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# Locally heavy rains fail to dampen Germanfest spirits

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Germanfest opened
Friday afternoon under
cloudy skies with grounds
saturated from the previous
night's rain. Predictions of
thunderstorms didn't keep
the more adventurous from
attending Friday to check
out the promised good food
and entertainment. Many
bales of straw hay were
busted open and scattered
about to absorb water and
cover mud puddles.

The party went on with
heavy clouds and weather
threatening all around, but
sparing the Germanfest
until after 10 pm. when
sponsors and security
deemed it wise to close early
due to impending
thunderstorms.

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"We had a large well-behaved crowd Saturday," said Margie Starke, Muenster Chamber of Commerce secretary. "The gate receipts were down due to the rain, but it could have been a lot worse."

Saturday's cool and mostly cloudy weather seemed perfect for those who took part in the Metric Century Bicycle Ride. There were 1,061 riders according to Mary Lin Knabe, chairman. Last year's total was 1,324. "We were very pleased with the turnout", she said. "It was pouring in Dallas. There were 701 pre-registered, about 100 more this year than last. If Saturday had been like

Sunday, we'd have beaten last year's total easily."

Knabe noted that the weather was perfect for the ride. Bicyclists can choose from three different length courses. All take them through rolling hills dotted with wildflowers and other heek life and the can be back next year. They with ather being well run and organized and how helpful nifest when the well house and friendly everyone was to them, Knabe said.

The Park got crowded saturday night as many came to listen to bands on the MSB Texas Stage. Jack Ingram was the featured arday, "arke, and to deal with was what a daper was and ather the ning well run and organized and how helpful house and friendly everyone was to them, Knabe said.

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Sunday was clear, warm, and beautiful. Even though other festivals in the area had to cancel due to inclement weather, detric There were in a formal to cancel due to inclement weather, detric The Fun Run had approximately 820 runners on Sunday. "We had a good crowd," noted Chairman very John D. Bartush. "There were 13 races in a 100 mile radius that day, giving us to mpetition." The romore competitors." Everything the fixe of 250 volunteers. Bartush the assistance of every one of them was needed.

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Muenster finishers in the 5K were Will Henry and Kallie Gerstberger came in first from Muenster on the 5K were Will Henry and Kallie Gerstberger came in first from Muenster finishers in the 5K. Bartush noted that George Lukehnaus from Lindsay won his age division in the 5K while pushing his baby in a stroller.

Race results will be printed next week's paper.

Billie Fleitman, chairman of the Nagelschlagen event, roller fined next week's paper.

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# Out of county prisoner housing breaks projected budget costs

By Janet Felderhoff
Incarcerating prisoners is
weighing heavy on Cooke
County's 2003-2004 budget.
At the Monday, April 26
meeting Commissioners
Court unanimously voted to
amend the budget for
housing prisoners out of
county with money
transferred from the
unrestricted General Fund
balance.
County Auditor Gloria
Parrish reported, "At this
point we are \$60,232.50
overdrawn on that line
item. At the rate we're going
I recommend that we move
\$200,000 to put over there.

If you take out the \$60,000 that will leave \$140,000 for the next six months."

Currently in the unrestricted Fund Balance there is \$870,279.59, she said. With the subtraction of the \$200,000, \$670,279.59 would remain. Judge Freeman added that the County is anticipating a capital murder trail in August or September. Capital murder trials cancost between \$200,000 to \$300,000. "That's really going to knock that Fund balance," he remarked. Parrish noted, "What people need to understand is we took \$3.40 to \$3.40 to

approved. The credit card transaction fee was set at 3%. Justice of the Peace Dorthy Lewis said that more research revealed that the County would not break even at that amount. County Treasurer Judy Hunter had just returned from a school that addressed this issue. A fee of 5% plus a \$3 transaction fee was recommended and approved. The transaction fee is \$3 regardless if several tickets are paid at once or only a portion of a ticket. Each time a transaction is made \$3 is See EASEMENT, Pg. 3



Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman attended this year's Germanfest in ethnic German costume, as they have done so for many years. Last weekend's 'Fest began with heavy rains, but ended Sunday with beautiful, clear skies.

# Muenster ISD Board candidates address issues

Muenster ISD Board of Trustees has two terms that expire this May. Place 1 now held by Cliff Sicking and Place 2 held by Wanda Flusche. Both incumbents are seeking re-election. Leon Klement has filed for Place 1. Flusche's Place 2 drew no opponent. The election will be held Saturday, May 15 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Muenster Junior High lobby.

The three candidates were given written questions. Their responses follow:

Occupation and family information?

Sicking - I am a MISD and Cooke County College graduate, and for the past 30 years I have worked for Avaya Communications in software and project management. I am married to Kathy Swirczynski Sicking and we have three sons: Ryan, Cody, and Brent. They are all engineering graduates of Texas A&M University, with Cody also having earned a Master's degree at SMU. Ryan is married to Charlotte Dougharty, also a graduate of A&M, and has three children, Emily, Haley, and Ethan.

Klement - I am a third-generation dairy farmer. My wife, Christi, and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary this week. Christi owns and operates Christi's Jewelry and Gifts in Muenster. We have three children who all attended Muenster schools K-12.

Andrea graduated with a B.A. from Texas A&M and a law degree from Texas Tech. She passed the state bar and is employed by Ellis County as an assistant county and district attorney. Elliot earned his Airframe and Powerplant license from Tarrant County College and is employed by Barrett Aviation at the Denton Regional Airport. Bridgette is a senior at Muenster High and has been accepted into the School of Visual Arts at University of North Texas.

Flusche - I have owned and operated Tender Loving Care Childcare Center for the past 21 years. I am married to David Flusche (45 years this month) and we have five wonderful children. We have three sons, David, Neal, and Shawn Flusche who live in Muenster and two daughters, Missy Dangelmayr of Muenster and Terrye Felderhoff of Watuaga.

Why do you hope to serve this term on the School Board and what d

approached more than a few times to run, and giving it much thought, I felt the need to give back to the community again in this capacity. When our daughter, Bridgette, was born prematurely and was hospitalized for two months, we experienced, like so many others, the kindness and compassion of Muenster. Help was abundant from the Jaycees, Bluebonnets, Social Concerns, SH Parish, and our community. I believe in using time and talent given to each of us and I feel I have a knack and good common sense approach for working with others on boards. MISD has a long-standing tradition of having an excellent school system and I would work hard to see that success continue.

Flusche - The community of Muenster opened its doors to me and my family when we moved here 27 years ago. Since that time I have served on the CCD Commission, Social Concerns Committee, Social Activities Commission, taught CCD classes, served on the Adult Team for Antioch for 10 years, and have tried to help the youth in every way possible. I believe that serving on the school board is just one more way that I can give back to this community.

What are your qualifications?

Sicking - As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Muenster Independent School District, I have 12 years experience, with 7 as President of the MISD board. I feel my experience is an asset to the taxpayers as historical insight is absolutely necessary in planning for the future.

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With continued focus on improvement, we have kept the classes relevant to student needs. Over the past few years, the following programs have been added: 14 Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement courses, reintroduction of theater arts in the Junior High and High School, and learning labs in Elementary, Junior High, and High School. We have continually kept computer technology up to date with college expectations, and have modified the curriculum as needed in order to enable our graduates to do well whether they enter the workforce, trade school, or college.

college.

During my 12 years on the MISD board of trustees, the district has had many significant accomplishments and awards. The Texas Public Policy Foundation ranked MISD 13th out of 1038 school districts as one of the most efficiently managed districts in Texas. MISD received a Superior Rating in the Financial Integrity, Rating System of Texas from the Texas Education Agency.

Texas Monthly ranked the high school as one of the top ten in the state of Texas (2002). MISD received nine

See CANDIDATES, Pg. 3.

# **Obituaries**

# Christopher Muller 1921 - 2004

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Christopher Matt "C.M."
Muller died at age 83 on Saturday, April 24, 2004 at his residence in Rosston. He was born on April 5, 1921 in Rosston, the son of John "Shorty" and Anna Muller, and was a life-long resident of Cooke County.

Survivors are his wife of more than 50 years, Betty Muller; his sons and daughters-in-law Chris "W.C." and Doris Muller of Muenster, Bobby and Kim Muller of Mayetta, Kansas; daughters and Sons-in-law Jeannie and Harold Alexander of Valley View, Donna and Ricky Allen, Vickie and Otis Ramsey, and Julie Muller of Gainesville. Also 20 grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Lenora Muller of Rosston, a sister Katherine McGullough of Fort Worth; and several nieces and nephews.

After graduation from Era High School, in 1940 he joined the U.S. Navy and served six years aboard the USS North Carolina as a Class 1 electrician, participating in 13 major battles during W.W.II. He

# Letha P. Wolfe 1937 - 2004

Graveside services for Letha P. (Beam) Wolfe, 67 of Gainesville were conducted at Fairfield Cemetery April 28. Mrs. Wolfe died April 25, 2004 at her residence. She was born March 13, 1937 to George and Maggie Cox in Gainesville. She married Charles Beam in 1954, who preceded her in death in 1983. In 1988 she married Jim Wolfe.

Mrs. Wolfe was a retired clerk, having worked at T&L Shoes, Pauline's Dress Shop, and H&W Meat Company in Muenster. She is survived by her husband, sons Rodney Beam and Mark Beam, and daughter Kathy Gray, all of Gaine sville; 15 grandchildren; 2 greatgrandchildren; and brother George Cox.



Members of the 2°° Battalion of the 501" Aviation Regiment, board a UH-60 Black Ha Baghdad Airport for a combat mission. At right, Army Spec. Craig Covington. Courtesy photos by Jack Braden

# Area son serves in Iraq

By Andre Sanders
BAGHDAD
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, Iraq -- At first glance, the confidence displayed by an American missions in this volatile country can be attributed to years of training bulletproof body armor and an automatic weapon that can put holes in the sides of tanks.

But for the son of a Lake Kiowa woman, it's not the metal that comes out of the gun barrel that powers his confidence - it's the mettle of this local soldier. He and his fellow soldiers that help clear a path for coalition forces seeking to root out insurgents and get on with rebuilding a country recovering from 40 years of oppression.

Army Spec. Craig R. Covington, son of Mary Anne Pekinpaugh, Lake Kiowa, is in Iraq as a member of the 2nd Battalion of the 501st Aviation Regiment that flies UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters here. The unit is responsible for leading the way for combat fighters -- spotting the enemy, transporting troops

throughout Iraq, aerial resupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally supply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault operations. The backbone of this unit, normally stupply and air assault on

might work until 9 or 10 p.m., and have to be back at work at 7 or 8 a.m. Sometime in between, we find time to get cleaned up, eat and sleep. The hardest personal challenge I've faced is being away from my now 1-year-old daughter ... she wasn't even three months old when I first deployed."

Even though the days here are filled with important missions and danger lurking around every corner, there's still time to think of home.

"I would like my family to know that I love them and that their prayers have been heard," Covington said. "Their support has been a huge factor in passing the days I've spent here."

As enemy insurgents

As enemy insurgents continue to try to chip away at American resolve and at Iraqi trust of the coalition that came to their country's rescue, they are finding themselves up against even more than a world superpower - they're up against the mettle of Covington and his fellow soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

Gina Parker slated for **CCRW May**  E

meeting

The Cooke County
Republican Women monthly
meeting will be held on
Thursday, May 6 at the
Gainesville Chamber of
Commerce Building at 7
p.m.
The speaker will be Gina
Parker, candidate for the
State Chairman of the
Republican Party of Texas.
The election for State Party
Chairman will be held at
the State Republican
Convention in June.

# David L. Wilson 1928 - 2004

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David L. Wilson, age 75, of Gainesville, died Friday, April 23, 2004 at his residence. Graveside services at Hardy Cemetery were conducted by Rev. John Hare, pastor, First Presbyterian Church on April 24.

Wilson was born July 16, 1928 in Saint Jo. He was formerly married to Nina McCoy and was a plumber by profession. He resided in Fort Worth for many years and recently returned to Gainesville.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law: Laurie and Terry Sawyer of Gainesville; Leigh and Dr. Richard Stansberry of Edmond, Oklahoma; and Leslie and Gary Weeks of Raymond J. "Curley" Fuhrmann died at age 84 at his residence in Gainesville on April 26. 2004. Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay. The full obituary will be printed, with his photo, in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

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## **Letters** to the Editor

Editor.

In the past several months we have heard much about the Performing Arts Center, which is currently being built on the campus of North Central College in Gainesville. Critics say it is too much money or 'it might be okay for Dallas County but we are just a little rural county and we don't need that kind of thing here in Cooke County'. They scoff about the college trying to prepare students for a career in Hollywood or Nashville. And, of course, they blast the financial outlay, saying the project is too costly or the money should be spent for any number of other projects or not at all.

Here in Muenster, as I attended school, I was involved in or watched dozens of performances of all kinds. They ranged from skits to full 3 act plays to various music recitals. Rudimentary sets would be built and we would get in costume as performers. In recent years Sacred Heart School has put on excellent plays. These events entertained and made parents proud. But far beyond that, they helped the performers learn discipline, attain skills in speaking, develop confidence, and learn various skills that the Went I was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Regents in September

Center had already been in the planning stage for some time. As recent as 1999, representatives throughout the county came together to form The President's Council on Excellence to look into future needs. A mong the recommendations of that meeting was 'the need for a Music and Performing Arts facility conducive to the current instructional needs in these programs'. Early concepts of a facility put the cost out of reach but in 2002 it was found that a Monolithic Dome designed structure could be built within budget. And due to the excellent financial condition of the college, the building could be financed out of student fees and tuition and not cost a cent in local taxes.

Other community colleges located in counties of similar population have performing arts centers. Northeastern Oklahoma (NEO A&M) in Miami, Oklahoma has had a theatre for over 40 years. The facility is in constant use and widely supported by the community. Weatherford, Texas just recently completed construction of a PAC at a cost in excess of ours.

The Performing Arts
Center is a good investment
for NCTC, its students, and
the residents of Cooke
County. It will enhance the
appearance of our central
campus, attract students to
our college, enrich our
academic standards,
improve the overall
education or our students,
and add to the appeal of the
area in general. And not one
cent of your tax dollars will
be used for its construction.
Claude Walter
Member
Board of Regents
North Central Texas College
P.O. Box 148
Muenster, TX 76252

# Public meeting to be held on finance and tax rate

and tax rate

On Tuesday, May 4, in the Muenster ISD Band Hall at 7 p.m.
Superintendent Clyde Steelman will discuss finance, tax rate information, and answer questions pertaining to their impact on the taxpayers of Muenster ISD. Do not miss this important meeting if you are interested in how your tax money finances public schools and where your tax dollars go to educate students.

Bible School helper & child forms due today

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center
TDH Immunization Clinic,
9-11am, Cooke Co. Coop /
Jail Bond Election Town Hall
meeting, 7pm, Lindsay City Hall
/C of C Board meeting, 5:30pm
/ Rel. Ed. Class, 7pm /
St. Peter's Church May
Crowning, 7pm

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Thursday, May 6, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4P Cooke County Republican Women, 7PM, Gainesville Chamber of Commerce building

Friday, May 7, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM AARP Board meeting, 10AM Stanford House

Saturday, May 8, 2004

Sunday, May 9, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM

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Monday, May 10, 2004 Red Cross Lifeguard class, 4:15-8PM, Sacred Heart Senior Awards Banquet VFW meeting, 8PM

Tuesday, May 11, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center

Wednesday, May 12, 2004
Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P.
Center / SH Alumni & Supporters
meeting, 7:30-w, SNAP room / C
of C Breakdast, 7:30aM, Rohmer's
Restaurant / MISD Board meeting,
7:30-w / Rel Ed closing Mass,
6:30-w, Class follows

Thursday, May 13, 2004
Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30,
S.N.A.P. Center
Muenster Museum Open, 1-4PM
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Muenster Historical Commission
meeting, 8AM Muenster Museum
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in order to put the lights in." This also had to be approved by the Texas Historical Commission.

Commissioner Phil Young said that he had been approached by a number of citizens requesting that the County consider approving a property tax freeze for senior citizens.

Kenneth Artebury said that all the County's elderly were on fixed incomes as we would all be one day. Judge Freeman said he didn't think all of the County's elderly were on fixed incomes.

Judge Freeman said that he felt that an open and honest discussion should be held on the topic before any decision was made. "We're just going to pass the burden on to our children," noted Freeman, as the money had to some from somewhere. Artebury said he thought it was all right to pass it on to our children, and grandchildren. No decision was made.

Richard Laughlin had requested to speak on the minutes. Before they were approved a number of corrections were made.

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Laughlin then contended that the Court was not in compliance with Chapter 81 Subchapter A. This is with regard to how the Court records (paper or electronic) the proceedings of each Court meeting and how the minutes of each meeting are kept.

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# CAUGHT ..... cont. from pg. 1

Bob Stovall reported that things went smoothly during the three day Germanfest. "It think it was due to the cool weather," he speculated. "We just didn't have the trouble this time."

The Department's biggest problem was a mad drunk, he noted.

Deputy Mitch Westervelt made the sole arrest by the Muenster Police Department. About 10:30 p.m. Saturday night he attempted to arrest Becky Sue Wilson, age 31, of Nocona for public intoxication. Determined not to be arrested, she began running down the



**CANIDIDATES** 

Exemplary Ratings from the Texas Education Agency. Muenster Elementary and Muenster JH/HS School have received ten Exemplary Ratings from the Texas Education Agency. The MISD Board of Trustees also received a clean audit each year by an independent accounting firm.

In addition to my experience gained from serving as a board member, I have personally received 119 hours of board member training over the past four years. Some of this training includes district finance and budgeting, building construction, technology integration, district legal issues, and school planning. I believe this combination of training and experience makes me uniquely qualified for this position.

Klement - My past experience includes serving on MISD board of trustees from 1981-87 and 1988-1997, acting as board president the last three years. I also was elected as a voting delegate for AMPI, was Muenster's representative on the County Education District board, served on several positions on the SH Parish Council, and was a lector and Eucharistic minister for 25 years. In addition, I was president of the Muenster Athletics Boosters Club, and co-chaired the Christmas parade for the past three years. In 1998, I was elected to the Cooke County Appraisal District board serving until 2003 and was board president the last 2 years. I have, for 25 years, been involved in and worked closely in the areas of school finances. My experience as a lifelong business owner and operator has given me the ability to make sound budget and managerial decisions. I've had the opportunity to be part of the MISD Board and retired from it on two occasions. I strongly believe stepping away from it has given me a better perspective of the issues and solutions needed to make sound business decisions.

away from it has given me a better perspective of the issues and solutions needed to make sound business decisions.

Flusche - I have been involved with education since I started school 53 years ago. I have been a student, parent, and grandparent of students, as well as an employee of three different schools. I worked as a teacher's aide at Andrews School District, Garland School District, and was elementary P.E. teacher and junior high track coach at Sacred Heart School. I worked very closely with MISD when they set up their Pre-K program about 12 years ago by providing space and setting up their classroom. A few years later, I helped to oversee and teach the Pre-K at Risk Program which was set up at my center. I have served on the board for the last three years, attended all the required training sessions, all the meetings (both regular and special called meetings), which has truly been a learning experience and one that has been very rewarding. I believe that with my training and background in education, I can contribute to MISD and serve the parents and students of the district.

What do you perceive as the role of the School Board?

Sicking - Accountability to taxpayers is the most important responsibilities of a board member. Other roles and responsibilities of a board member are to oversee the management of the district, set policy and goals for the district, approve a budget, and set the tax rate. It believe the success of the district depends on all the members of the team working together to accomplish what is in the best interests of the community.

Klement - The major duties of the School Board include employment of the superintendent, creating school policy, and adopting a budget and tax rate. The Board should not be involved in the day-to-day operation of the school board is to set local policies, oversee the finances of the school district and meets the needs of its students.

Flusche - The role of the school board is to set local policies, oversee the finances of the school, and hire as uperinte

What, if any, capital improvements are needed in the District?

Sicking - In 2000, the board of trustees had two independent facilities analysis done which resulted with the creation of a building committee. This committee recommended the renovation of the Junior High and creation of a new Field House/Maintenance building. This voter approved project freed up four classrooms that were previously used by athletics and maintenance.

The building committee also came to the conclusion that the current cafeteria is not sufficient for the school's current population. The cafeteria, built in 1950 for a student population half our current size, will be an upcoming priority for the board of trustees.

Klement - We need a new cafeteria and improvements for the elementary building. I would also like to see a better playground for the younger students.

Flusche - As our student population continues to grow, we are going to need a new cafeteria and more classroom space for the elementary students, either by adding on to the existing buildings, or building new ones.

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sssion of the Texas Legislature. What do you think
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session of the Texas Legislature. That you would be a good solution to the public schools' funding problems?

Sicking - School finance now being discussed in Austin will have a major impact on small districts such as MISD, as Gov. Perry promises to overhaul the current system. I believe it is critical to small districts not to lose the small school formula that recognizes higher cost per student associated with smaller schools. I also believe it is important that the new finance system recognize the importance of higher cost programs such as AG. Woodshop, Home Economics, and Technology courses.

Klement - For years, the state has passed laws and changed rules in regards to how the public schools are run. The problem is the state fails to provide the funds to implement their new programs. The tax burden ideally needs to be distributed over a larger tax base. Sales, property and franchise taxes could be changed to include more of society paying for the school systems. To rely on one element of the Texas economy to fund public education is foolish.

Flusche - School funding is a complicated issue, since all schools have different needs, based on their student population and size. The state and federal government are continually adding programs, setting higher and

higher standards for our students while the state's share of the funding for public schools is decreasing. In 1945 the state's share for funding public schools was 55%, while the state's share for funding public schools was 55%, while the state's share for 2004 is 38%.

The state always manages to find money for highways and projects such as beautification for small towns and crues, higher the proposed of the control of th

# Lifestyle

# Stoffels, Bologna wed in Sacred Heart Church

By Elfreda Fette
The wedding of Sally
Stoffels of Plano and
Timothy Bologna of New
Orleans was held in Sacrec'
Heart Church of Muenster
on Feb. 7, 2004, at 2 p.m.
Officiating at the Nuptial
Mass and double ring vows
was Father Aaron Pirrera,
OSB, Headmaster at
Subiaco Academy.
Daughter of Herman
Stoffels of Muenster and the
late Alma Stoffels, the bride
is a 1987 graduate of Sacred
Heart School and a 1991
graduate of Texas A&M
University with a Bachelor
of Arts Degree in History.
She is employed by
Computer Task Group as a
Technical Recruiter.
The groom is the son of
Donna Bologna of Harahan,
Louisiana and Russell and
Suzy Bologna of La Place,
Louisiana. His Daternal
grandmother is Josephine
Bologna of New Orleans and
maternal grandparents are
C.B. and Yvonne Harrison
of Baton Rouge.
The groom is a graduate
of Subiaco Academy, and
the University of Louisiana
in Lafayette with a Bachelor
of Science Degree in
Finance. He is employed in
the Insurance Industry.
Presented at the altar by
her father, Herman Stoffels,
the bride was wearing a
formal wedding gown
designed by Maggie Sottero,
designed one-piece lace-up
slim line organza over satin,
with a symmetrical drape
on the bodice, with
Swarovski crystal and bugle
bead trim. The bridal
bouquet consisted of a
palette of red flowers
including large roses, tulips,
spray roses, alstromeria,
and snap dragons, accented
with green ivy.

For tradition and
sentiment she wore her late
mother's original wedding
band, and a cultured pearl
necklace with gold clasp, a
gift from the bride's sister
Connie Rheams.

ATTENDANTS

Matron of honor was Comine Rheams of Corinth. Bridesmaids were Janel Stoffels of Corinth, bride's sister; Chrissy Koon of Bedford, bride's niece; Jennifer Owen, bride's friend of Kansas City; and Svetlana Santrac, bride's friend of St. Thomas USVI. They were attired in kneelength, black, strapless dresses of silk, with a waist tie accented with a flower. Each carried a unique bouquet of different flower and color, including fuschia roses, orange gerber dasies, red tulips, purple iris, and yellow daffodils.

Junior bridesmaid was Sophia Stoffels of Plano, daughter of the bride, attired in an off-white, sleeveless, floor-length dress with beaded and sequined bodice and full length tulle skirt.

Flower girls were

bodice and full length tulle skirt.
Flower girls were Samantha McCoy of Corinth, bride's great-niece, and Ava Rheams, bride's niece, attired in off-white, floor length dresses designed sleeveless with beaded and sequined bodices, and full tulle skirts.

beated and sequined bodices, and full tulle skirts.

Ring bearer was Andrew Stoffels of Pilot Point, nephew of the bride.

Jason Gehrig, bride's nephew and friend of the groom of La Paz, Bolivia was best man. Groomsmen were Todd Bologna, groom's brother of New Orleans; Wayne Bologna of New Orleans, groom's cousin; Kris Perret of Baton Rouge, groom's cousin; and Mark Stoffels of Shreveport, bride's brother.

Ushers were bride's brothers Chris Stoffels of Gainesville and Craig Stoffels of Pilot Point, and bride's nephews Mark Gehrig of Muenster and Alex Rheams of Corinth.

Altar servers were nephews Clint Stoffels of Gainesville and Adam

Dangelmayr of Muenster. The Unity candle was lit by Pam Dangelmayr, bride's sister, and Donna Bologna, groom's mother.

Wedding music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, pianist; Ricky Rasura, harpist; Jackie Bartush, bride's niece, Katie Cox, and Dana Miller, vocalists. Selections included "Like A Seal On Your Heart", "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", "Canon in D", "Center of My Life", "One Hand, One Heart", "Panis Angelicus", "Ubi Caritas", "Ave Maria", and "Ode To Joy".

The prelude and bridal march were played by the harpist.

Also participating in the liturgy were Donna McCraw and Shannon Ryan groom's cousins, with First and Second Readings; Prayers of the Faithful by Cheryl Simmons, Goddaughter of the bride; Offertory gifts by the bride's sisters Cynthia Gehrig, Donna Simmons, and June Bartush. Eucharistic ministers were Charles Bartush, Daniel Bartush, Stephen Bartush, Sandra Schumacher, and Betty Miller. Program attendants were Lauren Stoffels and Karen Gehrig.

Sophia Stoffels, bride's daughter was escorted to the altar by the groom. As the couple exchanged their vows, they were joined by Sophia. She was presented a special ring by the groom.

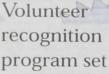
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A reception and buffet dinner, catered by Donna Hertel, followed at St. Peter's Centennial Hall for 300 guests.

Various arrangements of greenery, iron candelabra, many votive candles, and a large stone Cupid created a garden-like atmosphere, with guests entering under a metal arbor topped with fresh flowers and greenery.

The bride's table was



The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program invites R.S.V.P. volunteers to the annual volunteer recognition on May 6. The "Bloom Where You're Planted" Volunteer Recognition program will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 6 at Harvest Time Assembly of God Church, 222 South F.M. 1417 Rd., Sherman. Catering will be by Lulu Hill of McKinney. This recognition program is sponsored by the Grayson County Advisory Council and staff of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

# Garden Club hosts flower show Saturday

show Saturday

On Saturday, May 1, the
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the meal. The baptismal cake was served by Crystal, Shelby, and Jessy Anderson, and Rhianne Brown.

Attending were Msgr. Charles King of Denton, Ken and Elyn Patterson, Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman, Kendra Patterson and Rhianne of Andrews, Keith Patterson and Amy Higginbotham of Waco, Kevin Patterson of Plano, Aaron Miller and Tara Kash of Norman, Oklahoma, Joey, Crystal, Shelby, and Jessy Anderson of Muenster, Brian and Judy Bearden of Katy, Arthur and Claire Gionet, Cora Bongiorno, Ray and Mary Lou Twehous, Troy Wolf and Casey Carter all of Denton, Mark, Monica, Matthew, and Makenna Johnson of Colleyville, Rosalee Bayer of Muenster, and Coralee Pulte of Gainesville.

# Fuhrman The Baptism of Conner Gene Fuhrman, son of Kaylynn Fuhrman and the late Gene Fuhrman, was held April 25, 2004, at the 11:15 a.m. Mass in Immaculate Conception Church in Denton. Msgr. Charles King officiated at the baptism. Conner's baptismal sponsors were Judy Bearden of Katy and Troy Wolf of Denton. Conner wore the same baptismal gown that his father wore 40 years ago on April 26, 1964. Grandparents are Ken and Elyn Patterson of Lubbock and Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman of Muenster. After the Baptism, a brunch was held at the Radisson Hotel in Denton hosted by Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman. Ken Patterson gave the invocation before Cooke County Church Women United to celebrate Friendship Day

Mrs. Timothy Bologna ...neè Sally Stoffels

**Baptism** 

**Fuhrman** 

Cooke County Church Women United will meet on Friday, May 7 at noon at First United Methodist Church, 214 S. Denton Street. At this time St. Mary's Catholic Church will present the program 'In Faith Women Shape the Future Through Friendship." Lunch will be served by First United Methodist Women with dessert provided by Whaley Methodist Women have with other women. Using familiar New Testament women: Lydia, Lois, Mary Magdalene, Phoebe, Salome (mother of James and John), and Priscilla, the May Friendship Worship Celebration is presented in a readers' theater format. The revelation of these empowering friendships continue to shape our lives eempowering friendship by Gelebration is presented in a readers' theater format. The revelation of these empowering friendship celebration is presented in a readers' theater format. The revelation of these empowering friendships continue to shape our lives even today enriching, challenging, affirming and strengthening the journey.

May Friendship Day offers numerous ways of celebrating "friendship,"

edged in fresh Italian ruscus, votive candles and crystals. The bride's bouquet was the centerpiece, with other flowers in the bride's chosen colors. Ten foot window panes were draped in yards of tulle and greenery with large candelabra, providing a scenic backdrop.

The bride's cake, fourtiered white, was frosted in deep ivory, decorated with frosting curlicues and pearl dots, with accents of varied sized pearl, rolled fondant with shimmering pearl dust. The top layer had a domeshape, with a cascade of pearl balls on top.

The groom's cake, chocolate and three-tiered, was decorated in a waterfall effect, made of blue rolled fondant. Red hearts decorated the top layer. A heart-shape cake stood to one side, on a tall pedestal with a picture of the bride on it. Both cakes were made by Betty Rose Walterscheid.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's father, Russell Bologna at Doc's Bar and Grill, for all family and guests who came from out-of-town. It was catered by Glen (Tic) Block who provided barbecue brisket and ribs. Guests enjoyed music presented by the Beer Man.

Since returning from a wedding trip to Nevis in the West Indies, the couple is residing in Plano.



# Kyle Popp is three

Kyle Popp celebrated his third birthday with a family gathering on Friday, March 5 at Chuck E. Cheese in Denton featuring a pizza meal. His actual birthday was March 8. On his actual birthday, his grandparents Carol Henscheid and Henry and Jeanette Popp visited him to share his special "Spiderman" cake.

At his birthday party, Kyle shared goody bags with his friends who came to his party. They included his party. They included his party. They included his party Frank and Amy Popp, his sister and brother, Nicole and Jack Popp, family relatives Brad, JoAnna, Bradley, and Allison Henscheid; and friends Ronda, Rebecca, Jessica, and Colby Metzler.

# Area **Happenings**

Senior Exposition
The 2nd annual Cooke
County Senior Exposition
will be held at Leonard Park
around the pavilion on
Saturday, May 8 from 9
a.m. to 3 p.m. The
Exposition kicks off the
events for "National
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weekend of Mother's Day.
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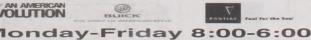
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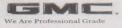
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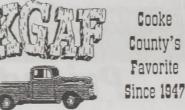


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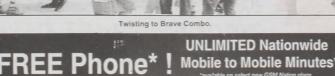
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# City Council Agenda

ollowing is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster Ci II to be held at  $7 {:} 30$  pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, 2004.

- Recognize visitors and invite them to a and to discuss their business.

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The party will be DJ'd by Dave Muller
The meal will be catered by Rohmer's Restaurant
\$10,000.00 Cash Prize to be awarded at drawing party. Only 300 tickets will be sold!! Ticket includes party at Community Center on May 1st starting at 6:00 pm. until 1:00 am. Food and beverages will be provided. One ticket admits 2 people only.
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# IMH Health Fair









At the MMH Health Fair held April 17, clockwise from upper left: Joan Walterscheid, R.N., C.D.E. (at left) answered questions about diabetes from interested participants; Carol Grewing relaxes as she gives up a pint of her blood in the Texoma Regional Blood Center's mobile unit. She was one of 28 people who donated a pint of blood during the Health Fair; North Central Texas College Nursing students assisted with free glucose and blood pressure; Dolores Hofbauer has the oxygen level of her blood checked by Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe. He and MVFD member Kevin Hermes demonstrated equipment and answered questions. Also shown are Eland Green and Erin Hess (far right); Even Dr. Edd Advincula and other local medical staft took advantage of the special prices offered.



# Gainesville Convalescent Center recognizes long-term good employees

The staff of Gainesville Convalescent Center (GCC) gathered to recognize the many long-term and dedicated employees recently. Over 71% of the staff have been employeed at GCC more than a year.

One year employees recognized with certificates were: Christine Gonzales, Jaime Gonzales, Kenneth Grewing, Felicia Johnson, Jaime Mikkelson, Shirley

Jaime Gonzales, Kenneth Grewing, Felicia Johnson. Jaime Mikkelson, Shirley Rector, Dianna Rodiquez, Joy Sonese, Angela South, Stella Tessnear, Shannon King, Carolyn Miller, Ester Johnson, and Cathy Collier. Two year employees also received certificates: Rosita Garcia, Chuck King, Beth Pendergraft, and Leah Watson.

Watson.

Three year employees getting certificates were Linda Luttmer, Mary Rains, Tayabba Ravjani, and Sheri Braudaway.

Four year employees getting certificates were Deanne Bayer, Dianne Day, Donna Downes, Sue Trammel, and Marcela Rojas.

There are 33% with over five years of service at GCC. The five year employees received one paid day off with a certificate: Pam Dittfurth, Dorothy Hubbard, Carol Lee, Carmen Malo, Beth Presley, and Linda Scott.

Six year employee, LeAnn Lewis, also received.

day off with a certificate, as did seven-year employees, Lee Searcy and Betty Segovia, the eight-year employee, Nancy Otto, and the nine-year employee, Susan Williams.

Those with 10 through 14 years, 14% over 10 years, received two paid days off and a long stemmed red rose with their certificate: 12 years, Mona Smith and Patty Marion; 13 years, Bea Byars and Reta Johnson; and 19 years, Marilyn Greenwood - who received three paid days off. Five percent have been dedicated to caring for the residents of Gainesville Convalescent Center for over 20 years: Janz' Fisher, a 24 year employee, received one dozen roses, as \$50 gift certificate, and three paid days off. Carla Johnson, working at GCC for 26 years, received three paid days off, one dozen roses, and a \$50 gift certificate. Patsy Edwards the longest employed for 31 years, received a dozen roses, and a \$50 gift certificate. Patsy Edwards the longest employed for 31 years, received a dozen roses, and a \$50 gift certificate. Patsy Edwards the longest detary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Ight Bulb" award to the staff who changes halls and shifts with no complaints, "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Ight Bulb" award to the staff who changes occur, "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Granshopper" award to the longest dietary employee, "Grasshopper" award to the staff who changes halls and shifts with no complaints, Joy Sonese; "Mr. Clean" award to the longest housekeeping staff member, Ester Johnson; "Gourmet" award to the longest dietary employee, Marcela Rojas; "Bob Hope" award to the staff with the best sense of humor, Kenneth Grewing; "Light Bulb" award to the most eager to help, Dianne Day; "Pressure Cooker" award to staff who works without complaints when changes occur, Marilyn Greenwood and Stephanie Hellman; "Light Bulb" award for the member who makes good suggestions and give helpful feedback, Carmen Malo; and the "June Cleaver" award for the best dressed including wearing a badge, Linda Scott.



# Area Happenings

Rosston Cemetery
Association Meeting
The Rosston Cemetery
Association will hold its
annual meeting from 10:30
a.m. to noon on Saturday,
May 8 at Rosston United
Methodist Church. The
meeting will be followed by
a pot-luck luncheon at the
Ross Point Community
Center at noon.

Cattlemen's Ball

Cattlemen's Ball
Shuck your mud boots, and put on your dancing boots, the Texoma CattleWomen once again are holding the Cattlemen's Ball, May 1, at the VFW Hall in Gainesville, from 7 till midnight. Troy McKinney and his Hard Luck Band will be performing. Advance tickets are \$5 available from any Texoma CattleWomen or Cooke County Farm Bureau office. Tickets at the door will be \$8.

For more information contact, Teresa Monk at

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# MMH bicycle safety course rescheduled

Due to the low turnout for bicycle safety course at the Health Fair, the bicycle safety course will be rescheduled for the end of May. This should coincide with the end of school. "As well as bicycle safety course, we hope to present pedestrian and scooter training," noted Laura Stoffels R.N. and Director of Nursing. "We do have a limited number of helmets to distribute that were donated by our North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council."

People are needed to coordinate distribution of these helmets as well as people to inspect bicycles and scooters. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist in this course can contact Laura Stoffels at 940-759-2271.

# Officers elected by VFW Auxilary

The Ladies Auxiliary
VFW Post #6205 held their
regular meeting April 19 in
the Post Home. The main
topic was election of officers.
All the officers were kept for
another year by
acclamation.

Members voted to change
the meeting time to 7:30
p.m. instead of 8 p.m.
beginning in July.

Linda Knabe reported on
the Lite-a-Bike stickers,
safety and fire safety
literature she gave to first
graders. She presented the
book "How to Pick Anyone
in Service" to the local
library.

The next District meeting
will be May 1 - 2 at Lake

# Volunteers honored

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, a dinner was hosted by Gainesville Convalescent Center on April 15 to honor the 160 volunteers who gave of their time and talents during the past year. The dinner was held at Hillcrest Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Certificates and volunteer pins were awarded to each volunteer present by

Activity Director Nancy Otto. Administrator Mina Creech expressed her appreciation for all the volunteers do for the residents.

If you are interested in joining the group of volunteers, call Nancy Otto at 665-2826 or come by the home and meet the residents.

# Red Cross to honor volunteers May 15

The Texoma Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its annual meeting and picnic for Red Cross volunteers on Saturday, May 15, at the Waterloo Lake Pavilion in Denison.

The event will include food and fun, as well as election of new board members.

Need to scratch? We've got the pads! For registration and other information, contact the Red Cross at 903-465-1330 or 940-665-4365. The Red Cross web site, www.texoma.redcross.org also has information on this event and other activities going on in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties.

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# Lia Heers is the State Champion Runner-up in number sense and Ryan Neal is the State Champion Runner-up in science at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) competition held April 17 in San Antonio. The math and science teams from Muenster Middle School spent many extra hours studying these disciplines to earn the chance to compete at the State competition held at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

# Muenster FCCLA members attend State Conference in Houston The Muenster Chapter of Family, Career and ways to become actively Community Leaders of troday's youth including the University of Texas at San Antenio. Twenty-one students earned the trip to San Antenio by qualifying in one of three qualifying meets held on February 28, March 13. Also attending the meet were Barbie Barnhill, Jim food to the Covenant House of Texas, a facility for the Leigh Hale, and Lou Heers homeless of Houston/Harris as expressys.

The Muenster Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America was represented by four members at the State Conference held in Houston on April 15 through 17. Danielle Bindel, Stephanie Buhrman, Haylee Hess, and Leah Vinson were accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. Joni Sturm. The Chapter members were among approximately 3,500 delegates attending the three-day conference held at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

The youth developed theme "FCCLA: A Luau of Opportunities" was carried out through workshops and

out through workshops and general sessions. Members

learned to strategically plan ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth including decision-making, goal setting, and career preparation. State Officers for 2004-2005 were presented along with scholarship winners in the Saturday morning session. Two nationally known speakers, Patrick Grady and Dr. Rick Rigsby empowered and encouraged members through laughter and tears to reach for their highest goals.

Muenster FCCLA also participated in the State Community Service Project during the State Conference. Chapter members donated gently

worn clothing and canned food to the Covenant House of Texas, a facility for the homeless of Houston/Harris County.



In Houston, from left, Leah Vinson, Stephanie Buhrman, Danielle Bindel, and Haylee Hess. Courtesy photo

## Tornado facts

TMSCA meet at San Antonio Trophies were given for 1st through 10th place and medals for 11th through 20th. Team awards were given for 1st through 6th place with a trophy for the school and medals for each of the four team members and one for the coach.

Muenster students compete in

Results from Muenster

Results from Muenster are as follows:

Number Sense: 6TH GRADE - Lia Heers, 2nd; Levi Trubenbach, 3rd; Tyler Pagel, 6th, Ryan Neal, 9th; Chad Henscheid, 23rd, 7TH GRADE - Noel Barnhill, 11th, Brandan Bindel, 17th; Madchen Moseley, 18th, 8TH GRADE - Alison Teafatiller, 11th.

Calculator - 6TH PLACE TEAM of Alison Miller, Noel Barnhill, John Rohmer, and Alison Teafatiller. 6TH GRADE - Chad Henscheid, 11th, Delana Sicking, 12th; Amanda Dangelmayr, 18th; 7TH GRADE - Noel Barnhill, 8th; John Rohmer, 9th, 8TH GRADE - Alison Miller, 16th; Alison Teafatiller, 21st.

Mathematics: 6 T H
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10th, John Rohmer, 15th;
Brandan Bindel, 18th. 8TH
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TEAM OF John Rohmer,
John Crabtree, Jeff
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and Ryan Neal, 6TH
GRADE - Ryan Neal, 2nd;
Levi Trubenbach, 12th;
Camille Hale, 20th; Delana
Sicking, 24th. 7TH GRADE
- John Rohmer, 4th; Jeff
Schniederjan, 10th; Stacie
Knabe, 12th; Matthew
McAden, 19th; Josh Sicking,
26th; Mason Kieninger,
36th, 8TH GRADE - John
Crabtree, 9th; Alison
Teafatiller, 17th; Alison
Miller, 20th.
Coaches of the four events
are: Leigh Hale and Molly
Sicking - Science; Mary
Dangelmayr - Mathematics;
Amy Binder - Calculator;
and DaLana Chism Number Sense.

# Band concert set

The Muenster Hornet includes three performances Bands will perform their annual Spring Concert this Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, and High School Band.

Heart Church. The concert begins at 3 p.m. and everyone is invited.



May 15th Early Voting April 28th through May 11th at NCTC



Lindsay students patipating in the TMSCA competing at state

# Lindsay students participate in State Texas Math and Science Coaches Association

and Science. The final places of the competing students were:

Number Sense - Overall team, 3rd place; 8th grade - Keith Hermes 13th, Elizabeth Dieter 12th, Ashley Caillier 7th, Christina Eckart 5th; 7th grade - Sam Sparkman 16th, Amber Nortman 12th, Nick Bearer 5th; 6th grade - Wes Morrison 17th, Austin Reiter 10th, Colton Hermes 5th, Dillon Hanson 1st, Calculator

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Bayer 6th, Jen Rauschumber
3st, 7th grade - Rose
Hermes 11th, Beverly Knabe
7th, Amber Nortman 6th,
Nick Bezner 3st, 6th grade
- Austin Reiter 13th, Colton
Hermes 10th, John Block 6th,
Dillon Hanson 1st,
Mathematics - Overall
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Christina Eckart 3st, 7th
grade - Sam Sparkman
13th, Amber Nortman 11th,
Derek Hundt 9th, Nick
Bezner 4th, 6th grade
Wes Morrison 13th, Austin
Reiter 8th, Adam Krebs 3st,
Colton Hermes 2st,
Science - Overall team
3st 4st grade - Jen

On April 17, 26 Lindsay ISD students from grades 6, 7, and 8 participated in the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association State competition. The students had participated in several other weekend meets to qualify for this state meet.

The competition includes Number Sense, Calculator Applications, Mathematics, and Science. The final places of the competing students were:

Number Sense - Overall team, 3rd place; 8th grade

14th, Nick Bezner, 6th, asked to comment on the event. John Block said, "It was fur!" Shirley Hess slight, Oblino "I was surprised at how well than I did." Dillon Hanson said, "It was easier than I thought it would be. The we did." Colton Hermes were worked the better we did." Colton Hermes said, "We worked and it finally paid off by going to San Antonio." Zohaib have participated in the state competition.

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Student Council, from left, Levi Trubenbach, Eric Hellman, Ryan Neal, Shaina Felderhoff, Jackie Klement, Lia Heers, and Delana Sicking Courtesy photo

# Muenster Elementary students collect trash

Wes Morrison 13<sup>th</sup>, Austin Reiter 8<sup>th</sup>, Adam Krebs 3<sup>rd</sup>, by cleaning up two miles of colton Hermes 2<sup>rd</sup>, Dillon Hanson 1<sup>rd</sup>;

Science - Overall team 3<sup>rd</sup>; 8th grade - Jen Rauschuber 15<sup>th</sup>, Mary Bayer 13<sup>th</sup>, Nathan Martin Beayer 13<sup>th</sup>, Nathan Martin Klement, observed that 6<sup>th</sup>, 7th grade - Mustafa Hweidi 16<sup>th</sup>, Pooja Patel

Several Student Council members, faculty sponsors Jennifer Walterscheid and Jim Van Vleet, and students from Muenster ISD Elementary School participated in the Texas Trash Off Saturday April 3 by cleaning up two miles of right of way along FM 373 north of Muenster. The students collected 25 bags of trash. Student Council representative, Jackie Klement, observed that people throw out just about anything on the highway

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# Week of the Young Child Celebration 2004 Sacred Heart Artfest

Everyone had a good time at Sacred Heart's annual Artfest this year which was held on April 21. Clockwise - above, Preschool helper, Susan Yosten, shows Quinn Sicking and Patricia Neusch what to use for their crafts; at the shaving cream table, Jessica Krahl, Emily Krahl and Amber Walterscheid get ready to cover themselves in cream; Ryan Felderhoff and Matt Hesse are the bagheads while Dylan Flusche shows off his lovely earring. They are having a "cool" kind of fun; Laura Sweeney and Rebekah Hesse work dilligently on their projects while being assisted by Paige Rigsby; Jordan Henscheld grabs for a cup cake while Devan Henry pays Carol Luttmer for her treat and Calvin Wimmer can't decide what he wants; Christy Hesse and son Julian try to get sleepy little Rachel to wake up and share in on the fun; and Abbey Jaroma takes her time as she decorates her paper sack puppet.

Photos by Deborah Wood









# D Honor Roll Muenster ISI

Fifth Six Weeks
"A" HONOR ROLL
1st Grade (Mrs. Miller)
Emily Brogdon, Trevor
Cheaney, Morgan Flusche,
Zakary Ford, Blake
Haubold, Kyla Haverkamp,
Brandon Hennigan, Chance
Herr, Mikaela Lamar,
Collin Pagel, Kristen Reiter,
Zachary Trubenbach, Lora
Walterscheid. (Mrs.
Fleming) Trey Anderle,
Colton Call, Jonathan
Cooley, Michael
Durnberger, Tara Gunnels,
Rachel Hare, Laurine
McAden, Makayla Moster,
Zachary Pollard, Noel
Rodriguez.
2nd Grade (Mrs. Budish)
Mason Binder, Sydney
Huchton, Shelby Klement,
Cristan Medlock, Garrett
Miller, Jaisal Patel, Mariah
Walmmer. (Mrs. Pagel)
Hannah Bayer, Jared
Endres, Jace Fredrick,
Ashley Hammer, Darrell
Hermes, Clayton Hess,
Kylie Hess, Makayla
Pumphrey, Adrien Rohmer,
Shelbi Sicking, Clint
Sidwell.
3rd Grade (Mrs.
Anderle, Taylor Endres,
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Schneider,
Sth Grade (Mrs.
Walterscheid.
6th Grade (Mrs

Maegan Fleming, Eland Green, David Huston, Christopher Jackson, Colton Moseley, Peyton Reiter, Alyssa Schinigoi, Dylan Serna. (Mrs. Pagel) ShyAnn Bartel, Dylan Clure, Ethan Hale, Erin Hess, Amber Knabe, Abigail Pagel.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Anderle) BriAnna Bayer, Clayton Fangman, Steven Flusche, Brooke Hess, Morgan McGrew. (Mrs. Endres) Sean Chism, Madison Dugger, Tommy Harrison, Trevor Muller, Brittany Pagel, Miranda Pagel, Alexander Roller, Emily Vance.

4th Grade (Mrs. Presnall) Jimmy Abner, Daniel Fleitman, Dalton Koelzer, Rishi Kendall Reiter, Jamie Salisbury, Blake Voth, Jace Wann. (Mrs. Sicking) Christopher Green, Chase Hammer, Joseph Monday, Nicole Pagel, Caleb Winters. (Mrs. Klement) Kalyn Dangelmayr, David Fleitman, Mark Jones, Demi Koelzer, Severen Pagonis.

5th Grade (Mrs. Knight) Lason Luke. Spencer

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# Contest seeks Christian poetry

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Christian Fine Arts Society, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1000 Grand Prize, totaling almost \$5,000.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 9588 Thornbush Lane Fishers, IN 46038. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is April 30.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style,

Nielsen, Kelsey Pagel, Jacy Steelman, Lacey Trubenbach, Phillip Vogel. (Mrs. Chism) Dillon Bayer, Llogan Cheaney, Ryan Hennigan, Michelle Henscheid, Brianna Klement, Devon Kubis, Diana Velasquez, Hannah Weger.

Weger.

6th Grade (Mrs. Walterscheid) Karissa Downes, Chad Henscheid, Jacob Klement, Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Tyler Pagel, Leaha Smith, Bianca Velasquez, Joshua Womble. (Mrs. Hale) Antonio Acuna, Ashton Barrett, Yolanda Del Rio, Camille Hale, Ryan Henscheid, Jessica Holder, Amanda Hundt.

At right, Sandra Mosher and Lollipop the Clown review the personalized books with the Lindsay ISD kindergarten students. Courtesy photo



# Lindsay Kindergarten students receive personalized books

The books include activities to reinforce the learning that is done in kindergarten and were given to encourage an early love of reading.

"I can read the words," "I talks about our friends!"

On Friday, April 23, the kindergarten students of Lindsay Elementary each received a free personalized book during a Give-A-Book Program distribution event. Mosher Enterprises, Lindsay's licensed, independent Create-A-Book® dealer, sponsored the children's literacy project. Each book contains the student's name, age, hometown, school name, and the names of their teacher and friends. An adhesive picture frame in which to place the student's nicluded. Alan Richards thought this was especially neat. "We can put our picture in it!" he commented.

All of the kindergarten students were grateful for their book and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Mosher for donating them.

For more information about hosting or sponsoring a Give-A-Book Program please contact Sandra Mosher at: (940) 668-2339, write: P.O. Box 367, Lindsay, TX 76250; e-mail: contact@2giveabook.com; or visit: www.2giveabook.com.



Muenster Elementary Kindergarten students recently participated in a cross curricular hands-on project which involved parents, teachers, and the Agriculture Department students at Muenster High School.

students at Muenster High School.

As part of a problem solving activity, students were given the question of how to make the flower bed in front of the school beautiful with no money to work with. The steps of the project were recorded with pictures in order to use them to write stories during Journal time. Students will publish a book of their own with all the correct parts, including their own cover, title page, and dedication page.

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Each student brought a rock from home to paint during Art class to make a rock garden. Parents were asked to donate a six-pack of flowers to be planted. Stick Lamar donated his removal equipment to take out the dead tree stump. Carl and Charla Haubold donated their time to remove the stump to clear the way for the flowers.

The students and their teachers talked to Scott Reed and his Agriculture/Horticulture classes to get their help in designing the garden. Jesus Luna plowed the ground for the project. High school students, under the direction of Mr. Reed, weeded, raked, and hoed to get the ground ready, while

others trimmed the bushes that were already there.

When the ground was finally ready, Kindergarten students worked with high school "buddies" to plant flowers in the proper spot depending on how much shade or sun they needed, and how tall the flowers would grow. Mr. Reed asked questions of the students, told them what type of soil they had, how much water their plants would need, and also helped plant seeds to predict what type of plants would grow and how long it would take to grow. Rocks for the edging are being donated by Charlotte Klement, the secretary at the High School. Students designed a curved edging which will have a natural stone boundary.

Students received a call from Wal-Mart in Gainesville, who asked if they could donate a tree to the project. On April 21, Jack Steed, local manager, and representatives brought a 10 foot Burr Oak tree to be planted with the help of Mr. Reed's students. They were also very surprised to receive a check for \$500 to continue the project with other classes.

The students and their teachers have asked the First and Second Grade classes to join them in their project and have pledged part of their money to the classes for them to get started. These classes have chosen areas to build their gardens and will begin them





Zac Moritz, a 6th grader at Sacred Heart is building a

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# VISTO food bank benefits from Muenster Elementary contest

Students from Muenster ISD Elementary collected Mement, Cheryl Presnall, and Debra Sicking). They items to donate to VISTO, the county food bank. The Muenster Elementary Student Council sponsored the drive, which began March 31 and ended April 7.

The class that collected the most weight won a pizza party. Mrs. Melanie Miller's First Grade class was the winner, collecting 417 pounds. The grade that collected the most was Fourth Grade with 960

Michelle Baldwin, VISTO director, came to accept the donation. She explained to the students the benefits of their efforts. Muenster provided one-seventh of their monthly needs and would feed 158 families. MISD's donation was the largest from any educational institution this year and was more than

double what NCTC donated. Levi Trubenbach, MESC president, challenges all other campuses in the VISTO service area to help families in need by having their own food drive.

Jennifer Walterscheid, Jennifer Walterscheid, faculty sponsor said, "It was incredible the excitement and competition this generated among students, parents, and faculty. It really brought the campus together. We plan to do this every year."

# **Lunch Menus**

WEEK OF MAY 3 - 7 SACRED HEART

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Mon. - Crispitos, Spanish
rice, layered dip, tortilla
chips, strawberry/bananas.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets,
potatoes/gravy, green peas,
peaches, bread.

Wed. - Ham, cheesy
potatoes, mixed vegetables,
strawberry shortcake,
bread.

Thurs. - Salisbury steak,
brown gravy, potatoes, fruit
cocktail, bread.

Fri. - Chili dogs, tator
tots, ranch style beans,
applesauce.

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MUENSTER ISD
Mon. - Chicken tacos,
lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish
rice, pinto beans, fruit,
blueberry muffin squares.
Tues. - Baked ham,
creamed potatoes w/gravy,
corn, fruit, hot rolls.
Wed. - Chicken patty
sandwiches, lettuce,
tomatoes, chips and salsa,
fruit, apple cobbler.
Thurs. - Lasagna, lettuce
salad w/dressing, green
beans, fruit, hot rolls.
Fri. - Barbecue
sandwiches, pickles, onions,
French fries, pork and
beans, applesauce, ice
cream.
LINDSAY ISD

LINDSAY ISD n. - Chicken fajitas,

beans, Mexican rice, peaches, bread.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, chocolate cake, bread.

Wed. - Tacos w/trimming.

Wed. Tacos w/trimmings, pinto beans, applesauce, pineapple, bread.

bread.
Thurs. - Pizza, lettuce salad, corn, mixed fruit, bread.
Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, fries, onion, pickles, ice cream.

ERA ISD
- Chicken fried steak

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

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti or mini corn dogs, green beans, sliced pears, tossed salad, breadstick.

Wed. - Lasagna or fish stick, corn, tossed salad, fruit mix, Apple Brown Betty.

Thurs. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, peanut butter cookie.



# Vote Approaches



Lindsay ISD School Board President Danny Nortman addresses a gathering of Lindsay residents at a public meeting held April 26. The meeting was called to discuss plans for the new gymnasium and the upcoming vote of a school bond to fund the project.

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The current proposal calls for an 18,500 sq. foot building that would seat approximately 700 people. Secthes of the facility can be viewed at www.escl1.net/schools/lindsay/gym/gym.htm. which is the

LISD web page.

The board estimates the cost of the facility at \$2 million. Reserve funds of \$500,000 have been earmarked for the project with the balance of \$1.5 million needed from the bond issue. According to LISD estimates, the bond issue would raise the tax rate by 11 cents. An 11 cent increase would raise annual taxes on a \$100,000 home by \$93.50.

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Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2004 at the following locations: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 20, 30, 34, and 37 at the Gainesville Junior High Cafeteria in Gainesville; Precincts 6, 7, and 9 at the Callisburg High School in Callisburg; Precinct 8 at the Rad Ware Middle School in Woodbine; Precinct 22 at the First State Bank by Lake Kiowa; Precinct 33 and 35 at the north door entrance to the Sivells Bend School Cafeteria in Sivells Bend, Precinct 10 at the New Hope Church in Burns City; Precinct 11 at the Valley View ISD High School in Valley View; Precincts 12, 14, 15, and 19 at the Community Center in Era, Precincts 17 and 18 in the foyer of the Muenster ISD Junior High School in Muenster; and Precinct 21 at Lindsay Conrad Hall in Lindsay.

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# Farm & Ranch County Agent's Report

# U.S.Department of Agriculture floats 'family farm' definition

A proposed federal rule by the U.S. Department of Agriculture may cause some farmers receiving family farm loans to lose those funds.

On Feb. 9, the Farm Service Agency proposed a rule change that will redefine the term "family farm" as it applies to loans administered by the agency. Under the rule, a family farm would have an annual profit cap, as well other further restrictions on the definition.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, along with 17 other groups, sent a letter to FSA on April 6 stating concerns about the proposed family farm definition change. Such action could set a precedent for possible future income caps on other USDA farm programs, AFBF said.

Under the proposed rule, family farm cannot earn more than \$750,000 in gross income earners in the state. Family farms must have sales in excess of \$10,000, however, as not to be qualified as a "hobby farm." According to the AFBF statement, 25,000 farms currently receiving FSA assistance would no longer be eligible. The definition change would have the most impact on farms producing injeh-value crops such as dairy, fruit, vegetables and nursery stock, the statement said.

As part of the new definition, strict control will be administered over who is considered "family" in the farming business. The daily operations and management decisions, as well as farm loans to lose those funds.

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by inspectors

"substantial labor" must be provided by the applicant or borrower and persons related "by blood or marriage." The current definition simply indicates the borrower or applicant, and "family members." Those fitting into the newly defined category of "blood or marriage" must be related to the borrower or applicant as a husband, wife, parent, child, brother or sister.

In addition to defining "family farm," the FSA intends to define a number of other terms commonly dused within the agricultural vocabulary, such as "basic part of an applicant's total of farming operation," "established farmer," "farm income" and "joint financing arrangement."

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HESSIAN FLY
DAMAGE FOUND IN
WHEAT
Recently I have noticed a
few instances of Hessian fly
damage in fields of wheat.
Hessian flies damage fields
of wheat and barley and

have been noticed to a lesser extent in rye and triticale but have never been found in oats. Damage that is evident right now appears as dead or drying areas of wheat within a field. The adult Hessian fly looks somewhat like a mosquito and is 1/10 of an inch long. Females will deposit about 200 eggs per year, in clusters of five to twelve eggs.

When the eggs hatch tiny maggots move down the grooves of the leaf and into the leaf sheath, coming to rest just above the crown of the plant, or just above the node. Larvae suck juices from the plant and form a tiny insertion in the stem as they develop. The best ways to avoid this pest are non-chemical. In Texas chemical control is usually not economical or practical. To avoid the Hessian fly, plant resistant varieties, plant after October 15, deeply till crop residue, or rotate crops.

USDA SETS DATE FOR SOYBEAN REQUEST FOR REFERENDUM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that it will offer soybean producers the opportunity to request a referendum on the Soybean Promotion and Research Order as authorized under the Soybean Promotion of Research, and Consumer Information Act.

The request for referendum will be conducted at USDA's County Farm Service Agency Offices. To be eligible to participate, producers must certify and provide documentation that shows that they produced soybeans and paid an assessment on the soybeans during the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003. Only those producers who desire a referendum on the order will participate.

Beginning May 3, and continuing through May 28, producers may obtain a

form to request a referendum from County FSA Offices either in person or by sending a request by mail or facsimile. Forms may also be obtained from: http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-soy.htm.
Individual producers and other producer entities may request a referendum at the County FSA Office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For the producer not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to request a referendum will be provided at the County FSA Office where the producer owns or rents land. Mail in requests must be postmarked by May 28, and received in the County FSA Office by June 7. All other requests made by facsimile or in person must be received in the County FSA office by May 28

USDA will conduct a referendum on the order if at least ten (10%) percent of the 663,880 soybean producers request a referendum, provided that no more than one-fifth be producers from one State.

The request for referendum every five years after the initial referendum, which was conducted in 1994.

USDA monitors activities of the United Soybean Board. The mandatory program is financed by an assessment of one-half of one percent of the net market value of the soybeans.

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May 11 - Cooke County
Small Grains Tour; Rudy
Zimmerer Farm, 8:30 a.m. 3 CEU

# **Texas Beef Producers** welcome soldiers home

Texas beef producers greeted soldiers returning to the United States after a year of combat in Iraq with their thanks and a barbecue beef meal at festivities conducted at Fort Hood near Killeen, Texas.

More than 30,000 U.S. soldiers and their families enjoyed the meal served by more than 60 volunteers on April 22. The soldiers were members of the Fourth Infantry Division's Task

Force Ironhorse whose distinguished year of service in Iraq included the capture of Saddam Hussein in December.

TBC and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association joined forces with H.E.B. Grocery Co who donated 7,500 pounds of pre-cooked chopped beef. The returning soldiers consumed an average of 7,500 beef sandwiches per hour.

# briefs

disproved Mexico's claim that there had been a "surge" in U.S. beef exports, showing a steady increase and growth in that market. "This case has cost U.S. beef producers millions of dollars in lost beef exports to Mexico," said NCBA Chief Economist Gregg Doud. The panel has ordered the Mexican government to comply within three months.

—National Cattlemen's Beef

months.

—National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Japanese domestic beef prices set another record high the last week in March as demand continues to rise in the face of concerns over avian flu and the continued ban on U.S. beef. According to Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the average price of a domestically produced frozen beef loin was 690 yen, which equals about \$29.73 per pound. The average retail price of imported beef was 379 yen, or about \$16.32 per pound. The Japanese Food Service Association (restaurant chains) expressed displeasure over the Japanese government's rejection of a U.S. proposal for mediation. The U.S. suggested that an international organization be asked to mediate the dispute over Japan's refusal to accept imports of U.S. beef unless it is 100 percent tested for BSE. Japan's supermarket operators, however, are urging their government not to compromise, emphasizing that 100 percent testing "is a question of safety, rather than profit and loss or economy."

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# Ag Briefs

enhancing reproduction, studies show.

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the law enforcement officers is the work of 70 TSCRA market inspectors who inspect cattle at 116 Texas auction markets. They inspected 5,044,788 cattle in 2003, a 417,000 increase from the previous year.

Inspectors at the two horse processing plants inspected 49,115 horses in 2003, compared to 40,336 in 2002. Stolen livestock and ranch equipment worth more than \$5.4 million were recovered or accounted for in 2003 by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. In an annual report given March 10 to members attending TSCRA's annual convention in Austin, Executive Vice President Matt Brockman said that in 2003, the Association's 31 field inspectors, all certified peace officers with Special Ranger commissions, investigated 1,218 cases in Texas and Oklahoma, primarily involving stray or stolen livestock.

Working closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement officers, the inspectors recovered or accounted for 4,728 head of cattle, 70 horses, 17 trailers, 37 saddles, and 346 items of miscellaneous ranch property, which had a total market value of \$5,452,628.25. The average value of property recovered or accounted for each day was \$14,939.

Offenders were given 178 years of prison, probated, deferred, or suspended sentences and ordered to perform 2,460 hours of community service. In addition, the courts ordered those convicted to pay \$353,367 in restitution to the victims and \$26,089 in fines, court costs, and Crime Stonners fees.

\$5.4 million recovered

Beef export

• Canada will allow year-round importation of U.S. feeder cattle from states that are low or medium risk for bluetongue or anaplasmosis. The decision comes after years of effort by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and with support from the Canadian Cattlemen's Association. Cattle from the 11 higherrisk states (Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Carolina and Texas) may be allowed into Canada if they have resided in a low- or medium-risk state for a minimum of 60 days prior to shipment to Canada. NCBA says, "This is a significant development for U.S. cattle producers, and an important step forward in ensuring international trade is based upon Stoppers fees.

Central to the efforts of

• Mexico has expanded market access for U.S. beef to include selected variety meats, veal and tallow. Combined with Mexico's announcement to reopen the border to boneless beef on March 3, the United States has now regained access for products that accounted for \$746 million, or 74 percent of approximately \$1 billion in exports of beef and tallow to Mexico in 2003. The new requirements for shipping any of these products to Mexico are posted at www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/b evmexico.htm.

—U.S. Department of Agriculture Panel says Mexica

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• Panel says Mexican
tariffs on U.S. beef
unwarranted. After almost
four years, a North
American Free Trade
Agreement panel ruled
March 16 that Mexico's
"anti-dumping" tariffs on
U.S. beef were
inappropriately applied.
Since April 28, 2000, the
Mexican government has
imposed a complex set of
specific duties on most beef
carcasses and cuts on a
company-by-company basis,
with small and medium
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disproportionately affected.
Shortly thereafter, in July
2000, a NAFTA dispute
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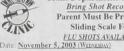
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Senate Bill 340 imposes a penalty for all businesses that do not file with the appraisal district a rendition, an annual report that identifies a business' personal property values for tax purposes. The bill passed in April and took effect Monday, September 1, 2003.

In addition, local business owners who have escaped taxation on all or part of those tangible assets will face penalties, interest and back assessments for the past two years if they do not submit proper values before Dec. 1, 2003.

Business owners can face penalties in three areas

- 1. Beginning in April, businesses that fail to file an annual rendition are assessed a 10-percent penalty of the total tax
- Businesses that file false or misleading renditions will pay a 50-percent penalty of the total tax
- Renditions filed in 2004 can be used to assess back taxes, penalties and interest for up to two years

However, the law provides amnesty for business owners who have previously omitted property if they correct the assessments within the next few months. Those who file corrected renditions before December 1, 2003 will be exempt from back taxes, penalties

With the passing of Senate Bill 340, business personal property values will be more accurate. Without renditions, appraisers have had to discover, locate and determine situs of property. For more information on Senate Bill 340, visit the Comptrollers http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/busren03/index.html

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# Adam Fullerton - Downing Middle School - Flower Mound; \* 2nd Place - 7th grade -Bailey Pembroke - Downing Middle School - Flower Mound;

Mound;
\* 3rd Place - 7th grade Steve Johnson - Downing
Middle School - Flower
Mound

Haunt.
The essay winners are as

The essay follows: \* 1st Place - 7th grade -Adam Fullerton - Downing Middle School - Flower

Middle School - Flower Mound; \* Ist Place - 8th grade -Jordan Carmona - Clark Middle School - Princeton; \* 2nd Place - 8th grade -Jessica Salas - Clark Middle School - Princeton; \* 3rd Place - 8th grade -Tiffany Edwards & Ashley Wilkerson - Healdton Middle School - Healdton, OK

Wilkerson - Healdton, OK

\* 1st Place - 10th grade - Melissa Vineyard - McLish School - Fittstown, OK

\* 1st Place - 11th grade - Umaimah Sharwani - Creekview High School - Carrollton;

\* 1st Place - 12th grade - Tara Pandit and Sayeeda Jamilah - Creekview High School - Carrollton;

\* 2nd Place - 12th grade - Tara Pandit and Sayeeda Jamilah - Creekview High School - Carrollton;

\* 2nd Place - 12th grade - Rini Mathew - Creekview High School - Carrollton,

The Grand Prize winner was Jordan Carmona of Clark Middle School in Princeton Jordan's essay can be read on the website for the Chamber of Fear at www.drhauntshouse.com - http://www.drhauntshouse.com - http://www.drhauntshouse.com - chtp://www.drhauntshouse.com - Dr. Haunt himself notified some of the winners in person on Friday, Oct. 24.

One Grand Prize winner was chosen from the 1st Place winners and received a Stereo/CD Player. Winners were chosen from each grade, 7th through 12th, and received free tickets to Dr. Haunt's Chamber of Fear, an invitation to read their

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creative tradition of Halloween, writers in grades 7 through 12 from North Texas and Southern Oklahoma were invited to join in a regional writing competition to draft the story of the origin of Dr.

essay live on KGAF-AM, 1580, and earned the right to work in the haunted house next Wednesday night, Oct. 29.
Each Participant received two, \$2 off coupons for Dr. Haunt's Chamber of Fear. Also, Tom Carson mentioned all participating schools on the radio station KGAF.
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KGAF.

The essays were judged by an advisory panel, which included Andy Hogue of the Gainesville Daily Register, Dave Fette of the Muenster Enterprise, and Lisa Erlandson of North Central Texas College. To ensure fairness, names and schools of participants were omitted from contest entries in advance of their review.

# Cornyn applauds veterans decision

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called the tentative agreement this week to provide veterans with expanded concurrent receipt an "important step" in ensuring that our veterans receive the benefits they deserve. The proposed Senate-House legislation would expand immediate eligibility for concurrent receipt to thousands of veterans who currently do not have it.

The agreement, once passed by the President, would immediately expand eligibility for the "Purple Heart Plus" program to include all disabled military retirees whose disabilities are combat-related, which includes hazardous service, duty under conditions simulating war, or through an instrumentality of war. National Guard and Reserve retirees would be included as well as active-duty retirees.

# Farm & Ranch

# The real story: Why Texas farmers should worry about global warming

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Siberia). What's more, global warming would probably be accompanied by more precipitation and higher evels of carbon dioxide in the air, both contributing to nigher yields. So actually, farmers (and their ustomers) in Texas would benefit if we enter a cycle of global warming. After all, during the Medieval Warming Period (AD 1100-1300), Greenland was green, and there were vineyards in England. What scientists do agree on is that the earth's climate has changed over hundreds of years - always either warming or cooling and nobody is certain what causes this.

Rather than worry about its effect on weather, farmers should worry about the selfect on weather, farmers should worry about new laws passed in the name of preventing global warning. For example, state legislatures all over America are considering legislation that would limit emissions from power plants and automobiles in order to combat global warning. Specifically, Texas already has renewable energy portfolio mandates in place. Furthermore, Congress is set to debate legislation proposed by senators John McCain and Joe Lieberman that would impose mandatory emission reductions and require utilities to use more renewable fuels.

# New laws affect motor fuel taxes

The 2003 Texas egislature recently passed we was that affect motor lel taxes. Effective Jan. 1, 004, Agricultural User xemption Number can no nger be used to purchase adyed (clear) diesel fuel ax-free. A signed atement, used in njunction with an emption number, can be sed to purchase only dyed esel fuel. Agricultural

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So while these emission reduction programs inspire to curb global warming (which may or may not occur), they, in reality, are very expensive and slow economic growth. Best available research suggests reducing emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2010 would reduce gross domestic product (GDP) by \$300 billion to \$400 billion a year and destroy 2.4 million jobs. Average annual household income would fall approximately \$3,300 (in 2001 dollars) below baseline levels. What's more, energy prices would rise 55 percent to 85 percent.

And it's farmers that would bear the brunt of higher energy prices, Raising energy prices equivalent to a tax on gasoline of approximately 50 cents per gallon (the amount estimated to be necessary to cause emissions to fall) would cause net profits for farmers to fall by between 15 and 44 percent, depending on the crop. Total annual U.S. farm production expenses would rise more than \$23 billion, causing net national farm income to fall by 51 percent.

Proposals to control greenhouse gas emissions, in short, pose a very serious threat to agriculture in the U.S. Even proposals to pay farmers and ranchers to sequester carbon in their

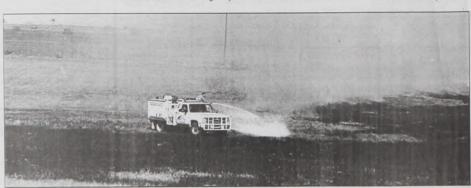
# Historic farm and ranch applications due Nov. 15

Applications for the 2003
Family Land Heritage
Program are due Nov. 15.
The Texas Department of
Agriculture Family Land
Heritage Program
recognizes farms and
ranches that have been in
continuous agricultural
operation by the same
family for 100 years or
more. Since the program
started in 1974, TDA has
recognized 3,773 farms and
ranches in 220 Texas
counties.
Farms and ranches that
qualify will be honored
during a ceremony in March
in Austin. Each family's
agricultural history also will
be chronicled in a registry.
Honorees can also obtain
historic farm or ranch
signage for their property.
Applications are available
through county judges,
TDA's Web site at
www.agr.state.tx.us or by
contacting Family Land
Heritage Coordinator
Melissa Blair, Texas
Department of Agriculture,
P.O. Box 12847, Austin,
Texas 78711 or (512) 4632631.

# U.S. - Russia agree on meat trade

A groundbreaking agreement on meat trade has been reached between the United States and





# **County Agent's Report**

TB-free status in the national TB eradication program.)

Under current USDA regulations, Texas breeding cattle not originating from a TB-accredited free herd may, not be moved out of state until they've tested negative for cattle TB. Additionally, some states require additional testing or identification procedures for dary calves or feeder cattle moving from Texas. TB tests or tagging requirements can be costly for Texas producers, who, each year, export more than 150,000 breeding cattle and more than a million head of feeder cattle.

In 2002, an industry and TAHC task force developed a cattle TB plan for Texas, components of which included disease surveillance testing of atrisk herds, at no cost to the herd owner. This TB testing program begins November 2003.

Also during this time,

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will pay for testing these animals.

The veterinarian will inject the cattle with tuberculin in the animal's caudal fold area, a fold of skin located under the tail head. After 72 hours, the veterinarian will return to 'read' the test by manually examining the injection site for a reaction, such as a thickening of the skin.

For more information, call the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242 or Cooke County Texas Cooperative Extension at 940-6685412.

Don't Bag It!

During a mild winter turf reass that is struggling for

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During a mild winter turf grass that is struggling for light beneath the shade of deciduous trees all summer will get some benefit from sunlight during the winter due to the defoliation of the trees growing above it. With good winter sunlight turfgrass is much more likely to make it in a shady location. The problem is when the trees defoliate, they shed their leaves on top of the grass. When gardeners are trying to encourage their sunlight starved grass, gathering of the leaves to be mulched and used in other areas may be a wise gardening practice.

There is no reason for

Monday, November 10 - 4-Livestock Entry Night -r ALL show livestock for

Nov 25 - Marketing Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Farm Bureau Building

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