

Covenant Health Care advises Muenster Memorial Hospital Board

by Janet Felderhoff
 "The observations that I make as far as coming into the community is there is a lot of community pride and there is a lot of service offered to this hospital," remarked Larry Crapaula of TORCH (Texas Organization of Rural Hospitals) Management Services. "I look at the wall of honor with physicians and board members and the years so many of them contributed. To have this facility and bring it to where it is today is really impressive. That pride is important for your survivability. The dedication that's here by way of the health care staff, the providers, the physicians, the management, all that makes this thing work. I feel that you've got a lot of good qualities that you need to survive the current climate in health care."

Crapaula along with Jim Bullard and Mark Havens of Covenant Health Care systems were at a special meeting of the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board held Tuesday, March 5. They were there to deliver their findings from an operational or survivability assessment. It was

performed to determine what the hospital could do to survive. They studied how things were done, talked with staff and made suggestions for changes as well as pointing out areas that were doing well. Crapaula outlined a variety of things from a shortage of nurses to costly mandates to Medicare reimbursements that are creating an unfavourable climate for hospitals. Perceptions are another thing that can hurt small hospitals. "One of the perceptions that is unfortunate is that sometimes small is not as good, that larger is better," Crapaula noted. "That a

their health care outside the community.

The vision should be not only how to survive today, but into tomorrow, he said. How to keep the system whole, how to keep the community whole isn't an easy job, it takes strong management, said Crapaula. "It takes a management that is visionary, decisive, one that's empowering others within the system to get things done. It takes good governance to get things done. It is difficult sometimes for governments to understand that they're the folks who look at the bigger picture. What do we

the hospital to be a strong player. "We have to be very open about our issues," he remarked. "We have to share our issues with our community, make sure we are in step with what our community wants and we have to bring the cash back and the hospital will be strong into the future."

Bullard said that about a month before some of the Covenant staff had spent time at MMH talking with the staff. Suggestions for improvements had been made at that time and MMH staff had already implemented some of those. "That's a credit to your hospital staff," he noted. He said what would be talked about were suggestions, thoughts, and ideas and might not work for MMH. "We met some really dedicated, serious, very intense and motivated kind of folks that we truly believe is the ingredient of what makes rural health care work." They could make more money or possibly be on call less, but do what they do at MMH because it is their calling, he said. "We found a tremendous amount of energy and support and a dedicated staff to do that," praised Bullard.

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Adam Bayer

Bayer earns Eagle

Adam Bayer, son of Tom and Joyce Bayer, earned the highest rank conferred by Boy Scouts of America, that of Eagle Scout, in ceremonies in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Mar. 10, 2002.

The rank of Eagle Scout was conferred Sunday at 2:00 p.m. with full and formal ceremonies. As guests arrived, Den 5 Webelos Tyler Pagel, Scott Endres, Chad Henscheid, Ryan Henscheid, Jacob Bayer and Den Leader Rita Bayer greeted them. The

Color Guard, Brad Endres and Chad Endres, advanced forward carrying the United States Flag and the Boy Scouts of America Flag. An Honor Guard composed of Eagle Scouts Kenneth Walterscheid and Aaron Klement escorted Adam to the assembly. At this time, Senior Patrol Leader Dustin Felderhoff led the scouts and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Master of Ceremonies, Scoutmaster Chuck Bartush, gave the

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Fischer's celebrates 75th anniversary

by Janet Felderhoff
 With a reputation that spans three quarters of a century, Fischer's Market is a thriving Muenster business. It is most well known for its meat. Owners John and Butch Fisher report that many customers come from out of town especially to buy meat. Many make a point of stopping to stock up on meat any time they pass through Muenster.

As part of their 75th Anniversary celebration, there are a number of special things planned for this Friday and Saturday. Bossie the cow will visit with customers in the store. She will ride her bicycle and distribute free milk samples. Customers can register for the Saint Patrick Beanie Bears drawing. Other prizes will be given away also. Each week since February a Fischer's cured and smoked turkey has been given away and there will be a drawing for another winner. Winners so far include Kyla Henscheid, Mrs. John Fleitman, Sug Bindel, Betty Felderhoff, Augusta Walterscheid, and Joe Tepera. There will be a drawing for a half beef from Fischer's feedlot, fully processed to your specifications. Other drawings to register for are a bicycle; two free tickets to Texas Motor Speedway; and



Fischer's helped "put Muenster on the map" with the addition of their clock tower and glockenspiel. They have led the community in following an Old World German style in renovating the store inside and out. Dave Fette Photo

a Quarterback Pass Attack electronic football game.

On Saturday there will be a number of demonstrations in the store. Free hot dogs and 12 oz. Dr. Pepper (limit four carry out) will be given away.

Fischer's had a major expansion project that was completed in May of 1987. It almost doubled the size of

the facility. The exterior is designed to reflect the community's German heritage. Later a glockenspiel or clock tower was added to the outside of Fischer's building. It has figures that come out on the hour and music plays. The glockenspiel is on from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. except Sundays when it is turned

on at noon and off at 6 p.m. and on Saturday it is turned off at 5 p.m. due to the evening Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

John Fischer said about the expansion, "It did what it needed to do. We're thankful that our sales increased to offset the cost of the expansion. Especially since we put the

glockenspiel in there's a lot of out of town curiosity and local people when they have their out of town friends in they come and look at the glockenspiel."

John Fischer said the only plans for the future are to "Continue to be a part of the community and provide employment for our 59 part and full-time people. We try to service the local people and try to attract out of town people with our German approach, the facade, and ethnic products and our local sausage that we've been making since 1927."

One such customer is a man from Red River Arsenal in Texarkana who services Lawton. He told John that he stops at Fischer's every time he goes to Lawton and purchases a big order of meat. "That's not an isolated case, that's real typical," John remarked. "About half of our meat business is out of town." They also have customers for meat processing who come from a good distance.

Fischer's has a feedlot, which is strictly for the store. They feed the cattle and slaughter them in the Fischer's plant for sell over the counter in by the half beef. Their meat department is definitely a drawing card for customers.

According to John there are three meat cutters

whose job is to cut steaks for restaurants and for the counter. "That's a big part of a quality of beef is having someone who knows how to cut it so their experience brings good comments from our customers," he said.

Fischer's is labeled for about 60 varieties of inspected meat products including sausages, but to simplify things they don't make but about 20 to 30 different products.

Fischer's has been on Main Street for 75 years. The present location is the third move the business made. Butch and John Fisher took over the business in 1975 from Joe and John Fischer who started it in 1927. "They managed to get through the Depression years and carried people who couldn't pay their bills through that period. The community worked together to exist and we did," John noted. He recalled his Uncle Joe telling of working a complete year and after doing their books found that there was nothing to divide. "They did eat of it, but that was it," he said. "They carried a lot of people who couldn't afford to buy groceries. We had charges back then. Now we don't have personal charge, but with credit and debit cards and with checks it supplies people's need if they don't

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Hänsel und Gretel Haus opens

by Janet Felderhoff
 A love of Germany prompted Barbara LaChance to open her new business Hänsel Und Gretel Haus. It is located at 218 North Main Street in Muenster next to Sisters. "This store is for the people of Muenster to honor their German heritage," remarked Barbara.

Barbara met her husband Jeff in the late '70s while they were both stationed at Zweibrücken Air Force Base in Germany. She worked at the weather station and he at the fire station. They were married there - twice. Barbara noted that in Germany church weddings aren't recognized so they were married at city hall and then in a Catholic

ceremony. In the three years they spent there the couple fell in love with cuckoo clocks and bought one. It's still in use in their Muenster home. "People come up here looking for German goods and I thought it would be good to have a cuckoo clock shop so they could have some of the things that we saw when we were in Germany," explained Barbara.

A Ribbon Cutting at 10 a.m. Friday, March 15 kicks off a two-day Grand Opening celebration. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be door prizes, refreshments, and all cuckoo clocks will be on sale both Friday and Saturday.

Hänsel Und Gretel Haus

is a place to get unique gifts, things that are different and can't be bought at a discount store. If you are looking for a gift for somebody who has everything, Barbara encourages you to check out her selections.

Cuckoo clocks are the featured item. "Cuckoo clocks are fun and they're different. They're unique. They make nice gifts and look great in your home. The sound of the cuckoo and the music is a comforting sound. Cuckoo clocks are really neat because they're different. You don't plug them in or put a battery in them. They're mechanical - you

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Barbara LaChance, owner of Muenster's newest business, Hänsel und Gretel, specializing in German items. Janie Hartman Photo

Deadline nears for local election filing

by Janet Felderhoff
 Wednesday, March 20 is the deadline for persons wishing to run for positions on local boards. The elections will be held on May 4 unless there are no contested positions on a particular board.

Muenster Memorial Hospital has three director positions open for three-year terms. Paul Becker, Gary Links, and Danny Walterscheid hold those. The three were appointed to fill the terms of three Board members who resigned before completing their three-year terms.

Muenster City Council has three positions open. Council members whose

terms are expiring are Troy Sicking, Place 1, and John Pagel, Place 2, and Jewel Otto, Place 4.

Muenster ISD has two Places open. Nick Walterscheid, Place 3, and Tim Felderhoff, Place 4, currently hold those seats.

Lindsay ISD has three Board positions open. Earl Cunningham, Donna Hess, and Danny Nortman hold the expiring positions.

This year the three positions up for election on the Lindsay City Council are for mayor, now held by Norb Mages, and the seats held by Wilbert Block and Rudy Hess.

Mages said he intends to run for re-election.



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 have cash." Fischer's eliminated personal charges with the use of credit cards since it eliminated extra bookkeeping.

"We appreciate Muenster's support and want to part of the community and hopefully the next generation continues in that direction," John remarked. Butch Fisher added that he was glad for their parents starting the business and glad for their help and expressed appreciation to the customers who got them where they are.

EAGLE SCOUT

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opening prayer. Assistant Patrol Leader, Ryan Hennigan, lit three candles representing the Spirit of Scouting. The red candle is the lifeblood of brave men ready to die or worthily live for this country. The white candle is for purity, cleanliness of purpose, thought, word, and deed. The blue candle is for faith and loyalty, like the eternal blue of the star-filled heavens. Chuck Bartush informed the assembly, "Eagle is the highest and most coveted rank in all Scouting. It is the climax and goal toward which this Scout has been working for many years.... The parents and scout leaders of the Eagle candidate develop him toward alert and participating citizenship through the Boy Scout program. Their efforts culminate this afternoon in the presentation of the Eagle Award. The success of these efforts, however, will only manifest in the way the Eagle Scout himself sets a social pattern for those lives he touches."

The Eagle Charge was delivered by Eagle Scout Scott Poole in which Adam was asked to repeat the Scout Oath. Adam was challenged by Eagle Scouts Kenneth Walterscheid, Aaron Klement, and Scott Poole to enter the Eagle brotherhood. Adam was then pronounced as Eagle Scout. Chuck Bartush declared the National Court of Honor closed. Christy Hesse, accompanied by organist Linda Flusche, sang "On Eagle's Wings."

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Community Center meeting room. Refreshments of punch, cookies and a beautifully decorated Eagle Cake by Lisa Rohmer, was served to guests by Alice Walterscheid, Janet Fisher, Annette, Michelle, and Nicole Bayer, and Jeannene Bayer.

Memorabilia of Adam's Trail to Eagle was displayed for the guests to view. Among guests were Assistant Scoutmaster Gary Fisher, Committee Chairman Waylen Poole, Committee Members Ernest Martin, Laquita Moore, Bill Rohmer, and Dwayne Rohmer, his sister and brother-in-law, Curtis and Rhonda Pagel and Tyler and Brittany Pagel, sister Cheryl Bayer, sister and brother-in-law, Chris and Jennifer Wright, and Don and Barbara Bayer of Waco. Special guests were Grandparents Tony and Sis Klement and Louise Bayer.

completely refinish the visitor's bleachers at Hornet Stadium. He has held positions of Quartermaster from 1995-1996, Assistant Patrol Leader from 1996-1997, Troop Guide in 1997, Quartermaster from 1999-2000 and his present position of OA Troop Representative.

Other accomplishments include being elected to the "Order of the Arrow" in the summer of 1999 and the OA Ordeal in the fall of 1999. Special Awards include Parvulei Dei and Historic Trails in 1994, Arrow of Light and Historic Trails in 1995, World Conservation in 1998, 50 miler, Ad Altare Dei and Philmont Award in 1999. He also holds a total of 28 Merit Badges; 21 of these were required for the rank of Eagle.

Adam Bayer is a Senior at Muenster High School. He has been an active scout since Tiger Cub days in 1990. Adam's main service project for Troop 664 was to

Democratic "Rib Fest" April 14

The Cooke County Democratic Club "Rib Fest" will be held on Sunday, April 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Gainesville

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Henry Weinzapfel, Jeannene Walterscheid, Shellee Hoedebeck, John Bartush and Kevin Sebade join Butch and Johnny Fisher (center) by the sausage and cheese during Fischer's Meat Market 75th Anniversary Celebration.

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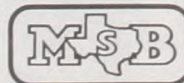
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Sunday, March 24, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM MISD & SHHS grads Class of '72 Meeting, 5PM, The Center PALM SUNDAY	Monday, March 25, 2002	Tuesday, March 26, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board Meeting, 7PM	Wednesday, March 27, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Class, 7PM	Thursday, March 28, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Jr. High Track Meet @ Muenster	Friday, March 29, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM MISD - No School Sacred Heart - No School Muenster Track Meet GOOD FRIDAY	Saturday, March 30, 2002

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Obituaries

Catherine Schmidlkofer 1903 - 2002

by **Elfreda Fette**
 Mass of Christian Burial was offered for Catherine Schmidlkofer of Lindsay on Thursday, Mar. 7, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church, officiated by Father Eugene Luke, OSB. Mrs. Schmidlkofer died on Mar. 5, 2002 at St. Richard's Villa in Muenster at age 98.



Catherine Schmidlkofer

She was born on Oct. 19, 1903 in Muenster to George and Maria Neumaier Angerer. On Oct. 17, 1922 she married John C. Schmidlkofer in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster. She lived her entire life on her family's farm. A member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and St. Anne's Society, she was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and good friend and neighbor.

Survivors are sons and daughters-in-law George and Louise Schmidlkofer; Joseph and Viola Schmidlkofer; Leroy and Rosina Schmidlkofer all of Gainesville; son Herbert Schmidlkofer of Gainesville; daughter and son-in-law Marie and Joseph Fuhrmann of Gainesville, and daughter, Rosalie Reiter of Gainesville. There are 35 grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren

and three great-great-grandchildren. Also one sister, Clara Miller and one sister-in-law, Marlee Angerer, both of Slaton, Texas.

Preceding her in death were her husband, who died on July 12, 1989; one son; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

On Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m. a Rosary Service was held in St. Peter's Catholic Church.

On Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Mass of Christian Burial, offered by

Fr. Eugene Luke OSB, were altar servers Joe Otto and Justin Turbeville, great-grandsons of Catherine Schmidlkofer. Mary Turbeville, a granddaughter was lector, also giving the Readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann. Mrs. Schmidlkofer was Clara's baptismal sponsor. Eucharistic Ministers were Rosina Schmidlkofer, Lillian Hess and Susan Kitterer. Sacred music was presented by St. Cecilia's Choir, and Clara Hellingner, organist. Selections included "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" for the entrance, "Prayer of St. Francis" at Offertory, "I Am The Bread Of Life" and "You Are Mine" for Communion, and "Pilgrim's Song" for recessional.

Father Eugene delivered the homily.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were grandsons William Schmidlkofer, Weldon Schmidlkofer, Victor Schmidlkofer, Leonard Fuhrmann, Earl Brinkley, and Joseph Eiler.

Thomas McCulley 1925 - 2002

Thomas McCulley of Myra died at age 76, at his residence on Mar. 11, 2002.

Graveside service was held Thursday, Mar. 14, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at Reed Cemetery, directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home and assisted by Dr. Lawrence D. Burks, pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church.

Thomas McCulley was born on Dec. 17, 1925 in McKinney, Texas to Edward and Minnie Vines McCulley. He was a retired oil field employee. He enjoyed gardening, where he spent many hours.

Family visitation was held at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home on Wednesday, Mar. 13, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Survivors are his wife, Edna McCulley of Myra; daughter and son-in-law Renee and Ralph Hellingner of Myra; and grandchildren Spc. Jeremy Hellingner and his wife Kristie of Ft. Erwin, California; S/Sgt. Leslie Hellingner of Wichita Falls; Amy Nunn and her husband Waylon of Gainesville; Samuel Ray Hellingner of Myra. Also great-grandchildren, Gabbi Hellingner and Abby Nunn.

Also several nieces, nephews, cousins; neighbors and many friends. Also surviving are a sister, Marie Watkins of Pochantas, Arkansas, and brothers Ernest McCulley of Greenville, Olin McCulley of Chicago; Robert McCulley of Whitesboro; Jimmy McCulley of Denison, and Jerry McCulley of Tennessee.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sisters, Evelyn Fults and Beatrice McCulley; and brothers Clifford, Bobby, Johnny, and Billy Ray McCulley.

Waste water treatment plant upgrade to begin this fall

by **Dave Fette**

Engineers from Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. of Fort Worth say Muenster's sewer plant upgrade and expansion will start in September and be completed by April 2003. Jeff James and Cole Webb displayed the plans and described the construction process to the Muenster City Council at the regular meeting on Monday, March 4. The construction, in line with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) guidelines, will allow the treatment plant to remain in operation at all times.

The plans include new sludge drying beds and a new clarifier. Together with other improvements and modernization, the capacity of the sewer plant will almost double. The upgrades will be contained within the current boundaries of the treatment area, but TNRCC regulations require a buffer boundary around the plant. This easement allows no habitable building within the buffer.

The project has a cost of \$26,000,000. The city has applied for an Office of Rural Community Affairs Construction Grant which should cover approximately \$250,000.00 of the cost.

Pat Dillon from Southwest Consultants is assisting the city in acquiring the grant. The rest of the money will be raised by the one-half cent city sales tax for economic development.

Former city administrator and water treatment expert Joe Fenton recommended that the city hire a qualified inspector to insure specifications are followed by contractors in all phases of construction. The council agreed that was a very good idea.

The council accepted the audit report for the fiscal year 2000-2001 from Stephen Gilland, CPA. He commented that there were no qualifications in the audit, which is good and commended the city for

having about one year's operating money in the general fund. Gilland extended thanks to Administrator Linda Webb, Secretary Micallee Matson and Water Superintendent Chris Yost for their cooperation.

Other items of City Council discussion and/or action included:

- Eagle Scout candidate Jack Biffle presented his proposal for his Eagle Scout project. He will organize and conduct the job of moving an antique oil pump jack which has been donated to the city museum. The project, including set up and landscaping, was approved.

- Agreements on street closings around Muenster Independent School District will include MISD assuming responsibility for curbing

and paving Walnut Street between Eighth and Ninth Streets and acknowledged the improvement of Hickory Street from Seventh to Ninth with no plans to open that street.

- The council approved plans submitted by Council member John Pagel for repairs and exterior improvements. The city will seek local builders to take different parts of the job.

- Sewer line replacement projects have been completed on Fifth Street and similar work is happening on Maple Street at the municipal park.

- Public hearings on annexation of property into the city limits are scheduled for April 1 and 8 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

- Monthly bills totalling \$79,488.37 were approved for payment.

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At this time we would like to reflect back on the last 75 years and how the community has supported Fischer's Meat Market. A lot of us came through the terrible depression, wars and other diversities; but with the grace of God we survived and are here today. However, we would not be here today without your support. We are extremely thankful and very humbled at our very existence. Fischer's started with Uncle Joe and Dad, John. Now there are 59 employees that continue their dream. Only God knows what is ahead but with His help and your continued support we hope we will be here for a long time.

John and Butch

From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cier

Going to lunch at "The Center" is always a pleasant experience, but don't ever be surprised at the folks you meet there.

Yesterday, Sunday, Tony, Aileen and myself were about to seat ourselves when we realized we would be sitting next to a couple of old school-mates of long ago, two old friends, Alphonse Schmitz of Valley View, and

his sister Florence (Schmitz) Fisher of Muenster.

It was nice to see them. We see Florence every now and then, but it's been years since I have talked to Alphonse. We had gone to school together in '31-'32 and had some fond memories of that time.

A few minutes later as we were preparing to leave, I felt a hand on my shoulder and looked up to see a man

that looked so familiar I thought I must know him. Before I could speak he said, "I'm Urban Flusche, do you still remember me?" Well, yes, I did. He hadn't changed all that much. A few pounds heavier and like all of us, a little older.

We exchanged pleasantries for a few minutes before he moved on. He's still living in Dallas,

where he has been for many years.

On our way out, among others, we spoke to old friends, J.C. and Mrs. Donell, who seem to eat most of their Sunday lunches at The Center. They are a very nice couple.

The only other thing I can say about eating at The Center is that the food is good, and I usually eat too much there.

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just wind them and they go," remarked Barbara.

Barbara feels hers is probably one of the best cuckoo clock collections in north Texas. They range in size from small quartz clocks with swinging doll pendulums to a large 25 1/2 inch Hunter's clock that plays two melodies. Chalet clocks have movements with dancers dancing and moving figurines. The hand-made clocks have exceptional attention given to details. Each one is a work of art and no two are exactly alike. They come in a variety of price ranges.

Hansel Und Gretel Haus carries the traditional German Bahnhaule style, a world famous Black Forest Husli which is a replica of a historic house in the high Black Forest, a collector's quail clock, and

cuckoo clock birdhouses. There are some with one-day movements and others with the eight-day that only have to be wound once a week. All feature a night shut off button so that those who are bothered by clocks chiming during the night can sleep peacefully.

Other merchandise available at Hansel Und Gretel Haus include treasures such as Kathe Kruse and Selecta wooden toys and nutcrackers from Erzgebirge, a region in the eastern part of Germany; wooden walking sticks used for volksmarching in Germany; dolls including Lissi, German Barbies, towel dolls, and Hummel dolls; German beer steins, wine glasses, and mugs; table linens from Austria; Steinbach and Christian

Ulbricht collectors nutcrackers, as well as less expensive ones from China; smokers; windmills; antiques; hand-carved wooden items such as shelves; German music CDs; weather houses; German pens; Christmas ornaments; cow bells; and music boxes.

The LaChance family moved to Muenster from the Metroplex two and a half years ago. They were searching for a smaller town to move to that was within commuting distance from Jeff's job. Barbara read about Sacred Heart School in the *North Texas Catholic* when it received the Blue Ribbon Award. After visiting Muenster the family decided they really liked it and made the move. They have three children. Lauren, 22, is a senior at

Texas A&M, Stephen, 15, is a freshman at Sacred Heart High, and Jordan, 10, is in the fifth grade at Sacred Heart School.

Hansel Und Gretel Haus is meant to be a fun place to shop. "We want to service our customers," remarked Barbara. "If there is something that they would like us to special order I will try to find it for them. We're here to serve the local community and also the tourists who pass through. I would like them to come visit and I look forward to it as a way of meeting people since I'm pretty new to Muenster." She welcomes ideas and suggestions for the store.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The telephone number is (940) 759-2114.

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MMH's financial condition was found to be adequate. "Adequate is a funny word," he continued. "It doesn't mean that you've got a significant amount of reserves that you can call on and do some things you want to do. Adequate means that you've got some reserves, you've got very little long-term debt, very little debt at all, so you're managing as you go."

The possibility had been that if the tax rollback passed as it did that the hospital might have to eliminate some services and possibly close. Bullard said that looking at past years and performance and the way things were done that the service level could be maintained. That might have to be re-evaluated as the year goes by since a lot of it is based on volume and utilization. He also noted that there are some real needs in the facility that can't be addressed now because that, Bullard felt, is where the extra tax dollars would have gone. An updated information system, especially for accounts receivable and new surgery and obstetrics equipment were some areas that he felt would need updating. To recruit a surgeon would probably require renovation or new equipment. "There is a lot of new technology out there and there is a world full of physicians who want to live in a small town, but at the same time they want to be able to compliment the skills they were trained to do," Bullard noted. "If that be your goal and your directive, I think you need to understand that you need some resources to do some of that."

A point Bullard said needed to be driven home was getting over the dissent in the community. It takes everybody together in one accord toward one goal and there can be disagreement as to what that goal should be. "But folks if this is going to be a survival viable organization we have got to put that behind us," stressed Bullard. "Those things have got to go away." He said that the best way they have found to bring everybody together is to take a day to go somewhere peaceful to do some strategic planning. He said that a mindset should be achieved where all walk away with four or five initiatives.

"They've got to decide what service and what level of service," explained Bullard. "You can't do it all. You can decide what things you do want and what things fit your community very well. Then you've got to decide how you can be the best you can be at that." He told them they had to be better than anybody else particularly in this market because of the close proximity of other area hospitals. "You've got to be unique enough and good

enough for residents in your service area to say, 'I want to go to that hospital.' You've got to be service minded enough to make people want to do that," he said.

Bullard emphasized that an important thing determined in the executive summary was to move ahead with preparations for Critical Access designation. "As rapidly as you can and as accurately as you can need to get that in place, but you need to do it in a manner to ensure that it is the right thing to do," said Bullard. He cautioned updating the Performa, which is difficult because Medicare information isn't up to date. The Medicare log or PS&R are lagging behind. "The significance of that is that certain parts of that data are pretty critical to how you really will fall in this Critical Access." He recommended getting numbers as fast as possible so a wise and responsible decision could be made. Havens also stressed the importance of having good numbers when deciding on Critical Access. "You can use 2000 numbers, but I would be very cautious. You don't want to jump into something," he said. It is possible that the numbers could be different enough to cause the hospital to lose money by a Critical Access designation.

Bullard said, "Our sense from everything we've seen in your last analysis performa is that it (Critical Access) is the right thing to do. To ensure it I think you need to have the best backup you can get and that's to wait for the (2001) ES&R." He suggested starting the application process and sending in what is available because it takes a while to process. That would allow bowing out if the numbers weren't favorable.

Administrator Jack Endres noted that you have to go through a survey to get Critical Access designation. "That survey is one reason to make sure that you're going to get significant benefit out of going Critical Access because if you only get minor benefits you're going to wind up triggering a whole bunch of money to bring the hospital up to code and not benefiting from it," he explained.

MMH's physicians were given an A+ by Bullard's group for being cooperative and willing to work within the hospital.

The employees are concerned with viability, said Bullard. It isn't just a concern about a job because there are nearby hospitals and there is a shortage of licensed health care professionals. He noted, "They want to see this facility go. I think your community - just to be here in a community of 1500 to have this kind of facility speaks for that. You've got a

tremendous number of things going for you. I think you're a great place to make things work."

Bullard urged getting a positive message out to the community that makes people feel good about services received from MMH. The Rural Health Clinic is where he said to start since it drives the whole system.

Bullard remarked, "Our overall analysis of everything is this - this is not an easy job. Managing a small hospital is very, very difficult. I think your management has performed well. I think Jack has done a good job at the resources that you've had and the forms of dollars coming to you from programs, etc. and the fiscal management, the financial management of this facility. There are a number of facilities that in your situation would not be around today."

Bullard addressed the various departments. He gave praise and suggestions for changes or improvements when appropriate.

Mark Haven continued along the same line with other departments. He focused on the financial departments recommending a computer program that would maximize reimbursements and getting the money in quickly. Also self pay accounts it was suggested would best be collected quickly and outsourced for collection if possible.

"The nursing home seems to be doing well, said Haven. "I think it's a bright spot. I went and personally visited the nursing home. The place was clean, the patients seemed to truly care and that's the main thing."

Haven said that many of the suggestions could be considered during the facility's day of planning. Bullard remarked, "Fail to plan, plan to fail. I think that applies. I sit in on a lot of board meetings I always say that the hospitals that are doing well plan to do well and have a direction. The board is working and has some good dynamics going on within itself trying to find better ways to serve the community."

After the three advisors left the Board addressed the remaining agenda for the special meeting. Board member John Aytes said that due to discord and lack of communication he would like some immediate action in replacement of the Board's legal counsel and accounting firm. Endres had recommended making a change in the accounting firm every so many years, said Aytes. He said that they had been advised to make the changes by people who were on boards all the time and made a motion that a temporary committee be appointed for the purpose of connecting with possible replacements for

both the accountant and legal counsel. The Board voted 8-0 to form the committees. The ninth member Paul Becker wasn't present.

Aytes said that Kevin Reed, the present legal counsel, does work with TORCH, but he feels that Reed worked directly against the saving of the hospital and so he isn't satisfied with him or his interpretation.

Endres remarked, "I guess that if you want to get rid of Kevin Reed or the accountants, I guess that's your prerogative. But do it on a reasonable basis, don't do it because they had advised the Board as an objective looking at what's going on that a merger was in the best interest of the District." He wondered why they didn't ask Covenant if it were a good idea. Aytes agreed to call and consult them.

Endres also said that usually he would advise changing accountants every three years, but if they wanted to change that was fine they go out for bids every year from three or four firms. He said, "We will not stop using Mike Oatman just because we bring in somebody else. When Medicare comes to us and says we have a question about your cost report, you're going to go back to the accounting firm that prepared the cost report."

Kenny Klement was appointed to chair the committee. President Jerry Hess asked him to get other members for the committee.

Discussion centered on Critical Access. Aytes noted that Covenant advised quick action, but waiting for good numbers which didn't fit the agenda of hurry. Dan Hamric said, "My motion at the last meeting was to have Jack get everything ready done that's possible to get done and send that to them. That's what they recommended. Send the 2000 and tell them we are interested in doing this ASAP."

Angelo Nasche said that due to possible governments cuts in Medicare, the present economy, possible grant money under Critical Access, etc. he thought the benefits of going Critical Access were greater than the risk.

Endres said, "If you want to take a vote go ahead and do it as long as my warning to you is in the minutes. I'm recommending that you wait for the numbers."

The Board approved applying for the Critical Access designation 5-2-1 with Aytes, Nasche, Klement, Gary Links, and James Walterscheid for; Jerry Hess and Hamric voting against; and Danny Walterscheid abstaining.

Texas public schools face funding crisis

by Bonnie Longnion, PhD, trustee, Humble ISD and Michael Hinojosa, EdD, superintendent, Hays Consolidated ISD

Texas public schools, with the support of the Legislature and local school boards, have come a long way since 1993, when the current school finance and accountability systems were enacted:

- Texas now has one of the most equitable funding systems in the country, a fact that was confirmed by Steve Smith of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

- Spending per student has increased substantially in the last 10 years.

- Student performance has improved markedly. In 1994, 55.6 percent of students passed all tests taken; in 2001, 82.1 percent passed all tests.

- Several independent observers have rated the Texas Accountability System the best in the nation.

It is the state/local district partnership that has gotten public schools to this level. Together we have done the right things for the schoolchildren of Texas.

But the local share of the partnership is tapped out. Local taxpayers have increasingly shouldered more of the burden. Now the state share of funding for public schools is at a 50-year low, and there is no place left to go for additional resources.

School districts across the state are facing a funding crisis. They are hitting the wall everywhere, and they've got nowhere else to turn.

Districts have already cut operational spending, administrative costs, and personnel. Now they are beginning to consider which educational programs can be eliminated.

A frequent allegation is that districts are bloated with administrators and frivolous expenditures. For the record, only 4.5 percent of all district expenditures are spent on central office administration; 30 percent of a district's budget goes toward maintaining or building school facilities; 65 percent of the expenditures go directly to teacher salaries, classroom equipment, and pupil services, such as libraries and counseling programs.

Doing nothing is not an option. If the state does not contribute more, local school districts have no choice but to cut into educational programs. Programs that will go on the chopping block first include:

- Fine arts programs, such as choir, band, orchestra, art, and drama.

- Student support systems, such as counselors, nurses, social workers, etc.

- Career and technology programs that prepare students for work.

- Continued improvements in technology such as classroom application, and student/data management programs.

- Other elective subjects, such as journalism.

- Co- and extra-curricular programs.

Since the Legislature rewrote the Education Code in 1995, more than 60 unfunded or only partially funded mandates have been placed on school districts, and that number doesn't include agency rules that often result from legislation. These requirements drain districts of resources such as time, personnel, and, of course, money. The issue is not whether it is appropriate for the Legislature to pass mandates for school districts; the issue is the strain state mandates put on already over-extended school budgets.

School districts are facing financial crisis. Two examples illustrate the steps some districts have been forced to take:

- Because personnel-related expenses constitute 80-90 percent of districts' budgets, some districts that have cut all other expenses and maximized all other efficiencies are going to lenders to secure loans to meet payroll expenses this year.

- Because districts do not have or cannot keep local resources sufficient to purchase \$60,000 school buses, some have been forced to close down their transportation systems or to transport children on old, dilapidated school buses - an untenable choice.

Cutting programs and people, compromising the safety of children, and jeopardizing payrolls should not be the answer!

Student achievement in Texas is improving, but critical and challenging work remains before the public schools of Texas. This positive momentum and investment in our state's future requires continued investment of local and state resources. There are a lot of options to tinker with the state's complicated finance system, and there are pluses and minuses to the various delivery mechanisms; but the bottom line is this: The State of Texas must increase the fiscal capacity of the school finance system.

The financial crisis facing school districts is not due to the school finance formulas; it's due to the system's inability to expand its revenue-generating capacity.

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Sr. Roberta Hesse speaks at St. Anne's meeting

Members of the St. Anne's Society were privileged to have Sr. Roberta Hesse, SSMN, former missionary in Africa, as the guest speaker at their bimonthly meeting on Sunday, Mar. 3. Sr. Roberta mesmerized her audience, emanating peace, joy, faith, and love as she showed pictures and told of life in the land where she ministered for 33 years, a world very different from our own.

Genocide was and still is a part of life in this beautiful, serene-looking part of the world, where tribe murders tribe. Sister told of the time truck loads of young men with knives pulled up in front of the school in Rwanda where she was teaching, and she knew that she must go down to meet them. While standing alone on the bridge, she recalls with surprise that her only thought was that if she were to be decapitated, she didn't want her head to fall into the ditch below. The soldiers rushed past her, however, and she was immersed in a feeling of helplessness, knowing that they were going after the

girls in the school, who were from a different tribe. Sister showed a picture of the memorial that was built at the school to commemorate the thousands of people who had been massacred in the area and who had to be buried in mass graves. Several years after the massacre, survivors were allowed to dig up the bones and identify those of loved ones, which they did by clothing or teeth. The bones of over 2000 people were buried at the memorial.

What Sister finds most noteworthy and hopeful about life in her beloved Africa are the amazing deeds of love by so many good people. She marvels at how in their poverty and need they sacrifice to help one another. For example, she told of a young woman who went to work in the fields every day with her baby strapped to her back. When she returned to the village in the evening, she first went down the hill to the water well with five gourds, three of which she took to people who were unable to make the trip to

the well themselves, one of which she had wanted to give to the Sisters, and one to take home for her family.

Sister also spoke about how thankful the people there are for the least thing that one does for them, and most inspiring, she told about the incredible power of forgiveness. She showed a picture of a young Sister whose entire family, except for one cousin, had been killed. Visiting the prison one day, she met a man who had been her neighbor. He confessed to her that he had killed her father. After much crying and talking, the two embraced in reconciliation. The man had no one to bring him food each day, and it was this task that the young Sister took upon herself.

Sister Roberta also commented on the value of the rosaries made by the St. Anne's members. They are so very useful to the people she has ministered to because many of them cannot read, and the rosary is easily memorized and is a form of prayer that can never be taken away from them. Sister was very encouraging to the

members, citing the older members as anchors of faith and recognizing the necessity of the younger members to carry on this faith with their own families.

Business items discussed at the meeting included the reception that the society will host after the first Mass of Rev. Kyle Walterscheid on Sunday, May 26 at 8:00 a.m. Members are asked to make cookies or their specialty or make a donation for doughnuts or rolls. Members are also asked to pick up a prayer card to be filled in and returned, and which will be presented as a gift of encouragement and support to our pride and joy, the new priest from our parish, on his ordination.

The door prize, a two-hour tour of her choice in the area, was won by Gen Pels.

The next St. Anne's meeting will be Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Center meeting room. Guest speaker will be Becky Bezner, who will give an entertaining and informative talk entitled "Praying the Word."

submitted by Imelda Rohmer



Sister Roberta Hesse and children from the village of Jakiri. Courtesy Photo

Morton Museum offers tips on old photographs

The second session in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Spring Series will take place at the museum in Gainesville at noon on Monday, Mar. 18. It is entitled "Looking At Old Photographs In a New Way."

Think it would be nice to display copies of your old photographs in a new way but unsure of how to begin? Unsure of how to "read" your family photographs to mine as much history from them as possible or how to adequately protect those precious heirloom photos? Then this is the program for you.

From steins to brooches to flasks to quilts to other pieces of jewelry, antique photos are showing up in a variety of unique places these days and many people are taking cues from museums in setting up

elaborate displays built around their photos at home. This session will provide participants with suggestions for utilizing and exhibiting your photos in a variety of displays and will offer tips for keeping the photos in good condition. Gina Dill of Kinne's Jewelers in Gainesville will be discussing a new service offered by the company Grandmothers Buttons which incorporates photos into various pieces of jewelry and other articles. Numerous examples will be on display. Handouts will be provided.

Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. For members of the Cooke County Heritage Society the cost to attend is \$3 and for non-members the cost is \$4. To reserve a seat or for more information, call the museum at 940-668-8900.

New Arrivals

Krahl

Lucy and Damian Krahl announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Krahl on Feb. 22, 2002 at 3:39 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length, in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. She joins siblings Lucinda, age 7, Travis age 5, and Louis, age 2. Grandparents are Joe and Marie Fuhrmann of Lindsay and Martin and Nancy Krahl of Valley View. Great-grandparents are Ethel Kammerdiener of Gainesville and the late Catherine Schmidkofer of Muenster.

Taylor

Lesley Weber and James Taylor of Gainesville are parents of a son, Timothy Lee Taylor born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Mar. 5, 2002 at 4:55 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length. He joins a brother, Joshua Taylor age 17 months. Grandparents are Vanessa and Lester Weber of Whitesboro and Dortha Taylor and Thomas Poteet of Gainesville and

Jackie Taylor Sr. and Mary Taylor of Aurora, Colorado.

Dangelmayr

Darrell and Amy Dangelmayr of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of a son, Stephen Paul Dangelmayr, on Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at 1:05 p.m. in Denton Regional Hospital. He weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and measured 18 1/2 in length. Stephen joins a sister, Natalie Rose, age 20 months. Grandparents are Steve and Marla Fette and Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr. Great grandparents are Juliana Grewing and the late Steve Grewing and Tony and Sis Klement.

News of the Sick

Sister Carmelita Myers OSB is a patient at St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She is recovering from a mild stroke. Cards will reach her at Holy Angels Convent, P.O. Drawer 130, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72403.

Elvira Flusche hosts Lindsay Franciscans

The Secular Franciscan Fraternity met in the home of Elvira Flusche on Feb. 28, presided by Theresa M. Hermes, opening with Ritual liturgy. A "get-well" message was signed, to be sent to Fr. Sebastian Beshoner OSB.

The treasurer reported expenses and per capita tax paid. Also that a box of good reading materials and rosaries were sent to a mission.

The Fraternity has been sponsoring a poor family in Kerala India since 1978. They continue to serve this charity by donating \$20.00 per month for this purpose.

St. Peter's Fraternity was officially established in Lindsay on Sept. 20, 1956, with 13 members and several transfers.

Bishop Peter Chenapparampil has officially resigned as Bishop of the Diocese of Alleppey, India, on Dec. 19, 2001, because of poor health, after

serving 18 years. He is retired and living at a hospital in the Diocese of Kannur. His diocese gave him a jeep.

The Fraternity minister explained that a Plenary Indulgence may be gained on the Fridays of Lent. For information call Theresa Hermes.

Jim Flickinger wrote requesting a donation for the lepers at the Amazon Mission. Elvira Flusche moved to send \$100 and Gene Haverkamp seconded.

The Fraternity will conduct a fundraiser by selling chances on a quilt.

New members will be honored and joined by all Fraternity members at a breakfast at Denny's on Friday, Apr. 5.

The meeting adjourned with closing prayer from the Ritual. Hostess Elvira Flusche served coffee and dessert "Fluffy Lemon Fruit Pie" to eight members present.

Santa Fe Depot is site of Open House Mar. 21

An open house will be held at the Santa Fe Depot Museum in Gainesville on Thursday, Mar. 21, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The open house is being held in conjunction with an art show at the museum sponsored by the Gainesville Area Visual Arts Club. Participating artists from GAVA will be in attendance. This will be an opportunity to not only view the art, but to have the chance to meet and visit

with the artists. The Gainesville Area Visual Arts Club was organized in 1992 to stimulate development, interest, and knowledge of the visual arts. The Santa Fe Depot Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The open house is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 940-668-8900 or 940-612-4906.

Myra Baptist to host Irish Stew dinner Sat.

Myra Baptist Church is hosting a Saint Patrick's Day Irish Stew Dinner on Saturday, Mar. 16 from 3-8 p.m. at the Myra Community Center in Myra. The menu will be Irish stew, cornbread, dessert, and drink. Cost is \$5 per person.

Proceeds will go to the building of a Fellowship Hall for the Myra Baptist Church. 42 and outside games are offered also. Ceramic and craft items will be for sale by ladies of the church.

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Century Club hosts "Tombstone Symbolism"

Ron Melugin will present a slide show on "Tombstone Symbolism" on Thursday, Mar. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce, On the Square, Highway 82 in Saint Jo hosted by the Century Club. The community is cordially invited to join Century Club members for this interesting talk. There is no charge for attending the program.

Mr. Melugin has taught both history and government at North Central Texas College for 37 years. His passion is local history and cemeteries. During his talk he will explain some obscure tombstone symbols, discuss

epitaphs, and comment on the style of tombstones.

Ron Melugin is a member of the Cooke County Historical Commission. His research has resulted in nine Official Texas Historical Markers including four in the Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville. His paper on Fairview Cemetery has been used by the Texas Historical Commission as a model for applications for historical markers in cemeteries.

Ron says "A cemetery is a classroom where one can learn history, geography, sociology, and literature." Join them for a fascinating and informative evening.

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Meeting Notice

Volunteer Services Council of Mental Health Mental Retardation

Services of Texoma will hold its bi-annual meeting at noon, Thursday, March 28, at the MHMRST Administration Boardroom, 5001 Airport Drive, Denison.

Agenda items are: fundraising results and opportunities, appointment of nominating and budget committees, audit report for 2000-2001, and choosing financial services.

Please RSVP to Paula Cawthon, Community Relations Director, for lunch reservations at 903-786-4804. All MHMRST volunteers are urged to attend.

CORRECTION

The following was inadvertently left out of the Cub Scout Blue & Gold Ceremony article. Those earning their Wolf Badges were Tyler Anderle, Blake Grewing, Clay Hogan, Joey McAden, and Blake Voth.

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Youth Fair Class Champions in the Food Division are, from left, front row - Audrey Barnhill, Julia Stovall, Jenny Schroeder, Paul Jones; middle - Laura Ortega, Michelle Pagel, Lisa Rohmer, Ryan Hennigan, Christine Fetsch; back - Ashley Walterscheid, Amber Bland and Johnathan Zimmerer. Dave Fette Photo



Youth Fair Class Champions in the Creative Arts Division are, from left, front row - Cabie Lamb, Savannah Bowers, Michelle Pagel, Justin Smithson, Johnathan Zimmerer; middle - Kelly Laux, Mary Bayer, Mattie Sicking, Melissa White, Shelli Murphy, Stacie Schumacher; back - Mindy Williams, Tanner Henry, Jess Trowbridge, Daniel Okay, Emily Lamb and Kylee Nogglor. Dave Fette Photo

St. William's sponsors Italian dinner

"An Italian dinner awaits the public as members of the Saint William Altar Society gets preparations underway," states Margaret Fenoglio, society president. The date for this year's dinner and bake sale is set for Mar. 24. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue through 2 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The menu includes Italian sausage, salad,

spaghetti, homemade Italian bread, tea, and cobbler. Sausage may also be purchased for \$4.00 per pound. There will be over 350 pounds of fresh sausage available, as well as many baked goods for your Easter needs. A drawing will be held at 1 p.m. on the day of the event. The church has been selling tickets for a donation of \$50.00 each to benefit Billy Vicari. Billy has been ill for quite some time and

he needs help financially, as his medical bills are piling up. The donation gives one a chance to win a 4-wheeler, a 27" color television, or a \$200 grocery gift certificate. The number of tickets being sold is limited, so check with any parish member for information on where to obtain a ticket. This year's dinner continues a tradition started more than 45 years ago. Tickets are available at the door the day of the event.

Area students inducted into NCTC honor society

Fifty-four students were inducted into the Psi Iota Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at North Central Texas College including Jennifer Bengiort and Rachel Lively of Gainesville, Dora Erwin of Lindsay, and Frederick

Morrill of Muenster. Membership in PTK, the international honor society for community college students, is reserved for those who exemplify scholarship by maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

NOTICE!

There will be an organizational planning meeting for 1972 graduates of both Muenster schools, observing their 30th anniversary, the meeting will be held on Sunday, Mar. 24 at 5:00 p.m. at the Center Restaurant in Muenster. For information, call Dr. Margie York 736-2392 or Linda Fuhrmann 759-4574.



Youth Fair Class Champions in the Clothing Division are, from left, Karissa Reiter, Chelsea Felderhoff, Adam Bayer, Catherine Brunet, Kayley Bell and Mary Bayer. Dave Fette Photo



Muenster High's FCCLA students brought home 20 blue ribbons, including five class grand champions and three reserve grand champion places in the Cooke County Youth Fair. Top winners included, from left, Michael Endres, Chelsea Felderhoff, Ryan Hennigan, Robyn Hermes, Adam Bayer, Shivaun Beason and Melinda Walterscheid. Janie Hartman Photo

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Card of Thanks

The family of Catherine Schmidkofer wishes to thank everyone for their kind words and expressions of sympathy during the loss of our mother. The Mass offerings, prayers, flowers, cards and food are deeply appreciated. A special thanks to Fr. Eugene for the beautiful service and eulogy. Also to St. Cecilia's Choir and Clara Hellinger, organist. Ushers and all who helped in anyway. Thanks to St. Anne's for preparing and serving a delicious meal to family and friends. We are grateful to all.

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Muenster Junior High TMSCA meet participants.

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Muenster Middle School students attend Azle meet

Junior High Student had their last chance to qualify for the State TMSCA Meet in San Antonio at Azle last Saturday, March 9th. Over thirty 5th - 8th grade students spent an enjoyable day trying to make a qualifying score, place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, or be a member of a first or second place team. Fifth grade students are not eligible to go to state, but participate in meets for the experience. All of the students compete against 1A - 3A schools for trophies and ribbons. They are only rated against other 1A students for qualification to the State Meet.

Students who placed at the Azle Meet in Division II (1A - 3A schools) are as follows:

Fifth Grade John Rohmer 1 Science, 5 Math, 6 Calculator; Shaina Felderhoff 2 Number Sense, 5 Science, tied for 4th in Calculator, 8 Math; Lia Heers 6 Number Sense, 6 Science, tied for 4th in Calculator, 7 Math; Brandon Bindel 4 Number Sense, 7 Science, 9 Math; Noel Barnhill 1 Number Sense, 2 Math, 6 Calculator; Jackie Klement Math, 8 Calculator; Madchen Mosley 9 Calculator

Sixth Grade: Laura Heers 12 Number Sense; Craig Grewing 5 Science; Alison Miller 9 Science; Christina Eckart 9 Math

Seventh Grade: Collin Walterscheid 3 Science; Brad Endres 6 Science; Bret Walterscheid 7 Science; Krystal Wolf 7 Number Sense, 9 Math

Eighth Grade: Travis Felderhoff 7 Science; Nathan Privett 9 Science

Other students who

participated in the Azle Meet were Alison Teafatiller, Kim Patel, Rebecca Grewing, Hillary Swirzynski, Megan Felderhoff, Zach Swirzynski, Jessica Walterscheid, Noah Barnhill, Dustin Wimmer, Ryan Fuhrmann, Kelly Endres, Danielle Bindel, Katie Endres, Ryan Hennigan, Keith Walterscheid, Katie Endres, Malcolm Martin

The following students have qualified for the Championship Meet in the events indicated and will be going to San Antonio.

6th Grade - Christina Eckart Number Sense, Calculator, Math; Craig Grewing Science; Rebecca Grewing Calculator; Laura Heers Number Sense, Math; Alison Miller Calculator, Science; Kim Patel Number Sense; Hillary Swirzynski Calculator; Alison Teafatiller Number Sense, Math, Science

Seventh Grade - Brad Endres Number Sense, Science; Zach Swirzynski Number Sense; Bret Walterscheid Science; Collin Walterscheid Number Sense, Calculator, Math, Science; Krystal Wolf Number Sense, Math

Eighth Grade - Noah Barnhill Calculator; Michael Eckart Number Sense, Calculator, Math, Science; Kelly Endres Number Sense; Travis Felderhoff Number Sense, Calculator, Math, Science; Nathan Privett Science; Danielle Bindel Number Sense, Math; Ryan Hennigan Science



Clyde Steelman, Lou Heers and Gwen Trubenbach.

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School Lunch Menus

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Monday through Friday is Spring Break for Muenster and Lindsay.

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Mon. and Tues. - No School.

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potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, black-eyed peas, tossed salad, applesauce, breadstick.

Wed. - Mexican casserole, pinto beans, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, sopapilla.

Thurs. - Prito chili pie, green beans, fruit mix, tossed salad, peanut butter cookie.

Fri. - Pizza: pepperoni or cheese, corn, strawberry applesauce, ice cream.

Citizenship seminar entry deadline 3/29

High school juniors and seniors will want to participate in the popular Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar, which is scheduled for June 3-7, 2002, at Angelo State University in San Antonio. Applications must be in the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm Bureau no later than March 29. Don't miss this opportunity to obtain a better understanding of our American heritage and the capitalistic private enterprise system that has made the United States the greatest of all nations.

Eligible students, who will be entering the 11th or 12th grade in September 2002, are selected by the Cooke County Farm Bureau. They must possess good character and leadership ability. The high school students should be in the upper 30 percent of their class scholastically.

The topics of free enterprise, constitutional government, leadership, goal setting, positive family relations, self-awareness, and others will be explored and discussed during the week-long seminar. The ultimate goal is to help these young adults incorporate the above-mentioned traits in their daily living and for them to share this information with others.

A student does not have to be a Farm Bureau member to attend the seminar.

The chosen applicant will also be eligible for a local scholarship as presented by the Young Farmers and Ranchers Association of Cooke County.

The chosen applicant may further choose to compete in the Free Enterprise Speech Contest. This contest begins with giving five local speeches (between four and five minutes) on free enterprise. This enables the entrant to be eligible for the district contest. The Free Enterprise Speech Contest scholarships at the state level include \$4,000 for the winner, \$2,500 for the runner-up, \$1,500 each for finalists, and \$1,000

each for 13 district winners. Applications are available at all Cooke County high school counselor offices as well as the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm Bureau located at 1212 W. Highway 82.

Lou Heers honored

Lou Heers, Muenster Elementary School teacher for the last eight years, has won the Jack Harvey Fellowship Award. The Jack Harvey Fellowship Award for Exemplary Teachers honors the teaching profession and those who have excelled in it. The exemplary educators are models and mentors, to students and fellow teachers alike. Lou and Ted Heers, Mrs. Gwen Trubenbach, principal, and Mr. Clyde Steelman, superintendent, attended the Awards Ceremony held at the Weatherford College campus.

Lou Heers has been an educator for over 16 years. She is currently teaching second grade and serving as the gifted and talented coordinator for K - 2nd grade. She finds a way to make learning fun for each child. Mrs. Heers instills knowledge and a love of learning to each of her students.

Mrs. Heers was a nominee for the 1993 Texas Association of Community Schools Teacher of the Year Award and the 1995 Mount Pleasant ISD campus Teacher of the Year and the Elementary Teacher of the Year. She attends conferences annually on a variety of topics from writing to reading to health. She is a member of Mu Epsilon of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and member of Texas State Teachers Association, and a former member of the Kindergarten Teachers of Texas.

Lou Heers' basic philosophy is that "Good Beginnings Make Good Endings." She feels it is important to see the good in every child and to meet each child's needs. Lou also feels that it is imperative to help each child cultivate a pride in learning.

Lou is the wife of Ted Heers and mother of Laura, Lia, and Lana.

Mark Gehrig wins Sacred Heart School Spelling Bee

Sacred Heart School's Spelling Bee was held Friday, Feb. 15. The champion of the event is Mark Gehrig, son of Jim and Cindy Gehrig. Runner-up is Angie Cox, daughter of Cliff and Tina Cox. Both are in the eighth grade. Mark competed in County Competition on Thursday, Mar. 7.

Thirty-seven students competed from grades five through eight. Bee words were selected from an approved list sponsored by the Dallas Morning News.

Ribbons and trophies were provided by Sacred Heart Alumni and Friends.

The list of competitors is as follows, in order named:

5th Grade, Kaitlyn Felderhoff, Matt Flusche, Kalyssa Pollard, Tanner Herr, Jeff Schiederjan, Samantha Wimmer
6th Grade, Joshua Yosten, Sunni Bayer, Stephen Davis, Colby Richey, Lauren Sepanski, Lauren Krahl
7th Grade, Mark Fleitman, Theodore Otto, Stephanie Krawetz, Karina Skotnik, Zachary Bartush, C.B. Hennigan
8th Grade, Mark Gehrig, Angie Cox, Debra Yosten, Jacqueline Flusche, Adam Dangelmayr, Nina Zanchetta

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6th annual poster contest will send 9 kids to college

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently encouraged school children to get out their crayons, pencils, paints and especially their creativity, and draw a picture of "What I Want to Be After College."

"Enter your drawing of your dream career in the sixth annual Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest, and you could win one of nine Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships sponsored by Belo Corp., Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corp., Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, and Fannie Mae," Comptroller Rylander said.

"Maybe you want to be a doctor, a fire fighter, a scientist or a computer chip designer. Whatever you dream of becoming, a college education is the first step," Comptroller Rylander said. "A Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarship will guarantee that your tuition and required fees will be paid when you are ready for college."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest is open to all Texas students enrolled in elementary or middle-junior high school. The grand prize winner from the elementary school category and the grand prize winner from the middle/junior high school category will each receive a four-year Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarship sponsored by Belo Corp. And Farmers Insurance Group. Intel Corp. will award a four-year scholarship in a

third contest category, the Intel Math, Science, Engineering and Technology (IMSET) scholarship. The IMSET category is open to students of any age whose drawings depict careers in technical or scientific fields.

Three runners up in the elementary school category and three runners up in the middle/junior high school category of the Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest will receive one-year community college scholarships sponsored by Fannie Mae and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas.

Complete contest rules and entry/parental consent forms are available from local schools and libraries, or they may be downloaded from the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site at www.texas tomorrowfund.org. Send entries to: College Scholarship Poster Contest, Texas Tomorrow Fund, Comptroller of Public Accounts, P.O. Box 13407, Austin, TX 78711-3407.

The contest entry deadline is Friday, Apr. 12. Winners will be announced in May.

Honor Roll Correction

The name of Brooke Hess should have been included with the **A Honor Roll** for Mrs. Fredrick's first grade class at Muenster ISD. It was for the fourth six weeks honor roll.

Sports

Sacred Heart hosts track meet Mar. 8

Fifteen schools participated in the Boys Division and 13 in the Girls Division of the Sacred Heart High School Track and Field Meet last Friday at Hornet Stadium.

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes won their division with 129 1/2 points, with the Muenster Lady Hornets following with 108. Bells and Henrietta earned 3rd and 4th with 75 and 68 points. Other schools placing in the girls division were Fort Worth Christian, S&S, McKinney North, Tyler Street, Denton Calvary, Aubrey, Midway, Bells JV, Forestburg, and Rockwall Christian.

Liberty Christian of Denton took home the boys championship with 156 points. The Tigers of Sacred Heart followed with 67 points, with Bells (65) and Rockwall Christian (47) earning 3rd and 4th. Other schools competing and in order of placement were Boyd, Henrietta, Harvest Christian, Tyler Street, Fort Worth Christian, S&S, Goldburg, Liberty JV, Bethesda, Muenster, Forestburg, and Denton Calvary.

The top three finishers, Sacred Heart and Muenster placers of each event are as follows:

BOYS

Pole Vault: 1, Harris, BO, 14'; 2, Aaron Walterscheid, SH, 11'; 3, Magers, HE, 10'.

3200m Run: 1, Garcia, RCA, 11:43.20; 2, Bermah, BE, 11:45.85; 3, Bullena, G, 11:59.96.

1600m Run: 1, Daniel Bartush, SH, 5:13.50; 2, Lopez, FWC, 5:15.18; 3, Curble, L, 5:15.22.

High Jump: 1, Lee, HE, 6' 2"; 2, Admure, L, 6' 0"; 3, Mouik, L, 5' 10".

Triple Jump: 1, Michael Voth, SH, 2 Combs, L, 3, Strow, HA.

300m Hurdles: 1, Parrance, L, 41.67; 2, Green, RCA, 41.86; 3, Combs, L, 43.17.

200m Dash: 1, Cross, BL, 23.39; 2, Strow, HA, 23.86; 3, Seaton, L, 24.02.

400m Dash: 1, Michael Voth, SH, 52.62; 2, Leonard, BL, 54.38; 3, Martson, L, 55.04.

800m Run: 1, Lopez, FWC, 2:14.54; 2, Riley, BL, 2:15.13; 3, Lurbo, L, 2:15.26.

Discus: 1, Stanford, SS, 136' 5"; 2, Martin, L, 128' 11"; 3, Shaffner, HE, 118' 7".

Long Jump: 1, Green, RCA, 19' 7 3/4"; 2, Gales, BO, 19' 3 3/4"; 3, Combs, L, 19' 0".

Shot Put: 1, Stanford, SS, 51'; 2, Walker, RCA, 50' 4"; 3, Case, G, 45' 9 3/4".

110m Hurdles: 1, Bowles, L, 16.53; 2, Parravene, L, 16.56; 3, Riordan, HE, 18.69; 6, Travis Forshee, SH, 23.51.

100m Dash: 1, Mitchell, L, 10.72; 2, Strow, HA, 10.73; 3, LaCross, BL, 11.00.

400m Relay: 1, Liberty, 44.18; 2, Tyler Street, 45.21; 3, Sacred Heart, Johnny Krahl, Chris Hoedebeck, Michael Voth, Thomas Whitecotton, 45.32.

1600m Relay: 1, Bells, 3:44.56; 2, Sacred Heart, Johnny Krahl, Michael Voth, Jeremy Yosten, Kevin Walterscheid, 3:45.31; 3, Liberty, 3:46.13; 4, Muenster, Daniel Russell, Tyler Walterscheid, Clint Miller, Paul Fleitman, 3:54.22.

1600m Run: 1, JoAnna Felderhoff, M, 5:57.74; 2, Rose Bartush, SH, 6:02.08; 3, Karen

Gehrig, SH, 6:03.60; 4, Kallie Gerstberger, M, 6:03.65; 5, Catherine Bartush, SH, 6:15.39; 6, Amanda Felderhoff, M, 6:27.20.

400m Dash: 1, Davidson, FWC, 1:03.26; 2, Weeks, BL, 1:04.95; 3, JoAnna Felderhoff, M, 1:05.18.

300m Hurdles: 1, Bullock, A, 52.79; 2, Sinclair, HE, 53.59; 3, Whitney Watson, M, 55.10; 5, Becca Stalling, SH, 57.49.

200m Dash: 1, Davidson, FWC, 28.87; 2, Megan Lippe, M, 29.10; 3, Alisha Walterscheid, M, 29.66; 4, Jacqueline Bauer, SH, 29.94.

3200m Run: 1, Kallie Gerstberger, M, 13:05.24; 2, Sebald, BL, 13:48.42; 3, Kristen Zimmerer, SH, 14:01.87; 5, Stevie Klement, M, 14:23.11; 6, Lilly Nasche, SH, 14:35.88.

Long Jump: 1, William, FWC, 16' 8 1/4"; 2, Andrea Bauer, SH, 16' 2 1/4"; 3, Stogner, SS, 15' 2"; 4, Jacqueline Bauer, SH, 15' 1 1/2".

Triple Jump: 1, Novak, BL, 32' 1 1/2"; 2, Stogner, SS, 31' 1 1/4"; 3, Lisa Felderhoff, M, 30' 9 1/2"; 6, Melinda Walterscheid, M, 28' 4 1/2".

800m Run: 1, Kate Sepanski, SH, 2:43.61; 2, Carrol, C, 2:43.68; 3, Bates, HE, 2:45.31; 6, Amanda Felderhoff, M, 2:50.25.

100m Dash: 1, Strogner, SS, 13:00; 2, Jenkins, MN, 13:08; 3, Martinez, BL, 13:23; 6, Megan Lippe, M, 13:39.

100m Hurdles: 1, Andrea Bauer, SH, 17.60; 2, Ewton, BL, 19.84; 3, Cardwell, HE, 20.01; 6, Lisa Felderhoff, M, 20.93.

Discus: 1, Jana Truebenbach, SH, 108' 7 1/2"; 2, Jones, TS, 102' 2 3/4"; 3, Davidson, FWC, 105' 5"; 6, DeAnn Dangelmayr, M, 76' 4 3/4".

High Jump: 1, Holland, HE, 4' 11"; 2, Davidson, FWC, 4' 8"; 3, Alisha Walterscheid, M, 4' 6"; 4, Chelsea Felderhoff, M, 4' 6"; 6, Catherine Bartush, SH, 4' 4".

Shot Put: 1, Davidson, FWC, 33' 7 1/2"; 2, Jones, TS, 32' 1/4"; 3, Jana Truebenbach, SH, 30' 5"; 5, DeAnn Dangelmayr, M, 26' 11 1/2".

400m Relay: 1, Sacred Heart, Andrea Bauer, Mary Jane Callahan, Courtney Hartman, Elizabeth Fette, 54.38; 2, McKinney North, 55.24; 3, Henrietta, 55.45.

800m Relay: 1, Bells, 1:55.23; 2, Sacred Heart, Raney Bauer, Mary Jane Callahan, Elizabeth Fette, Jacqueline Bauer, 1:55.73; 3, Muenster, Robyn Hermes, Alisha Walterscheid, Megan Lippe, Pamela Lutkenhaus, 1:55.87.

1600m Relay: 1, Muenster, Robyn Hermes, JoAnna Felderhoff, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Alisha Walterscheid, 4:27.66; 2, Sacred Heart, Raney Bauer, Elizabeth Fette, Jacqueline Bauer, Kate Sepanski, 4:27.71; 3, Henrietta, 4:29.31.

TEAMS

SH - Sacred Heart

M - Muenster

BO - Boyd

HE - Henrietta

RCA - Rockwall Christian Academy

BE - Bethesda

G - Goldburg

FWC - Fort Worth Christian

L - Liberty

HA - Harvest

BL - Bells

SS - S&S

A - Aubrey

MN - McKinney North

TS - Tyler Street

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Action from last week's Sacred Heart Track Meet: top - Mary Jane Callahan in the high jump; at right - Amanda Felderhoff places in the 800m run; below - Michael Voth hands the stick to Thomas Whitecotton in the 400m race; above - Karl Fisher competing in the long jump.

Janie Hartman Photos



Three Lady Knights advance to state in powerlifting

The Lindsay Lady Knights competed at Regionals in S&S on Feb. 23. The top 12 in the region are able to lift at Regionals.

Those competing were Allison Conaway, Stephanie Hermes, Joni Erwin, Jessica Bezner, Alex Shauf, Robin Neu, and Laura Hellman. Three of these lifters will be competing at the State meet, Friday, Mar. 15 in Killeen. They are Stephanie Hermes, Jessica Bezner, and Robin Neu.

The only Lindsay Knight to compete at Regionals this year was Dominic Fuhrmann. He was at Regionals Saturday, Mar. 9 in Pilot Point. In the boys division, the top 10 lifters in the region are able to lift at Regionals.

Sports Events

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The North Texas Rehabilitation Center of Wichita Falls, will hold its 6th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot on Saturday, Apr. 6. Proceeds benefit the North Texas Rehabilitation Center. For more information call 940-322-0771.

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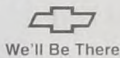
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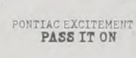
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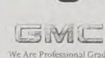
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The Sacred Heart Tigers took a 1-0 victory from the state finalists Lady Pirates of Collinsville Tuesday. Coach Beth Bartush noted that the Tigerettes were strong defensively, and that Collinsville made too many errors. Mary Jane Callahan threw a one-hitter to boost Sacred Heart to 3-0 for the season. Collinsville was handed their 2nd loss after winning 13 games so far this year. Pictured in the top photo, the infield Tigerettes meet at the mound to start another inning. They are, from left, Audrey Barnhill, Jana Truebenbach, Mary Jane Callahan, Alicia Cochran, Crystal Hess and Catherine Bartush. Below - Coach Bartush and Jennifer Hoedebeck at 3rd with bases loaded.

Janie Hartman Photo

Muenster hosted a dual tennis meet with Lindsay Tuesday afternoon. Getting in play time are, at right - Lady Hornet Dianna Felderhoff; below - Michael Endres; and at bottom - Stacie Yosten of the Lady Knights.

Janie Hartman Photos



Spring youth basketball tournament April 19-21

North American Youth Sports announced that they will hold their annual spring youth basketball tournament in Dallas, Texas at DeSoto High School on Apr. 19-21.

This tournament will feature ten different brackets, including 5th - 12th grade, girls and boys teams.

The entry fee for this tournament is \$95 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is Mar. 29. For additional information or an entry form, call Shawn Dugre at the toll free number 1-888-629-2275.



Pictured from left are Derek Felderhoff, Jaci Felderhoff, Laura Heers and Jackie Klement. Not pictured is JoAnna Felderhoff. Courtesy Photo



Sacred Heart sponsored a junior high track meet last week Thursday. Above - Nathan Privett jumps; at right - distance runner Micah Flusche; and below - Jacé Koelzer high jumping. Results from the meet should be available in next week's paper.

Janie Hartman Photos

Local shooters advance to state

Five students from Cooke County participated at the regional level of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Contest in Lewisville.

Laura Heers, daughter of Ted and Lou Heers, won the 11 year old division by making 22 out of 25 free throws.

Jaci Felderhoff, daughter of Gary and Stephanie Felderhoff, came in first in the 12 year old division with 23 out of 25 free throws.

Laura and Jaci will be competing at the state level Saturday, Mar. 16 in Austin.

Jackie Klement, daughter of Doyle and Carla Klement, finished in 2nd place in the 10 year old division.

JoAnna Felderhoff, daughter of David and Barbie Felderhoff, and Derek Felderhoff, son of Tim and Ramona Felderhoff, both finished 3rd place in the 14 year old division.



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NOTICE TO PAVING BIDDERS

The City of Muenster is accepting sealed bids on street preparation and paving of approximately 5,491 square yards of streets, and on paving-only of 9,907 square yards of streets. Street preparation and paving to be done after May 1, 2002. Paving-only streets to be completed August 31, 2002. Contractor will provide labor, equipment, and materials as specified. Bid documents are available at City Hall, P.O. Box 208, 400 N. Main Street, Muenster, Texas 76252. (940) 759-2236. All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked on outside "Street Paving Bid 2002" at City Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2002. Bids will be opened at City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2002. The City of Muenster reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BID INVITATION

The City of Muenster solicits bids for the purchase and delivery of approximately 400 tons of 3/8" washed pea gravel stone to comply with Cooke County road building specifications. The 3/8" washed material must meet with the following specifications:
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wichita Falls District Office Training Facility located at 1601 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls, Texas.

The purpose of the public meeting is to allow public input into the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) preparation process. A list will be provided of upcoming state projects selected in the UTP and STIP. Maps and drawings will be on display.

Mr. John Barton, P.E., Director of Transportation, Planning and Development with the Texas Department of Transportation in Wichita Falls, will be in charge of the meeting.

The meeting will be informal, and all interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views on the programs. Utility companies are also invited so that we may inform them of the upcoming state projects in the Wichita Falls District.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aides or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or meeting impaired, readers, large print or Braille are requested to contact Tammy Marlow at (940) 720-7741 two (2) weeks prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, 1601 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls, Texas 76702-4906, but must be received no later than 10 days after the public meeting.

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Cooke County Youth Fair results

The extended four-day Cooke County Youth Fair was held last week at the Fair Grounds, with hundreds of area youth participating in livestock, shop, and home ec projects. Equine competition took place Wednesday, with other events being held Thursday and Friday, and the sale on Saturday afternoon. Results from the sale will be in next week's paper.

Muenster had several champions, including grand champions: Adam Bayer, wood shop; Chris Steelman, meat goats; Brandy Dangelmayr, market rabbits. Reserve champions: Joseph Dangelmayr, equine; and Muenster group, wood shop.

Winning grand champions from Lindsay were Sam Hellinger, broilers; Clinton Kyle, market lambs; Kevin Neu, breeding lambs; Mary Bayer, clothing; and Tanner Henry, creative arts. Reserve winners were: Paul Jones, broilers and breeding chickens; Kevin Neu, market lambs; and Jenny Schroeder, food. Showmanship awards went to Erin Wyrick, Jeff Kendall, and Cody Hess of Lindsay.

Taking top prizes for the Pen of 3 steers were Mark Sicking and Paul Bayer of Muenster.

Show results are as follows:

EQUINE: Grand, Abby Skinner, Siviels Bend and Lydia Butler, Callisburg. Reserves, Jessica Love of Callisburg, Joseph Dangelmayr of Muenster, Abby Skinner of Callisburg. Others, Brent Mask, M. John Thompson, Kenna Voyles, L.

WOOD: Grand, Adam Bayer, Muenster. Reserve, Muenster Group. Others, Chisam Cain, Kevin Hermes, M.

SHOP - METAL: Grand, Zack Kupper, Valley View. Reserve, Will Seyler, Valley View. Others, Diana Felderhoff, Chris Luttmeyer, Muenster Group, Shaun Hess, Toby Walterscheid, Chris Luttmeyer, Kaylee Price, Adam Bayer, M.; Alex Haayen, Jacque Bezner, Ana Deputch, Chad Stoffels, Faith Skinner, Ryan Kasparek, Chelsea Brewer, Christina Otto, Matt Baugh, L.

POULTRY MARKET (BROILERS): Grand, Sam Hellinger, Lindsay. Reserve, Paul Jones, Lindsay. Junior Showmanship, Erin Wyrick, Lindsay. Senior Showmanship, Jeff Kendall, Lindsay. Others, Ben Wyrick, Philip Bayer, Danny Kendall, L.

POULTRY BREEDING CHICKENS: Grand, Kenny Scoggin, Valley View. Reserve, Paul Jones, Lindsay. Others, Erin Wyrick, Amelia Wyrick, Ryan Kendall, L.

MARKET LAMBS: Grand, Clinton Kyle, Lindsay. Reserve, Kevin Neu, Lindsay. Junior Showmanship, Dustin Rucks,

Valley View. Senior Showmanship, Cody Hess, Lindsay. Others, Toby Walterscheid, Ryan Henschel, Chad Henschel, M.; Colton Hermes, Tyler Hess, Levi Hermes, Kaleigh Hess, Josey Kyle, L.

BREEDING LAMBS: Grand, Kevin Neu, Lindsay. Reserve, Kimberly Kuykendall, Valley View. Others, Josey Kyle, Clinton Kyle, L.

BREEDING MEAT GOATS: Grand, Katie Smith, Valley View. Reserve, Katie Smith, Valley View. MEAT GOATS, Grand, Chris Steelman, Muenster. Reserve, Casey Hughes, Callisburg. Junior Showmanship, Katie Smith, Valley View. Senior Showmanship, Cody Hughes, Callisburg. Others, Megan Dangelmayr, Colton Steelman, Deann Dangelmayr, Bridgette Klement, Brandy Dangelmayr, Diana Felderhoff, Jacy Steelman, M.

DAIRY CATTLE: Grand, Jack Kupper, Valley View. Reserve, Kacey Stobaugh, Valley View. Senior Showmanship, Kacey Stobaugh, Valley View. Others, Crystal Fuhrmann, M.

BREEDING BEEF: Grand, Payton Bentley, Gainesville. Reserve, Curtis Glascock, Valley View. Others, Sumi Jo Bayer, Arlie Bayer, M.; Hayley Stark, Ben Wyrick, L.

MARKET STEERS: Grand (also county bred champion), Travis Hollingsworth, Callisburg. Reserve (also county bred champion), Dustin Rucks, Valley View. Junior Showmanship, Kaylee Bell, Valley View. Senior Showmanship, Matthew Anderson, Callisburg. PEN OF 3, Grand, Mark Sicking, Muenster; Reserve, Paul Bayer, Muenster.

Others, Jenna Felderhoff, Cameron Walterscheid, Sunni Bayer, Jake Freeman, Nathan Sicking, Arlie Bayer, M.; John Mosman, Mitchell Ward, Mason Ward, L.

BREEDING SWINE: Grand, Claudia Spears, Era. Reserve, Mark Fleitman, M.; Jenny Schroeder, L. MARKET SWINE, Grand, Josiah Pelton, Valley View; Reserve, Lenzi Barthold, Era; Junior Showmanship, Hal Ray Spears, Era; Senior Showmanship, Jason Hodgkinson, Callisburg; Others, Kyle Endres, Casey McAden, Mitch Endres, Kristi McAden, Mark Fleitman, Derek Endres, M.; Jared Schroeder, Jacob Biffle, L.

MARKET RABBITS: Grand, Brandy Dangelmayr, Muenster; Reserve, Justin Smithson, Red River 4-H; Junior Showmanship, Bryant Nelson, Woodbine 4-H; Senior Showmanship, Megan Burrows, Era; Others, Emily Dangelmayr, M.; Kellie Reed, Jonathan Zimmerman, Kelly Laux, L.

BREEDING RABBITS: Grand, Alyssa Smithson, Red River 4-H; Reserve, Whitney Taylor, Red River 4-H; Others, Brandy Dangelmayr, M.; Jordan Land, Hilary Land, L. FOOD DIVISION, Grand, Laura Ortega, Valley View. Reserve, Jenny Schroeder, Lindsay. Others, Alex Sicking, Marty Farrell, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Christine Fetsch, Wes Wimmer, Ashley Walterscheid, Audrey

Barnhill, Jana Truebenbach, Joseph Skotnick, Michelle Pagel, Kim Hess, Anna McMurray, Lisa Rohmer, Michael Voth, Andrew Davis, Charlie Sue Switzer, Kristen Zimmerer, Stephanie Henschel, Christin Smith, Maggie Farrell, Sarah Brundage, Daniel Cochran, Thomas Otto, Melissa Thomas, Frank Klement, Roney Bauer, Mary Jane Callahan, Jeremy Yosten, Rose Bartush, Jacqueline Bauer, Jessica Knabe, Christina Weinzapfel, Jayna Biffle, John Pels, Katie Flusche, Chris Hoedebeck, Becka Stalling, Travis Forshee, Courtney Hartman, SH; Ryan Hennigan, Shivaun Beason, Mark Fleitman, Kimberly Klement, KayLee Price, Tara Swirczynski, Ashley Klement, Kallie Gerstberger, M.; Johnathan Zimmerer, Kelli Reed, Amber Nortman, Christina Otto, Tanner Henry, Jeffrey Zimmerer, Kelly Laux, Mary Bayer, Kevin Lutkenhaus, Paul Jones, Karissa Reiter, Chelsea Brewer, Chelsea Laux, Jared Schroeder, Christopher Klement, Elizabeth Klement, Kendyl Odell, Christy Hess, John Mosman, L.

CLOTHING: Grand, Mary Bayer, Lindsay. Reserve, Kaylee Bell, Valley View. Others, Chelsea Felderhoff, Adam Bayer, Shanelle Spakes, Chisam Cain, M.; Michelle Bayer, Stephanie Henschel, Christina Weinzapfel, Audrey Barnhill, Marty Farrell, Anna McMurray, Joseph Skotnick, Audrey Barnhill, Jeremy Yosten, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Jayna Biffle, Courtney Hartman, Wes Wimmer, SH; Erin Wyrick, Kelly Laux, Karissa Reiter, Amelia Wyrick, L.

CREATIVE ARTS DIVISION: Grand, Tanner Henry, Lindsay; Reserve, Mindy Williams, Valley View; Others, Travis Forshee, Mattie Sicking, Michelle Pagel, Christina Weinzapfel, Stephen LaChance, Ashley Walterscheid, Daniel Cochran, Melissa Thomas, Charlie Sue Switzer, Christine Fetsch, Jessica Knabe, Jeremy Yosten, Michelle Bayer, Caleb McLaughlin, Alex Sicking, Frank Klement, Becka Stallings, Jon Pels, Jordan Smith, Christin Smith, Pat Knapp, SH; Michael Endres, Tara Swirczynski, Robyn Hermes, Chelsea Felderhoff, Melinda Walterscheid, Kallie Gerstberger, Mindy Walterscheid, Kelly Grewing, M.; Mary Bayer, Kelly Laux, Jonathan Zimmerman, Paul Jones, Elizabeth Klement, Karissa Reiter, Jenny Schroeder, Tanner Henry, Christopher Klement, Kelli Reed, Amber Nortman, Jeffrey Zimmerer, Tyler Hess, Kaleigh Hess, Levi Hermes, Colton Hermes.



Lindsay's John Mosman prepares his steer for show at Cooke County's Youth Fair last week. Watch next week's paper for Fair sale information. Janie Hartman Photo

Combs says National Agriculture Week is a time to honor the agricultural community

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that Mar. 17 to 23 is National Agriculture Week in Texas. "Each and every Texan has a vital stake in agriculture," Combs said. "During this week we honor the hard work and dedication of Texas farmers, ranchers and many other agriculture professionals in our state's food and fiber industry. These are the individuals who ensure that we have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticultural, forestry and other agricultural products."

Combs kicked off National Agriculture Week in Texas by signing a proclamation and with a display at the state capitol saluting Texas' farms and ranches that have been in continuous operation for 100 years or more. The Commissioner will recognize those farmers and ranchers on Mar. 15, during the 27th Annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony. "It is easy for us to take for granted our agricultural abundance, which is why it is important that we recognize the rich heritage that makes this all possible," Combs said. "For generations, Texas farmers and ranchers and their

families have worked hard to build an industry that accounts for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income and is the second-largest industry in Texas." From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most agriculturally diverse state. Agriculture generates \$80 billion annually throughout the state's economy, and one out of every five Texans works in an agriculture-related industry. "Texas agriculture plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who continually enrich our lives in so many ways. "Agriculture begins with the land, yet it embraces an industry that provides products essential to our everyday lives. Whether you produce the food and fiber, prepare and deliver the finished products, or consume them," Combs said, "you can take pride in Texas agriculture."

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Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
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100-175 lbs., \$30-\$50; 25-90 lbs., \$25-\$40.

Sows:
Feeder, 400 or less, NT; Light wt., 400-500, 22-27; Med wt., 500-600, 25-27; Heavy wt., 600-up, NT.

Boars:
300 lb. up, 90-200-300 lbs., 30-50; Light wt., NT.

Sheep (per lb.):
Feeder lambs 40-60 lbs., 90-95; Light lambs 60-90 lbs., 70-77; Fat lambs 90-120 lbs., 45-55.

Barbados (per head)
Lambs \$20-\$35; Ewes \$25-\$45; Bucks \$40-\$280.

Ewes:
Stocker, 30-40, Thin, 30-40; Fat, 30-40.

Bucks:
Thin NT, Fat, NT.

Goats (per head)
Kids 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$65; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$65-\$110.

Nannies (per head)
Stocker, \$40-\$90; Milk Type, \$40-\$90; Slaughter, Thin, \$20-\$50; Fat, \$30-\$55.

Billies (per head)
120 lbs-up
Breeders, \$65-\$110; Slaughter, \$65-\$100.

Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Nanny, NT; 3/4 Nanny, \$70-\$100; Full Nanny, \$85-\$160.

Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Billy, NT; 3/4 Billy, NT; Full Billy, \$80-\$170.

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35-Pc. Power Drill Accessory Set
Includes 16 chrome vanadium screwdriver bits, 13 high-speed steel drill bits, 5 wood-spade bits, magnetic bit holder and molded case.
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QUALITY FRESH MEATS

FAMILY PACK FRYER (PREVIOUSLY FROZEN) Drumsticks or Thighs

49¢ LB.



MARCH MONIA



Frosted Shredded Wheat Spoon Size **2\$** |

Diet Coke **2\$** |

Coca-Cola **2\$** |

Fischer's

FAMILY PACK Chops \$1.69 LB.	COUNTRY STYLE RIB Chops \$1.39 LB.	OSCAR MAYER Meat Wieners 1 LB. \$1.59
CENTER LOIN Chops \$2.49 LB.	ALL BEEF Sausage \$2.49 LB.	OSCAR MAYER ALL BEEF Franks 1 LB. \$1.99
CENTER RIB Chops \$2.09 LB.	TURKEY Sausage \$2.89 LB.	HILLSHIRE FARM ASSORTED Lit'l Smokies 14-16 OZ. \$2.49
END CUT Chops \$1.39 LB.	MARKET SLICED COOKED BEEF Salami \$2.39 LB.	OSCAR MAYER REGULAR ASSORTED Lunchables 4.15-4.5 OZ. 99¢

FRESH Pork Spare Ribs LB. \$1.59

MAMA ROSA'S DELUXE OR PEPPERONI Pizzas 2 PACK/44 OZ. \$3.99

BONELESS SKINLESS (PREVIOUSLY FROZEN) Chicken Breast LB. \$1.99

POST SELECT GROUP CEREAL Shredded Wheat 17.2 TO 20 OZ. for **2\$** |

12 PK. 12 OZ. Enjoy Coca-Cola **2\$** |

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MÜNSTER (APPROX. 5 LB. LOAF) Wisconsin Cheese LB. \$1.99

KRAFT SLICED, MARKET WRAPPED American Cheese LB. \$1.99

REGULAR OR BREADED Catfish Nuggets LB. \$1.39

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1 & 8	Soup/Pasta Bowl	\$3.99	\$1.99
2 & 9	10" Plate	\$4.99	\$2.99
3 & 10	Jumbo Mug	\$4.99	\$2.99
4	10" Salad/Serving Bowl	\$11.99	\$9.99
5	2 Qt Deep Serving Bowl	\$11.99	\$9.99
6	13" Deep Serving Bowl	\$16.99	\$14.99
7	3 Qt Deep Serving Bowl	\$16.99	\$14.99
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16"	Oval Platter	\$19.99	
7 1/2"	Plate	\$2.99	
17 oz.	Beverage Glass	\$2.99	
	Stemmed Goblet	\$3.99	

5 LB. SHURFINE Flour 79¢	19 OZ. SHURFINE Chili NO BEANS 79¢
SHURFINE ASSORTED Cake Mixes 79¢	100 OZ. REGULAR OR WITH BLEACH All Liquid Detergent \$3.99
12 OZ. SHURFINE Chocolate Chips 89¢	100 OZ. All Powdered Detergent \$3.99


GROCERY SPECIALS

SHURFINE Paper Towels ROLL 2\$	ASSORTED Spam 12 OZ. 2\$
ASSORTED CAT FOOD Friskies 5.5 OZ. 3\$	32 OZ. SHURFINE Hamburger Dill Pickles \$1.09
ASST. ULTRA LIQUID OR POWDER Purex 100-103 OZ. 2\$	28 OZ. KRAFT ASSORTED BBQ Sauce \$1.69
REGULAR \$2.29 Fritos®/Chee-tos® 10 OZ. 3\$	15 OZ. SHURFINE Pork & Beans 4\$
ASSORTED CANS Frito Lay Dips 9 OZ. 2\$	11 OZ. LIBBY'S Vacuum Packed Corn 2/89¢
MAXWELL HOUSE FAC SELECT GRIND Coffee (EXCLUDES DECAF) 11-13 OZ. 1\$	4 ROLL SHURFINE White Premium Tissue 79¢
ASSORTED CAPRI SUN, TANG OR KOOL-AID Drink Pouch 6-10 PK. 2\$	6 OZ. SHURFINE Tuna IN OIL OR WATER 3\$
SELECT FLAVORS Gatorade 8 PACK 8 OZ. 2\$	16 OZ. SANTA FE ASSORTED Salsa \$1.99
SHEL-RONI, RONI-MAC, LONG/THIN SPAG. American Beauty 10 OZ. 2\$	15 OZ. GEBHARDS ASSORTED Refried Beans 69¢
AUSTEX Beef Stew 24 OZ. 99¢	

GARDEN FRESH PRODUCE

CHILEAN RED OR GREEN Seedless Grapes

99¢ LB.



MEXICAN SWEET Yellow Onions 2 LBS. 1\$	CELLO PACK Carrots 1 LB. 2\$
CELLO PACK Mushrooms 8 OZ. 99¢	SNO WHITE Cauliflower EACH 1\$
LARGE Navel Oranges 2\$	EXTRA FANCY PREMIUM RED OR GOLDEN DELICIOUS, BRAEBURN OR FUJI Washington Apples LB. 99¢
BREAKFAST SIZE Grapefruit 5\$	FRESH YELLOW OR ZUCCHINI Squash LB. 99¢
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ASSORTED COLD, FLU OR SINUS MEDICINE Alka-Seltzer Plus 12 CT LIQUIDELS OR 20 CT TABLETS **\$3.99**

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Joe Tepera was the Winner of the Smoked Turkey for the Week of March 4th to 10th.

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FISHER BOY Fish Sticks 24 OZ. 2\$	SELECT GROUP BIRDS EYE Vegetables 16 OZ. 99¢
KRAFT Tartar Sauce 9 OZ. 1\$	PLAIN Buttermilk HALF GAL. 1\$
SHURFINE SELECT FLAVORS Sherbet HALF GAL. RD. 2\$	PLAIN REG./SLIM N' TRIM/NON-FAT Cottage Cheese 24 OZ. 1\$
ASSORTED Eggo Waffles 10.7-12.3 OZ. 1\$	KRAFT AMERICAN SLICES Deli Deluxe 16 OZ. 3\$
FAMILY SIZE Banquet Dinners 28 OZ. 2\$	RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT Florida's Natural 64 OZ. 2\$
BANQUET ASSORTED DINNERS The Hearty One 17-19 OZ. 2\$	ASSORTED Jell-O Cups 4-6 PACK 2\$
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