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Arbor Day Celebration at SH Preschool



Top, Sacred Heart Preschool teacher Kathy Berres helps Macie Pagel with her shovel as she fills in dirt around the new Crepe Myrtle tree as Morgan Hennigan, Leah Knabe, Allison Haubold and Amy Luttmier wait their turns. Bottom left, Loretta Felderhoff is presented a plaque for her service to the school by Stick Lamar. Bottom right, Bennigan McCoy, a second generation student, helps set the tree in front of his school. His father, Joseph McCoy was a student in the first year of the school, 1961-82. His mother, Amanda (Wimmer) McCoy attended 1982-83.

NCTC Board election attracts seven contenders

By Janet Felderhoff
Places 4, 6, and 7 on the North Central Texas College Board of Trustees are up for election on May 15. Currently serving in those positions are place 4 Claude Walter of Muenster, Place 6 Karon Sullivant of Gainesville, and Place 7 Ann Kemplin of Valley View. All are seeking another term on the Board.

Each position is voted on by all voters in Cooke County. To be elected, a candidate must garner at least 51% of the votes for that Place.

Challenging the incumbents are Place 4 David Flusche of Muenster, Place 6 Bill Ledbetter of Gainesville and Dewey Yeager of Gainesville, and Place 7 Steve Gaylord of Valley View.

The occupations of these candidates are varied. written responses follow:

Why do you hope to serve a (another) term on this Board?

Walter - In the less than two years that I have served on the Board of Regents of NCTC I have learned a great deal about the college and admittedly have much more to learn. But within this short time I have become aware that this excellent institution of learning is being threatened by a group of citizens that seem intent on apparently reversing its course of growth and moving us back to the era of Cooke County College. I want to ensure that we continue on the very positive path of studied and carefully planned growth that has occurred over the past 10 years.

Flusche - I became interested in serving on the College Board a few years ago but my interest was reaffirmed after the incumbent board approved the \$6 million Performing Arts Center (PAC). I don't oppose a PAC, but this one costs too much and will not be functional for all art students.

Over the past few years, the college has been changing its emphasis away from vocational and technology offerings and more toward academics. Right now precision machining is scheduled to be eliminated at the Gainesville campus. This is just one of the several vocational offerings that are being deleted in the past. Cooke County needs training classes for workers in agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, information, retail, health care, construction, and many other areas. I want to be on the board to make sure that vocational and technical areas of endeavor are not neglected.

The Gainesville NCTC has essentially no debt, but Cooke County people pay taxes to NCTC. On the other hand, The Denton County campus has about \$5 million of debt and has no NCTC taxes, and no Cooke tax money flows to Denton County. There seems to be a contradiction in this maze of taxes and debt. Something seems out of balance financially. I want to be on the board of regents so I can have first hand knowledge that our Cooke County taxpayers are not subsidizing out-of-county students and out-of-county campuses.

Sullivant - Over the past decade many changes have taken place at NCTC which have helped to take us into the 21st century. Much has been accomplished, yet there is still much to be done to provide our students with a learning atmosphere and quality programs which will prepare them for the future. I would like to continue serving on the NCTC Board because I believe in the mission of our community college and I would like to be a part of continued growth and development as we meet the changing needs of our students.

Ledbetter - Since I left teaching at the college in 1988, many of the faculty and staff, as well as many community members, have asked me to run for the College Board. I promised them I would run, and I am now fulfilling that promise.

I made my final decision to run for the board after I had noticed the "blue collar" programs disappear one by one over the years. I had watched the local property taxes double in the last five years, I had seen the tuition and fees double since the spring 2002, and I had seen the college proceed with building a Performing Arts Center at a cost of \$6 million without a vote of the citizens. By being on the board, I will do what I can to better serve the needs of the community at the least cost practical to the taxpayers and the students. I would never put the college millions of dollars in debt without voter approval.

Yeager - I am retired from higher education with many years of experience. I would like to offer my expertise I have gained and work for the betterment of NCTC. Hopefully I can make a contribution.

Kemplin - Education is important because it gives a person confidence and a competitive edge in securing and keeping a job. I want to serve another term as a regent as a way to serve the college and the students.

Gaylord - I am not running for myself. I am running because many taxpayers and faculty asked me to run.

I've been a student at NCTC the past three years and there are a lot of good things going on at NCTC that we should all be proud of. Unfortunately there are some significant problems that need to be addressed that are getting worse rather than better under Dr. Glasscock and the current Board.

I hope to correct the few problem areas at our college that otherwise is an excellent institution.

What are your views on the curriculum offered at the Gainesville NCTC campus?

Walter - Thanks to the vision and leadership of past and current Administrations and Boards of Regents, the curriculum has been constantly reviewed and upgraded to ensure that all programs remain relevant. Currently we offer certification in Drafting, Cosmetology, EMT, Business Management, Law Enforcement, Equine Sciences, Farm & Ranch Management, Surgical Technology, Vocational Nursing, Office Systems Management, CIS, and Graphic Arts. And we are considering the addition of Radiology Technology. Additionally, we have Associate Degree Nursing and

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MMH Board hears improving finances report

By Janet Felderhoff

Muenster Memorial Hospital's Chief Financial Officer Lynn Heller presented the facility's financial statistics for March at the April 20 Board of Directors meeting. "Total revenue for the month \$691,549 is a good increase in gross revenues," he noted. "Inpatient at the hospital was up, outpatient at the hospital was up, swing bed was flat, the clinic's business was up, and Home Health was up."

The Hospital's net revenue after contractuals was \$490,927.28. Revenue over expenses was \$43,210.94.

Pointing to the total number of patient visits to the Family Health Clinic by month, Heller noted, "That's much more significant than what it looks like because in March and April doctors' offices start trailing off. If this trend keeps going up, then next September and October you're going to see not just a little bit of increase, you're going to see a significant increase."

Discussion was held on some of the services being offered by visiting

physicians who come on a regular basis. One is a cardiologist with many patients and another an oncologist. Dr. Mohammad Qasim, the oncologist offers chemotherapy treatment on Tuesdays. John Aytes shared comments from one of the patients who praised Dr. Qasim as "one of the best".

The physicians who are planning to set up their practice at MMH in the next year or two planned to attend Germanfest weekend with their families. A schedule of proposed activities was detailed to the Board. Times were set for Friday evening and Saturday afternoon when Board members could meet with them.

"We try to keep it low key so that they can spend as much time (as possible) staying in the community and being involved in the Germanfest," remarked Arnold. "We want them to network as much as possible with Dr. Cox and really get the feel for the community."

Arnold reported a good turnout for the Hospital's Health Fair on April 17.

There were well over 100 who took advantage of the reduced medical tests, and 28 units of blood were donated. The number of youth who came for the bicycle safety program was low. He said there were a number of conflicting activities in the community that day. The bicycle safety program will be offered near the end of the school year so safety is fresh in their minds when summer vacation begins. Free bicycle helmets are offered to participants. Due to requests for scooter safety this might be included.

Meetings are currently being conducted with planning groups as the Hospital looks to future expansion needs. "We're learning a lot from these meetings on planning a campus," Arnold noted.

The Board studied a blueprint of proposed renovations to the current MMH Clinic. At present Dr. Cox and Melissa Trubenbach, FNP are sharing three treatment rooms. Dr. Bonnie Carter is to join the medical staff in August and the goal is to be finished by the time she is

ready to set up practice. When completed, the renovation would allow three practitioners to share eight treatment rooms.

More exam rooms should improve the time a patient must wait to see the doctor, said Administrator Arnold. Dr. Karla Cox and Melissa Trubenbach have been involved in the planning process.

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Attention - classes delayed

A maintenance problem at the Muenster swimming pool has caused Jeannine Flusche, instructor of the Red Cross Lifeguard classes, to delay the start of classes for one week. The May 10 start day is postponed to Monday, May 17 at 4:15 p.m.

For more information contact Flusche at 759-4497.

Ideas sought to increase Muenster customers

A group of enthusiastic, but concerned, local merchants met recently to discuss the prospects of increasing business potential in Muenster. Leading the group was David Miller of the German Village retail store. Many ideas crossed the table including changes for the Germanfest, utilizing local features unique to the Muenster area, revitalizing events like the fall festival, and beginning other celebrations that would draw visitors and shoppers to Muenster.

A second meeting will be held at Rohmer's Restaurant on May 10 at 6 p.m. All merchants are encouraged to attend, as are any interested individuals. Ideas will be welcomed at the Chamber of Commerce office, 759-2227.



WHERE WERE ALL THE PEOPLE?

Prepared with a power point presentation, Cooke County officials came to Muenster last Wednesday to explain why they feel a new county jail is necessary. Apparently citizens already know how they are going to vote because William Hermes, at right, was the only person who came to listen and ask questions. Due to lack of listeners the event was canceled. Prepared for the presentation were, from left, Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman, Architect Norris Fletcher of Fort Worth, Sheriff Mike Compton, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess. Judge Freeman, Sheriff Compton, and the commissioner of the precinct in which a presentation is being made, have been present for the town hall meetings scheduled for each county precinct. At least two are planned for every precinct.

Janet Felderhoff photo

NCTC announces polling places for May 15 Regents election

North Central Texas College officials have announced the location of polling places for the upcoming May 15 Board of Regents election.

Three places on the NCTC governing board are being contested, including the Place 4 seat occupied by Claude Walter, appointed to the board to fill the unexpired term of Jack Endres. His opponent is David Flusche.

Statute requires that persons filling unexpired terms, if they wish to continue serving, stand for election at the next regularly scheduled general election.

Also on the ballot will be candidates for the Place 6 seat. The incumbent is Karon Sullivan, currently serving as board vice chair. Contesting for this seat are Bill Ledbetter and Dewey Yeager.

Contesting for the Place 7 seat held by incumbent Ann Kemplin is Steve Gaylord.

Registered voters may mark the ballot for one candidate per place. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 15 at the following locations:

- Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 20, 30, 34 and 37 - at Gainesville Junior High School cafeteria, Gainesville;
- Precincts 6, 7, and 9 - at Callisburg High School, Callisburg;
- Precinct 8 - at Rad Ware Middle School, Woodbine;
- Precinct 22 - at First State Bank, entrance to Lake Kiowa;
- Precincts 33 and 35 - at the north door entrance to Sivells Bend School Cafeteria, Sivells Bend;
- Precinct 10 - at New Hope Church, Burns City;
- Precinct 11 - at Valley

View High School, Valley View;

Precincts 12, 14, 15 and 19 - at the Community Center, Era;

Precincts 17 and 18 - at the foyer of Muenster Junior High School, Muenster;

Precinct 21 - at Lindsay Conrad Hall, Lindsay.

Early voting for the NCTC Board of Regents election will take place from April 28 through May 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fridays. Location for early voting is Room 109 (Student Center Building) on the Gainesville Campus.

Questions about the election or about the location of polling places should be directed to Dr. Steve Broyles, dean of administrative services, 940-668-7731 Ext. 300.

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"This is going to be an ongoing problem that we are going to have here for a good long while," Arnold noted of needing more space for physicians. "This is the best utilization that I can come up with. We are suffering some growing pains."

Board member Walter Knight remarked, "Be sure that whatever you do now dovetails into what's going to happen next."

A Finance Budget Workshop is set for May 15. It will be posted as a called meeting and the public is invited to attend.

Arnold told of work going on in the garden area on the hospital's south side. Maintenance department employees are working on it with plans to develop it for use by patients, family, and staff. The area includes a statue of St. Francis, a waterfall/bird water bowl and will be developed so that swing bed patients

might be able to access it. St. Richard's Villa is full reported Administrator Zula Lawyer. She told of plans of a luncheon to honor volunteers who come to assist at the facility. National Nursing Home Week is May 9-15. A cookout is set for Friday, May 15 and Board members were invited.

Notes from the March 25 Medical Staff meeting revealed that trauma patients would now be sent to John Peter Smith (JPS). The JPS trauma coordinator will be at MMH May 26 and 27 to offer a TNCC class.

MRI equipment is installed and ready for use. MRIs will be scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays.

Weekend emergency room physician Dr. Caglia will be returning to MMH by popular demand beginning in May. Staff privileges were approved unanimously for Celendonio De La Cruz, M.D. and Roger Frost,

CRNA. Michael Kent, R.T. is working towards applying for a grant that would allow MMH and two other rural hospitals the funding to convert the radiology departments to computer radiology, and would be networked together to one PAC system. If approved, the grant would allow for the purchase of new CT scanners at each location.

In other business conducted at the April 20 meeting the Board:

- Voted to cancel the May 15 election for three Board of Director positions since there was no opposition.
- Discussed Cooke County being reclassified, which could cause MMH to lose rural health clinic designation, and the appeal process if it happens.
- Were made aware that the 48-month lease with Gainesville Memorial Hospital signed in 2000 for \$1 a month expires in June.

NCTC regents approve new telephone system

Busy signals, connection problems and a long list of other telephone-related woes should soon be remedied at North Central Texas College, thanks to a go-ahead given by the board of regents to purchase a new telephone system.

The authorization was one of a number of actions taken by the board, working through a lengthy agenda at its regular April session Monday, April 26.

"Even in this internet age, the telephone is still the first and most heavily used line of communication between the college and the vast majority of our students, prospective students and the general public," said Dr. Steve Broyles, dean of administrative services. "Our existing system, based on old technology and not even supported any longer by the manufacturer, is simply no longer adequate to meet our needs."

Dr. Broyles said the total cost of the system will be about \$220,000 including installation, equipment and some additional cabling and other infrastructure improvements. The system will be supplied by CommWorld-ShoreTel of Irving, which college officials said submitted the best bid in terms of lifetime system cost, available features, service and technical support.

"This is a state-of-the-art, voice over IP or internet protocol system with almost limitless expandability," Dr. Broyles said, "and it's largely software based so that it can be easily upgraded and managed in-house."

"Beyond the technical specifications, however, one of the most notable things about the new telephone

system is that it will finally enable us to have a truly system-wide telephone service. Once the system is on line, we'll be able to directly connect callers to any office or faculty member at any campus."

The installation process will begin this month and will continue through the summer, with the entire system expected to be in place and working by mid-August.

Turning to another facilities-related item, the regents approved the location of the new Henry Spaeth Center for Agricultural and Equine Sciences on a tract of property immediately adjacent to and on the same side of Bonner Road as the existing Equine Center complex.

This location, unlike another possible college-owned tract immediately across Bonner Road, is outside the city limits and thus allows a projected cost savings of approximately \$131,000 that would be necessary to extend a city water main, install a paved fire lane around the building, install fire sprinklers and meet other city code-related requirements.

Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, president, pointed out that the cost of furniture, fixtures and equipment, as well as extra costs of connecting a proposed computer lab in the new building to the college network are among several factors that could cause the cost of the building to escalate beyond the initially projected \$300,000 to be covered by a \$200,000 gift from the David Spaeth family and the balance from college reserves.

Baugh said that working

drawings had just been received from the architect and engineers and that the bid process would begin immediately.

Turning to other items on the agenda, the regents:

- Approved a one-year extension of the contract for provision of food services on the Gainesville Campus to Great Western Dining. The extension includes a three percent increase in the student meal plan price for the 2004-05 academic year—from \$875 to \$910 per semester.
- After a lengthy summary report by Dr. Broyles, approved all proposed revisions to the NCTC Board Policy Manual, pursuant to an update issued by the Texas Association of School Boards legal policy service.
- Approved a series of "color boards" specifying the colors and patterns of floor coverings, wall coverings,

paint and seat upholstery for the new Performing Arts Center, as submitted by consulting designer Scott Martolf.

- Approved the renewal of employment contracts for all non-faculty contract personnel including deans and executive council members, other administrative staff including directors, professional and technical staff, physical plant manager and several grant-funded positions.
- Approved "in principle," to meet a deadline imposed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the implementation of a new instructional program in radiologic technology, with final approval contingent on the results of a full needs

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Lightning kills

Each year in Texas, lightning kills more people than tornadoes do. Boaters, golfers, and people in open fields are especially at risk. If a storm approaches your location, move inside at the first sound of thunder, because you're in range of the lightning strikes. Stay indoors in a sturdy building for 30 minutes after you hear the last thunder. Be safe...don't be a target for lightning.

National Weather Service

D-A-V Mobile Service Office offers aid

So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know... and so many changes from one year to the next. That's why the nonprofit D-A-V offers help.

The D-A-V Mobile Service Office will be at the following locations to personally provide the best counseling and claim filing assistance available. Like all D-A-V services, help from the Mobile Service

Office is free to all veterans and members of their families. Among the dates and times included are:

- May 3, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Disabled American Veterans, G. Registr N Ctrl Chapter #41, The Hampton Inn, 1317 Kenley Avenue, Wichita Falls, TX;
- May 4, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Disabled American Veterans, Tommy Hattnesty Chapter #30, The Hampton Inn, 410 Railway Express Road, Ardmore, OK.

NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS

It's lawn mowing season again. We have been blessed with recent rains, which have made grass and weeds grow more quickly. Please get your properties mowed and weeded now. If you own an empty lot, please remember to take care of it also ... the neighborhood will appreciate it looking nice! Don't wait for one of "THOSE" letters from the City!

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to the people & merchants of Lindsay and Muenster.

Many of you didn't even know Don Fenley but with your generosity of merchandise for the live & silent auctions, food for the meal and purchase of raffle tickets, we were able to raise over \$14,000.00 for his benefit.

People from all over Cooke County came out to raise money to help with his medical bills.

Once again this proves we are so fortunate to live in a place where if a crisis happens there are friends to come to your rescue.

May God Bless each of you.
Karen Barnhill and Sharon Wolf

Perry appoints C. Ritchey to serve on the Texas Private Security Board

Gov. Rick Perry has announced the appointment of seven individuals, including Charlene Ritchey of Gainesville, to the Texas Private Security Board. This Board licenses private investigation, security guard, burglar alarm, courier, armored car, and access control companies. It also approves training schools for security officers and instructors and will soon license locksmiths.

Ritchey is a corporate director and vice president of Alan Ritchey, Inc. She serves on the board of directors of the Southwestern Diabetic Foundation, Inc., the United Methodist Register Communications, and the Frank Buck Zoological Society. Ritchey is also a member of the Valley View United Methodist Church. Her term will expire Jan. 31, 2005.

These appointments are subject to senate confirmation.

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| 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR | | | | | | |
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| Sunday, May 9, 2004 | Monday, May 10, 2004 | Tuesday, May 11, 2004 | Wednesday, May 12, 2004 | Thursday, May 13, 2004 | Friday, May 14, 2004 | Saturday, May 15, 2004 |
| Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> | Red Cross Lifeguard class, Postponed to May 17 Sacred Heart Senior Awards Banquet VFW meeting, 8pm | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Early Voting ends Muenster High Awards Banquet, 6pm Small Grains Tour, 8:30am, Rudy Zimmerer Farm | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center SH Alumni & Supporters meeting, 7:30pm, SNAP room / C of C Breakfast, 7:30am, Rohmer's Restaurant / MISD Board meeting, 7:30pm / Rel Ed closing Mass, 6:30pm, Class follows | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4pm Muenster Historical Commission meeting, 8am Muenster Museum AI & Palpitation training, Gainesville | Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP meeting & luncheon, 11:30am, Stanford House | Local Elections 7-7 Loyalty Day Armed Forces Day Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides, Nocona, 8:30am Fly Flags |
| Sunday, May 16, 2004 | Monday, May 17, 2004 | Tuesday, May 18, 2004 | Wednesday, May 19, 2004 | Thursday, May 20, 2004 | Friday, May 21, 2004 | Saturday, May 22, 2004 |
| Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm | Red Cross Lifeguard class, 4:15 - 8pm VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8pm MISD Elementary Awards Ceremony, 7pm, auditorium | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board meeting, 8pm | Sacred Heart Preschool/K Moving On Ceremony, 7pm, Community Center | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4pm Sacred Heart High School Awards Banquet, 6pm, Community Center | Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Sacred Heart High School Graduation, 6pm, Sacred Heart Church Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association meeting, 7pm, Fairgrounds | CPR & 1st Aid Class, 9am-5pm, MMH |

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Paul Sicking 1928-2004



Paul Sicking

Lord, Bless and Keep You Forever," and "How Great Thou Art."

The eulogy and Remarks of Remembrance were shared by Kathy Vogel, a daughter and Marcia Averhoff, a grandchild and godchild of Paul. Amber Hammer, a grandchild, read a poem.

Kathy and Marcia stated in part, "... He was the 10th of 11 children in his family... attended Sacred Heart School until the age of 13. Participating in rodeos was one of the major highlights of his teenage years..."

"He married Bernice Reiter on April 24, 1951 in Sacred Heart Church... They ran a dairy... One of his favorite sayings was he wouldn't take a million dollars for any one of his kids, but he wouldn't give you a plugged nickel for another one... He realized the importance of quality family time... tremendous love for animals... maintained a large garden... Grandpa's creativity carried over into the kitchen... the family never knew what they were eating... It might be duck, deer, rabbit, or raccoon... His specialty was pancakes. Staci remembers Dad making them in animal shapes just for her..."

"Grandpa enjoyed watching television. John Wayne was his favorite western... His mind remained quick and sharp until his death on Thursday..."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home. Pallbearers were grandsons Scott Vogel, Todd Reiter, Rodney Vogel, Brad Wolf, Charles Johnson, Jason Sicking, Aaron Sicking, and Alex Sicking. Honorary pallbearers were Dillon Sicking, Nathan Sicking, Jory Wolf, and Jackie Wolf, all grandsons.

Military honors were directed by the Muenster VFW Post 6205. The Rifle Squad, with 21 gun salute, was led by Art Bayer. Members are Melvin Luke, Joe Bright, Johnny Rohmer, Ben Hesse, and David Fisher.

Members of the Color Guard are Buddy Yosten, James Hess, Don Hess, and Willie Fisher.

Johnny Rohmer presented the U.S. Flag to Mark Sicking.

Eucharistic ministers were Peggy Sparkman, a niece, and Theresa Mae Walterscheid, a cousin.

Music ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, pianist and Christy Hesse and Diane Grewing, singers. Michelle Sicking played the flute. Songs included "On Eagles Wings," "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," "Songs of the Angels," "Here I Am, Lord," "May the Lord, Mighty

Survivors are his daughters and sons-in-law Kathy and Larry Vogel of Myra, Debora and Thomas Kirchenbauer of Gainesville, Paula and Randy Reiter of Era, Marla and Chris Wolf of Gainesville, Dora and John Erwin of Lindsay, and Staci and Ricky Beadles of Lindsay; and sons and daughters-in-law Mark and Mary Sicking, Troy and Dina Sicking, and Matt and Michelle Sicking all of Muenster, and his lifetime friend Bernice Sicking. Also surviving are his sisters Rose Rohmer and Irene Klement, both of Muenster; and his brothers Leo Sicking and Ollie Sicking, both of Muenster, and Ernest Sicking of South Carolina. Also 26 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

On Sunday, May 2, family visitation and a rosary service were held at McCoy Funeral Chapel at 4 p.m. led by sisters-in-law Shirley Reiter and Rose Marie Sicking.

Family rosary, preceding the Funeral Mass on Monday was led by Marla Wolf and Kathy Vogel.

Mass of Christian Burial was offered in Sacred Church of Muenster on Monday, May 3 at 1 p.m. officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor.

Altar servers were Sylvan Walterscheid, and Joe Felderhoff, a cousin and best man at Paul's wedding. Participating in the liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial were Jennifer Flusche, who gave the First Reading and Kerri Hitt who gave the Second Reading. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Mattie Sicking. Offertory gifts were presented by Mary Wolf, Christian Wolf, Joni Erwin, and Olivia Erwin, all granddaughters.

Bryan Kyce Neal 1957-2004



Bryan Neal

Bryan Kyce Neal of Muenster died on Thursday, April 29, 2004. He was born Nov. 21, 1957 and attended Arkansas City Schools and Cowley County Community College. On Nov. 30, 1991 he married Peggy Mills in Proctor, Arkansas. They became the proud parents of four children. Bryan Neal was a machinist for Pete Soro Machine Works in Memphis, Tennessee. Four years ago he moved to Muenster from Harrisburg, Arkansas.

He was an avid marble collector, loved to fish, and collected Hot Wheel Cars with his sons. In high school he was a champion tennis player, and always loved gardening.

Survivors are his wife, Peggy; his parents Don and Wilma Neal of Arkansas City, Kansas; a daughter Kylie Neal of Norman, Oklahoma; and three sons, Tyler Neal of Morris, Oklahoma, and Ryan and Rielly Neal, both of Muenster; a sister Kim Gerstberger and husband Jeff of Muenster, and a brother Todd Neal and wife Claudia of Arkansas City; several nieces and nephews; a great-niece and nephew;

and life-long friends Brian and Cindy Current.

Visitation was held at McCoy Funeral Chapel on Sunday, May 2 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Services were held on Monday, May 3, at 10 a.m. in First Baptist Church of Muenster officiated by Rev. Billy Ledbetter. Interment was in Hardy Cemetery, directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Pallbearers were Jeff Gerstberger, Todd Neal, Brian Current, Chris Watson, Andy Clark, Michael Holmes, Paul Williams, and Ben and Calvin Coughenour.

Maria D. Garcia 1904-2004



Maria D. Garcia

By Elfreda Fette
When her family gathered in Miami, Florida several weeks ago, it was with joyous plans to celebrate her one hundredth birthday. But on March 30, 2004 Maria D. Garcia, mother of Angela Antonetti and mother-in-law of Dr. Alfredo G. Antonetti, M.D., long time Muenster residents, passed away at Victoria Nursing Home Center in Miami, Florida.

She was surrounded by her loving and caring family, and received the sacred Last Sacraments.

Maria D. Garcia was born on May 20, 1904 in Camaguey, Cuba to Mario and Ana (Batista) Escrib. On April 5, 1920 she married Francisco Garcia. They became parents of four daughters, Noema (deceased) Hilda G. Montesino (deceased), Bertha G. Garcia DDS, and Angela G. Antonetti.

She was widowed at an early age; she dedicated her life to raising her children, and providing them with the best education possible.

She left Cuba with her daughter Bertha in April 1974 to go to Spain, and four months later came to Muenster, Texas to live with her daughter Angela and son-in-law, Alfredo G. Antonetti, M.D.

In 1982 she moved to Miami, Florida to live with her daughter, Bertha. She was very active in her Catholic Church, and other organizations. In October 1993 she joined the Miami Buena Vista Lions Club, with her daughter Bertha as

her sponsor. She served in the positions of Director, Lion Tamer, and membership chair. Maria Garcia was the oldest Lion in the Multiple District 35 in Florida. Members of the Buena Vista Lions Club honored her at her funeral, with a standing honor guard.

She became an American citizen on Jan. 28, 1994 in Miami, Florida. As she approached her 100th birthday, and in spite of her advanced age, she was mentally competent, up to the end of her life.

Survivors are her two daughters Bertha G. Garcia, DDS of Miami, Florida and Angela Antonetti and her husband, Dr. Alfredo Antonetti M.D. of Muenster. Also one grandson, one granddaughter, four great-grandsons, one great-granddaughter, one sister Olinda Escrib, two nephews, and four nieces.

Memorial Service was held on April 2, 2004 at 9 a.m. in St. Michael Catholic Church. Entombment followed immediately in Miami Memorial Park, Miami, Florida.

Reflecting on her remarkable life of only a few days short of a century, and her splendid accomplishments and capacities, the intriguing thought persists - she must have truly enjoyed the passing of the years, the number of American presidents elected, the number of Popes who reigned, the breathtaking scope of inventions, and the vast improvements in the health of the population.

Raymond J. Fuhrmann 1919-2004



Raymond J. Fuhrmann

By Elfreda Fette
Mass of Christian Burial was held for Raymond J. "Curley" Fuhrmann of Gainesville on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay, officiated by Father Ron Scheible OSA, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann OSB of Subiaco Abbey, and Father Bruno Fuhrmann OSB of Subiaco Abbey.

Altar servers were Brian Zimmerer, Jace Rauschuber, and Jamie Rauschuber.

The First and Second Readings were given by Sheila Jones, who also read the Prayers of the Faithful. Presenting Offertory gifts were Ashley Ferguson, Stephanie Zimmerer, Adam Koelzer, and Brandi Fuhrmann.

Eucharistic ministers were Imogene Zimmerer, Sara Flusche, Julie Rauschuber, Robert Fuhrmann, and Gene Pelzel.

Music was presented by the St. Cecilia Choir of St. Peter's Church. Sacred songs included "On Eagles Wings," "Be Not Afraid," "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "In You by Mercy Me," and "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory."

The eulogy and Remarks of Remembrance were given by Father Nicholas Fuhrmann. Other special remarks were given by Karon Williams, a godchild.

Father Nicholas stated in part: "... Raymond has been very dear to many at Subiaco since his graduation from the Academy in 1937... He was a caring parent... truly fatherly... genuinely kind human being... Curley believed that... faith and hard work would prevail in the end..."

"As youngsters... Curley would be the first to attack the bumble bee nests, first to find the best pools in the fish creek to swim, among the first to find his way to Subiaco... Raymond's memory will always be a blessing for his family and for his friends..."

Raymond J. "Curley" Fuhrmann was born on August 21, 1919 in Vinita, Oklahoma to Mathias and Rosa Orth Fuhrmann. On May 21, 1950 he married Jeanie Jacobs in Gainesville. He was a farmer and a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving in the U.S. Army during WWII. He trained at Camp Wolters in February 1942, went overseas in June 1942, served in Hawaii, Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines, and Fort Sam

Houston. He returned to the States in 1945. He was awarded the Infantry Combat Badge and four Battle Stars.

Curley Fuhrmann died at age 84 at his residence on April 26, 2004 at 6:40 a.m. of metastatic prostate cancer.

Survivors are daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Kenneth Koelzer of Gainesville, Donna and Weldon Rains of Gainesville, and Shirley and John Zimmerer of Collinsville; and sons and daughters-in-law Roy Lee Fuhrmann of Gainesville, David and Charisse Fuhrmann of Gainesville, and Donald and Karen Fuhrmann of Richardson. There are seven grandchildren. Also brother and sister-in-law Ewald and Irma Fuhrmann of Idabel, Oklahoma; sisters and brothers-in-law Beatrice Koelzer of Muenster, Louise and Ray Haverkamp of Gainesville, Henrietta and Bill Dankesreiter of Gainesville.

Preceding him in death were his beloved wife, Jeanie on Nov. 22, 1996; his daughter Rosa Lee Fuhrmann on Oct. 28, 1967; his sisters Margaret Devers, Stella Zimmerer, Katie Buck, and Gertrude Loerwald; and a brother, Barthold Fuhrmann; and his parents.

On Tuesday, April 27, a rosary service, led by the Knights of Columbus was held at 4 p.m. A second rosary service at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Church was led by Father Ron Scheible OSA.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were David Ray Fuhrmann, Brandon Ferguson, Louis Koelzer, R.J. Loerwald, Jared Rauschuber, and Gary Dankesreiter.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials be sent to Subiaco Abbey, 405 North Subiaco Ave. Subiaco, Arkansas 72865-9798.

Essie Henderson 1904-2004

Essie Mae Henderson, age 99, of Rosston died April 29, 2004 at Renaissance Care Center in Gainesville. She was born June 21, 1904 in Decatur to George and Jennie Stevens, and married Charles C. Henderson on Aug. 30, 1922. Essie was a homemaker and a member of Saint Matthew United Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

Services for Mrs. Henderson were Saturday, May 1 at Rosston Methodist Church with burial in Rosston Cemetery.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law Jack and Nina Henderson of

Rosston, Carl and Maria Henderson of Rosston, Doyle and Lisa Henderson of Whitewright; three daughters and sons-in-law Cleva and E.L. Akin of Edom, Jennie Que and David Day of Rosston, and Ferne and Don Cloud of Rosston; one sister June Plummer of Savannah, Georgia; 19 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Henderson was preceded in death by her parents, her husband (1949), a son Roland, five brothers, three sisters, and two grandchildren.

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other associate degree plans. According to state law, any state-supported four-year university will accept anyone who graduates with an Associate Degree from a community college in Texas.

Flusche - It is evident that not enough classes are available at the Gainesville campus and many Cooke County students must travel to the other campuses to take required class offerings. This travel exposes the students to traffic hazards. The cost for travel and the lost time in transit that could be otherwise used for work or study are more expensive than the student's tuition. It would be better (from a traffic safety and time economy standpoint) if instructors would commute to Gainesville, if necessary, rather than have a multitude of students travel individually to the other campuses. The administration must provide classroom space for these classes.

Sullivant - I believe we offer a comprehensive selection of courses on the Gainesville campus. We must never be satisfied with status quo, however, because satisfaction breeds complacency. We must always be looking for ways to improve. NCTC provides freshman and sophomore level core academic courses for an Associates Degree which will transfer to a four year college or university for those who wish to get a Bachelor's Degree. NCTC provides Vo-tech programs which will prepare students for immediate employment in available good paying jobs. For example, the Associate Degree Nursing program is housed on the Gainesville campus as well as the LVN program. The workforce training needs are constantly changing, and NCTC continues to review and evaluate programs to meet those needs.

Ledbetter - The College has excellent course selection in the academic areas and in a number of vocational/technical areas, especially the health related programs.

However, the college has little to offer the "blue collar" workers like diesel and automobile mechanics, welding, machine shop, etc. For example, this is the last semester for the excellent precision machine shop curriculum. The administration and current board told us that the state would not fund programs that did not produce 15 graduates every three years, or an average of 5 graduates a year. However the most recent Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board report states that NCTC graduated 59 precision machining graduates during the last 4 reporting years, or an average of 15 per year. I would have opposed killing that program.

While NCTC has an excellent course selection in the academic areas, it fails to offer a sufficient number of classes in some other areas. This forces a significant number of our local taxpaying students to drive to the Denton campus one or more times a week to complete their studies in a timely fashion.

Our obligation is to the Cooke County students first and foremost. The college is lacking in this regard.

Yeager - The curriculum seems to be quite good and is in general serving the needs of the students. If elected I hope to be involved in exploring opportunities to add programs and courses in the occupational/technical and general education areas. The high marks on the accreditation visit speak well about the operation of NCTC. I have been involved as a reviewer and as one being involved.

Kemplin - The curriculum offered at NCTC prepares students for further study at a four-year college. There are 13 Vo-Tech educational programs in addition to the core curriculum offered.

Gaylord - I think many of the faculty are excellent teachers. I've had the benefit of learning from six of them in the last three years. In terms of the curriculum in Gainesville, I find it strong in some areas and lacking in others. The areas that need improvement are: 1) More core course offerings to minimize driving to Corinth; 2) More night classes are needed for students who work during the day. These have been cut back significantly since 18 essential faculty and staff were laid off last year. 3) The area that needs the most attention is the blue-collar vocational training. These have been cut back severely, often without justification. While NCTC has added some vocational training for Surgical Technicians and there is an Emergency Medical Training program, according to the Fall 2004 catalog, you can't take these courses in Gainesville.

What are your top three priorities for NCTC over the next three years?

Walter - 1. Encourage an atmosphere throughout the system that is conducive to learning by providing an environment that is safe, diverse, open to the free exchange of ideas, motivating and challenging. 2. Ensure that all programs meet or surpass standards of accreditation. Hold Administration and faculty accountable to these standards. Demand that subject matter taught complies with course description/syllabus. 3. Complete the major facelift of the central campus as detailed in the October 2003, Facilities Master Plan.

Flusche - 1) Lifelong learning is essential for human progress and productivity progress through learning is essential. Businesses must do things better and more efficiently with fewer employees. NCTC must do a better job of figuring out the learning needs of the community and reconfiguring itself to those needs. I can help make this happen if I am elected to the board. 2) I am in favor of college expansion in Gainesville. But I do not want the

college to commit to substantial debt that is not approved by the voters. 3) NCTC must turn its attention to developing the next generation of "thinkers". All jobs in the future, even the low-skilled jobs, will require higher levels of basic education, math, communication, and technology in the future. This is absolutely necessary for survival and growth. Those without some specialized knowledge or skills are likely to suffer declining real wages. Many jobs are likely to be replaced with machines. Someone must operate those machines and that is where the opportunities exist for those whose jobs are displaced. NCTC is absolutely required and obligated to provide the education, math, communication, and technology for displaced workers. I will be a voice at NCTC for worker training and re-training if I am elected to the board.

Sullivant - One of my priorities is to continue to see us refine and implement our Facilities Master Plan. The renovation and enhancement of the Gainesville campus are projects that have been planned and discussed for several years. We are now in the implementation phase of those plans. We are already experiencing some growth on the Gainesville campus. With our location on the I-35 Corridor as it intersects with Highway 82, we are in a rapid growth area based on Census 2000 data reported by the North Central Texas Council of Governments. We must be ready on our Gainesville campus to meet the needs of continuing growth.

Another priority is to continue to be sensitive to the changing needs of the population in our three county service area of Cooke, Denton, and Montague counties. An example of this is the new Surgical Technology program. There is a critical need for surgical technicians in the health care field. We have answered the need with the implementation of this Vo-tech Certificate program. Our goal is to continuously seek to improve programs, services, and personnel to better serve and meet the needs of our students. This is an ongoing process.

A third priority is to continue to promote, encourage, and support the Strategic Planning process to insure that NCTC meets our role, scope, and mission. We must always be evaluating, planning, researching, and pursuing ways of continuously improving the quality of our programs, the services which we provide our students, and the support to workforce development. We will continue to have significant challenges with the constant cut-back of state funding. We must continue to look for external funding to provide additional resources. During this past decade, the college has secured over \$9 million through grant proposals from private foundations, state and federal government, and the corporate world. These external funds have provided support for technology initiatives, workforce training, student support services, construction of new facilities, instructional programs, library resources, partnership with area public schools and universities. We must continue our efforts to secure external funding as a means of assisting the college in providing quality programs.

Ledbetter - 1) Restart the precision machine shop program while we still have the equipment and increase vocational/technical programs as needed and as funds allow. 2) Out of county students do not pay their fair share for education when compared to the Cooke County student and taxpayer. As additional funds are needed for the college, increase the out of county tuition and fees and do not increase local taxes or in-county tuition and fees until the out of county student pays his or her fair share. 3) Immediately re-evaluate and drastically trim the funds committed to furnishing and funding the performing arts center (PAC). All the other programs are severely limited in the funds allocated to them and the same should be true for the PAC.

Yeager - I have no preconceived agenda. I was not in attendance for the detailed discussions about recent decisions of the Board. My top priority will be the well-being of students and faculty. Secondly will be operating the organization with fiscal responsibility. Thirdly to explore opportunities for growth to broaden offerings to students.

Kemplin - My three priorities for the next three years are: a) The Performing Arts Center will be in use. This facility is being built with Revenue Bonds, not with Cooke county tax dollars. b) The Equine Center is being built because of the generosity of the Spaeth family. The Greenhouse was a gift of Elнора and David Smith, both programs will be in use soon. c) The refurbishing of the older buildings on campus will be done as needed.

Gaylord - 1) Rein in the free spending of the board and administration so we don't have to continue the 50% increases in local taxes and tuition in the next 3-4 years that has happened in the last 3-4 years. 2) Today Cooke County pays \$1851 per local student to attend NCTC for a 12-hour semester when you include Cooke County taxes. This compares to \$755 that out-of-county students pay. They don't contribute any NCTC taxes. I'd like to raise out-of-county tuition and fees so that these two figures are balanced and fair. While I haven't seen all of the internal books of the college, I am hopeful there is potential to lower taxes and in-county tuition & fees as we bring these into balance. 3) I want to strengthen the course offerings and faculty at the Gainesville campus. This would include more full-time faculty to get to at least the state average. This would provide more dedicated, professional teachers for our students. Furthermore, it would let us offer more blue-collar vocational training certificates and more night classes.

NCTC has campuses in Bowie and Denton (and possibly a second being planned for Denton County). These out-of-county campuses could take students who would otherwise come to Gainesville away from the Gainesville campus. Does this impact Gainesville NCTC (classes offered, campus upkeep, money coming into Gainesville campus, etc)?

Walter - The additional campuses do indeed impact our Cooke County Students but in a very positive way. As our overall enrollment grows, so does the availability of programs offered. Granted, not every new program will reside in Cooke County, but as a stand-alone facility, our local campus's offerings would be far less today than they

actually are. Today, out of some 6000 students, only about 850 are Cooke County residents. This makes up about half of the student body at Gainesville. This fiscal year, according to the latest financial report, we expect a positive cash flow of about 3 1/4 million dollars from the Corinth campus. This money can be spent on campus upkeep and administrative costs. In September 2003 our Central Campus enjoyed a 9% increase in enrollment, the largest in the system. And as county population increases, look for the Cooke County facility to become the largest campus in the service area. Not one cent of your tax dollars is spent outside of Cooke County.

Flusche - If all NCTC students attended classes at the Gainesville campus, we would have a much larger array of class offerings. The campus would be larger. New businesses which cater to students' needs would probably evolve. More student money would be spent in Gainesville. This would benefit the Gainesville economy.

Gainesville is where college expansion should be because we pay the taxes in Cooke County and we cannot levy taxes in Denton and Montague Counties.

Sullivant - The future is bright for NCTC. Our enrollment continues to climb system-wide as well as on the Gainesville campus. A study of the addresses of the Corinth students through a scatter plot revealed very few Cooke County students on that campus. One interesting fact is that the Corinth classes are the first to fill during registration. When that happens, those students who are needing a particular course are driving to Gainesville for classes they need. Keeping in mind that the 1995 Legislature mandated that NCTC provide educational services for Cooke, Denton, and Montague counties, we have a responsibility to each of those counties. We are provided with a great opportunity in our service area to place campuses in strategic growth areas which allow us to assess out-of-district tuition and fee charges to finance the cost of property and facilities. Any profits from those campuses return to Cooke County to be used system-wide for enhancements. To put this into perspective, last year Corinth returned \$3.2 million to Cooke County after expenses. No tax money goes outside of Cooke County, but profits from the other campuses come back to Cooke County. Successful satellite campuses outside of Cooke County will enhance and benefit the future growth and success of our local campus. The NCTC Strategic Plan proposes the construction of a campus near Alliance Airport in Denton County to further secure the institution's service area. A visit to the Ponder, Argyle, and Alliance area reveals the phenomenal growth which is taking place in the Southwest part of Denton County. The Board believes it is wise and prudent to be planning now for the future of NCTC. Should this campus become a reality at some future period, those students will be assessed out-of-district tuition and fees to finance the costs.

Ledbetter - Yes, it does. We MUST serve our Cooke County students first and foremost and I think, with the exception of the few dozen performing arts students, this is not being done. I sincerely believe that the PAC was not built primarily for the students but will be paid for by the students and maintained by the taxpayers for the small arts community in Gainesville.

It is less expensive for the college to send many of our local students to the Denton campus than to teach them on our local campus. The classrooms there are generally larger and are overwhelmingly taught by part-time, and much less expensive, teachers.

But the student pays not only in the expense of travel and time back and forth but in the quality of instruction. The local campus has far more experienced teachers who have the time and private offices to help students on an individual basis as needed. Some of the part-time teachers in Denton teach two or three classes for two or three different junior college districts and they do not have any time or places for individual student conferences.

Yeager - I do not believe campuses in other counties will adversely affect the enrollment in Gainesville. These campuses are supported with a local tax so there is no drain on resources. Usually as a college grows, becomes better known and improves facilities/curriculum all the campuses will experience growth.

Kemplin - NCTC serves Cooke, Denton, and Montague cities as mandated by the 1995 Legislature. The Corinth campus and the Bowie campus do not affect the Gainesville campus in any negative way.

No Cooke County tax dollars go out of the county. The Corinth campus generated \$3.2 million dollars after expenses for use to upgrade facilities systems wide.

Gaylord - It's clear that having these other campuses sometimes puts us in a quandary of where to offer classes. Since it's our college and we are the only ones paying taxes, I believe preference should be given to Cooke County students and the Gainesville campus.

I am very cautious about further expansion in Denton County. The college has gone from being debt free to \$11 million in debt over the past six years. This adds about \$200 a year for each student in increased tuition and fees. We're already the highest in tuition and fees among the closest five junior colleges, Grayson, Tarrant, Dallas, Weatherford and Collin counties. We need to take a hard look towards making better use of our existing facilities before we go more into debt.

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Clint Chain accepts the award on behalf of Denton Community Hospital.



Accepting on behalf of Bowie Memorial Hospital are C.W. Chandler, Lynn Ramsey and Joyce Crumpler.



Lina Webb accepts the award on behalf of Denton Regional Medical Center.

PATRONS HONORS CIRCLE (Pictured with Ed Wright, NCTC Foundation President, Dr. Milton Dickson, Regents Chairman, Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, NCTC President)



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The art of growing things

By Ramona Tyler,
Cooke County Master Gardener

When Wayne Becker asked me to edit a horticulture column for the paper, my first thought was "there are people much more qualified and have more knowledge than me." My second thought, "This could be a good learning experience for me." I agreed to edit the articles.

I grew up on a peanut farm, southeast of Gainesville. My mother always planted a big garden and we preserved what we couldn't eat. We also had cattle. I married and moved to town and didn't really have a good place to grow a garden. A few years ago, we moved to a different house and I became interested in gardening. I made flowerbeds and planted a small vegetable garden. Working in the soil and watching what I plant grow and mature is very therapeutic for me.

Last year, I saw an article in the paper about the Master Gardening program it said, a class that was being offered in the fall. I contacted the Cooke County Extension office and became a part of the class. The Texas Master Gardener program is an educational activity offered by the Texas Cooperative Extension of the Texas A&M University System and provides invaluable training and educational opportunities. Trainees can advance their gardening expertise and gain self-satisfaction through volunteer efforts.

Anyone with a willingness to learn and a desire to help others can become a Master Gardener. To become a Master Gardener, you must attend a minimum of 50 hours of instruction, pass an examination and volunteer 50 hours of service during the next year. In order to retain the title of Master Gardener, you must take 12 hours of recertification training and provide 12 additional hours of volunteer service through the local Extension office every two years. The Cooke County Extension Service will be offering another class this fall. Watch the paper for further details. Source: Master Gardener Handbook

In previous years, I have always purchased plants instead of seeds for my garden. This year, I decided to try to plant seeds indoors four to six weeks before time to plant the seedlings outside in the garden. To start seeds indoors, it is important to have enough light. Without enough light, the seedling will be leggy and weak, and fall over under their weight after they are 3 to 4 inches tall. If you do not have a sunny room with a southern exposure, you will probably need supplemental lighting. A simple fluorescent light fixture with grow lights or with one warm light bulb and on cool-light bulb will suffice. I hung my lights, right above the pots, on chains, so I can raise the lights, as the seedlings get taller.

It is advisable to use a soil less mixture or peat-like mix to start seedlings since garden soil contains disease organisms, which are highly destructive to small plants. Many types of containers can be used to start seeds. I chose to use peat pots so I can plant them directly into the garden without disturbing the seedlings. If you use peat pots, when you plant the seedlings outside, be sure to remove one side of the pot and make sure you completely bury the pot so it does not act as a wick.

Regardless of what type of container you choose, fill it three-quarters full with seed-starting mixture and sow the seeds. Cover the seed the specified depth and water. If your home is dry, it may help to cover the containers with plastic wrap to maintain a constant moisture level. Set the containers in a sunny location or under a fluorescent light and before you know it you will have seedlings. Source: "Master Gardeners Handbook".

From my side of the fence

by Ed Cler

When my older brothers and sister and myself were very young, and when our family still called the farm two miles east of Muenster, where Regi Bayer now lives, home, my folks had a young Jersey heifer called Bess. We kids made a pet of her, and after she became a cow, we would ride her in the pasture. She didn't seem to mind, even when all four of us climbed aboard at the same time.

She just seemed to go on doing the things cows do - mostly grazing and standing or lying down chewing their cud.

Bess moved to town with the Cler's and was a good provider of milk. Eventually she was moved to the farm just northwest of Muenster. Well, the household and family moved one day, and Dad told Ray and me to bring old Bess along as we brought home from school.

We would get Bess out on the road, but as soon as we went north the width of that two-acre plot of land, she would close her eyes and simply run back to the barn.

Ray and I were a bit perplexed. We wondered how we would get her to the farm - we couldn't drive her. As we were pondering our dilemma, I found about 6' or 8' of old rotten rope in the bar ditch.

Well, Ray just laid the old rope over Bess's neck, and the gentle little cow never even stretched it. She simply followed Ray out to the farm, where she made herself at home, and lived out the balance of her very useful life.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

I have a few comments to make about Pat Ledbetter's hearing last month at NCTC. I would like to start by saying that I have friends on the NCTC Board of Regents, and they are still my friends even though I thought the hearing was a farce and their decision was a tragic and avoidable mistake. I don't stop liking people simply because they disagree with me.

I won't go over all the evidence that was presented at the hearing. I will say that not all of the evidence that was available was presented and the Board did not hear the full story. That alone is sufficient for me to discount their decision. I know facts, not rumors, about the allegations made about Dr. Ledbetter that the Board didn't hear and therefore didn't consider. I'm sure that made the administration happy. It allowed them to say whatever they wanted because they knew it would only be contradicted by Dr. Ledbetter and under the circumstances, her testimony would not be all that credible. Karon Sullivan said that there would be no winners after their decision. I think she was wrong. I have no doubt that the two witnesses for the administration at the hearing are filled with glee at their victory.

There were two phrases that were tossed around at the hearing that I have to question. First, and least of the two, was that the Board would "deliberate" at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing. There was no deliberation. When the Board reconvened Wednesday night, each of the members had already made his or her decision. They didn't deliberate. They each merely stated his or her position and voted. I expected some discussion of the evidence. Some argument over the charges against Dr. Ledbetter. Some intellectual discourse. There was none.

The second and more important phrase that I kept hearing was "due

process". As if using the phrase alone insured that this would be a fair proceeding. After 20+ years in the legal profession I can assure you, this was not a "fair" proceeding and there was no due process. First, Dr. Ledbetter could not require the attendance of witnesses. There was no subpoena power. I know of at least three witnesses that would have provided very critical information about the charges that didn't even show for the hearing. Dr. Ledbetter couldn't require them to show. The administration could have but didn't. The administration's response was that the employees could testify if they wanted to but the administration wasn't going to force them to appear. These people had vital information for the Board and the administration didn't even ask for their attendance? I wonder why? Could it be the administration didn't want the Board to hear from these people? Could it be that the charges against Dr. Ledbetter were not true? At least one of those witnesses told me personally that if that person appeared, that person was convinced that would be the end of that person's job. (Sorry about the "that person" but I don't want to add to that person's problems.) I wonder what gave that person that idea? But for whatever reason, those potential witnesses didn't appear and the Board did not hear what they had to say. Is that fair? Is that due process? Is that justice? I don't think so. Its 180 degrees from fair and the NCTC administration knows it.

The last thing I want to comment on is the length of time the parties were given to present their cases. The Board limited the time to two hours to each side. The reason Dr. Ledbetter didn't call more witnesses was because she didn't have enough time. Every Judge knows, that to be fair, you have to give a person sufficient time to present their case. You can't tell someone to present an eight

hour case in two hours and still be fair. It can't be done. It doesn't matter how long the process takes. The Board's job was to see that both sides had a fair opportunity to present their cases. Their job was to sit there day after day until both sides had presented their cases. That didn't happen at these hearings. I don't know whether the administration put on all of its evidence or not but they didn't ask for additional time so I'm assuming they did. I know Dr. Ledbetter needed more time. She asked for more time. She didn't get it and she didn't get a fair hearing. And now she's out. But she's not the real loser here. We are. This community is the loser and the polls are the only place where we can try to correct this miscarriage of justice.

Larry Claxton
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Low income weatherization program offer

The Texoma Council of Governments has received funding from the Department of Energy to provide Weatherization Services for the elderly, disabled, and families with small children who reside in Cooke County and meet the Federal Income guidelines.

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For an application or any additional information, contact Danielle Swindell at Texoma Council of Governments, Weatherization Department, 1117 Gallagher Drive Ste. 300, Sherman, TX 75090

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Polly Anna Fette of Muenster and Aaron John Klement of Roanoke have chosen Saturday, June 5, 2004, as their wedding day. They will be married in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. Her parents, Steve and Marla Fette of Muenster, have announced the couple's engagement and approaching marriage. Aaron is the son of Claude and Deb Klement of Muenster. The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Muenster High School and is attending the nursing program at North Central Texas College. She is employed at Denton Community Hospital. The future-groom is a 1999 graduate of Muenster High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of North Texas. He is employed at Boswell High School in Fort Worth. The couple will reside in Roanoke after their marriage.

MMH plans fun for National Hospital Week

The Celebration of National Hospital Week began in 1921 when it was suggested that more information about hospitals might alleviate public fears about the "shrouded" institutions of the day. From then until today, through promotion and participation, National Hospital Week has grown into the nation's largest health care event.

Muenster Memorial Hospital is again participating in the national celebration of Hospital Week. This is a time when we celebrate the people who make up the staff of the hospital.

Muenster Memorial Hospital is planning events each day to reward the staff for a Job Well Done. They begin with donuts and sweet rolls on Monday and conclude with hamburgers and hot dogs on Friday. Each day something special will be presented to reward the staff. Drinks, ice cream floats, cookies, popcorn, and other treats will be available. Games for prizes will be offered.

Muenster Memorial Hospital plans to show appreciation to the people who make up the hospital staff and salute them during hospital week.



Tom and Pam Hoberer of Lindsay announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Amy Michelle Hoberer to Levi Brandon Seeds of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He is the son of Randy Seeds of Keller and Brenda Cunningham of Gainesville. The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 12 at 4:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay with Father Ron Scheible officiating. The bride-elect is 1999 graduate of Lindsay High School and currently attends the University of North Texas, but plans to transfer to Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. The future-groom is serving in the United States Air Force and is stationed with the 101st Airborne in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. After their marriage the couple plans to reside in Clarksville, Tennessee.

VISTO volunteers acknowledged

"When was the last time you donated a can of wolf brand chili?" asks Michelle M. Baldwin, executive director of Volunteers in Service to Others (VISTO). She explained that May is Chili and Cornbread Month, which is an opportunity to re-supply the stores of those particular foods, among other things.

VISTO uses special event times to spread the word about VISTO; last week was Volunteer Appreciation Week, and VISTO recognized the value of its volunteers at a lunch reception.

"One of the best things about my job is that I get to meet and work with some of the most inspirational people in the world. They joyfully give of their time to help others in need. They come rain or shine, and in sickness and in health," remarked Baldwin. "Take our Volunteer of the Year - Ralph Burt - who logged 169.5 hours last year before his quadruple bypass surgery. Afterwards, he was still asking me, 'What can I do?' That inspires me to do more. Thank God for people like Ralph."

Other awards included the Leadership Award to Hillcrest Church of Christ, who logged the most combined volunteer hours

at 556; Award of Excellence to Cole State Jail that donated almost 50,000 pounds of fresh food; Above and Beyond Award to Sack-n-Save; Inspiration Award to Whaley United Methodist Church; and Partners in Service Award to numerous individuals and organizations.

If you want to get involved, other upcoming events to benefit VISTO include the 2nd Annual Crop Walk on May 22. "You can walk, run, roll, or ride; all while helping feed the hungry," Baldwin said.

Also, from June 1-15 leaders throughout the community have agreed to volunteer two hours of their time working at VISTO. This program is aptly named "Leaders Who Serve." Their generosity will allow the regular volunteers to take some much-needed vacations.

For more information on the Crop Walk, call John Hare at 665-5153 or to donate your can of Wolf Brand chili, or any other food items, just put them in your mailbox on May 8. That's the day scheduled for the annual Postal Workers food drive. To get involved call Michelle M. Baldwin at 668-6403 or e-mail visto@veloclose.com.

Saint Jo Opry set for Saturday, May 8

The next Saint Jo Opry is planned for Saturday May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Saint Jo School Auditorium. Concessions will be available.

The May show will feature several guests, which includes local singing talent Cindy Lyons, Roger Watson of Burkburnett, Robby Storey from Nocona, and local musician and

singer Sam Campbell. Appearing on the May Opry for the first time will be Sandi Evans from Burkburnett. Sponsors say, "We are looking forward to having her on the show."

The Opry continues to make donations to community service organizations and many other worthy groups or individuals.

MHMRS seeks board volunteers

Cooke County will be appointing members to the Board of Trustees for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services of Texas for unexpired term ending August 31, 2004. Board members are eligible to serve consecutive re-

appointment terms. Persons residing in Cooke County who are interested in serving on this important board should request an application from: Executive Director MHMR Services of Texoma, 5001 Airport Drive, Denison, TX 75020 Telephone #: (903)-337-4867 or Judge Bill Freeman, Cooke County Courthouse, Gainesville, TX 76240 Telephone (940) 668-5435.

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

Saint Richard's Villa celebrates Nursing Home Week May 9-15

Saint Richard's Villa will celebrate National Nursing Home Week May 9 through 15. They will be hosting a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy. Activities will range from ice cream sundae socials, scavenger hunt, and crafts, to an all American cook out.

Everyone is invited to come by Saint Richard's Villa to celebrate National Nursing Home Week and visit with the residents.

Hinsons to headline Country Gospel Concert

Gospel concert promoters Mary Fay Jackson and Mike Culpepper are bringing nationally known Country/Southern Gospel artists to Sherman Saturday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. is the first of four concerts planned for Sherman in the coming year. Concerts will be held at Harvest Time Assembly of God Church, 222 S. FM 1417, Sherman.

Headlining the May 15 Country Gospel Concert will be the legendary Country/Southern Gospel trio The Hinsons: Bo Hinson, Rhonda Hinson, and Stan Daily out of Hendersonville, Tennessee.

Tickets for the May 15 Country Gospel Concert featuring The Hinsons are \$10.00 at the door. Advance purchase tickets are \$8.00 and will be available through May 14 at the following two locations (only): Family Christian Store, 1936 N. Grand in Sherman and Christian Book Store, 401 N. Main in Denison. For further information contact Mary Fay Jackson at 1-888-881-MARY (6279).

Walk for Jacob

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Drive, Suite 27, Fort Worth, TX 76133.

The walk begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a carnival Saturday, May 15. The event has a walk team, Jacob Hesse's Hoofers, led by his mother Kim Hesse. Jacob has cystic fibrosis. Donations in honor of Jacob can be made by calling 817-370-2617 or by mail to: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Attn: Jacob Hesse's Hoofers, 5280 Trail Lake

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Family gatherings honor SH First Communicants

Family reunions, guests, and gatherings, traditionally local observances marked a most important day, the solemn reception of First Holy Communion for 43 little second graders, boys and girls of Sacred Heart Parish, to relate its religious significance to family involvement. Parents, grandparents, and other relatives honored the children in their homes, sometimes with several generations present.

MAKAYLA PUMPHREY

Makayla Pumphrey, daughter of Rodney and Carol Pumphrey, was honored by her parents on her First Holy Communion Day, April 18. They entertained at noon in their home with a fried chicken dinner. A special decorated cake, made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, was served. Gifts were opened and displayed.

Guests included: Stacy, Tailer, Tanner, and Tucker Helm; Jan Reiter, Rene Barber, Toni Reiter, Leslie Lawler, Makayla's brothers, Corey Pumphrey, Dustin Pumphrey, and Shawn Pumphrey, and Makayla's parents.

ERIN HESS

Erin Claire Hess, daughter of Brian and Danna Hess, was honored by her parents on her First Holy Communion Day, April 18. A family gathering was held in their home, hosting a dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, queneia baked beans, and chips. Erin's favorite strawberry pecan cake was made by her mother.

In the evening they visited her great-grandmother, Bertha Hamric at St. Richard's Villa, so she could see Erin's First Communion dress and veil.

Guests were her grandparents, Leo and Mary Lou Hess, and Dan and Fay Hamric; aunt Lisa Hamric, uncle Bob Hamric, Rhonda Hamric, and Casey Hamric.

Unable to attend, but sending their congratulations were Godparents, Leonard and Christel Vogel, and cousin Katy Hamric.

SYDNEY HUCHTON

Sydney Huchton, daughter of Neil and Peachie Huchton, was a member of the First Holy Communion class in Sacred Heart Church. On Sunday, April 18, Sydney celebrated with a meal at The Smokehouse in Lindsay surrounded by her parents and guests. A special decorated cake made by Betty Rose Walterscheid was also served. Gifts were presented to Sydney at the dinner. Guests were grandparents Tony and Sis Klement and Theresa Huchton, and Dave and Diane Muller and Trevor.

GARRETT MILLER

Garrett Mac Miller, son of Randy and Lisa Miller, was honored with a family gathering in their home after Mass on his First Holy Communion Day. The meal featured pork tenderloin, pasta salad, green beans, and hot rolls. The special Communion cake was a pale blue two-layer cake adorned with a cross made by Garrett's mother.

Guests were his parents, Garrett's grandparents, Glenda and Bryan Russell, and Barbara Luke; the Godmother Amanda Sofio and Michael Sofio; the Godfather Ryan Hess and Tina, Trevor, Dalton, and Kenadie Hess.

DARREL HERMES

Darrell Joe Hermes, son of Doug and Susan Hermes, was honored by his parents on his First Holy Communion Day with a family gathering at their home at 1 p.m. on April 18. Dinner, by Darrell's special request, featured hamburgers with all the trimmings. The special First Communion Italian creme cake was served as dessert. Guests were his grandparents and Godparents Fritz and Charlotte Hermes; aunts and uncles Scott and Connie Filloon, Kurt and Amy Hermes, Brian Hermes and friend Jessamy Sicking; and cousins Kody and Makenna Hermes. Very special guests included great-grandparents, Celie and Boobie Schilling, and C.S. Eotter.

KEVIN FLUSCHE

Kevin Flusche, son of Phillip and Brenda Flusche of Muenster, made his First Communion on March 21 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Fr. John Ohner OSA was the main celebrant. The University of Dallas Choir was also visiting and sang at this Mass. In addition, Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse did music for some parts of the Mass.

A family gathering followed the Mass at the home of Kevin. A barbecue meal was served and there was a decorated cake by Betty Rose Walterscheid for dessert. The celebration included Kevin's parents; his brothers Nicholas, Zachary, and Nathan; and sisters, Jacqueline, Adria, and Kendra. Out of town guests were: grandmother Nancy Krahl of Valley View; Damian, Lucy, Travis, Lucinda, Louis, and Maggie Krahl of Lindsay; Cathy Krahl and her daughter Sarah of Gainesville; Kathy Todd of Flower Mound; Carl Flusche of Dallas; and Monica, Teresa, Isabel, and P.J. Guerra of Waxahachie.

After the meal Kevin opened his gifts from guests. In the afternoon there was visiting and cousins played together.

HANNAH BAYER

Hannah Rose Bayer, daughter of Ryan and Tara Bayer, was the honored one at a family gathering held after Mass at the home of her grandparents, James and Theresa Walterscheid, in observance of her First Holy Communion Day, April 18.

Besides the honoree and hosts, guests included: grandmother Janice Bayer; Doug, Melanie, Chandler, and Landrie Herr; DeAnn Bayer and Bob Tidwell; Brandon and Holly Bayer; Joe Walterscheid, Kim Penington, and Morgan Swank. Special guests were Hannah's godparents Jamie Walterscheid and Brandon Bayer.

The noon meal featured sub sandwiches and a specially decorated cake made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, holding a keepsake First Communion figurine.

Hannah wore a cream white dress that she also wore at her godfather's wedding. Her veil was made by her grandmother, Theresa Walterscheid.

CLINT SIDWELL

Clint Sidwell, son of Kenneth and Pam Sidwell, was a member of the First Holy Communion class in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, April 18. His parents honored him with a family gathering in their home at noon, with dinner, a special cake, and gifts. The cake was made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, with the lettering "Clint receives the Bread of Life today." Guests included grandfather William Hermes; Godparents Royce and Cheryl Martin; Billy and Laurie Rohmer and Amanda; Dwayne and Denise Pagel, and Nicole. Unable to attend was grandmother Mary Evelyn Hermes.

ELAND GREEN

Eland Green, son of Dawn Nottingham and step-son of Noble Nottingham, was honored on his First Holy Communion Day, April 18, in a family gathering they hosted at their home after Mass, beginning about 12:30 p.m. and continuing all day. Dinner featured some of his favorites, ham and turkey sandwiches with all the trimmings, chips, an Italian pasta salad, pink lemonade and sodas. A marble cake was served with strawberry swirl ice cream for dessert.

Guests were grandparents Herbert and Edna Knabe, cousin Amber Knabe, Aunt Alison Golden of Watauga, Uncle Tim and Aunt Norma, cousins Tyler and Noah Knabe of Fort Worth; Nana Connie Sanders of Gainesville; and Eland's mom and step-dad.

Gifts were opened and displayed. All the cousins enjoyed riding around in the go-cart.

The family celebration ended about 6 p.m. with pizzas, and visiting still being enjoyed by family members.



2004 Sacred Heart First Communion Class

NCTC honors Creative Writers

North Central Texas College honored a total of 47 winners in nine categories of competition at the annual Creative Writing Awards ceremonies held recently on campus.

NCTC President Ronnie Glasscock was there to present certificates and prize checks to the winners. Winning entries also will be published in next year's edition of *The April Perennial*, the NCTC literary magazine.

At this year's ceremonies, Professor Hood released the 2004 edition of the magazine, containing 30 poems, essays, and stories written by last year's winners, as well as 19 pieces of artwork contributed by students in NCTC drawing and design classes.

"It's always great to be able to give awards to budding writers, but it's even more important to give them encouragement and a means through which they can have their work read, evaluated objectively by experts and possibly even published," said William Hood, NCTC professor of English and writing contest director.

Following the presentation of awards, Dr. Clay Reynolds, prize-winning novelist and critic, and associate dean at the University of Texas at Dallas, addressed the audience. After giving a short reading from his novel *The Vigil*, Reynolds spoke about the realities of the publishing business.

"If you're writing to seek fame and fortune, you may be writing for the wrong reasons," Reynolds said. "Only one in 10 published authors in the United States earn any substantial income from their books. Most have other sources of income."

"The only good reason to write is because you enjoy writing and want to be read. If your writing satisfies your own inner needs, then fame and fortune aren't so important."

All winners in the 2004 Creative Writing Awards received certificates of recognition, as well as cash prizes of \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$30 for third place in each category. First place winners also received a wooden display plaque.

Winners in The Jerry

Simpson Memorial Poetry Contest for middle-school students included third prize, Rhiannon Robinson, Lindsay Junior High; honorable mention and Lisa Marie Miller of Sacred Heart Middle School in Muenster.

The Jerry Simpson Memorial Short Story Contest for middle-school students included Levi Graham of Sivelles Bend ISD.

The Brad Dill Memorial Poetry Contest for high school students: First prize, Kristy Galloway, Era I.S.D.; second prize, Cody Kirby,

Era I.S.D.; third prize, honorable mention, Adam Coe and Stephanie Schumacker, both of Era ISD.

The NCTC Regional Poetry Contest for non-students included second prize, Barbara Pybas, Sivelles Bend; third prize, Maryann Sheaff, Muenster; honorable mention, Joseph J. Weber of Era.

Winners in the NCTC Regional Short Story Contest for non-students included second prize, Maryann Sheaff, Muenster; third prize,

Nathan and Chloe celebrate birthdays

Nathan Hacker celebrated his 3rd birthday and Chloe Hacker celebrated her 1st birthday together with a party at the Muenster park on Sunday, April 18. They are the children of Sally and Maurus Hacker. They celebrated their birthdays on their Grandpa Fisher's 50th birthday.

Nathan's theme for the party was Finding Nemo, and Chloe celebrated with a butterfly and flower theme.

Guests were served lunch, followed by cake and ice cream. Chloe had her own special cake that she fed to herself. Presents were opened and pictures taken.

Nathan's actual birthday is April 25. Chloe's actual birthday is April 30.

Those attending the party included: their parents; grandparents Vicky and Chuck Fisher, and Lynn and Maurus Hacker; great-grandparents Polly and Clyde Fisher, Dan Haverkamp, and Evelyn and Damon Fuhrmann; aunts Jessica Fisher, Cheryl Hacker, and Michelle Hacker; Penni and Floyd Haverkamp, Olivia, Kyla, and Curtis; Denise Smith and Leah; Shanna and Kevin Haverkamp, Dylan

and Lauren; Julie and Bret Walford, Brooke, Alex, Madison, and Ben; Ginnie and Karl Kelson, Anne Marie and Kevin; Ronnie Fisher and Kristie; Jana and Dan Fisher, and Clay; Nancie and Mark Lippe; Kathie and Tim Herr; Jennifer and Curtis Hesse, and Erin; Carol Fleitman and Catherine; Joann Schumacher and Scott, Kelly, and Dana; Peggy and Leo Lutkenhaus, and Patrick; and LuElla Fuhrmann. Also friends Joyce and Jeff Walterscheid, and Jaden; and Judy and Robert McDaniel.



Nathan Hacker



Chloe Hacker

Xavier Univ. awards Honor scholarship

Michael Hughes of Quail Hollow Court in Granger Indiana, son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hughes, has accepted an Honor scholarship from Xavier University in Cincinnati. Michael is the grandson of Stewart and Christine Hughes of Rosston. He will graduate this spring from St. Joseph's High School in South Bend, Indiana where he is active in varsity soccer, Latin Club, and H.O.P.E.

Recipients of a Xavier University Honor Scholarship must rank in the top 25% of their high school class. They must also have a score of 1130 or higher on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or 25 or higher on the American College Test (ACT).

In the Service

Army Reserve Sgt. T. Nathan Chatterley has returned to the U.S. from an overseas forward-deployed location where the soldier participated in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Operation Enduring Freedom is the official name given to anti-terrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Reserve component members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces have been mobilized, activated, and deployed to support the war against global terrorism outside the borders of the United

States. U.S. troops serve in Southwest Asia, the Arabian Peninsula, islands in the Pacific, and Europe.

Chatterley is a petroleum supply specialist normally assigned to the 854th Quartermaster Company, Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. He has more than two years of military service.

The sergeant is the son of Crisly Christen of Preston, Idaho. His wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Rusty and Monnie Reid of Muenster.

Chatterley is a 2002 graduate of Franklin County High School, Preston.

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Local cultural arts winners named for CEEC

The Cooke Extension Education Council met April 13 at Stanford House in Gainesville. Mary Wambaugh, chairman, called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the U.S. flag. The inspiration "A Day Worthwhile" was given by Harriet Scoggins.

Secretary Clara Ball called the roll of clubs. Sivells Bend and Woodbine had the program "Preparing for the Unexpected" by Angel Walls, CEA-FCS. Liberty Belles had a program on "Landscape Horticulture" given by Doug Robison. Callisburg did a Craft at their meeting. Ross Point had a program on "Memories and Scrapbooking." Town and Country members made Easter Eggs with sugar and water and decorated them with icing and flowers. Downward-Fairplains did not meet.

A report on the District Conference on April 6, hosted by Rains and Van Zandt Counties, was given by Wilma Richardson, one of the delegates. Guest speaker was Mary Massey. Her presentation was "Piecing the Past to the Future." Her collection of

quilts was very interesting. A letter was read from Shirley Weems, another delegate, who was unable to attend Council.

Mary Wambaugh was elected district chairman to serve on the State Board. She informed Council she was declining this position in order to continue her Education in Cooke County. The 2005 Spring Conference will be hosted by Dallas and Tarrant Counties at the District Extension Center in Plano.

Linda Becker, Harriet Scoggins, Mary Wambaugh and Karen Endres have been working on the Brag Board. It will have a background of quilt blocks. Pictures and a narrative of the past year's Extension Education accomplishments will be on the board.

The Cultural Arts Retreat will be held May 4 and 5 at Lake Lavon hosted by Cooke and Grayson Counties. Cooke County Cultural Arts projects were judged by Phyllis Griffin and Carolyn Castleberry with results announced after the meeting adjourned. Projects from Cooke County going on to the Cultural Arts

Competition include:

Category 1 - Paintings and Drawings - First - Mary Dozier - Painting; Second - Treva Trigg - Painting

Category 2 - Photography First - Lisa Zoeller - 5 x 7 - Color - Serenity at Sunset; Second - Connie West - 4 x 6 - Color - Three Horses

Category 5 - Fabric Creations First - Clara Ball - Turkey Pin Cushion

Category 8 - Plastic Canvas First - Clara Ball - Coaster and Holder

Category 9 - Afghans, Tablecloths, Bedspreads First - Harriet Scoggins - Afghan

Category 15 - Wall Hangings First - Karer, Endres - Quilted Wall Hanging; Second - Gretchen Stiles - Hens in Kitchen

Category 17 - Craft Painting First - Jeannine Flusche - Old Mirror Grouched with Broken Plate

Category 19 - Holiday Decorations First - Wynell Nolen - Beaded Christmas Ornaments; Second - Stacie Miller - Box - Green Leaves and Red Rose

Category 20 - Recycled Items First - Stacie Miller - Uncle Sam; Second - Harriet Scoggins -

Decoupage Plate Using Old Tee Shirt

Phyllis Griffin, County Extension Agent-4HYD, gave a report on the Healthy Lifestyle Camp held at Chalmers School during Spring Break. She also thanked Council for sponsoring reserve champion rosettes, a Youth Fair add on for a rabbit, and a silver tray for a 4-Her in the home economics division.

Angel Walls, County Extension Agent-FCS, gave information on "Walk

Across Texas," Relay for Life, and the Type II Diabetes programs that she will be presenting on April 15 and April 22 at 1:30 p.m. It was announced that three E.E. clubs have adopted a County Road. Callisburg has adopted CR 262, Liberty Belles has adopted CR 205, and Woodbine has adopted CR 211.

The annual May social will be a "Ladies Spring Round-Up" hosted by Ross Point Club in their community center. It will be Thursday, May 13 at 6:30

p.m. Dress is western. For more information, call Wilma Richardson 768-2268, or Anna Kirk 768-2798 or 768-2791.

Cooke Extension Education welcomes three new members - Mary Johns, Callisburg; June Bartush, Town & Country; and Donna Stallings, Ross Point.

Council will meet on June 8 with Woodbine as hosts. Delegates will be elected for the State Conference, September 21-23, in Abilene.

Stories on old buildings sought

By Martha McCool

Gainesville has lots of untold stories that go as far back as the early days of our country. Most of these stories from the old west connected with Gainesville will indeed grab the attention of every age group.

The many stories and photographs that bring the rich and vibrant history of Gainesville and its downtown area back to life (being researched by Shana

Powell) will eventually evolve into storybook displays (a different storybook for each historic building).

During her power-point presentation to the Gainesville Lions Club, Powell shared lots of interesting stories that went along with the photographs projected. Included in her presentation was a scene of troops marching past the Tyler & Simpson Building during World War II; a photograph of the Plaza Theater, a photo of people from ninety years ago gathered in front of Duke & Ayers and the Manhattan Clothiers, among others.

According to Main Street Director Debbie Faulkner, it is hoped that this will create an informative walking tour for both tourists visiting the area

and local residents as they stroll through town.

The plan is to place an identifying plaque on the outside of each building; a storybook will be erected letting people know that it is a participant in the program. An accompanying brochure is also being planned.

With the help of the community, Morton Museum Curator Shana Powell is hoping to locate more photographs of historical buildings located within the downtown area, and she would also love to gather more stories about the lives of previous generations that lived in this area. Powell may be contacted at the Morton Museum of Cooke County (940) 668-8900.

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Classes meet once a week for two hours and normally run from four to six weeks long. Summer classes are a great way for teachers to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) during the summer break. Eight to 12

hours of CEU credit can be earned for each course. The computer classes are also popular among senior citizens, due to the small class sizes and individual attention.

If you are interested in enrolling in classes, contact North Central Texas College at 940-668-4272 or stop by the NCTC Gainesville campus. You may pick up a printed schedule of classes at the NCTC campus or view course listings online at www.nctc.edu > Continuing Education > Summer 2004 classes.

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Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fruit, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, fruit, peach cobbler.

Thurs. - Chicken pot pie, lettuce salad w/dressing, fruit, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, French fries, applesauce, ice cream.

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Lasagna, green beans, peaches, bread sticks.

Tues. - Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, onions, pickles, jello.

Wed. - Sausage, sauerkraut, corn, mashed potatoes, cinnamon rolls.

Thurs. - Oven fried chicken, potatoes w/gravy, carrots, pudding, bread.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream sandwich.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Cheese enchilada w/chili sauce, beans, salad, mixed fruit, bread.

Tues. - Turkey sandwich, fries, lettuce, pickles, peaches.

Wed. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, peas, salad, pears, batterbread.

Thurs. - Chicken sandwich, lettuce, pickles, fries, ice cream.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, breadstick.

Tues. - Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, fruit mix, hot roll.

Wed. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, sugar cookie.

Thurs. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Fri. - No school.

Tickets now available for SHHS All Awards Banquet

Sacred Heart High School's All Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center. It is sponsored by Sacred Heart Alumni and Supporters for the purpose of bestowing academic and athletic awards to honor the achievement of students during the past school year. The awards ceremony will follow a meal.

Tickets are \$6.50 and the deadline for purchasing them is Friday, May 14. They are available at the high school office.

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Muenster High School students advancing to the UIL State Academic Meet are, from left, Clint Miller, Megan Felderhoff, Derek Felderhoff, Kristen Hess, Sean Fuhrmann, Whitney Watson, A.J. Fleitman, Rachel Clark, Gage Gilliland, Adam Vinson, and not pictured, Melinda Walterscheid. Check next week's paper for regional results. Janie Hartman photo



In the spring, Sacred Heart sixth graders work on a project in which they gather, identify, and research wildflowers. To assist in their research, students went on a field trip to the Thompson Wildflower Foundation near Forestburg. They joined Gainesville gifted students in a program sponsored by the Foundation along with NCTC college instructors, Lisa Bellows (pictured) and Sara Flusche. Courtesy photo



Rebekah Hesse demonstrates how temperature can create a vacuum as Ryan Felderhoff, Matt Hesse, Jordan Henschel, Victoria Endres, and Megan Hesse watch along with Preschoolers. Courtesy photo

MISD awards banquet tickets on sale now

The Muenster ISD High School Awards Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. Tickets are required and the cost is \$6 per person. Contact Barbie Barnhill at home, 759-4865; school, 759-2282 ext. 607. Tickets must be purchased before May 10.

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The Sacred Heart Kindergarten Class is shown working on math. Courtesy photo

Museum of Science and History offers journey into homes around the world

People live in all kinds of houses - large houses, portable houses, stilt houses, apartments, houseboats. *Your House, My House*, a new traveling exhibit opening May 22 at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, opens the door to houses around the world and presents a hands-on look at their different characteristics and inhabitants. The "My House" area of the exhibit invites children into three model homes: a Mongolian herder's ger, an mbure from the tropics of Fiji, and a stilt house from a Malaysian fishing village. Fun activities help children

make connections between these exotic houses and their own.

Children can play the role of the architect in "Design Center" by drawing their dream house or building a house through a specially designed computer program. "Build Your Own" provides materials for building miniature house models.

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History will host *Your House, My House* through Sept. 12 for more information call 817/255-9300 or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org.



Sacred Heart teacher Annette Bayer and student Grant Springer during Book Sharing time. Courtesy photo

Area Happenings

FUN DAY IN NOCONA

The 11th Annual Fun Day, sponsored by the Nocona Cemetery Association will be held Saturday, May 15. Downtown Nocona will be the scene for this event with arts and crafts booths, food to enjoy, and fun for the whole family.

Booth space is available with a 10x10 space for only \$15. For more information contact the Nocona Chamber of Commerce at 940-825-3526 or the Nocona Cemetery Association, Box 581, Nocona, TX 76255.



Three Muenster ISD students placed in the NCTC Art Show of 2004. William Chapman (center front) received the Best of Show Award in the school age division and first place in the Gainesville Area Arts Visual Arts Council (GAVA). Amber Fuhrmann (second from right, front) placed second from GAVA and Crystal Fuhrmann (far right, front) received an honorable mention. Other students competing were, from left, James Fanning, Micah Flusche, Chase Cain, Lana Fisher, Megan Felderhoff, Sandy Endres, Rachel Clark, Daniel Russell, and Bridgette Klement. Janie Hartman photo

Contest winners honored

William Chapman, Judith Smith, and Mark Wright topped the list of winners in this year's annual North Central Texas College Art Show which concluded Friday, April 30 with a formal awards presentation ceremony.

"It was an exceptionally successful show," commented Dr. Scott Robinson, show director and NCTC art program coordinator. "By restricting our entries somewhat this year, we definitely focused on quality rather than quantity, and I definitely think that showed in the exhibition."

"Every year I'm amazed by the wealth of talent in our area. More than just a few of the pieces in this show were truly outstanding."

Chapman, a student at Muenster High School, took "Best of Show" honors in the school-age division for his painting "Pasture Scene." An oil landscape titled "Kansas" won "Best of Show" in the adult non-student division for Judith

Smith of Nocona, and the top award in the college division went to NCTC student Mark Wright of Fort Worth for his haunting mixed media work "Self Portrait #3."

Wright's award for top college entry was sponsored again this year by Gainesville Visual Arts, Inc. (GAVA). The organization also gives cash awards to all first, second, and third place winners by grade level in the school-age division.

Cash awards for all first place winners in the various grade levels of the school-age division also are given by the Cooke County Arts Council. The NCTC Art Department provides cash awards in many categories in addition to ribbons, certificates, and plaques.

Other top award winners included Amber Fuhrmann from Muenster High School, whose painting "Dry Cows" won the Westbrook Award, a new award established last year by Gainesville veterinarian and artist Dr. Cindy Westbrook. It is awarded to the entries

which "best illustrate and encourage a love of animals."

Division winners included Muenster and Lindsay: **SCHOOL AGE DIVISION** Grades 6-8: 1. Kimberly Schumacher, Lindsay; Grades 9-10: 1. William Chapman, Muenster HS; 2. Amber Fuhrmann, Muenster HS. **COLLEGE DIVISION** 2. Katie Eberhart, Lindsay.

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Sports

Sacred Heart High tracksters take District

The Sacred Heart Tigers and Tigerettes both brought home District Championship trophies Tuesday, April 27 after winning the Class AA, District 1, TAPPS Track and Field Meet in Abilene.

The Tigers dominated the event, earning 17 gold medals on their way to capturing 1st place with 210 points. Irving the Highlands finished in 2nd place with 90 points out of the 11 schools competing.

The Tigerettes brought home six gold and 14 silver medals, earning 171 points for the championship. Abilene Christian came in 2nd place with 126 points.

Sacred Heart advances to the State TAPPS meet to be held May 7 - 8 at Baylor University in Waco.

Sacred Heart District results are as follows:

GIRLS DIVISION

High Jump: 6, Joelle Fuhrmann, 4' 4".
Long Jump: 1, Kate Sepanski, 15' 3"; 2, Brittany White, 15' 1"; 4, Jacqueline Bauer, 14' 8".

Fuhrmann, Jacqueline Bauer, 1:55.56.
400m Dash: 6, Shannon Hartman, 1:13.50.
300m Hurdles: 1, Brittany White, 50.63; 3, Lisa Endres, 54.46.
200m Dash: 5, Whitney Wimmer, 29.40.
1600m Run: 1, Paige White, 6:14.04; 4, Diana Knabe, 6:33.84.
1600m Relay: 2, Brittany White, Joelle Fuhrmann, Jacqueline Bauer, Kate Sepanski, 4:28.28.
BOYS DIVISION
High Jump: 4, Jared Zimmerer, 5' 6".
Pole Vault: 1, Kevin Walterscheid, 10' 6".
Long Jump: 1, Paul Bartush, 19' 1.25"; 4, Jordan Smith, 17' 6".
Triple Jump: 1, Paul Bartush, 37' 2.75"; 4, Jordan Smith, 36' 3"; 6, Travis Hess, 35' 1".



Charlotte Bartush in the 800m run. Courtesy photo

Triple Jump: 1, Kate Sepanski, 32' 1.25"; 3, Sarah Whitecotton, 29' 3.75".
Shot Put: 4, Jacqueline Bauer, 28' 1.5".
Discus: 3, Sarah Whitecotton, 92' 2".
3200m Run: 1, Paige White, 13:31; 3, Diana Knabe, 14:18.
400m Relay: 2, Kate Sepanski, Sarah Whitecotton, Joelle Fuhrmann, Jacqueline Bauer, 52.63.
800m Run: 1, Charlotte Bartush, 2:35.54; 4, Taylor Torcellini, 2:50.75.
100m Hurdles: 2, Brittany White, 15:50; 5, Kristen Miller, 19:30; 6, Lisa Endres, 19:34.
800m Relay: 2, Kate Sepanski, Sarah Whitecotton, Joelle



Running the final stretch of the 400m race is Adam Dangelmayr. Courtesy photo

Shot Put: 1, Adam Krahl, 45' 1.5"; 3, Clayton Truesenbach, 42' 3"; 6, Arlie Bayer, 33' 8.5".
Discus: 1, Clayton Truesenbach, 128' 6"; 2, Kevin Walterscheid, 126' 7"; 4, Arlie Bayer, 106' 6".
300m Hurdles: 1, Kevin Walterscheid, 44.40; 5, Jon Ambrose, 48.97.
1600m Run: 2, Jordan Smith, 5:15.71; 5, Tim Otto, 5:35.47.
1600m Relay: 1, Paul Bartush, Chris Hoedebeck, Aaron Krahl, Kevin Walterscheid, 3:40.61.
3200m Run: 1, Jordan Smith, 11:46.4; 4, Mark Fleitman, 12:34; 5, Mark Gehrig, 13:13.
400m Relay: 1, Aaron Krahl, Paul Bartush, Chris Hoedebeck, Jon Ambrose, 45.26.
800m Run: 1, Andy Davis, 2:07.90.
110m Hurdles: 1, Travis Hess, 18.23; 2, Jon Ambrose, 18.50.
800m Relay: 3, Paul Bartush, Chris Hoedebeck, Aaron Krahl, Kevin Walterscheid, 1:35.53.



Taking a long jump at district is Kate Sepanski. Courtesy photo



Sarah Whitecotton winds down for the discus throw. Courtesy photo



Tigerette Diana Knabe competing at the TAPPS district meet. Courtesy photo

Basketball camp

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Tigers running the 800m race in Abilene were Andy Davis and Timothy Otto. Courtesy photo

Sleepover at the ballpark with the Texas Rangers

The Texas Rangers announce the second Field of Dreams Sleepover at The Ballpark in Arlington. The sleepover will begin Saturday, May 15, at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until Sunday, at 10 a.m.

The Rangers have put together a jam-packed evening that will let kids ages 5-18 and adults (big kids at heart) feel what it's like to be a Major League Baseball player! Participants will run the bases, warm up in the bullpen, and take some swings in the batting cages. Private tours of the Legends of the Game Baseball Museum and The Ballpark in Arlington will be offered throughout the evening. Dinner is provided, and sleepover participants will also be able to choose their favorite Ballpark fare from concession stands open just for them. The evening will wind down as the major league hopefuls unroll their sleeping bag in the outfield, watch a movie on the newly installed video board, and camp out under the stars!

The \$125 cost per adult and \$99 per child includes all activities, free games in the Coca-Cola Sports Park, dinner, breakfast, a T-Shirt, and a goody bag.

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State Bound! Heading to Austin to compete in the UIL State Track and Field Meet are Muenster Lady Hornets, from left, Alisha Walterscheid, Robyn Hermes, Brooke Endres, Jacé Koelzer, JoAnna Felderhoff, Kallie Gertsberger, Kristen Hess and Stevie Klement. Janie Hartman photo

Lady Hornets track team runs to state meet in Austin

The Muenster Lady Hornets might have fallen one point short to Albany in the Regional Track & Field team title, but they didn't go home with tears in their eyes. Instead MHS took home four gold medals and five silver medals and will send six entries to this year's State Track & Field Meet to be held on Saturday, May 15 at Mike Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Brooke Endres will lead the Lady Hornets into the land of the burnt orange as she qualified in three events. Brooke won the 100m hurdles (15.63), finished second in the 300m hurdles (48.51), and anchored the second place finishing 1600m relay team (4:16.62). Endres also claimed fourth place in the pole vault (8'6").

"Jacé Koelzer recovered like the champion she is," commented Coach Jeff Presnall, after Jacé fell in the prelims of the 100m hurdles. The talented sophomore claimed two tickets to Austin by winning the 100m dash (12.79) and the 300m hurdles (47.45). Jacé also destroyed the school record in the 300m hurdles in the prelims with a time of 46.28, and finished fourth in the long jump (16'8").

Junior distance runner Kallie Gertsberger turned in the most motivating performance of the meet with her start to finish

victory in the 1600m run. Coach Presnall noted, "She'll never hold that pace" comments could be heard throughout the stands, but Kallie proved everyone wrong as she sprinted to first place (5:34.12) and the gold medal! Gertsberger also placed fifth in the 3200m run with an exceptional time of 12:24.

The Lady Hornets had one last goal to meet in the final event of the meet; qualify for state in the mile relay. "Ranked fifth coming into the finals, the girls knew they would have to not only run their best, but also fight the wind and unseasonably cold temperatures, Presnall said. "The combination of Stevie Klement, Alisha Walterscheid, JoAnna Felderhoff, and Brooke Endres fought hard and dug deep to claim the silver medal and a trip to the most prestigious meet in the state."

Also competing in Abilene at the Regional meet for Muenster were Robyn Hermes, Alisha Walterscheid, Kristen Hess, and Sandy Endres in the 800m relay (1:51.58). Abby Endres was inspiring in the pole vault; Whitney Watson just missed the finals in the 300m hurdles; and Jenna Felderhoff ran in the 3200m run.

The Lady Hornets will compete in Austin between 12:00 noon and 3:30 pm on Saturday, May 15.



Running in this year's Fun Run were: above Sandra Reeves followed by Andy White (in his first Fun Run); below left, Anne Hesse; and below right, Zachary White. Courtesy photos



WOMEN'S 5K
Overall: 1, Shelia Natho, 19:12; 2, Chelsea Hermes, 19:56; 3, Kelly Laughlin, 20:30; 4, Donna Peacock, 20:56; 5, Jami Gerstberger, 22:28; 6, Trudi Henry, 22:40.
Age group 0-9: 1, Michelle Sicking, 26:44; 2, Kaitlin Hesse, 28:52; 3, Dally Freidrich, 29:57; 4, Devan Henry, 30:39; 5, Amber Walterscheid, 32:40; 6, Shelby Dangelmayr, 34:18.
Age group 10-13: 1, Aubrey Briscoe, 23:50; 2, Rashae Dangelmayr, 25:55; 3, Kristin LeBrasseur, 25:56; 4, Angela Rabalais, 26:56; 5, Megan McCullough, 27:00; 6, Raynee Hogan, 27:45.
Age group 14-19: 1, Chelsea Hermes, 19:56; 2, Jami Gerstberger, 22:28; 3, Jacque Bezner, 25:37; 4, Kelly Schumacher, 26:19; 5, Cassie Hale, 27:12; 6, Whitney Rhodes, 28:03.
Age group 20-24: 1, Caitlyn Carson, 24:29; 2, Kristen Knaf, 25:55; 3, Andrea Grangruth, 25:56; 4, Lacie Holt, 26:12; 5, Allison Endres, 26:15; 6, Laurie Boaz, 30:57.
Age group 25-29: 1, Kelly Laughlin, 20:33; 2, Trudi Henry, 22:40; 3, Mistee Reiter, 26:48; 4, Sherrie Evans, 27:04; 5, Kim Budish, 27:14; 6, Alison Nehlas, 27:52.
Age group 30-34: 1, A.J. O'Neal, 23:13; 2, Leanna Jones, 23:27; 3, Noelle Henry, 24:04; 4, Lisa King, 26:10; 5, Vicki Eldridge, 26:28; 6, Korey Burdett, 26:41.
Age group 35-39: 1, Shelia Natho, 19:12; 2, Anne Hesse, 23:32; 3, Janet Wood, 24:05; 4, Susan Koch, 24:08; 5, Elaine Smith, 24:18; 6, Emily Harrington, 25:35.
Age group 40-44: 1, Donna Peacock, 20:56; 2, Katie Walterscheid, 22:53; 3, Susan Lira, 23:37; 4, Lisa Dana, 24:14; 5, Julie Steelman, 25:17; 6, Carol Kirby, 28:16.
Age group 45-49: 1, Jeanne Leatherwood, 26:20; 2, Debbie Tressa, 26:25; 3, Anita Comley, 26:34; 4, Margaret Stuber, 26:57; 5, Danita Harston, 26:58; 6, Marlene Vaccarella, 28:02.
Age group 50-54: 1, Darlene Hess, 25:21; 2, Linda Boggs, 28:37; 3, Joni Sturm, 30:42; 4, Cindy Dodds, 31:09; 5, Janie Roy, 32:21; 6, Barbara Bezner, 33:32.
Age group 55-59: 1, Judy Hoberer, 36:30; 2, Glenda Lappe, 39:00; 3, Pauline Leach, 43:31; 4, Alice Raml, 47:05; 5, Susan Sportsman, 47:05; 6, Diane Curb, 50:48.
Age group 60-69: 1, Martha Campbell, 29:36; 2, Mary Birden, 36:43; 3, Pat Schier, 40:19; 4, Polly Huffman, 42:13; 5, Georgia Blackburn, 46:42; 6, Judy Holtmyer, 50:37.

WOMEN'S 15K
Overall: 1, Frances McKissick, 1:03:13; 2, Paula Piazza, 1:09:41; 3, Pollyann Keller, 1:13:37; 4, Shelley Klement, 1:14:45; 5, Sara Parrish, 1:15:32; 6, Kim Dennis, 1:15:37.
Age group 0-13: N/A.
Age group 14-19: 1, Kallie Gerstberger, 1:18:37; 2, Victoria Epperson, 1:26:17.
Age group 20-24: 1, Carly Hale, 1:16:58; 2, Kacie Garcia, 1:21:32; 3, Becky Willoughby, 1:23:26; 4, Karris Rohmer, 1:28:19; 5, Jessica McCool, 1:35:29.
Age group 25-29: 1, Shelley Klement, 1:14:45; 2, Tina O'Brien, 1:23:49; 3, Tennifer Mertins, 1:24:41; 4, Angela Earle, 1:26:54; 5, Susie Belle Spillman, 1:30:00; 6, Lisa Miller, 1:38:18.
Age group 30-34: 1, Pollyann Keller, 1:13:37; 2, Misty Leafman, 1:23:35; 3, Julie Buxton, 1:26:48; 4, Brandi Cluff, 1:34:53; 5, Lori Speaker, 1:38:30.
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Age group 50-54: 1, Kim Dennis, 1:15:37; 2, Linda Anthony, 1:27:25; 3, Audrey Robinson, 1:45:24.
Age group 55-59: 1, Marisa, 1:20:31; 2, Dee Kaminski, 1:37:08.
Age group 60-69: 1, Emily Speaker, 1:43:12; 2, Betty Forsvall, 1:47:22.
MEN'S 5K
Overall: 1, Gurt Befoch, 17:08; 2, Logan Bowman, 17:42; 3, Bryan Mote, 17:46; 4, Michael Pushar, 17:52; 5, Ricardo Medina, 17:57; 6, Michael Centorani, 18:00.
Age group 0-9: 1, Jacob Young, 24:04; 2, Hunter Klement, 24:28; 3, Carson Vicroy, 24:38; 4, John Centorani, 26:45; 5, Hayden Harold, 27:00; 6, Logan Trachta, 30:34.
Age group 10-13: 1, Ryan Davis, 20:00; 2, Joshua Copeland, 20:19; 3, Ryan Wallace, 21:10; 4, Richie Sweeney, 21:11; 5, Juan Lopez, 21:21; 6, Tanner Herr, 22:26.
Age group 14-19: 1, Gurt Befoch, 17:08; 2, Logan Bowman, 17:42; 3, Bryan Mote, 17:46; 4, Michael Pushar, 17:52; 5, Ricardo Medina, 17:57; 6, Grant Joergel, 18:38.
Age group 20-24: 1, Jeff Bezner, 21:13; 2, Robert Soesheer, 21:48; 3, Shane Pettit, 21:50; 4, Jeremy Dunn, 22:08; 5, Greg Golder, 27:38; 6, Blake Lesch, 29:49.
Age group 25-29: 1, George Lutkenhaus, 19:48; 2, Michael Hundt, 20:39; 3, Matthew Broyles, 23:32; 4, Michael Gehrig, 24:24; 5, Andrew Sims, 24:45; 6, Heath Degrast, 26:39.
Age group 30-34: 1, Yancy Culp, 18:49; 2, Will Henry, 20:49; 3, R.N. 21:39; 4, Michael Bierschenk, 22:01; 5, Jim Stafford, 22:07; 6, Helmut Koelzer, 22:09.
Age group 35-39: 1, Jeff Blalock, 19:40; 2, M. Nusy, 20:12; 3, Aaron Pettigrew, 21:02; 4, Drew Ricketts, 21:25; 5, Neil Hesse, 21:44; 6, Will Andrews, 22:34.
Age group 40-44: 1, Mike Centorani, 18:00; 2, Crave Murphy, 19:55; 3, Cody Garcia, 20:52; 4, Bart Wolf, 20:53; 5, Steve Hopson, 21:14; 6, Kevin Sebade, 22:53.
Age group 45-49: 1, Frank Aleman, 18:46; 2, Bill Horton, 19:28; 3, Jaun Castillo, 19:41; 4, John S. Bartsch, 21:23; 5, Robert Rayner, 21:05; 6, Paul Cull, 22:36.
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Age group 55-59: 1, John Ross, 20:20; 2, Scott McKissick, 20:44; 3, John Nance, 21:33; 4, L.E. Magic, 21:53; 5, Bob Willmot, 21:59; 6, Donnie Willis, 25:37.
Age group 60-69: 1, Adrian Cheong, 22:56; 2, Arthur Ricketts, 23:51; 3, Billy Toy, 25:00; 4, Bill Thomas, 25:36; 5, Keith Hummer, 25:52; 6, Trey Groshwaite, 26:29.
Age group 70-74: 1, Jim Conrad, 27:16; 2, Ed Mote, 34:38; 3, John Holladay, 37:08; 4, Harry Scoggins, 37:17.
Age group 75+: 1, Benedict Miller, 20:58; 2, Ted Brewer, 32:45.
MEN'S 15K
Overall: 1, Dave Ray, 52:40; 2, Rodolfo Robledo, 55:55; 3, Ezekiel Rocha, 57:32; 4, Steve Sloan, 58:28; 5, Agustia Ortiz, 59:02; 6, Jon Korte, 1:00:50.
Age group 0-13: N/A.
Age group 14-19: N/A.
Age group 20-24: N/A.



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Age group 30-34: 1, Steve Sloan, 5:28; 2, Hector Delgado, 1:01:52; 3, Jose Luiz Loyola, 1:03:15; 4, Brian Flowers, 1:16:08.
Age group 35-39: 1, Dave Ray, 5:24; 2, Ezekial Rocha, 57:32; 3, Jon Korte, 1:00:50; 4, Sean Fleskes, 1:01:58; 5, Todd Reynolds, 1:02:57; 6, Paul Grindell, 1:07:54.
Age group 40-44: 1, Agustia Ortiz, 5:02; 2, David Cabral, 1:04:21; 3, Christopher Kosch, 1:05:07; 4, Tony Perkins, 1:06:20; 5, Randall Dergan, 1:07:39; 6, Mark Sparks, 1:08:16.
Age group 45-49: 1, Dennis Cumble, 1:00:59; 2, David Potter, 1:01:46; 3, Mike Mote, 1:02:32; 4, Ernie Ozuna, 1:02:50; 5, Elio Ortiz, 1:08:22; 6, Roger Hale, 1:20:47.
Age group 50-54: 1, Bud Wilder, 1:01:43; 2, Elio Ortega, 1:04:14; 3, Robert Bates, 1:09:21; 4, Gerald Stuber, 1:16:17; 5, William Wilson, 1:21:15; 6, Dan Campbell, 1:25:05.
Age group 55-59: 1, Larnie Fahrevdorff, 1:05:14; 2, David Cromer, 1:06:20; 3, Thomas Byvo, 1:12:50; 4, Bobby Milan, 1:12:55; 5, Dave Teichman, 1:17:27; 6, Alan Davis, 1:18:23.
Age group 60-69: 1, Bill Blackburn, 1:08:19; 2, Kimble Howard, 1:18:55; 3, Bob Freeman, 1:20:04; 4, Frank McGinty, 1:21:04; 5, Jack Keefe, 1:15:04; 6, Charles Clinan, 1:26:59.
Age group 70+: 1, Lowell Bolle, 1:40:32; 2, Murray Forsvall, 1:53:41.

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Free telephones for the hearing impaired

By Martha McCool
Your telephone is a lifeline when you need help. Although some consider the telephone strictly a social experience, my Dad and others do not! And the State of Texas agrees...they recognize the telephone as an important safety tool for individuals who prefer to remain independent in their homes.
Noting that Lions Clubs have now incorporated hearing as part of their service project along with eyesight, Lions Club member Al Martin (of Cooke County) introduced guest speaker Nancy Truett, a representative of the Special Telecommunications Assistance Program (STAP) for the tri-county areas of Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties.
Truett also stated that specialized telephones for the hearing impaired are available free of charge for

all Texas residents (regardless of one's income level).
Here's how it works: The TCDHH, through STAP, provides a voucher to eligible individuals that may be exchanged for specialized telephone equipment or services. Contact Truett at (903) 813-3568 or write to the TCDHH at P.O. Box 12607, Austin, TX 78711 for an application form.
Truett described some examples of available telephone equipment that enhance the quality of life for the hearing impaired: The Signaler system connects to telephone lines so that a lamp flashes on and off when the phone rings;
The Voice Carry-Over telephone (VCO) is used by persons who can speak but not hear on a standard telephone; TTY is a text telephone used by persons

who have difficulty speaking and/or hearing on a standard telephone.
An In-Line Amplifier is one of a variety of products to increase telephone volume.
There is even special equipment available to assist persons who have difficulty lifting, holding, or dialing a phone. There is a very large array of resources and equipment for people with hearing loss, and products for the visually impaired. Two of the many catalogues available are: Teltext Sales and Service, 404 E. 13th Ave., N. Kansas City, MO 64116; VTTY Toll Free (888)-515-8120; Tel: (816)-221-6316; FAX: (816)-221-6830; [info@teltextinc.com](http://www.teltextinc.com); www.teltextinc.com.
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In addition, the public is encouraged to take advantage of a variety of programs offered by Texoma Council of Governments (funded by the Texas Department on Aging). Dial 2-1-1 if you need assistance in finding help. Professionally trained consultants are available to assist persons to "navigate" the maze of social service organizations and agencies that are available. This service is available 24 hours, seven days a week. Truett added that those living outside of the area or in another state, may obtain the appropriate information for their community at www.tedpa.org, a website that shows what the different states offer.

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assessment study, cost projections, facilities needs, staffing needs and other considerations.
Approved the appointment of a slate of election judges and of members of an early voting ballot board for the upcoming May 15 Board of Regents election.
Approved the changing of the date of the regular May board meeting to May 24 to accommodate the statutory schedule for canvassing of election returns.

Farm & Ranch

COOL demanded by 126 organizations in the nation

Texas Farmers Union (TFU) President Wes Sims stated, that T.F.U. and a coalition of 125 other agriculture and consumer groups, "Americans for Country of Origin Labeling (ACOL)", continue their commitment to seeing COOL implemented on time for fruits, vegetables, peanuts, red meat, and fish. The coalition has sent letters to President Bush and Congress stating their support for COOL legislation passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in the 2002 farm bill.

The coalition letter commended President Bush

for his statements at the Twenty-first Century Forum held in Cleveland, Ohio where he stated the best products on any shelf in the world say, "Made in the U.S.A." The coalition supports the President's statement and mandatory COOL, which will give American consumers the opportunity to differentiate food products on grocery store shelves.

The coalition letter urged the U.S. House of Representatives to support legislation (H.R. 3993) that ensures COOL is implemented by September 30, as originally stated in the 2002 farm bill. This

legislation was introduced by Representatives Mary Bono, R-Calif. and Darlene Hooley, D-Ore.

"T.F.U. agrees that the USDA should follow the law as passed by Congress and its intent by requiring country of origin labeling on imported meat from foreign countries," said Sims. "The fiscal year 2005 omnibus appropriations bill included a provision, which delayed the implementation of COOL by two years on all commodities except fish. Therefore we support the Bono-Hooley legislation to reinstate the original deadline for implementation of COOL."

Specific exemption for use of Tilt secured by the TDA

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption to use Tilt fungicide (propiconazole) to control sorghum ergot on grain sorghum. The specific exemption allows the use of Tilt from April 27 to Dec. 31, 2004.

The specific exemption for Tilt, manufactured by Syngenta, applies to 168 grain sorghum-producing counties in Texas. All applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label for Tilt fungicide, as well as restrictions within the EPA approval notice, must be followed.

Applications should be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators, or by persons

under the direct supervision of licensed applicators. Applicators must have a copy of the Section 18 exemption notice before making any applications. Tilt may be used on a maximum of 300,000 acres of grain sorghum in Texas.

For more information, contact your county Texas Cooperative Extension office or TDA at 512-463-7544. A copy of the EPA Approval Notice is available on TDA's Web page at www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/exemptions/pes_tilt04.htm

Field day to focus on healthy rangelands

Unless rangeland is in a healthy condition, ranching profits and other services will be diminished. Uninformed decisions, coupled with past environmental vagaries, have led to deterioration in rangeland resources and a crisis in ranch profitability and health over much of Texas. Correct planning and management can reverse the downward spiral in rangeland health and improve economics.

Improved decision-making and management planning is a process of education and experience. Participatory assistance is part of that process where a group of ranchers pool their experience and knowledge and advise on management of the ranches of the involved members, helping with problem solving and supporting the successes and experiments of their neighbors.

The Richards Ranch, Jacksboro, has been managed holistically for over 25 years and is an example of how good range health, profitability and participatory assistance work together. The ranch will be sharing their knowledge and experience by hosting a field day for rangeland managers and others interested in rangeland resources, focusing on these issues and tools.

This learning activity will be held on Thursday, May 20, beginning with registration at 8:00 a.m. A variety of topics will be discussed during the day, including the need for planning, range health vs range condition, diagnosing cause and cure of weedy pastures, the role of livestock in rangeland recovery, and participatory assistance through grazing clubs. Recognized practitioner experts will address each topic.

The Richards Ranch is located just south of Jacksboro. For detailed directions to the ranch, refer to the ranch website at www.richardsranchtexas.com

If pre-registered by May 15, the registration fee is \$25/person or \$40/couple. Late registration is \$35/person (\$55/couple). Interested persons can pre-

register at 512-858-2761 or e-mail chrmoftx@earthlink.net listing names of those attending and contact information. A lunch will be served. For more information contact Dr. Richard Teague at 940-552-9941 or Peggy Jones at 512-858-2761.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Participation is limited so register early.

Participants are invited to stay over another day to learn more about why the Richards Ranch is so successful. Certified Educator Peggy Sechrist will offer a one-day workshop on the application of Holistic Management, titled, "How Did They Do It?" This workshop will focus on the achievements viewed during the Richards Ranch Field Day and provide instruction on the practices used to achieve their success. Topics will include goal formation, planning for profit, grazing planning and monitoring, and decision-making.

The "How Did They Do It?" Workshop will be held at the Richards Ranch 8:30a.m. - 5p.m., May 21. Registration is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple and includes lunch and handout materials. Contact Peggy Sechrist for additional information at 830-990-2529 or peggy@fbg.net or include this workshop when registering for the May 20 Field Day.

County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
CEA - AG/NR

Small Grain Tour 3 CEU Offered

Tuesday, May 11 marks the date for the annual Cooke County Small Grains Tour. This year's tour will begin at 8:30 in the morning just outside of Lindsay at the farm of Rudy Zimmerer. At that location there are two separate herbicide plots and a barley variety strip test. From there we will head to Muenster, to the County wheat plots and the Agri-pro grain plots. They are located on the West side of Ash Street, just North of Hwy 82. Finally, we will go to Muenster Milling Co., where Morrison Milling will give a short presentation on wheat quality.

Here are the directions to Rudy Zimmerer's farm. The farm is located 2 miles between Lindsay and Myra on CR 438. From U.S. Hwy. 82 go past the Catholic Church 1 block, then go West past the football field on CR 438 for 3 miles. The plots are right off of CR 438 near the bridge.

Temperamental Cattle Make Tough Steaks

New research shows a steer's bad attitude is linked to a low meat grade. The study is the first of its kind in the U.S. showing a strong correlation between steer temperament and meat tenderness. Research is collected by clocking how fast a steer leaves a handling chute and how it behaves in a holding pen. This has also been found true in calves.

Can Beef Traits Be Changed by Genetic Selection?

The U.S. Meat Animal Research Center studied genetic influence on carcass and meat attributes, using data from over 4000 steers collected over a period of 22 breeds, representing a wide range of both Bos taurus and Bos indicus. Heritability of marbling (0.46) and percent retail product (cutability, 0.59) indicated these two traits could be easily changed over time by selection of breeding stock. Heritability of taste-panel tenderness was lower (0.26) but still high enough to result in change through genetic

selection. However, heritability of flavor and juiciness was essentially zero (0.05 and 0.01, respectively), indicating little genetic variability for these traits, therefore little chance of change through genetic selection. (J. Animal Sci. 82:647)

National ID to Be Required?

Up to this point, the U.S. Animal Identification Plan has been just that, a plan that is strictly voluntary. However, Neil Hammerschmidt (USDA coordinator for animal ID) recently stated to the Animal Agriculture Alliance Stakeholders Summit that

USDA plans to institute the program voluntarily at first, then make it mandatory. There had been speculation by many that something of this sort would happen. Looks like the speculators were right.

Dates to Remember

May 6 - Prosper Experiment Station Wheat Field Day; 9 a.m. Prosper 3 CEU

May 10 - 13 AI and Palpation Training School, Gainesville, call (940) 665-4952

May 14 - Cooke County Small Grains Tour; Rudy Zimmerer Farm, 8:30 a.m. 3 CEU

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Ag Briefs

Strong economics in much of Asia and Japan should move U.S. farm exports to \$59 billion, assuming U.S. beef stays out of foreign markets in 2004.

Government payments are forecast at \$10.3 billion, the lowest since 1997, due to strong grain prices.

ATV class leaders by farmers: towing capacity - Polaris; payload capacity - Arctic Cat and Polaris; suspension travel - Arctic Cat; weight - Bombardier; ground clearance - Arctic Cat; turning - Polaris; fuel tank - Arctic Cat; wheel base - Arctic Cat and Bombardier.

Farmall tractor history: 1918 - experiments start on all-purpose tractor; 1920 - Farmall is first used by International Harvester Company; 1924 - production

begins, 200 gray tractors built and sold for \$825; 1926 - nearly 4,500 Farmalls sold this year; 1937 - gray dropped for red; 1939 - first of 390,000 Model Hs built; 1973 - last year the Farmall name used. Over 5 million Farmalls are sold.

Cattle marketing methods: auctions 42.8%; direct or private treaty 32.2%; retained ownership 16.5%; video sales 7.3%; and internet 1%.

The USDA's annual cattle inventory report listed the total cattle inventory at 94.9 million head, the lowest level since 1959.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service estimated the 2003 calf crop at 37.9 million head, the lowest since 1951.

Legislation to change the definition of "downer" cattle has been introduced by Montana Congressman Denny Rehberg. "Up to now, all the wrangling in Washington, over downer cattle has been at the hands of New York and Connecticut politicians who don't know which end of a cow to address," said Rehberg, a Billings-area rancher who sits on the House Ag Committee. Rehberg said his bill, which he calls the Consumer and Producer Protection Act, bans downer cows without hurting producers while also protecting consumer confidence in the food supply. The bill would change the definition to exclude animals that can't stand or walk because of "fatigue, stress, obdurator nerve paralysis, obesity, or one or more fractured appendages, severed tendons or ligaments, or dislocated joints."

—Office of Congressman Denny Rehberg

Estate planning seminar offered

The Texas Cooperative Extension will once again offer a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar, Aug. 4-5 at College Station. The event is structured to help ranchers learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that

affect passing their estates to their loved ones.

The registration fee is \$100, which includes materials, lunches, and refreshments. Forms are available from Sharon Wehring at 979-845-2226 or email s-wehring@tamu.edu.

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| <p>Feeder Steers (per lb.)</p> <p>200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.25-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.35; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.25-1.39; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.25; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.16-1.28; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-116; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.04-1.17; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-104; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 96-110; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-96; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 90-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-90.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.)</p> <p>200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.25-1.45; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.25; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.10; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.14; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-105; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 98-106; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-98; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 93-104; Nos. 2 & 3, 78-93; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 85-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-85.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)</p> <p>Grade 1-2, 1.00-2.00 lbs. 62-7650 Slaughter Cows #1-3, 52-57; Cutter, 40-52.</p> | <p>Stocker Cows (per head)</p> <p>200-300 lbs. No. 1, 980-1,000; Large Frame, \$800-\$930; Medium Frame \$600-\$800.</p> <p>Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$900-\$1260; Medium Frame: \$700-\$900.</p> <p>Holstein Baby Calves 560-96; 120: Crossbreds \$125-\$310.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)</p> <p>US #1, 230-270: 52-56; US #2, 220-260: 45-52.</p> <p>Feeders (per head):</p> <p>100-175 lbs. \$40-\$85; 25-90 lbs. \$25-\$40.</p> <p>Billsies (per head)</p> <p>120 lbs-up</p> <p>Breeders: \$65-\$125; Slaughter: \$65-\$100.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head):</p> <p>1/2 - Nanny: NT; 3/4 - Nanny: \$65-\$95; Full Nanny: \$85-\$135.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head):</p> <p>1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: \$60-\$125.</p> | <p>Ewes (per lb.)</p> <p>Stocker: 45-55; Thin: 20-35; Fat: 35-45.</p> <p>Bucks (per lb.)</p> <p>Thin: 35-45; Fat: 35-40.</p> <p>Barbados (per head)</p> <p>Lambs: \$20-\$55; Ewes: \$30-\$60; Bucks: \$50-\$120.</p> <p>Kids (per head)</p> <p>20-35 lbs. \$25-\$55; 35-55 lbs. \$30-\$65; 55-75 lbs. \$50-\$80; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs. \$75-\$110.</p> <p>Nannies (per head)</p> <p>Stocker: \$50-\$125; Milk Type: \$50-\$125; Slaughter: Thin \$25-\$60, Fat \$55-\$95.</p> |
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