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County receives THC money to restore courthouse

By Janet Felderhoff
There was a celebratory mood at the Monday, Feb. 24 regular meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court. It was announced that Cooke County had been awarded \$340,400.00 in grant money from the Texas Historic Commission (THC) to fund renovation of the historic Cooke County Courthouse. Commissioner Virgil

Hess has been the County's link with members of the Cooke County Historic Commission who have been working toward receiving grant money to assist with needed renovation projects. He and the committee gathered information required for the application. Each year it is studied and then possible changes are made to improve the County's chance for

receiving grant money. This money was requested for use in drawing up architectural plans and specs. The cost of all plans and specs to complete restoration is \$436,732.00. The County's match for the grant is \$93,332.00. "I want to compliment Commissioner Hess, he's been working for years on this," remarked County

Judge Bill Freeman. "I want to compliment Senator (Craig) Estes and Representative (Rick) Hardcastle. In the last month we've had a little bit of difficulty on this grant." He explained that the County went from hearing it was to receive \$471,000 to being notified that it would get \$112,000. It was through the efforts of Hess and the staff of Senator



Precinct 4 Commissioner Virgil Hess

Estes and Representative Hardcastle that the County's grant amount was brought up to the awarded amount. All state entities were required to cut their fiscal budgets by seven percent and that included the THC's courthouse grant funds. Hess explained that Cooke County Historic Commission's representative Ona B. Reed

was at the January meeting in Austin when the grant awards were announced. She was told on a Friday that Cooke County would receive \$377,000. When Hess got to the Courthouse on Monday he learned that it had been cut to \$290 some thousand. By that afternoon they were told it was \$240 some thousand and by Tuesday it was down to \$112,000. That's when they got busy with phone calls hoping to bring it back to the amount originally awarded by the THC.

In accepting the grant, Judge Freeman said that the Court would have to adopt a resolution authorizing him to sign the grant and also sign an easement of the Courthouse to the Texas Historical Commission. "It does not affect our use of the Courthouse," he stressed. "We can use the Courthouse in any fashion we see fit." It means that the THC must approve any remodeling or renovation. This is meant to keep the appearance as it was originally meant to be, thus remaining of historic value.

The resolution was adopted 5-0.

This THC Texas Courthouse Preservation Program was established by Governor George Bush and the Texas Legislature through House Bill 1341 to provide state funds for the restoration of historic courthouses.

Commissioners Court also voted 5-0 to approve the agreement between Komatsu Architecture for See HISTORIC, pg 2



The Artic weather that blew into North Texas Monday brought widespread driving problems with the thick layer of sleet. This 18-wheeler jack-knifed on Highway 82 west of Muenster Monday afternoon. By Tuesday morning, a rare opportunity for sledding had developed. Below, Taylor Klement and Allison and Katie Pagel are headed home to warm-up. At right, Michael Endres is spraying snow and ice during a high speed trip down the backside of Weinzapfel's dam on a "Gary Fisher custom-made" sled.

David Fette photos



Confirmation set for Sunday

Forty young adults will be confirmed during the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday, March 2, at Sacred Heart Church. Since Bishop Delaney is still recuperating from surgery, Father John Ohner will be conferring the sacrament.

MMH Board performs self evaluation report

By Janet Felderhoff
"It makes us think about all of the aspects of things we're looking at. I think it's a good thing," remarked Muenster Memorial Hospital Board member Danny Walterscheid of a Self Evaluation report they were asked to complete. The Self Evaluation Tool the Board unanimously adopted ranks performance from one to five with one being Above Expectation, three being Acceptable, and five Needs Improvement.

In his financial report, Administrator Arnold noted total operating revenues of \$511,137.23 were generated from all operations during the month of January. Expenses totaled \$575,277.51, for expenses over revenue of \$64,140.28. Non-operating revenues totaled \$120,427.07 producing net revenues over expenses from all sources of \$56,286.79.

During January there were 40 inpatient discharges that resulted in 116 discharge patient days of care during the month. There were 249 x-rays; 390 laboratory procedures; 135 ER visits; seven outpatient procedures; 13 surgeries; and 13 observation days.

It was noted that MMH has been unable to bill for services from Dec. 1, 2002 through Jan. 31 due to change over in billing numbers for Critical Access. Those charges have now been billed. Discussion centered on St. Richard's Villa, which has been showing a loss. Arnold said that they are looking at different ways to enhance the revenues so that it will make money. The beds need

to be kept full and SRV Administrator Zula Layer has been working to make area hospitals and patients aware of St. Richard's and its services.

"That needs to be an ongoing analysis to see just how much it is costing to maintain that service," Arnold stated. "It's a valuable service to the community. We try to not make it so high that it is exorbitant. We need to keep the charges to the guests at a reasonable rate and also to the program so we're okay with that. We're not looking at it as a high revenue center. We would like to get it to the point where it is breaking even."

Minutes from a special meeting of the Hospital Board held on Feb. 3 were approved. They met to consider and adopt a resolution authorizing establishment of a working line of credit with Muenster State Bank. Board member Kenny Klement stated that he wanted to be on record that the Board wasn't breaking new ground by using a bank line of credit. He spoke with a member of another Board who said that it was common to have to use a bank line of credit before all of the tax revenue was collected.

In other business the Board:

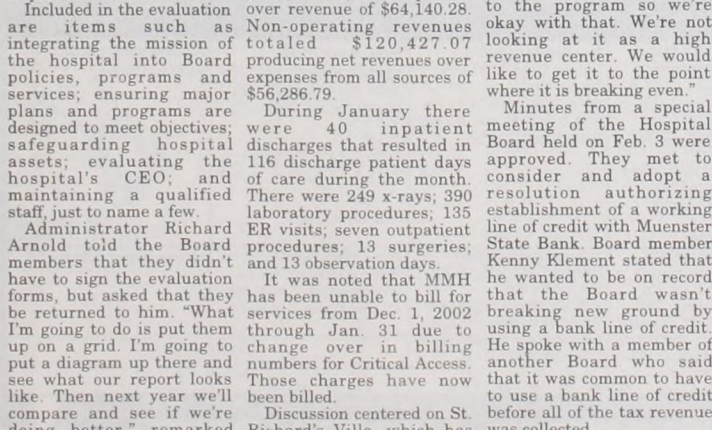
Notices were going out. Trustees were asked to report if they heard of anything being done unprofessionally by the firm.

Approved credentialing of physicians as recommended by medical staff. This includes active, courtesy, and consulting physicians.

Heard report from St. Richard's Villa. There are three beds available. Room rates increase to \$90 per day as of March 3.

Received information on Texas Conference of Rural and Community Hospitals to be held March 19-21 in Dallas, and on a Spring Forum for hospital trustees, executives, and physicians

March 6-8. Three Board positions are up this May. Time to file began Feb. 17 and can be done until March 19 at the administrator's office. Took part in a HIPPA training workshop after the meeting. This is a compliance issue required of all staff, medical staff, and board members.



Chase Serna (left) shows his rabbit to Muenster Elementary students in the petting barnyard marking Future Farmers of America Week at Muenster High. See more photos from FFA Week on page nine. Janie Hartman photo

Obituaries

City Council Agenda

Sr. Anselma Haverkamp, O.S.B. 1898 - 2003

Sister Anselma Haverkamp, age 105, a native of Muenster, died peacefully at Holy Angels Convent, Jonesboro, Arkansas on Friday afternoon, Feb. 7, 2003.

Of the many notable accomplishments of her life, living more than a century, she had the privilege of experiencing and witnessing the vast history of more than five generations.

Sister Anselma Haverkamp was born in Muenster on Jan. 22, 1898 to John Sr. and Theresa (Busch) Haverkamp, the seventh of 13 children. She is survived by one sister-in-law, Mrs. Bill (Ella) Haverkamp and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents and eight brothers and four sisters.

Sister Anselma Haverkamp OSB entered Holy Angels Convent in 1920 and made her Profession of First Vows on July 2, 1922, and her Final Vows on July 2, 1925. On



Sister Anselma Haverkamp

Aug. 15, 1947 she celebrated her Silver Jubilee, her Golden Jubilee on Aug. 15, 1972, her Diamond Jubilee on July 11, 1997. Her 80th year of Profession celebration took place in 2002. Her 100th birthday was celebrated on Jan. 22, 1998 among her Benedictine Sisters at Holy Angels Convent, many relatives and a host of friends, and recently she celebrated her 105th birthday with cake and greetings.

She spent a life-time in service to others, as a cook and housekeeper for the Sisters at Holy Angels Convent and on the missions, namely St. John's Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas; St. Andrew's, Little Rock, Arkansas; St. John's Place, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Sacred Heart of Muenster, Texas; St. Paul's, Pocahontas, Arkansas; Weiner, Arkansas; and Erath, Louisiana. She was an excellent cook and served delicious meals, and was noted for her breads and jellies on which she won many first prizes at the County Fair.

Sister Anselma spent a total of 56 years of service to others, then retired and spent 25 years in the Convent Infirmary. One beautiful quality was her quick wit, her humor, and her pleasing laughter no one can forget.

A Rosary service was held at Holy Angels Convent on Monday at 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass of

Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003 in Holy Angels Convent Chapel, officiated by Father Gregory Pilcher, OSB at 10:30 a.m.

Among local relatives who participated in the liturgy were Ray and Frank Haverkamp, Jr. who carried the Offertory gifts of bread and wine to present at the altar.

Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Holy Angels Convent under direction of Emerson Funeral Home of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Pallbearers were the Knights of Columbus of Blessed Sacrament Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas. Relatives of Sister Anselma Haverkamp who attended her funeral included Tommy and Greg Haverkamp, Frank Jr. and Angela Haverkamp, Ray and Louise Haverkamp, Polly (Mrs. Walter) Haverkamp, Leonard Haverkamp, Lorene and Merlin Wilson, and Marcella Haverkamp Switzer.

Marvin J. Inglish, Jr. 1944 - 2003

Marvin Joseph Inglish, Jr. died on Feb. 17, 2003, in The Woodlands at age 58.

He was born on Mar. 1, 1944 to Mary and Marvin Joseph Inglish, Sr. in Longview. He married his high school sweetheart and became committed to his family, being a great husband, father, and grandfather. A patient man of quiet strength, he was a good listener, and affectionately known by his beloved grandchildren as "Papa Joe."

Employed by Kellogg Brown & Root in Houston as a piping design supervisor, in his "spare time" he loved to spend time with his boys hunting and fishing, and loved to play tennis. An active member of Kingwood First Baptist Church, Joe Inglish, Jr. was the director of their Adult II Dept.

Survivors are his wife of 39 years, Clara Delk Inglish of Kingwood; sons Robert Inglish and his wife Liesl, of



Marvin J. Inglish, Jr.

Dallas; and Scott Inglish also of Dallas; also his sisters Nancy Druess and her husband John of Tyler, and Fran Jones and her husband, George of Rosston; brother Jerry Inglish and his wife Betty of Rusk; grandchildren Madeline Inglish and Cade Inglish; and numerous nieces,

nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral service was held Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003 at Kingwood First Baptist Church with Dr. Dearing Garner officiating. Interment was in Rosston Cemetery in Rosston, next to his father, "Sandy" Inglish/Marvin Joseph Inglish, Sr. Dr. Eddie Chennault of Temple Baptist Church in Gainesville officiated the graveside service.

For those desiring, the family suggested memorial contributions be made to Kingwood First Baptist Church, 2303 Tree Lane, Kingwood, Texas 77339.

The Inglish family are direct descendants of Bailey Inglish, who was given the original 1871 land grant in Cooke County from Stephen F. Austin. Members of the Inglish Family have occupied some portion of this land for the last 132 years.

The family treasures expressions of respect that friends and co-workers have said of him: "He was a leader, loved and respected by all."

Joe had written in his Bible: "The character of a good leader is he... goes forward, is a decision maker, is qualified to do the job of those he leads, has integrity, is honest, is humble, is a good listener."

His daughter-in-law, Liesl wrote "Thank you, Joe for being a great Papa Joe... for being a great father to my husband, Rob; through the way he lived, Joe taught Rob about quiet leadership, common sense, how to be a handy man, and most importantly, how to love your wife and children. I will miss your laugh, your voice, your gentle spirit, so, so much, and especially, your love for your family."

MEETING DATE - MARCH 3, 2003

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, March 3, 2003.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on February 3, 2003, and special meeting on February 10, 2003.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Receive update on Texas Stage project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on closing of Maple Street for Germanfest 2003.
2. Consider and act on approving sale of alcohol in City Park for Germanfest 2003.
3. Consider and act on approving advertising for paving bids for 2003 street projects.
4. Consider and act on approving advertising for bids for chip rock for street projects.
5. Receive status report on city projects.
6. Review and act upon monthly bills.
7. Adjourn.

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the restoration of the Cooke County Courthouse. The plan is for all restoration needed and can be done in phases. County Auditor Gloria Parrish noted that the current budget has enough money to cover the cost of the plans and specs and also do the west steps project. Top priority at this time is restoration of the west steps since they are deteriorating.

Commissioner Hess noted that when the plans and specs are done, the County would be able to claim 10 additional points in the grant application program. He hopes to find a way to add at least two more additional points to better the County's chances in the next round should the Texas Legislature approve more money to continue the program for another two years.

Judge Freeman had hoped to have the new Subdivision Regulations for Cooke County adopted at this meeting. He said they have been working on them for 15 months and was long overdue to get them in place.

Each commissioner had been sent a completed copy of the proposed regulations to study and was asked to contact Judge Freeman if there were any problems. Commissioner Bill Cox said he had several questions. After reviewing a few of them, he was instructed to send the list to Judge Freeman since there wasn't time to hold a workshop during Commissioners Court. The item was tabled due to possible corrections.

Without the adoption of the Subdivision Regulations, the approval of proposed fees for copies

of the Subdivision Regulations was also tabled.

Judson Perry, Cooke County's Veteran Service Officer, was awarded a certificate from the Texas Veterans Commission for completing required training. Judge Freeman remarked that Perry is doing such a good job that veterans from surrounding counties have been coming to him for assistance.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved Cooke County Historical Commission's Year-end report
- Approved the preliminary plat for Pine Tree Acres Subdivision, lots 1-2, located at the corner of CR 107 and Eastern Valley Lane in Precinct #1. Two lots will be made from one large lot.
- Approved the Preliminary plat for Logan Estates, lot 1, located off of CR 136 in Precinct #1. Mobile homes have been cleared to make one lot.
- Approved indigent burial for Wanda Faye Scott.

Arnold Knabe dies

Arnold Knabe of Muenster passed away Wednesday morning, Feb.

26, 2003. Services are pending at press time.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 2, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, March 3, 2003 City Council meeting 7:30PM Muenster Booster Club meeting, 7PM, locker room	Tuesday, March 4, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center SH Pre-School Parents meeting, 7PM MMH Auxiliary meeting, 7PM Adm. Office	Wednesday, March 5, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7:30 PM Old MHS Gym Religious Ed Mass, 6:30PM, Class until 8PM C of C Board meeting, 5:30PM TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11M Cooke Co. Electric Co-op ASH WEDNESDAY	Thursday, March 6, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SH K-2 Open House, 7PM at Pre-School Classroom	Friday, March 7, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Board meeting, 10AM Stanford House, Gainesville	Saturday, March 8, 2003 Youth Fair Sale
Sunday, March 9, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, March 10, 2003 VFW meeting, 8PM	Tuesday, March 11, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Open House' 6:30-8:00PM	Wednesday, March 12, 2003 SH Alumni/Parents meeting, 7:30PM / Rel Ed Class 7PM MISD Board meeting, 7:30PM Adm. Office / C of C Breakfast, 7:30AM Rohmer's Restaurant Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7:30PM Old MHS Gym	Thursday, March 13, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Town Hall meeting with TDA Commissioner, Susan Combs, 11AM, Gainesville C of C	Friday, March 14, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP meeting, 11:30AM-1PM Stanford House, Gainesville	Saturday, March 15, 2003

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Muenster State Bank announces officer promotions and election of two new directors

Robert Weinzapfel, president of Muenster State Bank, is pleased to announce the promotion of Kevin G. Sebade to Senior Vice President, Shellie Hoedebeck to Vice President, and Pam Sidwell to Banking Officer. Kevin has been with the bank since 2000 and is currently a lending officer and the security officer for the bank. Prior to joining MSB he was a bank examiner for the FDIC for twelve years. Shellie has been with the bank for the last twenty years and is currently a loan officer as well as compliance officer. Pam has been with the bank for eighteen years and has worked in all areas of the operations side of the bank. She will be responsible for the new accounts functions and human resources.

Muenster State Bank also had two board members retire this past January. David Bright and Urban Endres both stepped down from the board after many years of service to the bank.

At the January stockholder's meeting, two new members were elected to the board, Joseph Bright and Gerald Hess. Joseph Bright retired

as a Lt. Colonel from the U.S. Air Force after twenty-two years of service. He subsequently was hired by Delta Air Lines. Gerald Hess

is a life long Muenster resident and local oil operator/producer. He is the owner and president of Jerry Hess Operating Company.



New board members at MSB are (standing l-r) Gerald Hess and Joseph Bright. Promotions were announced for (front) Pam Sidwell, Kevin Sebade and Shellie Hoedebeck.

Janie Hartman photo

Public Schools... Your Texas Treasure
Proclamation from City Leaders

Whereas, the students of Texas public schools hold the promise of a successful future in their capable hands; and

Whereas, the Muenster Independent School District provides an educational foundation that is so vital to our children's futures; and

Whereas, the collaborative partnership of parents, educators, business representatives, civic leaders and the community as a whole continues to support and strengthen our schools; and

Whereas, Texas' Lone Star shines brighter due to its commitment to academic excellence and its focus on continued improvement; and

Whereas, "Public Schools... Your Texas Treasure" has been selected as this year's theme for Texas Public Schools Week to focus on the significant accomplishments our state has made in educating all students;

Therefore, I, the mayor of Muenster do hereby proclaim March 10, 2003, as Texas Public Schools Week and urge all citizens of Muenster to reaffirm their commitment to our schools, taking time during this week to visit our public schools or to find ways to contribute their support to the future of your young people.

Signed this 18th day of February, 2003.

[Signature]
 Official Signature

Texas Public Schools Week • March 2003



Danny Cochran continues an exciting winter tradition, pulling his boys, James and Luke, over the snow in an old wheelbarrow shell. The frigid weather cancelled school for three days and slowed the pace of life in North Texas.

David Fette photo

Letters to the Editor

To: Principal Newton Coach Presnall Muenster ISD

I am writing to you and to the entire Muenster ISD and community for my actions on Tuesday night at the ballgame between LaPoyner and Muenster. You see, I am the one that was yelling so rudely during the time that your player was hurt on the floor. I want to truly apologize for that. I did not see her on the floor. I have never and would never yell intentionally while someone is hurt in any sporting event. So would you please

accept my apology and relay this message to you basketball team, school, community, and especially to that player. I thank you very much in advance for relaying this message to your community.

Also, this is not a reflection on the conduct of our school or our community, no one here would ever do something like that on purpose, it was just an honest mistake. Again, I am so very sorry for my actions, and please accept my apology!

Sincerely,
 Laura Hall

Even old guys like Gary Fisher had a good time on the ice Tuesday.



From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Anyone who has been reading my articles for the past 11 years should know that I am no fan of the United Nations. It may be a good idea for the different nations to unite for the purpose of having enough strength to keep others in line, and to keep rogue nations from pursuing the wrong agenda.

But the U.N. should never get the idea that they can just move in and tell other nations how to run their business, make new laws, and even levy a tax on its members.

From all I have read on the subject, Kofi Annan, the head man of the U.N., has his mind set on being the World's Dictator, something we don't need (and are not going to have).

The U.N. (in their wisdom), appointed Libya's Muammar Qaddafi to chair the U.N.'s Human Rights Committee. Boy, what a joke! Since when did anyone

in Libya ever have rights?"

Also Iraq will be chairing the United Nations Disarmament conference in Geneva this spring, as a result of Iran's stepping down from the post.

The U.N.'s Disarmament Conference has been working for 20 years and has yet to agree on a program of work.

That the U.N. has been totally ineffective should come as no surprise to anyone.

They have yet to enforce any of their resolutions and when something like the present situation with Iraq comes up, the arguments among themselves just tells the enemy to "hang in there."

It looks very much like we are going to have a war to remove Insane Hussein from power.

I only pray that it will be short, and that our military can return soon.

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
 KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Higher Education Initiative

Visit any university campus in the country and you'll undoubtedly find a unique mix of scholarly pride, sports fanatics and dedicated alumni. But in the great state of Texas you will also discover tearless onions, search and rescue dogs, and artificial heart pumps - just a few of the unique research specialties developed at "centers of excellence" at universities across our state.

Centers of Excellence

At Texas A&M University, researchers at the Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center have created healthier produce. By infusing fruits and vegetables with additional vitamins and higher levels of antioxidants and other health-enhancing compounds, Aggie researchers are not only improving the quality of our produce, but also strengthening and diversifying our state's produce industry.

On the gusty plains of Texas' panhandle, scientists at Texas Tech University's Wind Engineering Research Center study building design and construction technologies to increase resilience to windstorms. The center also conducts debris impact tests on storm shelters to provide better protection from catastrophic events. By utilizing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA) guidelines, Texas Tech provides life-saving information to build more resistant structures to protect our homes and businesses.

Moving up the Ladder In Texas, we know about the cutting-edge research of our universities, but they have not received the national attention they deserve. One of my key initiatives as a United States Senator has been to elevate the profile of our groundbreaking research institutions and increase the amount of federal research funds allocated to our schools.

When I first joined the Senate Appropriations Committee in 1997 and learned that Texas ranked sixth nationally in federal research dollars, I was stunned. I knew we needed to create a bridge between Texas' schools and the federal agencies that distribute grants. For four years we have brought our research institutions to Washington, D.C. to meet with the agencies that give the most research dollars - to learn their priorities and match them with our expertise.

This February, I was proud to announce that Texas has moved up to rank as the fourth highest recipient of federal higher education research funds. Latest reports indicate Texas took in more than \$963 million in federal research dollars in fiscal year 2001. According to a RAND Corporation study, Texas' funding increased 14 percent between 2000 and 2001.

At a time when state budget deficits are growing, an increase in the amount of federal research dollars coming into Texas is paramount. The money means better students and faculty at our universities, greater opportunity for research to improve the quality of life, and more diverse industries for our state.

My next goal is to see Texas move up to third on this list. With the continued collaboration and hard work of our schools, that dream will become a reality.

The RAND study ranked California first in federal research and development dollars to higher education institutions, followed by New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Massachusetts and Maryland.

"SAVVY SENIOR"

Collecting Social Security Benefits - Now or Later
 YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION ~ WE FIND THE SAVVY ANSWER

Dear Savvy Senior,
 I am turning 62 in a few months and was thinking about collecting my Social Security retirement benefits early. I know I will be receiving less than if I wait until I'm 65, but since I don't know when I'm going to die, I keep thinking that I would rather collect less money for a longer period of time, than more money for a shorter period of time. What do you think?
 Now or Later

Dear Now,
 It's a gamble with good ol' Uncle Sam!!! However, before you lay down your bet, be sure to visit your local Social Security office to get the savvy facts. Social Security has formulas that roughly match your life expectancy with the benefits you get. If you live longer than expected, you get more than the government planned to pay you. But, if die too soon, Uncle Sam wins.

- So, when should you start collecting your Social Security retirement benefits?
- You can begin collecting benefits as early as age 62 - before your full retirement age. But if you do, your benefits will be reduced to account for the longer period over which you'll be paid.
 - You can begin collecting full benefits at age 65 if you were born before 1938. The "full" retirement age has been ratcheted up for everyone else - up to 67 for those born in 1960 or later.
 - You can forgo collecting benefits up until you turn 70 and then qualify for a "delayed retirement credit." If you do, your eventual monthly benefit will go up by as much as 8 percent for each year beyond your full retirement age that you put off receiving benefits.

So, which choice is best for you?
 Although all three options are designed to eventually pay out roughly equal total amounts, six in 10 retirees opt for the early benefits.
Savvy Note: Depending on when you were born, the monthly payments will be 20 to 30 percent lower than the monthly payments you'd receive by waiting until your normal retirement age.

Savvy Example: Say that you're turning 62 sometime in 2003 and will be eligible, based on your lifetime earnings, for a monthly benefit of \$1,444. Wait until your full retirement age and the benefit will be \$1,931 a month. Delay the benefits until your 70, and you'll get \$2,697 a month.

Savvy Reminder: Those who turn 65 in 2003 must wait until two months past their birthday to qualify for full benefits.

- Here are a few savvy factors to consider in deciding your payday.
- **Your Health and Life Expectancy:** While you can't outlive your Social Security benefits, taking them can change from a smart move to a not-so-smart move if you live long enough. It's a gamble, but if you expect to live long because of good health and family longevity, you may be wise not to take benefits early.
 - **Savvy Fact:** If you live to age 65 your average life expectancy today for a man is about 81, and for a woman it is 84.
 - **Your Spouse's Income Needs:** Your spouse's needs could be a big factor if he or she is much younger and likely to collect survivor's benefits for many, many years. If your spouse was not in the paid labor force, your Social Security benefits could represent the large share of his or her retirement income.
 - **The Power of Money:** Don't forget that the money you already have in retirement accounts could keep growing tax deferred if you were living instead on Social Security benefits.
 - **How Long You Want To Keep Working:** Work often provides health care coverage and other benefits that can otherwise cost you plenty. If you want to keep working, collecting benefits before you reach full retirement age probably doesn't make sense, especially if you have considerable earnings. That's because your Social Security benefits are reduced if you earn above a ceiling that is adjusted each year.

Is Sooner Savvy or Is Later Better?
 The Social Security formulas for early, full and delayed benefits are designed to be a wash over your lifetime. But that's based on average life expectancy. About 60 percent choose to take benefits early because the break even point is after age 80. If you don't survive to 80, then it would be a mistake not to take early benefits.
Savvy Note: If you plan on living to 100, you're better off waiting.

Experts also agree there's almost never any reason to wait to take benefits until you turn 70 - unless your spouse needs your benefits to meet living expenses. When you die, your spouse will receive the larger of the two benefits.
 This savvy information was obtained in part from the Social Security Administration and AARP. See their Web site at www.ssa.gov and www.aarp.org.

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Klement, Robeson marry in Sacred Heart Church

by **Elfreda Fette**

The wedding of Laura Jane Klement of Denton and Daniel Frederick Robeson, Jr. of Fairfax, Virginia was held in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Muenster on Jan. 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Father John Ohner, OSA, pastor, officiated for the Nuptial Rites and double ring vows. Co-celebrant was Dr. Robert Bohl, groom's pastor from Village Presbyterian Church of Prairie Village, Kansas.

The bride is the daughter of Andrew and Emily Klement of Muenster. She is a 1998 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, and a 2001 graduate of the University of North Texas, with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is a Rehabilitation Specialist and is employed by Tarrant County MHMR.

The groom is the son of Dan and Sherri Robeson of Leawood, Kansas. He is a 1995 graduate of Shawnee Mission East High School, and a 2000 graduate of the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree and is employed by Titan Corporation as an Emergency Management Consultant.

Presented at the altar by her parents Andrew and Emily Klement, the bride was wearing a formal, ivory designer wedding gown of elegant simplicity, of antique net lace, short sleeved, A-line, with full train, graced with sequins and pearls; with pearl piping on the antique lace train.

Ivory pearls held her satin-piped sheer Alencon lace veil, and she carried a bridal bouquet of pink-toned

ivory roses, tied with fern greenery and sheer white ribbon.

ATTENDANTS

Rebecca Endres of Denton, friend of the bride, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Allison Rix of Fort Worth, bride's sister; Kristen Klement Ware of Muenster, bride's sister; Erin Chambers of Prairie Village, Kansas, friend of the groom; Hayley Robeson Stepp of Leawood, Kansas, sister of the groom. They were identically attired in ankle-length, black crepe dresses designed with three-quarter length sleeves. Each carried a nosegay of ivory roses, fern, and greenery.

Flower girl was Zoe Klement of Muenster, niece of the bride, wearing an ivory taffeta dress with organza overlay. Junior groomsman was Andrew Ware, bride's nephew.

Andy Rose of Mission Hills, Kansas and Bangkok, Thailand, friend of the groom, stood with him as best man.

Groomsmen were Ryan Davis of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Peter Menihan of Madison, Wisconsin, and John Kilroy of Kansas City, Missouri all friends of the groom, and Adam Klement of Lubbock, bride's brother.

Ushers were Chris Coulsen of Kansas City, Missouri, friend of the groom, and Tug Rix of Fort Worth, brother-in-law of the bride.

Wedding music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, organist, Rose Ganzon, flutist, Edmund Chan, violinist, and vocalists Christy Hesse, and Pam and David Fette.

Selections during the prelude included "Lord of All Hopefulness" and "In This Very Room." "Canon in D Major" and "Trumpet Voluntare" were for the bridal procession.

Also "Center of My Life" for the Responsorial Psalm. Most memorable was "Ave Maria," sung by the bride's mother, Emily Klement, as the bride and groom knelt at Mary's Altar.

The recessional was "Ode To Joy," by organ, flute, and violin.

Participating in the special liturgy were Melissa Najolia, friend of the bride, giving the First Reading, from Genesis 2:18-24; and Valerie Bartush, friend of the bride, giving the Second Reading, from 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:8a.

Father John Ohner OSA pastor read the Gospel, Mark 10:6-9, and gave the homily, presided for the Declaration of Consent, Blessing and Exchange of Rings, the Nuptial Blessing, and Final Blessing.

Dr. Robert Bohl gave final remarks.

The couple's keepsake printed program, shared with all attending, was dedicated to the memory of their late grandparents, Mark Robeson, Sr., Vera Conrady Metzler, and Eugene Klement.

RECEPTION

A formal reception and dinner followed at the Sacred Heart Community Center, hosted by parents of the bride for 200 guests.

Food was prepared by Roger Dieter and The Dutchman. Dieter also designed all floral arrangements.

Lara Conrady of Austin,

cousin of the bride, presided at the guest book.

Wedding cakes were designed and created by Roger Dieter. The bride's white cake, was iced with rolled ivory frosting, and decorated with fresh flowers and greenery. The groom's fudge and Boston creme cake was decorated with fresh, dipped strawberries.

The reception area was elaborately decorated with floral designs by Roger Dieter, with greenery, candelabras and votive candles; and pewter and silver vases on all round guest tables.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at The Dutchman Restaurant of Lindsay, featuring salmon and prime rib. A video was shown featuring the young couple; and speeches and toasts were given. A "Texas Dance Hall Party" followed at the VFW Hall in Muenster. Brian Howser performed, for the wedding party, relatives, and friends.

Since returning from a wedding trip to Georgetown, near Washington, D.C., the couple is residing in Fairfax, Virginia.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Robeson ...nee Laura Klement.....



Choir Members include, FRONT ROW - Tiffany Richey, Katie Cox; SECOND ROW - Lisa Endres, Jacqueline Flusche, Brittany White, Amy Trevino, Joelle Fuhrmann, Chelsie Switzer, Rose Bartush, Sarah Whitecotton; THIRD ROW - Jacqueline Bauer, Christine Fetsch, Kate Sepanski, Laura Taylor, Angela Cox, and Karen Gehrig. Behind Ms. Bauer - Andrea Bonin.

ROTARY CLUB MEETS

Sixty Rotarians and 23 guests were met by the greeter, Greg Hutcherson, as they entered the Dutchman for lunch Wednesday. Earl Russell filled in as the secretary, and Marvin Knight did his usual money collection job.

Stan Stanley reminded all that reading at Edison School was Thursday at 10:00 A.M. Jim Anderson announced that the Habitat for Humanity was sponsoring a chili lunch - Friday, February 28 from 11:00AM to 1:30PM at the Community Center and had \$5.00 tickets available. And, as a real treat - church women type cakes will be provided for dessert. Marvin Knight announced that also a fund raising pancake supper was being provided for the public at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on March 4 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 P M in the Church activity room. The cost is \$4.00 per person.

Six new Rotarians were inducted. Derrell Comer, Mary Polk, Tresa Minnix, Cathy Kirkpatrick, Bill Berkans, and John Beck were presented to the club and immediately pinned with a Rotary Wheel by their individual sponsors.

Pam Fette, the music director at Sacred Heart High School in Muenster, brought "The Angelic Acappella Choir", her 17 member touring choir, to perform. Each girl was a precious model of what teenagers should be like. Among all other activities they find time to practice two nights a week. The ambience was mindful of a line in the late singer Maurice Chevalier's standard "Thank Heaven For Little Girls, For Without Them What Would Little Boys Do?", "Let All Who Sing Be Merry", "Old Woman and the Peddler", "All Things

Bright And Beautiful", and the last one, which is their theme song, "I Love You Lord". One song was presented in German language and one in French. Barbara Brady accompanied on the piano. This choir has been in existence for four years.

Mrs. Fette is taking the choir to New York March 16, to sing of course, and enjoy a cultural tour. They have been invited to perform at St. John's Cathedral which will be a feather in their cap. As a token of good will and bon voyage. The Rotary Club provided a gift of \$200 to be applied to their New York trip. And, yes, one of the songs in their repertoire is "New York, New York", which they performed enthusiastically. Mrs. Fette announced that an invitation was extended to any organization desiring their presentation.

Submitted by Reagan Vestal

Three Muenster residents named to honor roll at TSTC

Three Muenster residents have been named to the honor roll for the Fall semester at Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco.

Derek Fuhrmann and Joel Schilling have both earned a place on the President's Honor Roll. The President's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a perfect grade point average of 4.0. Fuhrmann and Schilling are studying Diesel Equipment Technology. Derek Fuhrmann is the son of Michael and Beverly Fuhrmann of Muenster. Joel Schilling is the son of Frank and Eileen Schilling of Muenster.

Toby Walterscheid has earned a place on the Dean's Honor Roll. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 for the semester. Walterscheid is a student in Aviation Maintenance Technology. He is the son of Damian and Grace Walterscheid, and the late Margie Walterscheid.

Texas State Technical College Waco conferred more associate degrees than any public college in the nation in engineering-related technologies.



Sherry Ann Hess of Lindsay and Scott William Wolf of Lake Kiowa have chosen Saturday, March 15, 2003, as their wedding day. They will be married at 5:00 p.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay with Father Ronald Scheible, O.S.A. officiating. She is the daughter of Paul and Lillian Hess of Lindsay and the late Shirley Reiter Hess. He is the son of Walter and Georgia Wolf of Gainesville. The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Lindsay High School; a 1998 graduate of the University of North Texas; and is currently attending Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. She is a legal intern for Denton County District Attorney's office. The future-groom is a 1986 graduate of Gainesville High School and a 1991 graduate of North Central Texas College. He is employed as a CNC machinist for Valenite. The couple plans to reside at Lake Kiowa after their marriage.

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Miller, Scott wed in Muenster

Melissa Diane Miller of Muenster and George Christopher Scott of Bethesda, Maryland were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Dec. 21, 2002 at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Betty Miller of Muenster. The groom is the son of Stephen and Christine White of Grand Junction, Colorado and the late George R. Scott formerly of Hopwood, Pennsylvania.

Grandparents of the couple are W.J. Miller, the late Terese Walter Miller, Albert and Wilda Stoffels, all of Muenster; and the late John and Irene Sasko formerly of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, the late William and Savilla Scott formerly of Hopwood, Pennsylvania.

Reverend Kyle Walterscheid, cousin of the bride, officiated at the Mass and double ring ceremony. Patrick and Michael Miller, brothers of the bride, served as acolytes.

The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas with trees, lights, and white flowers with tulle.

The pianist was Ruth Felderhoff, former teacher of the bride. Vocalists were Christy Hesse and Linda Flusche, aunt of the bride. Wedding music included "Sunrise, Sunset," "Canon in D," "Trumpet Voluntary," "O Filiae et Filii," "One Hand, One Heart," "Canticle of the Turning," "The Wedding Song," "Ave Maria," and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

Wedding Mass programs, designed and made by the couple, were distributed by Alicia Culpepper, cousin of the bride. Flowers were pinned on the wedding party by the bride's aunts Karen Sicking of Gainesville and Darlene Miller of Muenster. Before Mass, the couple's parents lit the Family Candles. The bride was escorted to the altar by her father.

The First Reading, Psalm 103:8-18, "The Love of God," was read by Gloria Culpepper, godmother, and aunt of the bride. The Second Reading, Corinthians 1:1-13 "God's greatest gift is love," was read by John Sasko, godfather and uncle of the groom. After the Gospel, vows were exchanged, rings were blessed and the couple lit the Unity Candle. Prayers of the Faithful: "Lord unite us in love" was read by Mark Miller, uncle of the bride. The Offertory gifts were carried by Edward and Dorothy Danis, uncle and aunt of the groom.

During the ceremony, each of the parents gave the couple a blessing for their marriage. The prayer had been suggested to George and Melissa by their pastor at Stanford, Fr. Patrick Labelle, OSB: "All-powerful, ever-living God, George and Melissa stand before you today very happy and filled with hope. They know You brought them together in the beginning, helped their love grow, and at this moment are with them in a special way. We ask that You stay by their side in the days ahead. Protect them

from anything which might harm their marriage, give them courage when burdens come their way, teach them to forgive one another when they fail.

"I ask from You the assistance that my daughter, Melissa, needs to be a good wife and mother. May she never fail to give George encouragement. If You bless her with motherhood, let her give herself totally to her children, even to the point of stepping aside when they must walk alone.

"I ask from You the assistance for George, my son, that he will need to be a good husband and father. Never let him take Melissa, his wife, for granted nor forget she needs to be loved. If You bless them with children, let him love them, care for them and give them the best possible example.

"We ask, finally, that George and Melissa in their old age might love one another as deeply and cherish each other as much as they do at this very moment. May You grant these prayers through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Eucharistic Ministers were Robert and Betty Miller and Stephen and Christine White, parents of the couple. All members of the couple's immediate families were present on the altar during this time. George and Melissa presented a rose at Mary's altar. After Mass the couple presented white roses to their mothers, then proceeded out of church.

Missella wore an elegant white, floor-length, sleeveless, A-line gown with a Basque waistline and square neckline designed by PC Mary's. The detachable cathedral-length train was attached with rolled roses of satin and organza. The satin gown, overlaid with organza, was accented with a floral pattern of schiffli lace and pearls. The fitted bodice was accented with covered buttons on the back. She wore a white stole and carried a white purse made by the groom's mother. She wore a three-quarter length veil with a circular crystal and pearl headpiece designed and made by the bride.

Missella carried a cascading bouquet of calla lilies, white roses, mini carnations, and dendrobium orchids designed by Lora's Flowers.

ATTENDANTS
Maid of Honor was Amy Groth of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Julie Miller of Muenster, sister of the bride, and Gail Smythe of Muskegon, Michigan, friend of the bride. The bridesmaids wore beautiful cornflower blue gowns designed by Mori Lee. The scoop neckline and cap sleeves were adorned with delicate embroidery in a floral pattern. The banded empire waist flowed into a floor-length princess skirt. The bridesmaids wore cornflower blue stoles and carried matching purses which had been made by the groom's mother. Each carried clutch bouquets of white roses, mini carnations, and two shades of blue delphiniums. The

mothers wore royal blue gowns. Their corsages were of dendrobium orchids and blue delphiniums. Each carried a silver evening bag made by the groom's mother.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails, and a white vest and bow tie. He wore a white rose boutonniere.

Best man was Rick Gordon of Detroit, Michigan, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Dr. Elmer Bernstam of Houston, Texas, friend of the groom, and James Bickley of Gaithersburg, Maryland, friend of the groom. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with tails and desert blue vests and bow ties. They wore white rose boutonnieres accented with blue delphinium.

The fathers wore black tuxedos with tails and royal blue vests and bow ties, and white rose boutonnieres.

RECEPTION
The Sacred Heart Community Center was the site for the reception dinner and dance. Meredith Sicking and Caroline Jowers, cousins of the bride, presided at the guest book.

The hall was decorated with a blue and silver winter color scheme. Slender white trees wrapped with clear lights surrounded the room. Icicle Christmas lights were hung around the perimeter of the room. An arch of lights was placed behind the main table. White candles with green wreaths alternated with crystal candle sticks and silver branches accompanied by blue and silver Christmas ornaments accented the tables. Blue organza and satin ribbon runners were used along the length of the tables. Pictures of the couple were displayed amongst pictures of each of the two at different stages of their lives. Pictures of everyone in the wedding party with George or Melissa were displayed.

The newly coined couple's cake was designed by the groom and made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Chocolate groom's cakes and white bride's cakes alternated between each other atop crystal pedestals of increasing height. The cakes were decorated with an iced scroll design and topped with white roses, blue delphinium, and blue and silver Christmas ornaments. Ann Stoffels and Tracey Miller, aunts of the bride, cut the cake. Alison Miller and Karen Flusche, cousins of the bride, served the wedding cake.

Danny and Ethel Bayer, friends of the family, were bartenders. Linda Vogel, friend of the family, attended to the snack table. Patrick Smythe, friend of the bride emceed the reception.

The best man and maid of honor toasted the newlywed couple with reminiscences about their past and courtship.

George and Melissa's first dance was a favorite swing dance.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents and was held at the Center Restaurant the night before the ceremony. Attendees included ceremony participants and family from out-of-town. The menu included chicken fried steak, grilled chicken, and wiener schnitzel. Special gifts were presented by the bride and groom to members of the wedding party, including engraved Texas belt buckles for the groomsmen.

Family and friends came from many cities in Texas to celebrate with George and Melissa, including Muenster, Myra, Gainesville, Denton, Sherman, Wichita Falls, Arlington, The Colony, Plano, Fort Worth, Roanoke, Wolfe City, Commerce, Lubbock, Austin, and Houston. Guests also traveled from Oklahoma, Colorado, Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and California to be with George and Melissa on their special day. George and Melissa had also invited Pope John Paul II (to receive a papal blessing on their marriage).

George graduated from Whitman High School in Bethesda, Maryland in 1992, Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1996, and Stanford University in Palo Alto, California in 2002 with a Ph.D. in Biomedical Informatics. George is presently a graduate medical student.

Melissa graduated as valedictorian from Sacred Heart High School in 1993 and Midwestern State University in 1997, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Cellular Molecular Biology. She is presently a graduate student at Stanford University pursuing a Ph.D. in Biophysics.

The newlyweds will take a delayed honeymoon trip to Hawaii for hiking and snorkeling.



Mr. and Mrs. George C. Scott ...nee Melissa Diane Miller...



FROM LEFT: Wendy Thomas, trainer for MR Community Support Services Skills; Patsy Hellinger, mother of Jerry, and Jerry Hellinger of Gainesville.

Jerry Hellinger earns driver's learning permit

Jerry Hellinger of Gainesville has achieved his dream of getting a driver's learning permit, which he obtained in January 2003, through great determination, and working and studying for more than three years. He has had to work harder than most, because he has a mental disability. Motivation behind achieving his goal gave him his desire for independence to attend sporting events at Gainesville High School. Wendy Thomas, a trainer for MR Community Support Services skills, for Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST) helped Hellinger achieve his dream.

He and his trainer began studying the Driver's Handbook and a specialized curriculum "In The Driver's Seat" in August 1999. Wendy Thomas began the training in November 2001 in order to help him prepare to take the "Signs Test and Rules." They worked one hour each week for the last two years and Jerry also had other training. He and his trainer and his parents were all so happy when he passed!

His mother said, in part... "With the help from MHMRST, Jerry is

employed and working to achieve his goals and daily living skills... He is now reading better than he ever has since taking his driver's training..."

Jerry is 28 years old, a graduate of Gainesville High School where he was one of the managers for the football and basketball teams. He is known affectionately as "Big Guy", and now has been asked to work the chains on the sideline next fall for the freshman football team.

A faithful Gainesville sports fan, he is also an active member of Muenster First Baptist Church and a team leader for the youth group AWANAS, and has many friends in Muenster. He loves pro football and wrestling, works in his family's yard mowing, hedging and edging, and does favors for neighbors and works part-time in MHMRST client worker program.

The above information was received through cooperation with Paula Cawthon, Community Relations Director of MHMRST in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties, in observance of Mental Retardation Awareness Month, March 2003, and is part of a series of articles.



Melissa Carpenter of Lindsay sings "On My Own" during the performance of "An Evening on Broadway" at NCTC Feb. 20

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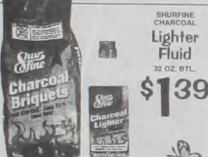
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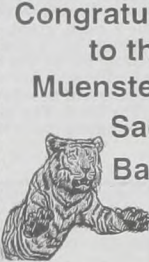
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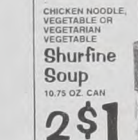
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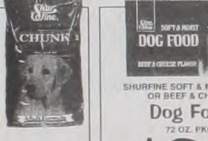
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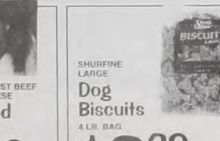
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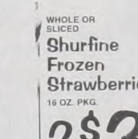
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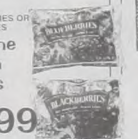
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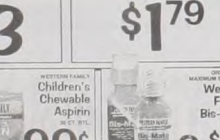
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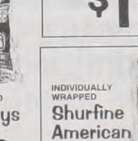
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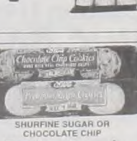
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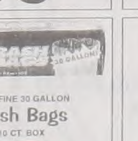
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School

Annie ticket sales begin this week

"I think we'll sell out fast," said Joseph Davis, who portrays President Franklin D. Roosevelt in *Annie*. "People loved *Oklahoma!* last year, and this show has the potential to be even better."

Though regular ticket sales began Feb. 27, the SH Musical Theatre Dept. has actively engaged in early ticket sales with parents of *Annie* participants.

"The idea is to give parents with children in the show the best possible seating," said Business Team member Kim Hess. "We call it *Parent Priority*. Most parents like to videotape their children or take pictures. This gives them the opportunity to get those close-up seats so they

can do just that." Hess says not to be discouraged, however. "Just because we've already sold some tickets to parents does not mean that all the good seats are gone." Hess said that fewer than 200 of more than 1800 tickets had been sold.

In addition to early parental sales, this year brings another significant change that fans should note.

Tickets will not be sold at Sacred Heart School. Instead, they will be sold at Hansel & Gretel Haus, located at 218 North Main Street in Muenster, Texas.

Stephen LaChance, who portrays Fred McCracken in *Annie*, notes the location of the new box office. "We've

had such a high volume of sales these past few years, the school was just an inefficient place to sell tickets."

LaChance mentioned that since students no longer have to worry about ticket sales, they will be able to concentrate more time on the musical. "It's a better deal for everyone," said LaChance. "This gives us the opportunity to maximize our on-stage potential."

Ticket sales for *Annie* began Thursday, Feb. 27 at Hansel & Gretel Haus. *Annie* will show April 10, 11, and 12 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a matinee on Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. To purchase tickets, please call (940) 759-2114.

Submitted by Patrick Knapp



Youth Fair countdown has begun

The countdown has begun for the Cooke County Youth Fair 2003 with the opening scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 5 at the Fair Grounds.

Exhibitors are busy grooming animals, completing shop and home ec projects, and putting the final touch to their equine projects. The exhibitors from Era, Valley View, Lindsay, Muenster, Callisburg, and the Cooke County 4-H Clubs will bring to the Fair Grounds over 1000 projects completed through FFCLA, FFA, 4-H, and Home Ec programs under the guidance of parents and school leaders.

The Youth Fair, in its 70th year, will welcome some new faces to assist in award presentations during the swine show - the Gainesville Optimist Club. "We're certainly glad to welcome their help and support," stated Denise Pearse, secretary.

"The Cooke County Youth Fair is a United Way Agency in Cooke County. We appreciate the support of United Way helping us

with the Fair. The monies enable us to provide an excellent show for the exhibitors and reward their efforts," stated Superintendent Ryan Norwood.

T. Jack Martin, assistant superintendent, added, "We will miss Karen (Graham) at the United Way Office. She's been great to us - getting us posters and coming out to the Show to help. We wish her well, but we sure will miss her."

The Youth Fair is open to the public to view and

watch. The Premium Sale is Saturday, March 8 and all citizens are invited to purchase a project in support of the youth. The Show schedule is as follows:

Mar. 5 - 1:00 p.m., Equine;
Mar. 6 - 10:00 a.m., Poultry; Noon, Dairy Cattle; 1:00 p.m., Sheep; 5:00 p.m., Beef.
Mar. 7 - View Home Ec; 9:30 a.m., Goats; Noon, Rabbits; 3:00 p.m., Swine.
Mar. 8 - 1:00 p.m., Sale.

For more information call 940-726-3281.

submitted by Denise Pearse

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at 10:30 am in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, March 2, 2003

Happy Birthday, Joe Hellman



Dr. Elaine Schilling and assistant Sandy Rains recently presented a dental program to Muenster Pre-K Students including: BACK - Skyler Snider, Natalie Fangman, Jerilyn Hogan, Dalton Williams; SEATED - Lane Serna, Jordan Buddy, Kyle Klement, Devon Hacker, Roman Bayer, Kelsie Sicking; FRONT - McKenna Proffer, Zachary Flusche, Trace Klement, and Alaina Reiter.



Above - Muenster Elementary's second grade students exhibited a "Dinosaur Museum" last Friday for other students to view. Each student used their own visual concept of different dinosaurs. Each exhibitor was able to answer questions about the dinosaurs they researched. Janie Hartman photo

NCTC cancels classes

Because of bad weather NCTC cancelled classes at its Bowie, Gainesville and Corinth Campuses on Monday afternoon.

For people who wish to check, they can find on air announcements on KGAF 1580 AM, TCI Cable TV Channel 3 Gainesville, KNTX Radio (1410 AM) Bowie, KXII Channel 12 Sherman, KTEN (Channel 10 Ada/Ardmore), WFAA-TV (Channel 8) Dallas, KXAS TV (Channel 5 -- Fort Worth/Dallas).

Also recorded announcements are also available at the following numbers: Corinth Campus -- 940-498-6282; Gainesville Campus 940-688-7731; Bowie Campus 940-872-4002

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Open House scheduled for Texas Public Schools Week

Muenster Public School invites parents and the community to an Open House from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11 at the campus in celebration of Texas Public Schools Week. "Public Schools...Your Texas Treasure" has been designated as this year's theme, focusing on the significant accomplishments the state has made in educating all students. The Open House will give parents and the community an opportunity to meet with principals and teachers, while receiving a first-hand look into the school's variety of educational programs.

For more information about the Open House or other Texas Public Schools Week activities, call Muenster ISD Superintendent Clyde Steelman at 940-759-2282.



Top photo: students eye an FFA student's Youth Fair project. Above, Dustin Walterscheid shares his "pet" with young students. Below kids take turns petting a rabbit, held by Travis Tobert. Janie Hartman photo



Muenster FFA sponsor Scott Reed explains to young students why farm animals are raised. The Muenster FFA chapter hosted a livestock's "petting zoo" last Friday to conclude FFA week. Janie Hartman photo



FFA members Keaton Haverkamp "shows" a rooster to Muenster students, allowing the kids "touch a chicken", some for the first time. Janie Hartman photo

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAR. 3 - 7 SACRED HEART

Mon. - Chicken crisritos, carrots, salsa, applesauce, bread.
 Tues. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, corn, strawberries/bananas, bread.
 Wed. - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, wheat crackers, fruit salad.
 Thurs. - Beef steak fingers, green beans, potatoes, pears, chocolate pudding, bread.
 Fri. - Tuna salad on lettuce, whole wheat bun, lettuce, tomato, fruit, jello, bread.

MUENSTER ISD
 Menu unavailable because of bad weather school closing.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Cheese enchiladas w/chili, ranch style beans, coleslaw, mixed fruit, bread.
 Tues. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, peas, peanut butter brownie, bread.
 Wed. - Fish, black-eyed peas, macaroni and cheese, pineapple, cornbread.
 Thurs. - Vegetable beef soup, sandwich, lettuce, pickles, oranges.
 Fri. - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, corn, peaches, bread.

ERA ISD
 Mon. - Barbecue wieners or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, hot roll.
 Tues. - Baked potato

w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, orange half, breadstick.
 Wed. - Fish sticks or lasagna, green beans, peaches, tossed salad, rice krispy treat.
 Thurs. - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, potato chips, pickle spears, tossed salad, pear half, brownie.
 Fri. - Pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, corn, fruit mix, ice cream.



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 Thursday, March 6 & Friday, March 7



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SHOW SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 5, 2003	
1:00 p.m.	Equine Division
Thursday, March 6, 2003	
10:00am	Breeding Poultry
followed by	Broilers
12:00 noon	Dairy Cattle
1:00 p.m.	Shop Projects
1:00 p.m.	Home Ec Judging
1:00 p.m.	Breeding Sheep
followed by	Market Lambs
5:00 p.m.	Breeding Beef
followed by	Market Steers
6:00 p.m.	Viewing Home Ec

Friday, March 7, 2003	
9:00 - 9:00	Viewing Home Ec
9:30 a.m.	Dairy Goats
followed by	Meat Goats
12:00 noon	Breeding Rabbits
followed by	Meat Rabbits
3:00 p.m.	Breeding Swine
followed by	Market Swine
Saturday, March 8, 2003	
9:00 - 2:00	Viewing Home Ec
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Sports

Tigerettes state bound this weekend

"I am so proud of these girls," bragged Coach Jon LeBrasseur of the Sacred Heart Tigerette basketball team. "I have pushed them very hard the past three weeks and they are responding."

The Tigerettes brought home a 61-34 regional victory over the Midland Classical Academy Lady Knights Friday night, advancing the Sacred Heart team to the TAPPS 2A State Final Four. The Tigerettes, 32-1 for the season, have high hopes of winning their 6th straight State title. State playoff action will be at Spring Branch High School in Houston with Sacred Heart battling Round Rock Christian on Friday, Feb. 28, at 1:30 p.m. The championship match is scheduled for Saturday at 4 p.m.

Action began slow at the regional playoff game, with the Lady Knights keeping the lead through most of the first period. The Tigerettes stayed in the game with a 3-pointer and free throws. With 2:15 on the first quarter clock, a 3-pointer by Raney Bauer regained a Tigerette lead 11-10. The first quarter ended at 15-13 with the Tigerettes credited for eight turnovers to Midland's three.

Jennifer Hoedebeck made the first point in the second period with Sacred Heart getting a 6 point lead before allowing the Lady Knights to tie 19-19. Free throws by Karen Gehrig and R. Bauer put the Tigerettes ahead 23-19 with under five minutes on the clock. Midland would get within 2, then Sacred Heart would hit the basket and keep a 4 point lead.

Two 3-pointers by Gehrig and a basket by Jayna Biffle gave the Tigerettes their biggest lead of the game 35-23 at half-time. The Tigerettes had no turnovers in the second quarter to help turn the game around.

Both teams started the second half with turnovers, with over a minute and a half ticked off the clock before the Lady Knights hit two free throws. Sacred Heart scored right back with Courtney Hartman dropping in a 3-pointer, Maggie Farrell two free throws, and Jacqueline Bauer a 3 to stretch the Tigerette lead to 43-25 with 3:20 remaining in the third quarter.

The Lady Knights hit two consecutive baskets, but

Sacred Heart controlled the last two minutes with a basket by Jana Truembach, two by Jayna Biffle, and three free throws by Biffle for a 52-29 lead going into the final quarter.

Both teams did a lot of running, passing, and rebounding after numerous missed shots the first three minutes of the fourth, before Mary Jane Callahan hit a basket. Midland added 4 points to the board, then Gehrig 2 from the line, and the Lady Knights another basket for a 56-34 score. Stephanie Henscheid hit a 3 at two minutes, and J. Bauer 2 points before the time ticked off the clock for the 61-34 Tigerette victory.

"Our defense was outstanding. It just keeps getting better every week," noted Coach LeBrasseur of the State-bound Tigerettes. "Raney and Courtney held their best player to 8 points. Jayna kept on working the inside, while Karen put on a show with her ball-handling skills." The coach also commented that Jacqueline

Bauer had the best game of her career.

Jayna Biffle led the Tigerettes with 16 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks, and was eight of nine from the free throw line. J. Bauer added 9 points, and Karen Gehrig 8, with six assists and four steals. Courtney Hartman and Mary Jane Callahan each added 6 points, Maggie Farrell and Raney Bauer 5 each, Stephanie Henscheid 3, Jana Truembach 2, and Jennifer Hoedebeck 1 point and eight rebounds. Whitney Wimmer pulled down seven rebounds.

SH	15	20	17	9	61
MC	13	10	6	5	34

Coach Jon LeBrasseur noted that in the regional playoff game that the Tigerettes excelled in the three areas it takes to win big ball games: **Defense** - 21 steals and only 34 points by the opponent; **Rebounding** - 32 offensive, 23 defensive for 55 total; and **Free Throws** - 20 of 23 from the line.



Jana Truembach gets pushed as she reaches to control a rebound for the Tigerettes in the game against Midland Classical Academy. Her teammates nearby are Maggie Farrell (30) and Jennifer Hoedebeck (41).
David Fette photo



Courtney Hartman (12) takes a pass into the scoring paint during the Friday playoffs in Denton. At right, Karen Gehrig (11) pressures a Lady Knight from Midland.
David Fette photo



The Lindsay Girls competed in the Regional Power Lifting meet on Sat., Feb. 22, at Iowa Park. All 6 competitors will advance to state on Friday, March 14, at Killeen. They were all the top 1A lifters in their weight class. Pictured above, BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jessica Bezner, Alex Shauf, Laura Hellman, Coach John Erwin; FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Stephanie Hermes, Joni Erwin, and Allison Conaway.



UIL Final Four

The UIL Girls State Championship Tournament will be this weekend in Austin. In class A, division I champions LaRue LaPoyner and Gruver, and division champs Hedley and Priddy will face off in semi-final action. Gruver defeated Whiteface, then Lipan, while LaPoyner beat Era and Moulton at regional last weekend to advance to state. The two winners play March 1 for the championship.

Local teams begin track season at Double B Relays

Sacred Heart, Muenster, and Lindsay Schools all sent partial teams to compete in the Double B Relays at Bridgeport Saturday, Feb. 22. Other school activities and shows prevented most teams from being represented in full force.

In girls action, the Muenster Lady Hornets finished in 5th place after being out of basketball one week. Gainesville took the championship with 101 points, followed by Alvord, Lake Dallas, and Prosper. The Sacred Heart Tigerettes, who are still in basketball, came in 11th. Lindsay girls did not compete.

Individual local results were:

- Long Jump:** 5, Jacé Koelzer, M, 14' 11.5"
- Pole Vault:** 3, Brooke Endres, M, 7' 0"
- 800m Run:** 3, JoAnna Felderhoff, M, 2:33
- 110 Hurdles:** 2, Jacé Koelzer, M, 17:03
- 100m Dash:** 3, Kate Sepanski, SH, 13.44
- 400m Dash:** 1, Kate Sepanski, SH, 1:04.47; 6, Stevie Klement, M, 66.8
- 1600m Run:** 3, Kallie Gerstberger, M, 5:47
- 300m Hurdles:** 4, Jacé Koelzer, M, 51.22
- 3200m Run:** 6, Kallie Gerstberger, M, 13:04
- 800m Relay:** 4, Muenster, Jacé Koelzer, JoAnna Felderhoff, Brooke Endres, Alisha Walterscheid, 1:55
- 1600m Relay:** 2, Muenster, Stevie Klement, JoAnna Felderhoff, Alisha Walterscheid, Brooke Endres, 4:22

Gainesville boys also won the meet, followed by Azle,

Lake Dallas, Bridgeport, and Decatur. The Sacred Heart Tigers finished 8th, Lindsay 10th, and Muenster 15th.

Individual boys finishing were:

- Triple Jump:** 3, Ryan Dickerson, L, 39' 8"
- 3200m Run:** 5, Kyle Endres, L, 11:29.74
- 800m Run:** 2, Sam Hellinger, L, 2:07.08
- 200m Dash:** 1, Chris Horner, L, 23.21
- 1600m Run:** 6, Sean Fuhrmann, M, 5:13
- 400m Relay:** 3, Sacred Heart, Johnny Krahl, Michael Voth, Aaron Krahl, Thomas Whitecotton, 44.97
- 800m Relay:** 5, Lindsay, Keith Dieter, Ryan Dickerson, Matt Brennan, Alan Trammell, 1:39.6
- 1600m Relay:** 1, Sacred Heart, Kevin Walterscheid, Clint Fuhrmann, Aaron Krahl, Michael Voth, 3:36.74; 6, Lindsay, Matt Brennan, Sam Hellinger, Alan Trammell, Kyle Endres, 3:44.36

"I was extremely pleased with the performance of our boys," commented Sacred Heart Coach Dale Schilling. "We are running close to the times we ran at the end of last year. To beat 4A and 3A teams as we did in the 1600m relay was very rewarding."

The Lindsay Knights also had JV boys competing at the meet. Placing in their events were:
3200m Run: 6, Jared Schroeder, 12:26
110m Hurdles: 6, Malcom Martin, 18.64
300m Hurdles: 6, Malcom Martin, 50.24
Discus: 4, Adam Kasperek, 104' 9"
Shot Put: 6, Gary Anderle, 35' 4"

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Severe weather awareness: Safety tips when lightning strikes

County Judge Bill Freeman has proclaimed March 2-8 Severe Weather Awareness Week in Cooke County.
The Cooke County Office of Emergency Management and the Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Texas Department of Public Safety urges Cooke County citizens to take precautions during thunderstorms because lightning is the second most common cause of weather-related deaths in the state, after flooding.

Lightning tends to strike tall objects as well as metal objects, and can travel through moist soils for dozens of feet. Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Dee Blanton said, "Move into a sturdy building and stay away from windows and doors. For increased protection, avoid electric appliances or metal plumbing and stay off the telephone."
If you are outside, the interior of a car, truck or

bus is relatively safe from lightning. "To be safe, do not touch metal on the inside of the vehicle," Blanton stated. "The outside of a truck can be a deadly location. Do not lean against a car or truck, get inside the vehicle quickly."
If you are outdoors with no shelter available, stay low. Move away from hills and high places and avoid tall, isolated trees. Do not touch metal objects, such as tennis rackets, baseball bats or golf clubs. Do not ride

bicycles or lean against fences or metal sheds.
If you feel your hair suddenly stand on end, it means you may be a lightning target. Crouch low on the balls of your feet and try not to touch the ground with your knees or hands. Avoid wet areas that can conduct the lightning charge.
For more information, visit the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters, Fort Worth, website: www.srh.noaa.gov

Estes joins effort to help small businesses afford health insurance for employees

AUSTIN — State Senator Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, has joined Senator Kip Averitt, R-McGregor, in filing legislation that would create a new option for small businesses seeking affordable health insurance for their employees.
Senate Bill 10 would allow small businesses to join together when negotiating health insurance contracts. By acting as a single entity, small businesses would benefit from the savings enjoyed by larger employees.
"Many small businesses cannot offer their employees health insurance plans because it costs too much," Estes said. "This legislation seeks to utilize economies of scale in an effort to make health insurance more flexible, more affordable, and more accessible to more hard-working Texans."

The cost of group health insurance is directly related to the number of people covered by the policy. This legislation would allow small businesses to form groups for the purpose of obtaining group employee health insurance for lower premiums, Estes explained.

A staggering 68 percent of uninsured Texans — more than 2 million workers — are actively employed, but do not have access to affordable health insurance benefits, Estes said.

"Senate Bill 10 offers a common sense solution to this cumbersome problem suffered by many small businesses and their employees," Estes said.
To help promote participation, the legislation would not require small businesses to offer all coverage now mandated by the state. By removing these mandates, insurance companies could offer a minimum coverage package at a minimum price, thus eliminating unwanted coverage which leads to increased premiums.

To promote participation by insurance providers, a 2 percent tax credit for all previously uninsured persons would be offered through the second year of coverage.

Senate Bill 10 is supported by Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Texas Association of Business, National Federation of Independent Business, Texas Association of Health Plans, Texas Association of Health and Life Underwriters, and Texas Hospital Association.

The companion bill, House Bill 1086, is being carried in the Texas House of Representatives by Rep. John Smith, R-Amarillo, chairman of the House Insurance Committee.

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David Fette photo

Bush signs spending bill for farmers, ranchers

On February 20, President Bush signed the government-spending bill that includes \$3.1 billion for weather disaster aid to help farmers and ranchers recover from losses in 2001 and 2002.

Ag Secretary Ann Veneman said that USDA plans to form a group to help accelerate payments to affected producers. "The working group will examine ways to expedite the (disaster aid) process and cut red tape if possible to get program benefits in the hands of farmers and ranchers," Veneman said. She added that it is still too early to say when farmers

and ranchers will be able to sign up for aid.

"We hope to have a sign-up for the livestock assistance part of this in the later spring and then for the crops in the mid to late summer," said Agriculture Undersecretary J.B. Penn. Producers who lost 35 percent on their normal crop will qualify for disaster aid. Those applying will have to provide evidence of losses.

The USDA will launch a website to provide information regarding the disaster assistance program and allow farmers and ranchers to ask questions.



Ryan and Chad Henschel watch as the judge checks their livestock. The annual 4-H Show prepares local youth for the up-coming County Youth Fair. Janie Hartman photo

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Sunset review process proposed for tax exemptions

Legislation proposed by State Representative Yvonne Davis (D) of Dallas would apply the sunset review process to certain exemptions from property and state taxes. The sunset review process evaluates state programs to determine if the program should continue to exist.

HB 827 requires virtually all of the property and state tax exemptions be evaluated in a sunset review process. Among those exemptions included in the sunset review process are the exemptions for agricultural items, commonly referred to as the exemption on "feed,

seed and fertilizer."

The sunset review requires a determination of whether retaining the exemption is in the best interest of the public. The legislation, is an attempt to abolish tax exemptions, and has the possibility of creating enormous expenditures in order to provide for the review process.

That bill is only one of Representative Davis' bills that attack tax exemptions. She has also proposed two other measures, House Bill 578 and 589, attempting to abolish tax exemptions outright.



The judge inspects Meagan Dangelmayr's show goat. In the same class are Brandi Dangelmayr and Kendra Walterscheid. Janie Hartman photo



Kevin Lutkenhaus puts some final touches on his calf before showing at Saturday's Cooke County Livestock Show. Janie Hartman photo

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Legislation restricts land appraised as open-spaced for ad-valorem tax

State Representative Irma Rangel (D) of Kingsville filed HB 847 restricting eligibility of open-space land appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes. Currently, the Tax Code allows land to be taxed as open-space if it is dedicated to farming and ranching.

Representative Rangel's bill would limit land eligible for an ad valorem tax assessment as open-space. HB 847 would not allow land owned by a corporation, partnership, trust, or other legal entity to receive open-space valuation for land they own, unless the legal entity derives a minimum of ten percent of its income from agricultural production.

Representative Rangel is a landowner, as well as represents the King Ranch. She understands the necessity of exemptions for producers. She, like many legislators, wants to stop the perceived abuse of open-space land valuation.

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