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Muenster Memorial Hospital accepts lease/purchase option on St. Richard's Villa

St. Richard's Villa will be under new management as of July 1. Bruce Burgamy of Richardson signed a lease/purchase option with Muenster Memorial Hospital for the facility at the May 18 regular MMH board meeting.

"We have been trying to seek a partner for St. Richard's Villa, someone who is willing to purchase the facility," explained MMH Administrator Richard Arnold. He said that Burgamy has proposed a two-year lease of St. Richard's Villa with the option to purchase the facility within those two years. Rental fee will be \$8,000 a month with the first month's rental fee waived for 12 months. A purchase price of \$700,000 has been offered. "That would be forthcoming upon

conclusion of the lease and exercise of his option," Arnold noted. "In addition, he has the option within the first six months of the lease to purchase it and apply one half of the rental payments that have been paid toward the principal for a maximum of six months which would be a maximum of \$24,000 if he elected to purchase it within the first six months of the two-year lease."

Dr. Walter Knight added, "The Board felt it was a good offer."

Arnold said the name of the facility will remain the same, but it will become a limited liability company as opposed to a hospital district. "That will make it a for profit corporation," he noted. "There are no plans for any immediate change of any operational issues."

Board member Angelo Nasche remarked that he felt the change would be acceptable since St. Richard's would be returning to the way it had been operated for years - by a private owner.

It was agreed that Administrator Zula Lawyer and Burgamy would announce the change to St. Richard's employees on Thursday, May 20. It agreed that it was important that the employees be informed before it was published in the newspaper.

Burgamy was born and raised in Dallas and now lives in Richardson. He is a single dad of two boys, ages four years and almost two years.

After graduating from UTD with a degree in Government and Politics, Burgamy got into the

nursing home business. He started working for his dad doing acquisitions. He said, "As we did more and more deals, I met more and more operators and started to learn the operations and marketing side of the business. I help several companies with marketing and start-up tasks and decided to do it myself." Burgamy now operates three homes. They are located in west Texas and the panhandle. St. Richard's is the fourth.

The health care facility experience and background listed by Burgamy began in 1995 when he was marketing director for a small Texas nursing home chain with seven skilled nursing facilities. While he handled the company's marketing and operations it



Muenster High School Valedictorian Melinda Walterscheid (right) and Salutatorian Kristi McAden. Courtesy photo

Walterscheid, McAden named top of 2004 Muenster High Class

Melinda Walterscheid, daughter of Jean and Glenn Walterscheid, is the Valedictorian of the Muenster High School Class of 2004. Her GPA is 6.8 out of a possible 7.0. Kristi McAden, daughter of Jeff and Connie McAden, is the Salutatorian. She has a GPA of 6.72 out of a possible 7.0.

Melinda participated in academic competition all four years of high school. Her junior year she was part of the State runner-up Math team. Her senior year, she was on the Science team that earned 2nd place at State. She was also on the Math team that earned 2nd place at Regionals.

Melinda has been on Student Council all four years. Her freshman year she served as the class representative. Her junior year she was reporter, and this year she was parliamentarian. She belonged to National Honor Society since she was a sophomore. She served as president her junior and senior years. She has also been active in FCCLA all four years.

Melinda was awarded the Who's Who for All-Around Girl, English, and Math this year. She was on the varsity basketball team all four years. She also participated in varsity tennis and track.

Next fall, Melinda will be

attending Baylor University. She plans on studying pre-medicine.

Kristi has participated in UIL Literary Criticism all four years of high school. Her freshman and sophomore years, she was a regional qualifier in this event. During Kristi's freshman year, she was a member of the Ready Writing team. She was also on the Headline Writing team her senior year.

Throughout high school Kristi has been active in many organizations. She has been a member of the FCCLA all four years and a member of the Muenster High School Student Council for two years. Kristi was vice-president of the National Honor Society for two out the three years that she was a member. She served as secretary of the Muenster FFA Chapter and has been a member of 4-H for the past three years.

Some of Kristi's volunteer work includes helping with the Texoma Regional Blood Center blood drives, Meals on Wheels, and Keep Muenster Beautiful. She is currently employed at the Black Forest Kitchen and Christi's Jewelry and Gifts. Her future plans are to attend Tarleton State University in the fall where she will major in animal science.

Twenty-five Sacred Heart High School graduates embark on their futures

Sacred Heart Class of 2004's 25 members gathered with family, friends, and teachers on Friday, May 21 to celebrate the culmination of 13 years as a unit. Graduation was held in Sacred Heart Church beginning at 6 p.m.

At the request of the senior class, Rev. Pat Murphy, O.S.A. of Tulsa, Oklahoma was the celebrant. He had given a message at Sacred Heart and related well with the students.

Seniors processed into church to *Pomp and Circumstance* played by Ruth Felderhoff. Graduates included: Zachary Arthur Barnhill, Jayna Jae Biffle, Andrea Cecile Bonin, Lisa Ann Endres, Travis Lee Forshee, Karen Jean Gehrig, Cindy Leigh Hartman, Courtney Renee Hartman, Noah Gerhardt Hess, Kimberly Gail Hess, Frank Joseph Klement, Anthony Allen Koesler, Adam Joseph Krahl, John Anthony McCoy, Tony Richard Mosler, Kathryn Rohmer Sepanski, Lynn Anne Sicking, Adam Kyle Taylor, Laura Gayle Taylor, Amy Jeanette Trevino, Ashley Dawn Walterscheid, Kevin Ross Walterscheid, Christina Julia Weinzapfel, Weston Lynn Wimmer, and Jared Alan Zimmerman.

A Mass preceded the graduation ceremonies. Wes Wimmer gave the First

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Kimberly Hess read the Responsorial Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, and 10-11. The Gospel, John 15:9-17, was read by Rev. Murphy. Zachary Barnhill gave General Intercessions. Presenting Gifts at the altar were Jared Zimmerman, Kevin Walterscheid, Adam Taylor, and Tony Koesler.

In his Homily, Rev. Murphy delivered an upbeat message to the graduates. The things that they had been taught at Sacred Heart

about their faith would serve them well in the future, he noted. He said that their faith would be challenged in the years to come and urged them to stand up for what they believed and to march forward with the truth.

Other Mass participants were acolytes Zachary Bartush, Nolan Hartman, and Chad Walterscheid and Eucharistic ministers Beth Frances Bayer, Mary Bayer, Debbie Endres, Alvin and

Joanie Hartman, Dolores Hofbauer, Imelda Rohmer, and Bob Sepanski.

Amy Trevino, Class president, welcomed guests to the graduation ceremonies.

Andrea Bonin introduced class Salutatorian Kate Sepanski. Kate opened her speech with a quote from Albert Einstein, "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour and it seems like a minute."



Sacred Heart Seniors, from left, Wes Wimmer, Kevin Walterscheid, and Jared Zimmerman, last in the class line (alphabetically) wait in the church foyer before graduation ceremonies began last Friday evening. See page 9 for more Sacred Heart graduation pictures. Janie Hartman photo

Lindsay High School announces top seniors

Lori Ann Kasperek, daughter of John and Peggy Kasperek, has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class of Lindsay ISD. Lindsey Williams, daughter of Jim and Darlene Williams, has earned the title of Class Salutatorian.

The University of North Texas is where Lori plans to attend college to major in Education and obtain a Bachelor's degree from the College of Arts and Sciences. She hopes to get a teacher's certification in math and Spanish and a certification to be an athletic trainer with the goal of becoming a coach.

Lori has been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year. She was vice-president this year. She has remained on the "A" Honor Roll all through high school.

Class Awards received include Algebra II, Sophomore Biology, and Spanish I as a sophomore; and Pre-Calculus and Chemistry as a junior.

Lori was an active member of the Student Council all four years. She

served as Class Representative her freshman year. She was Class President as a sophomore and junior, and vice-president of the senior class.

Organizations that Lori was active in include Family Career and Community Leaders of America. She served as parliamentarian her junior year and vice-president of records her senior year. She chaired several activities. She belonged to the Science Club for the last three years and was president her senior year. She was a member of the Spanish Club and the Yearbook Staff.

Lori has been an active member of St. Peter's Religious Organization of Catholic Kids (ROCK) for the past four years. She has contributed more than 50 hours of community service. Lori is a four-year member of St. Peter's Youth Choir and sings every first Sunday of the month and most holy days.

In UIL as a freshman, Lori placed 4th at District in Number Sense with the 1st place team. She placed 4th in



Pre-schooler Tyler Walterscheid gets a little "crazy" dancing during the Sacred Heart "Moving On" ceremony held on May 19. See story and more photos on pg. 10 Photo by Scott Wood



Lindsay High School Valedictorian Lindsey Williams (right) and Salutatorian Lori Kasperek. Courtesy photo

To the men and women who died for our freedom:
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 in honor of Memorial Day Monday

County contracts with more facilities to jail prisoners

By Janet Felderhoff
Three contracts were signed at the May 24 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court for additional jail space to house Cooke County's overflow of prisoners.

"What I've been preaching for two months has come to pass," said Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman. Dickens County called last Tuesday to say that they had two vans of Cooke County's prisoners on the way back. Their facility was full and they couldn't keep them at the present time.

"We are maxed out," said Sheriff Mike Compton. He reported that the County had 99 prisoners. Dickens County sent all prisoners it had been housing back to Cooke County except for the women. Monday morning there were 75 in the Cooke County Jail, that is two over the limit set by the Jail Standards Commission. Montague County is housing seven men; four women were kept at Dickens County. Dickens County had space for female prisoners, but not the males.

Contracts were approved with Rolling Plains Regional Jail at \$38.58 a day per prisoner. There would be no charge on round trip transportation up to 75 miles one way. If the prisoner does not stay a minimum of 15 days, Cooke County will be charged a transportation fee of 36.5 cents per mile. Sheriff Compton said they'd do their best to try to put inmates in that facility who wouldn't be moved sooner. Court orders sometimes required unexpected moves back into Cooke County for trial purposes.

Limestone County and Falls County Jails are both operated by the same private company. Falls County accepts only females and Limestone is currently full. They did agree to take Cooke County inmates if space became available and was needed. The cost is \$40 per day and they provide transportation.

Rolling Plains will be the last choice due to the cost of transportation.

Commissioners canvassed votes from the Jail Bond election. It showed a total of 2,936 votes, of that 1,525 were for the bond and 1,391 against for a total of 2,916 votes cast. That showed a difference of 20 votes. Since that would not have made a difference in the election outcome the votes were accepted.

Commissioners then approved the hiring of the firm Burns, Fletcher, and Gill Architect to proceed with the design and development phase and construction documents for the Cooke County Law Enforcement Center and EMS facility.

Commissioners were unanimous in their acceptance of the Texas Historical Commission's grant of \$1,773,280 and the county's matching funds of \$447,000 to be paid from the permanent improvement fund.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess remarked, "This is not the entire amount that we applied for, it is a partial grant and we had to pay a little bit more on our match. The reason being is that if we received the entire amount, they actually have in there the 15%. We're going to have to pay a little more than that to receive this money. But we will also be able to re-apply for the remainder of the funds. I think this is a win-win situation."

Hess and Judge Freeman will be going to Austin on Wednesday to learn how they will be allowed to spend the grant money. The outside west side and restrooms in the basement are expected to be on the agenda for renovation.

It will be two years before the County can apply again for the grant and the projects must be completed before money is requested for the next phase.

Judge Freeman recognized Ona B. Reed who was in the audience for her work on courthouse preservation. "She was the past chairman of the Cooke County Historical Commission for 33 years and has done a wonderful job," he noted. "She's done a

wonderful job in helping us to secure these grants. Just about every time I had a meeting Ona was there stopping for Cooke County. We appreciate her efforts." Reed acknowledged Commissioner Hess' assistance with the project.

Bids were opened for two truss bridges located in Precinct #1. Three bids were submitted. Lemons House Moving submitted a bid of \$956.50 for bridge #1 (a 14'x40' wire rail banister bridge) and \$1,256.50 for #2 (14'x52' bridge); Ona B. Reed bid \$1,551 for #1 and \$2,051 for #2. Matt Sicking of Muenster bid \$1,800 for #1 and \$2,000 for #2; Banks bid \$1,350 for #1 and \$1,650 for #2.

Reed got the bid for #2 bridge and Sicking for #1 bridge.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved a proclamation honoring Jeremy Wilson of Valley View and his coach, Lorie Torres, for winning first place in the UIL Class 2A Calculator Applications State Championship competition.

- Approved proclamation honoring Cale Trail of Callisburg for winning first place in UIL Class 2A State High Jump competition.

- Had no bids on MC-3000, plan to re-bid.

- Approved minutes of April 8 Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

- Approved a specific use permit for commercial use to place storage buildings on the south side of East Lone Oak Road between Reason Jones Road and the entrance to Johnson Branch Park, located in Precinct #2.

- Approved resignation of Bud Smith from the Lake Ray Roberts P&Z. He is moving.

- Held executive session, but took no action.

- Approved indigent burial of Mary E. Lane.

- Approved Sheriff's office bonds for deputy sheriffs James R. Harper, Steven Trout, and Deborah Favla.

- Heard presentation on electronic voting system by Hart Inter Civic.



Environmental officer Deputy Laren Hudson investigates dumping in ditch along CR 302 (Fisher Road) south of Muenster. A ditch is to route water. Dumping in or adjacent to water can bring fines up to \$100,000 and prison to five years. Courtesy photo

Household waste can be hazardous and illegal if improperly handled

Cooke County Environmental Officer Deputy Laren Hudson gets upset when he sees people pouring used motor oil on the ground for any reason. "That's a felony," the enforcement officer declares, pointing to clean water laws aimed at protecting ground water.

Dumping used oil on the ground for any reason can bring a fine up to \$50,000 and prison to five years. Polluting the water can bring a fine up to \$100,000 and prison to five years.

A single quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water. Many consumer products contain chemicals that are hazardous to human health or the environment if improperly used, stored, or thrown away. Cans of paint, lawn and garden products, solvents, cleaners, or automotive products can be hazardous. Products are flammable, poisonous, reactive, explosive, or carcinogenic. Products like these are often washed down the drain, poured on the ground, or thrown in the trash.

Some products biodegrade slowly and some accumulate in food chains. When thrown in the trash, some products start fires, explode,

or react with other products in trash trucks, injuring sanitation workers. Deputy Hudson goes after the big illegal dumpers, but he also believes it's important for homeowners to know that dumping small amounts of hazardous waste can harm the community - and it's illegal.

Unfortunately, not all communities are as serious about including misdemeanor amounts of household waste in their illegal dumping enforcement, said Glenn DeAtley, household hazardous waste coordinator at EPA - Dallas. DeAtley said some local agencies, apparently with budget limitations, simply don't give household dumping a high priority. "They don't seem to understand that a lack of enforcement can be putting their citizens' health at risk," he says. But he also sees signs of progress. Texas has remodeled its illegal dumping program and the legislature raised penalties and lowered limits for illegal dumping.

"In Texas, legally, a person can be fined \$500 for tossing out a cigarette butt," says DeAtley. Fines go up to \$2,000 and 180 days in jail if the illegal dump is five to 500 pounds, and even

higher with more jail time for more trash. Illegally dumping 1,000 pounds is a state felony and can mean a fine up to \$10,000 and two years in prison. Medical waste dumping fines go as high as \$50,000.

State environmental inspectors can investigate, but because of state caseloads, most household hazardous waste complaints are referred to local city officials or the county sheriff for investigation. Regional agencies such as the Texoma Council of Governments can help communities plan local waste collection and recycling events. Volunteer groups like local affiliates of Keep Texas Beautiful in many areas provide important organizational and promotional support for such events. But it takes local law enforcement, a community of volunteers, and sponsorships from local, caring businesses to help protect communities from such hazards.

Though pouring household chemicals down the drain or tossing other hazardous materials into the trash is harmful and illegal, no environmental enforcement officer can police every home in a city or county. Everyone has to care enough not to contaminate our landfills and our drinking water with household waste.

In the local Keep Texas Beautiful affiliated communities of Muenster, Gainesville and Callisburg, properly disposing of household hazardous waste is not only the right thing to do, it's the smart thing. Concerned citizens properly and safely store their potentially hazardous materials that are no longer needed and take them to organized household hazardous waste cleanups. These cleanups can cost up to \$60,000 to organize and are periodically made available to Cooke County residents. Future hazardous waste cleanups, dates, and locations will be publicized in local papers.

Submitted by MaryLee Alford

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soon be put up. Completion is anticipated for some time in July.

In other business the Board:

- Signed a four-year lease agreement with Gainesville Memorial Hospital for use of CT scanner.

- Heard report on St. Richard's from Administrator Zula Lawyer. They are at full capacity with 40 patients.

- Accepted Review of Medical Staff and Recommendations report.

- Passed resolution officially placing the three uncontested candidates, James Walterscheid, Angelo Nasche, and John Aytes on the Board for three-year terms. They signed their oaths of office.

- Approved pursuing \$25,000 matching grants for Dr. Karla Cox and Dr. Bonnie Carter.

- Heard that the people from the Texas Nurse Friendly Program would tour the hospital on Friday. MMH hopes to become a member. There are 12 criteria that must be met.

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saw large increases in census and renewed community awareness of the facilities.

From 1997 to 2000 Burgamy was the marketing and acquisitions director for a 16-facility start-up nursing home chain. In 2002 he assisted the owners of two Texas skilled nursing facilities in negotiations with a bankrupt operator. He made sure that the facilities remained open and operating.

In 2003 Burgamy formed

and owned Aspermont Healthcare LLC. It operates Gibson Care Center, an 80 bed skilled nursing facility in Aspermont. He noted that the facility was 10 days away from being closed by a bankrupt operator. Burgamy stabilized the operation, established community awareness of the facility and expanded its marketing.

In 2004 Burgamy formed and owns Tahoka Care Center LLC which operates Tahoka Care Center, a 46 bed skilled nursing facility

and Shamrock Nursing Center LLC which operates Shamrock Nursing Center, a 64 bed skilled nursing facility. The previous operator of Tahoka Care Center was planning to close the center and move the residents. Burgamy said he implemented systems and programs to build the census and stabilize the operation. In Shamrock, Burgamy took the path of rebuilding community awareness and respect after previous administration allowed the facility to decline.

Lynn Heller, CFO gave the financial reports. In April he noted that net revenue was \$397,312 and expenses totaled \$415,606 to show a total revenue/expense loss of \$13,867 after the taxes collected (\$4,427) were added in.

"Home Health had a great month," Heller said as he went over finances for each department.

The Board applauded Heller for the completeness

of the financial report. "This is what we've been wanting for two years," said Dan Hamric. "You can look at it and see how each department is doing," added Angelo Nasche. "You can look at how it is currently, and how it was a year ago. You can see what's up and down. You can see exactly where the weaknesses and strengths are."

Arnold said that Heller could actually pull up three years and do budgets based on three years.

"It took me a long time to get to this point where this thing will make some sense to you," remarked Heller.

Board President Kenny Klement observed, "The computer does work."

Arnold reported that they are now in the process of renovating the Family Health Clinic to accommodate the increased need for clinic space. Walls that need to be taken down are now being taken down, carpet has been taken up, electrical wiring is being moved, and the walls will

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Heart & stroke fact

Overall, more women than men die of stroke. In 2000, nearly 103,000 females died from stroke, which represents about 61 percent of the deaths from stroke.

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR						
<p>Sunday, May 30, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Memorial Services, Sacred Heart Cemetery after 8am Mass. Buddy Poppies on sale after all SH Masses</p>	<p>Monday, May 31, 2004 Muenster Hornet Summer Basketball Camp, 8-11am and 12:30-3:30pm</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p>Tuesday, June 1, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Auxiliary meeting, 7pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 2, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5:30pm</p>	<p>Thursday, June 3, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4pm</p>	<p>Friday, June 4, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP Board meeting, 10am, Stanford House</p>	<p>Saturday, June 5, 2004 Saint Jo City Wide Garage Sale begins 8am Bicycle / Scooter Safety course, 9-11am, MMH south parking lot</p>
<p>Sunday, June 6, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Master Gardeners Parade of Gardens, 1-5pm, NCTC, Greenhouse & 5 Lindsay Gardens Muller/Herr/Stelzer Reunion 6pm, Muenster City Park</p>	<p>Monday, June 7, 2004 City Council, 7:30pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 8, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Paul Daily Horse demonstration, 7pm, Forestburg Rodeo Arena Muenster Public Library Summer Reading Program begins</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 9, 2004 Sacred Heart Alumni & Supporters meeting, 7:30pm, SNAP room Chamber of Commerce breakfast, 7:30am, Rohmer's Restaurant</p>	<p>Thursday, June 10, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4pm Historical Commission meeting, 8am, Museum</p>	<p>Friday, June 11, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Small Grain Field Day, 8am AARP luncheon meeting, 11:30am, Stanford House</p>	<p>Saturday, June 12, 2004</p>
Sacred Heart Parish and Saint Peter's Parish - Vacation Bible School - 9 to 11:30am						

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Obituaries

Frances Hess Stratton

1954 - 2004



Frances Hess Stratton

Readings were given by Lara Hess Gordon and Jennifer Hess. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Sarah Hess. Offertory gifts were presented by Corey Hess, and John and Donetta Hess Corbett. Eucharistic ministers were Dorothy Hartman, Stacie Miller, Carla Zwinggi, Toni Hess, Regina Pels, and Mary Bayer.

Music ministers were Doug Yosten, Christi Klement, and Linda Flusche. Music included "I Am the Resurrection", "Psalm of the Good Shepherd", "Softly and Tenderly", "Amazing Grace", "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman", "Songs of the Angels", and "Just a Closer Walk with Thee".

Preceding the day of the funeral, a Rosary service was held at McCoy Chapel on Friday at 4 p.m., led by Lucille Hess and Mary Lamkin. Vigil at 7 p.m. at McCoy Chapel was led by Donetta Hess Corbett and her husband John.

The Eulogy, after Mass, was given by Mathew Hess who stated in part: "We gather here today... to celebrate and honor her (Frances) life. Franny was born... in the Muenster Clinic. She was born one of a kind. At the moment of her birth, the nurse Dorothy Hartman excitedly proclaimed 'Bonnie, you finally got a girl!'... The boys also referred to Franny as their 'Favorite Sister'..."

"It's been said that behind every great man, is an even greater woman. Franny was this for Paul..."

"At the age of 21, Franny was diagnosed with diabetes, but that did not keep her from living a full life. She loved to cook and travel. She could read a cookbook like a novel... Franny's caring extended to all living things. She was an animal advocate and amateur gardener..."

"We all have our crosses to bear and Franny's got heavier when her health began to fail. In 1989, as a result of diabetes, she suffered kidney failure and was subjected to dialysis for a year and a half. She was blessed to receive a transplant on Nov. 20, 1991... In 1998 she was forced to return to dialysis... Through it all she remained brave, strong hearted, and positive. She never got 'The Poor Me's'..."

"Mary Frances Hess Stratton... was kind, caring, and loving. She had conviction, strength, and passion... never missing a chance to lend a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on. She... brought joy to everyone around her..."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Matt Hess, Toby Hess, Barry Hess, Todd Hess, Boyd Gordon, and Roger Yosten.

As a recipient of an organ in her lifetime, Frances was able to give back as she received, by being an organ donor upon her death. For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to the National Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.

Preceding her in death were her father, Arnold Hess in 1962 and a younger brother, Karl Hess in 1977.

Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial with Father Don were altar servers, Alvin Hartman and Chuck Bartush.

Louise T. Moster Brewer

1927 - 2004

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Louise T. Moster Brewer of Lindsay on Friday, May 21 in St. Peter's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. officiated by Father Ron Scheible OSA.

Mrs. Brewer died at age 77 on May 17, 2004 at Gainesville Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Muenster on Feb. 13, 1927 to Edward and Margaret Koelzer Moster. On Aug. 16, 1952 she married Bobby Brewer in Wichita Falls. For 44 years she was employed as a dry cleaning professional and seamstress. Twenty-five of those years were with Miller's Cleaners in Gainesville. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay.

Survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, David W.

and Janet Brewer of Midwest City, Oklahoma; four grandchildren; and a sister, Hilda Moster of Lindsay.

Preceding her in death were her husband; her parents; her brothers, Lawrence, Johnny, George, and Harry Moster; her sisters, Agatha Hellinger and Dorothy Weisman.

On Wednesday, visitation was held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and a Rosary service was held on Thursday at 7 p.m., both at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Raymond Hellinger, Wayne Moster, Billy Moster, Damian Moster, Richard Moster, and Roy Hellinger.

Theodore John Trept

1907 - 2004

Theodore John "Teddy" Trept was born Aug. 24, 1907 to Agnes and Johannes Trept near Dresden, Germany. He died May 17, 2004 at the age of 96. He immigrated to America in 1927 at the age of 20 and soon after obtained his U.S. citizenship that he was most proud of all his days. He worked for Chance Vought Aircraft from 1927 until his retirement in 1972.

Teddy loved music and singing and was known for playing the zither. He was the last of the old timers in the Dallas Frohsinn Singing Society that was established in the 19th century by earlier German immigrants. He worked to further better relationships between his adopted and old homeland by helping establish a German Day in Texas.

Teddy is survived by his sister Freida Beutel; daughter Heidi Van Hulst and husband Karl; son Ted Trept and wife Sharon; five

granddaughters; four great-grandsons; as well as nephews and nieces and their families.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 20 at Laurel Land Memorial Chapel.

Teddy had a warm spot in his heart for Muenster, and made Germanfest each year. He was instrumental in bringing the Dallas Frohsinn Singing Society to Muenster for over 40 years. In the earlier years they gave a joint concert with the Muenster Men's choir in the old Parish Hall and later in the new Community Center. After Germanfest started in 1976, they continued to sing at Germanfest. The 2003 Germanfest was the last time he sang with the Dallas Frohsinn in Muenster.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark Lutheran Church, 610 N. Cedar Ridge Drive, Duncanville, TX 75116.

Take Note

Practice for Memorial Day Services for First Communicants who have been contacted will be held at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cemetery on Saturday, May 29.

Also, First Communicants, the VFW Color Guard, the Rifle Squad, and Auxiliary flag and banner bearers will gather at the South entrance of Sacred Heart

Church at approximately 8:45 a.m. and process to Sacred Heart Cemetery for Memorial Services. First Communicants are asked to wear First Communion attire - girls, white dresses and shoes (no veils), and boys, dark pants and white shirt and tie (white jackets if available).

For more information call Linda Knabe at 759-2592.

Electrical home safety checks

* Always replace a fuse with the same size fuse.

He is not forgotten

Is the sick and disabled Vietnam veteran the forgotten man? The war that he fought in has been dubbed "America's most unpopular war", but he fought and today he is still fighting. Fighting to regain his health, his strength, and some of his earning power. And, he seems to have lost some of his confidence in his fellow citizens.

Have Americans grown so callous that they can turn their backs on these men who have given so much? The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States doesn't think so. The VFW is pledged to serve the disabled and needy veteran and to aid and comfort his family.

Combat veterans themselves, the members of the VFW and their wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters who make up its Ladies Auxiliary have met the challenge by lending a helping hand in the battle against doubt, boredom, bitterness, and despair. In Veterans Hospitals, at the seats of government, and in the community, you will find VFW volunteers and trained staff members at work in behalf of all veterans.

Thousands of men are bedridden for life and others are destined to spend the rest of their days in wheelchairs or on crutches, as the result of a war they haven't fully understood. Many more have found themselves handicapped in adjusting to the challenges of a civilian life which they feel has passed them by.

A grateful government has provided hospitalization where needed and disability compensation to those with impaired earning power, but no governmental action, regardless of how well meaning, can provide the personal touch and the individual understanding that alleviates fears and eliminates despair.

The VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary have such a program, but funds are needed to carry on a program of this nature. While the VFW raises most of its money from its own members, the public is afforded the opportunity to help through the purchase of a "Buddy" Poppy during the annual VFW Buddy Poppy Sale.

This year, the Buddy Poppy Sale will be held on May 29 - 30. When a VFW volunteer offers you a Poppy, please contribute generously and wear your Poppy proudly. You help will go a long way toward soothing the pain of a deserving veteran.

Communities urged to send representatives to meeting

The Cooke County Emergency Management Office will be hosting a Mitigation Action Planning meeting on the 29th of June at 7 p.m. in the Cooke County Court House, 2nd floor, in the old Commissioners Court room. This meeting is being held to help communities identify hazards in their jurisdictions and prepare a plan to mitigate these hazards. The goal is to develop a countywide plan with specific annexes for Callisburg, Lindsay, Muenster, Oak Ridge, and Valley View.

It is hoped that each community will conduct a review of what they feel are the hazards in their

communities and possible mitigation strategies prior to this meeting. The ideal attendees would represent school districts, public works, city government, and volunteer fire department personnel, but all county residents are welcome to attend. The Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator is available for assistance and can be reached at 668-5400.

"Attendance at this meeting is crucial to ensure that our plan accurately depicts the hazards, mitigation strategy, and priorities that we as a community feel we face," remarked Ray Fletcher, Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Veterans to be remembered

Muenster VFW Post 6205 and the Ladies Auxiliary will gather on Sunday, May 30 to hold their traditional Memorial Day Services in which they will honor all veterans who have served their country.

The tributes will begin with a Mass for veterans at 8 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, to be followed by a procession led by the Post Color Guard, Post Rifle Squad, Auxiliary officers, and First Communicants, who will lead the congregation to the cemetery.

At the main altar, the Auxiliary chaplain will place a floral tribute to all the deceased of the parish. All will then proceed to the Veterans Plot where Auxiliary officers will place

floral tributes to the deceased veterans, and then First Communicants will place carnations on individual graves of veterans. Post Commander and Auxiliary officers will then address the audience followed by the Post Rifle Squad presenting a 21 gun salute and TAPS being played in honor of the fallen men and women.

The celebrations will continue Sunday evening with a steak supper, open to the public, hosted by VFW Post 6205 and Ladies Auxiliary. The Club will open at 4 p.m. and the banquet will be served at 6 p.m. in the VFW Hall. Cost of the meal is \$7.00. For more information call the VFW Club, Joe Bright, or Frances Bayer.

Muenster to receive \$419.50 in bulletproof vests grant

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will award a grant of \$419.50 to the City of Muenster under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn announced. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) approved the payment for the purchase of body armor to help protect local law enforcement.

"Every day, these brave men and women stand ready to defend our homes and families," Cornyn said in making the announcement. "Providing these grants to help defend them as they defend us is the right thing to do."

The legislation authorizing the grants mandates that priority in awarding grants be given to jurisdictions with populations under 100,000. As a result, nearly all of the \$24.2 million in funding this year will be awarded to grantees in smaller localities.

More than 4,700 applications for vest grants will be funded nationwide by the BJA this year. Federal payment can provide up to 50 percent of each jurisdiction's costs, including costs associated with purchasing and shipping the vests.

Trans-Texas Corridor gets comment period extension

In April, the Texas Turnpike Authority Division of the Texas Department of Transportation initiated a "scoping process" to solicit public input concerning proposed TTC-35. The scoping process includes 26 public meetings (on-going)

and an extensive mail-out. Input received through the scoping process will be considered during development of a Tier One Environmental Impact Statement for proposed TTC-35.

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From My Side of the Fence

It's Monday, and I should already have written an article for Thursday's paper, but for some reason - well, I haven't been feeling too well. But the sun always shines brighter after a storm.

It's time to report on our "stupid peach tree." There is surely a full crop of fruit hanging on it, even after a drastic thinning. There were so many little peaches that some of the branches touched the ground.

This would not be news, but the tree bloomed all through January. Even after a 14° freeze, followed by several light freezes, it was still over-loaded.

We came home from a visit to my doctor Thursday morning to find Aileen's sister, Jane, and her traveling companion, Ann

Bogrette, had arrived a few minutes earlier. We were expecting them, but later in the day. Had a real nice visit with them and hated to see them leave.

They certainly took the long way around. Their plans are to drive and fly to Newfoundland with the intention of hiking across that country. Glad I don't have to do it.

They left the Tampa Bay area in Florida, drove to San Antonio to see a friend, then proceeded to Austin to visit Jack's daughter, Sheila and family, then to Graham, Texas, to visit Bill Hoehn and family. From there they went to Nocona, where they visited Jack Hoehn and family, then to Muenster.

Well, I suppose they touched all bases, but it's a long trip.

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The Yostens celebrate 50 years of marriage

Lee Roy (Buddy) and Dorothy Mae Yosten were married on May 12, 1954 in the new Sacred Heart Church. They were the first couple to be married in this church. Honoring them are their children and their families: Karla Stevenson, Arnold and Kathy Yosten, Gene and Linda Yosten, Troy and Lawana Yosten, and Kerri and Tony Acuna. All attended the 5 p.m. Mass on May 15, 2004.

Their son Gene did all the readings and his four boys were the Mass servers. Arnold and Kathy Yosten were Eucharistic ministers. They and their daughter Rachel also carried up the gifts. Diane Grewing, Buddy's niece, and her group did the singing for the

Mass. They sang *Mother At Your Feet We're Kneeling* which was sung 50 years ago at their wedding Mass.

A dinner and dance followed in the VFW Hall in Muenster. Readings were given about their courtship, Buddy's home life, and a small tribute was read about the brothers and sisters of Dorothy Mae (Walterscheid) Yosten and about her home life. The children surprised their parents with a Power Point presentation of a series of family pictures set to music. It was a joyous part of the celebration.

The wedding celebration began 50 years ago with an early morning Nuptial High Mass, followed by breakfast, noon lunch, afternoon



Dorothy Mae and Buddy Yosten

reception, dinner in the evening for many guests, and a dance at night.

Wassie Reynolds and his group played for the dance. Lee Roy is the son of the

late Robert and Agnes Swirczynski Yosten. Dorothy Mae is the daughter of the late John and Catherine Haverkamp Walterscheid.

Engagement



John David and Patricia Fleitman announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Julia Cecile Fleitman, to Garret Arthur Hellinger, son of James and Clara Hellinger. Julia is a 1996 graduate of Muenster High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is employed by Continental Airlines as a flight attendant. Garret is a 1996 graduate of Lindsay High School, served a four-year tour of duty in the U.S. Marine Corp, and is a 2004 graduate of Texas State University. He is presently employed as an executive team leader of assets protection for Target. The wedding will take place July 10, 2004 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Following their wedding, the couple will reside in Houston.

Baptisms

Vogel

Connor James Vogel was baptized Sunday, May 16 in Sacred Heart Church by Fr. John Ohner, OSA, pastor. Connor's baptismal sponsors were Anne and Neil Hesse, his aunt and uncle. Connor wore a baptismal gown made by his great-aunt Betty Simmel. It has become the traditional baptismal garment for his mother's family. He was also wrapped in a crocheted blanket made by his great-aunt Mary Ann Koessler.

Connor is the son of Stephen and Janet Vogel. His grandparents are Bernard and Agnes Hesse, and Bob and Eileen Vogel.

There was a christening luncheon after the service at the Ken Hesse home, attended by all of the above and joined by Nolan Vogel; Urban and Jane Endres; Matt, Kaitlin, and Sam Hesse; Ryan and Chad Henschel; and Keith and Laurie Vogel.

Stewart

Logan Ray Stewart, son of Ray and Shirley Stewart, son of received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 16, 2004 officiated by Fr. John Ohner OSA in Sacred Heart Church. Baptismal sponsors were Steve Henschel and Kim Hesse.

Attending the event were the grandparents, Carol Henschel, George and Laurie Gould, and Rick and Darlene Stewart; and the great-grandmother Evelyn Koessler.

Other guests were Doris Schmidkofer; Brenda and Jimmy Green and Colby Richey; Steve and Kyla Henschel, Stephanie and Jordan; Mike and Kim Hesse and Jacob; Kody Truebenbach and Laura Costilla; Sabrina Truebenbach and Jaxon; Rhonda and Randy Rhodes and Chance; Alyssa Stewart; Joseph Monday; Johnny Rohmer; Chuck and Doris Koessler, Tony and Kristina.

Unable to attend were the grandfather, Ervin "Red" Henschel, Jessica Koessler, Tiffany Richey, Florence Rohmer, and Butch Schmidkofer, Derek, and Dain.

A meal followed the church service, and was hosted by Ray and Shirley Stewart in their home.

First Communion

ABIGAIL PAGEL

Abigail "Abby" Dianne Pagel, daughter of Joseph and Laura Pagel, was honored on her First Holy Communion Day by her parents with a family gathering in their home after Mass.

Guests were, with her parents and siblings Allison and Katie, the grandparents Jerry and Monica Hess and John and JoAnn Pagel; great-grandparents Dutch and Marie Metzler, and Caroline Hess; and a group of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Unable to attend were great-grandparents Jerome and Marcie Pagel.

Abby wore her sister Allison's First Communion dress, and her cousin Olivia Haverkamp's veil. She enjoyed spending the day with her family and playing with her cousins.

The fried chicken dinner included beans, potato salad, rolls, cake and ice cream. The first Communion cake was made by Betty Rose Walterscheid.

Heart & stroke fact

25 percent of women who have an initial stroke die within a year. This percentage increases among women 65 and older.

New Arrivals

Westbrook

Larry and Tracy Westbrook of Collinsville proudly announce the birth of their son Logan Riley Westbrook on Friday, May 7, 2004 at 3:18 p.m. in Wilson N. Jones Hospital. Logan weighed 8 lb. 7 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. Welcoming Logan is his brother Collin. Grandparents are Jim and Linda Vogel of Muenster, Letha Salaz of Sherman, and Larry Westbrook Sr. of Sandusky. Great-grandparents are Marie Tolbert of Gainesville and the late Herschel Tolbert, James and Kathleen Westbrook of Gainesville, and the late Ray and Theresa Vogel.



Logan Westbrook

Artho

Leigh Ann and Matthew Artho are proud to announce the birth of their first child. Reiter Paul Artho was born on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 8:51 a.m. at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. He weighed 6 lb. 5 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Virginia and Eddie Artho of Hereford and Jeanette and Johnny Reiter of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Laura and Dave Downey of White Deer, Texas; the late Alberta and Elroy Artho; Marie Reiter of Muenster and the late Buddie Reiter; and Augusta Walterscheid of Muenster and the late Alfons Walterscheid.

Pagel

Joseph and Laura Pagel of Muenster proudly announce the birth of their son, Gavin John Pagel. Gavin was born Wednesday, May 12, 2004 in Gainesville Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 21 1/4 inches in length. He is welcomed by sisters Allison Nicole Pagel, age 10 1/2, Abigail Dianne Pagel, age 7 1/2, and Katie Jo Pagel, age 6. Grandparents are Gerald "Jerry" and Monica Hess and John and JoAnn Pagel, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Jerome and Marcie Pagel of Muenster, Caroline Hess of Muenster and the late Gary Hess, and Dutch and Marie Metzler of Lindsay.

Reunion

Muller, Herr, Stelzer reunion set for June 6

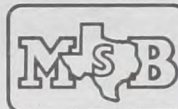
The Muller, Herr, Stelzer reunion will be held on June 6 in the Muenster City Park. It will be an all day reunion. Plates, cups, napkins, and utensils will be available, and some meat. Please bring a covered dish and some meat. Bring your own drinks.

Did You Know

The goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100 of a second.

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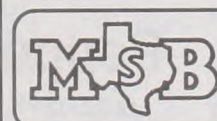
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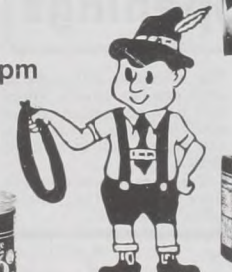
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College Student News



Karen Cler

Karen Cler, daughter of Mark and Ruth Cler and the late Joyce Knabe, graduated Cum Laude from the University of Texas at Arlington on Sunday, May 16 at UTA Texas Hall. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics with a grade point average of 3.4.

Karen was a member of UTA Hosts, National Association of Business Economists (NABE) holding the office of president in 2004, and Theta Chi Omega. While at UTA she was active in numerous community services, including After Dark in the Park, Alliance for Children, Boo at the Zoo, Cowtown Brush Up, and Expanding Your Horizons.

Cler received honors and awards during her years in college including Outstanding Freshman Scholarship, Freshman Scholar List, All American Scholar Colleague, National Dean's List (all four years), Gamma Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society, UTA Honor Roll, NABE Distinguished Officer, and Outstanding Economics Student.

Karen, a 2000 graduate of Muenster High School, is the granddaughter of Ed and Aileen Cler of Muenster, Joe and Viola Schmidkofer of Lindsay, and Marie Ford of Rosston.

Attending the graduation were her parents; Dea, Jimmy, Sidney, and Audrey Carnes; Michelle, Mandy, and Makayla Hacker; Joe and Viola Schmidkofer; and uncles Steve and Victor Schmidkofer.

Heart & stroke fact

Heart disease rates in women after menopause are 2-3 times those of women the same age before menopause.

Dana Miller, daughter of Glenn and Stacie Miller of Muenster, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas Women's University on Saturday, May 8 in Denton with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. She is a 2001 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, and the granddaughter of Herbert and Dolores Miller and Julian and Carrie Walterscheid all of Muenster. She is the great-granddaughter of Josephine Schilling of Muenster. Joining her at the graduation ceremony were her parents; sisters and brother Kristen, Lisa, and Austin; and grandparents.

Dana finished her undergraduate degree in three years, with a final cumulative of 3.92. Among her many activities during her undergraduate education, she was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the TWU Pre-Med Club, the Golden Key International Honor Society, named to the National Dean's List, and was elected to the Phi-Kappa Phi Honor Society. Dana was also a member of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society for which she served as historian and then treasurer. She was nominated by the Biology Department for Outstanding Senior at



Dana Miller

TWU.

Dana has been involved in molecular biology research under the direction of Dr. Nathaniel Mills of Denton for the past year. She worked under a grant by Unvirogen, a biomedical supply/research company, on the development of a nucleic acid extraction protocol.

In the fall, Dana will be attending the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to pursue a degree in Dentistry.

A graduation party was held in her parents' home on Friday, May 21, a celebration with her cousin, Kevin Walterscheid, a 2004 Sacred Heart graduate. A brisket supper was served to approximately 70 family members and friends of Dana and Kevin.

Library News

Muenster Public Library Volunteers' Awards

Muenster Public Library Volunteer Fran Alderman received the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's Rising Star Award for Cooke County at the annual awards luncheon held in Gainesville recently. Mrs. Alderman was nominated for her implementation and ongoing supervision of the library's Saturday hours, which have been in operation since May 2003.

Thirty-year volunteer Teresa Fowler and Betty Felderhoff, as well as 24-year volunteer Evelyn Koesler, were selected to receive Lifetime Achievement Awards by the North East Texas Library System (NETLS), a division of the Texas State Library. They will be feted at NETLS' annual awards luncheon in Garland in June.

Summer Reading Program

The 2004 Summer Reading Program, coordinated by volunteer Terri Barrett, begins on Tuesday, June 8, and runs through July 27. Kids from Pre-K through 6th grades are invited to stop by the library at 418 N. Elm Street to pick up their log sheets and commence the annual Reading Race.

Coupons for free ice cream cones from the D.I. One Stop and the Sonic Drive-In will be given for every 20 books a child reads. The end-of-summer awards party will be held on Saturday, July 31.

Storytelling Time will be every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., and includes crafts and puppet shows provided by local teens, and great book readings by special guests.

Area Happenings

St. Mary's Parish of Windthorst will be holding its 112th Birthday Celebration on Sunday, June 6. Activities will be held in St. Mary's Parish Hall and on the school grounds, adjacent to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The activities will begin at noon and run all day. There will be food, games, sweet stroll and a country store in the parish hall from noon until 4 p.m. For more information you may contact the church office at 423-6687.

Cooke County Business and Professional Women inducted into honors circle

At the NCTC 80th Wright, Foundation Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 1, Cooke County Business & Professional Women was inducted into the Benefactors Honors Circle of the North Central Texas College Foundation. Cooke County BPW received this honor for contributing over \$5,000 for scholarships at NCTC.

Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, NCTC President, Dr. Milton Dickson, NCTC Board of Regents Chair, and Ed Wright, Foundation President, presented the award to Diana Eichenberger and Carla Waters of Cooke County BPW, who proudly accepted the award.

Cooke County BPW has continued through the years to support women in Cooke County through the establishment of the Bertha Arrington Scholarship Fund in 1982. Each semester Cooke County BPW awards a scholarship to a Cooke County woman continuing her education at North Central Texas College. In 1999 the scholarship funds were transferred to the NCTC Foundation office for administration. Cooke County BPW establishes the criteria for the recipients and continues to provide funding.

The mission of Business and Professional Women (BPW/USA) is to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. It is a "women helping women" organization whose membership is open to all employed individuals. By working together on matters pertinent to women, members have the opportunity to develop valuable leadership and communication skills through educational programs, seminars, networking, and mentoring. Cooke County BPW was established in 1940. For information call Angie Hare at 940-665-1793 or Cathy Kirkpatrick at 940-665-2244.

Separate ceremonies were held for candidates for two-year associate degrees and one-year certificates in health sciences programs, for those in applied sciences (vocational-technical) programs, and for those in arts and sciences (academic transfer) programs.

Receiving special recognition were students named as honor graduates. Students earning magna cum laude honors with a grade average between 3.9 and 3.99 included Shanelle Spakes of Muenster, and Jennifer Wilson of Gainesville.

Also recognized were Cindy Krause of Denton, valedictorian of the graduating associate degree nursing program, and salutatorian Tessie Scott of Muenster.

Area graduates and degree or certificate awarded for the spring 2004 semester at North Central Texas College include:

Associate of Arts - Julie Arendt, Elisa Endres, Gainesville; Kathryn Caffee, Cynthia Roller, Jeannene Walterscheid, Muenster.

Associate of Science - Theresa Benton, Brandy England, Abbie Grewing, Tes Stewart, Lindsay; Lacy Endres, Kevin Hermes, Shawn Hess, Shanelle Spakes, Muenster.

Associate of Science & Associate of Science - Joseph Wilson, Lindsay; Hannelore Halle, Saint Jo.

Associate Degree Nursing - Tessie Scott, Muenster; Michelle Schilling, Julie Vogel, Saint Jo.

Vocational Nursing - Shannon Edington, Dale Reiter, Muenster.

NCTC names Top Spring term students

North Central Texas College this week announced its official listings of students recognized for outstanding academic achievement during the recently concluded 2004 spring semester.

Students named to the NCTC President's Honor List are those who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA) while enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours. The Dean's Honor List includes those students earning a GPA of 3.5-3.99 while taking 12 or more hours.

"We are so very proud to honor our students in this way," said Dr. Eddie Hadlock, vice president of instruction. "Performing at this high level in all courses is not easy, particularly in view of the fact that such a large percentage of our students work either full-time or part-time while attending classes."

Local students include: President's Honor List Gainesville - Jonathan Krahl, Ginger Lemons, Yvonne Sandmann, Lisa Schilling; Muenster - Megan Grewing, Deann Muller, Shanelle Spakes;

Dean's Honor List: Gainesville - Robin Neu; Lindsay - Russell Fleitman, Elaine Hess, Brandon Schroeder, Jalynn Wilson, Stacie Yosten; Muenster - Catherine Bartush, Alicia Cochran, Shannon Edington, Mitchell Endres, Gina Pels.



Megan Rohmer and Travis Dangelmayr

Cousins celebrate 4th together

Cousins, Megan Rohmer and Travis Dangelmayr celebrated their fourth birthdays together with a hamburger cookout on Friday, April 30. The birthday cake and decorations carried out a Zoo Animals theme.

Since it was pouring down rain, the party was moved to the shop for indoor fun. Hamburgers with all the fixings were served followed by cake and ice cream. The children enjoyed taking turns in breaking a Zebra piñata, and then both honees got to open their presents. Pictures and movies were taken.

Attending the party were parents Melody and Greg Rohmer and Chris and Leslie Dangelmayr; sisters Lauren and Adrien Rohmer and Kalyn Dangelmayr; grandparents Agnes

Rohmer, Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr, Robert G. and Gloria Klement; aunts, uncles, and cousins; Scott and Zonya Klement, Toby, Tori, Tressa, and Katherine; Justin and Amanda Klement; Shelley Klement and Gary Kline; Dwayne and Cheryl Rohmer, John and Christina; Tom and Lora Hennigan, Ryan and Garrett; Mike Dangelmayr, Garrett and Kagen; Ron and Karen Dangelmayr, Amanda, Shelby, and Kassie; Darrell and Amy Dangelmayr, Natalie and Steven.

Unable to attend were great-grandparents Frank and Lucille Zimmerer and Tony and Sis Klement.

Travis' actual birthday is April 27 and Megan's is May 9. They each brought cupcakes to daycare to share with their friends.

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The MMH Auxiliary is an important part of the hospital's success. This past year, the auxiliary partook in several projects such as:

- Greeters at the 2003 health fair and recent open house
- Hosted brunch for Dr. Karla Cox at the home of Rose Henschel
- Decorated the hospital for the Christmas holiday season
- Prepared and maintained hospital flowerbeds
- Opened gift shop in foyer using items from local merchants
- Supported Eagle Scout Ricky Bell in the painting of patient rooms
- Pampered patients with pillow corsages and seasonal tray favors
- Supplied coloring books, stuffed animals, etc... for young patients

The auxiliary is proud to have provided the following items this past year:

- New tableware for St. Richard's Villa
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School

Sacred Heart honors students

The Sacred Heart Alumni and Supporters honored the achievements of the students of Sacred Heart High School on May 20. The All Awards Banquet was held in the Sacred Heart Community Center. John Bartush, Alumni and Supporters president, was master of ceremonies. Adam Taylor, Student Council 2nd vice president, gave the welcome, with Kevin Walterscheid saying the opening prayer. A pantomime by the 8th grade class provided entertainment.

Teachers, coaches, and sponsors presented awards to students for their participation in academics, athletics, and organizations.

Thirty-six class awards were presented. Nominees and winners (in bold) were as follows:

ALGEBRA I - Kristen Miller Theodore Otto, **Karina Skotnik**.

ALGEBRA II - Joelle Fuhrmann, Mark Gehrig, Diana Knabe, David Walterscheid.

ADVANCED MATH - Andy Davis, Amy Trevino, Brittany White.

GEOMETRY - Angela Schad, Stephanie Krawietz, Taylor Torcellini.

ART - Clayton Truabenbach.

DESIGN CLASS - C.B. Hennigan.

SPANISH I - Joelle Fuhrmann, Mark Gehrig, Shannon Hartman.

SPANISH II - Andrew Davis, Rose Bartush, Kate Sepanski.

WORLD GEOGRAPHY - Stephanie Krawietz, Paige White, Angela Schad.

U.S. HISTORY - Andrew Davis, Brittany White.

PASSWORD - U.S. HISTORY - Andy Davis, Stephen LaChance.

PASSWORD - GEOGRAPHY CHAMPS - Zach Bartush, Mark Fleitman.

RELIGION I - Angela Schad, Paige White.

RELIGION II - Brittany White, Jacqueline Flusche.

RELIGION III - Paul Bartush.

SPEECH - Jacqueline Bauer.

DEBBIE ENDRES SPEECH - Brittany White, Sarah Whitecotton, Melissa Thomas.

COMPUTER SCIENCE, SECTION I - Paul Bartush, Andy Davis, Thomas Otto.

COMPUTER SCIENCE, SECTION II - Angela Schad, Taylor Torcellini, Amy Trevino.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING - Travis Forshee, Zach Barnhill, Noah Hess.

ENGLISH I - Angela Schad, Taylor Torcellini, Paige White.

ENGLISH II - Joelle Fuhrmann, Brittany White, Shannon Hartman.

ENGLISH III - Andy Davis, Caleb McLaughlin, Christine Fetsch.

WORLD HISTORY - Christine Fetsch, Maggie Farrell, Travis Hess.

PSYCHOLOGY - Christine Fetsch.

MOST IMPROVED PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT - Thomas Otto.

CAREER EXPLORATION - Joelle Fuhrmann, Ashley Walterscheid, Caleb McLaughlin.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE I - Debra Yosten, Whitney Wimmer, Joelle Fuhrmann.

FOOD SCIENCE - Angela Schad, Paige White, Stephanie Krawietz.

LIFE SKILLS - Arlie Bayer, Neil Bayer.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE - Angela Schad, Stephanie Krawietz, Paige White.

BIOLOGY - Joelle Fuhrmann, Brittany White, David Walterscheid.

ADVANCED SCIENCE - Caleb McLaughlin, Jon Ambrose, Arlie Bayer.

CHEMISTRY - Melissa Thomas, Rose Bartush, Paul Bartush.

Senior class members received their awards at the Senior Banquet earlier this month.

Kate Sepanski gave the closing prayer after John Bartush made an Alumni address.



Sacred Heart Seniors wait in the back of the church (top photo) before graduation. Above, Mary Bayer adjusts Adam Krahl's cap. At left, Cindy Hartman and Andrea Bonin peek out the door to check out the crowd. Below, the seniors make the walk from school to church. Janie Hartman photos

SH GRADS.....

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like a minute." Kate noted, "In two sentences, Einstein summed up a phenomenon that we've all experienced - how time can fly when we're having fun, or how it can drag by so slowly when we're not. Well, I know that any member of our senior class could tell you that these years have flown by unbelievably fast, which can only mean one thing - that they were spent with people we love. Whether we remember each others' craziness or kindness, the memories we've made with each other will last a lifetime."

Kate recounted numerous memorable and humorous experiences of the class. She remarked on the closeness of the classmates. "As we move on today, making the first step of our future lives, let's not forget all the good times and great memories that never fail to make us smile," she said. "Let's not forget and leave behind the friendships we have started and formed through the years. I would like to leave you with a quote from Susan P. Schultz, who said, 'Good friends must not always be together. It's the feeling of oneness when distant that proves a lasting friendship.' I hope we can remember that as we go out separate ways."

Lisa Endres introduced Valedictorian Cindy Hartman. Cindy created a top 10 list that she entitled, "You know you are a Sacred Heart graduate and you are



prepared for the future if ...". With each item on the list, Cindy gave an example of her insight or advice for that situation.

These included: "...in the future we will still make mistakes. The key is to not dwell on faults and errors. Learn from mistakes and do not repeat them." "Although the ideas of trust and honor are the traits that make life truly successful, many falsely believe that success is measured by money and power. As members of Sacred Heart we have been taught to believe that there is good in every man." "...the world is going to dish out what it wants - much like we experienced in the cafeteria. Be strong and persistent. Defeat is just an obstacle that will test your character. Remember that you have not failed until you give up. In life, just like Cook's Choice in the cafeteria: expect the worse, hope for the best, and give life a run for its money;" "No matter where you are, there is always a place to give of yourself, as we have seen here at Sacred Heart." "...many of us cannot wait to see Muenster in our rearview mirrors. However, look up and down the pews of this church and see the number of people who were one of that thought. As one grows older, he or she can see the uniqueness and the stability that Muenster provides as a community centered around family." "Parents, thank-you for being there for us. Thank-you for laughing at us, but more importantly laughing with us. ... We only hope we can live up to the standards that you have set." "...Remember that time flies. Usually this concept is not grasped until you turn around and your children are graduating from high

school. Wasn't it just yesterday we were sitting on the ellipse or building the Egyptian pyramid? ...Remember the many yesterdays, treasure today, and look forward to the many tomorrows."

Cindy concluded with, "School tested us in math, English, and science, but life will test our character. I know that each one of you has the character to succeed in life. Never tire of doing what is right and your character will never be questioned. Take chances, strive for the best, and love like you will never get hurt. Classmates, do the one thing that we did best: Laugh - it is the best medicine."

Diplomas were awarded by Rev. Murphy and Principal Jon LeBrasseur. Teacher Debbie Endres performed the traditional turning of the rings and Linda Eggleston, class sponsor, moved the tassels. School secretary Mary Bayer presented a single red rose to each senior. The graduates would later present this rose to their mothers. Rev. Murphy told of the significance of the rose in St. Rita's life. He encouraged them to turn to St. Rita with their intercessions in times of need.

Graduates recessed to Ode to Joy. Music ministers were Christy Hesse, Ruth Felderhoff, and Pam Fette.



Sacred Heart Principal Jon LeBrasseur tells a "little" joke at the All Awards Banquet. Scott Wood photo

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SH holds Moving On Ceremony

The students of Sacred Heart Preschool and Kindergarten entertained their proud families, friends, and teachers at the annual Moving On Ceremony to mark the end of another very successful and enjoyable school year. The program took place on May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

Mr. Jon LeBrasseur, principal, opened the program with the invocation. The 25 Preschool children marched onto the stage to *March of the Toy Soldier* played by their music teacher, Ruth Felderhoff. Following the *Hello Neighbor* song and a welcome, the audience joined the children in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of *My Country 'Tis of Thee*.

The enthusiastic Preschoolers delighted the large crowd with a selection of some of their favorite songs, complete with hand and body motions. Doing a terrific job of introducing the songs were all the children moving on into kindergarten classes next school year. The songs reflected various aspects of their learning and fun experienced throughout the year and included: *I Am A Promise*, *Hooray For the World*, *Miss Polly Had A Dolly*, *If You're Happy and You Know It*, and *He's Got*

the Whole World. To conclude the program the class sang the *Good-bye Song* as they did each day of the school year before dismissal time.

Mr. Jon LeBrasseur presented certificates of attendance to the children who are eligible, by age or choice, for another year of Preschool. They are: Ben Green, Morgan Hennigan, Stone Lamar, Patricia Neusch, Jenna Sicking, Kate Springer, and Dean Walterscheid.

Moving On Certificates were then presented to the following children who will begin kindergarten classes in August: Katy Bezner, Brennan Binder, Cody Dangelmayr, Hudson Eddleman, Lindsey Gibbs, Allison Haubold, Leah Knabe, Samantha Koesler, Amy Luttmr, Bennigan McCoy, Macie Pagel, Rylee Reiter, Sawyer Sanders, Avery Truebenbach, Nicholas Turner, Tyler Walterscheid, Logan Wann, and Emma Wood. Receiving special certificates for perfect attendance for the school year were Amy Luttmr and Samantha Koesler.

Assisting in the Montessori preschool program this year are Pam Dangelmayr, teacher; Kathy Berres, teaching assistant; and Susan Yosten, classroom aide and extended day care provider. Following the Preschool

portion of the program, the kindergarten class took the stage as Ruth Felderhoff, their music teacher, played *Jesus Loves Little Children*. Hope Inglish and Jacob Neusch welcomed the audience and they opened their program singing *Six Little Ducks*. They continued with four more songs, *Wally Acha*, *Five Speckled Frogs*, *Coming Round the Mountain*, and *Jesus in the Morning*. The students concluded with a poem written by their teacher, entitled *Kindergarten Review*.

Sacred Heart School Principal Jon LeBrasseur presented certificates to the following students: Jared Dangelmayr, Alana Endres, Catherine Fleitman, Michael Fleitman, Will Green, Kyle Grewing, Ethan Henry, Ramsey Hernandez, Hope Inglish, Katie Luttmr, Jacob Neusch, Kason Reeves, Grant Springer, Kevin Sweeney, Garrett Truebenbach, and Allie Walterscheid.

Their teacher is Mrs. Annette Bayer; teacher assistant, Mrs. Laneta Martin; music teacher, Mrs. Ruth Felderhoff; and Religion teacher, Sister Lillian Marie Reiter, OSB.

Following the Kindergarten portion of the program, Mr. Jon LeBrasseur offered a closing prayer. Pictures were taken and all enjoyed time visiting.



Pictures from the Sacred Heart Moving On ceremony held on Wed., May, 19. Above, Principal Jon LeBrasseur with the 2003-04 pre-school class as they get ready to perform. At right, Kindergartners Will Green, Katy Luttmr, Grant Springer and Kevin Sweeney do a sing and dance. Below left, Dean Walterscheid, Amy Luttmr and Allison Haubold lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Below right, Morgan Hennigan receives her Moving On certificate by pre-k teacher Mrs. Pam Dangelmayr. Photos by Scott Wood



Lindsay Royal Knights

Courtesy photo

Knighthood Excellence Awards

Lindsay Elementary recognized the following students as recipients of the Royal Knighthood Excellence Award 6th Six weeks:

Kindergarten - Garrett Martin, Tylor Morris, Alan Richards, Catlynn Schumacher;
1st grade - Sarah Dieter,

Ben Haverkamp;
2nd grade - Sarah DeBorde, Matthew Huston;
3rd grade - Kevin Conaway, Kassidy Gum;
4th grade - McKenzie Neu, Benjamin Zimmerer;
5th grade - Emily Conaway, Troy Kirby, Madison Parkhill, Kristin Stamos;

6th grade - Zohaib Anwar, Andie Faulkner.

The Royal Knighthood Excellence Award is given to students in each class who show improvement or excellence in any school area. It is given each six weeks. Students selected receive a certificate.



Sacred Heart Psychology class visits State Hospital

The high school 6th period Psychology class from Sacred Heart School took a field trip to North Texas State Hospital in Wichita Falls on Tuesday, April 13. Instructor of the class, Mrs. Lee, and Mrs. Barush (coach and bus driver) accompanied the group. Several members of the hospital staff greeted the students and held an orientation period. The students were given a tour of the campus, hosted by two of the staff members.

At different housing locations, the persons in charge treated the students to an information session. Two psychologists and several of the social workers held the sessions. They explained

their duties and some personal information concerning their work with the patients. The students were invited to participate in a question and answer session, and were able to visit the dormitories and some of the patients. Mrs. Shirey, the public relations personnel, informed them that any donations of clothing would be very helpful. Many of the patients do not have any family that claims them or helps them in any way. The Sacred Heart School students were shocked by this and decided that they could do something to help.

The students were so impressed with the visit and with the needs of the patients that they held their

own clothes drive. The class collected fifteen "huge" black trash bags full of clothes. Mrs. Lee delivered them to Wichita Falls on Friday, May 7.

Mrs. Shirey was delighted with the clothes and with the community service the students had performed.

After finishing their tour, they went to the recreation center where they saw a film in the new "movie house" on the campus.

Following the tour, the class ate Italian food at Fazoli's in Wichita Falls. Mrs. Lee is very proud of her class for their participation in the clothing drive and for their kindness in giving so generously.

Nortex awards four scholarships

Four area high school students received scholarships through Nortex Communications to further their education.

Kevin Walterscheid, a senior at Sacred Heart High School, is the recipient of a \$1000 Gene H. Fuhrman Scholarship and Cindy Hartman, also from Sacred Heart High School, will receive a \$2500 scholarship from the Foundation for Rural Services (FRS).

Melinda Walterscheid will receive \$500 from the Foundation for Rural Education and Development (FRED) to further her education when she graduates from Muenster High School this month, and Shivaun Beasom, also a 2004 graduate of Muenster High School, will receive a \$500 Gene H. Fuhrman Scholarship from Nortex Communications.

Cindy Hartman, Sacred Heart 2004 graduate, competed with hundreds of applicants from the Foundation for Rural Services (FRS). The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), through its partnership with the National

Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) and its members, promotes, educates, and advocates to the public, rural telecommunications issues in order to sustain and enhance the quality of life within communities throughout rural America.

Hartman will receive \$2000 from FRS, to which Nortex Communications will add \$500 to bring the total to \$2500.

Kevin Walterscheid, a 2004 graduating senior from Sacred Heart High School, is the recipient of the \$1000

charitable foundation located in Washington, D.C. and affiliated with the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO).

With plans to pursue a career in Exercise Technology or Sports Nutrition, Shivaun Beasom, a 2004 graduate of Muenster High School, recipient of the \$500 Gene H. Fuhrman Scholarship, will attend Texas A&M University in the fall.



Alvin Fuhrman (center) with Nortex scholarship winner, From left, Melinda Walterscheid, Shivaun Beasom, Cindy Hartman, and Kevin Walterscheid. Courtesy photo

The family of Raymond "Curley" Fuhrmann would like to thank Dr. Advincula and his staff, Dr. McBride, Dr. Jain, Dr. Morton, all the nurses at Vista Home Hospice, for all their care during Dad's illness and death.


Also to Art Bayer and the V.F.W Honor Guard for the military honor at the funeral.

The Raymond Fuhrmann Family


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CX Debate at District as a freshman. Her Sophomore year, Lori placed 3rd in Number Sense with the 1st place team advancing to Regional where there were 3rd place team. She also competed in Accounting at the District level.

In her junior year at District Lori was on the 1st place Number Sense team; took 3rd place individual and 2nd place team in Accounting and advanced to Regional with a wildcard; was 2nd place team in Calculator Application; 2nd place team in Mathematics and received a wildcard to advance to Regional, at Regional got 2nd place Number Sense Team and received a wildcard to State to place 5th individually; 6th place in Accounting; and participated in Mathematics. The Number Sense Team placed 2nd at State.

During her senior year

Lori's UIL accomplishments included: 1st place Mathematics Team, 2nd place Calculator Team, 2nd place individual Accounting and 1st place Accounting Team, at District. At Regional, she was 1st place Mathematics Team, 3rd place individual Accounting and 2nd place Accounting Team, Calculator competitor, 3rd place Team Calculator. At State she competed in Mathematics and Accounting. Lori was a member of the One Act Play that won 3rd place at UIL State competition her freshman year. She was a cast member of Area qualifying play as a sophomore and was selected as All-Star Cast at Zone, District, and Area levels.

Lori was a member of the drill team her freshman and sophomore years and a cheerleader as a junior and senior. She was an active team member of cross-

country, basketball, track, tennis, and softball.

Lori was in the Homecoming Queen's Court her senior year and named to Who's Who Among America's High School Students her freshman and senior years.

Class Salutatorian Lindsey Williams plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall. She will major in genetics and hopes to start a career in genetic counseling after graduation.

Lindsey has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past three years. She served as secretary this year. She made the "A" Honor Roll all four years of high school.

Class Awards garnered by Lindsey include Integrated Physics and Chemistry Class Award and U.S. History Award her freshman year: AP English as a junior. She was Class Princess as a junior and in the Homecoming Queen's Court her senior year. She was also named to Who's Who Among American High School Students her freshman and senior years.

In UIL competition, Lindsey was on the team that won Literary Criticism State Champs her junior year; was a member of the One Act Play that made State Champion her junior and senior years and took 3rd place at State her freshman year.

Lindsey was a member of the FCCLA and Science Club the first three years of high school. She served as Student Council Class Representative the last three years.

As a junior and senior, Lindsey was a cheerleader. The two years before that she was a member of the Pep Club. She was an active member of the basketball team all four years and was named Academic All-District as a junior and senior and Honorable Mention All-District as a senior. She also ran track and was a Regional Qualifier in the 400m dash as a freshman and the 300m hurdles as a sophomore.



Members of the Lindsay Senior class getting recognized for the past years achievements included, from left, back, Lori Kasparek, Cody Hess, Sam Hellinger, Keith Dieter, Katie Carpenter, Sarah Camp, Matt Brennan, Phillip Bayer, Ashley McPherson, Clinton Kyle; front, Amber Wolf, Lindsey Williams, Melissa Fuhrman, Mary Eberhart, Mitchell Ward, Emily Walterscheid, Kendyl Odell, Whitney Neu, Kevin Lutkenhaus. Janie Hartman photo



Lindsay High School students receiving Class Awards at the annual banquet included, from left, back, Laura Zimmerer, Karissa Reiter, Travis Reiter, Nathan Hermes, Pat Bayer, Rhea Williams, Cody Anderle, Jared Schroeder, Johnathan Zimmerer, Malcom Martin, Bradley Arend, Rachel Zimmerer, Bradley Anderle; front, Rameez Anwar, Stephanie Metzler, Amy Polk, Jessica Bezner, Brienne Beaudin, Joni Erwin, Shelly Rauschuber.

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Lindsay honors students

Lindsay High School students were honored for their achievements for the 2003-04 school year at the annual All Awards Banquet, held Tuesday, May 18 at St. Peter's Centennial Hall.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the UIL Academic State Championship trophy by Luis Munoz of University Interscholastic League. "This trophy honors not only your school, but your community," commented Munoz. "There is something very special here in Lindsay... Students don't forget your roots... I believe in the blessings of the small communities. What I learned, I learned in a small community." The trophy was presented to Craig Hertel, UIL coordinator, who noted that the past 13 years, Lindsay High has finished first or second at State. "Our school is an anomaly... we are different, totally unique. We don't fit the mold."

Coaches and sponsors recognized participants in academic and athletic competition and school organizations and groups, highlighting the students' accomplishments. Athletic standouts included the first time both boys and girls cross country teams went to State; the first Lady Knights Area Basketball Championship; the first Boys Golf Regional team; an undefeated JV boys basketball season; the largest Knights State track participants, and 43 Lady Knights on the track team. Other special student recognition was given to Sanaa Anwar, State qualifier pianist, and Mary Eberhart "Most Decorated Actress from Lindsay."

Mitchell Ward, Student Council president, recognized outgoing School Board members David Arendt (1992 - 2004) and Richard Connett (three

years), and volunteer Clara Hellinger for over 15 years as concession stand chairperson.

Class awards were presented by Larry Smith, principal, and class sponsors. Award winners were: Rameez Anwar, English III AP; Rachel Zimmerer, Biology, Speech; Stephanie Metzler, Computer Science, Pre AP English II; Jessica Bezner, AP Chemistry; Bradley Anderle, Video Technology; Brienne Beaudin, Nutrition & Food, Interior Design; Karissa Reiter, Geometry, Personal & Family Development; Malcom Martin, Algebra II; Shelly Rauschuber, BCIS, Spanish I, Physics; Rhea Williams, Chemistry, Yearbook; Amanda Hess, Health.

Also Nathan Hermes, Engineering Graphics; Laura Zimmerer, English I, Theater Arts; Cody Anderle,

English III, Junior Ag Science; T.J. Krebs, Math Models; Travis Reiter, Pre Calculus; Grace Mosher, English II; Patrick Bayer, IPC; Daniel Aberasturi, Theater Arts II; Bradley Arend, World Geography; Amy Polk, World History; Jonathan Zimmerer, Freshman AG Science; Jared Schroeder, Arch Graphics; Joni Erwin, Spanish II.

Senior class awards will be presented Friday night at graduation.

Others taking part at the banquet were: Danny Nortman, Lindsay ISD Board president, and Jerry Metzler, superintendent gave the welcome; Mitchell Ward gave the invocation; Dieter Brothers catered the meal; and the benediction was given by Rameez Anwar, Student Council vice-president.

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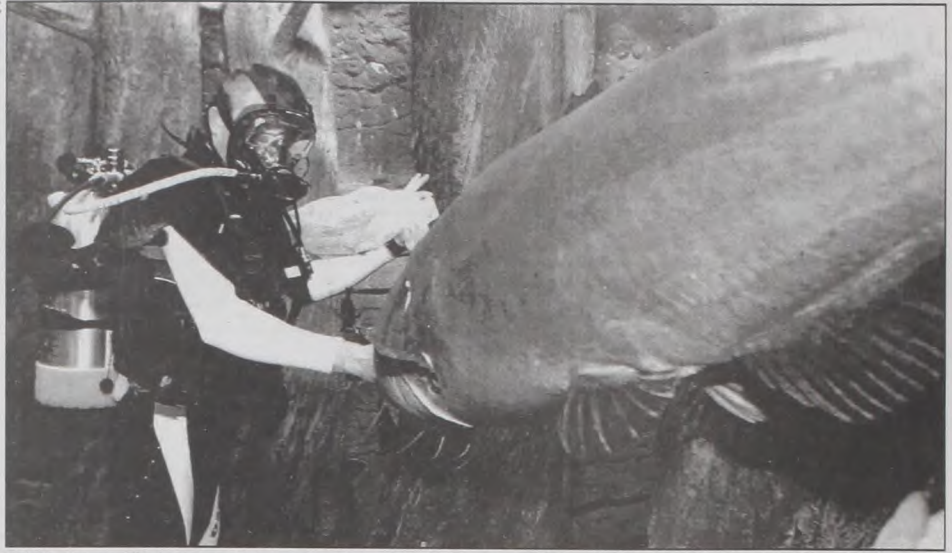
Sports



Four Sacred Heart Seniors will lead the 2004-2005 Dance Team, back, Lieutenants Katie Flusche and Maggie Farrell, front, Becca Stalling co-captain and Jessica Knabe captain. Courtesy photo



Sacred Heart varsity cheerleaders for the 2004-2005 year were recently elected. They are, from left, top - Kara Felderhoff, Shannon Hartman, Kristen Miller; next row - Melissa Thomas, Taylor Torcellini; 2nd row - Stephanie Henscheid, Whitney Wimmer; bottom - Jacqueline Bauer (mascot) and Joelle Fuhrmann. Scott Wood photo



Splash, the world's largest catfish, takes frozen smelt from the diver's hand whenever she feels like it. Other fish in the tank give her plenty of room. The big cat was caught in Lake Texoma. Larry Hodge photo
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This big fish story is for real

Call something a "big fish story" and everyone knows immediately it's a tall tale. Not in this case.

"Splash," the new world-record blue catfish (who weighed in at 121.5 pounds upon being caught) now resides at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens.

On Jan. 16, 2004, dedicated big blue catfish angler Cody Mullennix of Howe was fishing alone from the bank of the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge on Lake Texoma. Mullennix loves and respects big fish, and when he caught a 56-pounder, he released it and continued fishing.

That's when the big fish now known as Splash took the bait, a three-inch shad. After a half-hour battle using a 14-foot surf rod spooled with 20-pound line, Mullennix wrestled the big fish onto a shallow ledge. He knew immediately the fish was not only his biggest catch ever but something special as well.

"There was something about it that grabbed hold of me," Mullennix said. "I gave it everything I could to get it over the ledge. I kept it out there in 10-12 inches of water and kept pouring water over it. I was too scared to put it on a stringer, or back out in deeper water."

Mullennix called a friend on his cell phone and asked him to bring a 100-pound-capacity scale. The fish bottomed it out, and Mullennix realized he probably had a new state record, so they loaded the fish into a pickup truck and took it to a bait shop that had a certified scale. The big blue weighed in at 121.5 pounds, not just a new state record but a new world record as well. (After reviewing x-rays of the fish to be sure it held no foreign objects, the International Game Fish Association certified Splash in May as

the new world record blue catfish.)

Word had spread quickly as the fish was being held in a minnow tank at the store, and a local game warden came by and suggested that Mullennix donate the fish to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. One phone call later, Lisa Griggs from TFFC was headed north with a fish-hauling truck, and a few hours later, the fish that was soon to be known as Splash had a new home.

After being held in an isolation tank for a few weeks, Splash was put on public display during a press conference attended by Mullennix, his family and friends, members of the press and many of her new fans. The 26,000-gallon aquarium where she now

lives holds a number of fish of various species, but there's no doubt that Splash is the "Big Fish" in this tank.

That fact is never more obvious than during the daily dive show, when a diver goes into the tank and hand-feeds the fish. Splash eats when she wants to, delicately taking a frozen smelt from the diver's hand. When Splash approaches the diver, other fish make themselves scarce.

In the three months Splash has been in the tank, she has progressed from being a recluse hiding out in the back of the tank to a "curious cat" that likes to cruise close to the glass and check out visitors who've come to see her. She will actually swim up to the glass and look you in the

eye. When a Fort Worth newspaper reporter visited recently, Splash appeared to belly up to the glass for an interview.

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is an innovative aquatic nature center and hatchery complex operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and is located 75 miles SE of Dallas on FM 2495 four miles east of Athens. Attractions include 300,000 gallons of aquariums, daily dive show and on-site fishing. Hours are Tues.-Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Rates are: adults, \$5.50, seniors \$4.50, and children 4-12 are admitted for \$3.50. For more information go on-line (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>) and click on fishing

Free family fishing

Today's tech-savvy kids may know how to tie up the line between cell phones and Instant Messenger, but can they cast a line? A fishing line, that is.

As part of National Fishing and Boating Week June 5-13, the Texas Parks and Wildlife department is gearing up for family fishing events across Texas. This year, the annual free fishing day and national weekly observance coincide with TPWD's Family Fishing Celebration, designed to encourage folks to try out fishing.

Several State Parks will offer fishing tournaments, contests and prizes for children and adults. Many events are free, and no fishing license is required within more than 70 Texas State Parks as part of the Family Fishing Celebration, which lasts all summer long. June 5 is also Free Fishing Day in Texas, when anyone can fish with no fishing license required anywhere in Texas, not just in state parks.

Free Fishing Day falls within the national weeklong family celebration

of fishing and boating observed by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, a non-profit organization to increase awareness about recreational boating and angling as well as protect water resources to make these activities available in the future.

Even though a fishing license is not required, state park entrance and camping fees still apply.

SH Alumni golf tourney slated for June 19

The annual Sacred Heart Alumni Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 19 at Turtle Hill Golf Course. The 4-man scramble will have a 1:30 p.m. start.

Hot dogs and drink will be available throughout the tournament, with a meal provided afterwards.

For more information call Rhonda Hartman at 759-4972 or Steven Knabe at 736-4497.



The Cooke County Youth Soccer team coached by Randy Reiter, were all awarded trophies and a trip to Chuck E. Cheese in Sherman. Team members are, from left, front - Tressa Jones, Morgan Flusche, Elizabeth Weinzapfel, Kassie Dangelmayr, Laurie McAden; back - Coach Randy Reiter, Kristen Reiter, Brianna Rohmer, Makayla Moster, Audrey Miller, and Tara Gunnels. Courtesy photo

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Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. MWD-EF1911-2004-01 documents will be available beginning Monday, May 17, 2004, and may be requested from Muenster City Hall, 400 North Main Street, Muenster, Texas 76252 (Attn: Micallee Matson) or may be picked up at this address (phone 940-759-2236; FAX 940-759-2250). There is no charge for these documents to prospective bidders. Others may purchase a copy by contacting Micallee Matson at the address above or establish a time to view the documents at the same location.

Bids will be received at the above address until 10:00 A.M. local time, Tuesday, June 8, 2004. A pre-bid conference and site showing will be held at 9:00 A.M. local time on Thursday, May 27, 2004 beginning at the Muenster City Hall.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PEGGY J. BOARDMAN, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original Testaments of the Estate of Peggy J. Boardman, aka Peggy Jean Boardman, aka Peggy Boardman, Deceased, were issued to Tonia Diane Mikulastik, Independent Executor, on the 19th day of April, 2004, in the proceeding styled Estate of Peggy J. Boardman, aka Peggy Jean Boardman, aka Peggy Boardman, Deceased, cause number 15769 in the County Court at Law of Cooke County, Texas, and which is still pending.

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North Central Texas College is accepting bids for constructing the Henry Spaeth Agricultural and Equine Center for its Gainesville Campus. Specifications must be picked up from Room 109, NCTC, 1525 West California Street, Gainesville, TX. 76240-4699. Contact Jack Cable to review specifications or to answer questions at (940) 668-4268. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at NCTC, 1525 West California Street, Gainesville, TX., Room 103, (Board Room) on Tuesday, June 1st, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. Sealed bids should be submitted to Robbie Baugh at the above address in a SEALED envelope with the words "HENRY SPAETH AGRICULTURAL AND EQUINE CENTER BID" printed on the outside of the envelope. All bids must include Option (A) for a 12,000 sq. ft. structure and Option (B) for a 6,720 sq. ft. structure. Sealed bids must be received in Room 109 by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9th, 2004. Bids will be opened in Room 103 at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9th, 2004. NCTC reserves the right to reject all bids. NCTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, race, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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Farm & Ranch

Farm Bureau: Don't cut crop insurance programs

The American Farm Bureau Federation and several other farm groups have taken issue with the Agriculture Department's proposal to cut \$41 million from the crop insurance program.

The Department proposed the funding reduction in its draft Standard Reinsurance Agreement (SRA), essentially a contract between the Department and private crop insurance companies. The current agreement expires at the end of June.

The cut would come in reimbursements to private insurers rather than cuts in program benefits to farmers. However, AFBF is concerned that it could lead to cuts in other programs next year, when Congress may work on a budget reconciliation to slash all federal spending. That would affect farmers and others directly.

Farm Bureau and the other groups envisioned two possible scenarios, and they don't like either of them. If Congress cuts spending next year and crop insurance is "off the table" because it took a hit this year, that could mean

deeper cuts in other programs like direct farm payments, conservation programs, nutrition programs, and trade promotion. If crop insurance isn't off the table, it could expose the program to reduced funding two years in a row.

Mary Kay Thatcher, AFBF public policy director, said Farm Bureau certainly hopes there won't be a budget reconciliation, forcing cuts of perhaps a billion dollars in agriculture in one year.

"But with a half a trillion dollar deficit, we hear a lot of policy-makers talking about it," she said. "And if it is going to happen, we need to be prepared now, and to put off cuts this year until next year so we can use them as a down payment in a budget reconciliation bill."

If the crop insurance program is reduced both this year and next year, the farm groups said, two to three companies could decide to quit the business, reducing service and competition in some parts of the country.

Several members of Congress echoed that concern in a letter to

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman.

"Currently, there are only 14 SRA holders operating in the continental United States," they wrote. "We strongly believe that the USDA should not adopt a policy that would result in further concentration of the crop insurance industry."

The more than 35 members of Congress who signed the letter to Veneman urged the Department to adopt a "budget neutral SRA."

The Risk Management Agency, the USDA agency that administers the crop insurance program, said on its Web site that the proposed cuts are "small and manageable." Some crop insurance companies are operating within or well below the current reimbursement rate, but others may need to reduce their cost of delivering crop insurance services, the

agency said. Other changes proposed in the SRA would reduce crop insurance companies' risks of incurring a loss and cut the cost of processing small claims, according to RMA.

Congress has provided ad hoc disaster assistance in all but two of the last 17 years. The last disaster bill in 2003 was different from previous ones; it still provided billions in aid to farmers who lost crops due to bad weather, but it required the aid to be paid for through offsets in other farm program funding. With a \$500 billion deficit, Congress would likely follow that new precedent and require more offsets in the event that it approves disaster assistance in the future. That makes a viable crop insurance program more important than ever, according to AFBF.

USDA imports Canadian beef despite ban on beef

The Agriculture Department imported millions of pounds of beef from Canada under an exception-based permit system, despite a ban on Canadian beef products. According to the *Washington Post*, USDA allowed American meatpackers to resume imports of ground and other processed beef products from Canada last September, only weeks after Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman reaffirmed the agency's ban on the products.

Between September and March, a total of 33 million pounds of processed beef, 3.4 million pounds of beef-in-bone and 440,000 pounds of tongue was imported from Canada. A USDA spokeswoman said that while the border was officially closed to Canadian beef imports, the agency made exceptions when it "concluded that certain products would not pose a health risk because of risk

mitigations" taken by meat processors.

On April 26, a federal judge intervened and issued a temporary restraining order against the agency. In his ruling, U.S. District Judge Richard Cebul wrote, "The Court is concerned by the manner in which, according to counsel for USDA, USDA has been authorizing imports of virtually all edible bovine meat products, apparently through issuing individual permits, at a time when it was assuring the public that such authorization would take place through the rulemaking process."

Veneman made an announcement last August that the United States would allow imports of Canadian ground beef on a permit basis. "Farm Bureau was supportive of the permit application process," said AFBF Director of Congressional Relations Caroline Anderson Rydell. "We look forward to hearing further information from USDA."

County Agent's Report Wayne Becker CEA - AG/NR

Pecan Nut Case Bearer Update

The first moths caught in the Dallas and Ft. Worth areas happened on May the 1st and 2nd. Therefore the first pesticide applications were made on May 20. Given the normal time frame for moth movement and egg hatch, we need to be treating for these pests immediately, if maximizing pecan production is a concern. There are several products labeled for orchard use, but the homeowner is limited to the use of Sevin or Malathion. The question a pecan owner needs to ask is not if they have the pest, but rather do I have enough pecans to make it worth my time and expense to treat. Back yard orchards often produce more pecans than the homeowner can use without any treatment.

Parade of Gardens Sunday, June 6

It will soon be time for the annual Parade of Gardens, which is sponsored by the Cooke County Master Gardeners. This year the tour of local lawn and gardens will be centered near the Lindsay area and will take place from 1:00 pm to 5:00pm. The Parade of Gardens allows individuals the opportunity to view some of the more interesting gardens around. There will be six locations on the tour this year. Tickets are on sale for \$6 now! A portion of the proceeds is to benefit the NCTC Greenhouse Project. Contact the Extension office for more details. (940) 668-5412

Vesicular Stomatitis

The country's first case of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) since 1998 was confirmed Wednesday, May 19, on a premise with nine horses and eight head of cattle near Balmorea, in Reeves County in west Texas. VS is a viral disease that occurs sporadically in the U.S., usually in southwestern states. The disease can affect horses, cattle and pigs, and occasionally, sheep, goats and deer, causing blisters to form in the animal's mouth, on teats or along the hooves, resulting in excessive salivation, lameness or oozing sores.

The clinical signs of VS can cause concern because they mimic those of a highly contagious foreign animal infection foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) which has been eradicated in the U.S. since 1929. Laboratory tests must be run to differentiate between the two diseases, when cattle, pigs, sheep or other cloven-hooved animals develop signs of the disease. Unlike FMD, VS also can affect horses and other members of the equine family. Although the disease does not affect food safety, infected livestock are

withheld from slaughter until they recover.

According to authorities at the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), researchers have determined that VS outbreaks are started by a virus transmitted by arthropods, such as ticks, mites, biting midges, mosquitoes or house flies. Following an incubation period of two to eight days, infected animals may develop clinical signs of disease. The outbreak can be perpetuated by biting insects that carry the disease from infected to healthy livestock. VS-infected animals also can spread the virus if their saliva or the fluid from ruptured blisters contaminates equipment or feed shared by herd mates. Sick animals should be isolated until they heal.

TAHC authorities note that all livestock on the affected ranch in Reeves County will remain quarantined for several weeks, until they no longer pose a health threat to other livestock. Prior to quarantine release, the animals will be re-examined by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian, to prevent the spread of disease to other premises.

VS is rarely fatal, an infection usually runs its course in a couple of weeks. Infected livestock may need supportive care to prevent secondary infections where blisters have ruptured. The affected animals also may lose condition, because they will avoid eating as long as their mouth is sore. Lesions can also occur along hooves, resulting in temporary lameness. As a biosecurity measure, ranchers and veterinarians should wear rubber or latex gloves when handling potentially infected animals, and they should wash their hands thoroughly afterward. Humans reportedly may contract VS and develop flu-like symptoms that can last four to seven days.

TAHC authorities warn if your livestock develops blisters, erosions or sores, don't pass it off as another case of VS. It is extremely important to collect samples and have laboratory tests run to determine the cause of illness. Report these signs of disease to your private veterinary practitioner or the TAHC immediately. The TAHC hotline number is operational 24 hours a day at 1-800-550-8242, and a TAHC or U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian always is on call to take reports and work with your private veterinarian at no charge.

Upcoming Events:
June 7-11 State 4-H Roundup
June 17 Steer Validation Gainesville Livestock Market, 8a.m.

TFB president tells Congress: 'The farm bill is working'

The president of the Texas Farm Bureau, testifying before the American Farm Bureau Federation, told a House Agriculture Subcommittee recently that the 2002 Farm Bill is working to protect America's food supply.

Testifying before the General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee, Kenneth Dierschke, a grain and cotton farmer from San Angelo, said the farm bill has performed as intended.

"A safety net is available to farmers and ranchers when commodity prices are low," Dierschke said. "When prices are high, the market functions without additional funding from the government."

The head of Texas' largest farm organization noted that commodity prices have improved, despite many farm areas that are still affected by drought and sky high input costs.

When the farm bill was written in 2002, farm commodity prices were at historic lows, but net farm income in 2003 was almost \$20 billion more than 2002. The current farm bill is designed to boost farm income when prices are low, and pays less when prices come up again. Current farm bill spending is below the original projections of the Congressional Budget Office. CBO reports that the actual spending level for the bill is \$15 billion less or 30 percent lower than when the bill became law.

Dierschke testified that Farm Bureau opposes re-opening the 2002 Farm Bill, partly because the World Trade Organization is examining domestic support programs during the current round of negotiations among WTO members.

"We would prefer to negotiate a WTO agreement that accomplishes our objectives with respect to domestic supports and then modify domestic programs accordingly," Dierschke said.

The San Angelo farmer also put Farm Bureau on record as opposed to further payment limitations, which he said would have a detrimental effect on the

farm bill's safety net.

Dierschke's testimony also included support of the farm bill provision prohibiting planting fruits and vegetables on program cropland and support of the Conservation Incentive Program to defray costs of environmental regulation. He recommended that the CSP become a nationwide program.

"Each farm program dollar turns over three and one-half times in our local communities," Dierschke said. "Our farm programs provide a foundation on which rural development can build. Without the farm program as a base, however, the footings of any stand-alone rural development initiative would crumble."

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBES

Did you know persimmons are a unique agricultural crop with a fairly strong presence in Texas? If you've never seen a ripe persimmon, it typically has brilliant orange glossy skin, like an orange tomato. They can be found in grocery stores and at farms usually packed in containers similar to egg cartons, because they're susceptible to bruising.

Years ago Texas persimmons were mainly grown for household consumption, but they have since become a viable commercial crop. Persimmon trees are easy to grow and well suited for most areas of the state. Many are grown in East Texas where there is plenty of moisture and the soil is highly acidic. Persimmons are harvested from late September through early December.

A number of persimmon producers are members of our GO TEXAN program, the Texas Department of Agriculture's unified marketing campaign that promotes all things grown or made in Texas. PT Enterprise Orchards, located east of Waco, has thousands of trees filled with persimmons, peaches, plums and pears. Matt Family Orchard, located near Houston, has a pick-your-own orchard filled with Asian Persimmons along with other fruits such as thornless blackberries, figs and Asian pears. Banana Orchards near Austin is mostly known for its peaches but has expanded into the persimmon market. Many other GO TEXAN members are in the business of selling persimmon trees for household use.

The fruit, which is high in vitamin A, is eaten both fresh and dried. When ripe, the fruit has a rich, sweet, spicy flavor. Besides being high in vitamin A, they also contain vitamin C, potassium, protein, trace B vitamins and a moderate amount of calcium.

Texoma CattleWomen to meet June 3

The Texoma CattleWomen will hold their June meeting on Thursday the 3rd at the La Hacienda Restaurant in Whitesboro, on Hwy. 82, 3/4 mile east of Hwy. 377. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., with the meal at 7 p.m.

The group will be planning gift certificates for the firstborn Father's Day baby and next year's Cattlemen's Ball.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.)	Stocker Cows (per head)	Ewes (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.25-1.43; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.25; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.15; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.23; Nos. 2 & 3, .95-1.10; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.07-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.07; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.04-1.12; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.04; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .97-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-97.	Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$800-\$810; Medium Frame: \$600-\$800; Cow/Calf Pairs w/calf under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$900-\$1190; Medium Frame: \$750-\$900; Holstein/Baby Calves: \$50-\$115; Crossbreds: \$100-\$250.	Stocker: 50-60; Thin: 20-40; Fat: 40-54
Feeder Heifers (per lb.)	Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)	Bucks (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.28; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.20; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.06-1.21; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.08; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.04-1.17; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.04; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.01-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-1.01; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .96-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-96; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .89-99; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-89.	US #1: 230-270: 63-68; US #2: 220-280: 55-63; Feeder (per head): 38-42; Heavies: 600-2: 38-42; Boars: (per lb.) 300 lb up: 10-15; 200-300 lbs.: 15-22; Light wt.: 35-50.	Thin: 40-50; Fat: 40-60; Barbados (per head) - Lambs: \$25-\$45; Ewe: \$40-\$75; Bucks: \$50-\$135; Kids: 20-35 lbs.: \$20-\$50; 35-55 lbs.: \$30-\$55; 55-75 lbs.: \$50-\$75.
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)	Boer Goats (per head)	Yearlings (per head)
Slaughter - Bulls: Field Grade: 12-1,200-2,050 lbs.: 61-73; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 50-5750; Cullers: 35-50.	1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: NT; Full Nanny: \$50-\$120.	Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$50-\$100; Milk Type: \$40-\$135; Slaughter: Thin: \$20-\$50; Fat: \$70-\$110.
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	1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: \$85-\$195.	120 lbs-up: Breeders: \$100-\$125; Slaughter: \$75-\$110.

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TRANS FROM PG. 4

This notice is to announce an extension of the deadline to submit comments. The new deadline is June 25, 2004. Comments can be submitted through the project website or by mail to: Trans-Texas Corridor, P.O. Box 14707, Austin, TX 78761-4707. For more information regarding the Trans-Texas Corridor see the website at www.transx.com.

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