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County seeks solution

By Janet Felderhoff
With the approval of Cooke County Commissioners Court, County Judge Bill Freeman appointed a committee of three to attempt to find a solution to the problem of putting an ambulance on the east and west ends of the County. He appointed Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess and Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox, along with EMS Director Bob Harbin. This was done after an Executive Session held during the June 14 regular meeting.

According to Judge Freeman there was money appropriated for the ambulance situation last year. There are a number of problems that need to be addressed. One is to find land to locate the stations. Another is that the County only has three ambulances. "If we move one east of town and one west of town, that leaves one ambulance in Gainesville," noted Judge Freeman. "However, Gainesville, in this past year, has used 75% of the ambulance service provided by the County." Last year 2/3 of the tax base was outside of the city limits of Gainesville and 1/3 was inside the Gainesville city limits, he added.

He requested the newly appointed committee find response times and other pertinent information and report their findings to the Commissioners Court.

Discussion of damage caused by last week's heavy rains was held. To get assistance from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher said that you have to be in an area declared a disaster area and the damage must amount to about \$20 million.

"The concern is that the state may declare it themselves and not request a FEMA declaration," explained Fletcher. "If the state declares it, we may be contiguous to the area, a part of the bigger disaster area, and could possibly be eligible for some aid in that respect."

In preparation for the possibility of that, each precinct commissioner was asked to keep track of the funds such as materials, man-hours, and equipment hours to repair damages caused by the flood conditions.

Judge Freeman asked each commissioner to report on the amount of damage done by the rains. Hess said, "It's hard to say." He reported a bridge out on CR 411 causing the road to be closed. It was opened the next day. Also closed was CR 424 east of FM 2739 due to a washed out culvert. It had not been re-opened as of Monday morning and wasn't expected to be repaired for a week to 10 days. There was washing of

rock from several roads. Precinct #3 Commissioner Jerry Lewis said there was quite a bit of damage here and there. Roads closed temporarily due to water included CR 302, CR 303, CR 308, CR 312, and CR 315.

Commissioner Cox said that Cheaney Road was still closed. As of Monday morning, the water had come down 16 feet from the original flood height. He said it is still about 200 feet on each side of the bridge.

Precinct #1 Commissioner Phil Young said that they had a lot of damage such as the sandy land washed. No roads were closed due to water in that Precinct. Young said they kept up with the repairs as the damage occurred.

How to make-up the 2004 Salary Grievance Committee was discussed. It can be half county and half public or all public. Commissioners were unanimous in the decision to keep it all public. Members are selected by drawing names from the pool of people who served on the Cooke County Grand Jury the previous year. The first nine names drawn are asked to serve. If any of the nine refuse, the next alternate on the list is asked to serve until all nine places are filled.

Names drawn as committee members are as follows (in order drawn): Danny Nortman, Tommy Jackson, Karl Mims, Wilson Stinnett, Rob Spencer, Danny Aikin, Raymond Sandmann, Margery Priest, and Woodrow Wilson. The alternates were (in order drawn): Nancy Walter, Clyde Yates, Theresa Walterscheid, Kevin Block, John Koonce, Danny Wolf, Bruce Bezner, Doris Sandmann, Bonnie Fredrich, Kaye Wimmer, Helen Loch, Jim Goldsworthy, Alton Kite, Jim Lemming, and Ruth Adams. All were approved.

Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator gave a brief synopsis of the Cooke County Worker Safety Program that is being implemented. The purpose of the program is to protect workers and equipment and to reduce or limit the cost of workman's comp insurance. He asked that if employees in a particular department or office notice a hazard or anything that might be a safety issue that they have an avenue to bring it up to someone. Also any accident that could be a workman's comp issue be investigated

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Blaze damages Hess Home



The Muenster Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire last Thursday afternoon at 375 S. Hwy 373. The home of Carolyn Hess received approximately \$40,000 in damage with strong smoke and heat damage throughout the property. No one was at home at the time.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Hess' grandson Chris Hess, who started putting out the blaze with a garden hose before firemen arrived.

It took MVFD 3 minutes to reach the scene after the call.

A total of 27 men and 7 trucks from Muenster, Saint Jo and Myra were at the location.

Above, Bert Walterscheid and Smoke Koelzer take a break from the heat.

At right, Joe Pagel removes burnt items from the house as a fresh crew of firefighters enter the building.

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Muenster ISD hires three new teachers

By Janie Hartman
The Muenster ISD Board hired several new teachers for the upcoming school year at a called meeting, June 8. Curtis Eldridge was hired as an assistant principal and technology assistant at the junior high/high school, replacing Lou Heers who accepted the Elementary principal position.

Quentin Berend will be the assistant coach and junior high/high school special education teacher, replacing Jackie Crisp. The new junior high/high school math teacher replacing Amy Binder will be James Dietrick. Each received a one-year probationary contract.

The Board also approved payment of \$3,213 to Mike Hofbauer for the construction of a masonry wall in the field house. The Board discussed constructing the other interior walls in the new

building, to be continued at the next meeting.

Muenster hosted a required Board-Superintendent Team Building session on June 1 at the high school. Attending were Jim Endres, Neil Huchton, Wanda Flusche, Nick Walterscheid, Ronnie Felderhoff, Leon Klement, and Bert Walterscheid. Other districts attending were Lindsay and Sivells Bend. Rita Reynolds-Gibbs, a planning facilitator with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) facilitated the session.

The goal of the session was to increase team knowledge of team members and team responsibilities and to increase team unity. During the session, the team discussed board and superintendent responsibilities, the board's code of ethics, and board-superintendent team unity.

Jack Flusche sworn in as alderman

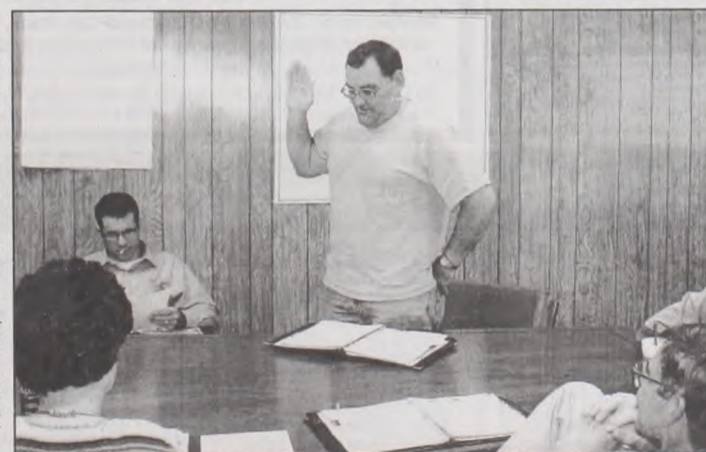
By Scott Wood
Jack Flusche was sworn in as a new alderman during a special called meeting of the Muenster City Council on Monday. He will be finishing out the remainder of Stan Endres' term which ends in May 2005.

The short agenda also included further discussion on the current paving projects out for bid on Cross Street and Walnut Street.

"The school still has not considered Walnut Street and won't until Wednesday night, however, Chris (Yosten) and I have had contact with A1 Paving out of Gainesville (regarding Cross Street)," said Alderman Johnny Pagel. "I reviewed with him his responsibilities...He knows that he is going to be very well scrutinized."

Pagel indicated that with the relatively basic nature of the Cross Street job and the fact that A1 was the low bidder by a considerable amount, he felt comfortable using the Company.

"I would make the motion that we go ahead and accept A1 Asphalt Paving's bid of \$5,000 to do Cross Street...and we will deal with



Jack Flusche takes the oath of office from Mayor Henry Weinzapfel as council members (left to right) Jewel Otto, Joey Anderson and Johnny Pagel look on. Scott Wood Photo

Walnut Street however it is approved by the (MISD) school board," recommended Pagel.

During discussion, Flusche appeared concerned about approving a bid from a company that had not done this

type of work for Muenster in the past.

In the end, Pagel's motion was approved by a four to one vote with Flusche casting the lone vote against approval.

Under new business, the Council approved a request

Fletcher urges local input for emergency planning

By Janet Felderhoff
It is the job of a county's emergency management coordinator to develop a plan that depicts the hazards, mitigation strategy, and priorities that a community feels it faces. Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher takes his job to heart and has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, June 29, 7 p.m. in the old Commissioners Court Room on the second floor of the Courthouse.

This meeting is to help communities identify hazards in their jurisdictions and prepare a plan to mitigate these hazards. The goal is to develop a countywide plan with specific annexes for Callisburg, Lindsay, Muenster, Oak Ridge, and Valley View, said Fletcher.

"I want people to show up," remarked Fletcher. "This is their opportunity. I do the (emergency) plan for the five communities in the County and the rest of the County. I can drive through Lindsay or Muenster or Callisburg, Oak Ridge, Valley View and look and see what I think the problems are and what we need to work on, but that's not necessarily the best way to do it. What I'm trying to get them to do is to meet and come together with their own little group in that town and tell me what they need and want worked on."

Fletcher would like each town to indicate what its priorities are for hazard mitigation. Do they need a weather warning siren, tornado shelters for trailer parks, flood problems with creeks, roads that typically wash out, hazardous materials, training and information for fire departments, police departments, or city government, anything that

would lessen the severity and impact of a disaster (natural or otherwise).

Fletcher said he's had one meeting already. There was one representative from each community. He would like to see more representatives from each town attend. The June 29 meeting is open.

"Hazard mitigation is huge," said Fletcher. The list of possible problems and solutions is varied and each community has different needs and priorities. "You can spend millions of dollars or you can spend almost nothing," Fletcher said. "The amount of money doesn't necessarily correlate to an impact. You may be able to do something that doesn't cost very much, but has a major impact." Some local towns and communities don't have warning sirens or do, but don't have battery backup.

"What this whole thing drives us toward is this hazard mitigation plan," explained Fletcher. "What

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St. Peter's Parish Annual Homecoming Picnic slated

St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay will host its annual Homecoming Picnic, Sunday, June 27, beginning with a dinner from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Centennial Hall. Following the dinner, games for the entire family will take place in J.M. Lindsay Park. All proceeds of this year's picnic, raffle, and auction will be donated to Subiaco Abbey, a Benedictine Abbey in Subiaco, Arkansas, for the renovation of the Jewett Annex, the living quarters of many monks.

Children's events include hayride, bounce house, live turtle races, ball throw, and face painting. For the adults, there will be a horseshoe tournament, bingo, raffle, silent auction, and plenty of food and refreshments available throughout the afternoon.

Live music will be provided by Lindsay native Tommy Joe Laux's Smile 'n' Fish Band.

A live auction will begin under the park pavilion at 5 p.m. which will feature arts and craft items made by the priests and brothers of Subiaco Abbey, as well as items contributed by merchants, parishioners, and friends of Lindsay, Muenster, and Gainesville.

Several former St. Peter's pastors and native sons who became Benedictine priests and brothers will attend the picnic. Abbot Jerome Kodell, O.S.B., spoke for the Arkansas Benedictine monks, "We monks at Subiaco treasure the relationship we have had with the people of St. Peter's for over 100 years. Several of Lindsay's native sons

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Lindsay School Board opts for expansion version of new gym

By Janet Felderhoff
After more than an hour of mulling over the situation, the Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees voted 6-1 for a gymnasium plan that would allow expansion in the future. Damian Krahl cast the dissenting vote.

The choice was between a traditional style gymnasium, such as the architect had already drawn a proposed plan for, or a gymnasium that had rafters running the full length of the facility. It was estimated that it would be about 112' long versus the 100' length of the traditional facility. Benefits of the "untraditional" gym included the ability to take out a wall and expand the facility in the future.

"Whatever the extra cost is, we're going to have to come up with that out of our own bank account or cut something out," observed Krahl as they debated the pros and cons of the two proposed structure designs. It was agreed that the traditional way was the most economical if the facility were never expanded.

Danny Nortman questioned if the added cost would be worth it. The appearance of the untraditional facility would not be as pleasing as the other. Bruce Bezner noted that the gym isn't the focal point of the campus.

Krahl said that he would rely on the architect to know what was best. He also noted that the traditional gym would be much simpler to deal with in regard to roof drainage. Both the architect and the construction manager-at-risk were present at the meeting to give their input and opinions when asked.

"I sure like the idea of expansion, but where those beams are going to be in the lobby makes me feel a little uncomfortable (for viewing reasons)," said Wayne

Fleitman. Architect Chuck Freeman attended to answer the Board's many questions about the two styles. He said that where the beams would be and if the lobby would be closed or left open is something that had to be looked at yet.

Superintendent Jerry Metzler said that he could foresee a classroom wing and a cafeteria with a multi-use floor that could also be used as a play gym.

Jill Fuhrmann indicated that she felt something would have to be done about a cafeteria in the future and she liked the idea of being able to expand the facility.

Freeman had recently toured a gym that was built with the rafters running its full length.

Ronald Hamm, vice president and sales manager of Speed Fab-Crete, attended the Board meeting to go over the proposed contract. After satisfying all of the Board's questions, his company was unanimously hired to serve as the Construction Manager-at-Risk during the construction of the new gymnasium.

Superintendent Jerry Metzler and Board President Bruce Bezner had visited the company's business location. Board member Jody Henry had made inquiries of the company's performance with Everman ISD and Kennedale City Hall where it had done similar work. He said there were not negative comments or problems. The probable on-site manager Benny Barr came highly recommended by those entities, said Henry.

An executive session was held. Topics discussed included 2004-05 salaries for teachers, staff, principals, and superintendent. In open session, the Board voted 6-0-1 to drop the three-year

waiting period of new teachers in order to receive the full local stipend. Lloyd Reiter abstained from the vote since his wife is employed as a teacher at Lindsay ISD.

Linus Fuhrmann was hired on the recommendation of Principal Larry Smith. His classes will include Algebra and 8th grade Math. He is currently teaching at Whitesboro.

Military personnel voting a priority

Officials will soon begin contacting each of the more than 3,000 county election offices nationwide as part of a newly announced initiative to ensure an expedited delivery of absentee ballots to servicemembers stationed overseas. U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called the effort "an important service for the men and women bravely serving on the front lines of freedom."

The U.S. Department of Defense, together with the United States Postal Service, launched a series of initiatives this week aimed at expediting the process of sending absentee ballots to U.S. military personnel while they serve abroad during this year's general election.

"This is a welcome initiative by the Department of Defense and U.S. Postal Service. Timeliness is vital in having the opportunity to have your vote counted, and being able to fully participate in the democratic process," Cornyn said. "Being able to return ballots on time will ensure that every service member abroad will have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote."

Approximately 3,000 county election offices are currently accepting requests for absentee ballots. Postal employees will contact the offices to initiate the initial mailings of the prepared ballots via overnight Express Mail. The ballots will then be mailed to the three military gateways (San Francisco, Miami, and New York).

Once the ballots arrive at the military gateways, they go through a sorting process which is handled by the Military Postal System (MPS), a division of the Department of Defense and extension of the USPS. The MPS then ensures that ballots are handled properly and delivered in an expeditious manner. Ballots will be given priority handling through each phase of handling and return.

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promptly to determine the facts of the accident and to prevent it possibly happening again.

Each office and department will have its own safety monitor. He or she will conduct a monthly safety briefing and in the event of an accident, report it to Fletcher so that he can go to the scene for a thorough investigation.

The proposed Worker Safety Program was unanimously approved.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved request by County Clerk to purchase an OCA Case Management System for the County Clerk's office. The cost is \$12,628 and a government grant will cover \$4,000 of that amount. The remainder will come from the County Clerk's Record Preservation Fund.

- Approved a proclamation honoring Trinity Otto for winning the UIL Class 2A State Championship Boys 200 Meter Dash.

- Approved a proclamation honoring Trinity Otto, Sam Hellinger, Matt Brennan, and Alan Trammell and their coaches for winning the UIL Class 2A State Championship Boys 1200 Meter Relay. Coach Gordon Martin accompanied the group.

- Approved a resolution honoring Assistant County Attorney Jean Helton. It was noted that she has been

employed as first assistant county auditor since August 1976. The office requires hard work, personal sacrifice, dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm. Jean Helton has loyally served the citizens of Cooke County for the past 28 years and has always been an asset to Cooke County and the Auditor's office. She plans to retire at the end of the month and will be honored with a retirement party on June 25.

- Approved the re-subdivision of Lots 18 and 19 of The Ranch at Lake Ray Roberts Phase 1 located off of CR 2255 in Precinct #2. It was an agreement for one neighbor to purchase 39 feet of property from his neighbor due to oversight of building his home too close to the property line.

- Approved preliminary plat for Highland Hills Phase 1 (lots 1-9), located off of FM 1201, in Precinct #4 south of Moss Lake.

- Approved Temple Construction's request to install a fresh water line across CR 132, approximately 1000 feet east of the intersection of CR 107 and CR 132 in Precinct #1.

- Appointed Robert Merrill to the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission to replace Bud Smith. Smith is moving and had to resign.

- Tabled possible approval of bid proposal and

irrevocable letter of credit from Security Bank of Whitesboro for the construction and paving of CR 261 in The Range Subdivision. The money had not come in for the letter of credit.

- Tabled consideration and possible approval of final plat for The Range Subdivision (lots 1-15).

- Approved request by Perry's Sand and Gravel to install a fresh water line across CR 163, approximately 3/4 mile south of the intersection of Hwy. 82, located in Precinct #1.

- Tabled possible approval of a Cashiering System for the Cooke County Clerk's office.

- Reviewed Preliminary Budget and set Departmental Hearings for June 28-29 and July 2.

- Appointed Judge Freeman to represent Cooke County on the Texoma Council of Governments Board of Directors. He replaces Commissioner Jerry Lewis who is retiring at the end of this year.

- Approved indigent burial of Edwin Smith.

- Heard report from Judge Freeman that there are 20 prisoners from Cooke County Jail being housed out-of-county as of Monday morning.

- Listened to a presentation by the Office of Court Administration regarding Fine Collections.

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area, do you have a plan? Where will you go? What would you take? There is a tornado warning, do you know where you would you take cover? Is there a designated place in your community for those without a tornado shelter in their home?

Planning is important for individuals, schools, businesses, hospitals, police and fire departments, city and county governments, etc.

Fletcher is available for assistance. Contact him at 668-5400.

that will be is a document and it's not a huge document. The one I submit for the county is, but what each town would have is about a two-page document that says, 'Here are the top five things that we want to work on as a community.' You assign what you want to do, how much you think it is going to cost, and who is in charge of making sure it gets done."

Individuals should consider what they would do in the event of a disaster. If you live in a flood prone

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joined us as members of the Abbey, and many more parishioners have joined our mission of Benedictine prayer and work by their friendship and support over the years."

The first Subiaco monks came in 1878 from St. Meinrad's Archabbey in Indiana. These pioneer monks provided parish ministry to the German settlers in Arkansas and then to parishes in Muenster, Lindsay, Windthorst, and Rhineland more than 100 years ago. Subiaco monks also staffed St. Mary's Parish and Laneri Catholic School in Fort Worth. A total of 62 Benedictines served in what is now the Diocese of Fort

Worth.

For more information on Subiaco Abbey, you can visit their website at www.subi.org. For auction donations to St. Peter's picnic, you may contact: Matt Bezner 727-1450, John Dieter 665-9409, or Glenn Fuhrmann 612-4781.

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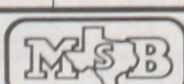
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
<p>Sunday, June 20, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm</p> 	<p>Monday, June 21, 2004 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8:00pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 22, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Public Library Storytime, 10:30am Adult Summer Softball</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 23, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Thursday, June 24, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4pm Adult Summer Softball</p>	<p>Friday, June 25, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm</p>	<p>Saturday, June 26, 2004 Concert in the Park</p>
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Obituaries

Lloyd Prescher 1939-2004

By Elfreda Fette
Mass of Christian Burial was held for Lloyd August Joseph Prescher of Gainesville on Monday, June 7, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiated by Father Don Brennan, OSA. Mr. Prescher died at age 65 on Thursday, June 3, 2004 at Denton Regional Medical Center.



Lloyd Prescher

He was born at home in Scotland, Texas on May 11, 1939 to Peter and Agnes Sicking Prescher. His family moved to Gainesville when he was seven years old. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School from 1946 to 1954 and was a member of St. Mary's Church of Gainesville. By profession, he was a self-employed tractor mechanic, and loved the work.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964 and received an honorable discharge after serving at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort Benning, Georgia. He was also spent time in Germany, while serving his country. When he had a leave, he toured Lourdes.

On July 23, 1966 he married Helen Ann Fleitman in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster. Their wedding trip was to Pensacola, Florida. One of their stops was in Fort Benning, so he could show his new bride the base and the chapel, and see the Army marching at dawn.

He worked at Biffle Brothers Supply, and assisted his brother, Raymond and his parents in the dairy business, and then worked for G&G Tractor in Denton and S&W Tractor in Gainesville. He started his own shop in 1970.

Lloyd Prescher and his wife became parents of three sons and three daughters. Some of the highlights that the children enjoyed were on Sunday mornings after church, when they looked forward to taking a trip through the zoo. They always begged their daddy for that. Later when they got home and had finished breakfast, the whole family would get on their bicycles and "ride from overpass to overpass." Every year, Lloyd would take Helen and the kids to the tractor shows in Fort Worth and occasionally to the State Fair of Texas. Most eagerly anticipated each year before school started was going to Six Flags Over Texas.

Lloyd Prescher was a loving and dedicated family man, husband, and father. He had particular devotion to the Rosary. He told his wife they needed to say the Rosary every day. Starting on October 2 after they married he never missed a day. They both knew it saved Helen's life many times, and got them through the hard times.

Survivors are his wife, his parents, son and daughter-in-law Brett and Karen Prescher of Callisburg, sons Bart Prescher and Brian Prescher of Gainesville; daughter and son-in-law Deborah and Jason Deyo of Sugar Land, Texas; daughters Dianne Prescher and Dana Prescher of Gainesville; brother David Prescher of Gainesville; two step-granddaughters; one

step great-granddaughter; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding him in death were a brother Raymond and sister-in-law Frankie Jo Prescher, sister-in-law Stephanie Prescher, grandparents Joseph and Anna Streng Prescher and August and Augusta Flies Sicking, nephew Jeffrey Prescher, and mother-in-law Josephine Hellinger Fleitman.

Rosary Services were held at St. Mary's Church in Gainesville at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 6.

Participating in the liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial with Father Don were altar servers Elmo and Vickie Self, cousins of Mr. Prescher.

Lector for the readings, Responsorial, and petitions was Doris Floyd, a cousin of Helen. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by Christine Fleitman, a sister-in-law, and Brandy Klement, a goddaughter. Eucharistic ministers were Virginia Krahl, a cousin, and Ben Fleitman Jr. and Kenneth Fleitman, both brothers-in-law.

Music ministers were members of the St. Mary's Angel of Mercy Choir, accompanied by organist Pat Hennigan Jr. Sacred songs included "Amazing Grace," "Psalm 23," "You Are Mine," "I Am the Bread of Life," "One Day at a Time," and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

The eulogy was read by Doris Floyd.

Burial in Fairview Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Ronnie Prescher, Jay Prescher, Jeremy Prescher, Joey Prescher, Brad Reiter, and Randy Fleitman. Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy Prescher, Pete Mitchell, Bill Gray, Jody Gray, Bill Underhill, and Lloyd Yarbrough.

A family meal was served in St. Mary's Parish Hall, provided by St. Mary's Altar Society.

For those who have asked the family has suggested memorials sent to St. Mary's School Trust Fund, 931 N. Weaver St., Gainesville, TX 76240.

Pete Prescher dies

Pete Prescher, age 90, of Gainesville died Monday June 14, 2004. Services were set for today, Friday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Complete obituary will run in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

Daniel Starke 1929-2004

Shortly before Memorial Day, Vincent and Irma Forrester traveled to Odessa, Texas to visit with her brother Daniel Starke, only to learn from his neighbor that he had passed away in December.

Daniel Leon Starke, 74, was born Dec. 24, 1929 to Joseph and Anna (Schettler) Starke. He attended school at Copper Switch and Sacred Heart, completing 10th grade. He enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Chanute Field in Illinois, and Egland Field in Florida.

After completing his tour of duty, he worked in the oil fields of Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. While working in Wyoming, he was knocked out of the crows nest, causing serious injury and was flown to a Salt Lake City, Utah hospital. After recovery he returned to Odessa where he remained until his death. His hobbies were model airplanes and repairing bicycles and go-carts for the neighborhood kids.

According to the Odessa Police Department, who contacted the Big Springs Veterans Hospital, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer but refused treatment.

He is survived by six sisters Marian Gruber of



Daniel Starke

Lindsay, LaVerna Pfaff and Ella Taylor of Lakewood, Colorado, JoAnn Snyder of San Jose, California; Irma Forrester of Saint Jo; Mildred Miller of Hemet, California; and one brother Henry Starke of Muenster; and 17 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers Robert, Joe Jr., and Edward.

Graveside Services were conducted Jan. 5, 2004 at the Chapa Funeral Home, which ironically closed down in April.

Terry DeGarmo 1953-2004

Terry Lynn DeGarmo, age 51, passed away Thursday, June 10, 2004 at her residence in Gainesville. She was a music teacher for over 24 years, teaching in Era, Lindsay, Sacred Heart, and presently at Ponder.

DeGarmo was born March 27, 1953 in Lexington, Kentucky. She married Jack DeGarmo in 1977 and was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Gainesville.

Survivors are her husband, her mother Sarah Kay Moore, two sons and daughter-in-law James and Lorrie DeGarmo and Steven DeGarmo, all of Gainesville, daughter and son-in-law

Kristi Hicks 1964-2004

Kristi Lea Sowder Hicks, age 40, died Saturday, June 12, 2004 at her residence in Gainesville. Services were held at Temple Baptist Church in Gainesville, Tuesday, June 15, officiated by Dr. Eddie Chennault.

Hicks was born Jan. 18, 1964 in Gainesville to Dale and Mary Rutledge Sowder. In 1990, she married Davie Hicks. She was a cosmetologist and member of Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, a son Dustin Hiser and daughter Jordan Hiser, and her parents all of Gainesville, and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ellen and Roy Cunningham of Gainesville and Debi and Larry Woolf of Bowie.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Justin Hess, Mitch Felderhoff, Ryan Cunningham, Kevin Gann, Mitch Creed, and Chris Rauschuber.

Memorials may be made to Temple Baptist Church or

Matsy and Koby Schou of Woodbine, one brother and sister-in-law Kendale and Elizabeth Moore of Stone Mountain, Georgia; and three grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. DeGarmo were held Monday, June 14 at Clement-Keel Funeral Home, Dr. Eddie Chennault, Temple Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society - Cooke County Unit, P.O. Box 1217, Gainesville, TX 76241 or Home Hospice, P.O. Box 936, Gainesville, TX 76241.

to the charity of one's choice.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

The summer of '35 was extremely wet and harvesting was a mess. We had a considerable amount of oats cut and bundled in "wads" as I had mentioned before, a field of barley that had turned black and was partially rotted, and acres and acres of oats we were never able to bundle or combine, spoiling in the fields.

Well, the rains finally stopped sometime in late July, and we tried to save what we could.

When the so-called bundles finally dried, we began threshing. It was a dirty job. The crops that were cut before the rains had good bundles that were set up in shocks, the butts had settled into the topsoil, and some of it clung to the straw. When these bundles were run through the threshers, one could see a cloud of dust high in the air, on a quiet day. The grit from the dirt wore the cylinder teeth so badly some were shaped like hooks, and the following summer we had to equip our thresher with a complete set of new cylinder teeth. Quite a job, in itself.

I believe it was in '37 or '38, Dad broke down and bought a 10' cut Case combine. It was still one of the old style machines that looked like a thresher with

a cutter bar on one side, that delivered the crop into the machine.

It, too, was equipped with a spike toothed cylinder, and we had to be careful of spots of green Johnson grass, and raise the cutter bar quickly, so as to cut off little more than the heads of the wheat.

My brother, Werner, drove the tractor that pulled the combine, and I ran the machine.

It was a rather dry year and the wheat was easy to thresh.

A 66 acre field on the home place was quickly finished, and we then moved to the north place. The wheat there was clean, very little grass, about 50 acres was soon finished. It did work wonderfully well, and Dad thought he had quite a machine, but a year or so later - I was no longer at home - he traded it off and bought a 6' Case, power take-off powered machine. Werner told me they operated it a couple of years.

This all happened in Dad's declining years, and he soon sold out his interest in operating the farms, and quit.

To be truthful, my dad was a bit old fashioned. He leaned heavily on the older things, such as the old thresher. It took younger minds to fully embrace the combine.

Online application eases filing initial unemployment claims

Texans who have lost their jobs can file for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the Internet. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) offers the online service for initial UI claims, allowing customers to immediately register for work and launch a job search from the same computer after filing the claim.

By accessing the system at www.texasworkforce.org and clicking on "Apply for Benefits," customers can find instructions and applications in English and Spanish. Customers also expedite the process by avoiding possible hold times that can occur on busier days of the week when calling the telephone-based

system to file claims. Registration for work is required of claimants and is available online after filing an initial claim through TWC's Web site. After completing the registration, links lead customers to the online job-search engine and career-related information, such as job-search advice, resumé tips, career information and more.

UI benefits provide temporary and partial wage replacement to eligible workers who have become unemployed through no fault of their own. TWC's online UI benefits application is for regular, initial claims only. Biweekly claim certifications continue through Tele-Serv, TWC's easy-to-use automated telephone voice-response system.

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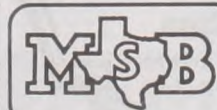
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Lifestyle

Julius Metzlers observe 50 years of marriage

The golden wedding anniversary of Julius and Marcella Metzler was celebrated on Sunday, June 13, 2004 and was hosted by the couple's children. It began with a Mass of thanksgiving at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay, Texas.

For this special day, Marcella wore her mother's Fatima Medal and carried a blue crystal rosary, a gift from her mother. Both the medal and the rosary were used at the couple's wedding 50 years ago.

After the Mass, a dinner

was served at The Dutchman Banquet Room and was catered by the couple's nephew, Pat, and wife, Shirley Dieter. A white anniversary cake made by Roger Dieter, also a nephew of the couple, was decorated with fresh yellow roses. It was served along with Heavenly Hash, a fruit and cream recipe that was served at the couple's wedding reception, June 15, 1954.

Julius and Marcella were married in St. Peter's Catholic Church on Tuesday, June 15, 1954. It

was an all day celebration with breakfast, noon lunch, and a reception held in the evening.

Julius is the son of the late Phillip and Frances Schmitz Metzler.

Marcella is the daughter of the late John J. and Edna Bischoff Hess.

Julius and Marcella's family includes son, Jim and wife, Christine Metzler of Lindsay; son, Glenn Metzler of Lindsay; daughter, Mary and husband, Lloyd Reiter of Lindsay; and daughter, Kay Lynn Grewing of Whitesboro. The couple also

has 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The couple has resided in the Gainesville area all of their married life. Julius and Marcella owned and operated a package store in downtown Lindsay for about 18 years. Julius still does some farming and enjoys raising cattle, and playing dominoes. Marcella is a homemaker. Her hobbies are crochet, quilting, and taking care of her flowerbeds. Both do volunteer work by playing music at the Renaissance Care Center in Gainesville.



Julius and Marcella Metzler

Walterscheid is 2nd Lieutenant in Air Force

Casey Walterscheid, son of Terry and Dianne Walterscheid of Muenster, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force on Friday, May 7. The commissioning was held in the Ed Landreth Auditorium on the Texas Christian University campus in Fort Worth, Texas that morning.

Attending the commissioning ceremony were his parents; brothers Tyler, Jordan, and Lee Walterscheid; grandparents Martin and Betty Kralicke and Willie and Queenie Walterscheid of Muenster; Margaret Lea of Whitesboro; Laura Pels of Coppell; Steve and Jill Kralicke of Colleyville; Aaron and Polly Klement of Roanoke; Jeff Klement of Muenster; Mary Dangelmayr of Muenster; Ed McNelly of Cleburne; and other TCU friends.

After the commissioning, family and friends met for lunch in Fort Worth to celebrate the occasion. That evening, Casey, his parents, brothers, and grandparents

attended a dinner and program in downtown Fort Worth presented by the Air Force ROTC Detachment 845.

On the following day, Saturday, May 8, Casey graduated cum laude from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurial Management. The graduation was held in the Fort Worth Convention Center.

While attending TCU, Casey was a member of Air Force ROTC, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Arnold Air Society, and Special Teams (AFROT's Drill Team).

Casey will begin his Air Force career the end of June as a contracting officer and be stationed at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Casey is a 2000 graduate of Muenster High School.



Casey Walterscheid

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Area Happenings

Decatur calls all for day of Western Festival fun

Chisholm Trail Days will be celebrated on Saturday, June 19 in Downtown Historic Decatur. The Western Heritage Festival held from noon to 8 p.m. features craft vendors, pony rides and pony pictures, Stagecoach rides sponsored by Wells Fargo from 4-6 p.m., petting zoo, jump house, train rides, kids fiddle competition at 4 p.m., and more.

An Old time Bar-B-Que is set for 6 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce and City Hall. Tickets are \$8. A Bull Ridin' event begins at 8 p.m. at the Posse Grounds.

For more information call 627-2741.

Memory Walk

Hundreds of Texoma residents will walk to raise awareness and money for Alzheimer's disease in the Alzheimer's Association of the Dallas Chapter 2004 Memory Walk. Proceeds from the September 25 walk will benefit the Alzheimer's Association and will be used to help Texoma Area Alzheimer families.

For more information on the 2004 Memory Walks and sponsorship opportunities, call Nora Habal at 903-813-3506.

CCFF Training

Cooke County Friends of the Family will be hosting its annual crisis hotline training beginning the end of June and going through July. If you would like more information on this training on how to help people who have been a victim of crime, contact Friends of the Family at 940-665-2873.

Kiwanis Swim Nights announced

The first Kiwanis Family Swim Night for the summer will be Thursday, July 1 at the Muenster swimming pool from 7-9 p.m. July 22 and July 29 are also scheduled for the family to swim. Sponsors stress that children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sean Finkbohner receives Eagle Badge during ceremony

Sean Finkbohner received his Eagle rank at a ceremony on May 22 at the First United Methodist Church in Cedar Hill. Sean is the son of John and Mona Finkbohner of Cedar Hill and grandson of Harold and Clara Schmitz of Lindsay.

Sean joined Cub Scouts in 1995, and earned the Arrow of Light in 1999. He then joined Troop 520 and has served as assistant patrol leader and historian, and is currently a troop quartermaster. He attended summer camps at Cherokee Scout Camp in Athens, Texas, Camp Pioneer in Mena, Arkansas, Camp Frank Rand in Chimayo, New Mexico, and Ben Delator Scout Ranch in Colorado. Last summer he enjoyed a high adventure trip to Alaska for 10 days. His Eagle service project was planting and mulching shrubs at Plummer Elementary School in Cedar

Auditions sought for Sacred Heart Alumni talent show

Amplifier tubes glow brilliant orange as a lapsteel guitar croons beneath the fingers of musician Kirby Kelley.

Kelley is sponsoring the Amateur Talent Invitational at the State Theater in Gainesville this summer. The production will showcase local youth musicians and bands. "Lots of skilled kids never get the chance to use their talents in a professional setting," says Kelley. "That's what I want to do for them - give them the opportunity to perform onstage in front of some of their own hometown folks."

Kelley, a professional musician, brings much talent and experience to the show. He has worked with the National Guitar workshop and performed at numerous venues in the North Texas region.

David Jones operates the State Theater. "I hope this show works as a tool to get people more involved in local theatre," he says. Jones is happy to co-sponsor the Amateur Talent Invitational with the Sacred Heart Alumni after past Sacred Heart productions of *Oklahoma!* (2002) and *Annie* (2003). "Sacred Heart's work ethic is unbelievable," says Jones. He considers Kelley a

guitarist of national caliber.

Darell Walterscheid, a Sacred Heart School alumnus, has been instrumental in bringing the show to stage. After recruiting the State Theater and Sacred Heart School Alumni Association to produce the show, he remains involved.

"David Jones and Kirby Kelley have been the real motivational forces behind the project," says Walterscheid. Darell will help run sound and lights once the production hits the stage.

"I'm excited about it," says Jones. "I think this is going to be a great way to showcase the area talent. It's really amazing to me the caliber of talent in the area that doesn't get much exposure."

As slide guitar blues wail from an overdriven Fender amplifier, however, Kelley remains clear about the overreaching purpose of the show. "If I can keep kids from being involved in drugs, alcohol, and guns... that's the difference I hope to make."

Auditions to the Amateur Talent Invitational are free and open to interested youth musicians. To schedule an audition, contact Patrick Knapp at 903-815-6350.

Schedule of Meetings

Grief Support Meeting

Home Hospice will be conducting a Grief Support & Guidance Seminar on July 6, 13, 20, and 27. The seminar will be held at the Home Hospice office at 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville, from 6-8 p.m.

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".

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. Call Home Hospice to register for the seminar at 940-665-9891.

Class of 1979 reunion

A 25-year reunion is the goal of members of the Muenster and Sacred Heart classes of 1979 this year. Anyone interested in planning that reunion is asked to attend a planning meeting on Sunday, June 27 at 2 p.m. in The Center Restaurant.

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Hill. Sean is a sophomore at Cedar Hill High School and a member of the Cedar Hill High School Longhorn Band. Out of town guests were his grandparents from Lindsay, cousin Rusty Schmitz and aunt Carla Grah both of Denison, cousin-in-law Barbara Schmitz of Dallas, and cousin Amber Rodriguez of Plano.

Hennigan, Wells win Civil War essay contest

"Civil War Spies" was the theme of the third annual Civil War Essay Contest. Winners were announced as Junior High Division - Garrett Hennigan of Muenster and High School division - Laura Wells. Lt. Rodney Hess of the 11th Texas Cavalry Regt. Co. B presented their awards at the Morton Museum on Friday, May 28.

Each winner received the Colonel William Young award and a cash prize. The 11th Texas Cavalry and NCTC History Department hosted this contest. Calkins Creek Books, a division of Boyds Mill Press, a branch of *Highlights Magazine*, sponsored the contest. "Having *Highlights Magazine* as our sponsor has really completed the Colonel Young Award and raised its prestige," remarked Hess. "The emphasis of *Highlights* is educating America's Youth. When I asked Editor in Chief Kent Brown if he would be interested in sponsoring the event, he responded with not just a

cash award, but two autographed books from Harold Holzer, an author published by the company and well known for his work on Abraham Lincoln. A case of their newest literary release, *The President is Shot*, was also donated by Mr. Brown. The proceeds from the sale of these books will be used to purchase equipment for the Red River Rangers."

Hess is the founder of the Civil War Essay Contest and its Colonel Young Award. He is a Muenster native and a graduate of Muenster High School. Hess is a Lieutenant in the 11th Texas Cavalry and also a Lieutenant in the 4th U.S. Cavalry. He teaches U.S. History in the Keller ISD and now lives in Denton.

The Red River Rangers is a history society started by Hess. It allows students to learn about the life of a soldier in the 1800s by visiting historical forts, Civil War camps, and learning the drill and tactics of the soldier of the time period.



Rodney Hess and Garrett Hennigan

Courtesy photo



Eagle Scout project at the Courthouse

Courtesy photo

Geordan Nicole turns 2

On Sunday, June 6, Geordan Nicole Spaeth celebrated her 2nd birthday with a "Winnie The Pooh and friends" themed party at her home in Gainesville. Geordan is the daughter of George and Bernice Spaeth.



Geordan Spaeth

A hamburger and hot dog dinner with all the trimmings was served.

Guests enjoyed the day watching the children take their turn trying to pop open the "Pooh" piñata and seeing the excitement on their faces when all the goodies inside were revealed. Afterwards cake and ice cream were served. Gifts were opened as well as video and pictures taken to remember the day. Each child received a "Pooh" goody bag as they departed.

Special friends attending were Craig, Donna, and Ashley Walterscheid; Tommy, Dane, and Dylan Huchton; Mike and Mary Allison; Cheryl Eddowes and Kara Wilson. Sending warm birthday greetings to Geordan were cousins Mike, Kim, and Jacob Hesse and family friend, Kelly Lamkin. Geordan's actual birthday was June 3. A steak dinner was held at her home in her honor. A "special" upside down cherry angel food cake was made by Great-grandmother Mickey for all to enjoy. Attending were grandparents Walter and Celine Bartel, LouAnn Spaeth and great-grandmother Mickey Spaeth and aunt Jessica Bartel.

Michael Henry of Roanoke and Leslie West of Amarillo, and Brian Henry of Gainesville.

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Eagle Scout project is "Wishing You Well"

Many have noticed that the southwest corner of the Cooke County Courthouse is getting a facelift. Justin Ellis, age 16, the son of Jay and Heidi Ellis of Gainesville, has adopted the wishing well and two flowerbeds as an Eagle Scout Project. Justin, other scouts of Troop 668, and other volunteers have spent more than 170 hours of community service time working on this project. The old gravel around the well has been replaced with soil, shrubs, and paving stones; the base has been rebuilt, leveled and stained.

Justin partnered with the Cooke County Master Gardeners to revive the

flowerbeds near the well. They have weeded, mulched, and added new plants.

Two signs will be added on the corner, one describing the native Texas flowers, and one explaining the historical significance of the wishing well. Each corner of the courthouse lawn used to have a well. In the late 1800s visitors to Cooke County Courthouse could tie up and water their horses on any one of the four corners while they attended to business.

The project has been made possible due to the

hard work of many volunteers. The generosity of several donors including: Cooke County Master Gardeners, Kelley Sand and Gravel, Kaden Landscape, Joe Walter Lumber Company, First State Bank, Guarantee National Bank, City of Gainesville and Jay and Heidi Ellis, totaled nearly \$1,100.00.

Justin is a member of Troop 668 and currently holds the office of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He is working on this community service project to complete the rank of Eagle Scout. Justin has been in scouts

Children enjoy "SonGames" Vacation Bible School

Two hundred and twenty-six children ages four years through fifth grade attended "SonGames" Vacation Bible School (VBS) held at Sacred Heart June 7 - 11. The program was modeled after the Summer Olympics happening later this summer. The children learned Bible stories and a Scripture verse each day. They also sang songs, played games, did crafts, and ate snacks. During the week the children collected items and donations for ABBA Women's Center in Gainesville.

Directors for this year's VBS were Lisa Miller, Nicole Hennigan, and Clarissa Hess. Denise Pagel was in charge of crafts. Tina Weinzappel and Lee Ann Mollenkopf coordinated the music and the closing celebration. Jill Reiter was in charge of snacks. Coordinating the nursery was Karen Davis.

Teachers for the preschool were Nicole Hennigan and Martha Sicking. Laura Taylor, Carrie Grewing, Tara and Jill Swirczynski, and Christina Weinzappel had the kindergarten classes. Teaching the first grade were Christy Hesse, Tina Hess, and Jackie Henschel. Kerri Bindel did

storytelling with the younger grades. Second grade teachers were Debbie Cochran and Lisa McAden. Teaching third grade were Lanie Bartush, Sara and Kate Sepanski, Diana Felderhoff, and Robyn Grime. Fourth grade teachers were April Walterscheid, Nancy Nyström, and Cheryl Beavers. Teaching fifth grade were Linda Yosten, Sonja Swirczynski, and Jenny White. Kim Felderhoff worked with the fifth graders who made rosaries as their craft project. There were approximately 70 other adults and teens who helped in a variety of ways.

On Friday all the children wore their T-shirts bearing the theme. At the closing celebration the preschool followed the Olympic torch in waving flags. Then each class did gestures to songs that accompanied the SonGames program. Finally, both children and family members enjoyed seeing pictures of the children taken during the week's activities during a power point presentation. All in all, it was a great week despite the rainy weather!

Wolf Cemetery dedicated

The dedication of the Wolf Cemetery located on the property of Barbara Seidel, near Rockne, Texas, took place on Sunday, May 16. This cemetery contains the graves of John Wolf, Sr. (1811-1868) and his wife Catherine (1809-1869) and several family members.

Descendants of Henry Martin Wolf, the son of John and Catherine Wolf II, who settled in Muenster, Texas in 1895, attended the dedication and are listed as follows: Ernest and Bea Wolf of Gainesville; Dale Wolf of Argyle, Texas; Regina Wolf, Flora Mae Knabe, Bill and Lana Wolf, all of Muenster; Roger and Carol Wolf of Clearwater, Florida; Mitchell Wolf of Houston; Chris and Lou Rena Hammond, New York, New York; Will and Julie Klement of Mission, Texas; Michael, Christina, and Melody Klement of Frisco; Laura and Christen Klement of College Station; Ginger Kupper of Rockwall; Tim and Lynn Kupper of San Antonio; James and Carolyn Wolf of Decatur, Texas; Truman and Pat Wolf of Dallas; Sherri Wolf Price and Sharice Price of Nocona.

Rev. Kris Bugno and Deacon Roger Muehr of Sacred Heart Parish, Rockne, conducted a beautiful ceremony and blessed the graves. President of the Rockne

Historical Association, Marian Nelson gave a short history beginning with the arrival of John and Catherine Wolf, Sr. in Bastrop County in January 1856. John and two other early settlers, Philip Goertz and John Hartman, purchased 515 acres on Walnut Creek, in March of that same year. This burial site is on what was the Wolf portion of that land.

In 1877, Mitchel Wolf and Philip Goertz each donated five acres of their land on Walnut Creek for the purpose of building the first Catholic Church in this area. That church burned to the ground in 1891 and John T. Lehman donated land where the present Sacred Heart Church is located.

Mrs. Nelson praised the Rockne Historical Association (RHA) and the community for the preservation work they accomplish. She said, "Today is an example of the community working together to preserve family history." She recognized and thanked the Wolf Family, especially Ernest and Bea Wolf and the great-great-grandchildren of John and Catherine Wolf who

worked to preserve the family burial place with a monument and fence around the graves.

Mitchel Wolf talked about his early ancestors and gave a short history about the family and the descendants. He thanked the grandchildren of Henry Martin Wolf who participated in funding the improvement project.

Minnie Bartsch told a story that Barbara Seidel related to her. When Barbara and her brother Claude were young, their mother took them to the grave site to pray the Rosary every year on All Souls Day. Barbara said her mother, Margaret Wilhelm, did not want the people buried there to be forgotten.

After the dedication ceremony, everyone was invited to Hilbig Park for refreshments. About 60 people attended the ceremony and visited the Rockne Museum and Philip Goertz Log Cabin.



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Recital given by piano students

Toes tapped and voices hummed as 17 piano students of Rosemary Dankesreiter played renditions of classical, traditional, pop, folk, and religious melodies. The piano recital was held May 26, in the Muenster Public School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Dankesreiter welcomed a large crowd of parents, relatives, and friends. She then introduced each student and noted the number of years of piano study.

Completing one year of lessons are Cody Denison of Era, John Rohmer, Elizabeth Marshall, and Christopher Marshall all of Muenster.

Seven students completing their second year are Brooklyn Fatheree of Nocona, Emily Eckles, Jordan Brown, Zachary Denison, Alex Anger all of Era, Lucinda Krahl of Lindsay, and Brianna Klement of Muenster.

Three students had lessons for four years. They are Jordan LaChance, Steven Valliere, and Lauren Sepanski all of Muenster.

Mastering five years of instruction are Sara Walterscheid of Muenster and Amy Nortman of Lindsay.

Topping the list was Anne Walterscheid with seven years of piano study.

Sara Walterscheid led everyone in an opening prayer. Each student then played two memorized piano solos from the year's repertoire. Jordan Brown and Emily Eckles also entertained with duets of *Heart and Soul* and *Tomorrow*. Sara Walterscheid added a surprise to the evening by also playing *The Entertainer* in addition to her two solo selections.

Following the performances, Mrs. Dankesreiter congratulated the class on the accomplishments achieved during the year, mentioning the skills and techniques required for a piano performance.

Recognition was given to Amy Nortman, Anne Walterscheid, Jordan LaChance, and Lauren Sepanski for their participation in the UIL piano competition held in Wichita Falls in February.

Mrs. Dankesreiter presented each student with a certificate of accomplishment and each was also awarded a statuette of a famous composer.

Trophies were awarded to the winners in the "Perfection and Memorization" Piano Contest. Receiving first place with 232 points was Lucinda Krahl; second was Amy Nortman with 213

points; Anne Walterscheid with 171 points received the third place trophy.

Mrs. Dankesreiter congratulated the parents for having their children practice and meet their lesson times. It paid off.

The stage was beautifully decorated with numerous greenery and flowering baskets. The piano held a floral arrangement with crystal candelabras. Standing beside the piano and adding elegance to the recital scene was a pedestal table adorned with a large trailing ivy and candle.

All were invited to stay for cookies and punch after group pictures were taken.



Rosemary Dankesreiter and her piano students.

Courtesy photo

Chinese proverb inspires new program

"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand," is the proverb that inspired VISTO Executive Director Michelle M. Baldwin to create a new program to educate community leaders about their organization. "While I was thinking about how to promote Hunger Awareness Day this month, I saw a program other communities are doing called 'Leaders Who Serve', with the idea to involve the community decision makers in our day-to-day operations. The more information they have, the more they know, the better decisions they can make for us."

The program was June 1-15. So far, there have been a handful of helpful volunteers who have been ready and willing to "get their hands dirty" even while wearing heels and professional clothing.

Kim Sewell of First State Bank helped distribute food to needy clients and prepare food boxes to be given the following day. "I had no idea

how many people VISTO helps everyday, or what it takes to do that. It was a real eye-opener," says Ms. Sewell. "Working at VISTO is a heavy-duty job, lugging around supplies and things. I was really impressed with Michelle; she's very dedicated and has the system very organized. I was also very excited to hear that VISTO has found a new home that will be all their own."

Ms. Baldwin said "So far the program has yielded much more than I dreamed, the volunteers seemed to have been very touched by what we do here. These are some of the volunteers and their comments: Angie Hare 'I want to do it again!' Cathy Kirkpatrick 'What a great organization!' Werner Hermus 'I'll help in anyway I can.' Kim Sewell 'I had no idea!'" Karen Estes 'We need to do a food drive.' Dale Lloyd 'I had fun!'"

If you would like to help, or for more information on VISTO, call 668-6403.



Jana Truebenbach, Lillian Vogel, Faye Hamric, and Shug Bindel prepare to enjoy lunch at the Muenster State Bank customer appreciation cookout last Friday. Gary Droll photo

Saint Jo prepares for Fourth of July celebration

The Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department will once again stage the fireworks display in Boggs City Park on Saturday, July 3.

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the third annual July 4th Freeze-Off to benefit local youth organizations. Anyone interested should register by calling 995-9447.

Donations for the event

can be made at local businesses (just look for the buckets), at the event, and can also be mailed or delivered to the First National Bank in Saint Jo. All proceeds are used to purchase fireworks and to produce the event.

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New Arrival

Sanders

Bryan and Dana Sanders of Muenster announce the birth of their son Ty Garrett Sanders on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at 4:39 p.m. in Wise Regional Hospital in Decatur. He weighed 8 lb 11 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. He joins a sister, Payton age 9, and a brother, Zachary age 2. Grandparents are Larry and Pat Wimmer of Muenster and Les and Judy Sanders of Bowie. Great-grandparents are Kate Wilson and Joe Wimmer both of Muenster, and Leota Hull of Bowie.

College Honors

York is Northwestern State University graduate

Matthew E. York, son of Ed and Dr. Margie York of Myra, is a May 2004 graduate of Northwestern State University in Wichita Falls with a degree from the College of Science and Mathematics. York majored in Computer Science and minored in Math. Currently he is employed at Best Buy, in management of their computer department. Matthew E. York is a 1999 graduate of Muenster High School.

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Muenster FCCLA members show appreciation to Wanda Flusche and TLC Day Care. Pictured are, from left, Tiffany Klement, Jayna Rohmer, Amanda Rohmer, Andrew Dernberger, Johnathan Bayer, Wanda Flusche, Kristian Koesler, and Meredith Hennigan. Courtesy photo

FCCLA presents Flusche with certificate

Family and Consumer Science students of Muenster High School recently presented Mrs. Wanda Flusche with a framed Certificate of Appreciation. Wanda has so generously provided observation labs for Child Development students of Joni Sturm for many years at her day care center, Tender Loving Care. This opportunity has provided students with an appropriate environment in which they can observe and interact with young children when studying child development.

Presenting the Texas Education Agency certificate to Mrs. Flusche was the Muenster Chapter President of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Kristian Koesler. Other students participating in the presentation are students of one of the MHS Personal and Family Development classes, and had just participated in a child development observation lab. An interesting point made by Mrs. Flusche and one of the caretakers, Susie Fette, was that all but two of the students participating in the presentation were former Tender Loving Care preschoolers.

Sam Dostart graduates from La Jolla High School in California

Samuel Paul Dostart, son of Paul and Joyce Sicking Dostart, graduated with honors from La Jolla High School in La Jolla, California, on June 10.

Sam is the grandson of Mary Krahl Sicking of Gainesville, nephew of Cliff and Kathy Swirczynski Sicking of Muenster, and Bill and Rhonda Sicking, and Bryan Sicking all of Myra.

In addition to graduating with Academic Distinction, Sam received the Golden State Scholars award for placing in the top 5% of California students during his high school years.

Sam played football, wrestled on the wrestling team, and played lacrosse during 9th and 10th grades.

Sam was also very active in his church's Mexico Outreach Program, serving as a foreman 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. This was a major commitment in that the youth leaders raise the money for building materials through a large church auction each year. They attend foreman training weekends to learn how to build the houses, and how to teach that skill to the team each supervises during the time in Mexico. The house building is done over Spring Break each year in the poverty stricken barrios of Mexico. Sam was also founder and president of the Habitat for Humanity chapter at his high school.

Sam is a member of the California Young Republicans Club, and participated in Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's election. Sam was chosen by his classmates as "Most Likely to be the next Bill O'Reilly," and as "Most Likely to be the next Abercrombie & Fitch Model."

Sam Dostart will enter the University of California at Irvine in September. He will major in Economics, and minor in Finance and Accounting.



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- 11th Grade:** Rameez Anwar, Jessica Bezner, Rhea Williams, Amy Polk, Travis Reiter, Cheryl Knabe, Jacob Geray, Cody Anderle, Joni Erwin, Bradley Anderle.
- 10th Grade:** Shelly Rauschuber, Malcom Martin, Stephanie Metzler, Kayla Dieter, Allison Hundt, Lynzee Loch.
- 9th Grade:** Laura Zimmerer, Karissa Reiter, Chandni Patel, Rachel Zimmerer, Amanda Hess, Julie Hanson, Amy Nortman, Joe Otto, Jenny Schroeder, Autumn Murrill, Kaileigh Hess, Levi Hermes, Jillian Bezner, Heather Odell, Liz Neu, Alli Copeland, Sanaa Anwar.
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- 7th Grade:** Nicholas Bezner, Kayla Hess, Derek Hundt, Nichole Metzler, Amber Nortman, Pooja Patel, Rhiannon Robinson, Natalie Rose.
- 6th Grade:** Alex Cooney, Dillon Hanson, Ryan Haverkamp, Colton Hermes, Shirley Hess, Haley Hughes.
- 5th Grade:** Todd Bezner, Emily Conaway, Allison Metzler, Katie Nortman, Madison Parkhill.
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- 2nd Grade:** Colton Bell, Sera Burt, Dillon Case, Sarah DeBorde, Paige Dill, Dakota Ellender, Briley Fleitman, Kendi Harris, John Haverkamp, Matthew Huston, Rebecca Metzler, Connor Polk, John Price, Matthew Redder, Freddy Shasteen, Elizabeth Wallace.
- 1st Grade:** Shailyn Daymude, Rachael Dieter, Sarah Fuhrmann, Aaron Martindale, Zayne Styles.

Entries sought for annual Saint Jo rodeo parade

For the second year in a row, the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual rodeo parade. The theme for the parade is "Let Freedom Ring". This is the 47th Annual Rodeo and Parade in Saint Jo. The parade will be held Saturday, Aug. 7 beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a barbecue dinner for all riding clubs in uniform.

Cash prizes will be awarded in three categories: Riding Club, Float, and Individual Entry. The prizes for the riding clubs and floats will be: 1st place, \$250; 2nd place, \$125; 3rd place, \$75. The individual entry prizes will be: 1st place, \$100; 2nd place, \$75; 3rd place, \$50. All area organizations, businesses, individuals, and riding clubs are encouraged to enter.

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Sports

Nasche breaks three American records in powerlifting May 29

**By Chase Colston
Staff Writer - Tyler
Morning Telegraph**
On the outside, John Nasche may just look like a 5-6, 148-pound coach at T.K. Gorman who is soft-spoken. But in the weight room, he's as big as a giant whose intensity level soars through the roof.

On May 29, Nasche, 36, set three American records in powerlifting at the East Texas Open held at Best Western Hotel in Longview. In the 148-pound weight class, Nasche recorded lifts of 419 pounds in squat, 226 pounds on the bench press, and 375 in the dead lift - a total of 1,020 pounds.

Nasche's squat broke the old record of 418.87 pounds in the Sub-Masters 2 division, for competitors 35-40 years old. It also smashed the past record of 380.29 pounds in the Sub-Master Pure division, for lifters who have never taken steroids.

His combined lift total also set a record in Sub-Masters 2, beating the past record of 1003.09 pounds that was set in 2000.

"It's exciting to have broken those records since I haven't competed in a while," said Nasche, who has competed off and on for 15 years. "But I've rededicated myself to the sport and I have a good attitude and work ethic which has helped me a lot."

Before restarting his powerlifting career after the Crusaders' football season ended last year, Nasche last competed in 1993 when he was a member of the U.S. Powerlifting Team. He competed in Sweden and Finland against one competitor from each country in his weight class. He captured first place in both locations.

Nasche, who is the head football, track, and powerlifting coach at Gorman, competes in the Natural Athlete Strength Association, an organization that focuses on powerlifters who do not take illegal steroids.

"I'm very pleased that NASA places high emphasis on its competitors being steroid-free," he said. "Using steroids takes away from the natural ability a person uses in powerlifting. It's not fair to the user and the other competitors."

In his weight class, Nasche is ranked 90th in the country in the squat and 95th in the dead lift - regardless of organization or steroid use.

Nasche likes to credit some of his peers - many of them years younger than he - for helping him get back in the sport.

"I get a lot of help from

the kids here at the school," he said. "I work out with them and have trained them to spot me correctly. You always have to have confidence in your spotters."

"My chiropractor, Mark Hembree, has also played a big role in my return to powerlifting. As I've gotten older, I haven't realized how out of line I am, which has caused several injuries. But Dr. Hembree has cleaned them up for me and that helps me stay healthy where I can lift hard six days a week."

Nasche will compete in another NASA event when he travels to Houston July 3, where he hopes to not only break his own records, but break two more available records.

"I'm potentially a lot better than I showed in Longview," said Nasche, who has never finished worse than second in the eight career meets he has competed in. "I've lifted higher in every event at home. I just have to stay committed and have a good meet and I can break not only my records, but those other two. A few world records are also in my horizon."

Editor's note: This article appeared in the June 11 issue of the Tyler Morning Telegraph. John is the son of Angelo and Laverna Nasche and a 1986 graduate of Sacred Heart High School. He coached at Sacred Heart from 1990 - 1998, at Lindsay in 1999, and the past five years at T.K. Gorman.



Restarts power lifting career. T.K. Gorman head football coach John Nasche, 148 pounds, set three American records in his weight class during the East Texas Open in Longview. Tyler Morning Telegraph by D.J. Peters

Summer softball for adults ~ are you interested?

Is there any high school graduate or adult who wants to play coed softball? For the rest of the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays, anyone interested can play. The games start around 9:00 or 9:30 p.m., or immediately after the Muenster league games are done at the Old Ballpark.

If there are enough people interested, teams can be formed and a schedule set up to play. So if you are looking for some exercise and fun, come on out to the ballpark. It is starting this Tuesday, June 22. If you have any questions call Sarah at 736-0503.

It's time to sign up for summer basketball

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Cooke County are now forming their Summer League Basketball (developmental league) Program. The league is available for grades 7, 8, and 9 and begins July 12, running until Aug. 6. Cost is \$25, plus a \$5 membership. For more information call 665-6527.



Members of the TAPPS All-Star North team included Sacred Heart Tigerettes Jayna Biffle, Courtney Hartman, and Karen Gehrig. Courtesy photo

Volunteers needed for birding and nature festival

Nature lovers looking for a way to get involved in local nature projects are invited to learn about helping plan and implement the first ever Red River Valley Birding and Nature Festival to be held Apr. 7 - 10, 2005. A meeting, hosted by Hagerman National

Wildlife Refuge, will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Community Room of the Sherman Public Library, 421 North Travis, on Saturday, June 19 to outline volunteer opportunities for everyone. For more information call 903-786-2826.



Victoria Endres (Black Team) beats the ball to 2nd base in slow-pitch action Tuesday evening. Defending the base for the Blue Team is Samantha Endres. Janie Hartman photo



Dalton Williams of the Purple Team hits the ball and gets on base. Janie Hartman photo

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Neal Flusche and Joe Pagel attempt to cool down after fighting the house fire last Friday. Also pictured is Henry Knabe. Below left - Mary Endres consoles her mother Caroline Hess; right - Cooke County Electric Co-op worker Ronnie Bayer cuts off the current for the firemen's safety.
Janie Hartman photos



Swirczynski honored at Soroptimist dinner

By Martha McCool

If success is defined as helping to make the world a better place, then Soroptimists International of Gainesville certainly succeeds. This dedicated group of individuals is serious about making a difference for women through volunteer service to the community...in fact, it has been their mission statement since its formation in 1921.

The Annual Soroptimist Anniversary/Awards Dinner not only awards scholarships recognizing students for their achievements, applauds individuals and organizations in the community for their dedication in making a difference for women, but also recognizes women within the group for their contributions. Because so many qualify for the award(s), making the choice can sometimes be quite difficult.

Celebrating success was the theme this year. The celebration began with truly authentic Mariachi Music performed by Hector Reynoso, Hector was born in Guadalajara and resides in Sherman with his family.

President Phyllis Griffin welcomed members and guests. Donna Hertel delivered the inspirational. Kay Lunnon recognized new members Debbie Faulkner (Main Street Director and Civic Center Coordinator), and Shirley Rector (Director of Public Relations at the Gainesville Convalescent Center).

Jeanne Cartwright delivered a poignant memorial tribute to her friend of many years, Elizabeth Graham (a charter member of Soroptimists International of Gainesville) for whom the coveted scholarship award is named.

The Elizabeth Graham Scholarship Award (also known as the "Girl of the Year" Award) was presented to Candace Pool and to Keli Molsbee by Martha McCool. In order to compete for this award, girls must go through an application process, which takes place in all six high schools in Cooke County. The Girl of the Month is then selected by teachers and counselors based on academic achievement, character, leadership, and community involvement. At the end of the school year, two of the girls are selected by the

Soroptimists as "The Girl of the Year," which means that she is the recipient of the coveted Elizabeth Graham Scholarship (a \$750 award).

The Violet Richardson Award (named in memory of the founder and first president of Soroptimist International), recognizes and honors young women between the ages of 14 and 17 who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts. Cash grants are given to award recipients and the organizations for which they volunteer. This year's recipient is Tara Swirczynski and her organization is the Muenster ISD Family, Career, and Community Leadership of America, presented by Chris Haberstroh.

The "Women's Opportunity Award" provides a cash grant for head-of-household women seeking to improve their economic situation through additional education and training. Judy Hunter described this year's award, which was presented in February to Dalee V. Smith a single mother of three children who is studying for an applied science degree and a social science degree. The recipient's application is also forwarded to compete on the District level for further competition and higher awards.

"Women Helping Women," "Advancing the Status of Women Program," and "Women of Distinction" are the three awards under the umbrella program "Making A Difference For Women" explained Leah Gore.

The "Women Helping Women" Award honors women who have consistently and effectively used their resources, talents, and influence to open broader avenues of opportunity for women and help them achieve their potential. As a result, these women have helped to eliminate economic, legal, and social or political discrimination against women and have contributed to the improvement of women's status.

On behalf of Soroptimist International of Gainesville, Leah Gore presented this award to the executive director of Friends of the Family, Alicia Woodard, a

licensed social worker who is presently involved on the State level with the Texas Association against sexual assault, and the Texas Council on family violence. On the local level she is not only the chairperson of the Cooke County coalition against sexual and family violence, but she also serves many of the local philanthropic organizations.

"Advancing the Status of Women" Award recognizes businesses and organizations that have helped advance the status of women, and have used their positions to promote recognition of women's issues. On behalf of Cooke County Friends of the Family, Mr. Robin Brown, board president, accepted this award, which was presented by Leah Gore.

Misty Dill presented the "Women of Distinction" Award to her boss and her friend (who also happens to be her mother) Tricia West, Executive Director of the Cooke County Youth Center. The mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cooke County is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Evelyn Yeatts presented the "Special Recognition Certificate Award to Lockie Owen for her 10 years of dedicated service working every Wednesday at the Stanford House with the Soroptimists" sponsored "Time Out Program." Lockie has been an active member of the Soroptimist Club since she joined in 1961. Evelyn Yeatts thanked Lockie Owen who will be dearly missed as a result of retiring from this volunteer position. Lockie was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Evelyn Yeatts and Laurie Sawyer.

President Phyllis Griffin presented Perfect Attendance Awards to Jeanne Cartwright, Judy Hunter, Kay Lunnon and Lockie Owen.

Griffin also presented The "Soroptimist of the Year" Award to Donna Hertel for her outstanding work throughout the year. Hertel made certain that Soroptimist events not only took place, but also took place with style. This year, she helped with the food and decorations of the first ever Environmental Conference; she presented a Soroptimist program "Someone's in the kitchen with Donna," she helped with the program of public speaking, and she also put numerous hours into making the Bean Luncheon a success.

Gloria Parrish conducted the Installation of Officers using the theme "celebrating success and looking forward to future successes in the years to come." Judy Hunter designed and created the large and brilliantly colored flowers that were presented to incoming officers.

In the Civic Award Category of "Keep Texas Beautiful!" Soroptimists of Gainesville were the recipients of the second place award throughout the State of Texas for their work in the Adopt-A-Hwy project. Gainesville Soroptimists also recycled more than 500 pounds of magazines. The Soroptimists Environmental Committee helped sponsor the first Environmental Conference that was recently held at the Civic Center in Gainesville. Soroptimist members Donna Corcoran, Kanita Maxwell, and Karon Sullivan were instrumental in getting this big trash-off organized.

Griffin then passed the gavel to the incoming Beverly Woodlock who then delivered her acceptance message.

Kay Lunnon is the president-elect, Linda Dyer is the new recording secretary, Donna Hertel is assistant secretary, and Kay Wallace is the corresponding secretary. Robin Downe is the General Fund treasurer and Kanita Maxwell is the Service Fund treasurer. Sharon Dill is the one-year director; Donna Corcoran is the two-year director; delegates are Jeanne Cartwright and Leah Gore; alternate delegates are Shirley Rector and Bernice Wilkinson; Phyllis Griffin is the new Parliamentarian.

Home is where the heart is

By Martha McCool

Home is where the heart is... it's where we live said Michael Carney, the new Administrator for the River Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center (RVHRC) located on Refinery Road in Gainesville, and he is making certain that RVHRC continues to be a great place to live, with interesting and stimulating activities, excellent care, and delicious and nutritious meal choices.

Carney, a State and Federal licensed Nursing Home Administrator as well

as a licensed Social Worker, feels blessed to work in Gainesville, noting that the care at the River Valley Home is unsurpassed. "It's not just the excellent care, he stated, it is the people who work here and the people who live here in Gainesville that also make the difference."

RVHRC is a not-for-profit company whose primary focus is to provide therapy... to get folks better to go back home. Carney stated that the majority of his residents have private rooms with cable TV, telephone, and newspaper.

Circulating some photos of the home, Carney noted that the home also provides a computer lab for its residents -- in fact, he said that one of the 90 year-old residents regularly e-mails her great-grandson. And now, the residents are showing interest in acquiring a web-camera so that they can also see their grandchildren. "That item is next on the shopping list," he said.

"Our home has an activity calendar for the residents, its own van for outings, shopping trips, or simply going for ice-cream." Carney's goal and mission is to make a difference for folks as things change in their life, and he accepts this as a unique and wonderful challenge. Carney said that he feels happy and blessed to be in the position to make a difference in the lives of his residents; he is there to help. "It is all about resident care; I work in their home," he concluded.

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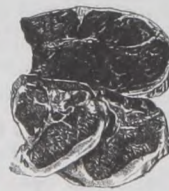
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