKinley Padgett, Miranda Pagel, Clayton Rohmer, Morgan Swank, Elizabeth Turner, Amber Walterscheid, Brooke Walterscheid, and Michael Weinzapfel. Classroom teacher for the Montessori preschool was Mrs. Pam Dangelmayr. She was assisted by Mrs. Kathy Berres and Mrs. Susan Yosten. Following the Kindergarten portion of the program, all present enjoyed refreshments, visiting, and picture taking.

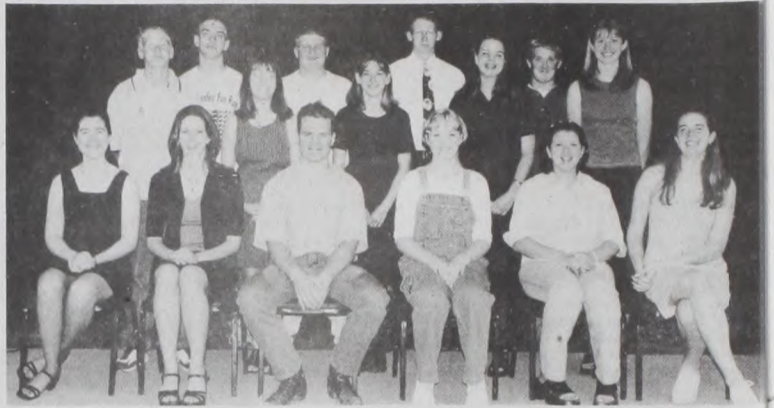
Muenster NHS elects officers

The 1999-2000 Muenster National Honor Society held its last meeting Tuesday, May 2. NHS discussed its ongoing service project. The Adopt-a-Highway clean-up that was scheduled in April was canceled due to inclement weather. Upon discussion, the project was rescheduled for Saturday, June 13 at 7:00 a.m. Graduation was another important topic. Danna Hess, National Honor Society

sponsor, and the current officers were placed in charge of obtaining the NHS seals to be placed on the diplomas of the graduating members. These members include Raegan Koesler, president; Casey Walterscheid, vice president; Karen Cler, Secretary; Allison Endres, Justin Fleitman, Kelly Felderhoff, Darren Hennigan, and Jackie Henschel. Also, the elections for the

2000-2001 school year were held. The new officers of the Muenster National Honor Society are Mary Skinner, president; Kristie Lutkenhaus, vice president; and Kacie Garcia, secretary. The remaining NHS members include Lauren Dangelmayr, Laura Drachenberg, Grant Hartman, Brett Howell, Pamela Lutkenhaus, and Chris York.

Submitted by Karen Cler



Muenster High School's 2000-2001 Student Council

MHS student council installed

Fifteen Muenster High School students were officially installed as officers and members of Muenster High School's Student Council for 2000-2001 during an assembly May 17 in the high school auditorium. Retiring senior members who officiated at the formal ceremony were Darren Hennigan, Casey Walterscheid, Jackie Henschel, Raegan Koesler, and Craig Hartman. Next year's officers are Mary Skinner, president; Kacie Garcia, vice president; Ami Graham, secretary; treasurer, Kelly Grewing; reporter, Lauren Dangelmayr; parliamentarian, Grant Hartman. The two elected

freshman representatives are Robyn Hermes and Melinda Walterscheid. Members at large include juniors: Laura Drachenberg, Paul Fleitman, Chris Luttmer, Matt Parsons, and Chris York; incoming sophomores are Kami Klement and Tyler Walterscheid. Sophomores through seniors earned their student council memberships this year by completing ten service hours. All credit hours must be approved in advance by the student council sponsors and are usually supervised and served on the students' own time rather than during classtime.

Candidates for office and freshman representatives filed petitions that were signed by registered student voters, designed their campaign posters, and presented campaign speeches in a student assembly before being elected by students.

After the installation ceremony, new and outgoing members were treated to refreshments. Reports showed that the Spring Book Fair netted about \$650 which will fund next year's projects and also provided twelve books for the school library.

submitted by Darren Hennigan



The Muenster Kiwanis Club presented this year's scholarships to Debra Dangelmayr of Sacred Heart High and John Flusche, Muenster High School graduate.

Photo by Dave Fette



Muenster High School graduate, Jeff Klement, and Anne Flusche, Sacred Heart High graduate, accept the Muenster Jaycees' annual \$500 scholarship from Craig Monday, Jaycee president. Janie Hartman photo

Three named on Duke University talent program

The Duke University Talent Identification Program is proud to announce three students

summer at a state recognition ceremony at the University of North Texas in Denton.



State recognized Duke winners were Derek Felderhoff, Adam Vinson, and Clint Miller. Courtesy photo

from Muenster ISD as state recognized winners in the 1999-2000 Talent Search. The three Muenster Middle School students are Derek Felderhoff, Adam Vinson, and Clint Miller. In order to qualify for the SAT or ACT test, the student must perform in the 95th national percentile on an achievement test. Twenty-six out of forty seventh graders qualified, making it the largest class to represent the Duke program. The three Muenster ISD students will be honored this

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children, Gina told her classmates that they could now do something about the problems in society. She said that when they do good there would be those who would argue against their intentions, but that they must remember never to let go of their morality and faith even when persecuted because of them. Gina shared advice from Mother Teresa for those preparing to face the world, "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. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today people will forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway."

Gina told her fellow graduates that her prayer for the necessary changes that are an inevitable part of life and that they might learn to accept what those changes might bring.

Assisted by Rev. Thomas Craig and Dr. Jack Murdock, Bishop Delaney awarded diplomas to the following graduates: Adrienne May Bartel, Andrea Lynn Bartush, Matthew Kelsey Bayer, Jessica Rose Berres, Jana Lee Coker, Debra Jean Dangelmayr, Kayla Ann Felderhoff, Anne Marie Flusche, Michelle Renae Fuhrmann, Joanna Marie Gehrig, Glenn Harvey Gleason, Jennifer Rose Hess, Sarah Ann Hess, Stephen Matthew Hoffbauer, Sayaka Kawatake, Sarah Louise Kelley, Adam Joseph Klement, Kristen Nicole Knauf, Melissa Renee McCarty, Matthew Joseph Nasche, Barbara Christine Nussbaum, Joshua Lee Walterscheid, Gina Louise Yosten.

Class sponsors Jo Bedowitz and Linda Ellender performed the traditional graduation symbols. Ms. Bedowitz turned the senior ring of each graduate and Mrs. Ellender moved the tassels on each one's cap.





Attendants welcomed guests and provided them with programs. They included Jessica Bartel, Rose Bartush, Karen Gehrig, Lilliana Nasche, and Kara Felderhoff, all sisters of graduates.

After the ceremony the 23 joyful graduates exited to "Chariots of Fire."




Smiles and tears graced the faces of the graduating class of Sacred Heart. Celebrating are, from left, Jennifer Hess, Kristen Knauf, Debra Dangelmayr, and Joanna Gehrig. Photo by Janet Felderhoff

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

For more information contact Brian Herr at 940-759-4512 or 940-759-2376.



The Muenster Gold Soccer team, consisting of Mark Jones, Blake Voth, Jimmy Abner, Austin Hennigan, Tyler Anderle, Blake Growing, and coached by Darla Anderle, had an excellent season this spring. Each player took his turn at being goalie, defending goals, and scoring goals. The team scored more goals than all other teams they played. Courtesy photo



Muenster Elementary students had a kite flying afternoon before school let out for the summer. Below - Zach Gunnels, Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Dustin Pumphrey, and Aaron Growing try to fix their busted kite. At left - Tanner Silmon's ready to let it fly. Above left - Sara Waterscheid and Taylor Reiter have their kite flying high. Above - Abigail Lloyd and Shanna Felderhoff untangle their lines.

Photos by Janie Hartman

Strength and speed camp available

A Champions Strength and Speed Camp is being offered June 5-30 to local athletes. Orientation will be Sunday June 4, at 6:00pm at the Muenster ISD gym.

There will be two sessions, junior high and high school, meeting at the Muenster gym, Monday - Friday. The junior high session will be held from 10:30-12:30 and the high school, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Any questions? call Cory at 759-4099, 940-224-3832 or Jason at 759-4869, 940-642-5397.

Texans are flocking to college baseball games

College baseball in Texas is on the rise in popularity. In fact, Texas schools make up three of the nation's top five teams in attendance.

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Farm & Ranch

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

House of Representatives passes federal crop insurance improvements

The House of Representatives approved legislation that will strengthen the Federal Crop Insurance Program and provide \$5.4 billion in assistance to help farmers and ranchers cope with low prices and the continuing effects of the drought.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13), who supported the legislation and cosponsored the crop insurance improvements, called the measure "a good bill for difficult times."

"This legislation was written with two things in mind," Thornberry stated. "First, it will help make crop insurance more accessible and workable for producers. Second, it will put money in producers' pockets to help them cope with bad weather and low prices. While more clearly needs to be

done to solve some of the problems facing agriculture, overall this is a good bill for difficult times."

The legislation, called *The Agricultural Risk Protection Act*, or HR 2559, was approved by the House by a voice vote. According to Thornberry, the bill will strengthen the crop insurance program by, among other things, providing better coverage at a lower cost and more coverage flexibility. The measure also contains two key provisions that Thornberry has supported since Congress began its reform of crop insurance.

The first provision would allow producers to use a county average in determining their coverage. This is designed to make up for those who may have suffered multiple losses, especially during the 1990s. The second provision

authorizes a first-time livestock risk management pilot program.

In addition to the crop insurance improvements, HR 2559 also contains federal assistance that will provide farmers and ranchers around the country with \$5.4 billion in relief. Producers in the 13th Congressional District alone are expected to receive approximately \$110 million of this amount.

"If recent temperatures are any indication of what farmers and ranchers will face this year," Thornberry remarked, "then this bill will be needed and could not have come at a better time."

Farmers' participation up in crop insurance by premium discounts

Sparked by \$400 million in premium discounts for 'buy-up' coverage as part of emergency assistance legislation, farmers' participation in crop insurance increased in 1999.

Total insured acres reached 196 million, up 8 percent from 1998, and acres insured at buy-up levels - above minimum catastrophic coverage (CAT) - increased by 19 percent.

The discounts - applicable to any federally supported crop yield or revenue insurance plan - dropped producers' after-subsidy premium costs for buy-up coverage about 30 percent.

Higher levels of buy-up participations are expected to continue in 2000, with federal agricultural appropriations for FY2000 providing funds for premium discounts.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

Urban homesteads see maximum size increased

The Constitutional amendments, Proposition 6, amended the size of an urban homestead as defined in Article XVI, Section 50, of the Constitution. This section protects a homestead from forced sale for payments of debts, except for the purchase or improvement of the homestead, Texas, certain partitions such as in a divorce, refinancing of a lien against the homestead, home equity loans and reverse mortgages.

Passed by Texas voters, Proposition 6 increased the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acre from one

acre and limited such a homestead to a single lot or contiguous lots. It allows an urban homestead to be used either as a home or as an urban home/place of business.

A rural homestead, available for residences only, consists of up to 200 acres in one or more parcels.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

If you're feeling stressed, a glass of wine or a stiff drink won't help you relax. Alcohol can actually increase your anxiety level. If you know you're going to have a tough day, it's best to avoid alcohol.

GRASSHOPPERS "HERE AGAIN"

Last year people were asking "... will we have a grasshopper problem next year?" The only answer was - we will have to wait and see. Well, next year is here and we sure do have the start of another problem year with grasshoppers. This past week Allen Knutson, TAEX Entomologist, and I surveyed several pastures, hay fields and corn fields. In all instances grasshopper numbers were high. With dry pasture conditions and weed hosts in pastures we will begin to see the 'hoppers migrate to more lush growing plants and irrigated landscapes. This will cause a concentrating effect with high populations on the best growing crops like milo, corn, and homesites.

Now the grasshoppers are about 1/2-inch to 3/4-inch long with underdeveloped wings. Most are hopping and not flying. The wings should develop about ten days to two weeks, making their travel even easier. In Texas, we have about five species of grasshoppers that cause ninety percent of the damage to crops, gardens, trees and shrubs. Most species have one generation a year, hatching in the spring, feeding thru the summer, breeding and laying eggs in the fall, then die. They lay their eggs in weedy areas like fence rows. Seldom will eggs be laid in cultivated lands. Cool dry springs can delay hatching and extend it into July, so it appears that we have several generations.

Grasshopper control is difficult for several reasons. Adult grasshoppers are tolerant of low doses of many insecticides and can be difficult to kill. Even lethal doses of pesticides, once ingested or contacted by the grasshopper, rarely kill immediately thus allowing the grasshoppers to continue to damage plants. Adult grasshoppers are extremely mobile, allowing reinfestation to occur as long as a suitable food source is present in the yard. During grasshopper outbreaks, some damage from grasshoppers is inevitable.

Recent studies conducted at Texas A&M University suggest that the most effective insecticides require repeated use in heavy grasshopper years. If you are trying to protect plants with any of these

sprays, you must retreat every 5 days, for maximum effectiveness.

Exceptionally valuable plants can be covered with floating plant covers to provide a barrier for grasshoppers. Floating plant covers are specially designed fabrics that allow airflow and sunlight to penetrate when placed over plants. Floating row covers are a specialty garden supply that may not be available in all nurseries. Organic garden supply stores and mail order supply houses are more likely to carry these products.

For more information on grasshoppers, including pictures of the common species, call our office and ask for office publication L-5201, *Grasshoppers and Their Control*.

Grasshoppers are bad now but with the weather forecast of a hot, dry summer we can look for them to get worse.

GRASSHOPPER PREFERENCES FOR ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

Last year John Cooper (CEA-Horticulture in Denton County) and one of his local nurserymen, former CEA-Horticulture, Mr. Stan Lovelace, did a nice survey of grasshopper damaged plants in Denton County. As this looks like another potentially plentiful year for 'hoppers, I thought some of you might be interested in the results of this interesting demonstration.

Fifty-five kinds of ornamental plants were observed for grasshopper damage in 1998. Thirty-two were largely ignored by grasshoppers under heavy grasshopper populations. The principal grasshopper species involved was the differential grasshopper.

Observations were made during the late summer of 1998 from customer landscapes in rural areas in northwest Denton county. This area had received heavy damage from grasshoppers during the exceptionally hot and dry summer of 1998.

Plants that Mr. Lovelace observed being eaten "with relish" by grasshoppers included: Althea (hibiscus); Amaryllis; Bachelors' button; Bush honeysuckle; buddleia (butterfly bush)**; Canna lily; Cherry, laurel; Chrysanthemum;

Daylily; Elaeagnus (Russian-olive)**; Hardy Hibiscus; Holly; Nellie R. Stevens**; Iris; Liriope**; Mondgrass; Peach; Photinia; Privet; Purple loosestrife; Rose; Tradescantia; Weigela; Wisteria; ** heavily damaged.

Plants that grasshoppers were NOT observed feeding on included: Almond (flowering)*; Artemisia; Aster (hardy); Barbary (pigmy); Burning bush (dwarf); Calliandra (American beautyberry); Coral berry; Crapemyrtle; Dianthus (perennial); Eucalyptus; Forsythia; Grape*; Jasmine (confederate); Juniper; Lantana; Lilac (Persian); Mexican bush sage; Moss rose; Nandina; Passiflora; Penstemon; Petunia (dwarf Mexican); Pine (eldorado or Austrian); Purlane; Rock rose; Salvia greggii; Spirea (bridal wreath); Thrift (perennial); Turk's cap; Verbena (perennial) Yaupon (dwarf).

Cooper and Lovelace caution that under the worst circumstances, even the unpreferred plants listed here might be consumed. Use the lists as a guide rather than a guarantee for a grasshopper-proof landscape.

Exceptionally valuable plants should be covered with floating plant covers, such as Remya fabrics, to keep grasshoppers off. Insecticides provide only partial protection during grasshopper outbreaks.

STEER VALIDATION

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 steer(s) 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.

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500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 87-91; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-87; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 81-87; Nos. 2 & 3, 77-81; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 78-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-78
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400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 90-97; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-90; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 82-87; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-82; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 80-84; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-80; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 75-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-75
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Bears:
300 lb. up, 08-10; 200-300 lbs., NT, Light wt., NT
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Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 85-90; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 80-85; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 75-80
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