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Hall presents Eagle Rank to three Muenster Scouts

By Dave Fette

In an Aug. 3 ceremony at Sacred Heart Church three Muenster Boy Scouts were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. The award was presented by US Congressman Ralph Hall to Daniel Bartush, son of Chuck and June Bartush; Karl Fisher, son of Gary and Marlene Fisher, and Jack Biffle, son of Jim and Donna Biffle. Assisting Mr. Hall were past Eagle Scouts Marty Farrell, Mike Voth, Casey Walterscheid, and Eric Fisher.

Also participating in the ceremony were Scoutmaster Dwayne Rohmer, Committee Chairman Tom Valliere, Advancement Chairman Bill Rohmer, and Life Scout Ricky Bell.

Shirley Knabe presented the Mother's pins. Other participants included Scouts of Troop 664 Adam Dangelmayr, Mark Gehrig, Mike Valliere, and Brandon Bindel.

Daniel Jack and Karl have been in the Scouting program since the first grade as Tiger Cubs. The boys advanced to Arrow of Light under Cubmaster Shirley Knabe and Janet Voth. After bridging to Boy Scouts they were led by Scoutmasters Ernie Martin, David Fette, Gary Fisher, Chuck Bartush, and Dwayne Rohmer.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the



Daniel Bartush

home of Chuck and June Bartush.

Eagle Scouts have active role in Scout activities

The three recent Eagle recipients have spent many years working to achieve the honor.

Daniel Bartush held positions of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Historian, Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster.

His Eagle project was planning and planting trees at the new Muenster baseball park. Local scouts and Urban Forester Stick Lamar assisted in the project.

"I enjoyed being in the outdoors, learning new skills like first aid and rock climbing," remarked Bartush. "There was always something new to learn."

Daniel graduated from Sacred Heart High in May 2003 and will be attending college at Loyola University at New Orleans, Louisiana this fall.

Karl Fisher's life evolved around scouting activities and achievements for the past 12 years. Some of the highlights of his Scouting career include leadership roles as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Chaplain Aid and Quartermaster. He received his Arrow of Light, Parvulei Dei, Historic Trails, World Conservation. He made two trips to Philmont Scout Ranch, once in 1999 and the other in 2003.

Karl has actively participated in numerous community service projects through Scouting and school and assisted in several of his fellow Scouts Eagle projects.

In his own Eagle project, Karl provided an outdoor reading area for the Muenster Public Library. He constructed a brick-lined



Karl Fisher

cement pad and installed two decorative metal benches under a large shade tree just in front of the library.

Karl graduated from Muenster High School in May 2003 and will be attending Texas A&M University this fall. He has been accepted as an Environmental Design

major in the College of Architecture.

"I have learned in scouting what is important is worth working for," said Eagle Scout Jack Biffle.

Biffle maintained an active Scouting career along with his active school and sports activities. He held positions as Scribe, Senior Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. He was also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Highlights of his years in Scouts were his trip to Philmont, New Mexico and the local campouts that the troop attended. The trip to Colorado to prepare for Philmont was also especially memorable.

Jack's Eagle project was a contribution to Muenster history at the Muenster Museum. Jack and his assistants moved an antique pumping unit donated by John Walter to the Muenster Museum property. There they painted the unit and created the display.

Following a successful academic and sports career at Sacred Heart High School and graduation this May, Jack will be attending Texas A&M Commerce on a



Jack Biffle

golf scholarship. He plans on pursuing a major in business.

Part of Jack's plans for the future also includes a desire to be active in the Scouting life. "It takes a lot of volunteers and I am grateful to those who have helped me. There are lots of things to learn in life and Scouting is a good place to begin."

"Movies and Tunes" play Nocona

The Nocona Chamber of Commerce is presenting "Movies & Tunes" on Saturday, Aug. 23 at the City Park. The event features the full-length movie "The Trial of Old Drum" and a jam session with Charlie Pride's former lead guitarist, Ronnie Ray. The jam session is from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., with a break at dark for the movie.

The event is sponsored by the Nocona Country Music Association and is free to all who wish to perform or attend.

For more information contact Yvonne Fischer or Jackie Goldsmith at 940-825-3526.

Westervelt patrols for Muenster Police Dept.

By Janet Felderhoff

There is a new police officer working the streets of Muenster. Mitch Westervelt, age 30, began his duties in Muenster on July 27. After earning his certification from the Patrol Academy at UNT in October

"I enjoy being here," said Muenster's newest police officer. "For the most part Muenster is a police friendly community."

Westervelt admits he made the decision to enter police work on a whim. He talked to his wife about it and she encouraged him to pursue it. He said he has been happy ever since.

Although Westervelt knows that he would like to do drug intervention with the local kids, he isn't yet sure how he will go about achieving that goal. He said he is especially adamant about drug enforcement.

Besides being a police officer Mitch Westervelt holds a certification in fire fighting from New York State. He worked in there in that profession for three years. In October 2000 he was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician through Tarrant County College. Mitch joined the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department last January. This allows him to continue to use his training as a firefighter and EMT since the Muenster Fire Department serves as First Responders for the northwestern part of Cooke County.

Mitch was born and raised in Shawnee, Oklahoma,



Sacred Heart Principal Jon LeBrasseur, right, joins this year's Student Council officers to show off the traveling trophy for TAPPS 2A Overall Champs 2002-2003. The officers are, from left, Lynn Sicking, treasurer; Adam Taylor, 2nd vice-president; Kevin Walterscheid, president; Karen Gehrig, secretary; and Kate Sepanski, vice-president. Dave Fette photo

Sacred Heart High School wins TAPPS top school award for the 10th time

Sacred Heart High School has been awarded the Texas Association of Public and Private Schools (TAPPS) Class 2A Overall State Champions trophy for the 2002-2003 school year. Receiving the award for the seventh consecutive year, Sacred Heart has won the overall trophy more than any other school in any division. In addition to its Class 2A record, Sacred Heart won the Class 1A Overall State Champions trophy in 1992 through 1995.

Earning its ranking as the best of 83 TAPPS 2A private and parochial schools in the state of Texas by accruing the highest

number of total points in academics, art, music, and sports at the state level, Sacred Heart attained a myriad of state-level achievements: Girls' Cross Country State Championship, Fourth Place in Football, Fifth Place in Boys' Swimming, Girls' Basketball State Championship, Second Place in Vocal Music, Fifth Place in Academics, Boys' Golf State Championship, Boys' Track State Championship, Girls' Track State Championship, and Third Place in Softball.

With a total of 73 points, Sacred Heart overcame Gainesville State School in second place with 65

points. The race was close, but not as close as the preceding year, when the difference between the two schools' total was only one point. Adding to the excitement of the outcome was the friendship and friendly wager between former Sacred Heart principal Jack Murdock, Ph.D., and the principal of Sacred Heart of Hallettsville.

"We just had another phenomenal year this past year," observed Principal Jon LeBrasseur. "However, we can never take this championship for granted. There are a lot of great schools out there - more, and many getting stronger, all the time. We are so very

thankful for all the prayers and support of so many good people in this community and of our alumni everywhere that enable this school to do all the great things it does."

Chartered in 1978 as a service-type, non-profit organization, TAPPS serves over 35,000 students in grades nine through 12. Its purpose is "to organize, to stimulate, to encourage and to promote the academic, athletic and fine arts programs in an effort to foster a spirit of fair play, good fellowship, true sportsmanship and wholesome competition for boys and girls."

Submitted SHS PR Staff



Mitch Westervelt

of 2002, Westervelt was employed by the Nocona Police Department.

Westervelt moved to Muenster two years ago. He married Kellie Silmon. She has two daughters Kayla Otto and Jamie Salisbury. Mitch has a son, Derek.



The Sacred Heart Tiger quarterback was given extra time to get the pass away in a scrimmage with the Gunter Tigers Saturday morning. Sacred Heart will travel to Lindsay this Friday night for another practice session before regular action begins. Janie Hartman photo



The Muenster Hornets offensive line opened a big hole for the running back to get a good gain. Muenster hosted the Bulldogs of Alvord in a Saturday morning scrimmage and will host Gainesville State School this Friday night for another practice. Janie Hartman photo

English attends 2003 MDRT annual meeting

Wallace English earned the distinguished honor of attending the Million Dollar Round Table's (MDRT) 2003 Annual Meeting, June 22 to 25, at the Bally's/Paris hotels in Las Vegas, Nevada.

English, a local business leader, was among approximately 6,500 Round Table members, special guests and speakers from 61 nations who were in attendance.

During the prestigious four-day meeting, about 100 professional, non-member and MDRT member speakers discussed subjects of vital concern to those in the life insurance and financial services business. State-of-the-art life insurance and financial services concepts and methods of improving client service were among the

topics presented. Experts in such areas as estate planning, taxes, business and law shared their knowledge during intense workshops and morning general sessions.

MDRT is the premier association of financial professionals. An international, independent association of more than 28,000 of the world's best life insurance and financial services professionals from 74 nations and territories, MDRT members demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, strict ethical conduct and outstanding client service. MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of sales excellence in the life insurance and financial services business.



Rectory renovation Chairman Joe Bright (right) receives check from Chamber of Commerce President Alan Rohmer, (left). Fr. John Ohner, OSA, (center) congratulates both Rohmer & Bright on a successful benefit concert. Special thanks to sponsors: VFW, The Center Restaurant, Bayers Kolonialwaren, Sacred Heart Alumni, Muenster Jaycees, Kettle Korn, Miller of Denton, Coca Cola, Nortex Communications, Klement Ford and Ace Hardware.

The jaws of a big backhoe loom over the remains of the Sacred Heart Rectory garage and upstairs apartment which were demolished Monday in preparation for renovation. Janie Hartman photo

Code of conduct changes endorsed by Lindsay ISD School Board

By Janet Felderhoff
Lindsay ISD Principal Larry Smith presented to the LISD Board of Trustees several proposed changes to the 2003-04 LISD Student Code of Conduct. The Board unanimously approved all changes.

Superintendent Jerry Metzler explained, "I would say that there are very little changes in how we are going to use this. What happened is that the State came in and changed the title of what we call the Alternative of Education Program and specified it's the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program." This was done due to confusion with students, particularly in big cities, who return to school in alternative education programs or GED programs and students who have gotten into trouble, are taken out of the student population and placed in an alternative education program (AEP).

The Board was asked to determine maximum times that a student would be placed in the Disciplinary Alternative Program and for which offenses. They approved suggestions offered by the administration.

Principal Smith said the first choice dealt with cell phone use at school. Students will be allowed to have a cell phone at school, but not allowed to use it during school hours. "Cellular phones are kind of a safety device for some kids," said Smith. "What we are saying is we don't want those kids to use their cell phones during the school day. We prefer they keep them in their purses or in their lockers or cars. If they have their cell phones out, especially if they are using them, we will confiscate them." Many students use them to call their parents from the bus when returning from an after school event so that they can know when to pick them up at the school.

Other choices were for maximum length of time for placement in the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) for various conduct. The five categories and the

maximum placement time are: drug and alcohol related offenses - 90 days; firearms, weapons related - 90 days; assault or other offenses - 90 days; felony offenses not committed on school property - 90 days; repeated serious violations 180 days. Smith said that these days could be extended into the next school year for all students except seniors.

The district does not permit a student who has been placed in DAEP for any reason to participate in any school sponsored or school related extracurricular activity including keeping and holding honorary positions or memberships in school sponsored clubs or organizations. Smith said they could have chosen to let them participate in some of those things at their discretion. "We feel like if they're in DAEP these are privileges and we shouldn't allow them to participate," noted Smith. Metzler said he couldn't understand allowing privileges when this is some serious punishment. "You don't put them in DAEP during the week and turn them loose on Friday," said Metzler.

The District will not provide transportation to DAEP unless the student has a disability requiring the school to provide transportation.

When a student transfers into LISD who is currently in DAEP in another district they will be looked at on a case-by-case basis and a decision made as to whether that student will go into DAEP in LISD.

Offenses requiring a student to be expelled included bringing a knife considered an illegal weapon to school. An illegal knife is one having a blade over 5 1/2 inches. Pocketknives are addressed in the student handbook. They are not allowed at school, but LISD administration doesn't feel that bringing one should be punished by expulsion on the spot.

It was agreed that when a decision is to be made as to whether to expel a student the principal will make the decision. If the student's

parents choose to appeal that decision, the appeal goes to the Board of Trustees.

Smith reported a total enrollment of 459 as of that time. He noted several upcoming events and the dates.

Monica Parkhill, elementary principal, gave event dates for the elementary students. She said that there would be an eye screening for kindergarten and 1st through 3rd students. York Eye Associates will do it.

"Several of the elementary teachers have been up to school and all are very complimentary of how clean the building looked," remarked Parkhill. "Everything just looks wonderful. They were very, very impressed." In his Superintendent's report, Metzler said that the staff is working very hard and are well organized. "Things are moving along smoothly," he noted. "This is the first time since I've been here that the Elementary is ready to go by Aug. 1 which is when the teachers want to get into it. Out staff is just real good. I'm proud of them."

Other items Metzler updated the Board on included purchase of a new ice machine for the field house, paving being done around campus, condition of PA system and lighting on football field, and roofing project proposals which will be sought later.

Business Manager Marilyn Cox reported on the certified property values. She noted that there have been no major changes in the proposed budget for 2003-04.

Discussion was held regarding teachers' salaries. There are increased mandated by steps set by the State according to longevity. What the State might contribute to teacher

insurance was also considered. The Board voted to give a one-time bonus of \$500 to the teachers who are at the top of the locally developed payroll scale and who have not received a raise in the last three years. At the request of Superintendent Metzler, they also voted to conduct a study of the LISD salary schedule compared to other area schools.

In other business the LISD Board:

- Extended copier agreement with Ikon Solutions for Elementary school's copier. This will allow replacement of analog machine with a digital copier.

- Approved PEIMS Data Quality Services Agreement for 2003-04 year with the Education Service Center.

- Approved 2003-04 audit engagement letter with Hess & Rohmer, P.C. for \$11,885.

- Changed date of next regular meeting from Aug. 18 to Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. Budget and Tax Hearings will be set for this meeting.

- Approved transfer request for a kindergarten and a second grade student.

- Nominated Jim Myrick for consideration to the Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Noted that more than one name can be submitted as a nominee.

- LISD has a large amount of storage space taken up by computer equipment that is no longer of any use to them. With Board approval some of the equipment will be given away or contracted with American Computer Salvage.

The Board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, as usual, and added the Pledge to the Texas Flag, which is a daily requirement in Texas Public Schools this year.

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We, the family of Werner Becker, Sr., wish to express our gratitude to all who stopped for a visit, sent food, flowers, cards, Mass donations and memorial contributions at the time of Werner's illness and passing. Thank you to Fr. John, and all who helped make the liturgy service so comforting. Thanks also to the doctors and nurses at Muenster and Denton hospitals, Homecare, Home Hospice and the ladies who prepared the family meal, and the KC's for the use of the hall. Your kindness and support touched our family in a special way.

Rita Becker
Werner & Linda
Monica & Gene Lourey
Theresa & Pat Benton
and grandchildren and great-grandchildren

NOTICE TO PATIENTS

Dr. Angelika Lamar is announcing the closing of Muenster Chiropractic Clinic on August 22, 2003. Dr. Lamar is retiring from practicing to spend more time raising her three small children.

Copies of all medical records can be obtained at the clinic or can be forwarded to the physician of your choice or other area chiropractors.

Patients will continue to be able to obtain copies of any medical records after closing of the clinic by contacting Dr. Lamar at 940-759-4044 or 940-759-2111.

I would like to thank my patients for their loyalty and regret this inconvenience but hope for your understanding on this very difficult decision.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, August 24, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, August 25, 2003 Commissioners Court Meeting & Public Hearing on proposed budget and tax rate, 10AM at the Gainesville Court House	Tuesday, August 26, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Boys Grades 1-5 sign up for Cub Scouts, 6-7PM, VFW Hall	Wednesday, August 27, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center SHHS Freshmen Orientation, 6PM, Jr. High Orientation, 6:45PM / SHS Alumni & Friends meet the teachers, 7:30PM, Community Center Religious Ed Mass. 6:30PM, Class follows	Thursday, August 28, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, August 29, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Deadline to sign up for Muenster C of C Community Wide Garage Sale	Saturday, August 30, 2003 Muenster Kiwanis Drive, Chip & Putt Junior Golf Competition, 9AM, Turtle Hill Golf Course
Sunday, August 31, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, September 1, 2003 LABOR DAY No School FLY YOUR FLAG!	Tuesday, September 2, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center SH Preschool parents meeting, 7PM / MMH Auxiliary meeting, 7PM, Adm. Office	Wednesday, September 3, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center C of C Board meeting, 5:30PM	Thursday, September 4, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Tx Dept of Ag Town Hall meeting, 2:45 at Gainesville Co/C building	Friday, September 5, 2003 AARP Board meeting, 10 AM, Stanford House	Saturday, September 6, 2003

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Obituaries

Clara I. Fleitman 1933 - 2003

By Elfreda Fette



Clara Fleitmann

Mass of Christian Burial was offered for Clara I. Fleitmann in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Father Ron Scheible OSA, pastor.

Clara I. Fleitmann died at age 70 on Aug. 16, 2003 at her residence in Lindsay. She was born in Muenster on Jan. 31, 1933 to William Henry and Lena Block Fleitmann. She was a member of St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay and attended Lindsay Schools. After graduating from Lindsay High School in 1950, she attended St. Paul's School of Nursing in Dallas, graduating in 1953. She received her license as a Registered Nurse in the State of Texas in 1953; and then attended, and graduated from Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital School of Anesthesia in Detroit, Michigan in 1955. She practiced as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for 18 years in Dearborn, Michigan and then in North Miami Beach, Florida. After retiring, she moved to her hometown of Lindsay, Texas.

After being a dedicated nurse to others for 35 years, Clara enjoyed the relaxation of caring for her yard and flower garden, along with a small vegetable garden. She also enjoyed traveling to many places throughout the world. It was her special delight to make baby quilts or afghans for each new great-niece or great-nephew, and they are proud owners of such treasures. A loyal and loving daughter, sister, and aunt, she will be greatly

missed by her family and a host of friends.

Survivors are three sisters, Virginia Krahl of Gainesville, Mildred Lindemann of Windthorst, and Margie Reeves of Jacksboro. Also a sister-in-law, Annette Fleitman of Lindsay, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Henry W. Fleitman.

A rosary service was held Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church, led by Father Ron. Sacred songs included "On This Day" and "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday with Father Ron, were altar servers Dax Fleitman, Garret Block, and John Block.

Liturgical readings from the Old and New Testaments and the Prayers of the Faithful were given

by Wayne Fleitman, a nephew.

Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Mildred Lindemann and Margie Reeves, sisters of Clara.

Eucharistic ministers were Wilbert Block, Kevin Block, Leon Fleitman, and Johnny Arendt.

Music ministers were members of the St. Cecilia Choir, and organist Clara Hellinger. Sacred songs included "Be Not Afraid" at the entrance, "Psalm of the Good Shepherd", "Amazing Grace" at Offertory, "I Am the Bread of Life" at Communion, "Whatever You Do" at the Meditation, and "How Great Thou Art" at the dismissal.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Church bells chimed "Ave Maria" at the conclusion of the graveside services.

Pallbearers were Roger Krahl, Patrick Krahl, Frank Lindemann, Curtis Reeves, Wayne Fleitman, Ron Fleitman, Bobby Fleitman, and Kenny Fleitman.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to Home Hospice of Cooke County, P.O. Box 936, Gainesville, TX 76241, or to St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Jesse Monroe Shields 1902 - 2003

Jesse Monroe Shields of Saint Jo reached the venerable age of 100 and passed to his eternal reward on Aug. 18, 2003 at 10:45 a.m. at River Valley Health and Rehab in Gainesville.

Funeral service was held Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Saint Jo, with Rev. Sam Campbell, Rev. Larry Krueger, and C.E. Cole officiating.

Jesse Monroe Shields was born on Sept. 22, 1902 in Blackjack, Texas to Jake Shields and Lula May Belle Dotson Shields. On May 29, 1927 he married Frankye Burks in Litton Springs, Texas. A member of First United Methodist Church, he lived in Saint Jo since 1926. He was a member of the Saint Jo Masonic Lodge #483 AF & AM for 73 years, and also a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter #17 since 1944.

Jesse Monroe Shields started at the bottom of Kewanee Oil Co. in 1926 and worked his way up to District Supt. until his retirement in 1967. He also owned and operated a farm for many years, starting in

1931; and was also Mayor of Saint Jo for two terms in the early 1960s. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and shop work.

Survivors are his wife, Frankye Shields of Saint Jo; a daughter Gloria Dickerman of Saint Jo; and a son Donald Gene Shields of San Angelo. There are seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one son Ronald Dean Shields; one sister Evelyn Clevenger; two brothers Wesley and Arna Shields; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held at McCoy Funeral Home on Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Burial in Mountain Park Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.

Pallbearers were Jerry Shofner, Dexter Dennis, Roy Lawler, J.C. Donnell, Deward West, and John Eastwood. Honorary pallbearers were Leonard Bayer, Claude Bayer, Charles Bayer, Clint Bayer, Danny Bayer, and Earl Ray Garrison.

Governor Perry announces grants for Cooke County

Gov. Rick Perry recently announced a pair of grants totaling \$136,730 for victim service programs in Cooke County.

"It's important that we support programs that bring justice to offenders and healing to victims," Perry said. "These Cooke County programs help provide the resources and support to build stronger communities."

The awards, funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division through federal grant programs, include:

- \$70,150 for CASA of North Texas to recruit, train, and monitor volunteers who serve as court-appointed special advocates for children who have been victimized.
- \$66,580 for Cooke

County Friends of the Family to provide crisis counseling, information, and referral services and other support for victims of violent crime.

"I truly appreciate Gov. Perry's choice of Cooke County to distribute these much needed funds," Rep. Rick Hardcastle said. "I am also proud that Gov. Perry has again proven to be a friend to rural Texans by providing us such important funding during times of record budget shortages."

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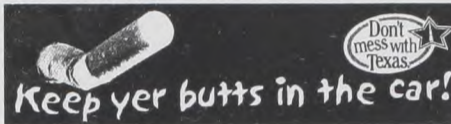
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Consumers warned trees and power lines make a dangerous duo

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) and the American Public Power Association (APPA) are reminding homeowners about dangers associated with trees planted too close to power lines. Power outages can occur and dangerous electric shock hazards can develop if tree limbs touch electric wires or if branches fall on the utility line.

"Trees can also hinder utility repair work and recognition of a hazard," warned ESFI Executive Director Michael G. Clendenin. "Recently in Indiana, a landscaper was killed and a responding police officer was severely injured after accidentally contacting a downed power line hidden in the branches of a tree. Utility workers had repaired a downed line around the corner the night before but did not realize there was a second downed

line, and neither the landscaper nor the police officer saw the line before contacting it." For that reason, ESFI and APPA recommend that only naturally low-growing trees should be planted under or near overhead utility wires.

To prevent trees from interfering with power lines, ESFI recommends that homeowners call the local utility or a tree-trimming professional to prune problematic tree limbs. Trimming trees near power lines can be very dangerous, and should be handled only by trained professionals.

Children should be advised against climbing trees that are located close to power lines. "It takes only 10 to 40 milliamps for serious injury and even death to occur. Utility power lines can carry thousands of volts, nearly ensuring death to the victim," said Clendenin.

Idea Exchange

By Don Rohmer

Not everyone agrees that the media have a liberal bias. One reader sent the Idea Exchange an ad for a book called *What Liberal Media?* by Eric Alterman. Here's a paragraph from the full-page ad:

Arch-Conservative Patrick Buchanan couldn't identify liberal media bias during his first Presidential candidacy. "I've gotten balanced coverage, and broad coverage—all we could have asked for. For heaven sakes, we kid about the 'liberal media,' but every Republican on earth does that." Even Weekly Standard editor William Kristol, perhaps the leading Republican publicist in America today, has come clean. "I admit it," he told a reporter. "The liberal media were never that powerful, and the whole thing was often used as an excuse by conservatives for conservative failures." (Of course this doesn't stop Kristol from complaining in a subscription pitch for his magazine, "The trouble with politics and political coverage today is that there's too much liberal bias....") As Richard Bond, veteran media basher and former chair of the Republican Party admits, "There is some strategy to it (bashing the 'liberal' media)...If you watch any great coach, what they try to do is 'work the refs.' Maybe the ref will cut you a little slack on the next one."

If you want to read more, the ad mentions a Web site at www.wholiberalmedia.com. I didn't make any attempt to verify the accuracy of the quotations in the above paragraph. You can contact Alterman if you want to check out his references. For me, the most interesting sentence in the ad points out that "the number of corporations that control most of what we see and hear is down to just six and shrinking." It is an indisputable fact that just a few corporations literally own most of the media. Seems like the media would have, if anything, a pro-business bias. (Of course, that wouldn't prevent them from supporting the "liberal" position on issues like "reproductive rights." In fact, it's not hard to think of economic reasons for supporting abortion. Imagine the potential profits from unrestricted use of fetal stem cells.)

The most revealing material yet received by Idea Exchange came from Muenster native Jason Gehrig. He sent an editorial by someone named Bob Herbert, apparently published just after the July 2 decision by the FCC to change media ownership rules. The editorial begins with:

The latest government giveaway to big business came Monday when the Federal Communications Commission eased a number of media ownership restrictions that had been designed to enhance competition, foster independence and provide the public with a wider variety of news and perspectives....

What we will get instead is a further consolidation of news and entertainment outlets under the control of a handful of giant corporations.

It goes on to describe a "study by the Center for Public Integrity on the 'cozy' relationship between F.C.C. officials and broadcasting industries they are supposed to be regulating." The study reported that, "over the last eight years, commissioners and staff members have taken 2,500 trips costing \$2.8 million that were 'primarily' paid for by members of the telecommunications and broadcast industries...The top destination was Las Vegas." The editorial also says:

The Center for Public Integrity reported that there were more than 70 closed-door meetings in recent months between F.C.C. officials and representatives of the nation's top broadcasters, including very powerful chief executives, to discuss the relaxation of media ownership restrictions, the key issue that was voted on Monday.

The two major groups that represented the public on this issue were Consumers Union and the Media Access Project. Representatives of these groups met just five times with F.C.C. officials.

Along with the editorial, Jason sent an ad, dated May 30, placed by Common Cause and other organizations urging people to contact FCC commissioners and Congress about the then approaching FCC decision. The ad states:

Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, together with four other conglomerates (Disney, Viacom, GE, and AOLTimeWarner), already control 75 percent of the total U.S. television audience and 90 percent of the TV news audience. That's local and national, broadcast and cable.

Isn't that enough? Isn't that too much?

This ad and other appeals to the public seem to have been effective, because Congress was so deluged with protests that it apparently is rescinding the changes.

Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, by the way, seems to have supported the conglomerate-friendly rule changes. In June, I sent her an email asking her to oppose them. She replied that she hoped the FCC would make the right decision. Then I learned that the Senate Commerce Committee, on which she sits, has jurisdiction over the FCC, so I sent an email asking her to call a hearing on the matter. My email came back undelivered. I checked the address and resent it on several occasions, but each time it came back undelivered. The Commerce Committee did, however, hold a hearing. I watched it on CSPAN, and looked in vain for Senator Hutchison.

Jason included a comment on the ad he sent. Below the list of companies that own the media, he wrote that corporate control of the media is the issue, and that it involves an obvious conflict of interest. For example, GE owns NBC, and GE is also a defense contractor.

Now the news is starting to make sense. And I haven't even mentioned the most revealing thing Jason sent. It's a small paperback titled *Media Control: The Spectacular Achievements of Propaganda*, 2nd edition, by Noam Chomsky. But it will have to wait for a future Idea Exchange article.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Kudos to Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who, upon being ordered by U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson, to remove the 5,300 lb. monument of the Ten Commandments said he would be guilty of treason if he didn't fight to keep it in the Rotunda of the Alabama Capitol.

If the airheads who made the decision to have the monument removed, would think about what they were doing, they would realize that if people would read and heed the Ten Commandments, there would be no need for the thousands and thousands of laws that have been written since. The Ten Commandments have been around for thousands of years, and all other laws are off-shoots of them.

Just think, if the Ten Commandments were kept by all of us, there would be no need of the thousands of police, patrolmen, and investigators, and, Yeah! judges.

There would be no need of jails or prisons. I suppose if

the judges are really sincere about getting rid of the Ten Commandments, they could go to our Supreme Court, and have them declared unconstitutional, 5 to 4.

Many of our judges are of the opinion that everything that has the word "God" in it is an "Establishment of Religion" by the State.

Nowhere can one find that the Constitution forbids the mention of God in our laws or in our Courts. The judges don't seem to mind hearing His name used in vain, in cursing and swearing, or in calling on God to damn something or someone.

The Constitution, rightfully, forbids the State from naming any religion our official belief, leaving the individual to make up his/her own mind as to what denomination they wish to be a member of.

There can be no better place to display the Ten most important Laws than in our Courts, our schools, and in other public places.

Most people pay attention to them. Some don't.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas Housing Leads Nation

In the last year, Texas led all other states and accounted for about 10 percent of the increase in the nation's housing inventory.

A new Census Bureau report shows Texas added 149,000 new housing units between July 2001 and July 2002.

To read the full report, go to <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2003/cb03-114.html>

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Statorum (www.auditor.state.tx.us) and the U.S. Census Bureau.



"SAVVY SENIOR"

Senior Drivers

YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION - WE FIND THE SAVVY ANSWER

Dear Savvy Senior,
Help! My mom is 82 years old and still driving and it makes me very nervous. She thinks she's still a good driver and says that she can't stand the idea of depending on her kids to take her everywhere, so she just keeps on going. What can I do to convince mom to STOP driving, and do you know of any age limits for senior drivers?
Thank you
Nervous Back Seat Daughter

Dear Nervous,
Be gentle with your mom! Keep in mind that lots older parents and adult children view driving issues quite differently. For most of us, especially seniors, driving is often linked to feeling independent, competent, and being a part of society.

Speed Limits YES - Age Limits NO
Age alone does not predict fitness behind the wheel. Driving skills vary enormously among individuals. It's poor eyesight, hearing loss, slower reaction times, and reduced muscle strength and flexibility that can affect driving ability.
Savvy Fact: Older drivers have a lower frequency of accidents and fatalities overall, but a higher rate of accidents and fatalities per mile driven (second only to that of drivers aged 16 to 24).

Savvy Tips

- Instead of telling your mom she can't drive anymore, include her as an active part of the driving decision. Ask her to take a senior driving course, like the AARP 55-ALIVE driver safety program for seniors to assess her driving skills (see other senior driving resources listed below). She needs to feel that she is still in control and that you respect her ability to direct her own life.
- Involve others if her driving is dangerous and she refuses to make changes to stop driving. A doctor, a member of the clergy, or a family friend may be able to help. As a last resort, you can contact the local Department of Motor Vehicles and report unsafe driving. Most states will contact older adults, have them take a driving test, and, if necessary, revoke their license.

Finding Alternative Transportation

- Work with your parents to identify what public, private and community transportation services are available. Contact your Area Aging Agency for community transportation information.
- Consider how your parents might get rides and pitch in when it's possible.
- Talk about what they might do for someone else in exchange for transportation.
- Find out about any discount or reduced rate programs for older adults.

Savvy Resources

- AARP 55-ALIVE Driver Safety Program: Call 888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/55alive
- The National Transit Hotline: Provides the names of local transit providers who receive federal money to provide transportation to the elderly and people with disabilities. Visit www.ctaa.org and click in the Information Station or call 800-527-8279.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070 or see our Web site at www.savvysenior.org

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Millions of Americans expose themselves to noise levels above 85 decibels for hours at a time - the level audiologists identify as the danger zone. Lawn mowers, sporting events, live or recorded music, power tools, even traffic and crowded restaurants can sustain these levels. If you're around noises like these for prolonged periods, you're risking permanent hearing loss. For more on the 85 dB threshold, and ways to protect your hearing health, visit www.ASHA.org.

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR EARS.

Keep the Permanent School Fund permanent vote no on Amendment 9

In the early days of Texas, our state's leaders saw the need to set aside funds for the perpetuation of a free public school system for Texas children. Originally, some \$2 million in assets was dedicated to this purpose. Later, income from gas and oil royalties on state land was added to the fund.

After the Texas Legislature made some initial raids of the school fund to build railroads, construct prisons and pay Civil War debts, spending safeguards were added to the Constitution of 1876. These safeguards were to ensure the corpus, or principal, of the fund was protected from such diversions so future generations of Texas schoolchildren would benefit from the monies, and the fund was renamed the Permanent School Fund. Due to its investment success, the fund began providing free textbooks to the state's schoolchildren in 1918, and earned the reputation as the "children's textbook fund," which persists today.

Investment safeguards have been in place now for more than 125 years, and the Permanent School Fund has grown in value to more than \$18 billion. It is the best-performing public fund in Texas and one that is virtually unrivaled in the United States.

The ability of the Permanent School Fund to provide textbooks and meet the needs of an ever-growing school population is put at risk, however, by Amendment 9 on the Sept. 13 ballot. In a raid reminiscent of the 1860s, legislators want to get their hands on the untapped treasure of the Permanent School Fund -- not to put more resources into public education, but instead to cover a budgetary shortfall. The amendment would make a fundamental change to the long-standing investment protections of the state's constitution and siphon off the trust fund's principal. Such an action threatens the Permanent School Fund's long-term sustainability.

Amendment 9 would take a whopping \$331 million directly from the corpus of the Permanent School Fund by October. And this \$331 million raid is on top of the \$1.4 billion the fund already is committed to produce. Losses such as this could be extremely detrimental to the Permanent School Fund. In addition, erosion of the fund's principal could put at jeopardy the Bond Guarantee Program, which local school districts depend on to get the lowest possible interest rate for bond programs.

As a fiduciary of the Permanent School Fund, I cannot support such a departure from prudent investment practices. My responsibility is to help ensure that the resources of the fund, which have been protected for more than 125 years, are available to meet the needs of the current generation as well as future generations of Texans. The present need of the legislature to meet short-term budgetary requirements should never take precedence over the long-term preservation of the Permanent School Fund.

Only the voters of Texas can prevent such a raid on the children's textbook fund. A "no" vote Sept. 13 on Amendment 9 is a vote to protect these much-needed resources for our schoolchildren.

Gail Lowe, R-Lampasas, is the State Board of Education member for District 14, which encompasses 26 counties in the north-central region of Texas.

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Lifestyle

Dr. Alfredo R. Antonetti, M.D. earns prestigious honor

Dr. Alfredo R. Antonetti M.D., grandson of Alfredo G. Antonetti M.D. and wife Angela Antonetti of Muenster, has earned a prestigious honor from the Obstetrical and

Gynecological Survey of 2003 Berlex Laboratories as one of the Best PGY2 Teaching Residents of the Year.

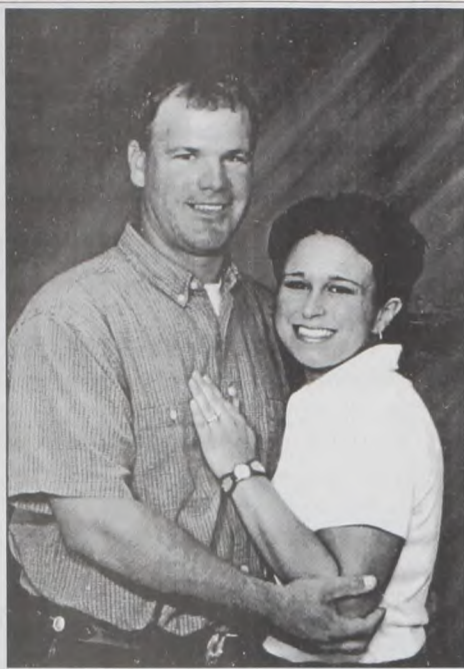
Alfredo R. Antonetti M.D. is doing his medical residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center in Bronx, New York.

In this survey the one outstanding resident is selected from every hospital over all the nation, thus naming a most outstanding group.

Dr. Alfredo R. Antonetti M.D. lives in Rye, New York with his wife Ruby, their son Alfred R., and the mother-in-law Alda Kemp. Dr. Alfredo R. Antonetti is the son of Alfred R. Antonetti M.D. and wife Judy of Irving, Texas.



Alfredo R. Antonetti, M.D.



Kelly M. Stillman of Muenster and Gary D. Grewing of Muenster have announced their engagement and approaching marriage. They plan to be married on Oct. 11, 2003 at C Quarter Circle Ranch in Gainesville. Kelly is the daughter of Mike and Judy Stillman of Ridgefield, Washington. She graduated from Apollo College in Portland, Oregon in 1998 and is now employed as a medical assistant for Cook Children's Pediatrics in Denton. Gary is the son of Doris and Henry Grewing Jr. of Gainesville. He is a lineman for Cooke County Electric Co-op.

Home Hospice recruits caring volunteers

Home Hospice of Cooke County needs caring individuals to train as Patient and Family Services volunteers for terminally ill patients and their families as they make their way through the final stage of life. Volunteers enrich the lives of those they serve through companionship. They provide services much like those a good friend or neighbor might provide during just a time - often for people who have no one in their life.

Can you give some of your time to sit with a lonely patient, or drive a caregiver to the store, or listen to a lifetime full of stories, or to drive a patient to the doctor or out to his/her favorite hamburger joint, or to simply hold a hand? If so, call the Home Hospice

office, 940-665-9891 to register for the Life and Death Awareness Seminar beginning Friday, Sept. 12 at 1002 E. Broadway Street in Gainesville. The training continues with sessions every Saturday throughout September, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Seminar is free and open to anyone interested in learning more. Experts from throughout the community along with Home Hospice professionals will provide information on hospice philosophy and care, active listening, grief and how to respond, HIV/AIDS, spiritual aspects of care, end of life issues, and much more. If you are interested or if you just need more information call Yvette Richardson-Ellis at Home Hospice at 940-665-9891.

New Arrivals

Koelzer

Helmuth and Christy Koelzer of Hurst proudly announce the birth of their daughter Amanda Rose Koelzer. Amanda was born on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003 at 10:54 a.m. at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine. She weighed 6 lb. 15.5 oz. and was 19.25" inches long. She is a sister to Scott Koelzer. Grandparents are Wilfred and Pauline Koelzer of Muenster, and Marvin and Sharon Sulak of Mansfield. Great-grandparents are Elenor Rusnak of Irving and the late Ervin Rusnak.

welcomed home by her older brother, Nathan. Proud grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Hess of Muenster, Sandy Kendrick of Gainesville, and Judi Worthington of Ben Wheeler. Great-grandparents include Clara Walterscheid and Antonia Hess of Muenster and Sam and Darleen Kendrick of Lockhart.

Anderle

Kevin and Darla Anderle are proud to announce the birth of their third son, Trent Andrew Anderle. Trent was born Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003 at 2:29 p.m. in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. and measured 19" long. Welcoming him are his brothers Tyler age 9 and Trey age 6. Grandparents are Harold and Sug Bindel and Johnny and Annette Anderle. Great-grandparents are Marcus and Cathy Fuhrmann.

Kendrick

Lance and Julie Kendrick of Denton proudly announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Anna Kathleen Kendrick arrived Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003 at 12:48 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. Anna is

Museum of Science and History presents third annual MindFest event

Do you hear it? It's the sound of *MindFest*, a day of playful invention and exploration, coming to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History on Saturday, August 23.

What exactly is *MindFest*? It's a daylong festival where you can build, invent, explore, create, dance, paint, reflect, or just play alongside some of the country's brightest, most creative minds. This year's *MindFest* will offer a

variety of special activities centered on the concept of sound and music, including a construction zone, hands-on activities, rhythmic performances, a wacky film festival, and interactive "playshops." The "Sounds Like Fun" theme coincides with the Omni Theater's featured IMAX film, *Pulse: a STOMP Odyssey*.

Fort Worth *MindFest* III hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission to *MindFest* is \$2 per person. The \$2 admission includes all *MindFest* activities and hands-on exhibits except playshops. Museum Discovery and Discovery Plus Omni members are admitted free to *MindFest* and receive a discount on the playshops.

spent over 5000 hours tutoring elementary and high school students, removed 9123 trees or shrubs, removed 51,580 pounds of debris or trash, and recruited or coordinated approximately 4000 community volunteers in the region. Corps Members,

aged 18-24 complete 1,700 hours of community service during their 10-month term. AmeriCorps*NCCC focuses on the areas of environment, education, unmet human needs, disaster relief, and public safety.

Energy saving measures

Don't place heat-emitting household items near your thermostat (e.g., lamps and TVs).

Valerie Bartush honored at Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC

Shawnee, Kansas resident Valerie Bartush, daughter of John and Lanie Bartush, graduated from the AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) Capital Region Campus after a ten-month commitment to national and community service. The ceremony took place at the reflecting pool steps of the Lincoln Memorial at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31. Dr. Patch Adams, founder of Gesundheit! Institute and Tommie Duncan, Vice Chair of the DC Commission on National and Community Service addressed the Corps, Capital Region staff, and graduation guests.

Bartush was one of 134 AmeriCorps*NCCC members honored. Divided

into 14 teams of 10-12 members each, the Capital Region serves communities in West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the District of Columbia. In addition, these teams were on call to provide disaster relief to all 50 states over the last ten months, including disaster relief efforts at the Red Cross headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia and in Kansas City, Missouri after tornadoes ravaged the Midwest.

This year, Corps Members have collected or distributed 425,000 pounds of food,



Family & friends gathered to celebrate the 89th Birthday of Hazel Flusche. The party was held Saturday evening, Aug. 16 at the home of Tom & Judy Flusche. A fajita feast was served and the younger generation enjoyed swimming. On Hazel's actual birthday, Aug. 20, the family gathered at Rohmer's Restaurant for a lunch celebration.

Dana Miller named to Dean's List

Dana Miller has been named to the Dean's List at Texas Woman's University. She maintained a perfect grade point average of 4.0 throughout her junior year, carrying 19 hours per semester. Majoring in Biology, she will again carry a heavy student load, including research in the Biology Department in this, her senior year. Dana is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and the daughter of Glenn and Stacie Miller.

News of the Sick

Good news for Maggie Krahl and her family. Maggie is doing well after an accident in her home. She should be coming home from the hospital soon. Cards can be sent to Damian and Lucy Krahl, 5434 FM 1199, Gainesville, TX 76240.

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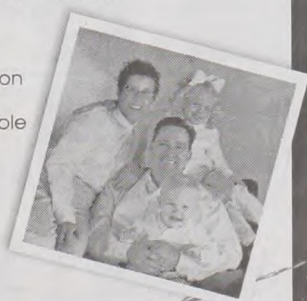
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NCTC pinning ceremonies honor 59

Fifty-nine graduating nurses were pinned during an emotion-packed ceremony at North Central Texas College Field House last week when students from the Gainesville, Bowie and Corinth campuses were recognized for completion of the one-year vocational nursing program.

Tears and hugs were more plentiful than at typical graduation ceremony because nursing students have shared lots of time together in classrooms, labs and clinical settings.

"What really pleases me about this class is the way the students have bonded with one another," said Gie Archer, Vocational Nursing Program Coordinator.

"In the medical field we have very precise procedures and techniques because there is simply no room for error," Archer said. Because mistakes in patient care can be life threatening, studying to be a nurse is much more stressful than most other academic disciplines.

"The stress causes these students to be very supportive of each other, not just in the classrooms and clinicals, but in their personal lives as well," Archer said.

One student nurse from each campus was honored with presentation of the Florence Nightingale Award

for excellence in direct contact with patients. Nightingale Award Winner in Gainesville was Grant Webb, who also excelled academically, completing the program with a 3.812 GPA and scoring the highest on the LVN Assessment among Gainesville graduates.

Other Gainesville students recognized for scholastic achievement were Jessica Koerbacher of Denton with a 3.843 GPA and Felicia Reiter of Muenster with 3.785 GPA. Perfect attendance awards were given to Schelley Harrison of Muenster, Araceli Molina of El Paso and Barbara Watson of Corinth.

The vocational nursing program is a true one-year program. Students who began the courses in August 2002 completed their coursework this month. In between they went through a rigorous training program that required 32 hours per week attendance in classrooms and clinicals, along with outside study.

Because of the difficulty of the coursework and the fact that most students are adults with family responsibilities, there is some attrition, said Archer. NCTC has recently implemented a testing program that should help the college more accurately predict which students will complete coursework. NCTC has competitive admissions for its LVN program. Students who will begin classes in Gainesville, Corinth and Bowie on August 25 were selected last April. Students who will begin the program in January will be selected this October.

The LVN program students tend to be older than most college students. Many have decided to begin nursing careers in their 30s and 40s. Only a handful of students came into the program fresh from high school.

Local graduates included Jeannie Hellinger of Lindsay and Schelley Harrison and Felicia Reiter of Muenster.



Muenster City employee Terry Stewart, left, and David Dittfurth install 4x4 Rumber border material around the new playground equipment in the municipal park Tuesday. Rumber Material, Inc. donated the border beams. The area around and under the play set is covered with eight inches of pea gravel. Dave Fette photo

First birthday celebrated by Riley

Riley Matthew Stewart, son of Ray and Shirley Stewart, turned one year old on Thursday, Aug. 14. He celebrated with a party on Friday, Aug. 15. The theme of his party was Noah's Ark 1st Birthday. Hamburgers, hot-dogs, cake and ice cream were served.

Those attending were his parents; grandparents Red and Carol Henscheid, Rick and Darlene Stewart, and George and Laura Gould; and great-grandmother Evelyn Koesler. Also Alyssa

Stewart; Sabrina and Jaxson Truebenbach; Brenda and Jimmy Green; Colby Richey and Tiffany Richey; Doris and Chuck Koesler and Kristina and Tony; Shaw and Kyla Henscheid, and Jordan and Stephanie; and Mike and Kim Hesse and Jacob.

Unable to attend were Rhonda, Randy and Chance Rhoades; Doris, Butch, Dain and Derek Schmidtkofer; Kody Truebenbach; and Johnny and Florence Rohmer.



Riley Stewart

Lane celebrates first year of life

Lane Silas Warren, son of Brenton and Jennifer Warren of Hurst, celebrated his first birthday at home with family and friends on Aug. 3. His actual birthday was Aug. 5. The guests enjoyed hamburgers for lunch, ice cream and a cake decorated with Noah's Ark. Guests included his grandparents Mark and Linda Fuhrmann and Eddie and Teresa Warren; his aunts and uncles Sara

Warren, Matthew and Leah Fuhrmann, Kyle Fuhrmann, Chris Fuhrmann, and Clint Fuhrmann; great-grandparents Marcus and Cathy Fuhrmann and Ray and Lou Voth. Other family and friends attending were Jan Fox; Joel Fox; Jackie and Caren Spain; Kylie, Amanda, and Rylie Hajek, and Russell. Everyone enjoyed watching Lane eat his cake and play with his gifts.



Lane Warren



Dane Huchton



Felicia Reiter at NCTC pinning ceremony for LVN Program graduates. Courtesy photo

Energy saving measures

Unplug rarely used television, extra refrigerators or other appliances.

Dane celebrates third birthday with western theme party

Dane Joseph Huchton, son of Tommy and Dyan Huchton, celebrated his third birthday on August 3 at his home. Dane's party had a western theme, where the kids enjoyed playing with stick ponies his parents made, and were excited to take home western hats and bandannas. The adults enjoyed playing a game of horseshoes. Everyone enjoyed barbecued chicken and sausage prepared by Tic Block, along with potato salad and baked beans. A pony cake was served that was decorated by his mother, along with cupcakes Dane made with his sister Valerie Huchton. Dane opened his gifts with the help of his cousins. All the children enjoyed playing on the swing set and trampoline.

Those attending Dane's party were his parents; his brother Dylan; grandparents Jack and Debbie Brittan, David and Helen Fisher, and David and Margie Huchton; great-grandmothers Trudy Felderhoff and Billye Huchton; great-aunts,

uncles, and cousins Janie Hennigan, Michelle and Meredith; Roy and Carol Klement, and Kimberly; Brenda Simpson, Shelby and Grant; aunts, uncles, and cousins Bradley and Brandy Fisher; Greg Fisher; Kevin and Terri Klement; Kyle and Kolby; Kent and Melynda Rivers; Ashlyn and Makenna; Rachel Pentico and Sophie; Pat and Tammy Bezner, Sabrina, Kyle, and Bradley; Troy and Amy Huchton, Ryan and Alyssa; Jennifer Huchton, Dustin, Sadie, and Ashlyn; Travis and Elizabeth Huchton and Madison; Hank Huchton; and Calvin Huchton. Friends attending were Tic, Sonya, Joey, John, Travis, and Matthew Block; Ashley Klement; Duncan Campbell; Billy Hamilton; George, Bernice and Geordan Spaeth; Cyndee and Michael Tantari. Unable to attend but sending wishes were: Mike Felderhoff; Lynn, JoAnn, Dana, Valerie, and Kaitlyn Huchton; Al Pentico; Tracy Huchton; Jenny Huchton; Mike, Mandy, and Megan Hennigan; Ryan Klement; and Brandon Klement.

GMH childbirth classes now enrolling

It's back-to-school time for soon-to-be parents!

Gainesville Memorial Hospital is now accepting enrollments for its next series of childbirth classes. The four-session series will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, and continue each Thursday evening through Sept. 25. Classes will be held in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center at GMH.

The childbirth series covers the basics of childbirth, as well as provides instruction in newborn care. Tammy Puckett, LVN, is instructor for the course.

The size of the class will be limited to 10 couples. Pre-enrollment is required, and it is recommended that women be in their third trimester of pregnancy.

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High fire danger returns with hot, dry weather

Wildfire danger is expected to rise in the northern half of Texas this weekend as hot, dry weather settles back over the region.

"We've had several days of cooler temperatures, higher humidity and scattered rain showers due to the low pressure system that's been dominating our weather pattern for the last several days," said Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for the Texas Forest Service. "That gave us a temporary reprieve from high to extreme fire danger we'd experienced the previous week."

"As high pressure moves back into the region and the rain chances diminish, vegetation will dry out quickly and become vulnerable to wildfire starts," he added.

While the northern half of Texas is preparing for the return of summer heat, South Texas is bracing itself for Tropical Storm Erika, which may reach hurricane strength before reaching landfall.

"With a high pressure ridge in North Central Texas and a possible hurricane affecting South Texas, we could experience some strong winds where the two weather systems collide," Spencer said. "Firefighters need to be aware of the possibility because the winds could be

very dangerous if their department happens to be fighting a wildfire when the winds hit. The best option is to keep a close eye on your local fire weather forecast."

Firefighters can access the fire weather forecast by logging onto www.tamu.edu/tic/weather.

Texans can do their part by remembering the following fire prevention tips:

- * Postpone any outdoor burning until burn bans have been lifted and cool, wet weather returns.

- * Be alert when driving. A flat tire, a dragging tow chain or a worn wheel bearing can spark a wildfire, so can parking or driving on dry grass.

- * Prepare for welding or grinding by clearing vegetation, posting a spotter and keeping water handy;
- * Dispose of cigarettes in a proper receptacle;
- * Use mowers, dozers and other spark-producing equipment early in the morning before the heat of the day;

- * Be sure coals from barbecues are cold before disposing of them;
- * Make your home more resistant to wildfires by keeping the yard mowed and flammable vegetation away from the house. To learn more, log onto www.firewise.org.

Submitted by the Texas Forest Service



Members of the Muenster Historical Commission watch as Henry Weinzapfel presents two donations to the Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum. In memory of Museum member Shelly Hoedebeck, on her birthday, August 14, the Muenster State Bank donated \$1000 and Henry and Janie

Weinzapfel \$500 toward the Museum's breeze way project. Members accepting the donation include, at left, Juanita Bright, Celine Dittfurth and Jewel Otto.

Janie Hartman photo

Get close to Mars during Mars Day

To get a close-up look at the planet Mars, you could hitch a ride aboard one of NASA's Mars Exploration Rovers. Or you could visit the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History on Mars Day, Wednesday, August 27.

Mars can be found in the evening sky, continuing its orbital dance with Earth that will lead to some of the best viewing opportunities since Neanderthals looked skyward. On August 27, Mars will be within 34,646,418 miles of Earth.

This will be the closest that Mars has come to our planet in over 60,000 years! To celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event, the Museum's Noble Planetarium will offer special programming during the evening and will partner with the Fort Worth Astronomical Society to provide free telescope viewing.

At 8:15 and 8:45 p.m., the Planetarium will present *Mars at its Best*, a live

discussion about the planet's approach. Visitors can learn about the ongoing missions studying Mars and the latest launches scheduled to reach the planet at the end of 2003. The Fort Worth Astronomical Society will then set up their telescopes and video monitors on the Museum's north lawn beginning at dusk. The Museum will also have its new "Noble One" 13-foot-long, 16-inch telescope available for an even closer view of the planet.

This astronomical event could be the most dramatic and spectacular Mars apparition you or any of your ancestors will ever see. The Red Planet has progressively been getting closer to Earth with each passing night. By late August, the reddish point of light in our night sky will appear more than six times larger and shine some 85 times brighter than normal.

On August 28, Mars will be at "opposition," the moment when the Sun,

Earth, and Mars will form a straight line. Mars comes to opposition about every 26 months. But because of the elliptical orbits of Earth and Mars, this one will be superior. When it arrives at opposition, Mars will be very near its closest point to the Sun, called perihelion. Such perihelic oppositions themselves are somewhat rare, occurring every 15 to 17 years. (Though Mars' opposition comes on August 28, it will be closest to Earth on August 27). At the close approach, the Red Planet will be brighter than Jupiter and all the stars in the night sky, outshone only by Venus and the Moon.

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is located at 1501 Montgomery Street in Fort Worth's Cultural District. Tickets for *Mars at its Best* are \$3.50 per person (\$2 for Museum members). The telescope viewing is free to the public. For more information, call 817-255-9300 or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org.



Marty Kobuck

New instructor passionate about teaching jazz

If there's any artistic endeavor Marty Kobuck enjoys more than playing trombone in a jazz band, it's teaching young musicians how to shine while performing this distinctly American style of music.

"I'm really happy to be here," said Kobuck, recently hired to direct the jazz bands and teach brass instruments at North Central Texas College. "This is the job I've trained and prepared myself for."

Already hard at work now recruiting musicians and putting together the Monday Night and Tuesday Night Jazz bands, Kobuck says he can still find scholarships this year for the right kind of artists who want to attend NCTC.

Kobuck said it's encouraging that NCTC's jazz bands and jazz combos have been used in a variety of settings to promote the college and have developed

a strong following for their concerts. "Jazz music has a lot of appeal across generations," Kobuck explained.

NCTC can offer scholarships, quality individual instruction, and perhaps most importantly, a chance to perform and shine in live performances, both as part of big bands and in smaller jazz combos. "Performing is crucial to development as a jazz artist," said Kobuck. "Things happen in a live performance that you can't set up or simulate in a classroom setting."

In a live performance, performers learn to up the volume when it's their time to be featured or to soften in the background when others artists are featured.

Kobuck received his master's degree in music at The University of North Texas, where he played in the Three O'clock Lab Band

while doing graduate work. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Central Oklahoma, which also has an acclaimed jazz program. While at UCO he played on a band that placed first at the Wichita Jazz Festival, besting, among others, UNT's Two O'clock Lab Band.

Kobuck most recently taught jazz at Waxahachie High School where his Class 4-A high school won in competitions against 5-A schools.

Kobuck has also taught at Trinity Valley Community College.

"This college is very supportive of the performing arts," said Kobuck, who is pleased that the administration has been successful in scholarship development efforts and is exploring options to improve rehearsal facilities and performance venues.

Legal advice offered for sexual assault victims

In recognition of the legal problems often faced by victims of sexual assault, the Texas Legal Services Center has recently announced an outreach project for the Legal Hotline for Sexual Assault Victims. Victims of sexual assault can call the hotline toll-free at (888) 343-4414 for advice in English or Spanish regarding their legal rights, information about the judicial process, and assistance with Crime Victims' Compensation. If more help is needed, the hotline attorney can refer the caller to an attorney who will work at a reduced rate.

Texas Legal Services Center Executive Director Randall Chapman said, "The Legal Hotline for Sexual Assault Victims will play an important role in providing a coordinated delivery system to respond quickly to the legal needs of victims. Immediate telephone assistance will be provided and callers will be provided information on how they may recover awards from persons who engaged in criminal behavior."

Recognizing the recent public awareness of the legal problems faced by rape victims, Texas Access to Justice Commission Chair John R. Jones applauded

the new project and commented, "Lawyers play a key role in assuring that crime victims receive legal assistance during the crisis period following a sexual assault. Through the Legal Hotline for Sexual Assault Victims, persons who have been raped or otherwise been assaulted will have legal information about services and possible legal outcomes."

The Texas Legal Services Center selected Shelia Enid Cheaney to coordinate the efforts of the outreach project. Ms. Cheaney is a long-time Austin attorney and a well-known advocate for the rights of women and children. In August she traveled throughout Texas to meet with rape crisis center executive directors, legal advocates, and sexual assault program directors; local law enforcement; and college and university officials.

Additionally, she arranged for training for the hotline attorneys and developed educational material in English and Spanish explaining victims' rights. Ms. Cheaney said, "Victims of sexual assault need a complex blend of services to address their rights, their short and long-term care needs, and their recovery. The Legal Hotline

for Sexual Assault Victims is an important service in the development of a continuum of care for victims of sexual assault." Persons needing help should call the Hotline at (888) 343-4414 to speak directly with an attorney.

Lose weight by eating breakfast

If you're trying to lose weight, skipping breakfast may not be such a good idea.

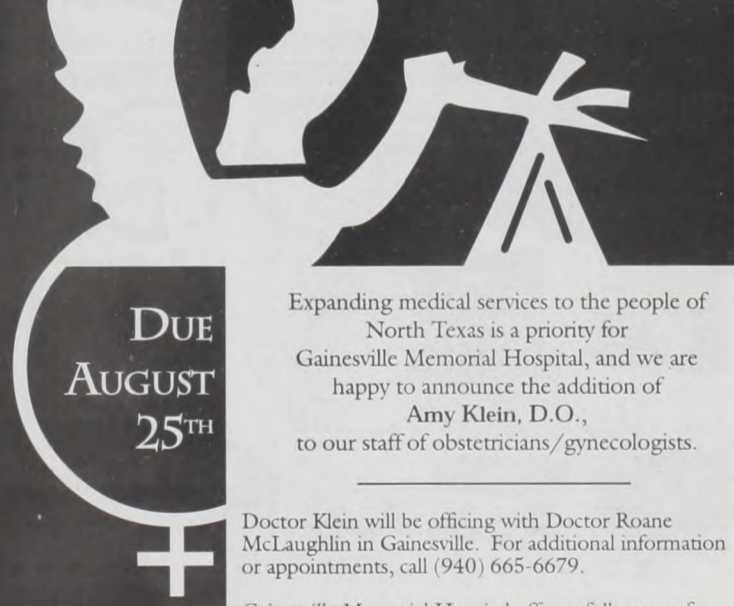
"Breakfast gets the metabolism going for the day," says Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Research shows that people who eat breakfast tend to maintain their weight and are able to meet nutritional needs."

One example of a healthy breakfast includes cereal, skim milk, nuts and fruit.

"Cereals are fortified with multiple vitamins and minerals including B vitamins, iron and calcium," Sandon adds. "Skim milk is a good source for calcium, which builds strong bones."

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Thurs. - Crispy tacos, trimmings, pinto beans, cornbread, chocolate pudding.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, tator tots, pickle spears, ice cream.



The Sacred Heart Kindergarten class welcomed the returning pre-k students Thursday morning, the first day of school. The kindergarten kids also wanted to show off their new school uniforms. Janie Hartman photo

Healthy, easy snacks

Snacks are usually associated with high-fat, high-calorie treats that provide little or no nutritional value. But you can provide your children with what nutritional experts Judith Levine, RD, MS, and Linda Bine call "Smart Snacks." In their book *Helping Your Child Lose Weight the Healthy Way: A Family Approach to Weight Control*, they define Smart Snacks as those that are low-fat, timed properly (not too close to a meal), provide good nutrition and may include some strategically placed protein for staying power.

According to Levine and Bine, snacks for children need to be "smart" because as many as one-third of a child's daily calories may come from snacks. For this reason, snacks should be planned so there aren't too many or too few snacks in a day.

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Sacred Heart Preschool students, Logan Wann and Dean Walterscheid, enjoy a morning snack. Janie Hartman photo

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STRAIGHT UP will show daily at the Omni Theater through February 2004. The Omni Theater is located at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History in Fort Worth's cultural District. For show times and more information call 817-255-9300; 888-255-9300; or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org.

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On the first day of school, students have to learn a lot of new rules and regulations. At left, Sacred Heart Pre-K teacher Pam Dangelmayr shows Allison Haubold how to put on an apron. Above, the students, from left, Haubold, Avery Truebenbach, Leah Knabe, Rylee Reiter and Macie Pagel learn how to fold the aprons to put back on the shelf after use. Janie Hartman photos

Texas school children are facing a health crisis

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

Far too many Texas school children are beginning the school day with a sugary soda and candy bar from a vending machine. This is happening for breakfast - and in too many instances for lunch - in high schools, middle schools and even elementary schools all across Texas.

When students - some who receive 60 percent of their daily meals at school - choose snacks instead of more nutritious foods from school cafeterias, they are not only short changing themselves in learning development, but they are also setting themselves up for serious health life-threatening conditions such as Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke, high blood pressure and certain cancers.

Our children are facing a health crisis in Texas and the United States, one we can help solve by providing more nutritious food choices in school menus and in vending machines on school campuses.

Legislation filed this session would require school vending machines to offer healthier choices and restrict

access to vending machines during meal hours. These competitive foods, high in sugar, sodium and fat, have little nutritional value and help contribute to poor eating habits that are usually carried over to adulthood.

This legislation would also encourage school menus to include more fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grains and require that only 2 percent or lower fat milk be offered.

In addition, school district employees, trustees or members of the school board would be prohibited from making money from the sale of vending machine snacks or other food sold at schools. Finally, the legislation would establish a task force to report back to the Legislature in two years on the effectiveness of these changes.

Childhood obesity has doubled during the last 20 years, and now our children more than ever are at risk for serious life-threatening conditions. Some 62 percent of all deaths in Texas can be attributed to heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes, and healthcare experts say the most effective ways of preventing these chronic

conditions are healthy eating and exercise habits established in childhood.

The Texas Department of Agriculture recently conducted a statewide survey to determine the accessibility of competitive foods at Texas schools. Fifty-one percent of the school districts responding provided access to vending machines during lunch, and food selections in all the responding districts ranged from healthy choices to high fat and sugar selections.

In Texas, we have already started work to improve school cafeteria selections. Texas recently received \$200,000 in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a program to purchase fresh Texas fruits and vegetables for selected school districts. The pilot Farm to School Program is a collaborative effort among state and federal agencies to bring Texas produce to school cafeteria menus and our schoolchildren.

Healthy selections. Healthy menus. Healthy children. As parents, that's what we want. By providing healthy food choices we can help our children live long and healthy lives.

Hands-on kits make science fun for Muenster Elementary

Muenster Elementary School is teaming with Irving Independent School District Hands-On Center. Muenster rents science kits from the Hands-On Center.

The hands-on kits provide the kindergarten through grade six students with fun and interesting activities that increase their understanding of the science processes and concepts.

Muenster uses three kits per grade level each year. The kits include laboratory

materials for enrichment activities and basic instruction.

This school year Muenster students will complete the following kits: Mysterious Powder Chemicals, Motion, Design, Flight and Space, Ecosystems, Food Chemistry, Electric Circuits, Weather, Changes of State, Balancing and Weighing, Magnets, Seeds to Plants, Measurement, Senses, and Environment.

Interested boys can join the Cub Scouts August 26

Interested boys, Grades 1 through 5, are invited to Cub Scout Pack 664 sign up on Tuesday, Aug. 26 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the VFW Hall of Muenster. Parents are asked to bring their child's current immunization record and health/accident insurance carrier with policy number. The 2003 prorated registration fee and insurance is \$6.35. Optional Boys' Life magazine is \$4.50. Please make check payable to Pack 664.

For more information call Adam Schniederjan at 940-759-4815 or 940-736-3093.



A visit to the school cafeteria was just one stop the Sacred Heart Kindergarten class made on their first day of school tour. Students pictured are, from left, Katie Luttmir, Katherine Fleitman, Allie Walterscheid, Michael Fleitman, Grant Springer, Hope Luttmer and Jacob Neusch. Janie Hartman photo

TXU Energy Safety Tips: After a storm:

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TOP - LEFT TO RIGHT: Kendall Reiter, Alison Pagel, Lana Heers, Jamie Salisbury

Fourth Grade students studying and recording the properties of different objects.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Daniel Fleitman, Jimmy Abner

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TILF awards scholarship to Brady Howell

Brady Dillion Howell, a graduate of Muenster High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Howell received a Spalding Sports Worldwide award in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. The Spalding Sports award was awarded to 40 students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Howell was a member of the first place mathematics team at the 2002 UIL Academic State Meet, and the first place number sense team at the 2003 State Meet. He also participated in UIL accounting, cross examination debate, basketball, football, golf, track, and cross country throughout his high school career. He was involved in Student Council, FFA, and TCEA.

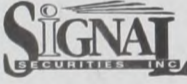
Howell plans to attend Baylor University and major in business.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Blake Voth, Joey McAden, Oscar Del Rio



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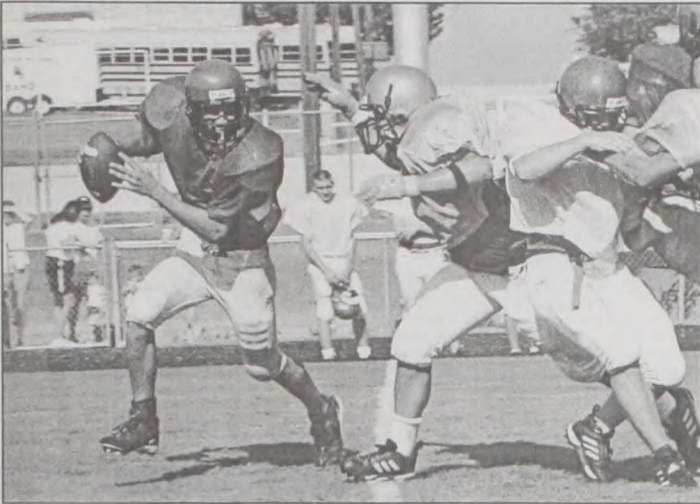
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Sports



Muenster Hornet quarterback Sean Fuhrmann gets chased around the backfield in Saturday's scrimmage with Alvord. Janie Hartman photo

Gun control with a twist

"Oh what a tangled web we weave..." begins the old saying about deception. Especially when several notables among their group seem to think it's fine for them to be "packing heat" or for their bodyguards to be armed to the teeth.

Take our politicians. The Fort-Wayne (Indiana) Journal-Gazette recently published a report that one in six legislators in the Indiana legislature was carrying a concealed weapon - some of them even carried them on the floor of the legislature. One pol, Rep. Matthew Whetstone, was quoted as saying "if someone opens fire from the balcony, I want all the guns I can shooting back." Ever the politician, Whetstone quickly added, "unless there are school children up there." Since the New York City shooting incident recently, many lawmakers are finding that the idea of the right to keep and bear arms might not be all that bad after all.

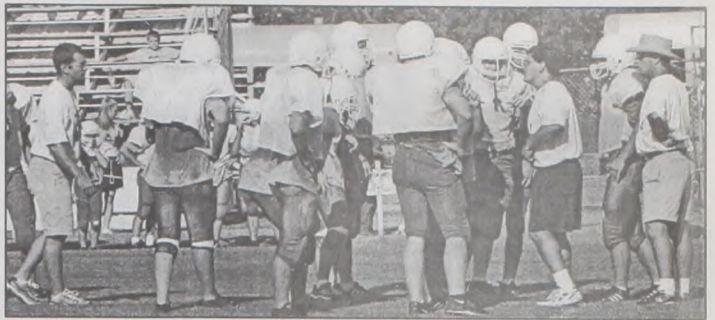
And speaking star power, let's go to the Big Apple: NYC is notoriously anti-handgun, but that doesn't mean lots of star-power isn't packing lots of firepower. The New York Post is reporting that a recent examination of the city's concealed weapons permits (a public record) shows many big names are "carrying" their own personal firearms. So, when Barbara Streisand invites Robert De Niro, Harvey Keitel, shock-jocks Howard Stern and Don Imus, or "The Donald" Trump to liberal fundraisers, she should be warned they, along with Tommy Mottola and local TV anchor John Rowland, might all set off the metal detectors. It's understandable that Imus and Stern feel the need for personal protection. The things they say about others - including De Niro, Keitel, Trump and the others - would lead to gunplay in many other parts of the country.

These is no inference in tying these two stories together. They do point out what a journalism professor once called "a blinding glimpse of the obvious": the firearms are not what cause crime, any more than hammers cause construction. Criminals commit crimes and will continue to do so until they are controlled. Until that time, all the rules, regulations and paper we care to print trying to compel them to behave otherwise is simply trash. When the law controls a criminal is the only time the law has any bearing on their behavior. Until that time, it is still better to be protected than victimized. Maybe that's one true lesson we can learn from the glitterati.

From Outdoor Wire



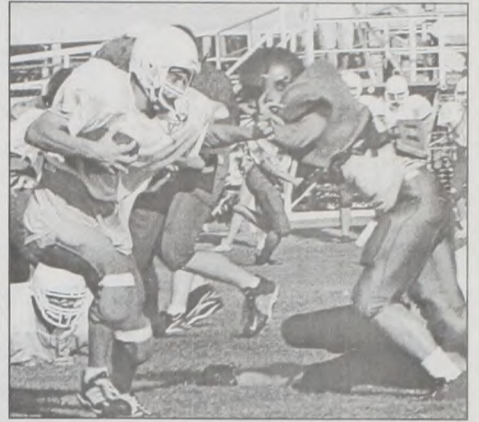
The Muenster Hornet Junior Varsity defense gave the young 'Dogs a good beating at the Saturday scrimmage. Janie Hartman photo



The Sacred Heart coaching staff, including Michael Becker, far left, Charles Boles and Dale Schilling, far right, discuss the next play in a scrimmage against Gunter. Janie Hartman photo

Hornet soap and towel night

On Friday, Aug. 22 at 5:00 p.m. the Muenster Hornets will scrimmage State School. This night has been designated as soap and towel night. Please bring bar soap, laundry detergent, and inexpensive white towels. There will be boxes located at the entrance gates for your convenience.



A Tiger running back makes a good run against Gunter in scrimmage action Saturday. Janie Hartman photo

GAME WARDEN NOTES

--A Mitchell County game warden responded to an emergency request for assistance on July 26, while he was patrolling Lake Colorado City. A 22-year-old woman was thrown from a tube and suffered head injuries after she struck the water. The warden met the boat at the boat ramp and began first aid. The woman stopped breathing several times before the ambulance arrived. The woman was taken to a hospital in Colorado City and later transferred by helicopter to Lubbock, suffering from a severe concussion.

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The Lindsay Knights prepare for football season with practice in the heat like most teams around Texas. The Knights will host Sacred Heart for a scrimmage this evening (Friday).
Janie Hartman photo



Gainesville airport director Quick describes operations, future plans

By Martha McCool

Matt Quick, the new Airport Director for the City of Gainesville recently gave an update on some of the things going on at the Gainesville Airport and some plans for the future during his recent presentation to the Gainesville Lions Club.

Quick, who referred to himself as a farm boy from Missouri, graduated from Central Missouri State University (CMSU), where he received both his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Aviation Management; at the same time, he worked at the local airport 4-5 years, where he also completed an internship.

The week after receiving his Masters Degree in May, 2002, Quick attended the Annual American Association of Airport Executives Conference, which happened to take place in Dallas. While attending that conference, Quick met with Jeff Bilyeu and Mike Shahan, the two previous airport managers in Gainesville. Quick applied for the position, was interviewed, and was offered the job. He moved to Gainesville in June 2002.

The Gainesville Airport is a Municipal Airport, hence he and his staff of three (Matt, his secretary Leslie Greer, and his maintenance worker, Ronnie Schumacher) are city

employees. Although the business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, because Gainesville Airport is a public use airport it is open 24 hours a day to the flying public.

Because the Gainesville Airport is a small airport, Matt pointed out that it has an Airport Management Office (AMO), as well as being a Fixed Based Operation (FBO). Many airports divide these two roles up; an AMO consists of a manager, a secretary, and maintenance workers, and the separate FBO entities deal with fueling the aircraft, he said.

Some of the responsibilities of the AMO include lease negotiations

He also feels that there is a definite need for more t-hangars, since all 40 t-hangars are full and there is a waiting list for them to become available (each accommodates one aircraft). Also included within the airport grounds is a city-owned 10,000 sq. foot multi-use hangar that is currently leased out to a maintenance facility. There is also a 4300 square foot hangar that is leased to a business.

Quick said that the airport as a whole encompasses 1,300 acres and is home to approximately 60 aircraft.

Because the Gainesville Municipal Airport is a public use airport, Quick said that it is eligible for



Gainesville Airport Director Matt Quick. Martha McCool photo

with airport tenants, ground leases, and t-hangar leases with the aircraft kept there. Quick also mentioned that they are in charge of the Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP), that is, the upkeep of the airport grounds, making sure that the facility is in good shape and in good working order. They maintain the budget in accordance with the city hall, city manager, and the finance director.

Stating that the majority of the responsibilities of the FBO includes fueling aircraft, Quick noted that this year they anticipate selling 325,000 gallons of fuel, which is a huge step for this airport (in contrast to the 50,000 gallons they were selling three or four years ago).

Some of the other responsibilities of the FBO include selling pilot supplies such as charts, oil, and anything of that nature that the pilots may need. The FBO is also responsible for maintaining the fuel form. There are two 12,000-gallon fuel tanks and two types of fuel are sold.

"We maintain those tanks; we have two fuel trucks, and we also maintain a self-serve fuel pump, which is unique and very handy for us, especially with the small staff that we have at the airport. A credit card machine and a self-serve fuel island enable those who fly at any hour of the day, whether it be during business hours or after business hours, access to the fuel pump by simply swiping their credit card."

One of the current businesses at the airport that Quick mentioned is Excel Aviation, which does maintenance on Falcon Corporate Jets. As a result of their fairly large business (20-30 employees), Quick said that there is a lot of jet traffic going in and out of the airport.

Tomlinson Avionics and Maintenance, which also provides flight training, is also vital to bringing in a lot of traffic. They do a wide range of work on all kinds of planes, from small one-seater Piper cubs to the Citation jets.

Other businesses include Circuit Breaker Sales, an air cargo company called Air Tejas, Inc., a charter business at the airport, Petroflex, Parsons Corp., North Texas Dusters and Sprayers, and Tuttle Aircraft Painting and Maintenance.

Due to the wide variety of businesses that accommodate a lot of people's needs, Quick observed that there is quite a bit of traffic corresponding with those businesses.

federal grants.

Another source of funding that our airport is eligible for is "non-primary entitlement funding," he said. "Each year we usually receive a \$150,000 grant from the state of Texas and the federal government, and as long as we can match that 10% (\$15,000), then we can receive that grant for any type of construction work at the airport, such as improving runways, the taxi way, or anything like that. TxDOT also has a Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) grant. If the city can provide \$30,000 locally, then they will match that with \$30,000 of their own, which generates another \$60,000 to do construction work at the airport," Quick added.

A 3 million dollar Capitol Improvement Project will include a 1,000-foot runway extension. "Right now we have two runways at the airport. The main runway is 5,000 feet long; with this extension, the main runway will be 6,000 feet long and that should be able to accommodate any type of business jet, except for the commercial airliners.

"We are also going to rehabilitate all of our active runways and taxi-ways and we're going to put a new overlay surface on them (there will be black asphalt with white lettering). It will look really sharp," he said.

Other plans include the improvement of a ramp apron (where the aircraft come in and park after landing). A radio controller will be installed, thus allowing pilots coming in at night to control the intensity of the lighting.

Some of the electrical work that will be done at the airport includes the installation of precision approach path indicator lighting on the main runway, which serves as a glide-slope for pilots coming in to land; these will be very good accommodations for arriving pilots.

Some runway end identifier lights (a bright light enabling pilots flying at night to see the Gainesville Airport) will also be installed, and some of the runways will also be upgraded, as will the taxi signage and markings.

Quick said that the Gainesville Airport plans to install security fencing and totally enclose the airport. Electric gates, he said, will also be installed on security fencing so that only authorized personnel can enter. Overhead ramp and terminal lighting will also be included.

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'Death by chocolate' not a likely problem

By Lynne Finnerty

If you've sent chocolates to your sweetheart or your mom recently, you may want to let them know that, although you meant well, you've inadvertently poisoned them. At least, that's what a group called the American Environmental Safety Institute wants people to think.

The group has filed a lawsuit alleging that chocolates contain enough carcinogenic, or cancer causing, cadmium and lead to require a warning on the wrapper. "Au contraire," say candy manufacturers, who note their chocolate products contain only trace amounts of the two naturally occurring metals. A person would have to eat a mighty heaping helping of chocolate to consume an amount that could be deemed dangerous. And, people have been safely and happily eating chocolate for eons with the only downside being expanded waistlines if they eat too much of it.

Who is right and who is wrong about the alleged dangers of eating chocolate? It doesn't even matter because it's cheaper for the manufacturers to settle this type of lawsuit than fight it in court, according to Jeffrey Margulies, a California attorney who reviewed the anti-chocolate lawsuit for the Washington Legal Foundation. You see, California's Proposition 65 allows citizens of that state to sue manufacturers if there is any detectable exposure, however small, to a

chemical that the state has identified as cancer causing or toxic. Once a detectable exposure is shown, the burden shifts to the defendant to show that the level of exposure does not require a warning, according to Margulies.

Plaintiffs in these lawsuits know that they have the manufacturers in a bind. The environmental and food scare groups don't have to be right. All they have to do is make the charge, and take credit when the defendants cave in and settle. What does all this contribute to public health? Nothing, because there was no real risk in the first place. Other states and the U.S. Congress should take heed of this absurdity before designing similar laws.

The anti-chocolate lawsuit is just the latest in a string of attempts to make people afraid of their food. A similar thing is happening with bread, potato chips and other starchy baked or fried foods. A group of Swedish scientists in April announced their discovery that a chemical reaction occurs in baking and frying, which results in small amounts of acrylamide, another carcinogen, in foods. Should we stop eating bread now? Of course not.

Don't we have more important things to worry about, America? Rather than fret over something that has an infinitesimal risk, we should be defending our right to choose which foods we want to eat, against the attacks of the food nannies.

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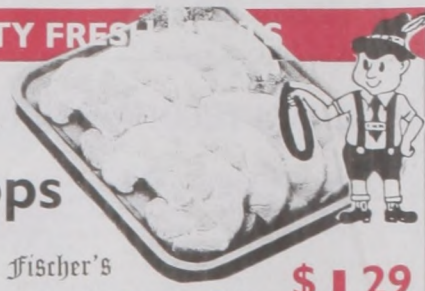
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