

Hoedebeck killed in I-35 auto crash

By Janet Felderhoff
Shellie Rae Hoedebeck, age 39, of Muenster was fatally injured in an accident that occurred about 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12 on Interstate 35 near Valley View. Cooke County Justice of the Peace John Roane pronounced her dead at the scene at 3:50 p.m. Nine others were injured in the accident that involved three vehicles.

According to a report released by the Department of Public Safety, the accident transpired when a southbound 2001 Dodge Durango driven by Lara E. Tietz age 20 of Tyler, attempted to pass another southbound vehicle on I-35. Tietz was in the left hand lane and began passing a 1996 Chrysler Cirrus driven by Said Munye, age 42, of Columbus, Ohio. He didn't notice Tietz's vehicle and began to move into the left hand lane. Munye then noticed the Durango and over corrected to the right taking the Cirrus onto the right shoulder. This caused Munye to overcorrect back to the left striking the Durango in the left hand lane. The Durango overturned and came to rest on its top in the grassy median between I-35 south bound and the southbound service road. The Cirrus driven by Munye then traveled through the center median and up onto the northbound lanes of I-35 striking the 1998 Chrysler Cirrus driven north bound by Shellie Hoedebeck. Both vehicles came to rest in the grassy median between I-35 north bound and the northbound service road.

"She was a victim of circumstances," said Judge Roane of Hoedebeck. "It was tragic, she was just coming home with her kids. It was due to an accident in the southbound lane."

Other occupants in Hoedebeck's car were her son Christopher, age 16, and daughter Sydney, age 10. CareFlite took Sydney to Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth in serious condition with a fractured left leg. She remains a patient there and has been moved to a room. Christopher was taken to Gainesville Memorial Hospital (GMH) by Cooke County EMS and later released.

Accompanying Munye in the '96 Cirrus was Hassan Abdalo Mohamed of Columbus, Ohio. Both were taken to GMH for treatment and later released.

Passengers in the Durango included Danielle Nicole Adams, age 20, of Moore, Oklahoma; Sarah Gilbertson, age 19, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Kinsley Johnson, age 20, of Plano; and Rachael Winton, age 20, of Clifton, Virginia. They and Tietz were taken to GMH for treatment and later released.

Investigating the accident was DPS Trooper Cavin L. King. Other DPS Troopers Cpl. Mike Linnell, Patrick Timms, and Sgt. Ray Sappington, of the Valley View Police Department, and Cooke County Sheriff's Office assisted King. Also responding were the Cooke County EMS, Valley View Volunteer Fire Department, and CareFlite.



Winds gusting up to 40 mph and a rotted highline pole led to potential disaster Wednesday afternoon. The rotted pole broke near the bottom and toppled. It held three transformers. One burst open spilling oil that was soon ignited by live or "hot" wires. This occurred on Eddy Street near the former AMPI water treatment plant. Muenster Volunteer Fire Fighters responded at 2:11 p.m. and took about 45 minutes to eliminate the fire and other dangers. MVFD Chief Herbie Knabe said that

the fire was doused with foam rather than water since it was an oil fire. He also warned that people driving around to see the event could have been harmed by the live wires which were on the ground. He said keeping people away was a problem and asked that in the future people remember to stay back and out of the way. OnCor Electric responded quickly and turned off the electricity.
Photo by Janie Hartman

Commissioners court proceeds with county jail strategy

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County will soon need either to add on to its current County Jail facility or build a new facility to house County inmates. Inmates are often housed in other jails to avoid going over the number allowed in Cooke County Jail. This would be in violation of the Jail Standards regulations and could cause the Cooke County Jail to be shut down by them.

At the Monday, April 14 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court, Jerry McClain, assistant county attorney, spoke of his findings concerning procedures to secure architectural services for the County Jail.

At the request of County Judge Bill Freeman, McClain explained that there are two options available. One is the older method of bringing in a certain number of architects

and assessing their qualifications to select one to construct the facility. This method is under the government code. A newer option is the design and build method, which is under the local government code. It would allow the County to bring in an architect to design and coordinate the building of the facility.

McClain sought direction from the Court so that he could complete the necessary paperwork. He said he would also need to know whether they would build a whole new facility or add on to the current County Jail.

Under the older method (construction), the architect assembles a design criteria package. That information is used to go out for bids for a firm to build the facility. Under the design build method the architect is actually working for the

Commissioners Court during the entire process.

"From the research that I have done on this, I think it (design build) is a much better alternative simply because you have the architect," commented McClain. "You bring him on board and he shepherds the project for you. In the other method, you have to have a project manager who may not be as familiar with this stuff as an architect who's built these type facilities before."

Judge Freeman said that they would need an architect to tell them how much building a new facility would cost and how much adding on to the present facility with required moves

would cost before the Court could decide which way to go.

McClain said that the applicants would be judged on a point system of 100 based on categories regarding responsiveness to the actual request. Each applicant will be assessed on the basis of the given criteria. He said an applicant doesn't have to be granted an interview. Once an interview is granted and the top applicant determined negotiations are begun with that person. If an agreement can't be reached, the Court notifies that applicant to say negotiations are being ceased. At that point the See COUNTY JAIL, pg 4

28th Germanfest starts next Friday

Muenster will host its 28th annual Germanfest, sponsored by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, on April 25, 26, and 27. Over 40,000 are predicted to attend the Fest, and will enjoy German sausage, sauerkraut, potato salad, scrumptious apple strudel, hearty cheese and breads. One will also find a wide variety of American food offered during Muenster's big party of the year.

For those who love to participate in competitive sports, you might try one or more of these: "Nagelschlagen," a traditional German competition; The Bell Ringer; Ball Toss; or Wall Climbing. For the Bicyclist there is a Bicycle Rally on Saturday, April 26. The runners will find a 5k and 15k run on Sunday, April 27.

Opening ceremonies Friday at 6 p.m. will include official announcement of Muenster's designation as a Tree City USA.

If you prefer spending your weekend just relaxing and having fun, the Germanfest is the place to be. There will be several stages where you will find performers like "Vince Vance and the Valiants,"

with their fast moving, action packed choreography combined with colorful costumes which are key ingredients for a fantastic show for your enjoyment. They will be on the "Texas Stage" both Saturday and Sunday, along with "Grammy" winners "Brave Combo." These will be the first shows on the new enlarged performing arts stage built during the last two months in the City Park. Other entertainers on "Texas Stage" will be Kenny and the Kasuals, Bois D'Arc, and several more bands and individual entertainers.

In the German "Tanze Halle" you will find great German bands like "Alpenfest" of Houston, and "The Polka Kings" of Lawton, Oklahoma along with "Alpenmusikanten," cloggers and line dancers.

The Side Street Circus of Denton will be performing at the Children's Stage and around the Germanfest grounds. New to the children's area, will be "Puppets in Concert." Also in the children's area you will find clowns and Jim McNeely - the magician, balloon sculptures, face painters and other fun things for children.
See GERMANFEST, pg 4



The Muenster Knights of Columbus donated a substantial contribution to the Muenster Rectory Renovation project after last Sunday's 8:00am services at Sacred Heart Church. On hand for the presentation were, from left, Ben Fleitman,

Danny Cochran, Father John Ohner, Bob Bauer, Tommy Felderhoff, Jr., Gary Endres and Robert Miller.
Dave Fette photo

Muenster ISD \$1,000,000 Bond Financing makes best use of existing facilities

by Dave Fette
"We've studied many alternatives to take care of the increasing Muenster ISD student population," said Superintendent Clyde Steelman, "and we're convinced that this plan will make the best use of the facilities we have and need to use right now." Extensive study and planning of both facilities' needs and financing methods have brought about a call for a bond election for the Muenster Independent School District as shown in two in-depth stories in the Muenster Enterprise on March 21 and April 4, 2003. Early voting opened on Wednesday and continues until April 29 at the Muenster ISD Administration Building 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Branch voting will be in the Muenster ISD Gym foyer April 22 and 24, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on April 23, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Muenster ISD \$1,000,000.00 bond maintains and reclaims existing solid facilities and builds one new building.

Steelman says a new elementary campus or a new cafeteria may be necessary in the future, but right now the students can be well served in the most economical way by: (1) renovating the junior high building; (2) replacing the roof on the junior high gym; (3) correcting drainage problems behind the junior high, library, and vocational wing that make foundations unstable; and (4) constructing a building to house maintenance and athletic weight training. Occupying this new building will make room in the vocational wing for junior high and high school classes next year. Thus, current classrooms are preserved and their use maximized.

Approximately \$750,000.00 is planned for these four areas. The remaining \$250,000.00 will cover fees, testing and unforeseen construction expenses such as roof repairs, window repairs, carpet replacement, etc.

Steelman says that student populations have increased by 44 percent over

the last ten years when facilities were considered adequate under state regulations. Some creative use of space and scheduling has made it possible to stay in the same junior high school facilities and

maintain high educational standards.

If Muenster ISD passes the bond now, they essentially prove their willingness to provide for the students' education. See MISD Bond, pg 2



A big finale brought the house down Sunday as this year's production by Sacred Heart Musical Theater Department of Annie closed. Actors, actresses and crew pose for a closing moment as family, friends and others in the audience gathered to say farewell. The last performance was one of four

which all opened to packed houses at the Gainesville State Theater. Lead actress Andrea Bonin portrayed Annie with such success that most children and many adults thought that she was an eleven year old girl instead of a high school junior. See related article on page 4.

City's clean water positively cited

by Dave Fette
The Muenster City Council concentrated on environmental quality at their regular meeting last Monday, April 7. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has recognized the City of Muenster for having an outstanding performance record in protecting public health. The City water system is being recognized for an outstanding level of compliance in monthly monitoring. For a five year period, 1997-2001, Muenster's public water system had no monitoring or maximum contaminant level violations. Mayor Henry Weinzapfel said, "The employees at the City of Muenster, especially Chris Yosten and Linda Webb, deserve a big Thank You!" The City has received a certificate for the State of Texas proclaiming their good work protecting public health. The environment was again in the spotlight as the mayor proclaimed Environmental Crime Prevention Week in Muenster, ending today,

April 18. The proclamation (see page 2) calls dumping of toxic materials a criminal act and praises the efforts of the Texas Environmental Task Force in fighting environmental crime. The Council reviewed current work on a disaster preparedness plan which coordinates state, county, and city emergency departments in case of a disaster. Pat Stelzer heads Muenster's emergency preparations. The mayor praised everyone who worked on the April 5 community clean-up.

He was very happy with the number of young people involved, but he hopes more adults will follow their example in future anti-litter work. Insurance settlement on park equipment coverage will soon replace playground units which were vandalized last year. The guilty criminal who burned the Eagle Scout Project has yet to be identified and prosecuted. Other items considered by the City Council included:
• All-Tex Paving was the lowest qualified bidder for

this summer's street paving work. Dolese won the bid to sell rock. Paving starting date has not been set.
• Neil Huchton and Clifford Sicking from the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees reported to the Council on the financial implications of the school bond election.
• Property owned by Community Lumber Co. along South Walnut Street and north of Cross Street was re-zoned to B-2 general business.
• The May 3 City election was canceled since none of the positions have challenges.
• Monthly bills totaling \$101,003.12 were approved for payment.

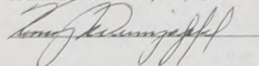
Lifeguarding course announced April 21

There will be a lifeguarding class offered Apr. 21 through Apr. 30. This will be the only class offered in Cooke County. This course is required by any city if you are planning on lifeguarding. The course fee is \$175.00.

If you are interested call Patrick McCage at 940-668-4551. The last day to register is Apr. 18. To register for the course you can come by the Public Works Department at 601 N. I-35 (green building).

Proclamation Environmental Crime Prevention Week Mayor of Muenster, Texas

WHEREAS, deliberate and unlawful dumping of toxic materials is no different than other criminal act, and
WHEREAS, environmental crime can harm a countless number of people, sometimes over a period of years or even decades, and
WHEREAS, all of us are affected by environmental crime, whether our tax dollars are used to clean up an illegal dump site or the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink is diminished; and
WHEREAS, the Texas Environmental Task Force was established by Executive Order to bring the combined resources and expertise of local, state and federal law enforcement and environmental agencies to bear on environmental criminals; and
WHEREAS, the Texas Environmental Task Force operations have resulted in convictions against 116 individuals and 28 corporations, 152 felony counts, court orders exceeding \$46 million in criminal and civil penalties, and court ordered sentencing totaling 133 years of jail time and 333 years of probation; and
WHEREAS, Texas leads the nation in the investigation and prosecution of environmental crime
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Weinzapfel, Mayor of the City of Muenster, Texas, do hereby designate April 14 through 18, 2003, as Environmental Crime Prevention Week.
IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Muenster, Texas to be affixed this the 7th day of April, 2003.



MISD BOND

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Thus the State of Texas will help with bond payment under the Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) program, assuming the program is funded as it has been in the past. If the bond is not passed, the repairs and construction will have to be done soon anyway and the District will bear the full impact estimated at about \$98.00 more per year on an average \$100,000.00 home. With bond passage and resulting EDA assistance, the tax increase is estimated to be around \$53.00.

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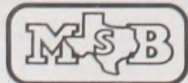
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 20, 2003 Museum Closed Jaycee Easter Egg Hunt, 2PM, Muenster Park Easter Sunday	Monday, April 21, 2003 SHS Advisory Council meeting, 7:30PM VFW Auxiliary, 8PM Life Guarding classes begin	Tuesday, April 22, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice Office Marketing Club meeting, 7PM, Farm Bureau Bldg. EARTH DAY	Wednesday, April 23, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Mass, 6:30PM, Class until 8PM	Thursday, April 24, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, April 25, 2003 Muenster Museum CLOSED SHS Faculty meeting, 2:30PM dismissal ARBOR DAY Germanfest Germanfest Opening Ceremony 6PM, with Tree City USA Award presentation	Saturday, April 26, 2003 Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Midway Mall, Sherman Germanfest
Sunday, April 27, 2003 Germanfest	Monday, April 28, 2003 Avoiding Investment Pitfalls seminar, 10AM, Stanford House	Tuesday, April 29, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Early Voting Ends	Wednesday, April 30, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Mass, 7PM, Wheat Tour / MISD Community meeting, 7PM, Jr. High Auditorium / Home Hospice Bereavement Teleconference 12:30-3:30	Thursday, May 1, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM May Crowning Mass, 6:10PM Loyalty Day - Flags Fly	Friday, May 2, 2003	Saturday, May 3, 2003 Local Elections 7am-7pm Lindsay Community Yard Sales Texoma Cattle Women's/ Cattlemen's Ball, 7PM Gainesville VFW Hall

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Obituaries

Shellie Rae Hoedebeck 1963 - 2003

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Shellie Rae Walterscheid Hoedebeck on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 in Sacred Heart Church at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor and Father Kyle Walterscheid, a cousin.

Shellie Hoedebeck died at age 39 on April 12, 2003 at 3:50 p.m. in an auto accident. She was the wife of Joe Hoedebeck and the mother of two daughters Jennifer and Sydney and one son Chris all of Muenster.

Also surviving are her mother, Annette Walterscheid of Muenster, sisters Reneta Knabe and husband Greg of Muenster, and Lydia Springer and husband Drew of Dallas; brother T.J. Walterscheid and wife Jeannene of Muenster; her parents-in-law, Gene and Elsie Hoedebeck of Muenster and maternal grandmother Marie Knauf of Muenster; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives, and hundreds of friends who treasure her memory.

Preceding her in death were her father, Theodore "Sonny" Walterscheid; grandfathers T. Walterscheid, Joe Knauf, and Mike Schilling; and her grandmother, Mary Walterscheid Schilling.

Shellie Rae Walterscheid Hoedebeck was born Aug. 14, 1963 in Gainesville to Theodore Joseph "Sonny" Walterscheid and Annette Margaret Knauf Walterscheid, the second of four children. She grew up in Muenster, and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1981, and was currently attending North Central Texas College. On June 26, 1982 she married Lawrence Joseph Hoedebeck in Sacred Heart Church. They became proud parents of three children Jennifer, Chris, and Sydney. She began her career at Muenster State Bank in 1982 and was currently serving as Vice President and Loan Officer. She was serving as secretary of the Sacred Heart Alumni; was a member of the Historical Commission and was an active supporter of Sacred Heart Athletics and the Cooke County Relay For Life. She was a lifetime resident of Muenster, loved her hometown, and the people in it, was proud to be an active member of the community and of Sacred Heart Parish.

Shellie Hoedebeck was a truly devoted wife, a loving mother, a wonderful daughter and sister. Her hundreds of friends and neighbors will treasure the memory of her kindness and friendship. Some of her special hobbies were crocheting, fishing, swimming, planting and watching her flowers grow, and taking delight in watching her children at play and in sports.

A Rosary service was held on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church led by good friend Mary Lin Knabe, and Vigil at 7:00 p.m. in Church presided by Father John Ohner OSA. After the Vigil, Katie Walterscheid read her original poem "She Will Be Missed." A family rosary was held Wednesday morning led by an aunt and uncle, Eileen and Frank Schilling. Taking part in the Mass of Resurrection with Father John and Father Kyle, concelebrants, were altar servers Butch Fisher and Alvin Hartman, friends, and Sylvan Walterscheid, a cousin.

The First Liturgical Reading, from the Book of Revelations, was given by Carla Zwinggi, a co-worker, and the Second Reading by J.J. Johnson of Saint Jo, a cousin. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Peggy Grewing, a sister-in-law. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by godchildren Jessica Knabe, Haylee Hess, and Benjamin Walterscheid.

Eucharistic Ministers were Linda Knabe, sister-in-law, and friends of the family Carol Grewing, Regina Pels, Carolyn Bayer, Carla and Danny Zwinggi, Karla Cunningham, and Neil and Anne Hesse. Music Ministers were Ruth Felderhoff organist, Christy Hesse and Pam Fette, and the Angelic A Cappella



Shellie Hoedebeck

Choir of Sacred Heart High School. Sacred songs included "Be Not Afraid" at the entrance; "The Lord Is My Shepherd" as Responsorial Psalm; "Pie Jesu" by the choir for the incensing and Offertory; "You Are Near," "On Eagles Wings," and "Till We Meet Again" for Communion; Meditation song was "Ave Maria," solo by Christy Hesse; and "The King of Love" by the choir at the closing.

Remarks of Remembrance were given by brother-in-law, Drew Springer. He stated in part: "...Shellie

grew up with lots of spirit in her soul. She loved music, dancing, and the outdoors...

"Shellie always loved a challenge... whether it was catching the biggest fish, being the best shot with a BB gun, or winning a foot race. TJ has often said he didn't know Shellie was a girl until she turned 14.

"Around that time, Shellie once struck a karate pose with her dad... he in turn did the same with her... with one quick move and in the next moment her 240 lb. dad was sprawled on the floor with an astonished look on his face...

"Shellie's family was the light of her life. Nurturing her children with her quick wit and her common sense rule, Shellie has laid a great foundation for her children to build their life upon.

"Rare was day that Shellie did not talk with her mother and each of her sisters...

"Shellie was a loving person... very strong person... friend to all... faithful to her God and church... a joyous person."

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



Muenster Boy Scout Shawn Moore worked toward earning his Eagle Scout ranking by construction native rock flowerbed edging in the front yard of the Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum. Scouts assisting Moore (at wheel barrel) in his project included Ricky Bell, Chad Endres and Brad Endres. Janie Hartman photo

Muenster. Pallbearers were nephews, Jeff Hoedebeck, Brian Knabe, Preston Cagle, Cory Knabe, and David Walterscheid, and good friend Floyd Haverkamp.

For those who have asked, memorials may be sent to the Sacred Heart Trust Fund, or the family fund at Muenster State Bank.

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Lifestyle

"Living with grief: coping with public tragedy"

On Wednesday, April 30 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Home Hospice, Cooke County will serve as a local host for the Hospice Foundation of America's tenth annual bereavement teleconference, "Living With Grief: Coping With Public Tragedy." This live-via-satellite video broadcast will examine factors that define a public tragedy and look at ways health care and other professionals can appropriately respond and offer support.

The teleconference will be beneficial to a wide range of professionals as they support their communities and help people cope with losses that often accompany public tragedies. Cokie Roberts, ABC News correspondent, will moderate this event.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for caring organizations across the country to present a program that will resonate strongly with diverse communities because the theme is so universal," commented Jack D. Gordon, Chairman of Hospice Foundation of America. "Of particular interest will be police, firefighters, rescue and emergency service personnel, hospital ER staffs, schools and others who will benefit from a better understanding of the ways public tragedies can affect those they serve."

This teleconference is one of many ways Home Hospice Cooke helps the grieving of this community. Their bereavement team brings grief support groups, grief recovery seminars,

memorial services and access to grief literature to our community throughout the year. There is never a charge for any of these services.

Home Hospice will provide a professional panel of experts representing different professions in our community to lead a 30 minute local panel discussion immediately after the program. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss these issues with an expert panel. Professionals from this area participating will be Captain Mark Brazelton with the Gainesville Police Department; Jim Nottingham with the Gainesville Fire Department; John Roane, Justice of the Peace; Chuck Skinner, Paramedic,

Trainer, and Care Flight attendant; Shawndelle Wade, Executive Director for Red Cross; and Alicia Woodard, Executive Director for Cooke County Friends of the Family.

The teleconference will be held at North Central Texas College Library Lyceum in Gainesville. There is no charge for attending the teleconference. However, Continuing Education Units are being offered for most disciplines. If CEU's are desired there is a \$25 processing fee payable to the Hospice Foundation of America for the e contact hours of continuing education.

For more information or to register, limited seating, call Kelly Lamkin, LSW at Home Hospice, Cooke County at 940-665-9891.



Debra Lee Voth and Jason R. Sicking have chosen Saturday, June 7, 2003 as their wedding day. Her parents, Danny and Janet Voth of Muenster, have announced their engagement and approaching marriage. Jason is the son of Troy and Dina Sicking of Muenster. The couple will be married at 2:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church with Father John Ohner, OSA officiating. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Sacred Heart School. She will graduate from the University of North Texas in May 2003 and plans to teach elementary school. The future-groom is a 1996 graduate of Muenster High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M University. He is a managing owner of Rohmer's Restaurant in Muenster. They plan to reside in Muenster after their wedding.

New Arrival

Hoenig

Mark Joe and Jill Hoenig are happy to announce the arrival of their first child. Ashton Grace was born at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine on Friday, April 4, 2003 at 3:59 p.m. She measured 18 3/4 inches in length and weighed 6 lb. 9 oz. Also welcoming Ashton are her grandparents Jan and Dave Cleator of Port Orchard, Washington and Ray and Cecilia Hoenig of Lindsay.

News of the Sick

Sydney Hoedebeck, age 10, is a patient at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth where she is recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She has been moved to Room 4206. Cards will reach her if sent to her home address of P.O. Box 151, Muenster, TX 76252.

MMHRST seeks support against funding cuts for programs

The Gainesville Lions Club heard about proposed budget cuts for persons with mental disabilities. Jill Livingston, Assistant Executive Director, Mental Health Retardation Services of Texoma presented the program.

Livingston stated facts that include 1) Texas ranges between 43rd and 45th in per capita funding in the nation for services for persons with mental disabilities. 2) More persons with mental illness are incarcerated in prisons and jails than are receiving services in the state's mental health system. 3) State facilities stay filled to capacity. 4) Community MHMR centers are beyond capacity. 5) 19,000 people with mental retardation are on waiting lists for services. 6) Law enforcement personnel are overburdened with handling and transporting people with severe mental illness. And 7) The state's population has been rapidly expanding, but the funding for MMHR services has not increased.

MHMRST served around 2,400 persons in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties in fiscal year 2001. Texas statistics show that around 570,000 Texans have mental retardation that is 3% of the population. Around 6,000 Texas babies are born yearly with mental retardation. Half of all Americans will experience a mental disorder sometime during their life. One in four Texas families will deal with a mental health issue with a family member.

Livingston said, "The

proposed budget reductions are 12.5% and as great as 19% to some programs. It makes sense to fund community MMHR services to save lives and families, stabilize individuals and family units, to foster self-sufficiency and employment, reduce pressures on law enforcement personnel, reduce hospital costs, and reduce the criminal justice system costs by leveraging Medicaid dollars."

Livingston continued, "The success rate for treatment of mental illness ranges from 60-80%. The success rate for heart disease ranges from 41-52%. The mentally ill population in Texas prisons rose from 3,148 in 1990 to 15,716 in 1999. Budget cuts will only add to the number in prisons, because there will be less funds to serve persons mental health needs. Because persons with mental disabilities will continue to be present in our communities after

budget cuts, the long-term effect on individual lives, families, and the criminal justice system and community safety will be substantial. The budget cuts will cost counties more in emergency medical care, county and state incarceration, crime, and deterioration of the family."

Livingston urged individuals to contact local legislators and encourage them not to be penny wise and pound foolish when considering cuts to budgets that keep people stable in their community and encourage self-sufficiency.

Cooke Legislators to contact are: **Senator Craig Estes**, P. O. Box 12068, Capital Station, Austin TX 78711, Fax: 512-463-0130, Telephone: 512-463-0130

Representative Richard Hardcastle, P. O. Box 2910, Austin TX 78768-2910, Fax: 512-463-6003, Telephone: 512-463-0526

Golden Morning Sunshine

2 cups white sauce
4 eggs, hard-boiled and chopped
Make white sauce. (White Sauce: 1/2 cup dry milk; 4 Tbsp. flour; dash salt; 2 cups cold water; 2 Tbsp. Margarine. In a covered jar, combine dry milk, flour and salt and mix well. Once the white sauce has thickened, add water. Shake until all the ingredients are dissolved. Melt margarine in a 1-quart saucepan. Stir in flour-milk mixture and cook over low heat until mixture thickens and starts to bubble. Keep stirring until thickened completely.) Add eggs. Serve on toast.

Submitted by Tawra Kellam

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Library to begin Saturday hours

On May 3, the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library, 418 N. Elm Street, will add the Saturday hours of 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The new hours supplement the library's regular schedule of Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The library's current volunteer staff includes:

Teresa Fowler, Betty Felderhoff, Evelyn Koesler, Alice Davidson, Terri Barrett, Ethel Hesse, and Kay Broyles.

New volunteers who have been trained to staff the additional hours are: Katy Cox, Kim Hess, C.J. Hoenig, Pat Keener, Marcy Mullins, Melissa Thomas, Kristin Ware, and Fran Alderman, who will serve as the Saturday supervisor.

Cattlemen's Ball May 3

To help raise more money to give out scholarships and promote BEEF, the Texoma CattleWomen will be holding their annual Cattlemen's Ball, Saturday, May 3 at the Gainesville VFW Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the Farm Bureau Office, at the VFW Hall in Gainesville. There will be a live band called Troy McKinney and the Hard Luck Band, a Live Auction, Silent Auction, several Door Prizes and the VFW Bar will be open for you to purchase your favorite drink. Tickets cost \$5.00

advance, and \$7.50 at the door. The Texoma CattleWomen will be selling Texoma CattleWomen's Cook Books, T-Shirt that say "7 Days without BEEF, makes one weak", and bumper stickers in the patriotic colors of Red/White/ & Blue which say "Beef It's What's for Dinner". The general public is invited to attend.

For more information please feel free to contact the President of the Texoma CattleWomen Trudy Lucas, at the office (903)476-5565, or at jlucasranch@aol.com

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GMH childbirth classes enrolling

Gainesville Memorial Hospital is now accepting enrollments for its next series of childbirth classes, scheduled to begin May 1.

The four-session series will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and continue each Thursday evening through May 22. Classes will be held in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center at GMH.

The childbirth series covers the basics of childbirth, as well as provides instruction in newborn care.

Tammy Puckett, LVN, is instructor for the course. A native of Cooke County, Tammy has a solid background in newborn and infant care. She graduated from North Central Texas College in 1995. She is currently with the staff of Outreach Health Services/WIC.

The size of the class will be limited to 10 couples. Pre-enrollment is required, and it is recommended that

women be in their third trimester of pregnancy.

The GMH medical staff has approved the curriculum for the class.

Week One will focus on basic anatomy, stages of labor and relaxation techniques. Week Two discussion will center on nutrition, possible complications and breathing exercises. In Week Three, couples will move on to care of the newborn, and the final week will feature information on breastfeeding and a tour of the labor and delivery area at GMH.

The class will be held every other month. The next series of classes will be held in July.

There is a small fee for the program. Classes are not limited to parents delivering at GMH. Call 612-8322 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays for information and to enroll.

Submitted by Gayla Blanton, GMH Marketing



Alan and Rhonda Rohmer and Rhonda Schmidkofer wish to announce the engagement of their children Bradley Joe (BJ) Schmidkofer of Muenster to Amanda Gail Baldwin, also of Muenster. They plan to be married May 17, 2003. BJ is a 1999 graduate of Living Heritage Academy of Lewisville and attends North Central Texas College. He is employed at Gainesville Power Sports. Amanda is a 1998 graduate of Sacred Heart School in Muenster and a 2002 graduate of North Central Texas College's vocational nursing program. She is employed at Muenster Memorial Hospital. The couple plans to reside in Muenster.

Honoring Moms and Dads in the Navy log

As Mothers and Fathers Days fast approach, the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C., is encouraging sons and daughters to enroll their parents, who served in the sea services, in the Navy Log.

Whether your mother or father has served in the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marine, they can be honored forever in the Navy Log. The Log is a collection of names, photographs, and individual stories of the men and women who have served in any one of the U.S. Sea Services. The Log can be viewed by visitors to the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., or it can be viewed via the Internet at www.lonesailor.org.

Each Log entry contains the entrant's name, date, and place of birth, dates and branch of naval service, highest rate or rank attained, up to five top medals and awards and five duty stations.

Log enrollments help support the Memorial's values-based educational programs, which honor,

preserve, and celebrate our naval heritage.

Those who would like to enroll their mother or father should send his or her name, date and place of birth, dates of naval service, highest rate or rank, up to five awards received, and five duty stations served. A \$25 tax-deductible donation for enrollment to the Log should be sent to: Navy Log Department, Dept. Y2003, P. O. Box 96570, Washington, D.C. 20077-7685.

A head and shoulders portrait photograph may be added for an additional \$25 (photos cannot be returned).

The U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that receives no government support for building and operating the Navy Memorial or the Naval Heritage Center, which is adjacent to the Memorial Plaza on Pennsylvania Ave.

For more information about the Navy Log, contact David J. Michael, director of the Navy Log at 1-800-NAVY-LOG ext. 730, or email address at navylog@lonesailor.org.

NCTC Jazz Band plans spring concert

The North Central Texas College Jazz Band will present music from a wide variety of styles and eras during its Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22 in the NCTC Little Theater. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Monday Night and Tuesday Night Big Bands will join to play music from the 1940s through the last couple of years, said Paul Compton, NCTC Music Professor who directs the bands. "One song that should prove really interesting is an arrangement of the Stevie Ray Vaughn blues number 'Pride and Joy,'" said Compton. "Chris Smeaton will provide the guitar and vocals."

The audience will also get a change to hear music from the bands of Tommy Dorsey, Woody Herman, Stan Kenton and Count Basie.

Jan Fox will be on hand as guest vocalist for a couple of numbers.

A special treat for fans of the NCTC Jazz Band will be the opportunity to obtain a professionally recorded and mixed CD of a "Tribute to Benny Goodman" concert the band performed earlier this year. Those who make a \$20 donation towards NCTC music scholarships

will receive a copy of the album. "The Benny Goodman concert recording is Great! The bands played with tremendous heart and inspiration that day," said Compton.

The NCTC Jazz Bands will also play at the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival. The NCTC Monday Night Jazz Band takes the Celebration Stage at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27 and the Tuesday Night Jazz Band plays at 4 p.m. on the same stage.

ECI workers walk for the March of Dimes

Early Childhood Intervention Texoma (ECI) staff members are joining with the March of Dimes to help prevent birth defects. ECI staff members are challenging other Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST) staff members to support the March of Dimes in the annual drive to be held Saturday, April 26, Loy Lake, Denison. The ECI staff will not only be walking, they will also be selling the March of Dimes Beanie Baby to help with the fund-raising effort.

ECI is the state agency designated by the Texas Legislature to provide support and services to families with children, birth to three, with disabilities or developmental delays. The Texas Legislature passed legislation making ECI one

of the first statewide early intervention programs in the country. ECI has served over 150,000 families and their children since 1981.

ECI has evolved since 1981, moving away from an emphasis on therapy at a clinic to a family-centered approach. Most services are now provided in the child's home, neighborhood, or day-care center—places where children live, learn, and play.

The agency still provides professional therapists to work individually with children and emphasize strategies that fit into the child's daily routine so that families play a bigger role in the planning process that will affect children for the rest of their lives.

The Texas Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention is a

coordinated system of services available in every Texas county for children, birth to three, with disabilities or delays.

Federally and state-funded, ECI supports families to help their children reach their potential through developmental services. These services may include screening and assessments; physical, occupational and speech language therapy; developmental rehabilitation services;

training and counseling services. All services are offered at no cost to the families.

ECI services are offered in Cooke, Fannin, Grayson, Delta, Lamar and Hopkins counties. Numbers are Cooke County, 940-665-1464; Grayson County, 903-463-5691; Fannin County, 903-583-5851; and Lamar, Delta, and Hopkins counties, 903-395-4445. E-mail address is eci_texoma@mhmrst.org

Cooke County "Senior Expo" will be May 10 in Leonard Park

The Cooke County Senior Exposition will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the pavilion and surrounding park area beside Frank Buck Zoo. Everyone is welcome. This event was envisioned and is being hosted by Gainesville Convalescent Center in cooperation with the other long term care facilities in Cooke County. This informational event is the "kick-off" to National Nursing Home Week May 11-16.

All types of information, products and services for older citizens, and crafts/foods/entertainment

providers may be exhibiting, so there will be lots of things to see and do during the four hour "Senior Expo." There will be special items displayed for medical needs at home and information on transportation and special occasion items. There will be lots of free information on services for the seniors and for disabled residents of our community.

Booth spaces are currently available for items or information helpful to elderly and disabled persons. If you want to sign up for a free booth area, contact Shirley Rector at (940) 665-2826, ext. 24.

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Submitted by Tawra Kellam

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The free oaks are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign and are being given in recognition of the oak's selection as the People's Choice for America's National Tree.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE OAK TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30. Or join on-line at www.arborday.org.

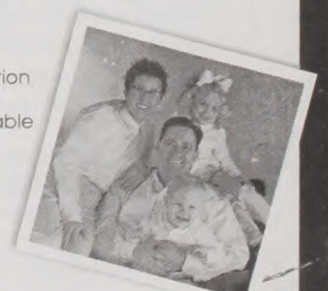
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Mon. - Fiesta salad, fruit cocktail, chocolate pudding.
Tues. - Turkey, dressing, gravy, green peas, cranberry sauce, bread.
Wed. - Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, onions, pickles, peaches, cookies.
Thurs. - Ham, cheesy potatoes, green salad, cooked apples, biscuits.
Fri. - Hamburgers, French fries, strawberries, ice cream bars.

MUENSTER ISD
Mon. - Tacos w/cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, cake, peaches.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, black-eyed peas, pears, hot rolls.
Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwiches, chips and salsa, lettuce and tomatoes, mixed fruit, carrot sticks, cookies.
Thurs. - Lasagna, lettuce salad w/dressing, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.
Fri. - Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions,

cheese slices, applesauce, ice cream.
LINDSAY ISD
Mon. - No School.
Tues. - Turkey and noodles, green beans, cranberry sauce, peach cobbler, bread.
Wed. - Sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, lettuce, pickles, pineapples.
Thurs. - Barbecue sandwich, French fries, carrot and celery sticks, pickles, onions, ice cream.
Fri. - Fiesta salad, applesauce, pears, bread.

ERA ISD
Mon. - Chicken pot pie or egg rolls, broccoli and cheese, sliced pears, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie.
Tues. - Steak fingers or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot roll.
Wed. - Lasagna or fish sticks, green beans, peaches, tossed salad, wacky cake.
Thurs. - Taco salad, pinto beans, trimmings, strawberry delight.
Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.



Lindsay High School - district and regional UIL Academic Champions. Pictured are the Lindsay students that qualified for the regional meet. Janie Hartman photo



Muenster High School's UIL academic meet regional qualifiers. Watch next weeks Muenster Enterprise for regional results. Janie Hartman photo

**Register for summer
ACT exam by May 9**

The next ACT Assessment will be administered nationwide on Saturday, June 14. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by May 9 - the deadline for having your registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of May 23, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations.
ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, and are used by colleges along with high school grade point average and other information for admissions decisions and to help place students in appropriate-level courses. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida).

Students can register for the ACT by getting a packet from their high school counselors or by registering online at ACT's website -- www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests, and the opportunity to order test prep materials including an interactive CD-ROM, ACTive Prep, which contains actual, timed tests and helps students build a study plan.

Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

**Voters polled in
public schools**

A Texas State Teachers Association poll showed that the majority of Texas voters perceive public schools are improving and they want to increase or maintain current state standards and funding for public education. Voter poll results included:

- 60% believe public schools have improved and need to continue.
- 38% believe public education is the most important issue.
- 84% of parents say their child's teacher is excellent to good.
- 80% of parents give their child's school a grade of A or B (as do 62% of all voters).
- 67% believe state funding should be increased.
- 31% believe tax dollars should be used for public schools.
- 63% say state education standards should increase.
- 70% believe Texas public school teachers aren't paid enough.

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Spring 2003

Muenster ISD Honor Roll

**Fifth Six Weeks
"A" HONOR ROLL**

1st Grade (Mrs. Miller) ShyAnn Bartel, Hannah Bayer, Kendi Bayer, Mason Binder, Jared Endres, Maegan Fleming, Jace Fredrick, Ethan Hale, Clayton Hess, Kylie Hess, Garrett Miller, Jaisal Patel, Makayla Pumpfrey, Clint Sidwell, Mariah Wimmer. (Mrs. Fleming) Lawrence Haverkamp, Darrell Hermes, Erin Hess, Sydney Huchton, Christopher Jackson, Shelby Klement, Cristan Medlock, Abigail Pagel, Alyssa Schingo, Shelbi Sicking, Samantha Youngblood.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Budish) Tori Dyess, Tommy Harrison, Austin Hennigan, Trevor Muller, Payton Sanders, Michelle Sicking, Travis Sicking. (Mrs. Hess) Hunter Klement, Christina Rohmer, Lauren Rohmer, Emily Vance, Brooke Walterscheid.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Endres) Luke Crabtree, Taylor Endres, Andi Felderhoff, Lana Heers, Allison Pagel, Landon Presnall. (Mrs. Pagel) Tyler Anderle, Kaly Dangelmayr, Olivia Haverkamp, Kameron Heady, Paige Hennigan, Andrea Hess, Dain Schmidkofer, Stefani Tucker, Blake Voth. (Mrs. Anderle) Jimmy Abner, Chelsey Caldwell, Emily Hellman, Dalton Koelzer, Cole McAden, Nicole Pagel, Kendall Reiter, Stacy Youngblood.

4th Grade (Mrs. Presnall) Catherine Aston, Briana Bindel, Hayley Hess, Spencer Nielsen, Alexis Trubenbach. (Mrs. Klement) Cheryl Harrison, Michelle Henscheid, Lindsay Kelley, Brianna Klement, Taylor Klement, Shane Presnall, Taylor Reiter, Garrett Walterscheid.

5th Grade (Mrs. Heers) Jodi Abner, Amanda Dangelmayr, Shaina Felderhoff, Lia Heers, Eric Hellman, Andrew Koesler, Ryan Neal, Derek Schmidkofer, Natalie Valliere. (Mrs. Chism) Matthew Bain, Rashae Dangelmayr, Jackie Klement, Katherine McAden, Levi Trubenbach, Christopher Valliere, Sara Walterscheid.

6th Grade (Mr. Van Vleet) Noel Barnhill, Samantha Endres, Jordanne Hellman, John Rohmer. (Mrs. Hale) Brandon Bindel, Jared Flusche, Victoria Wright.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL
1st Grade (Mrs. Miller) Ashley Hammer, Dylan Serna, Holden Shaw. (Mrs. Fleming) Dylan Clure, Destin Fleitman, Maekayla Gaddie, David Hutson, Colton Moseley, Peyton Reiter.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Budish) Brianna Bayer, Brooke Hess, Jack Hogan, Miranda

Pagel, Alyssa Stewart. (Mrs. Hess) Sean Chism, Steven Flusche, Trevor Hess, Daniel Lutkenhaus, Clayton Rohmer, Alexander Roller, Abby Walterscheid.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Endres) Shelby Dangelmayr, David Fleitman, Blake Grewing, Rishi Patel, Chloe Schneider, Shane Sicking, Kendra Walterscheid, Jace Wann. (Mrs. Pagel) Kayla Acuna, Daniel Fleitman, Jordan Fredrick, Scott Isbell, Joseph McAden, Hunter Nobile, River Stewart. (Mrs. Anderle) Glennndon Bewley, Christopher Green, Mark Jones, Joseph Monday, Jamie Salisbury.

4th Grade (Mrs. Presnall) Tyler Acuna, Dillon Bayer, Llogan Cheaney, Aaron Grewing, Christopher Joaquin, Danielle Lewis, Derek Pagel, Jacy Steelman, Lacey Trubenbach. (Mrs. Klement) Timothy Garrison, Devon Kubis, Jason Luke, Kelsey Pagel, Zachary Pierce, William Taylor, Tiffany Teafattiller, Phillip Vogel, Joshua Voth.

5th Grade (Mrs. Heers) Ashton Barrett, Tobiah Dyess, Allen Fette, Camille Hale, Christina Hale, Ryan Henscheid, Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Delana Sicking, Steven Valliere, Bianca Velasquez. (Mrs. Chism) Antonio Acuna, Karissa Downes, Erin Endres, Chad Henscheid, Jacob Klement, Delana Rohmer, Corey Sicking.

6th Grade (Mr. Van Vleet) Brooklyn Caldwell, Michael Green, Joshua Sicking. (Mrs. Hale) Paul Crabtree, Brandy Dangelmayr, Abe Fuhrmann, Matthew McAden, Madchen Moseley, Holly Rohmer, Jeffrey Schmiederjan.

"A" HONOR ROLL
7th Grade - Christina Eckart, Cletus Fuhrmann, Craig Grewing, Laura Heers, Dillena Hundt, Kim Patel, Alison Teafattiller.

9th Grade - Abby Endres.
10th Grade - Adam Vinson.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL
7th Grade - Jessica Fisher, Rebecca Grewing, Cassidy Hale, Heather Harrison, Garrett Hennigan, Alison Miller, Hillary Swirczynski, Lindsey Watson.

8th Grade - Catherine Cox, Brad Endres, Megan Felderhoff, Amber Fuhrmann, Evan Koesler, Zach Swirczynski, Krystal Wolf.

9th Grade - Danielle Bindel, Derek Endres, Katie Endres, Kelly Endres, Travis Felderhoff, Brianna Fleitman, Karen Flusche, Tiffanie Klement, Jace Koelzer, Dustin Wimmer.

10th Grade - Chase Cain, James Fanning, Derek Felderhoff, JoAnna

Felderhoff, Lana Fisher, A.J. Fleitman, Sean Fuhrmann, Kallie Gerstberger, Carrie Grewing, Shannon Grewing, Stevie Klement, Clint Miller, Tara Swirczynski, Whitney Watson, Justin Wolf.

11th Grade - Kristi McAden, Daniel Russell, Alisha Walterscheid.

12th grade - Michael Endres, Ricky Endres,

Amanda Felderhoff, Lisa Felderhoff, Mitch Felderhoff, Kyle Fuhrmann, Jami Gerstberger, Kelly Grewing, Megan Grewing, Shanna Jones, Kami Klement, Jessica Pagel, Tyler Walterscheid.

Water Saving Tip

A full dishwasher is more water efficient than washing the same load by hand.

Notice

Omitted from last week's TMSCA story were DeLana Chism, a coach, and Madchen Moseley who finished 14th in Number Sense.

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Four students who placed at the Sacred Heart Science Fair went on to compete at the TWU Science Fair. There were 370 exhibits from students in the surrounding area of Denton, including public, private, and home schools. Winners include, from right, 3rd place, Jessica Bartel "What Shape

Show Heifers Like"; Don Stalling, 1st place, "Go Nuts for Energy"; and Kalyssa Pollard, honorable mention, "Metamorphosis". Not pictured is Jordan LaChance, who placed commendable.

Courtesy photos

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the most famous mission in the United States. The students observed the position of the line that the commander of the forces at the Alamo drew to have people cross, determining who would stay to fight and meet almost certain death. The students were reminded that the battle for Texas Independence was not won at the Alamo, but at San Jacinto over a month later.

Saturday morning was the University of San Antonio where the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association State competition was held. The sponsor group from Muenster had to be there early since they were responsible for running the Class A part of the meet.

The team consisting of Lou Heers, Jerry Eckart, Dalana Chism, and volunteer worker Beckey Scott made sure the time schedule for the meet was followed.

Jerry Eckart, State President of TMSCA for the 2002-2003 school year, was the announcer for the awards. Lou, Dalana, and Beckey handed out the awards.

Finally, an added benefit to the three-day adventure was the fact that any expenses above those allowed by school policy were paid for by the efforts of the students. They were required to work both invitational meets held in January in Muenster and also sold magazines to raise funds.

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6th Grade: Kyle Bezner, Kelsey Hawkins, Rose Hermes, Ashley Hess, Mustafa Hweidi, Laura Kelly, Beverly Knabe, Kelly Laux, Kendall Neu, Casey Shauf, Jon Michael Sweeny
5th Grade: Zohaib Anwar, John Block, Cody Brown, Alex Cooney, Dax Fleitman, Dillon Hanson, Adam Krebs, Greg Luttmir, Kristin Martin, Katie Neu, Austin Reiter, Conner Skinner
4th Grade: Kailyn Gum, Kelsey Hermes, Geren Horn, Christopher Klement, Greg Knaf, Allie Martin, Thomas Rohmer, Jason Schumacher, Kristen Schum, Savannah Stoffels
3rd Grade: Kaitlyn Arendt, Kelsey Barba, Caroline Dieter, Dean Fleitman, Jordan Fleitman, Ali Fogle, Connor Fuhrmann, Amber Hess, Taylor Krebs, Blake Meek, Matt Reed, Taylor Stringfellow
2nd Grade: Travis Block, Hannah Burt, Kevin Conaway, Shannah Daymude, Cade Early, Rachel Fuhrmann, Terrell Grewing, Cade Hess, Dylan Hughes, Kristy Neu, Ben Redder, Emily Tamplin, Claire Williams, Rose Wyrick
1st Grade: Colton Bell, Ashlyn Lee, Maverick Morrison, John Price, Matthew Redder.

Muenster Middle School students experience "Field Days"

A wise man once noted that "If the only education you get is from a book, then you are still uneducated." Twenty-five 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from Muenster ISD received an intensive three day enriched real educational experience that was also fun on April 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

The students began their journey at 4:00 am Thursday morning by boarding a southbound yellow school bus. Their first stop was the State Capitol in Austin. Some of the students had studied various aspects of the Texas capital and legislature before embarking. Their book-learning came to life by seeing the capitol, watching the legislature, and visiting with congressmen.

After a tour of the building the students were seated in the gallery of the Senate. They watched the action on the floor for a while and then went to the opposite side of the third story and visited the gallery of the House of Representatives for the same reason. The house took a recess at 11:00 so the students had a little more than an hour to visit the capitol in greater depth. One of the interesting facts about the capitol building they learned was that the dome is taller than the

national Capitol in Washington. They also learned that there were more than seven miles of wainscoting in the building, all cut by hand. Some of the students spent their time watching an interesting and humorous debate on the Senate floor concerning an exemption from purchasing a hunting license just to shoot feral hogs on your own property. The bill was filed because one senator had a constituent's son fined \$500 by a game warden for shooting wild hogs that were terrorizing their farm. One interesting fact that came up during the debate was that the way the current hunting law is worded, a hunting license is required to kill any animal, even a mouse.

A little past noon Senator Craig Estes's staff gave the group a tour of his office complex in the Capitol. They also talked about his duties, and took pictures of students sitting at his desk. Since Mr. Estes was in a committee meeting he could not visit very long. He came out long enough to get a group picture on the podium of the Senate floor where George W. Bush took his oath of office when he became president. Laura Heers congratulated Senator Estes on the passage of the bill he introduced to require sex

offenders who change their name report the change to the state.

The group then went to the office of Representative Rick Hardcastle. Mr. Hardcastle was also in a committee meeting so the students were invited in to observe. Mr. Hardcastle stopped the proceedings and introduced the group to everyone in the chamber and then continued. After listening to testimony about pollution and dairy farms for a while it was time to leave. Mr. Hardcastle slipped away from the meeting long enough to spend some time talking to his student constituents and for picture taking.

Next up was the Natural Bridge Caverns, the largest cave in Texas that is still growing. The 75 minute tour was full of natural wonders as well as a lesson in geology.

Friday They then headed for downtown San Antonio. The famous Buckhorn museum was the first stop for the group. The myriad of animals and fishes and wildlife scenes on display was a biology, earth science, and life science lesson all rolled into one. There were also many western history displays for everyone to enjoy.

The next treat on the itinerary was the Alamo. See ABOVE.....

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Local winners of the Catholic Daughters of Americas' national Education contest in poster art were, from left, Jesse Brundage (2nd place), Matthew Hesse (3rd place), and Megan Hesse (1st place). Megan's art will compete at the state level. Courtesy photo

Flag Day poster contest deadline draws near

The deadline for the Catholic Life Insurance poster contest to commemorate the 226th birthday of our nation's flag is May 15. The theme of this year's contest is: "What the Flag Means to Me."
 "Catholic Life sponsors the contest each year in an effort to increase our children's awareness of the principles of liberty and justice for which our nation stands," Barbara A. Cheaney, vice president fraternal communications said.
 Elementary school

students in grades kindergarten through fifth may submit one original poster no larger than 20" x 20". Judges will evaluate posters based on eye appeal, originality and theme. Winners will receive cash awards.
 To receive an entry form and the complete rules for the contest, contact Shawna Pittman in the Communications Department at (800) 292-2548 or (210) 828-9921 ext. 141. All entries will become the property of Catholic Life Insurance.

Harbin details HIPAA at Commissioners Court

By Janet Felderhoff
 As of 12 a.m. Monday, April 14, 2002, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations became effective. Cooke County EMS Director Bob Harbin gave an introduction to confidentiality and privacy under HIPAA to Commissioners Court at their April 14 regular meeting.

Harbin said that HIPAA was actually passed by the federal government in 1996, was revamped in October 2000 and took until now to take affect. "These rules put certain provisions on everyone," Harbin noted. "The HIPAA Privacy Rule mandates that healthcare entities, which Cooke County EMS is, protect the privacy of Protected Health Information (PHI)."

According to Harbin, PHI includes patient identity, address, age, social security number, and any other personal information that patients are asked to provide. Other confidential information includes why a person is sick or what injuries he or she might have suffered, what treatments and medications he or she may receive or any other information about his or her condition. "This

personally means that we can't release any information to anyone - period," Harbin said.

There are nine major components of the Privacy Rule: notice, Consent, Access, Amendment, Authorization, Recourse, Security, and Required Training.

Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP) is a required written document describing a covered entity's policies regarding patient PHI. Harbin noted that the document is six pages long. It must be provided to the patient at the time of first treatment for non-emergencies and as soon as reasonably practicable after an emergency. A good faith effort must be made to obtain written acknowledgement of receipt of the Notice. Harbin said that currently three attempts are made with the final being by certified mail addressed to the patient. If not successful the efforts to get the acknowledgement must be documented.

Consent is optional written permission from the patient to use and disclose PHI for purposes of Treatment, payment, and health care operations (TPO). It was noted that gaining consent does not

relieve and entity of its responsibility to provide Notice. If an entity chooses to utilize Consent, it must gain acknowledgement of Notice and Consent. Cooke County EMS did not opt to do this since it would be another piece of paper to get signed, said Harbin.

Under the law patients have the right to inspect or obtain a copy of their PHI from the provider's file. The provider must generally allow access to the records within 30 days of the request and sooner if possible. Limited exceptions exist in which providers may deny a patient request.

Amendment - Patients have the right to request that their record be amended by the covered entity. There are situations where a provider may deny the request. An amendment requires the provider to make a reasonable effort to notify others such as billing service, hospital, etc. of the amendments that are approved.

Authorization is permission from the patient to use and disclose PHI for non-TPO purposes such as marketing activities, medical studies, etc. Authorization may be revoked at any time by the patient. There are specific

requirements for a covered entity's authorization form; also, there are some exceptions where no authorization is required.

Patients do have the right to Recourse. That is an individual's right to file a formal complaint with the provider or directly with U.S. Department of Health for violations of the Privacy Rule.

Each violation may be subject to civil, as well as criminal, penalties for the alleged violator. Harbin said the fines could be quite hefty.

The rule expressly gives the patient the right to sue if he or she believes someone has wrongfully released his or her protected information.

Civil penalties - fines that can result in up to \$100 for each violation of the law per person, up to a limit of \$25,000 for violating each identical requirement or prohibition can be levied against the entity or individuals or both. If there are found to be multiple violations or instances of non-compliance, these fines could be many thousands of dollars or more. These can be levied against the entity or individuals or both.

Unlawfully releasing PHI in violation of HIPAA can

result in a one-year jail sentence and \$50,000 fine.

Gaining access to PHI under false pretenses can result in a five-year jail sentence and a \$100,000 fine.

Releasing PHI with harmful intent or selling the information can lead to a 10-year sentence and a \$250,000 fine.

Harbin also noted that beginning April 12, 2003, patients have the right (Accounting) to receive a listing of all unauthorized, non-TPO disclosures of the PHI that occurred in the six-year period prior to the request, but after April 14, 2003. That means records must be kept for six years, said Harbin. Each time information is released it must be logged. Accounting must be provided within 60 days of the request.

Physical security must be made to protect medical records and computer systems containing PHI data from unauthorized personnel. Electronic viruses, etc. "We spent an enormous amount of money getting our computer system up to where it ought to be," Harbin noted. Transmission of PHI electronically for billing to Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance must now be in

standardized and encrypted format.

All personnel who collect, maintain, or handle PHI for an entity, including volunteers such as volunteer firefighters must have been trained on the HIPAA rules and policies and procedures before April 14, 2003 and each must sign a Confidentiality Statement agreeing to abide by all policies and procedures.

Annual re-training is also a requirement along with periodic reminders of the importance of patient confidentiality and privacy.

In summary, Harbin said that Confidentiality and Privacy under HIPAA means that patients have the right to control who will see their protected, identifiable health information. "HIPAA is a serious law with serious consequences for non-compliance or for those who fail to adhere to the rules," concluded Harbin.

Commissioners Court approved the policy and procedures for Patient Privacy for Cooke County as presented by Harbin.

This law will affect everyone and will immediately be noticeable to those who work in any type of health field, or those who are treated by anyone in this field.

Experience Works searches for Texas' outstanding older worker

Experience Works, the country's largest provider of mature-worker training and employment, is searching for Texas' most outstanding older worker. For the sixth year, outstanding older workers from every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, America's Oldest Worker, and outstanding employers of older workers, will be honored in Washington, D.C., and in their home states. Experience Works SM Prime Time Awards Program was launched in 1998 to highlight the valuable contributions that older workers are making in their communities and places of work. This year's Prime Time Awards activities culminate with a week-long series of events, capped by a gala awards banquet and ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the prestigious Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. Texas' 2002 Outstanding Older Worker was 90-year-old Thomas Clayton of Memphis where he has worked for the Memphis Compress Company for more than 65 years and has served as general foreman for more than 50 years.

Experience Works is currently soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Texas, currently employed, and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. Applicants who are part of a subsidized employment program funded through local, state, or national government support programs are not eligible for this award.

The winner must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., Sept. 30 - Oct. 5, 2003 for the Experience Works Prime Time Award Program events. Outstanding Older

Workers will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the week's events that include a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with congressional representatives, U.S. Senate and U.S. House events, and the awards banquet and ceremony.

Nominations include a brief narrative that describes the older worker's overall contribution to the workplace, including longevity, experience, skill level, work ethic, any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform their job, and a description of their community involvement. Official nomination forms may be obtained by contacting Experience Works at 1-800-880-5292. The deadline for nominations is May 30. A committee of business and civic leaders will evaluate the nominations and the winner will be announced in mid June.

A search for America's Oldest Worker for 2003 is also under way. Nominations may be posted via the Internet at www.experienceworks.org. Last year, Dr. Ray H. Crist, 102, professor of Environmental Science at Messiah College, was named America's Oldest Worker. Dr. Crist is believed to be the oldest, full-time working chemist in the country and one of the oldest members of the American Chemical Society, where he has been a member for 76 years.

Experience Works is a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1965 as Green Thumb, and renamed Experience Works in 2002, the organization reaches more than 125,000 mature individuals in all 50 states and Puerto Rico each year.

NCTC Regents adjust tuition and fee structure effective fall 2003

The North Central Texas College Board of Regents voted unanimously at a special called meeting Friday, April 11 to make slight changes to the college's tuition and fee structure. The change will affect costs to students only slightly.

According to Heidi Ellis, vice president of financial services, the changes were necessary to bring NCTC into compliance with requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

Effective this fall, the college will have three tuition rates, charged per semester hour - \$33 for Cooke County (in-district) residents; \$54 for out-of-district Texas residents; and \$84 for out-of-state and foreign residents.

Ellis noted that residents of Oklahoma counties contiguous to Cooke County would be charged out-of-district rather than out-of-state tuition.

For several years, NCTC has had only two basic tuition rates, one for Texas residents and one for out-of-state residents, including those from foreign countries. Those who were non-residents of the taxing district, Cooke County, were charged an "out-of-district fee."

At issue primarily were this and several other fees which, according to THECB rulings, can no longer be charged separately from tuition and thus be exempt

from a 6% state-mandated tuition set aside for the Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG) to fund scholarships for disadvantaged students.

This fall, the only fees to be charged will be a student services fee of \$1 per semester hour, a building use fee of \$3 per semester hour, a parking fee of \$25 per semester (good for all campuses system-wide) and laboratory fees for courses which require a lab.

To preserve the same levels of revenue, however, all the discontinued fees were, in effect, reclassified

and rolled into a new schedule of tuition charges based on a student's place of residence.

"Actually, to simplify the accounting process, we rounded the figures up to the nearest even dollar, and then we added one additional dollar to make up for the losses we would suffer in net revenues because of the six-percent TPEG set aside," explained Toby Osburn, NCTC Dean of Student Services. "This will result in a net increase to students of about \$1.66 per semester hour."

Submitted by Rodger Boyce

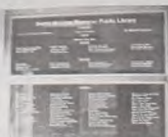
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District tennis results for Muenster High

The Varsity Tennis Divisions were played on April 8 and 9 at MSU. April 9 was reserved for the Semifinals and Finals matches. All matches were played using regular scoring and best of three sets, each being first to win six games by 2.

The Varsity Boys team placed 2nd overall.

In the Varsity Boys Singles division, Justin Wolf beat Payne of Saint Jo 6-2, 6-3 in the first round. Wolf was defeated by Johnson of Era (2nd place finisher) 6-3, 2-6, 4-6. Chase Cain was defeated in the first round by Brandon Kiesel of Lindsay (1st place finisher) 0-6, 1-6.

In the Varsity Boys Doubles division, Tyler Walterscheid and Mitch Felderhoff won the first round match against Lambeth and Baber of Petrolia 6-0, 6-0. They won in the second round against Thompson and Moore of Saint Jo, 6-3, 6-3. This moved them on to the Semifinals on the second day, where they lost to Romines and Underwood of Era (1st place finishers), 4-6, 4-6. Dustin Hiser and Cody Cory won their first round match against Brewer and Roberts of Saint Jo, 6-0, 6-2. In the second round they faced the number 2 seed, Green and

Hoff of Windthorst, who they beat 6-4, 7-5. They were defeated on the second day in the Semifinals by Harrison and Gardner of Petrolia (3rd place finishers), 5-7, 6-3, 5-7. Walterscheid and Felderhoff, and Hiser and Cory met in the 3rd place match, where Walterscheid and Felderhoff won 6-3, 6-2. Tyler and Mitch were then put in a play back for 2nd place against Harrison and Gardner of Petrolia, where they won 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Tyler Walterscheid and Mitch Felderhoff will be traveling to Abilene on April 23 and 24 for the Regional Tennis Tournament.

In the Varsity Girls Singles division, Mindy Walterscheid won in the first round, playing Stacie Yosten of Lindsay, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5. Mindy lost her second match to Schenk of Archer City (1st place finisher) 0-6, 0-6. Dianna Felderhoff lost her first round match against McCrary of Saint Jo, 4-6, 4-6.

In the Varsity Girls Doubles division, Melinda Walterscheid and Rachel Clark won their first match, beating Goforth and Hoffman of Archer City 4-6, 6-3, 7-6. They lost in the second round to Arendt and Hudspeth of Era (1st place finishers), 3-6, 2-6. Tara Swirczynski and JoAnna

Felderhoff were beat in the first round by Kirby and Lawler of Era, 2-6, 2-6.

The JV divisions played on Wednesday, April 9 at MSU. All matches were played using the 8-game pro-set and no-ad scoring, which is the first to win eight games, winning by 2.

The JV Boys team placed 2nd overall.

In the JV Boys Singles division, Dustin Wimmer won his first round match against Koetter of Windthorst, 8-1. He went on to play for third, but lost to Wolf of Windthorst, 1-8. Derek Felderhoff lost in his first round match against Wolf of Windthorst, 12-10.

In the JV Boys Doubles division, Jeff Walterscheid and Clint Miller won their first round match against Meurer and McCorckle of Windthorst, 8-1. They beat Coe and Lawler of Era, 8-4 in the second round. In the Semifinals, they beat Conrady and Berend of Windthorst, 8-6. Jeff and Clint went on to the Finals to place first against Sales and Schenk of Windthorst with a score of 8-4.

In the JV Girls Doubles division, Jami and Kallie Gerstberger lost to Shoemaker and Walker of Petrolia, 0-8, who went on to win that division.



Boy's varsity tennis members finishing 2nd in district were, from left, Justin Wolf, Mitch Felderhoff, Tyler Walterscheid, Cody Cory, Dustin Hiser and Chase Cain. Felderhoff and Walterscheid advance to regional competition. Janie Hartman photo

Basketball Camp set for June 16-19

Sacred Heart Coach Jon LeBrasseur has set June 16 - 19 for this year's Basketball Camp. More information will be made available at a later date.



Muenster's junior varsity tennis team finished second in district. Members are, from left, Derek Felderhoff, Dustin Walterscheid, Justin Hess, Jeff Walterscheid, Dustin Wimmer and Clint Miller. Janie Hartman photo



Muenster High School golfers advancing to regional are, from left, Kyle Endres, Tyler Walterscheid, Jared Ledbetter, Kevin Gann, Robyn Hermes and Dustin Hiser. Janie Hartman photo

Game Warden Field Notes

'A picture is worth 1,000 words' -- A Van Zandt County game warden and a Wood County game warden were patrolling Lake Fork when they contacted three people on the bank, two of whom stated they "weren't fishing." The wardens then noted several firearms and a large amount of fishing gear for just one person. The wardens observed several fresh Polaroid pictures lying next to the subjects which showed, in graphic detail, all three of the subjects fishing. The photos were apparently taken just moments before the wardens arrived. An inspection revealed marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and a minor in possession of alcohol. Appropriate charges are pending.

A Lot 'O Pot -- In conjunction with U.S. Customs personnel, game wardens recently apprehended four people attempting to smuggle illegal drugs across Falcon

Lake. The officers seized one commercial fishing vessel from Mexico loaded with 2,032 pounds of marijuana. The case was turned over to U.S. Customs.

That Poor Ol' Buck -- A game warden concluded a lengthy investigation that resulted in charges against a Seminole, Texas man for taking a mule deer in a closed season. With nothing more than rumors that the deer had been killed in Gaines County, (where there is no deer season), the warden followed leads that took him to several counties. The break in the case came when a witness came forward. During the third interview, the suspect confessed to killing the deer behind his residence because he didn't want it to die of old age. The mule deer buck scored 206 Boone and Crockett points and weighed more than 300 pounds.

Dress for Success -- A San Augustine County

game warden left his house in his personal truck and civilian clothes to get a haircut. He had gone less than a mile when he drove up behind a van that was stopped in the middle of a county road with a gun barrel protruding from the driver's window. The driver got out of the van as the warden approached and informed the warden that he was trying to kill a hog. Due to the person's attitude and the fact that he was armed and the warden was not, the warden left the scene, returned home, and put on his uniform and pistol. Having recognized the car, the warden drove directly to the person's house. When the person came outside and recognized the warden, his eyes got big and he stated, "Oh, God, I'm going to jail." Charges were filed.

Sting Nets Fishing Boats and Marijuana -- South Texas personnel participated in a special operation to curb illegal fishing on Falcon Lake. The three-day operation netted the seizure of seven Mexican commercial fishing vessels, 15,820 feet of gill nets, two hoop nets, 1,213 pounds of marijuana, and the arrest of seven Mexican commercial fishermen. Most of the apprehensions involved high-speed boat chases at night. Seven violators evaded arrest. U.S. Customs also assisted in the operation. Two of the vessels that contained marijuana were turned over to Customs. Another vessel that contained a small amount of marijuana was turned over to the Zapata County Sheriff's Office. The investigation continues.

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Phone _____ Relationship _____

Physician _____ Phone _____

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