## 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 information they supplied sparked an investigation that culminated in the three arrests.

Shawna Wimmer Cutlip was charged with possession of a controlled substance and recovered were 16 rifles and shotguns along with several clandestine methamphetamine labs were separate but operated in this successful operation. The successful operation. The information they supplied sparked an investigation that culminated in the three arrests.

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s pickup (above) collided with a car

## 3 injured in FM 373 head on collision

going to fast to control and swerved right in the barditch 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 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.

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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 guarantee 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 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,

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By Janet Felderhoff Fix 373, notorious for its two narrow lanes, was again the scene of a serious again the sce 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.

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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)

Candidates file for local elections

1. Junior (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

It's Board has two terms expiring. Trustees holding to the seats are Carol Conaway and Bruce Bezner. Superintendent Clyde Steelman reported that both incumbents have filed for election. Also filing is for election. Also filing is for election. Also filing is an at large election so the 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 Fulderhoff.

Lindsay ISD is also destined to hold an election.

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On the Muenster City Council Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, and aldermen Stan Endres and Joey Anderson hold terms that destined to hold an election. This saves spending money unnecessarily.



## Muenster School Board approves

contracts

faculty and staff members at the March 12 monthly meeting.

The board also will call for a bond election in the district on May 3 (see related story).

A public hearing on the district requesting a waiver from the Texas Education Agency to begin the first instructional day of the 2003-2004 school year on Aug. 13 showed no disapproval from the 16 parents, students and MISD personnel in attendance.

Kay Hickey's 5th grade class showed power point presentations regarding the astronauts who lost their lives in the serving of our country. Ryan Henscheid and Chad Henscheid

The Muenster ISD board of trustees approved the contracts of 43 school faculty and staff members at the March 12 monthly meeting.

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Other items included: delinquent tax collection for January was \$6,300.42 and \$918.05 for February: and selected Betty Felderhoff as alternate presiding judge and Jeanette Reiter as alternate voting clerk for the May 3 trustee election.(See related story)

## BOND..... cont. from pg. 1

gymnasium roof would be next. The junior high has four roof lines, the west classroom wing, auditorium/band hall, gymnasium, and vocational wing. Estimated cost: \$46,400

3. Correct drainage problem behind the junior high school, library, and the area in front of the vocational wing area. The courtyard area between the junior high and library and the area in front of the vocational wing area. The asphalt playground area (old tennis court) must be removed to correct the drainage problem, but will be replaced. This area is and will continue to be used by the elementary school and PE department during inclement weather days that prohibit use of the district is working with the City of Muenster to properly design a drainage plan for water removal from MISD property into city streets. Estimated cost: \$150,000

4. Construct a building with two large areas—One area will be used of the maintenance/transportation department, the other area will house a weight room. These departments will be vocational wing (old field house/old 3rd & 4th grade wing) which will be used next year by the JH/HS classes moved from the JH building. This building is designed to be expanded in the future as the demand for additional.

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6. Bonding Fees - These fees include: required legal documentation, attorney fees, bond counsel fees, etc. Estimated Cost: \$35,000

Because of unforeseen construction expenses an estimated \$136,552 has not been designated. Any of the remaining undesignated money will be used to:

1. Replace carpet in the elementary science building.

## ABBA

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RDMS. This is a new service being offered at the ABBA Women's Center. Jeanne Greathouse noted that about 87% of the women who see their baby on ultrasound choose life over abortion for their unborn child.

During the evening a Silent Auction was conducted. Delores and Herbie Miller chaired the project.

Bill Black, president of ABBA Board of Directors, served as master of ceremonies. Pastor Eddie Chenault of Temple Baptist Church offered the invocation. Rev. Lawrence D. Burks introduced Ms. McIntyre, Fr. Jim Sheridan of St. Mary's Church gave closing benediction. Donna Hertel of Miss Olivia's catered the meal.



#### Railroad Commission approves abandoned well plugging packages

Texas
"Through programs like state-funded plugging, the Commission is working to protect our rivers, lakes, and aquifers for the enjoyment and safety of all Texans," said Chairman Williams.
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Texans," said Chairman Williams.
"By plugging these abandoned wells the Railroad Commission continues its commitment of protecting the environment and groundwater," stated Commissioner Matthews.
To date, the Commission has plugged 19,566 abandoned wells and remediated 2,170 polluted oil field sites with over \$104 million contributed by the oil and gas industry.
The funds used to plug wells and clean up sites are paid for through the Oil Field Cleanup Fund. The Fund's revenue is collected primarily from drilling

Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams and Commissioner Charles Matthews approved spending over \$350,000 to plug 33 abandoned wells in Gregg County in East Texas.

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#### January Oil and Gas Completions

In January 2003, operators reported 220 oil, 474 gas, 23 injection, and four others compared to 347 oil, 432 gas, 45 injection, and two other completions during January 2002. Total well completions for 2003 year to date are 721 down from 826 recorded during the same period in 2002. Operators reported 426 holes plugged and 74 dry holes in January 2003 compared to 711 plugged and 85 dry holes in January 2003.

#### Richard P. Schad, Sr.

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Richard P. Schad, Sr., of Dallas on Saturday, March 15, 2003 at St. Monica Catholic Church in Dallas at 10.00 a.m. with Monsignor John Meyers and Father Jonathon Austin concelebrating. The grandchildren and a daughter-in-law, Julie Schad, took part in the service as greeters, readers, presenting the offertory gifts, and Stephen Schad of Houston led congregational singing and sang the "Song of Farewell" as a solo.

Richard Schad was born May 2, 1922 to Joe W. and Cora Lee Schad in Gainesville, Jan 14, 1945 while he was in the U.S. Air Force, and after having served overseas as a bombardier during W.W.II. He was later employed by Mobil Oil Co. as a tax accountant for 33 years. He and his wife were charter members of St. Monica Church and Sparkman Community Club, and were members of the Swinging Saints Square Dance Club.

Richard is survived by his wife Lou; daughters, Ann Supina and husband Cynthia Neustatof San Francisco, California; sons Richard P., Jr. of Alaska, David and wife Katherine of Dallas, Don and wife Julie of Houston; nine erandchildren; brother Paul Schad of Gainesville, John And Sparkman Community Club, and were members of the Swinging Saints Square Dance Club.

## **Obituaries**

#### Carl Mages 1910 - 2003

by Elfreda Fette
Mass of Christian Burial
was held for Carl Mages of
Muenster on Thursday,
Mar. 13, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.
in Sacred Heart Church,
officiated by Father John
Ohner OSA, pastor.
Carl Mages died on March
10, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. in
Muenster Memorial
Hospital. He was born on
March 21, 1910 in Harlan,
Iowa to Frank Mages and
Anna (Rushenburg) Mages.
He moved to the Era
community at age 3. On
Nov. 23, 1935 he married
Elfrieda Bernhardt in St.
Peter's Church of Lindsay,
and lived in Clifton, Texas
most of his married life.
A member of Sacred
Heart Parish, he lived in
Muenster since 1989.
He enjoyed gardening,
both flowers and vegetables.
His hobbies and favorite
diversions were fishing,
card and domino games; and
playing pool.
Survivors include four

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Survivors include four sisters, Betty Yosten of Muenster, Anna Fleitman of Muenster, Dora Berand of Hereford, and Jane Kindsley of Plaquemine, Louisiana; and one brother Eddie Mages of Gainesville. Also many nieces, nephews, great and great-great-nieces and nephews and other relatives, including Monica Koesler, a niece, close friend, and caretaker of his affairs.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his wife.

A Rosary service was held on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in McCoy Chapel led by James Fleitman, a nephew, and Evelyn Mates, a sister-in-law. The Vigil at 7:30 p.m. was led by Fr. John Ohner, OSA.

Participating in the liturgy of the funeral Mass with Father John Ohner were altar servers Chuck Bartush, Sylvan Walterscheid, and Joe Felderhoff.

First and Second Readings were given by Scott Poole and Anne Poole, close friends. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Anne Poole. Offertory gifts were carried by Nita and James Fleitman.

Eucharistic Ministers were Doleres and Herbie Miller, Theres a Walterscheid, Leoba Mollenkopf, and Ethel Bayer.

Sacred Music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, pianist, and Christy Hesse and Linda Flusche, vocalists. Selections included: "On Eagle's Wings" for the entrance; "The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation" Responsorial Psalm; Offertory song "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled"; "Edelewiss Blessing" and "Only A Shadow" for Communion; and "How Great Thou Art" at recessional.

Eulogy and Remarks of Remembrance were delivered by Jake McCoy, a



nephew, who stated, in part
"..."Carly" met Elfrieda
Bernhardt and the two were
married Nov. 23, 1935.
Shortly after, they moved to
Clifton, Texas where Carly
worked at a cement factory
as an overhead crane
operator... In 1989 they
moved to Muenster... In
November 1990, after a long
illness, Elfrieda joined the
Lord in heaven...

"As I talked to other
people, they all had the
same memories that I had.
Carly was a simple man. It
was the small things in life
that made a difference to
him. He enjoyed going
fishing... Carly loved
football and baseball... he
always talked about how
good the Cowboys or
Rangers were or weren't...
He was also a fixture on the
sidelines at Sacred Heart
football games. He never
missed a game home or
away... He was an avid rook
and domino player... and
Carly won the majority of
the time... Let's just say he
wasn't as good at losing as
he was at winning...

"But maybe his favorite
things of all were parties.
He and Monica would spend
months planning his
birthday party... He loved a
good get-together and would
always be in the middle of
them. Carly and Elfrieda
didn't have any children of
their own, but I think if you
talked to his family you
would find out differently.
He was a father and a
grandfather to many, if not
all of us...

"On the morning of
March 10, Monica called me
at work and told me Carly
was back in the hospital...
Carly did something he had
not done often in his life. He
gave in. He told God he was
ready to come Home... Carly
had won again, he won
everlasting life."

Burial in Sacred Heart
Cemetery was directed by
McCoy Funeral Home of
Muenster. Pallbearers were
Alvin Fleitman and Mike
Bernhardt, nephews,
Michael Yosten, Sam
Yosten, and Josh
McCoy,
great-nephews, and John
Klement, close friend.



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## 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 23, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, March 24, 2003 SHS Advisory Council meeting, 7:30PM Lindsay ISD Board meeting, 7PM	S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, March 26, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Class, 7pm Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7:30pm Old MHS Gym Filing Deadline for local board seats, 5pm	Thursday, March 27, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Muenster ISD - NO SCHOOL	Friday, March 28, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, March 29, 2003 SHS re-enrollment and registration in SHHS, after 5PM Mass SHHS Cheerleader Car Wash, Sonic Drive-In 10am-4pm
Sunday, March 30, 2003 SHS registration and re-enrollment in SHHS, after Masses	Monday, March 31, 2003		Religious Ed Class, 7PM C of C board meeting, 5:30PM	Thursday, April 3, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, April 4, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP board meeting, 10AM, Stanford House	Saturday, April 5, 2003

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#### 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 service all of I-35 and US 82 in Gainesville. The company also provided service on various state maintained highways around Gainesville, Moss Lake, Lake Klowa, 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 the program to all who are information on the wind that all so listrict 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 reoccur. 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 os 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 of 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.

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## From My Side of the Fence 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.

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.

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!

#### Write to ease health anxieties

reeling stressed? Maybe you should be writing more.

Dr. Ann Matt Maddrey, assistant professor of psychiatry, says keeping a journal is a great way to relieve stress for both healthy persons and those with chronic illnesses or medical conditions.

You should not only record your daily activities but also your feelings, problems, how you're coping, and what makes you happy. While you're at it she says, congratulate yourself – in writing – on successes.

Maddrey said that those with chronic illnesses bear an especially heavy burden. "Writing about all aspects of an illness can help and I believe it's particularly suited to patients suffering from autoimmune disorders, such as severe arthritis or lupus that can be exacerbated by stress.

Info. from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

We find an ordinary "Thank You" flat and inadequate as an acknowledgment for the many expressions of sympathy directed oward us in the recent loss of our loved one. This sort of kindness and generosity must be experienced to be fully appreciated.

During the most difficult times of our lives, we realize what our fellow employees, friends, neighbors, and relatives mean to us. The family of Christine Hellinger expresses heartfelt thanks to every one of you along with the staff of Denton Community Hospital. A special thanks to Dr. George Johnson, Dr. Shezad Malik, Dr. Daniel Caldwell, Dr. Tung Cai, Dr. Glenn Genovese and Christine Klement, R.N.

A sincere thanks to St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's School, Knights of Columbus Council #1167, First Christian Church, femple Baptist Church, Primera Iglesia Bautista of Gainesville First Baptist Church of Muenster, and First Baptist Church of Whitesboro, for all the many expressed sympathies and prayers that truly must have created a stairway to heaven for mom.

We deeply appreciate all who participated in the funeral mass, Father Jim Sheridan, OSA, The Angels of Mercy Choir, Pat Hennigan, the Eucharistic ministers, John Metzler and the eighth grade class, and the ladies of the Altar Society for the excellent family meal.

thank the pallbearers, honorary pallbearers, staff of Clement Keel Funeral Home, and the Gainesville Police Department.

Our thanks to everyone mentioned above and to those we have unknowingly forgotten, for opening your hearts to us all. four response has been far too great to thank you each individual

The Family of Christine Hellinger

#### **Letters to the Editor**

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

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.

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 Great Grand Pa!

Ray J. Wilde Muenster TY. 7675 2002.

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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.

#### Dallas blooms salutes the Netherlands with recordsetting floral displays

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 10,000 other spring-blooming annuals and perennials in luxurious pinks, reds, purples, yellows, and white.

Kimberly-Clark's Mommy

Me Mondays are held each Mondays are held each Mondays and continue through Memorial Day. The Monday flom 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Dallas Blooms and continue through Memorial Day. The Muse u m's educational program, Go Van Gogh, will be in the Garden on Saturdays from non 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 day, guests are invited to walk the beautiful floral displays on the Arboretum's labelant of the Arboretum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Dallas Blooms with fundilled 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. Horsedraw wagon rides for \$2 and a pioneer petting zoo are at the national awardwinning Texas Pioneer Adventure. Kimberly-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. 11 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.

#### Grief support & guidance seminar to be held in Apr.

Home Hospice will be onducting a Grief Support

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, Gainesville, 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."

loss."

Home Hospice also offers support groups for ongoing bereavement care.

Berents/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.

#### Severe weather awareness: tornado safety for Cooke County

Tornados 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:

The designated shelter area, usually the school's interior hallway on the lowest floor. Stay out of the auditorium, gwm and other areas with wide, free-span roofs. If you are in a portable or a nearby permanent structure or take cover important rule is to get low and stay low," Blanton said.
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\* 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.

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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 bridge, will not be

#### 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 Tbsn flour

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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 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

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.



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.

#### 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, greatgrandparents, Lloyd & Juanita Roller, Dan & Wilma Richardson, Marie Reiter, Augusta Walterscheid, and Sally Hoedl; grandparents, Grady & Linda Roller, Jeanette Reiter, Tony & Karyn Smith; Matt Artho & aunt Leigh Ann Artho; greataunt Carolyn Miller, cousin Kendall Sluder; friends, Pat Corcoran, Amy Kaplan, and Shanelle Spakes were special guests in attendance at Issabella's party. 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!



#### 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.

Techniques

Gardening Tips & Techniques

Cut the bottom of empty plastic cola bottles (any size) to use to start seedling. They are the perfect size and you will also be recycling.



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



Debbie Sicking

# 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 Gainesville, 113 N. Commerce. For more information call 940-612-0202. Thomas J. Currier M.D.

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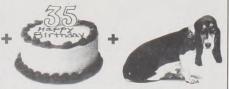
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#### Thank-you!

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.

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Special notes of appreciation are due the Sisters of St. Mary's at O.f.Y 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.

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, alter servers, and McCoy Funeral Home. Also thankyou 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.

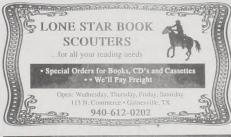
The Family of Arnie Knabe
Aleen Knabe, Janet & Ross Felderhoff, Carol Sicking, Gary & Pam Knabe, Lorie & Donnie Grewing, Darrell & Carrie Knabe, Damian & Grace Walterscheid, and grandchildren We are grateful to all who made the funeral

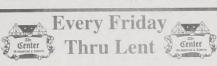


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Water Saving Tip

#### New Arrival

BAPTISM Hennigan

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 greatgrandmother Clara Endres.

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. received a blue ribbon. Relli Reed from Lindsay Jr. received a blue ribbon. Relli 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 first place. In the Senior Formal, Chelsea Laux from Lindsay Sr. received a blue ribbon and first place. In the Construction Division under Junior Rhyon Wartin, Mitchell McGilvray, Buster McRae and Rhyon Williams entered items.

## 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 103 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, ma intaining 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.

If your romantic candlelit dinner leaves your lovely linens 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.

Cover the waxy area with paper towels and then apply some heat - an iron will melt the wax and the paper towels will pull it from the fabric.

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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 replant 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 repellants 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

West Nile virus season

is coming - what to do

### Muenster finishes second; Lindsay wins Junior High UIL Academic Meet

Lindsay ISD hosted the
Junior High UIL Academic
Meet on March 3 and 4,
with five schools
participating. Lindsay was
awarded the district
championship with a total of
855 points (less One Act
Play). Muenster finished in
second place with 583,
followed by Era 240,
Collinsville 124, and Slidell
12. In One Act Play Lindsay
came in first, Era second,
and Muenster third.

Eighth grade contests,
individual places, and teams
are as follows:

Calculator
Applications: 1, L, Levi
Hermes; 2, L, Jenny
Schroeder; 3, L, Laura
Zimmerer; 6, M, Jessica
Walterscheid, Team - 1, L,
Hermes,
Schroeder,
Zimmerer; 2, M,
Walterscheid, Beaver, Wolf.
Dictionary: 1, L, Laura
Zimmerer; 2, M,
Walterscheid, Beaver, Wolf.
Dictionary: 1, L, Laura
Zimmerer; 3, L, Jillian
Bezner; 4, M, Michael
Valliere; 5, M, Kyle
Caldwell, Team - 1, L,
Zimmerer, Zimmerer,
Rezner; 2, M, Valliere,
Caldwell, Cox.
Editorial Writing: 2, M,
Megan Felderhoff; 3, L,

Caldwell, Cox.
Editorial Writing: 2, M,
Megan Felderhoff; 3, L,
Sana Anwar; 4, L, Chandni
Patel; 5, M, Michael
Valliere; 6, M, Brad Endres.

Valliere; 6, M, Brad Endres.
Impromptu: 1, L, Jillian
Bezner; 2, L, Elizabeth Neu;
4, L, Michael Conaway.
Listening: 1, L, Chandni
Patel; 1, M, Michael
Valliere; 4, L, Sana Anwar;
4, L, Kelly Mitchell; 4, M,
Evan Koesler. Team - 1, L,
Patel, Mitchell, Anwar; 2,
M, Valliere, Koesler,
Endres.

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Mon. - Meatloaf, potatoes, green peas, pears, wheat rolls.

Tues. - Beef stew, tossed salad w/spinach, strawberries, cornbread.

Wed. - Baked chicken, noodles, carrots, fruit salad, white bread.

Thurs. - Hamburgers, pickles, tomatoes, lettuce, oven fries, pinto beans, peaches.

Fri. - Fish nuggets, potato wedges, yellow squash, oranges, bread.

MUENSTER ISD

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Mon. - Burritos, potato edges, pinto beans, pears,

cake.
Tues. - Flame broiled beef patties, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.
Wed. - Chicken patty on a bun, chips and salsa, lettuce and tomatoes, apples, cookies.
Thurs. No Sabool.

Krystal Wolf. Team - 1, L,
Hermes, Hanson, Patel; 2,
M, Endres, Wolf,
Walterscheid.
Modern Oratory: 1, L,
Joe Otto; 2, L, Jillian
Bezner; 3, L, Jonathan
Zimmerer; 4, M, Amber
Fuhrmann.
Number Sense: 1, L,
Levi Hermes; 2, L, Julie
Hanson; 3, L, Karissa
Reiter; 6, M, Krystal Wolf,
Team - 1, L, Hermes,
Hanson, Reiter; 2, M,
Swirzzynski, Wolf, Endres.
Oral Reading: 1, L,
Rachel Zimmerer; 2, L,
Kelly Mitchell; 3, M, Bret
Walterscheid, 5, M, Jessica
Walterscheid.
Ready Writing: 1, L,

Walterscheid, 5, M, Jessica Walterscheid.

Ready Writing: 1, L, Jillian Bezner; 2, L, Amy Nortman; 3, M, Brad Endres; 4, M, Megan Felderhoff.

Science II: 1, L, Laura Zimmerer; 2, L, Joe Otto; 3, L, Karissa Reiter; 3, M, Brad Endres; 5, M, Collin Walterscheid. Team - 1, L, Zimmerer; Otto, Reiter; 2, M, Endres, Walterscheid, Swirczynski.

Spelling: 1, L, Laura Zimmerer; 2, M, Megan Felderhoff; 3, L, Rachel Zimmerer; 4, L, Chandni Patel; 5, M, Laura Heers; 6, M, Melissa Cox. Team - 1, L, Zimmerer, Zimmerer, Zimmerer, Zatel: 2, M, Zatel Spelderhoff.

L. Zimmerer, Zimmerer, Patel; 2, M. Felderhoff, Heers, Cox.
Seventh grade contest, individual places and teams are as follows:

Calculator Patel; 1, M, Michael valliere; 4, L, Sana Anwar; 2, M, Evan Koesler. Team - 1, L, Pare Maps, Graphs, & Charts: 1, L, Levi Hermes, Conaway; 5, M, Brad Endres. Team - 1, L, Hermes, Nortman, Conaway; 2, M, Valliere, Endres. Maps, Charts: 1, L, Levi Hermes, Nortman, Conaway; 2, M, Valliere, Endres, Koesler.

Mathematics: 1, L, Levi Hermes; 2, L, Julie Hanson; 3, M, Brad Endres; 4, L, Chandni Patel; 5, M, Rebecca Grewing; 5, L, Editorial Writing: 2, L, Meers, Patel, Grewing; 3, L, Jen, Meers, Patel, Grewing; 2, L, Meers, Patel, Grewing; 5, L, Lauren

**Lunch Menus** 

Creed; 6, M, Laura Heers.

Impromptu: 1, L,
Elizabeth Dieter; 2, M,
Cletus Fuhrmann; 3, L,
Jaden Perry; 4, L, Michelle

Jaden Perry; 4, L, Michelle Husman.

Listening: 1, M, Cletus Fuhrmann; 2, L, Garrett Block; 3, M, Laura Heers; 4, L, Neil Jones. Team - 1, M, Fuhrmann, Heers, Hale; 2, L, Block, Jones, Dieter.

Maps, Graphs & Charts: 2, M, Craig Grewing; 3, M, Cletus Fuhrmann; 4, L, Ashley Caillier; 5, M, Dillena Hundt. Team - 1, M, Grewing, Fuhrmann, Hundt; 3, L, Hermes, Ott, Caillier.

Hundt, 3, L, Hermes, Ott, Caillier.

Mathematics: 1, M, Christina Eckart; 2, L, Dillon Ott; 3, M, Kim Patel; 4, L, Keith Hermes; 5, L, Elizabeth Dieter. Team - 1, L, Hermes, Ott, Dieter; 2, M, Eckart, Patel, Hennigan.

Modern Oratory: 1, L, Chelsea Hermes; 2, L, Lauren Creed; 3, L, Krystal Arend; 4, M, Colton Stellman.

Number Sense: 1, M, Christina Eckart; 2, L, Ashley Caillier; 3, L, Keith Hermes; 4, M, Allison Teafatiller; 5, L, Dillon Ott. Team - 1, L, Caillier, Hermes, Ott; 2, M, Eckart, Teafatiller, Watson.

Oral Reading: 2, L, Chelsea Hermes; 4, M, Allison Miller; 5, M, Lindsey Watson; 6, M, Allison Teafatiller.

Ready Writing: 1, M, Laura Heers; 3, L, Chelsea Hermes; 4, L, Lauren Creed; 5, M, Dillena Hundt. Science I: 1, M, Cletus Fuhrmann; 3, L, Dillon Ott; 4, M, Kim Patel; 6, L, Jen Rauschuber; Team - 1, M, Fuhrmann, Patel, Crabtree; 2, L, Ott Rauschuber, Bayer.

2, L, Ott Rauschuber, Bayer.

Spelling: 1, M, Kim Patel; 2, M, Allison Teafatiller; 3, M, Christina Eckart; 4, L, Joey Block; 6, L, Dillon Ott. Team - 1, M, Patel, Teafatiller, Eckart; 2, L, Block, Ott, Starnes.

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Sacred Heart varsity cheerleaders for 2003-2004 are, from left, Taylor Fuhrmann, Whitney Wimmer, Kathryn Sepanski, Karen Gehrig, Jacqueline Ba

## SHHS elects cheerleaders

Sacred Heart High School held tryouts on March 11 for the 2003-2004 varsity cheerleading squad. Tryouts were open to incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Involved in the election process were two outside judges, the incoming high school student body, faculty, and the previous sponsor and head cheerleader. They voted for one candidate from each class and for four at-large positions.

In announcing the winners of the competition,

Dr. Jack Murdock, principal, quoted the judges as stating that "This was the best group of cheerleader contenders they had ever judged. The competition had been very close, and selecting the winning candidates had been very difficult."

Elected as varsity cheerleaders for 2003-2004 were next year's freshmen Kristen Miller and Taylor Torcellini, sophomores Joelle Furhmann, Shannon Hartman, and Whitney Wimmer, junior Jacqueline

Bauer, and seniors Karen Gehrig and Kathryn Sepanski. Voted head cheerleader by her fellow cheerleaders was Kathryn Sepanski.

The new squad is already busy with plans for camp and fund-raisers for the coming year. They will be attending camp at Texas Christian University the first week in June. Their first fund-raiser will be a car wash at the Sonic Drive-In of Muenster from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29.

## Jami Gerstberger tries for Texas homecoming queen

Jami Gerstberger, daughter of Jeff and Kim Gerstberger of Muenster, has been selected finalist for Texas' 23rd Annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held Apr. 5 and 6 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas Fort Worth Airport in DFW Airport, Texas. She is the Muenster High school Homecoming Queen. Texas' 2003 Homecoming Queen Texas' 2003 Homecoming Queen Schools in all 50 states.

### Bill repels "Robin Hood" school finance system

Public schools in Texas are financed by a combination of local, state and federal sources. Currently, local property taxes fund 58% (\$13.4 billion) of the cost for public education. Due to the heavy reliance upon property taxes, disparities in funding levels exist between districts that are rich and poor in property values. The Texas Supreme Court ruled that such disparities are unconstitutional and the system must provide for equity among school districts. The Texas Legislature created the and creative ways have current school finance system, commonly called "Robin Hood," to facilitate "Robin Hood," to facilitate ducation, there is no "Robin Hood," to facilitate ducation, there is no consensus on what system the transfer of money from should be used.

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#### Journalism scholarships to be awarded this spring

Mon. - Corny dog, baked beans, lettuce salad, peach cobbler, bread.

Tues. - Beef stew w/veggies, pickles, blueberry muffins, pineapple.

Wed. - Tacos, pinto beans, pears, applesauce, bread.

Thurs. - Chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, pickle, ice cream.

Fri. - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, corn, peaches, bread.

ERA ISD To further the cause of mmunity journalism, the orth and East Texas Press ssociation (NETPA) will ward two \$1,500 nurnalism scholarships this pring, according to Dave ette of the Muenster interprise. Mon. - Nachos w/ground eef, tossed salad, pinto eans, fruit mix, sugar

spring, accepted to the Machine Fette of the Machine Enterprise.

The NETPA scholarship program was begun in 1999. The 2002 winners were Laura Lucas of Granbury and Josh Bardwell of White Oak.

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beans, fruit mix, sugar cookie.

Tues. Spaghetti w/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad, breadstick.

Wed. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, ranch style beans, pear half, tossed salad, vanilla pudding.

Thurs. - Chicken strips or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.

Fri. - Pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, corn, strawberry applesauce, ice cream. and Josh Bardwell of White Oak.

The Muenster Enterprise is a member of the NETPA. Scholarships will be given to college-bound graduating high school seniors and actively enrolled college students from the NETPA region pursuing an education in print

journalism.

Scholarship applicants should submit a completed application, a 500-word essay, and two letters of recommendation, including one from a newspaper professional.

Deadline is April 15. Applications are available from the Muenster Enterprise, and completed applications should be mailed to Randy Keck, Community News, Box 1031, Aledo, TX 76008.

The winners will be recognized at the annual NETPA convention, to be held in Fort Worth Apr. 24-26.

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## **Sports**

## Muenster, Lindsay win Hornet Relays

The Muenster Lady Hornets and the Lindsay Knights took home the top honors from Saturday's Hornet Relays.

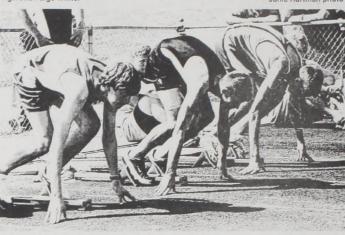
A dozen schools participated in three divisions. The girls class was won by Muenster with 133.5 points. Alvord followed with 125, then Era 86, and Lindsay 67.5. Others were Valley View, Dallas Christian, Petrolia, Callisburg, Prosper, Sacred Heart 6, and Harvest Christian.

restberger, M, 6' 9"; 2, Brook dres, M, 6' 6". VARSITY BOYS 3200m: 1, Mitch Creed, L 102.6; 2, Daniel Bartush, SH 112.6; 4, Travis Endres, L

#### Benefit golf tournament set for Apr. 6

On Sunday, April 6, the Cooke County Home Hospice Auxiliary will host the 2nd Annual Home Hospice Benefit Golf Tournament at Turtle Hill Golf Course in Muenster, Beginning at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Dan Hamric 759-4056, Jane Dudley 668-8295, or Turtle Hill Golf Course 759-4896. Home Hospice provides end-of-life care to area residents and their families as they go through the grief process. Their services are dedicated to life and family and are offered regardless of ability to pay.







Above Robyn Hermes and Megan Lippe with the first exchange of the relay. At right, JoAnna Felderhoff in the 400m run.



Nathan Privett kicks the bar with his foot as he attempts a clear vault for the Muenster junior Varsity team. Janie Hartman photo

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y Krahl gives the stick to Scared Heart teammate Paul Bartush in the 800m relay at last ands Hornet Relays. Janie Hartman photo

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## Muenster Junior High track meet

Muenster hosted a junior high track and field meet on Thursday, March 13. Eight schools participated in four divisions with Lindsay girls and Callisburg boys taking home the championship honors.

home the championship honors.

The 7th grade Lady Squires earned 185 points for first place, followed by Callisburg 174, Valley View 102, Sacred Heart 56, Muenster 44, Era 19, and Bellevue 4.

Local winners in each event were as follows:

THERADE GIRLS

vent were as follows:
7TH GRADE GIRLS
2400m 1, Hermes, L, 9:26.90.
400m Relay: 1, Lindsay, 58.15.
Sacred Heart, Lauren Krahl,
ari Felderhoff, Lisa Miller,
mantha Wimmer, 61.80.
800m: 1, Creed, L, 2:51.70; 2,
aura Heers, M, 2:52.27; 3,
allier, L, 3:02.15; 5, Cassie Hale,
3:14.63.

40 800m Relay: 2, Lindsay, 08.84, 4, Sacred Heart, Kalyssa 08.84, 4, Sacred Heart, Kalyssa Miller, mantha Wimmer, Lisa Miller, 10.42; 5, Muenster, Allison 2afatiller, Rebecca Grewing, ndsey Watson, Alison Miller, 20.63.

400m: 2, Laura Heers, M,

1:11.53
300m Hurdles: 4, Creed, L, 200m Hurdles: 4, Creed, L, 200m I, Krahl, SH, 29-24; 2, veu, L, 29-82; 3, Kara Felderhoff, SH, 31.14; 4, Samantha Wimmer, SH, 32.37; 5, Bartlett, L, 32.50.
1600m I, Hermes, L, 557-40.
1600m Relay: 1, Lindsay, 148.36; 3, Muenster, Allison feafatiller, Anne Walterscheid, Millary Swirczynski, Laura Heers, 5:13.57.

13.57.

Shot Put: 2, Hoelker, L, 22'
5°, 3, Christina Eckart, 21' 4.5";
Webster, L, 21', 5, Lauren Krahl,
H, 20' 11".
Discus: 6, Hillary Swirczynski,

Discus: 6, Hillary Swirczynski, 1,53°.5.5°.

Long Jump: 2, Neu, L, 13°.2.5°, Lauren, Krahl, SH, 12°.11°, 4, urrows. L, 12°8.5°.

Triple Jump: 1, C. Hermes, L, 8°8°, 2, Burrows, L, 27°.2°, 3, J. lermes, L, 27°.175°.

High Jump: 1, C. Hermes, L, 4°.6, Jessica Fisher, M, 4°2°.

Tole Vault: 1, S. Hermes, L, 5°.

The young 'Cats from Callisburg of 149 points to win the 7th grade oys division. They were followed y Lindsay 134.3. Bellevue 90, 'alley View 83, Sacred Heart 70°, Tuenster 37, Era 9, and Harvest hirstan 2.

Participants, their times, and istances are as follows:

0.35. 110m Hurdles: 1, Colby Richey, I, 20.76; 5, Garrett Hennigan, M, 96; 6, Block, L, N/A. 100m: 4, Shane Hennigan, SH,

20.45, 6, Collin Walterscheid, M, 202. 2, 30 and 1, 25 and 2, 25 a

7.75; 3, Jones, L. 61.85; 4, J. ock, L, 67.48. 200m: 1, Mendez, L, 27.47; 6, etus Fuhrmann, M, 30.67. 1600m: 2, Richey Sweeney, SH, The secret of action is to begin.

Hartman, Josh Yosten, Stephen
Davis, Shane Hennigan, 4:47.75; 5,
Muenster, Colton Steelman, Cletus
Fuhrmann, Lee Walterscheid,
Garrett Hennigan, 4:49.93.
Shot Put: 3, Clay Knabe, SH,
25' 6:25".
Discus: 6, Kyle Caldwell, M, 73'
10".
Long Jump: 2, Hermes, L, 14'
8"; 4, Josh Yosten, SH, 14' 4.5".
Triple Jump: 1, Hermes, L, 28'
110"; 4, Oletus Fuhrmann, M, 25' 9'.
High Jump: 5, Block, L, 4' 6"; 6, Jones, L, 4' 4"; 6, Colby Richey, SH, 4' 4".
The Lady Squires also won thes the grade girls division, with a commanding 205 points. Callisburg followed with 152.5, Valley View
86.5, Muenster 52, Harvest
Christian 38, Sacred Heart 30, and
Christian 3

a 5. Eight grade girls local results

are:
2400m: 2, R. Zimmerer, L,
10:35.44; 3, Schroeder, L, 10:46.53;
4, Zimmerer, L, 10:47.04; 6,
Felderhoff, M, 11:09.78.
400m Relay: 2, Lindsay, 55.85;
3, Muenster, Cassie Bewley, Sandy
Endres, Jordan Ledbetter, Melissa
Cox, 58.13; 5, Sacred Heart, Taylor
Torcellini, Stephanie Krahl,
Charlotte Bartush, Paige White,
59.73.

**90m**: 1, Copeland, L, 2:45.83; 2, s, L, 2:48.79.

800m: 1, Copeland, L, 2:45,83; 2, Hess, L, 2:48,79.
100m Hurdles: 2, Murrill, L, 18.68; 5, Amber Fuhrmann, M, 19.99; 6, Neu, L, 20.49.
100m: 3, Nortman, L, 14.71; 6, Berner, L, 15.11.
800m Relay: 1, L, 2:04.60; 4, Sacred Heart, 2:06.38; 5, Muenster, Jessica Walterscheid, Sandy Endres, Melissa Cox, Casey Bewley, 2:07.52.
400m: 3, Hess, L, 1:12.31; 5, Montgomery, L, 1:13.06; 6, Megan Felderhoff, M, 1:13.35.
300m Hurdles: 1, Anderle, L, 56.37; 2, Jessica Walterscheid, M, 57.00.

57.70
200m: 1, Stephanie Krawietz,
SH, 30.10; 2, Tayler Torcellini, SH,
30.42; 3, Neu, L, 30.71.
1600m: 1, Schroeder, L, 6:33.20;
2, Zimmerer, L, 6:33.50; 5, Megan
Felderhoff, M, 6:46:60.
1600m Relay: 1, L, 4:39.76; 4,
Muenster, Casey Bewley, Sandy
Endres, Melissa Cox, Libby
Orsburn, 4:59.03.
Shot Put: 2, Odell, L, 24'6"; 4,
Neu, L, 24'4.5".
Discus: 1, Neu, L, 68' 9"; 5,

mmerer, L, 56'7".

Long Jump: 1, Jessica alterscheid, M, 14' 6.5"; 2, nderle, L, 14' 3.5"; 5, Meredith ennigan, M, 13' 5".

Triple Jump: 1, Anderle, L, 33'; 3, Merrill, L, 27' 4.5"; 4, option, L, 56' 9.5"

110m Hurdles 2, Shannon, L. 0.45; 6, Collin Walterscheid, M.

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Discus: 1, ...
Otto, L, 96: 1,5°; 6, Cole 1...
M, 83' 1"
Long Jump: 1, Jess Rouswell, M, 16' 5,5°; 3, Jones, L, 16' 11.5°; 6, Collin Walterscheid, M, 15' 1"
Triple Jump: 1, Endres, L, 32' 3°; 3, Jones, L, 31' 11", 5, Collin Walterscheid, M, 31' 8"
High Jump: 4, Shannon, L, 5' 0"; 5, Jess Rouswell, M, 5' 0"; 6, ...
L, 4' 8"
Nau, L, 6' 6"; 2, ...

0" 5, Jess Rouswell, M, 5' 0"; 6, Salmon, L, 4' 8". Pole Vault: 1, Neu, L, 6' 6"; 2, Zach Swirczynski, M, 6' 0"; 5, Chad Endres, M, 5' 0".





Lindsay Lady Knight Olivia Erwin pprepares to hand the relay stick to Cheryl Knabe. Janie Hartman photo

#### **Iackie Klement earns** third place trophy in state free throw contest

Jackie Klement, a fifth grader at Muenster ISD, won third place in the 11-year-old girls division of the Knights of Columbus State free throw championships held March 8 at St. Edward's University in Austin.

Fourteen contestants from across the state competed in the 11-year-old division. Jackie made 19 of 25 free throws to tie for

#### Fleitman finishes second in state free throw contest

Dax Fleitman, a 5th grader at Lindsay ISD, won second place in the 10 year old boys division of the Knights of Columbus Texas State Free Throw Championship, held on March 8, 2003, at Saint Edwards University in Austin, Texas.

15 contestants from across the state of Texas were in the 10 yr old division. Dax made 21 of 25 free throw attempts to tie for first place with 4 others. In the first shoot-off, Dax made three of five shots to tie for second place. Then, in the second shoot-off, Dax hit 5 of 5 free throws to claim sole possession of second place.

The Free Throw Contests are sponsored each year by the Knights of Columbus for boys and girls ages 10 - 14. Ages 10 and 11 shoot the free throws from a distance of 12 feet. Contestants had to win up to three levels of competition to make it to the state competition.

Dax won the local contest at Lindsay by making 11 out of 15 free throws. He won the district contest at Lindsay with 20 out of 25.



Then he won the diocese competition in Ft. Worth with 22 out of 25. At that competition, he beat out his cousin Tryce Berend from Windthorst, who took third. Dax is the son of Cynthia and Wayne Fleitman.

## **Tigers** start golf

The Sacred Heart Tigers opened the 2003 golf season Monday at the Saint Jo Invitational at Nocona Hills Country Club. The Tigers finished fourth in a 15 team field. "Il was pleased with our effort in our season opener. I feel as we get more work, this team will have a shot to place in district and advance to regionals," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Nocona won the tournament with 323 strokes. Petrolia followed with 339, Bryer 365, and Sacred Heart 366.

Individual Tigers and their scores are Jack Biffle 76, Mikey Bayer 95, Chris Fuhrmann 97, Clint Fuhrmann 97, Clint Fuhrmann 97, and Zach Barnhill 113. Biffle tied for medalist honors and lost in a score card play-off.

Next action will be the Sacred Heart Invitational on Tuesday, March 25 at Turtle Hill Golf Course in Muenster. Tee-off is set for 9:09 a.m.



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agriculture is still a key part of the life of every Texan.

March 21, 2003 is the annual observance of National Agriculture Day, and the president of Texas' largest organization of farm and ranch families reminds Texans of the continued importance of the state's second largest industry.

"Only two generations ago, most Texans had vivid memories of farm and ranch life or perhaps still lived in a rural area," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

"Today, agriculture is as important as ever, but it's in the hands of a smaller group of skilled workers."

The nation lost 8,570 beef cattle operations during 2002. There were 813,650 beef cattle operations in the United States in 2001 and 805,080 in 2002. In 2002 there were 630,300 operations with one to 49 head of beef cows, comprising 29 percent of the total beef cow inventory. There were 98,650 operations with 50 to 99 head, comprising 19,2 percent; 70,740 operations with 100 to 499 head, 37.5 percent; 4,080 with 500 to 999 head, 7.6 percent; 1,020 with 1,000 to 1,999 head, 3.7 percent; 245 with 2,000 to 4,999 head, 1.8 percent; and 45 with more than 5,000 head, 1.2 percent. Oklahoma gained 1,000 beef cattle operations during

More than 30,000 consumers tasted fully-cooked beef products from Hormel and Old El Paso at the Texas Beef Express exhibit at the Fort Worth Livestock Show Jan. 11-27. They also received beef recipes, nutrition information, and beef coupons.

A recent government study showed that 143 million Americans, 54% of the population, use the Internet monthly. This figure is growing by 2 million new users per month.

In a Purdue University survey, 87% of the farmers said they have used Precision Ag to make changes on their farms,

Cattle count down

**Ag Briefs** 

National Agriculture Day 2003

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2002, from 59,000 to 60,000. Texas stayed even with 151,000 beef cattle operations. Wisconsin recorded the biggest drop, down from 40,000 operations in 2001 to 38,000 in 2002. During 2002 Texas had 103,000 operations with one to 49 head of beef cattle; 22,000 with 50 to 99 head; 22,300 with 100 to 499 head; 2,300 with 500 to 999 head; and 1,400 with more than 1,000 head. Oklahoma had 37,000 operations with one to 49 head during 2002; 10,600 with 50 to 99 head; 10,900 with 100 to 499 head; 350 with 500 to 999 head; and 550 with 500 to 999 head; and 550 with more than 1,000 head.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

including soil sampling for lime, fertilizer, and chemical rate application.

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) plans to withdraw a Clinton administration revision of the Total Maximum Daily Load rule, calling it "unworkable" and leaving the existing program in place.

Cattle can carry the Bovine Viral Diarrhea virus and show no signs. If infected while pregnant, it could cause early embryonic death, abortion, stillbirth, birth defects, and infected calves.

calves.

Infected cattle have severe diarrhea, no blood clot, respiratory and venereal disease.

occurs when this weather is followed by a warm period, during which grasses grow very rapidly. The disease usually affects beef cows, but may also affect stocker cattle, ewes and dairy cattle. It is most common in older animals, particularly during early lactation of beef cows that have had at least two calves.

Because there is a daily require ment for magnesium, symptoms may appear suddenly, but the deficiency developed over a period of time.

Grass tetany is most likely to occur on pastures grown on soils, which are low in available magnesium and high in available potassium. He avy fertilization, particularly with nitrogen and potassium, enhances forage production; however, it also intensifies the incidence of grass tetany because high levels of potassium and nitrogen reduce magnesium absorption and utilization.

Magnesium deficient cattle have a reduced appetite and ability to digest dry matter. Initial symptoms of magnesium deficiency include undue nervousness; ears carried backward, excessive salivation, staring eyes and a stiff, irregular gait. As the disease advances, labored breathing, increased heart rate and tetanic muscular spasms can be observed. Affected animals sometime have the instinct to charge or fight people in the immediate area. In the most severe stage, the animal collapses to the ground with continued muscular spasms and their legs will thrash the ground around them. Convulsions, coma and death will occur rapidly if treatment is not administered. The only symptom that remains constant is a lowered blood serum magnesium.

magnesium, a continuous dietary supply of magnesium is necessary, which can be supplied with a palatable mineral containing magnesium at higher levels during lush pasture growth.

In addition, low levels of magnesium, 3 to 4 percent, in the perennial grass mineral supplement will increase efficiency of production, help maintain body stores and aid in preventing the "downer-cow" syndrome.

The best treatment for grass tetany is prevention. Cattle afflicted with grass tetany need immediate treatment. Consult your veterinarian regarding recommended medical treatment; and remember, afflicted animals may show a surprisingly quick response to treatment, enough that they might get up and charge or fight those in the vicinity.

As the weather warms up here is a reminder to continue scouting fields for green bugs and other aphids. Reports of infestations have been increasing. Some fields are being overloaded while others seem to be escaping the aphids.

Continue to monitor for rust, conditions this year seem to be favorable for its development.

Those interested in acquiring a pesticide license for the first time may be interested in knowing there will be some opportunities nearby. Wise County will hold training and a test March 28; Jack County-March 27; and Denton County-April 11.

Forthcoming dates worthy

Forthcoming dates worthy of notice:
March 22 - Indoor Open Youth Horse Show, Collin County Youth Park, McKinney at 9:00 a.m.
March 25 - Marketing Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Farm Bureau Building.
April 41 - Deadline for N.C.T.C. "Friends of Agriculture" scholarship.

# Environmental issues are covered because caring for natural resources ensures that cattle production is ecologically and socially sustainable. Topics include forage management, soil fertility, use of pesticides, and disposal of dead animals. Participants will take home items that display their commitment to BQA, certificates of completion to verify their training in BQA, a checklist of Best Management Practices to implement; a comprehensive handbook, and two general CEUs for a pesticide applicator's license. Although the programs

Beef producers can get free training to help them become more competitive by attending one of nine Texas Beef Quality Producer Programs scheduled from March through June.

The Texas Beef Quality Producer Program is a multi-level program is a multi-level program is a multi-level program is a multi-level program that teaches the principles of Beef Quality Assurance, a proven system of sensible management practices that help improve the quality and safety of beef, explains John E. Dudley, president of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

TBQP programs scheduled include April 22 in Bowie.

The Texas Beef Quality Producer program involves an intensive six hours of training related to beef quality, beef safety, and the relationships between beef production and the environment.

Beef quality topics include all points in the production chain that can influence the health and performance of cattle or the eating quality of beef. These include breeding and genetic selection, utilization of animal health products, cattle handling, nutrition and culling management.

Beef safety topics include how to manage injection sites, and how to avoid

#### YOUTH FAIR

Additional information of the Cooke County Youth Fair included the following

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Fair included the following
participants.

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increase forecast Net farm income this year should rebound from 2002, according to first forecasts from the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service. Net farm income for 2003 is forecast to be \$44.9 billion, up nearly 39 percent from 2002.

ERS reports that early expectations of higher crop prices and higher production, coupled with some improvements on the

Farm income

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pesticide applicator's license.

Although the programs are free, persons planning to attend are asked to RSVP at least one week in advance so planners can prepare for the right number of participants. To RSVP or for more information call TSCRA at 1-800-242-7820, ext. 145 and ask for Melanie Tittor.

Registration for the program is at 7 a.m. The program is at 7 a.m. The program begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

livestock side, are driving most of the increase. Also adding to the increase in value added in 2003 is a shift of government payments scheduled for 2002 into the 2003 calendar year.

This shift amounts to about \$3.9 billion and occurs as a result of farmers' decisions with respect to program signup, ERS said. Texas Farm Bureau

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