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KTB showers volunteers with awards

People in Texas want their state to be the cleanest, most beautiful state in the union. More than 900 people attended the 36th annual Keep Texas Beautiful conference in Dallas this year. Forty-five people, who represent 5% of the attendance, were from Cooke County. The message is loud and clear - Cooke County wants to ensure its cleanliness and beauty and that it is a desirable place to live, work, and visit. Most of the

attendees from Cooke County were there to accept Keep Texas Beautiful awards for their cleanup, beautification and public awareness efforts in helping Keep Texas Beautiful.

Muenster Boy Scouts Troop 664 prestigiously presented the colors at the KTB conference opening ceremonies on Wednesday where Muenster Youth were presented with the 1st place Ruthe Jackson Off Campus Youth Leadership Awards. Muenster Youth consist of

volunteers from Muenster and Sacred Heart schools, Boy Scouts Troop 664, and Muenster Girl Scouts. Youth representatives from MISD and Sacred Heart participate on the Keep Muenster Beautiful Board of Directors. Muenster Youth participate in all community wide cleanup events. MISD National Honor Society and Student Council, Muenster Boy Scouts Troop 664 and Muenster Girl Scouts all have Adopt-A-Highway areas. Other Muenster Youth contributions include decorating Muenster street lights and KMB Park at Christmas, planting flowers on Main Street, lawn care for the elderly, and campus cleanup and beautification projects.

On Thursday Ebby Halliday, 92, of Dallas real estate fame gave the keynote address at the awards luncheon. She spoke of the ripple effects of litter on streets and roadways and eyesores instead of beauty across the Texas landscape. "Families who visit your city and find it less than attractive may go elsewhere," said Halliday, "then your business suffers. While our state grows inevitably, we must protect our environment."

Halliday posed for photos with group of Cooke County award winners after the luncheon. Tom Carson of KGAF Radio received the 2003 Keep Texas Beautiful Individual Leadership Life Time Achievement Award. Tom graciously gives his time to volunteer to emcee

the Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful conferences. He airs PSA's for the Great American Cleanup, Don't Mess With Texas Trash-off and other Cooke County cleanup and beautification events and has been actively involved in the community for years to do what he can to educate the public about the importance of a clean and beautiful environment.

David Fette of the Muenster Enterprise won 1st place in the state for the Newspaper Media Award. The Muenster Enterprise has covered every local Keep Muenster Beautiful, Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful event since Keep Muenster Beautiful was organized in 1998. The Muenster Enterprise has given so

much prominent Keep Muenster Beautiful, Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful front-page headline coverage, front page of the Lifestyles section coverage, coverage in general and free advertising for the mission of these organizations that no newspaper in Texas, large or small, has shown more support for their local Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate and the state and national organizations.

Stick Lamar, owner of Sticks Tree Care, received the 1st place Ebby Halliday & Maurice Acres Business & Industry Leadership Award. When Stick Lamar moved his family to Muenster one of the first things he did was enter the Muenster Chamber of See AWARDS, PAGE 2

Vandals soil City Pool

By Dave Fette

Red Cross Swimming instructor Jeannine Flusche arrived at the Muenster Municipal Pool at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday. An early start is necessary to prepare for over 180 students from around this area taking summer swimming lessons. Local and out-of-town volunteer instructors give part of their summer to each kids to survive and have fun in the water. Schedules are tight. Every hour and day of instruction is planned and important.

They won't finish their course this summer. When Flusche opened the gates and checked the pool she found human feces floating in the water and trash cans lumped around the pool deck. They notified City Hall and started cleaning up the mess. City Administrator Linda Webb ordered the pool closed for 24 hours for complete cleaning and disinfection.

Flusche said, "The time is lost. We can't take an extra day to make up so we did out-of-water instruction the best we could. A lot of kids and parents are very disappointed and inconvenienced. Connie Flusche Fluke took swimming lessons as a child growing up in Muenster. Now she lives in Fort Worth and returns daily to teach and give back to the program. "I hated to see the disappointment on the children's faces this morning when we had to tell them they couldn't get in the water," she said. "This filthy vandalism reflects badly on the whole community."

There were similar vandalism events around town Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. Frustration is growing

among citizens and City officials over this and vandalism at the Park, the schools, and the Post Office.

City Manager Linda Webb responded to questions Wednesday afternoon. "The vandalism that has been taking place around Muenster is very disappointing to me not only as City Manager, but also as a taxpayer," said Webb. "All of these incidents cost money to repair. Money which comes from each and everyone of us through tax dollars. These crimes are not being committed by an adult who has responsibilities and pride for their community. We think they are juveniles who should be home after 12:00 a.m. One way we can stop the vandalism is for parents to know where their children are at all times. Another way would be for citizens to report anything that looks suspicious by calling 665-3471. The dispatcher can contact the police officers and the situation will be checked out. A few moments of your time could save tax dollars and send a message that the citizens of Muenster are not going to allow crime in their City!"

Muenster Police Chief Robert Stovall said Wednesday afternoon that he was seeking an arrest warrant on a person suspected to be guilty in a previous vandalism event. Stovall believes the same person was involved at the pool.

Park Board chairman Ben Bindel said he was very disappointed that lessons, recreational swimming, and a scheduled party had to be canceled. This will probably cause increased restrictions on Park use for everyone because of crime by a few.

Accepting Keep Texas Beautiful Awards last Wednesday were, from left, Dave Fette, Juanita Bright, Stick Lamar, Mary Lee Alford and Tom Carson. Below, representatives of Muenster Youth are joined by MaryLee Alford and Donna Albus, at left, and Ruthe Jackson, far right.

Dave Fette and MaryLee Alford photos



MISD receives state praise

The Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Division of Accountability is responsible for conducting

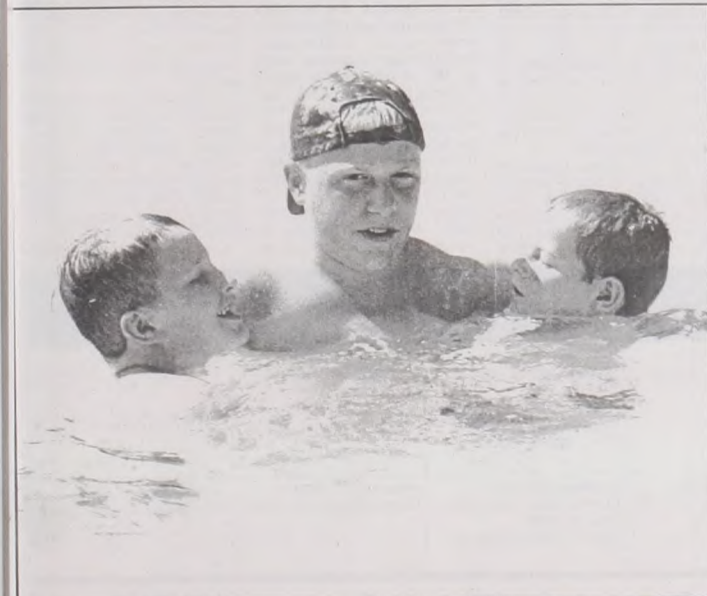
district on-site evaluations and monitoring compliance with state and federal requirements for special programs. Consistent with procedures in the Department of Quality, Compliance, and Accountability Reviews, a peer review team visited Muenster Independent School District (MISD) during the week of May 19-23, 2003. During the DEC visit, the peer review team examined the district's decision-making and planning policies and administrative procedures as they relate to special

programs, including initiatives to improve the performance of students served under state and federally funded programs. The review consisted of district and parent roundtable discussions, examination of relevant documents, and interviews with district and campus staff members.

The peer review team examined all state and federal programs and MISD will issue another article addressing TEA's final report. It is uncommon for a peer review team to place written comments on the

report to the district regarding their findings since the compliance visit is based on a list of mandated objectives, however, the following written response from the peer review team addressed the District's gifted and talented program and the high academic standards set for all students at MISD:

Muenster Independent School District, District Effectiveness and Compliance Visit Report, Pages 44 and 45
SECTION IV
Significant Factors
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Casey Bayer, center, is just one of many volunteers assisting in this year's swim lessons program in the Muenster City Pool. The two weeks of classes will conclude this week with a total of 315 students, including C.T. Beecham (left) and Isaac Barnhill. Some classes were cancelled Wednesday morning for over 180 students after the pool was vandalized or "trashed", making the water unfit for swimmers. See "sports" for more swim pictures.

Janile Hartman photo

Wall joins extension office

By Janet Felderhoff
Angel Walls joins Phyllis Griffin in the Cooke County Extension office. She is the new Family and Consumer Science agent for the County.

Commissioners Court approved her appointment to the position at their regular meeting on Monday, July 14. Walls was introduced by Dr. Mary Strickland. Walls will replace Evelyn Yeatts who retired Aug. 31, 2002.

Dr. Strickland also applauded Phyllis Griffin for the extra work she did during the interim between

Yeatts' retirement and Walls coming. "She's done a tremendous job keeping multiple departments going. We appreciate her diligence and hard work," said Dr. Strickland.

Commissioner Bill Cox said that the County was very fortunate to have her. "There were several counties in the State of Texas that lost their extension agent," noted County Judge Bill Freeman. "We were very fortunate to stay on the list and have two agents here."

Walls comes to Cooke County from Crane County.

Prior to that she worked in Glasscock County. She received her B.S. degree in Home Economics from Texas Tech University and M.A. in Early Childhood Education from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa.

As an instructor, Walls has taught food protection management programs and diabetes self care and has done water conservation with the Rio Grande Water Initiative. She also has training in Texans Building Character and Building Self Sufficient Families and experience with B.L.T.

County auditor delivers good news on insurance

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Auditor Gloria Parrish had some good news for Commissioners Court at the Monday, July 14 meeting. She presented them with a printout of things discussed during budget hearings. There was one exception. Parrish explained, "The increase in insurance, which we had estimated to be at 18% because that's what the state average was, those figures were \$9,395,941.00 for the General Fund. But when it came back, the figures that you have now,

reflect the actual insurance increase of 3%, which was absolutely wonderful." Parrish presented a proposed budget with the three percent insurance increase and also with a projected four percent salary increase. She said with that the new figures were still \$2,100 under what it would have been with an 18% insurance increase.

"These are just figures to look at," noted Parrish. "For every increase in salary that we get it costs

\$54,131.00 per percent. With the insurance coming in as well as it did it would allow you to give a salary increase of four percent for the same amount or a little bit less."

Last year the insurance increase was 17.5%. Parrish noted, "We've done a good job on holding the line. We've made some changes in our prescription drug program and this year we've had a better year."

Discussion also centered on the Courthouse west side renovations that are needed. It is hoped that

some grant money will be received to help with expenses. Commissioner Virgil Hess said that due to the State's finances the grant applications would be accepted in January, recipients named in April or May, and the grant money awarded in the fall. "If we get anything it's going to be at least a year," said Hess. "We'll have to make it last as long as we can."

The budget is only in the working process. Judge Freeman said that the budget be on every agenda until the final budget is actually adopted.

In a special meeting held the previous week, Commissioners Court discussed the possibility of hiring a law firm to assist with the development of a jail plan and possible bond election. With a unanimous 4-0 vote (Commissioner Phil Young was absent) Commissioners approved contracting with the firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Keever, & McDaniel, L.L.P.

Judge Freeman remarked, "This whole deal is conditioned upon the bond passing. If the general obligation bond were to fail then all in fact the County would owe would be the legal fee that's accrued here in this special time." He said that it would be next year before the election is held. Freeman said that the

firm is familiar with what they would be doing and would be able to take the jail from this point through completion.

Before the vote, Commissioner Bill Cox commented, "I think it's needed, I don't think we have time to dedicate to do this. It could take somebody full time."

Judge Freeman added, "In today's society with the contracts and people we'd have to deal with, I don't think any of us on the Court have the legal expertise it takes to make sure. I don't want to get into a situation where we spent a bunch of money and don't have any use for the product in the end."

Commissioners adopted a resolution 4-0 supporting Texas Area Solid Waste Authority's (TASWA) application to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) seeking a municipal solid waste landfill permit. A hearing on the application will be held Aug. 6 in Austin. Judge Freeman asked that some of the commissioners attend.

The proposed 2004 holiday schedule was approved. The days that County offices will close for holiday are as follows:

Thursday, Jan. 1 New Year's Day; Monday, Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Day; Monday, Feb. 16 President's

Day; Friday, April 9 Good Friday; Monday, May 31 Memorial Day; Monday, July 5 Independence Day; Monday, Sept. 6 Labor Day; Thursday, Nov. 11 Veteran's Day; Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25, 26 Thanksgiving; Friday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve; and Dec. 31 New Year's Eve.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved a request to install a fresh water line on County Road 321 beginning at the intersection CR 321 and CR 336 for approximately 400 feet located in Precinct #3.

- Approved installation of a fresh water line on Neely Trail, approximately one-half mile north of the intersection of Neely Trail and Red Top Road located in Precinct #2.

- Approved final plat for Triangle Heights subdivision (lots 1-3), located off Triangle Road in Precinct #2.

- Passed a resolution dissolving the preliminary plat filed in June 2000 for Lot 1, Block 1, Johnson Park, Phase 3, located in Precinct #2. A final plat was never filed. According to Judge Freeman the preliminary plats are only good for one year after being filed. There were problems being caused with that property due to the preliminary plat, thus the request to dissolve it.

Muenster ISD board approves more renovation projects

The Muenster School Board met in a called meeting last Wednesday, July 9. Dr. David Brewer, finance specialist with the Texas Education Agency and Education Services Center, presented the Board with information from the 78th Legislative Session regarding the financial implications for Muenster ISD.

Dr. Brewer reviewed Muenster ISD's financial history and commented that due to the financial planning done during the past three years, the District should be in good

financial condition during the current biennial. He noted that several districts are in financial trouble due to lack of planning and failure to take full advantage of state aid. He complimented the Board for looking ahead two and three years and not focusing on just a current budget. This planning has positioned Muenster to take full advantage of state funding.

In other business superintendent Clyde Steelman informed the Board on the progress of the renovation project, noting it is on schedule and the

elementary science building is complete with new carpet and paint.

The band hall roof and vocational classroom wing carpet were considered and approved by Board. A revised bid for the band hall roof replacement was submitted with a 5% decrease. The Board accepted the bid of \$33,927. The Board also approved the estimated cost of \$4,105 to replace carpet in the vocational classroom wing and office areas in the elementary building, which are over 25 years worn.

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DEC report praises MISD

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Impacting the Performance of Students in Special Programs

Instructional Focus/High Expectations
During the DEC visit conducted by Agency staff members during the week of May 19-22, 2003, the peer review team learned that Muenster ISD has been rated as Exemplary for the past nine years. Additionally, the District has received Gold Performance

Acknowledgments in several areas of advanced student achievement. The peer review team wishes to acknowledge the advanced planning and thoroughness demonstrated by Muenster ISD during the 2002-2003 school year toward attaining full implementation of a 100 percent compliant G/T education program. One of the issues brought to the attention of the May 2003 peer review team is the philosophical position taken by the District toward the preparation for the DEC visit. Primarily due to the leadership of the superintendent, his advisory committee, administrators, and knowledgeable faculty, the District, over the past two years, has been in the process of examining its special programs and improving them when needs were identified. The District had begun the arduous process of developing a cohesive sequence of learning opportunities for

G/T students during the 2001-2002 school. When the District learned of the DEC visit, the leadership wisely chose to stay the course already begun, with the full knowledge that documentation for some items would not be available. While it is true that a few items of documentation were missing during the DEC review, it is also true that the District had begun and continues to develop its G/T education program. Some of the issues addressed by the District prior to the DEC visit include the addition of Pre-AP and AP courses offerings. Two years ago, the District offered three AP courses. Currently, the District offers 17 Pre-AP and AP courses as one way to address the high expectations and high academic achievement of all its students, including the ones identified as G/T. The District hired two staff members to accommodate the need for additional Pre-AP and AP courses. With the addition of so many advanced-level courses, one of the District's challenges is the development of written documentation of the differentiated instructional opportunities available to students identified as G/T who enroll in the Pre-AP and AP courses. The peer review team acknowledges that the curriculum writing has already begun and will continue to develop as the District continues its efforts to strengthen its academic programs. The peer review team believes that the teachers of Muenster ISD, given enough time to complete the task, will produce a comprehensive G/T education curriculum that meets the high expectations and standards already established by the school community.

One of the products developed by the Muenster ISD G/T education core curriculum team was the *Muenster ISD Gifted and Talented Handbook*, which

outlines the District's efforts to strengthen its program. The peer review team noted that all sections of the handbook were

comprehensive, detailed, and informative, except for the curriculum and services section which is still under development. Assessment information will also be included in this section of the handbook. The May 2003 peer review team recognizes the first stages of

the G/T education handbook as a quality effort.

Finally, the May 2003 peer review team recognizes the District's efforts to maintain high expectations for all students, including those identified as G/T. The peer review team also commends the District for its integrity, professionalism, and efforts to define and develop the best G/T education program possible for the clients of Muenster ISD.

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Commerce to learn how he could help the community.

Stick immediately got involved in the Keep Muenster Beautiful organizations efforts to win the Governor's Community Achievement Award and maintain the Keep Texas Beautiful Sustained Excellence Award. Stick and his wife Angelika own the Muenster Chiropractic Clinic. As supporters of KMB they didn't hesitate to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Stick used his Texas Forester skills to help Muenster win a Tree City USA designation, raises KMB funds with the annual tree sale, organizes the annual Arbor Day activities, and started Christmas tree recycling in Muenster.

Juanita Weinzapfel Bright won the 2nd place O. P. Schnabel Senior Citizens award. Juanita serves on the KMB Board of Directors. For years she has supported the mission of "cleanup, beautification & preservation" of Muenster through her volunteer work on the Muenster Historical Committee and with the Steering Committee of the Muenster Centennial which contributed to the Muenster History Book. She is the founder of the Muenster Golden Oldies, a team of senior citizens ages 55 and older, who participate in cleanup and beautification

activities through Keep Muenster Beautiful. The Golden Oldies have adopted a street in Muenster and are dedicated to picking up litter when they take their daily walks.

All of these volunteers and many more like them helped Muenster win its third consecutive Governor's Community Achievement Award of Sustained Excellence. The Sustained Excellence Award is given to communities that score 90 or higher on their annual Governor's Community Achievement Award application for three consecutive years. Muenster has won the Governor's Community Achievement Award of Excellence in 1986 and every year since 1999.

Money won from the Governor's Community Achievement 1st place awards have provided new antique style street lighting, sidewalks, planters, trash receptacles and trees in beautiful downtown Muenster where volunteerism has really paid off!

Callisburg, Gainesville and Muenster are all Cooke County affiliates of Keep Texas Beautiful. Those wishing to participate in award winning events or start a KTB affiliate in their communities may call 1-800-CLEAN TX.

Submitted by MaryLee Alford

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday, July 20, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, July 21, 2003 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8PM	Tuesday, July 22, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice Storytime Muenster Public Library, 10:30AM	Wednesday, July 23, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, July 24, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9PM, Muenster Pool	Friday, July 25, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, July 26, 2003
Sunday, July 27, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, July 28, 2003	Tuesday, July 29, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Storytime Muenster Public Library, 10:30AM	Wednesday, July 30, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, July 31, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, August 1, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, August 2, 2003 Saint Jo Rodeo Parade, 6PM

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Rose Sandmann Klement 1917 - 2003



Rose Klement

Richland Hills, and James Sandmann of Lindsay.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one son Glenn Charles Klement; one grandson, Travis Klement; one brother Joe Sandmann; and two sisters Mary and Agnes Sandmann.

Rosary service was held Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home, led by Sr. Jeanette Bayer. Vigil at the funeral home at 7:00 p.m. was led by Fr. John Ohner OSA.

Participating in the special liturgy of the funeral Mass with Father John Ohner OSA were altar servers Sylvan Walterscheid, Joe Felderhoff, and Alvin Hartman.

Granddaughters of Rose, Melody Rohmer and Andrea Klement gave the readings from the Old and New Testaments, respectively. Granddaughter Jane Robinson read the Prayers of the Faithful. Granddaughters, Leslie

Dangelmayr, Shelley Klement, and Bridgette Klement presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar.

Eucharistic ministers were Mark Klement, Darla Anderle, Antonia Hess, Kathleen Schroeder, and Mariann Parker.

Music ministers were Diane Grewing, Denise Bayer, Linda Flusche, Doug Yosten, and Jim Endres. Sacred music included "Amazing Grace" for the Entrance; "Psalm of the Good Shepherd"; "Edelweiss Blessing" for the Gospel acclamation; "Softly and Tenderly" at Offertory; "How Great Thou Art" for Communion. Recessional song was "And I Will Follow".

The eulogy and remarks of remembrance were given by Leon Klement who said, in part... "Mom was a talented cook and seamstress. She loved to crochet, and took great pride in keeping her home, garden, and yard well kept. She also worked very hard along with Pop and her sons for many years on the dairy we operated. Her family recalls the wonderful fruit and cinnamon rolls, and homemade soup she often made, especially when someone was ill or in need of a helping hand. Pop always said 'No one could cook better or work harder than Rose!'."

"...Mom attended Mass faithfully at Sacred Heart, until her health began to fail a couple of years ago. She was a devout Catholic, and we learned at an early age the importance of God and the Church..."

"Once, while consoling a

young grandson after the death of his grandpa she said, 'It's O.K. Don't be sad, because when a person dies on a Saturday you go straight to Heaven.' Mom died on Saturday and we trust that she is joyfully in Heaven with the Lord."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Pallbearers were Elliot Klement, Scott Klement, Justin Klement, John Klement, Bryan Klement, and Daniel Klement, all grandsons of Rose.

Attending from out of town were Mark Sandmann, Ruth Robinson, Barney and Joan Sandmann, Dolores Sandmann, Billy and Dolores Bierschenk, Robert Sandmann, Max Sandmann, Dayna and Bart Smith, Tommy and Gayle Morgan, Sr. Georgia Felderhoff, Sr. Francesca Walterscheid, Lloyd Klement, Lyle Klement, Janette Fitzpatrick, Shirley Otto, Clarence and Freida Bayer, Cheryl Russell, Dorothy Bayer, and Georgia Norvell. Also many friends and relatives from Cooke County and the surrounding area.

Richard Evans 1930 - 2003

Memorial service was held for Richard Oliver Evans of Myra on Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at McCoy Funeral Chapel in Muenster at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Bill Ledbetter officiated for the service.

Richard Oliver Evans died in Muenster Memorial Hospital at age 72 on July 11, 2003 at 11:56 p.m. He was born on Nov. 5, 1930 in Brainerd, Minnesota to William Evans and Ruby Evans. He loved fishing and living life his own way. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors are sons, Butch Evans of Myra and Skip Evans and wife Betty of Denton; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Terry Johnson 1954 - 2003

Terry Johnson of Las Cruces, New Mexico died July 3, 2003. He was the husband of Diane Hess Johnson, daughter of Toni Hess of Muenster and the late Al Hess.

Terry Johnson was born July 1, 1954. In addition to his wife, Diane, survivors include a brother, Tommy Johnson of Dallas, a sister Charlotte, and his mother, Dolle Johnson of Amarillo.

On Dec. 11, 1982 Terry and Diane were married in Dallas. He held several positions in the medical profession, as an R.N., Hospital Administrator, and Vice President of Behavior Health Sciences, with

professional posts in Texas, California, Arizona, Tennessee, Louisiana, and New Mexico.

Among relatives and friends attending the funeral held on July 7 in Amarillo were Toni Hess, Roy and Jane Monday, Dennis and Kathy Hess, Michelle and Rick Sandmann, and Lucille Hess all of Muenster. Also Alan and Debbie Hess of Corinth, Bob and Carol Fitch of Little Elm, Jason Hess of Lubbock, Christi and Shaun Buckley of Frisco, Darlene Hess of Dallas, Myron Hess and Gail Rothe of Austin.

Jacob Chambers, Jr. 1948 - 2003

Graveside services were held on Friday, July 11, 2003 for Jacob Charles Chambers, Jr. at Pella Cemetery in Alford, officiated by Bro. Ed Cate at 10:30 a.m.

Jacob Charles Chambers, Jr. of Alford died on July 8, 2003 in Decatur, at age 54. He was born on Sept. 21, 1948 in Decatur to Jacob Charles Chambers, Sr. and Jimmie Mae Wheelis Chambers.

A lifetime resident of Alford, he retired as an Inspector for the Texas Highway Department after 26 years of service. He was a member of the Alford Church of Christ.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a

brother Robbin Chambers.

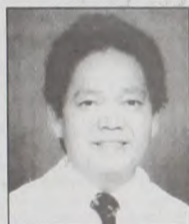
Survivors include a son Trey Chambers and wife Jenny of Alford; and daughter Aliza Cortez and husband Daniel of Bridgeport. Also three grandchildren, Camron and Casey Cortez and Treysen Chambers; also a sister Sheila Hachtel and husband Neal of Decatur; and two nieces and one nephew.

Hawkins Funeral Home of Alford, he retired as an Inspector for the Texas Highway Department after 26 years of service. He was a member of the Alford Church of Christ. Preceding him in death were his parents and a

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We at the Muenster Enterprise are grateful for the honor bestowed on us at the Keep Texas Beautiful conference in Dallas last week. We salute Mary Lee and Carl Alford who have provided their leadership, talent and energy to this community and inspired a re-dedication to cleanliness and beauty that is so much a part of our German heritage and Texas pride. As president of Keep Muenster Beautiful, Mary Lee continues to lead Muenster's efforts to excel in the Governor's Community Achievement Program. She was and is a tremendous help to this newspaper in promoting the many voluntary works and achievements that Muenster is famous for.

Thank you, Mary Lee

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From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Sometime in the very early part of this year, an individual in California took offense to the words "Under God" being a part of the Pledge of Allegiance. He went to court to try and put a stop to it, claiming his young daughter was offended and upset when her class in school recited the Pledge of Allegiance each morning.

Later reports said the little girl was neither offended nor upset by the words, and the man's ex-wife, the mother of the child, said neither her or the child cared at all. It was solely her ex-husband who objected.

Well, the courts held the words "under God" in the pledge were unconstitutional.

As the news of this foolishness reached our legislators in D.C., there was an uproar, and both houses of Congress declared the ruling a travesty, and voted to keep using the Pledge of Allegiance as it has been for over 50 years - "one nation under God".

Here we have another case of the "rights of one person overriding the rights of thousands, perhaps millions. This has been the case for many years as our liberal judges listen to the few, and ignore the many. I cannot argue with a person who feels he cannot use the term "under God". I understand it is not obligatory, so an objector need only keep his or her mouth shut while the many would be free to rely on a "Power greater than themselves."

Looking back at more and more of these decisions, one finds the same thing - the

few being given rights over the many.

Some of our most liberal and loud-mouthed legislators, are pro-abortion, and claim no one knows when life begins for a fetus. Well, I have always believed that anything that grows, forms eyes, limbs, etc., is alive. So life, in my mind, would be present as soon as the sperm and the ovum join.

Yet these senators and others who make laws against the taking of any human life, seem to be all for the killing of babies who are alive and well. I say it as much murder, as if the baby was killed after birth. Now we are told we cannot say a prayer before an athletic contest, asking the Almighty to watch over the players and keep them from harm.

A little girl, after setting her tray on a school dining table, was observed silently bowing her head over her plate for a moment, and if she did silently ask a blessing, no one heard her, yet she was suspended from school for some time. I think this is the height of foolishness.

Is every hint of God an offense against our Constitution? I don't think so! The motto "In God we trust" and others are not "Establishments of Religion".

The Bill of Rights holds that we are all equal, and are entitled to the same considerations. If we have a Constitution, let us all live by it, instead of a hodgepodge of one-sided rulings from people who seem to have lost their sense of reason.

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Fixing Medicare

The call for Medicare reform has echoed through the halls of Capitol Hill for years. This June Congress passed significant legislation to bring Medicare up to health care standards of the 21st century.

While Medicare has provided important protections for millions of Americans in the past 37 years, it is an outdated federal program in need of a major overhaul. As the number of beneficiaries has grown, life expectancy has increased and the cost of medical care has skyrocketed, our nation's senior health care program has remained stagnant.

Largely financed by today's workers for today's retirees, Medicare is facing a structural crisis. Currently, Medicare covers 40 million Americans. By 2031, with the baby-boomer generation fully into retirement, it will have to serve an estimated 77 million people and the already-stressed system could be overloaded. Simply put, too many retirees and not enough workers to fund the system will result in a catastrophic failure to provide care to millions just when they need it most.

This year Congress acted to revitalize Medicare and keep it solvent by addressing two fundamental issues: incorporate a prescription drug benefit into the system and provide seniors with choices in their health care coverage.

Medicare has not kept pace with the rapid changes in our health care system. As our research community pushes the envelope to develop life-saving medicines and procedures, our nation's health care system must take that innovation into account.

Pharmaceuticals have revolutionized medical care. Increasingly, ailments are treated with medication instead of invasive surgeries and it is imperative that those who rely on Medicare have access to affordable prescription drugs.

When Medicare won't pay for medicine to treat diabetes, but will pay for an amputation of a limb caused by complications from the disease, we have an obvious problem. But this new legislation corrects that absurd prescription.

The bill establishes comprehensive prescription drug coverage for traditional Medicare participants as well as those who opt for privately sponsored health plans. Beneficiaries will pay an average \$35 monthly premium, a \$275 annual deductible and 50 percent of drug costs up to \$4,500, with a provision for catastrophic coverage when bills exceed \$5,800.

The legislation also addresses the problem inherent with Medicare - its intrinsic inflexibility. True reform must provide our nation's seniors the freedom to choose physicians and benefits based on their individual needs. This bill does just that.

It does not force participants out of traditional Medicare. If a beneficiary is satisfied with her existing coverage, she has the option to stay put. However, if she chooses to enroll in a private insurance preferred provider organization (PPO) or health maintenance organization (HMO), Medicare will allow that choice.

An important amendment to the Medicare legislation was approved by a 94-1 vote to make generic drugs more readily available to patients, which could significantly reduce their bills. The amendment eliminates delaying tactics sometimes employed by drug companies to keep lower-cost prescription drugs off the market and inaccessible to consumers. At the same time, it protects innovation and preserves incentives for companies to invest in research and development.

With the passage of Medicare reform, Congress has reaffirmed an important promise to America's seniors. This legislation will help bring this venerable program into the 21st century and give our seniors the medical coverage they need and deserve.

To the Editor,

This is David Hesse just letting everyone in Muenster know that I'm doing fine. I will be here for another year and then I plan on going to Hawaii. I am currently training for a marathon which will be held October the 26th in Venice,

Italy. I'm planning on coming home at Christmas and I look forward to coming home. I will keep in touch. If anyone wishes to contact me, my email address is: dhesse@hotmail.com. Hope to see ya'll really soon.
Dave

Sen. Estes urges tax fairness

Austin -- During the 78th Legislative Session that concluded June 2, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 authored by State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) which urges the U.S. Congress to restore federal income tax deductions for state and local sales taxes paid by Texans.

"Restoring these deductions will create jobs and strengthen our economy," Estes said. He cited a special report by the Texas Comptroller indicating that these deductions would save Texans \$700 million in federal taxes and result in nearly \$590 million in new business investing while creating nearly 16,000 new jobs in Texas.

In a recent letter sent to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) has stepped up her calls for the restoration of these deductions.

"I want to commend Senator Hutchison for taking a leading role in pushing for vital tax fairness for all hard working Texans," Estes said.

Estes said Congress should remember that during this month in which we celebrate our nation's independence that tax fairness is one of the founding principles of our Republic and noted that the process of allowing certain state residents to deduct their taxes, just because it is in the form of an income tax, is fundamentally unfair and unjust.

"Whether a state collects taxes from paychecks or at the cash register, our contributions to state and local government should be treated the same and equally deducted," Estes said.

"We can no longer afford to subsidize other state economies: It is time for Congress to stop penalizing hard-working Texas families. As Texans and Americans, we are willing to pay our fair share of the burden of federal government; however, we should no longer be forced to pay more than our share," Estes said.

Making the Case for Redistricting

By Louis M. Martinez

Making the case for redistricting is easy. The current districts do not provide competitive races and by virtue of that, the average Texas citizen is getting the shaft... and that includes the minority populations.

As background, we should remember that following the last census, Texas received two additional Congressional seats. The leadership of the state House abdicated their responsibility and failed to put forward a plan for reapportioning the Congressional seats to add for those two new districts, forcing a reluctant federal panel of three judges to redistrict. The judges took the 1991 Democratic plan and worked to add the two new seats.

However, even with two new seats, Texas Congressional districts are not competitive. One need only look at the 2002 Congressional election and see no incumbents lost, that nine of the seats went unchallenged by another major party candidate, and that even after adding two new seats, only three races were competitive.

Citizens have little incentive to vote when races are noncompetitive and incumbents have such a tremendous advantage.

Another important point of concern is to make sure that as the Hispanic population in Texas grows, that the minority populations be represented in Congress. Currently, they are not represented proportionate with the population. Six of the 32 Congressional representatives from Texas are Hispanic and two are Black. With redistricting, minorities can be all but assured of additional seats in Congress.

Whether we are Democrat or Republican, we cannot look at the current districts and rationally make the argument that the lines are fairly drawn for competitive races.

Adding insult to the injury already done to the voting grassroots, for the "leaders" in Corpus Christi to have perpetuated a fraud in the hearing process is unconscionable.

By serving as the front group to hire temporary workers to pose as citizens opposing the redistricting plan at the recent hearing in McAllen, the Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has lost all credibility. Hiring temporary workers, who may not even be registered voters, to pose as concerned citizens is an outrageous act disrespectful of the democratic process.

We should put partisan concerns behind us and push for a plan which will more accurately reflect the voting strength of the Texas voter.

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Letters to the Editor

To the friends and family of AJ Huckabay:

Our family wishes to pass on to you that AJ is doing well. Though he may be in critical condition, his fight for life is strong. God has placed his ever-loving arms around our son. Through our faith and prayers God will give him and his family strength to survive this awful tragedy.

To AJ's friends, we feel your prayers and we know that you guys love him as much as we do.

We give our prayers to Chris Riley's family to give them strength to help them with their life. We pray that God will also place his guiding hands over Lynzee and Skyler to help them to grow in His grace.

Our family asks that

anyone with information about the crimes against AJ and Chris would come forward to help capture, convict, and punish those responsible. These people have no regard for the lives they have destroyed and are a danger as long as they remain free.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please call the Gainesville Police Department or Cooke County Sheriff's Office.

The family of AJ Huckabay
Myra, Texas

Editor's note: In a copyrighted story in the Gainesville Daily Register on Tuesday, July 8, 2003, it was reported that a shooting occurred early Monday morning on Harvey Street in Gainesville. The shooting left Christopher Riley, age 20, dead, and Alton Huckabay, age 19, in critical condition.

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Perry's celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Hubert and Frances Perry will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 25, 2003.

Hubert Perry was born in Gainesville on Aug. 6, 1927 to Hugh G. and Ena Lester Perry. Frances Watson Perry was born in Lebanon, Oklahoma on Jan. 2, 1932 to Cecil (Pete) and Ozelle Robeson Watson. The couple was married on July 25, 1953 in Gainesville.

The Perrys are lifelong farmers and ranchers in Cooke County, and are members of First Baptist Church in Gainesville. Their three children are Linda

Milam and her husband David, Carolyn Snuggs and her husband Steve, and Jerry Perry and his wife Ronda, all of Gainesville. They also have nine grandchildren, Charla Lockridge, Jamie Milam, Heath and Jerad Odell, Anna Beth Dennis, Jason Snuggs, Chelsea, Jaden, and Macy Perry.

Their children and grandchildren will honor them with a reception on July 26, 2003 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 308 West Broadway in Gainesville.



Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Perry
On their wedding day ... July 25, 1953

Muenster Kiwanis support ECI efforts

The Muenster Kiwanis Club recently donated \$200 to Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Texoma to help Muenster area children. Valerie Henschel, ECI Assistant Program Manager, and Angela Hennigan, ECI Occupational Therapist, presented information on ECI to the club recently.

ECI serves children in Grayson, Fannin, Cooke, Lamar, Delta, and Hopkins counties who have a developmental delay. Anyone can refer an infant or child to the ECI program for screening.

ECI provides developmental therapy support services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or who have a medical diagnosis likely to result in a developmental delay. A developmental delay can be defined as a significant variation in normal child development in one or more of the following areas: cognitive and/or communication development, physical development (vision, hearing, gross and fine motor skills and nutritional status), social and

emotional development, and adaptive development and self-help skills.

Services available are: screening and assessment; speech, occupational and/or physical therapy, special instruction, family support and training; toy, book, and video lending library; service coordination for child and family; referral and transition services; other services specific to child and family needs. Services are provided in homes and community-based settings.

For 22 years, ECI has been providing services at no cost to the family. Due to the 78th Legislative Session budget cuts, there will be a fee for every service given to the child and family beginning on September 1, 2003. The Muenster Kiwanis donated funds will be used to help Muenster area families in crisis, buy program supplies, special adaptive equipment, and offer scholarship money to families who are unable to pay the fees for services.

The ECI program is an affiliate of the Texas Interagency Council of ECI and hosted by Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma. For more information about the ECI program, call Grayson: 903-463-5691, Fannin: 903-583-5851, Cooke: 940-665-1464.

NCTC opens early registration

Early registration for the fall semester began Monday at North Central Texas College and will continue through Aug. 8. Students are encouraged to register online at www.nctc.edu.

"Early registration is a great way to make sure you get the classes you want at the times you prefer," said Dr. Eddie Hadlock, vice president of instruction.

Students who register early must already be admitted to NCTC, have accounts in good standing and be prepared to pay for classes by Aug. 8. Prospective students with questions can visit the NCTC website or call the college. Phone numbers for

registration assistance are: Gainesville, 940-668-4222; Corinth, 940-498-6210; and Bowie, 940-872-4002.

Regular registration for the fall semester takes place online Aug. 18-21. Students can register any hour of the day or night.

Time permits are required for walk-up registration, which will be held in Bowie Aug. 18 from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in Gainesville Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and in Corinth Aug. 20-21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Saturday classes begin Aug. 23, though most NCTC students begin classes Aug. 25.

Smart Snacks

Graham crackers, ginger snaps or animal crackers with a glass of low-fat milk.

Courtesy of OHS WIC

Area Happenings

Muenster Museum seeks donations

By Janet Felderhoff

Renovations in 1999 making conversion of the Ben and Aggie Seyler home into the Muenster Museum were made possible by donations. Several people selected rooms and donated the funds for renovations in that particular room. In return their names were placed on a commemorative inscription that will be permanently displayed on a wall in that room.

The Muenster Historical Commission would now like to enclose the breezeway between the home and the unattached garage. This would allow easier access to the garage area for patrons and also create more space to display more of the many interesting items that the Museum has. The garage currently houses old tools and other outdoor equipment.

The City of Muenster has agreed to pay a portion of the renovation, but suggested that the Historical Commission find a way to fund the rest of the project. According to Jewel Otto, city alderman, the issue will be addressed at the City's August meeting.

Historical Commission members suggest that this would be an excellent memorial for a loved one. Donations made specifically to the Breezeway project will be listed and displayed as such. Donations large or small are always appreciated and can be made by contacting Celine Dittfurth, president of the Historical Commission, or any member, or by going to the Museum during open hours of 1-4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

President Dittfurth

reported that lightning had recently struck the Museum's air conditioning system and that a gas pipe leak had been discovered under the Museum. The gas has been turned off until repairs are made. This must be done before cold weather sets in since the heat is from gas.

In other business:

- Members approved selling refrigerator magnets for fifty cents. They are in the shape of Texas with Muenster indicated by a star.

- A photo on loan from John Pagel was displayed. It is of members of the Muenster volunteer Fire Department in 1937.

- Guests Jeanette Fisher Galloway and Charla Haubold were welcomed.

DOE offers energy saving tips

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I = Iron. Iron main job is to deliver oxygen to cells where it is used to help produce energy.

A deficiency in this area is associated with developmental problems, behavior disturbances in children, lead to anemia, pre-term and low birth-weight babies.

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Adrien celebrates seven!

Adrien Rohmer, daughter of Greg and Melody Rohmer, celebrated her seventh birthday on June 20. Her actual birthdate is June 24. Guests enjoyed swimming at the Muenster swimming pool, hitting the swimming ring piñata, and playing in the park. The theme of Adrien's party was "Finding Nemo". Guests were treated to Nemo cake and ice cream. Gifts were also opened and pictures taken.

Guests included her parents; sisters Lauren and Megan; grandparents Robert G. and Gloria

Klement and Agnes Rohmer; and great-grandparents Frank and Lucille Zimmerer. Also attending were uncles, aunts, cousins and friends: Scott and Zonya Klement, Toby, Tori, Tressa, and Katherine; Chris, Leslie, Kalyn, and Travis Dangelmayr; Dwayne, Cheryl, John, and Christina Rohmer; Payton Sanders; and girls from Adrien's second grade class.

On Adrien's actual birthday, she shared cupcakes with her friends at Tender Loving Care Daycare.



Adrien Rohmer

TXU Energy Safety Tips: Before a storm
Trim trees and shrubbery that are not near power lines.

Men's Health Facts

Men age 50 and older should discuss prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing and digital rectal exams (DREs) yearly with their health care providers.

A moving experience, the train with spirit of life

What a lovely way to escape from the ordinary. Enjoying a leisurely Saturday evening, after a full day in Fort Worth or Gainesville on the Heartland Flyer, was the sentiment reiterated by so many of the 150 Heartland Flyer passengers I spoke with on Saturday evening as I rode the train between Gainesville, Texas and Purcell, Oklahoma.

As we traveled north, entering Oklahoma, the wines offered for tasting on this particular evening consisted of two reds, a white and a blush, which were presented by two of the 13 wineries in Oklahoma. The comfortable seats on this bi-level coach had plenty of legroom. Some of the seats faced each other so that groups of four could visit comfortably.

Judy Elmore, owner of Antiques Etc. in Ardmore, and Chairperson for the Heartland Flyer Coalition, said that the coalition provided the volunteers for serving the wine, cheese and crackers on this evening's Heartland Flyer train ride.

Owners Terry and Jenny Lewis of Indian Creek Village & Winery from Ringwood, Oklahoma offered two of their lighter, fun, tailgate wines for the Heartland Flyer's Wine Tasting which were named accordingly, Sooner Red and Cowboy Blush.

Owners Bill and Teri Stoval of Moonfeathers Winery located in Guthrie, Oklahoma, offered two of their wines: American Riesling had a hint of apricots with floral aromas, and their Dustbowl Red was a soft dry wine that would work nicely with a steak.

After having fallen in love with the wineries in California, these Oklahoma vintners decided independently that it would be more fun to make wine than do anything else.

And the Passengers were having fun, too. Bob and Minnie Kirven said this was totally a surprise. They had no idea that a wine tasting was going to take place on the Heartland Flyer, and they were very pleased and glad they had the opportunity to experience the offerings of both wineries. They described the wines they tasted as superb and they hope to get a chance to experience these wines again. They also remarked about how tasty the cheese was.

Berta Holmes was traveling with her grandson Jason Strout. They filled an empty suitcase with their purchases in Gainesville, said Berta, who came on the Heartland Flyer to Fort Worth a few months ago with several of her lady friends. She liked it so well that she brought her husband on her next trip over Memorial Day. And when she heard that Gainesville had an outlet mall, she decided to bring her 13 year old grandson Jason Strout (with his empty suitcase) shopping. Yes, they filled it up! Jason said that so far it's been great. His grandmother said "The wine was a surprise; it had been announced during the March train trip, but I had no idea when it was going to take place... and so far, it's very good wine!"

There was even the 57th Wedding Anniversary Celebration of Enid, Oklahoma residents Mary and Clifford Phillips!

Sharing this happy occasion on the Heartland Flyer with their parents were daughters and son-in-law Fred and Donna Adkins and Debbie Linse.

When I asked Amtrak's District Manager of the S.W. Division, Joy Spencer Smith how the Heartland Flyer came up with the idea of a wine tasting, she said "we've had the wine tastings on other AMTRAK trains and guests on those trains enjoyed the experience. Judy Elmore, Chairperson for the Heartland Flyer Coalition, thought that this would be great to do on a regular basis on the Heartland Flyer. The Amtrak marketing department thought so too, and made arrangements with the wineries."

Its fun and it also accomplishes two things, Smith pointed out. It promotes the local wineries, and it also promotes the Heartland Flyer. The wine tastings on the Heartland Flyer take place during the train's peak season on the first Saturday of the month May through August.

The Heartland Flyer has only been in existence four years, explained Smith. "The State of Oklahoma wanted passenger rail service. If you would ask someone from Purcell how they traveled if they wanted to spend the day in Fort Worth or Gainesville, if you did not have an automobile then you would have to go to Oklahoma City and fly, or you would have to take the Greyhound Bus, which in Purcell is located on I-35 in a very nice gasoline station; but it is still a gasoline station and if the Bus Company did not know that you were there waiting to get picked up, the bus could

go right by you. So the people between Gainesville and Oklahoma City were truly lacking from a transportation perspective. After all, no one wants to drive all the time," she said.

"The citizens of Oklahoma had been fighting for rail service for a long time (they had not had service between Oklahoma and Texas in over 20 years). But finally on June 14, 1999, that dream was realized when the State of Oklahoma and Amtrak became partners reintroducing passenger rail service in the state of Oklahoma, and kicked off that inaugural service out of Fort Worth, Texas," she said.

The Heartland Flyer consists of three cars: two coaches and a Heartland Flyer Cafe Car with push/pull service (an engine at both ends so that you don't have to worry about turning the train around to head in the opposite direction).

Noting that when the train started service in June, 1999, "every one of the train stations from Gainesville, Ardmore, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Norman, up to and including Oklahoma City, were in dire need of repair; it was a total mess," she said. They had no platform and no lights.

The citizens in each one of these cities got together, and through funding such as Main Street, Convention and Tourism, and/or Historical Societies, they rebuilt these beautiful stations within four years. And on Saturday, June 14, 2003, the Ardmore Train Station will open its doors as a new station. "That's a remarkably strong statement about what people think about passenger rail service in

Local consultant attends national convention

Tina Walterscheid, an Independent Educational Consultant with Osborne Books at Home, attended the Annual National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 20-22.

Osborne Books at Home (UBAH) is a division of Educational Development Corporation (EDC) whose headquarters is located in Tulsa. UBAH has provided local consultants the opportunity to own and operate their own businesses for 14 years.

The highlight of this year's convention was the appearance of Peter Osborne, founder of Osborne Publishing, LTD. of London, England. He explained how he set out to break down a child's resistance to reading and learning at home by

presenting lavishly illustrated books written with humor, surprise, and drama. They incorporate activities and puzzles to challenge a child's observation and intelligence.

The conferees had the opportunity to attend several workshops designed to help them improve their businesses. They also shared successes with other consultants and supervisors. The Saturday night Awards Banquet recognized the top individual and group leaders in the organization. Tina is part of the #1 sales team in the nation! "It is very pleasing to see so many people have success in our program and become more financially independent," reported Kathy Slemp, UBAH Vice-President.

"I am very proud of our company and the product line we represent, and also very pleased with the response from our customers. Our goal is to continue to provide the finest educational books for your children," stated Randall White, President and CEO of EDC Publishing.

Accompanying Tina at the conference, were her mother, Charlotte Klement, and 18 month old daughter, Abby.

For additional information about Osborne Books or hosting a workshop in your home, please contact Tina at (940) 759-2999 or log onto Tina's website at www.educationalbooksforkids.com.

New Arrival

Neusch

James and Laura Neusch of Lindsay proudly announce the birth of their daughter Shawna Elise born at 12:20 a.m. on June 24, 2003 in Denton Community Hospital, weighing 7 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. She joins a brother Jacob, age 5, and a sister Patricia, age 3. Grandparents are Lawrence and Clara Neusch and Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann, all of Lindsay.

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Submitted by Martha M. McCool a freelance writer who has been published in North Texas as well as other states.

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Just like indoors, it's the details and accessories that add the finishing touches.

A well-placed mirror can give the illusion of space, or the feeling of twice as many plants as you actually have. Hang some fired-clay or metal art on the fence, the more weathered it gets, the better it looks. What about a woven grass area rug, which you don't mind getting rain soaked on occasion, to define the outdoor 'living' space from the garden areas? Even old watering cans can be fun as accents.

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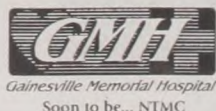
Please join Gainesville Memorial Hospital in welcoming Doohi Lee, M.D., to our hospital and to our community. Dr. Lee brings to Cooke County an extensive background in the field of Diagnostic Radiology, with special interest in Sports Imaging and in the emerging science of Musculoskeletal Ultrasound.

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Sports

Hunter numbers up!

While 13 million Americans hunted in 2001, according to the most recent National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, the number of people who have hunted in prior years is far greater.

"The 2001 National Survey shows there are 43.7 million people in the United States who have hunted in any previous year," said Rob Southwick, president of Southwick Associates, a fish and wildlife economics and business consulting firm. "That number is three times more than the number of people reported as having hunted in 2001. That's significant. And about 23 million people have hunted within the last five years."

Many people believe that reporting there are 13 million hunters in this country is at best misleading and at worst, a gross underestimation of their actual numbers.

"I have seen this number used so often that I believe Americans assume there are only 13 million hunters in this country now, which is not correct. That number only represents how many people over the age of 16 hunted during a one-year period," said Rob Keck, CEO of the National Wild Turkey Federation. "It does not

include hunters under the age of 16 nor does it take into account those people who consider themselves hunters but for whatever reason, didn't hunt in 2001."

Researchers have looked into the matter of how many people consider themselves hunters, and they've found that many people subscribe to the idea that once a hunter, always a hunter.

"According to our research, about 28 million Americans consider themselves hunters, even though they don't hunt every year, and some haven't gone for several years," said Mark Damian Duda, executive director for Responsive Management, a public opinion polling and research firm. "There are many reasons people drop out of hunting, but the most common one is they don't have someone to go with."

From Outdoor Wire



Above, Kristen LeBrasseur and Hayley Haverkamp improve their swimming abilities at swimming lessons earlier this week in the Muenster pool. At left, Amellia Haverkamp and Kyla Reeves learn CPR; and below David Dyer learns to float, as instructed by Michael Conway.

Janie Hartman photo

Smith & Wesson to intro Texas Rangers 180th anniversary commemorative knives

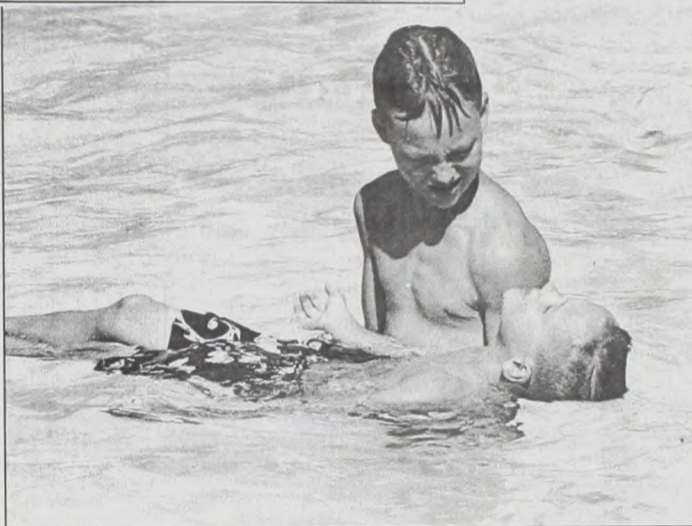
Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation (AMEX: SWB), and its licensee Taylor Cutlery, introduces the Texas Rangers 180th Anniversary Commemorative Knives. In celebration of the oldest state law enforcement agency in the United States, Taylor Cutlery has designed a series of collectible knives sure to excite any collector or outdoor enthusiast.

Working in conjunction with the Texas Rangers Museum and Hall of Fame in Waco, Texas, Taylor Cutlery approached Captain Kirby Denton of the Texas Rangers to specifically design a knife befitting the anniversary milestone. Denton's resulting design is a one-of-a-kind hand finished 7.5 inch folding pocketknife with a stainless

steel blade and mesquite handle. To complement the folding knife, Taylor Cutlery designed a 12-inch stainless steel bowie knife also with a mesquite handle. Both knives are serial numbered one of 1,000 and carry the Texas Rangers 180th Anniversary insignia. Also available are limited edition Texas Rangers commemorative collector tins, which include a high quality folding knife and a 180th Anniversary Texas Rangers pin reminiscent of a Texas Rangers law enforcement badge.

The Smith & Wesson Texas Rangers Commemorative Knives are available at the Smith & Wesson Web site at www.smith-wesson.com and www.taylorcutlery.com.

From The Outdoor Wire



Warden's Report

More Than They Bargained For -- Matagorda County Game Wardens were patrolling near Wadsworth when they saw three people standing outside a truck stopped on the side of the road. After passing by, the wardens decided to turn around to make sure everything was okay. The driver then ran to the truck and the other two jumped in, and one person threw a beer can out the window. The wardens quickly caught up and stopped the truck. They then saw a three-foot long alligator in the bed of the truck, which was shot in the head. Two people were cited for possession of an alligator in closed season. One of them was also arrested for having more than \$1,405 worth of warrants. Cases are pending.

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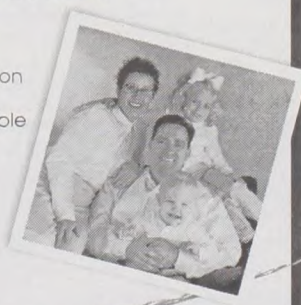
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Thank you Father John for the touching funeral Mass and
Pam, David, Rose, and Ruth for their always wonderful
inspirational music. Special thanks to Nicole Rohmer for her
beautiful singing of "Here I am Lord". Thank you also to the
Mass servers, the Eucharistic ministers and to the nephews
who helped Victor.

Even though Ida has been gone from Muenster for many
years, our friends, neighbors, and relatives inspired us with
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ADDRESS: 135 East 7th Street, Muenster, TX 76252
BID TIME / DATE: 2:00 P.M. / Thursday, August 7, 2003
LOCATION: Muenster I.S.D. Administration Offices
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USDA announces initiatives to improve food safety

U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Elsa Murano released a food safety vision document that will guide continuing efforts to improve the safety of U.S. meat, poultry and egg products and protect public health. Titled, "Enhancing Public Health: Strategies for the Future," the document outlines accomplishments to date as well as challenges that must be overcome in order to further reduce the incidence of foodborne illness.

"Americans enjoy one of the safest food supplies in the world and it is getting safer," Murano said. "However, in spite of recent positive trends in reductions in foodborne illness, we also recognize the need to intensify our efforts to reduce illnesses even further. This document will help guide us as we focus on risks and science based solutions to meet future challenges."

In March 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman called for creative and effective ways to modernize the Food Safety and Inspection Service's ability to continue to improve the safety of U.S. meat, poultry and egg products to better protect public health. The document identifies goals and strategies to be pursued by FSIS.

The document identifies many key steps taken in the past year to further protect public health. Most recently, FSIS announced a new rule requiring plants that produce ready-to-eat products to have effective programs in place to better control Listeria monocytogenes. In addition to testing, plants are required to share data and other relevant information with FSIS. The rule also

encourages all establishments to employ additional and more effective intervention technologies to combat this pathogen.

Murano said public input into the document will be important as FSIS works to implement several key initiatives to enhance meat and poultry safety and improve food inspection systems.

In addition, a strong system of checks and balances is important to an effective food safety system, Murano said. FSIS is examining how it can best utilize its resources and authorities to further enhance its systems while providing incentives for compliance. The agency is working with interested parties to modernize and further enhance its compliance efforts.

The complete document, "Enhancing Public Health: Strategies for the Future," can be found at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/programs/vision071003.htm>

County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
CEA - AG/NR

Water is a valued commodity. The way we use it is always an important topic for discussion in the summer. It is important to closely monitor your household irrigation practices, not only for the purpose of conserving water, but also, for the purpose of controlling pollution.

Excess application of water and the resulting leaching of chemicals can result in the pollution of surface or groundwater supplies. Leaching can readily occur through sandy soils. Water pollution can occur both as a result of inefficient applications of chemicals and from leaching.

Water only when needed. Look at the grass, feel the soil, or use a soil moisture meter to determine when to water.

Do not over-water. Soil can hold only so much moisture, and the rest simply runs off. A timer will help, and either a kitchen timer or an alarm clock will do. Apply only enough water to fill the plant's root zone. Excess water beyond that is wasted. One and a half inches of water applied once a week in the summer will keep most Texas grasses alive and healthy.

Use drip irrigation systems for bedded plants, trees, or shrubs, or turn soaker hoses upside-down so the holes are on the bottom. This will help avoid evaporation.

Water slowly for better absorption, and never water on windy days.

Forget about watering the streets or walks or driveways. They will never grow a thing.

Condition the soil with mulch or compost before planting grass or flowerbeds so that water will soak in rather than run off.

Fertilize lawns at least twice a year for root stimulation, but do not over-fertilize. Grass with a good root system makes better use of less water and is more drought-tolerant.

Do not scalp lawns when mowing during hot weather. Taller grass holds moisture better. Grass should be cut fairly often, so that only one-half to three fourth inch is trimmed off. A better looking lawn will result.

Use a watering can or hand water with the hose in small areas of the lawn that need more frequent watering (those near walks or driveways or in especially hot, sunny spots).

Use water-wise plants. Learn what types of grass, shrubbery, and plants do best in the area and in which parts of the lawn, and then plant accordingly. Choose plants that have low water requirements, are drought-tolerant, and are adapted to the area of the state where they are to be planted.

Consider decorating some areas of the lawn with wood chips, rocks, gravel, or other materials now available that require no water at all.

Do not "sweep" walks and driveways with the hose. Use a broom or rake instead.

With funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Agricultural Research Service is building a mock residential housing development on rolling farmland in Coshocton, Ohio, to find out what happens to streams and lakes as farmland is urbanized. EPA plans to use the results of this first, fully controlled study of water runoff to create a national program to trade runoff credits, just as air pollution credits are now traded.

Each year, ARS hydraulic engineers will increase "development" until it covers forty percent of each of the four watersheds they are working on. The watersheds range in size from one to seven acres.

"Annual runoff from these watersheds has been monitored for many years, as has land use. This will provide long-term background data for comparison as "urbanization" proceeds.

Development replaces soil and vegetation that once soaked up rainwater and snowmelt with the impervious surfaces of roofs and roads. These changes increase the volume and speed of water runoff, increasing the risk of flooding, soil erosion and the transport of chemicals into waterways.

The scientists will build three-foot-high "houses" covered with plastic. They will plow soil to simulate construction work, and they will plant lawns and use pesticides and fertilizers just as homeowners do.

Then they will measure the rate of increase in volume and peak flow rate of runoff and the increase in amounts of fertilizers, sediment and perhaps pesticides that end up in streams and lakes.

The researchers will also evaluate ways to reduce the runoff, such as installing roof gardens to trap rainwater and intermixing natural areas with homes and paved areas, to give water a chance to soak in before reaching waterways.

The EPA's Sustainable Environments Branch in Cincinnati, Ohio, is conducting this research jointly with ARS as a pilot program to find the most cost-effective ways to improve water quality.

Texas receives rural electric system loans

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman has awarded over \$225 million in loan guarantees to make needed improvements in rural electric systems in Texas. The Lone Star State received the lion's share of \$327 million awarded to six states.

"The Bush Administration is committed to investing in rural America," Veneman said. "These loans will help support the rural infrastructure by providing reliable and affordable electricity."

According to USDA statistics, 23 jobs are created for every \$1 million of Federal investment in electric infrastructure. The USDA loans could create over 7,500 jobs in the six states, including over 5,100 in Texas.

USDA Under Secretary for Rural Development

Thomas C. Dorr said the loans will be used to construct additions and modifications to electric transmission systems.

"Funds will be used to serve more than 17,240 new customers, build 1,214 miles of new distribution lines and make other improvements to existing electric systems," Dorr said.

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A typical cow produces about 90 glasses of milk each day.

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Sows:
Feeder, 400 or less, 28-35; Light wt., 400-500, 27-28; Med. wt., 500-600, 27-28; Heavy wt., 600-up, 27-28

Boars:
300 lb.-up, 02-05; 200-300 lbs., 05-11; Light wt., 15-35

Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder Lambs 40-60 lbs., 70-105; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 70-100; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 70-88

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Stocker, 35-50; Thin, 10-30; Fat, 35-45

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Thin: 35-45 Fat 45-60
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