

Three arrested in area drug raids

By Janet Felderhoff
Three area residents are in Cooke County Jail having been arrested on various drug related charges. "We've been working on this a long time," remarked Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton. "We had the right set of conditions come together rather quickly to be able to do this."
Shortly after 5:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 18, approximately 40 officers executed two combined search and arrest warrants in Cooke County. The 40 officers were from the Cooke County Sheriff's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, FBI, North Texas Regional Drug Task Force, DPS Narcotics, Texas Highway Patrol, Denton Police Department, and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Group 10, Dallas P.D.
Search warrants were

served on the residences of Darrell Frank Wolf, age 49, located at 4078 County Road 431, and Roy Douglas Britain, located at 1822 County Road 343. Both Wolf and Britain were arrested. Also arrested was Shawna Wimmer Cutlip.
An amount of illegal narcotics approaching four ounces was recovered from the Wolf residence along with approximately \$10,000 dollars in cash. Also recovered were 16 rifles and shotguns along with several pistols. Two separate clandestine methamphetamine labs were dismantled. These labs were separate but operated in conjunction with one another.
Sheriff Compton credited Cooke County Deputy Sheriff's Deputy Greg Taylor and Texas Trooper Brant Lambeth with developing the information

that resulted in this successful operation. The information they supplied sparked an investigation that culminated in the three arrests.
Shawna Wimmer Cutlip was charged with possession of a controlled substance less than one gram. Her bail is set at \$7,000.
Roy Britain was charged with possession of a controlled substance and having a prohibited weapon. His bail is \$7,000 on the drug charge and \$25,000 on the weapon charge.
Wolf was charged with manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams, and with possession of anhydrous ammonia in unapproved container. His bond was set at \$200,000 for the first charge and \$7,000 for the anhydrous charge.



Steven Fisher received serious facial injuries when his pickup (above) collided with a car driven by Willie Hess. Janet Felderhoff Photo

3 injured in FM 373 head on collision

By Janet Felderhoff
FM 373, notorious for its two narrow lanes, was again the scene of a serious accident. The incident, which occurred on FM 373 near the intersection of CR 426, sent three people to the hospital. The two-vehicle collision occurred around 8:50 p.m. according to DPS Trooper Jeremy Wallace. Driver of the 1987 Ford F-150 pickup was Steven Fisher, age 37, of Muenster. Willie Hess, age 27, of Muenster, was driving a 1988 white Chevrolet Celebrity.
Wallace stated that the accident report is not completed and he has not determined all of the factors in the accident. The accident transpired when the first car (driven by John McCoy) of three southbound vehicles slowed to turn right on CR 426. The second car, driven by Jose Garcia, was either following too close or

going to fast to control and swerved right in the hard ditch to avoid a collision. The third car, driven by Hess, was also either following too close or going to fast and swerved left to avoid hitting McCoy's vehicle. Hess's car skidded into the northbound lane hitting the left front of Fisher's northbound pickup truck. Trooper Wallace said that he has not determined all of what happened, including whether the first vehicle had signaled a turn.
According to Trooper Wallace, it took the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department and Cooke county EMS about 45 minutes to extricate Hess from his vehicle. His ankle was pinned under the brake pedal.
CareFlite transferred Steven Fisher from the scene to Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. His wife, Penny, said

Wednesday afternoon that he's just come out of surgery. He sustained a broken nose and jawbone and now has his jaw wired shut, she said. He was to be moved to Room 497 after coming out of the recovery room.
Hess was transported to Harris Methodist by CareFlite. Hospital officials at Methodist listed his condition as stable. Melissa Covington, age 26, was a passenger in his car. She was also transported. She is now a patient at Harris Methodist and was listed in stable condition by their officials. The Enterprise was unable to confirm as of press time whether Hess or Covington was transported to Muenster Memorial before being transferred. Hospital officials would only say that they had one patient.

MISD calls for bond election

After more than two years of meetings with faculty, staff, parents, community members, two architect studies, four engineering reports, and input from the local construction task force, the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved to call a \$1 million dollar bond election for May 3.
The district has 40% of its current bonded debt payment paid through a program known as the Existing Debt Allotment (EDA). The district is eligible to receive EDA assistance from the state if a bond is passed before August 31, 2003. There is no guarantee that the EDA program will allow new debt into the program next year, which is why many districts are holding bond elections before the August 31 deadline. Having the bond election this year guarantees the district acceptance into the program, but does not guarantee financial assistance until the Texas Education Agency approves which districts will receive assistance. Currently in the legislature there is no bill or discussion regarding reduction in the EDA program. If EDA assistance is awarded to the district, similar financial help may be expected if the state does not adjust the formula used to calculate assistance.
The board originally considered several options for the future, including a new elementary building,

cafeteria, and even classrooms, but these options still did not alleviate the immediate problems. The bond package was revised several times and is a scaled down version from several packages discussed over the last two years. After all reports were evaluated it became apparent that the district must resolve several maintenance problems and immediate classroom needs. Other factors taken into consideration by the board include growth in student population and its effect on current and future school programs, age of the buildings, utilizing all available space, funding available from the state with a package that would have the least amount of financial impact on local taxpayers.
A partial renovation of the junior high building (phase 1) will correct the roof and replace a ventilation system 20 plus years old. Next year, several JH/HS classes may need to be moved out of the JH building to accommodate the additional classroom needs of the elementary school. Poor drainage behind the JH building and north side of the library has caused slab heaving problems on these buildings and problems in the areas around the vocational wing area. A new drainage system will be installed to properly drain water from these areas and sustain the life of the buildings.

Last year the district moved the 3rd and 4th grade classes out of four classrooms in the vocational wing due to poor air quality. Since then, the ventilation systems have been repaired and the classrooms can be utilized again. Currently, these classrooms are occupied by the maintenance and transportation department (equipment, materials, and supplies), the technology department (storage and work area), annual staff, and the athletic department (auxiliary weight room). These classrooms are needed for the next school year for the classes that will be moved from the JH building to make room for upcoming larger elementary classes.
The bond package includes:
1. Junior High building renovation (phase 1) - Replace roof over the west classroom wing, replace HVAC systems and duct system, electrical upgrade, replace dropped acoustical ceiling, replace gymnasium roof, and add fire alarm system to the junior high building complex (There is no fire alarm system in the entire JH building complex). Estimated cost: \$357,048
2. Replace roof in Junior High Gymnasium
According to the roof consultant and engineer's report, if the roofs are replaced in phases, the
See BOND, pg 2

Candidates file for local elections

There will be an election on May 3 for the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees. Superintendent Clyde Steelman reported that Place 5 Jim Endres and Place 7 Neil Huchton incumbents have filed for re-election. Also Roger Wann filed for Place 5 and will face Endres. Tom Hartman who now serves in Place 6 will not run this time. Filing for Place 6 are Tim Felderhoff and Ronnie Felderhoff.
Lindsay ISD is also destined to hold an election.

It's Board has two terms expiring. Trustees holding those seats are Carol Conaway and Bruce Bezner. Both incumbents have filed for election. Also filing is Lloyd Reiter. As of 12:45 p.m. Wednesday they were the only ones to file. This is an at large election so the two receiving the most votes will serve.
On the Muenster City Council Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, and aldermen Stan Endres and Joey Anderson hold terms that expire this May. All have

agreed to serve another term.
Three places on the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors are up for election. Those seats are currently held by Jerry Hess, Dan Hamric, and Kenny Klement. Hess has not filed for another term, but Klement and Hamric have. Dr. Walter Knight has also expressed interest in serving by filing for the seats.
Entities with non-contested elections are not required to hold an election. This saves spending money unnecessarily.

ABBA banquet features Graham's daughter

By Dave Fette and Janet Felderhoff
"God loves to create out of chaos," related Ruth Graham McIntyre. Many of her heartbreaking problems have been worked out to God's glory, she said. McIntyre, the daughter of Reverend Billy Graham, was the guest speaker at the Cooke County ABBA Women's Center Annual Banquet held Saturday, March 15 in the Gainesville Temple Baptist Christian Life Center.
Referring to the evening's fundraiser and huge crowd, McIntyre said, "An event like this doesn't just happen by itself. You are on the front lines of a cultural war!" Then she talked about faith, her main weapon in the many conflicts and tough times of her life. "It's hard to have faith in uncertain times, and when we fail, we feel so guilty," she said.
Knowing how difficult crisis pregnancies can be from her family experience, McIntyre described her faults and failings. She quipped, "Billy Graham's

kid is not supposed to have these problems. A divorce, a daughter with an eating disorder, a son with drug abuse, and another daughter with two crisis pregnancies."
However, McIntyre said, questions to God are still dialogue. She wanted to scream, "Whose side are you on anyway?" Billy Graham's daughter talked about her faults and problems, depression and healing, and God's love. She said to depend on God through the hardships and she urged everyone to recognize the importance of ABBA Women's Center to women and men with broken lives or problems that seemed to have no solution outside abortion.
DeeDee Martin related the story of Marie who came to ABBA for help and council. She was pregnant with her fifth child and her husband was out of work. Maria now tells of how glad she is that she didn't abort her baby.
Martha Sicking, president of Cooke County Pro Life, presented awards

to winners in the essay contest the group sponsored. "Respecting Human Life - From Conception to a Natural Death" is the topic that high school students were asked to write about. Alexandria Hellingner, a senior at Lindsay High School took

first place honors in that division. She is the daughter of Cynthia and Roy Hellingner. Second and third place winners respectively were Travis Reiter and Kendyl Odell.
Junior High students wrote essays on the topic "Abortion, the Ultimate

Child Abuse". Katherine Saylor, and eighth grade student at Immaculate Conception School was awarded first place. She is the daughter of Michael and Stephanie Saylor of Denton. Second place honors went to Stephanie Krawietz and Joey Block's essay was third

place.
Martha Sicking reported that there was very good participation in the essay contest. One hundred eleven students took part.
Conducting a limited ultrasound demonstration was Connie Albrecht, RT. See ABBA, pg 2



The Cooke County Knights of Columbus Councils each presented a \$1000.00 donation to the ABBA Women's Center. Pictured are, from left, Gary Endres, representing the Muenster K of C, Gene Pelzel, representing the Lindsay K of C, Danny Wolf, representing Gainesville's K of C, Jean Greathouse, ABBA director, Bill Black, president of board of directors for ABBA, guest speaker Ruth Graham McIntyre and Connie Albrecht, Ultra Sound instructor. Dave Fette photo

Adopt a Highway could make a difference for Cooke County and the need for the community to aid beautification

The need for the community to come together and help beautify has never been greater. A contractor for TxDOT has called it quits and left Cooke County without service to help "Keep Texas Beautiful."

The firm called the Montague County Individual Development Corp. (MCIDC) closed its doors in January without any warning to TxDOT. The business, located in Nocona, immediately laid-off their staff and in the process left TxDOT, in the Wichita Falls district, holding a contract worth more than \$130,000. This \$130 thousand was only the litter pick-up portion for Gainesville of a nearly \$500,000 contract total. The MCIDC provided litter clean-up for highways across Cooke County. TxDOT has contracted with the firm for years to keep Public Right of Ways clean. They serviced all of I-35 and US 82 in Gainesville. The company also provided service on various state maintained highways around Gainesville, Moss Lake, Lake Kiowa, Lake Ray Roberts, and Woodbine amongst other communities. In addition, the MCIDC was contracted to do emergency pick-ups throughout the area.

With the business closing, TxDOT is in the middle of

contracting with a new provider. However, the process of securing that contract will take several months to go through state bidding. In the meantime, our roadways' appearance will surely suffer. This lack of clean-up will affect many Cooke County communities that work so hard for "Keep Texas Beautiful" and have won thousands of dollars in Governor's achievement money in the last three years for their hard work (Callisburg and Muenster).

If any service clubs, churches, or individuals would like to help Keep Texas Beautiful by adopting a two mile stretch of highway, they are encouraged to call TxDOT. The Adopt a Highway program shows pride for the local community. For every mile adopted, the State saves money on litter maintenance. Last year, volunteers collected one million pounds in trash. However the need for professional services will never go away. TxDOT statewide spends more than \$36 million on litter pick-up annually.

The local TxDOT maintenance office in Gainesville understands the public's frustration with seeing their local roads used as a trash dump. Maintenance workers will

be spending time cleaning up what the contractor should have been doing. But the public is reminded that the job is massive and some highways will see an increase in litter in the coming months.

So please help keep Texas Beautiful by NOT littering. Your neighbors, the public

passing through, and your community appreciate any efforts to curb the problem.

More information on the Adopt a Highway program is available from the Wichita Falls District office of TxDOT, Rachel Brown (940) 720-7706 can explain the program to all who are interested.

Decay of communities affects economy

By MaryLee Alford

The essential anti-dumping laws cover the crimes of littering, dumping and abandoning closed barrels and drums, dumping into waterways, dumping used motor oil, keeping, storing or accumulating rubbish and other solid waste within 300 feet of a public street, and many other "public nuisance" crimes which contribute to the decay of communities. Anyone may get the process of abatement of a nuisance started by presenting evidence to the local authorities. The law states that, "a person shall abate a public nuisance existing in or on a place the person possesses as soon as the person knows that the nuisance exists." A person of good character who cares about the community and the welfare of others will be compliant and clean up the litter, rubbish, solid waste or other nuisance problems quickly and ensure the problem doesn't recur. If the nuisance is not abated, the local authority, not just the county environmental officer, may enforce the laws.

Studies show that the decay of communities begins with little things such as litter, broken windows, and unkempt property. Therefore, fixing these things quickly is imperative. When the laws are not enforced the problems become worse because people see that others are getting away with the crime and therefore see no problem with them committing the same crimes. This form of decay happens so subtly that people living in the community become oblivious to the problems, and therefore complacent. Too often, it is "good hearted" people committing the crimes who don't even realize they are committing a crime or how the crime is causing the decay of the community. It is up to the caring people of a community to bring attention to the problems. If the people of the community don't care enough to get the problems fixed and ask that the laws be enforced, then why should local law enforcement officials care? One answer to this question is that tax revenue pays the salaries of city and county employees, including law enforcement officials.

Much tax revenue comes from local business and tourism. Clean cities are rich cities. This is good for business. Tourists like to see clean and beautiful places. Walt Disney probably understood this better than any other businessman in the world. An employee of Disney parks, whose task is to keep the park cleaned, goes through an entire week of orientation just because cleanliness has a huge economic impact on tourism and business.

Another reality is that other criminals, such as drug dealers, are attracted to areas where it is obvious that no one cares. Communities often lose good, tax-generating businesses because of decay. When looking at the bigger picture, it may be less expensive in the long run for a community to expect law enforcement to enforce the smaller crime laws so that it is obvious to criminals that the people care and won't tolerate even what is perceived as the little crimes. It cost more to clean up or fix big problems than it does the little ones, before they get out of control.

Sir Robert Peel, founder of the London Metropolitan Police, 1829 said, "The police at all times should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and that the police are the only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interest of community welfare."

At the 1999 Urban Litter Summit, well-known author George Kelling stated, "We must address disorder through a comprehensive community wide problem solving effort, forcing a change in behavior of wannabes away from disorderly acts, increasing police contact with and control over perpetrators of index crimes, and causing citizens to accept a greater role in order maintenance in public spaces in their community." Those interested in learning more may read *The Wealth of Cities* by John O. Norquist and *Fixing Broken Windows* by George L. Kelling and Catherine M. Coles. Local Control of Illegal Dumping by John H. Ockels, Ph.D. of Sherman, TX, is an easy read and excellent reference book on the laws already in place to protect us. This may be purchased on line at www.dumpbook.com. To learn more about how you can get involved in your community and help make Texas one of the most clean and beautiful states in the nation call 1-800-CLEANTX.

From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

Trusting to my memory, the worst drought I can remember was in 1956 and the early part of '57. This area suffered from drought from the early summer of '56, into February of '57, when wheat we had sown in the fall of '56 finally germinated from melting snow and ice, the first and only precipitation registered in about eight months.

The pastures were so dry one could see his tracks as he meandered along. There was too little dry grass to feed the stock, and we were forced to buy hay from as far away as Wisconsin and Minnesota, and at highly inflated prices, plus freight.

Some of us sold off at least half our livestock in an effort to feed the other half.

Well, in March '57, the rains began. I had 15 acres of barley sown, and it came up and grew like mad. Also oats were growing well, but now we were having too much rain, and the land was all mud.

The hay we were able to buy was of such poor quality, one could not blame the cows for not relishing it.

But it was soon gone, and looking at the cost of more of the same, I opened the gate to the 15 acres of barley, and though the poor cows were almost knee deep in mud, they did pretty well until the pasture grasses grew enough to feed them.

In the meantime the heavy rains continued into June.

Harvesting was slow, as we were only able to work in the fields about five hours per day, when it was dry enough, and most of the grain was lodged, due to too much, and hard, beating rain.

It was not a good year, but we survived, and just started over again.

Never-the-less, I still felt like kicking myself once a week, for my inability to pick up a nice paycheck, as I had been doing for about seven years, before I decided to go back to farming.

"The last time the French asked for 'more proof,' it came marching into Paris under a German flag." -David Letterman.

Well, I think it's funny!

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor

Greetings:
RE: France

I am sure most everyone is tired of hearing about France; however, I would like to state my personal experiences with France. It started while I was in service during W.W.II, and we were traveling into France. It became readily apparent the difference the treatment we received there versus what I experienced in Wales and England before arriving in France. The people came to the 40x8 train we were traveling on, and they were interested in selling their wares to us at inflated prices. While we were camping, and wet and cold, we foraged into the forest for wood. We were observed by French government people and they noted what we removed. I was in G-2 and became involved in the settlement with the French government for what they charged the U.S. for these scraps of wood. At the time it angered us, and this remained with me to this day.

While in Germany we were treated much better than from the French. About 20 years later, I had the opportunity of returning to Paris, France. My wife and I went shopping at a pharmacy for some personal items for her. The clerks speaking in French said "Do not let her know that we understand English. Make her speak out very loudly and embarrass her." I spoke to them in French and told

them we did not need their products, and we could wait until we arrived in the next country we were visiting. I promised them I would never return to France or buy any of their products. At this time I wish all Americans would do the same.

On this same trip, we first arrived in London. I will never forget how well we were treated by the English. One of the most touching moments for me was while visiting the Cathedral. On this tour the guide explained that they had a book with a listing of all of the U.S. service men that had lost their lives in coming to the aid of England. And each day they had a ceremony of turning a page and reading off the names on that page. It brought tears to my eyes. I have made friends with many people that are of English descent, and found them all to be of a strong love for Americans.

As for Germany now, I feel the majority of the Germans are with us. However, Germany has had this fringe group that has resented us. I heard that some of the German men training as pilots say the same thing.

Anyone interested in more information just give me a call at 759-2535. By the way, I am now a Great Grand Pa!

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Mr. Phil Newton
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Dear Mr. Newton:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing FFA members from your school to serve as Tour Guides for our Educational School Tour Program during the 2003 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. We received a number of letters and compliments recognizing the FFA members for making the tours both informative and entertaining.

The students and their advisor, Scott Reed, were a tremendous asset contributing to the continued success of our School Tour Program. We believe this program not only helps the thousands of visitors who take the tour, but it also creates an opportunity for your FFA members to receive some excellent citizenship and leadership training that they will utilize throughout their lives.

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Lifestyle

Grief support & guidance seminar to be held in Apr.

Home Hospice will be conducting a Grief Support & Guidance Seminar on April 1, 8, 15, and 22nd. The seminar will be held at the Home Hospice office at 1001 E. Broadway, Gamesville, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

The sessions will address various topics involved in the grief process. The purpose of the seminar is to assist bereaved persons to deal with their grief and to find positive ways to cope with this painful experience. Topics addressed in the seminar are: "How do I go on from here?", "Dealing with difficult emotions", "Surviving the holidays and other special days and memorializing", and "Bringing closure to your loss."

Home Hospice also offers support groups for ongoing bereavement care.

Bereaved Parents/Grandparents meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Hospice office. The Caring Hearts Luncheon is held the last Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon at the Hospice office. The luncheon is for present caregivers and our bereaved families. The Eating Meeting Support Group meets the first Thursday at 5:30 pm, alternating between The Center and Rohmer's Restaurant in Muenster and The Wooden Spoon in Lindsay.

Anyone who needs assistance is welcome to attend the Grief Support & Guidance Seminar or any of the support groups. There is no charge for any of these services. Please call Home Hospice to register for the seminar at 940-665-9891.



Home Hospice treasurer Eva Bradford, right, presents Kelly Lamkin, ISW social worker for Hospice a \$23,435.94 check, representing the money raised from Light Up A Life 2002. The Auxiliary appreciates the many donors throughout the area who recognized the importance of end-of-life care provided by Home Hospice, as well as the many volunteers who made this fundraiser possible. All proceeds from fund-raisers are used directly for Cooke County patients. Courtesy photo

Dallas blooms salutes the Netherlands with record-setting floral displays

Dallas, Blooms, the Southwest's largest outdoor floral festival, kicks off March 15 and continues through April 20, with a record-setting 250,000 spring blooming bulbs at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. This year's festival, *Windmills of Color* presented by Bank One, celebrates the splendor of the Netherlands with a myriad of Dutch traditions and more blooms than ever in its 19-year history.

Color radiates through the Garden as a quarter million spring-blooming bulbs emerge from the brilliant landscapes including tulips, daffodils, Dutch iris, and hyacinth. Thousands of other spring flowers accompany the Dutch natives in heralding the spring's arrival, including 70,000 pansies and violas, 20,000 azaleas, and 10,000 other spring-blooming annuals and perennials in luxurious pinks, reds, purples, yellows, and white.

Kimberly-Clark's Mommy & Me Mondays return during Dallas Blooms with fun-filled activities based on the stories of Beatrix Potter. Each week, children make garden-themed crafts and listen to a different tale told by professional storytellers from the Dallas Storyteller Guild. James French Photography captures children's smiles as they pose with Peter Rabbit and live bunnies, for \$13. Horse-drawn wagon rides for \$20 and a pioneer petting zoo are at the national award-winning Texas Pioneer Adventure. Kimberly-

Clark's Mommy & Me Mondays are held each Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Dallas Blooms and continue through Memorial Day.

The Museum's educational program, *Go Van Gogh*, will be in the Garden on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. On Watercolor Wednesdays, artists demonstrate their masterful techniques while everyone enjoys hands-on art activities from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Let Nature Nurture You during Fitness Fridays with yoga in the Garden. An instructor will guide participants through the soothing poses amid beautiful floral displays on the Arboretum's lush lawns. Throughout the day, guests are invited to walk the beautiful and serene One-Mile Fitness Trail, a therapeutic exercise that is more beneficial than just tiptoeing through the tulips.

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is located on the southeast shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road. The Arboretum is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors 65 and older, \$4 for children 3-12, and admission is free for Arboretum members and children 2 and under. Group tickets and guided tours and luncheons are available by calling 214-515-6512. The Arboretum is wheelchair and stroller accessible and tram service is available for the mobility impaired. For more information, visit www.dallasarboretum.org.

Severe weather awareness: tornado safety for Cooke County

Tornadoes can occur at any time of year in Texas, but they happen most often in spring and summer.

Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator, Dee Blanton, urges Cooke County citizens to learn what to do when a tornado is sighted. "The most important rule is to get low and stay low," Blanton said.

Other tornado safety rules include:

- * Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor of your home, such as a bathroom, closet or other room without windows.
- * Go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor of an office building, or to the designated shelter area in that building.
- * Leave your mobile home and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine. Mobile home parks should have a designated area, as well as a monitor to track broadcasts during severe weather.
- * Never stay inside a car. Leave the car and lie flat in a ditch or ravine. If a building is nearby, take shelter inside. Never try to outrun a tornado in your car.
- * At school, follow pre-approved plans and go to

the designated shelter area, usually the school's interior hallway on the lowest floor. Stay out of the auditorium, gym and other areas with wide, free-span roofs. If you are in a portable or manufactured building, go to a nearby permanent structure or take cover outside on low, protected ground.

* If you are at a shopping center or mall, go to the interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Do not leave the shopping center and get in your car.

* If you are in open country, take cover on low, protected ground.

* Avoid areas near exterior glass or doors, areas along exterior walls, or rooms with wide, expansive roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias and gyms.

* Learn the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning. A Tornado Watch means watch the sky. Conditions may be right for the possible formation of tornadoes. A Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted on the ground and you must seek shelter immediately.

For more information, visit DEM's website: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem

Gardening Tips & Techniques

-When starting new plants from cuttings, if you will put a little sugar in the water, it seems to help the cuttings get roots a little faster!

Courtesy of ARA Content



Robert and Debbie Walterscheid of Lindsay announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Leah Ann Walterscheid to Jared Wayne Bayer of Muenster. He is the son of Clinton and Barbara Bayer of Muenster. Saturday, May 10, 2003 is the date chosen by the couple for their wedding day. Nuptials will be held at 5:00 p.m. in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay with Father Ron Scheibel officiating. The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Lindsay High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Information Management from Southeast Texas State University in 1996. She is employed as a DRG/APC analyst at Gainesville Memorial Hospital. The future-groom graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1990. He is employed as a farmer/rancher for J.H. Bayer & Sons, Inc. in Muenster. Allison Walterscheid, bride's sister, will serve as maid of honor and Kim Kirk, bride's friend, as matron of honor. Heath Bayer, groom's brother, will be best man. Other attendants will be bridesmaids Laura Jones, Danelle Davy, Brenda Clark, and Michelle Hughes, friends of the bride, and groomsmen Weldon Bayer and Lucas Bayer, groom's brothers; Curt Bayer and Deano Bayer, cousins of the groom; and Scott Klement, friend of the groom.

When floodwaters cover the road, back up

The Cooke County Office of Emergency Management and the State Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety urges drivers to exercise extreme caution during severe rain events.

"Flooding is the most common cause of weather-related deaths in Texas," said Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Dee Blanton. "As little as six inches of water can knock adults off their feet," he added.

Vehicles aren't safe either. Blanton said, "when drivers see water across the road, they need to back away and choose a different route."

Blanton advised motorists not to drive through water on the road. "Water can be deeper than it appears and water levels can rise very quickly. Floodwaters erode roadways. A missing section of road, even a missing bridge, will not be

visible with water running across the area."

If a car stalls in floodwater, get out quickly and move to higher ground. Floodwaters may still be rising and the car could be swept away at any moment.

Water displaces 1,500 pounds of weight for every foot that it rises. In other words, if a car weighs 3,000 pounds, it takes only two feet of water to float it. "Cars can become death traps because electric windows and door locks can short out when water reaches them, trapping occupants inside."

County Judge Bill Freeman has proclaimed March 2-8 Severe Weather Awareness Week in Cooke County.

Horticulture Definitions

ROUNDED: forms curved outline without being pruned

RECIPE

Liver Soup

- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 lb. chopped calf's liver
- 1 c. peeled, chopped mushrooms
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. chopped parsley
- 4 c. bouillon
- 1 Tbsp. flour
- 1 c. milk or light cream

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in saucepan. Add liver, mushrooms, and parsley. Sauté 5 minutes. Add salt and bouillon. Cover and simmer until tender, about 20 minutes. Mix flour to a smooth paste with remaining butter. Stir into soup until smooth. Add cream. Cover and simmer 5 minutes more, stirring frequently. Serves 6-8.

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Scouts receive religious awards

On a crisp sunny day in Keller, Texas, 11 Boys Scouts from Troop 664 in Muenster, Texas joined over 300 other Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts from throughout the diocese to receive Religious Awards from Monsignor Schumacher and Fr. Tran on February 16, 2003 in Saint Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church.

Monsignor Schumacher spoke to and congratulated each scout as he placed their medal on their uniform. Boy Scouts receiving the Ad Altare Dei award were: Dustin Felderhoff, Brad Endres, Chad Endres, Josh McAden, Matthew McAden, Evan Koesler, Mark Gehrig, Kyle Caldwell, John Rohmer, Evan Koesler and Michael Valliere.

The Ad Altare Dei, "To the Altar of God", program is to

help Catholic Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in a faith community.

The program is organized in chapters based on the seven Sacraments and includes several service projects in which the Scout tries to demonstrate what he has learned about his faith in his daily life.

The Seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth and are meant to supplement formal Religious Education.

The Boy Scout charter states, "No member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing his obligation to God." Spiritual growth and Scouting go hand-in-hand.

Monsignor Schumacher congratulated Scout leaders and supporters of the Campfire, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts organizations,

without whom, he said, the programs would not exist.

In his message to the young people he said, "God is always there for us. God gives us the strength and the gifts, and He asks that you go forth and share them. Take Jesus with you and show others His love."

Other awards presented included the Hail Mary, Holy Family, Family of God, I Live My Faith Award and Marian Medal to Campfire and Girl Scouts.

The Light of Christ and Parvulei Dei was presented to Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts and the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII were presented to Boy Scouts.

Each award takes months of preparation. Information for the Boy Scout Awards can be obtained from Daniel Scott with the Catholic committee on Scouting or any Scout Leader.



Members of Troop 664 who received Religious Awards Courtesy photo

Issabella celebrates first

Issabella Mabel Roller celebrated her first birthday Saturday, March 8, 2003. Her actual birthday is Sunday, March 9, 2003. She is the daughter of Greg and Cindy Roller and the youngest sister to Alex and Garrison. The Raggedy Ann themed party was held at Greg and Cindy Roller's home in Muenster Saturday at 3 p.m. A Raggedy Ann cake and ice cream along with finger foods and drinks were served to guests.

Greg & Cindy Roller, Issabella's parents, Alexander & Garrison, Issabella's older brothers were the hosts of the party. In addition, great-grandparents, Lloyd & Juanita Roller, Dan & Wilma Richardson, Marie Reiter, Augusta Walterscheid, and Sally Hoedl, grandparents, Grady & Linda Roller, Jeanette Reiter, Tony & Karyn Smith, uncles, Chad Roller, John Roller, Aaryn Smith, Matt Artho & aunt Leigh Ann Artho; great-aunt Carolyn Miller, cousin Kendall Sluder; friends, Pat Corcoran, Amy Kaplan, and Shanelle Spakes were special guests in attendance at Issabella's party.

Issabella gave kisses in thanks to all who helped honor her on her first birthday. Issabella's name may mean "Mothers Always Bring Extra Love", Mabel, but she received lots of love from her family and friend too!



Issabella Roller

VFW Auxiliary holds March meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting March 17 in the Post Home. President Frances Bayer presided. Opening ritual was led by chaplain, conductress, and patriotic instructor, followed by the pledge to the flag. General Orders, roll call, and minutes of previous meeting were read by the secretary.

Members participated in a fundraiser for PAC (Political Action Committee). Members voted to help pick up trash before Germanfest. April 27 is Volunteer Week.

Frances Bayer read about Alzheimer's Do's and Don'ts, and an article from State President Meridith Howard's special project.

Bonnie Hess served lunch after the meeting. Ida Bindel won the door prize. The next meeting will be Apr. 21.

Water Saving Tip

Cut down on the amount of rinsing you do before loading the dishwasher. Most modern dishwashers do an excellent job of cleaning dishes, pots and pans.



Debbie Sicking

In the Service

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Wesley R. Nortman, son of Connie and Lee R. Nortman of Gainesville, Texas, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to Sea Control Squadron 22, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Nortman is one of more than 8,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Harry S. Truman Battle Group.

During the first half of the deployment, Nortman's unit took part in training exercises in the Mediterranean Sea and

made a port visit to Koper, Slovenia. The sailors and Marines had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Home based at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., Nortman's squadron flies the S-3B Viking, a multi-purpose jet aircraft capable of longrange surveillance of shipping, air-to-air refueling, locating and destroying enemy submarines and other missions as required.

Nortman is a 1992 graduate of Gainesville High School of Gainesville, Texas and joined the Navy in January 1993.

Story time is back

Debbie Sicking will be reading to children of all ages this Saturday, March 22 at 1:00pm. She has chosen to read "The Legend of the Bluebonnet" by Tomie DePaola, "Joseph had a Little Overcoat" by Simms Taback and "Grandfather

Twilight" by Barbara Berger. Bring your kids and join her at the Lone Star Book Scouters in Gainesville, 113 N. Commerce. For more information call 940-612-0202.

Thank-you!

The many kindnesses shown our family during the time of Arnie's illness and death are overwhelming. Offers of help, the many, many prayers, words of comfort, cards, Masses, memorials, donations, flowers, food, and other tributes will be cherished always.

Special notes of appreciation are due the Sisters of St. Mary's at OLY for opening their home and their hearts to us (especially Aileen); and to Sister Anselma for staying with Arnie and for being there when she was needed most; to Nick Hess for milking whenever needed; to Gus Ashley, Sam Hess, Warren Sicking, and Bill Grewing for helping work cattle; and to Norman Koelzer whose devoted assistance we couldn't have done without.

We are grateful to all who made the funeral services special by their participation or attendance. Special thanks to Fr. John Ohner, OSA for the beautiful services, Janette Hess for reading the poem "A Place for Me" by Grace Easley at the Wake Service, Sister Anselma for leading the Rosary, Linda Flusche, Christi Klement, Diane Grewing, and Doug Yosten for preparing and sharing the moving music at Mass, the readers, Eucharistic minister, altar servers, and McCoy Funeral Home. Also thank-you Knights of Columbus for the use of your hall; to all the ladies who cooked and served the meal and all who prepared dishes.

We have been wrapped by a community of friends and family in a blanket of compassion that helps ease the pain and brings a ray of hope for a brighter tomorrow.

The Family of Arnie Knabe
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4-H in fashion

The Cooke County 4-H Fashion Show was held on Saturday, March 1st at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Gainesville. This year's theme was "4-H Fashions on Parade." The fellowship hall was decorated with trees-a-bloom with Easter eggs hanging from the trees which surrounded the runway. While the 4-Hers were being judged there were a number of activities for them to do while waiting their turn. Jan Cain from Mary Kay gave facials and talked about skin care. Mackenzie Webster demonstrated modeling techniques. Jeanie Nickerson showed the proper way to iron clothes. Whitney and Penny Taylor organized a community service, and Jeffrey & Donna Zimmerer ran a clothing Jeopardy game.

There were three categories that could be entered. The Buying Division in which the 4-Her buys their outfit, but has to also compare price, fit, style, sewing techniques and convince the judge that their outfit was the best buy for them. They also are judged on their knowledge of fibers, weaves, care of garments, and general questions about their

clothing project. The winner of each group is eligible to represent Cooke County at the District Roundup in Commerce on April 26th. For those who entered the Construction Division, those 4-Hers make their own garment. The juniors (ages 9-11) and intermediates (ages 12 & 13) can make part of their garment, but the seniors (ages 14 & up) are required to make their entire garment. They are also judged on their knowledge of fibers, weaves, care of garments and general questions about their clothing project. The winner of each group is also eligible to represent Cooke County at District Roundup in Commerce on April 26th. The Accessory Division includes any sewn item including pillows, blankets, and quilts to name a few. The individual is not judged, just the item entered. These items are judged on sewing skills and presentation. They do not qualify for District competition. Award presenters and commentators were members of the County Council, which included from Lindsay, Chelsea Laux, Kevin Lutkenhaus,

Randi Reed and Erin Wyrick. Lindsay and Muenster had individuals entered in all three divisions. In the Buying Division under Junior Casual, Kelly Laux and Kelli Reed from Lindsay Jr. both received a blue ribbon. Kelli Reed won first place and Kelly Laux won second place. In the Intermediate Casual, Amber Fuhrmann from Muenster 4-H received a blue ribbon and first place. In the Senior Casual, Kevin Lutkenhaus from Lindsay Sr. received a blue ribbon and first place, Randi Reed from Lindsay Sr. received a blue ribbon and second place. In the Senior Formal, Chelsea Laux from Lindsay Sr. received a blue ribbon and first place.

In the Construction Division under Junior

Casual, Caitlin Huston from Lindsay Jr. received a blue ribbon. In Junior Dressy, Amelia Wyrick from Lindsay Jr. received a blue ribbon. In Junior Specialty, Benjamin Zimmerer received a blue ribbon. In Senior Dressy, Erin Wyrick received a blue ribbon and won first place.

In the Accessory Division, Lucinda Krahl, Kelly Laux, Renee Morrison and Amelia Wyrick entered items for Lindsay Jr. - Mary Bayer, Jenny Schroeder, and Johnathan Zimmerer entered items for Lindsay Intermediates; and for Lindsay Sr. Jon Biggs, William Burnett, Bryce Lever, Kevin Lutkenhaus, Andrew Martin, Mitchell McGilvray, Buster McRae and Rhyon Williams entered items.

Spring series continues

The fourth program in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Spring Series - "A Bicycle Built For Two & Much More" will take place at noon on Monday, March 31 at the museum in Gainesville.

Bicycles have been in North Texas for well over 100 years. In Cooke County in the 1880s, for example, a bicycle club consisting of many prominent businessmen existed. In this session, we will look at the development of the bicycle, its history in Cooke County, and the story of two local young men who went on a bicycle tour across the country and to Canada in the late 1930s. Their bicycles and other artifacts from that trip and photographs will be displayed. A door prize will be given. Refreshments will be served and handouts provided. So, grab your two-wheeler and cycle on in. Seating is limited. For members of the Cooke County Heritage Society the cost to attend is \$3 and for non-members the cost is \$4. To reserve a seat or for more information, please call the museum at 940/668-8900.

Water Saving Tip

Be sure to adjust irrigation system controllers according to seasonal irrigation needs. Install moisture sensors in each irrigation zone (sunny, shady, etc.) to better determine irrigation needs.

New Arrival

Otto

Dwayne and Tami Otto of Gainesville announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter, Bayley Nicole Otto on Feb. 25, 2003 in Gainesville Memorial Hospital at 5:00 p.m., weighing 7 lb, 1 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. She joins a brother Hayden, at home. Their grandparents are Wayne and Debbie Cler of Gainesville. Nancy Otto of Gainesville and Kenny Otto of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Tillie Otto of Muenster, Armella Cler of Muenster, and Thelma Russell of Gainesville.

BAPTISM

Hennigan

Kelsey Ann Hennigan, infant daughter of James and Angela Hennigan, was baptized on Feb. 16, 2003. Kelsey was honored to wear several heirloom keepsakes including her gown, which was worn over 85 years ago by her paternal great-grandfather Charles Wolf. The baptismal cap was hand-crocheted by Kelsey's great-great-great-grandmother, Mrs. John Eberhart, who made this cap for her granddaughter Marie Swingler Fette. Kelsey also wore white lace booties which were worn by

her mother on her baptismal day. Following the ceremony, family gathered at her parents home for dinner. Attending were: her godparents, Jay and Jamie Hennigan; grandparents, Donald and Sandy Hennigan, and Clinton and Debbie Endres; also Jason, Dianne, and Colby Endres; Karri, Darren, and Garrett Bindel; Trisha Endres; Doug, Nicole, Lydia, and Hunter Hennigan; and great-grandmother Clara Endres.

West Nile virus season is coming - what to do

With warm weather approaching, mosquitoes won't be far behind. Once again, experts are predicting a resurgence of the West Nile virus.

The virus, first detected in the United States in 1999, can be carried by birds and spread to humans by mosquitoes. In rare cases, the disease is fatal. More than 4,000 cases of West Nile and 263 linked deaths have been reported in the United States since 1999, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Most people who become infected will have mild symptoms or none at all. Those with severe cases of this rare virus can experience high fever, headaches, chills, nausea, and joint pain.

Dr. James Luby, UTSMC interim chief of infectious diseases recommends steps to reduce one's vulnerability. These include:

- Apply insect repellent that contains DEET when going outdoors.
- Empty containers of standing water around your home to limit places where mosquitoes can breed.
- Air-condition your home in summer.
- When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants treated with repellents containing permethrin or DEET, since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing.
- Stay indoors at peak mosquito-biting times - dawn, dusk, and early evening.

Info. from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

L.E.A.P. Outdoor Adventure '03

Are you a senior 4-Her, age 14-18, looking for a new and exciting opportunity this summer? Then the L.E.A.P. Outdoor Adventure '03 is just what you're looking for! This three night, four day camp will feature a full day of high and low challenge course programming, Outdoor Living Skills training, day hiking trips, and overnight camping experiences!

Some specific topics that will be addressed include: Teambuilding on the challenge course, climbing and rappelling; Leadership development; Minimum impact camping; Risk management and safety in the outdoors; Planning for a hike or overnight trip; Studying Ecology and human impact on nature; Outdoor cooking and food safety; Orienteering and knot tying; How to set up shelter; Preparing, maintaining and extinguishing a camp fire; and MUCH MORE!

The camp will be held July 6-9, with home-base at the Texas 4-H Center. Space is limited to 15 participants chosen through an application process. Participants will be housed in the Leadership Lodge.

Total cost of the program will be \$150.00 per person. A deposit of \$30.00 will be required with the application. Applications and deposits are due by April 1.

An information brochure and applications are available at the Cooke County Extension Office. Contact Phyllis Griffin, CEA - 4HYD at 940.668.5416 to request a brochure and application or get them from the Texas 4-H Center website at: <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>.

Feeding the fire

If your romantic candlelit dinner leaves your lovely lenses covered in wax, don't get hot under the collar. Candle quick fix: Scrape off any excess wax with the back of a butter knife or a spoon.

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