

Sacred Heart celebrates 2005 graduates

By Janet Felderhoff
As "Pomp and Circumstance" was played, members of the Sacred Heart Class of 2005 marched forward to culminate 13 years of effort. Graduation was held on Friday, May 20 at 6 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church.

Members of the Class of 2005 are Paul Timothy Bartush, Rose Mary Bartush, Andrew Jay Davis, Margaret Jane Farrell, Christine Ann Fetsch, Katie Marie Flusche, Stephanie Michelle Henscheid, Travis John Hess,

Christopher Joseph Hoedebeck, Jessica Marie Knabe, Kyle Anthony Koesler, Stephen Gene LaChance, Patric Caleb McLaughlin, Thomas Christian Otto, Jonathan Robert Pels, Alex Paul Sicking, Jordan Scott Smith, Rebecca Kim Stalling, Melissa Jo Thomas, and Clayton Andrew Truenebach.

Sacred Heart Assistant Principal Rev. Pat Murphy, O.S.A. celebrated the Mass. First Reading 1 Corinthians

1:3-9 was given by Jon Pels. Jessica Knabe read the responsorial verses. The Gospel from Matthew 11:25-30 was read by Father Pat. Christine Fetsch offered the General Intercessions and Travis Hess, Kyle Koesler, and Jordan Smith presented the Offertory gifts. Altar servers were siblings of the graduates, Bob Bartush, Kyle Knabe, and Dylan Flusche. Music ministers were Christy Hesse, Emily Klement, and on the piano Ruth Felderhoff. Eucharistic ministers were

Beth Bartush, Chuck Bartush, Barbara LaChance, Lauren LaChance, Carla Zwinggi, and Danny Zwinggi.

After Mass, Class President Stephen LaChance welcomed guests. Class Treasurer Rose Bartush then introduced Salutatorian Paul Bartush.

In his Salutatorian address, Bartush said that recent weeks have been a time to recall past events. He said their class is a class

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Sacred Heart graduate Chris Hoedebeck gets last minute adjustment of his cap by classmate Maggie Farrell prior to graduation ceremony held Friday at Sacred Heart Church.

Janie Hartman photo

Adam Vinson, Sean Fuhrmann earn top class honors at Muenster High School



Adam Vinson

Muenster ISD Class of 2005 Valedictorian is Stephen Adam Vinson, son of Dr. Stephen L. and Deborah G. Vinson. Class Salutatorian Sean Fuhrmann is the son of Ronald and Patricia Fuhrmann.

Adam will be attending Baylor University in the Fall. He plans to double-major in Biology and Flight/Aviation Science. Adam will apply to Medical School upon graduating from Baylor, and he plans to be an Orthopedic Surgeon.

Sean plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin next fall. He is the recipient of a \$110,000 Navy ROTC four year scholarship at the University of Texas. He plans to major in Business Management. He also plans to pursue a career in aviation.

Adam was active in academics and band throughout high school. He is the President of the Band Council and has participated in such venues as the North Texas Honor Band, the Association of Texas Small School Bands, and the U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble

competition. He will be trying out for a place in the Baylor Golden Wave Band on both mallet percussion and woodwinds.

In academics, Adam was active in both U.I.L. and T.M.S.C.A. He competed in various U.I.L. events such as Science, Computer Science, Ready Writing, and Lincoln Douglass Debate. He was a proud member of the 2nd Place State 2004 Science Team. Adam has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years and has held positions of reporter and vice president. He participated in the Student Council as a freshman, however, he has overly attained his service requirements each year in high school. He did not participate in high school athletics, but he is an avid

jogger and golfer.

Adam is a member of the First Baptist Church of Decatur and was the youth band pianist his junior year. He attends the First Baptist Church of Gainesville Awestruck Program on Wednesday nights. During each summer throughout high school, Adam worked on the Flying V Ranch.

Sean has attended Muenster High School for the past four years. He has participated in Student Council and class government all four years. He is the president of Student Council and of the Class of 2005. He is also the second vice president of the Keep Muenster Beautiful Committee while also being a member of the Keep Texas

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Sean Fuhrmann



Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, from left, Danny Walterscheid, Mary Dangelmayr, and Paul Becker sign the oath of office for three-year terms. Janet Felderhoff photo

Anwar, Bezner are tops at Lindsay ISD

Lindsay ISD has announced the top academic honors for the graduating class of 2005. Rameez Anwar, son of Khawaja and Ghazala Anwar, has earned Valedictorian, and Jessica Bezner, daughter of Andy and Susie Bezner, has earned Salutatorian.

Rameez plans to attend the University of Texas in the fall, and as yet, is undecided about his career plans.

Jessica has been accepted to Texas A&M University in College Station, where she plans to earn a Bachelor's in Biomedical Science. She hopes to go on to earn a Masters, where she can pursue a degree to become a Speech Therapist. She plans to minor in Spanish, using her bilingual skills in her job.

During all four years of high school, Rameez was very active in UIL. He participated in Number Sense all four years, placing 1st in District and 7th at Region as a freshman, 8th in District as a sophomore, 2nd in District

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Rameez Anwar



Jessica Bezner

By Janie Hartman
Jeff McAden was officially sworn in as a member of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees on Wednesday, May 18. McAden took the seat left vacant by Nick Walterscheid. Also sworn in was Bert Walterscheid, serving another term.

The election of officers also took place in the called meeting. All positions remained the same, with Jim Endres re-elected as president of the Board, Neil Huchton as vice president, and Wanda Flusche as secretary.

Superintendent David Manley then held a local Board training session, as required by law, covering parliamentary procedures, preparing for board meetings, and reviewing legal and local policy. The training session was followed by the regular monthly board meeting.

Athletic Director Monte Endres reported on the success of the track season, and as a team they tied or broke seven school records. "All of the other athletes have been working hard in the weight room preparing themselves for another great year next year," Endres noted.

Mary Dangelmayr joins MMH Board

By Janet Felderhoff

Mary Dangelmayr, a new member, was officially seated on the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors during the May 16 regular meeting. Also taking the oath of office were incumbents Paul Becker and Danny Walterscheid. They will serve three-year terms. All were uncontested, thus an election was not necessary.

Election of officers was held. Kenny Klement remains at the helm as president. Dr. Walter Knight replaces Dan Hamric as the vice-president. John Aytes accepted another term as secretary.

Administrator Lynn Heller introduced two new members of the staff. Dick Teeter is the

new CEO, a position held by Heller until he accepted the administrator's position. He replaced Richard Arnold, who retired. Pamela McCormack was hired as director of Health Information Management. "There is a lot of experience between the two," Heller said.

Heller asked the Board if they would be open to an Employee Incentive Program that would reward employees for suggestions or ideas for increasing productivity, etc. to make the Hospital operate better, increase revenues, or decrease expense. The incentive would probably be monetary and days off.

"That's where you are going

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McAden signs with Muenster ISD Board

By Janie Hartman
Elementary Principal Lou Heers noted a current enrollment of 291, the TAKS results, field trips, performances, and the awards ceremony. Curtis Eldridge, high school/junior high principal, gave a count of 264 students; student activities, student testing, and teacher preparation, including a staff development scheduled for Aug. 3-8.

Another report included \$26,020.79 paid to the District on delinquent property taxes for April, and \$41,345.79 for March of 2005. The School and Appraisal District Property Value Study from the state reported Muenster ISD's 2004 Preliminary report of the total taxable value of \$136,103,044. The subtotal was \$166,150,035 less total deductions of \$30,046,991. Deductions include homestead exemptions, cap value loss, over 65 freeze loss, and farm and ranch acres.

The Board approved the lease agreement between the City of Muenster and Muenster ISD for use of water well #3, and the depository contract with Muenster State Bank. Also, a vote of 7-0 awarded Hesse-

Chad Riley named Sacred Heart principal

Members of the Sacred Heart School Family had the opportunity to meet and greet their new principal, Mr. Chad Riley, at an outdoor reception on Saturday, May 21. Mr. Riley will officially assume his new position on July 1.

Raised in Denison, Chad Riley attended Denison ISD. He went on to receive a B.A. in History from the University of Dallas, an M.A. in Pastoral Studies from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, and later earned 18 hours in school administration from the University of Dallas. His credentials also include Texas Teacher and Ministry of Catechist certification. Professional organization memberships include the National Catholic Education Association and the Texas Catholic Historical Society.

Returning to his hometown from Houston, Mr. Riley taught high school history and Latin for the Denison ISD. Relocating to Arlington, Texas, he accepted a junior high teaching position with the Arlington ISD. For the last five years he has been

employed by the Diocese of Fort Worth, teaching grades 6-8 at Holy Rosary school, the regional Catholic school in Arlington. Chad and his wife, Caryn, and children Brendan, age three, Anna, two, and Ellie, two months, have been members of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Arlington.

Mr. Riley is very much looking forward to moving to Muenster and taking on his new role as principal of Sacred Heart School. "When I was a teenager growing up in Denison," he recalls, "everyone knew about Sacred Heart School. It had a great reputation. When I first began thinking about going into administration, my wife and I said, 'Wouldn't it be great if someday I could be principal of Sacred Heart School in Muenster,' never dreaming the position would become available.

Catholic education is something that over the years has become very important to Mr. Riley. "I first chose to teach in a Catholic school, and then, considering the way

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Sheriff's Budget to be split in two parts

By Janet Felderhoff
Creating two separate entity type budgets for the Sheriff's Department would make it more effective to manage and explain more easily to people.

"Right now we have two activities of some magnitude going on in the Sheriff's Department," explained Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith at the May 23 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court. "We have a patrol and law enforcement piece of the Sheriff's job and it's substantial. Then we have a jail and confinement responsibility that is also substantial. Right now we have a budget that sort of combines the two and makes visibility difficult, makes

management of the budget more difficult than it should be, makes us have a hard time creating metrics against what it really costs to house prisoners and what it really costs to do patrolling and law enforcement aspects." He said this results in it being easy to say the Sheriff has a large budget.

"It would make my job easier," stated Sheriff Mike Compton. "I believe that it would show to the general public what is involved in law enforcement and confinement in our County. It would give us a better picture of what's going on. Then folks can look and see where their money is going and why. Some of this money is being spent because none of us have any

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Jeff McAden joined the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees, after being sworn in last week Wednesday. Janie Hartman photo

Schniederjan's bid of \$34,872 for a Viper Unit on the HVAC project. Robert Russell Plumbing, Inc. will do the plumbing, and Greg Hoengig of Do-All Electric will do the electrical portion.

Also approved were Freeman, Shapard & Story

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Principal-elect Chad Riley with various members of the Sacred Heart School Development & Planned Giving Group, from left, Bernard Bujard, Web Site & Communications; Riley; Linda Sepanski, Public Relations; Laura Marshall, Grant Writing/Donor Research; Debbie Hess, Alumni; and Lydia Springer, Director

PRINCIPAL

I feel about Catholic education, I decided I should get into administration. When I was ready to begin my search for an administrative position, I began reading the mission statements of different schools, and I was very impressed with Sacred Heart's. I believe in the Catholic formation of the child, and that's what Sacred Heart's mission statement is all about. I think it is very relevant to the modern world. The key issue is the Catholic identity of the school, that it is first and foremost a Catholic school. Sacred Heart's mission statement is profound in its expression of that," states Mr. Riley, who adds with a smile, "I think it shows that you have to be careful about what you say. God might take it as a prayer, and God answers prayers, you know."

Sacred Heart School Advisory Council President Debbie Hess comments,

"When Dr. Jack Murdock departed two years ago, after serving as Sacred Heart's principal for 15 years, he told us, 'I know God has the perfect person in mind for Sacred Heart.' At that time Jon LeBrasseur, having been here 24 years and already serving as coach, teacher, and athletic director, generously agreed to take on the additional duties of principal, for a maximum of two years, while we conducted our search for a new principal. Jon has done an excellent job for us, and we are most grateful for his extraordinary dedication and self-sacrifice. And last year God was so good to bring us Father Pat Murphy, O.S.A., whose experience includes six years as principal of an all-boys school of 1300, St. Rita's in Chicago, to assist Jon as vice-principal as well as teach religion."

"And now we have clearly seen God's hand in bringing

us Chad Riley, in the different ways He has put him in front of us. We have prayed so long and hard, and we have looked at a number of really good candidates, but in the end we know that Chad is just the person God had in mind for us. We have continued to be blown away by his answers in our interviews with him. We are just so impressed each time we talk with him. And it's amazing, all the connections that have appeared, of people who know him or know of him, and all the wonderful reports we have heard about him and his family. And above all these things is his Catholicity.

"Looking back, we have no doubts that God intended Chad Riley to be at Sacred Heart School. We are all very excited to have him as our new principal, and we look forward to having him and his energy, vision, and leadership at Sacred Heart for many years to come."

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alternative. ... It would also help the people of the County recognize which is being spent on prevention and apprehension of crime and criminals. To me it is a tremendous idea."

Sheriff Compton said he'd also like to see the personnel part broken out to show things such as the cost of corrections officers compared to what is being spent on law enforcement and investigators. "This is Commissioner Smith's idea and when he said it, it was just like somebody turned a light on in my head," compliments Compton.

Smith added that if the County moves toward the concept of housing outside prisoners, the knowledge of the cost would be necessary.

Smith and Compton attended a school on jails together recently. Smith brought back this thought, "One of the points made is that jail is an important part of our community. And, it is an important part of our community. It is an easy one to talk about in negative terms, but is a tremendous economic engine to the County as well as the local community. We need to approach it more that way."

Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman said that now would be a good time to separate the Sheriff's budget with the new Jail to be opened next year. Commissioners Court all agreed that the Sheriff should make his budget for the coming fiscal year in two separate parts as described.

Melissa Williamson began a six month trial program as the new County Compliance Officer. June is the last month that the program was budgeted for. There are three months remaining until the next fiscal year's budget. Commissioners had to determine if the program is profitable enough to amend the budget and keep it going.

Sheriff Compton said, "I've been hearing good things from the law enforcement community about the efforts that she has been putting forth."

has been collected so far in May she anticipates the \$100,000 mark will be cleared by the end of May.

Currently Williamson is actively working two courts, County Court At Law and Justice of the Peace. She is beginning to work with the District Court.

Asked to explain what she does, Williamson said that when there is a docket call, she attends the first part of the hearings to get needed info. She then goes to her office to prepare the paperwork. People are interviewed and a pay schedule set up according to their financial means, etc.

Commissioners Court agreed that the Program was successful and agreed to amend the County Budget to keep it going. The amended budget included \$825 for a three-day workshop conference, \$250 for supplies, and \$250 miscellaneous, plus salary expense.

Commissioners agreed to two change orders for the new Justice Center. One is to remove the padded cell from the jail plans and make it a holding cell. This will save the County about \$25,000. Sheriff Compton noted that a prisoner can still hurt himself in a padded cell. He prefers the use of restraining chairs and the County already has that.

Two exit doors were approved to be added to the exercise room to meet fire code. This will cost an additional \$6,452.

Another change is the plan for the County to pave the Justice Center parking lots using County equipment and a chip and seal top. Sedalco offered to do the job with concrete pavement for \$63,972. Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell noted that this would reduce maintenance in the future. Commissioners agreed to Sedalco's offer.

Beginning this week, the

west entry of the courthouse will be locked due to safety concerns with ongoing construction. The handicap entry on the south end of the building is closed and the temporary handicap entry on the north side is now ready for use. Entry to the Courthouse must be made on the east or north sides.

Window glass is being taken out and replaced by boards while the window frames are being repaired. Commissioner Virgil Hess remarked, "In about 10 days the Courthouse will look like a hurricane is coming."

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Cancelled the lease on the Cooke County Farm. There are plans to build an EMS substation on the property. The property has a home that is falling apart and some contend it is being used as a crack house. Children have been seen playing on some of the buildings and there is a safety concern since they are in disrepair. Razing all the buildings is being considered.

- Approved request by Bolivar Water Supply Corporation to install a two inch fresh water line in a four inch casing approximately 46 feet on CR 309, approximately 3/10 of a mile north of FM 922.

- Denied request to subdivide lots 4,5, and 6 of Whispering Hills by Moss Lake Block 5, Section 4. Owner withdrew request.

- Opened sole bid submitted for truss bridge located on CR 218 in Precinct #2. Lemons House Moving bid \$256 and this was accepted.

- Called a special meeting for June 15 at 10 a.m. to listen to a presentation for a HAVA (Help America Vote Act) machine.

- After an Executive session, Commissioners voted to create a reserve investigator's position for the District Attorney's office.

MMH

to get most of your best ideas," said Danny Walterscheid. Ayes said he was very much in favor of it. Heller will begin working on the program.

There are two different personnel policies on file. "The first one, as a policy that the Hospital has had, employees did not earn accrued benefits while they were on vacation," noted Heller. "In other words they didn't earn vacation while they were on vacation. I would like to entertain that the Board change that to where employees earn their vacations and sick days while they're off. It doesn't amount to a whole lot of money."

Another policy that needed confirmation was that of giving notice of proper notice when leaving employment or the employee forfeits all benefits (accumulated vacation and sick days). Heller noted at some point a line regarding this had been dropped from the policy manual. Proper notice is four weeks for department managers and two weeks for other employees. The Board unanimously confirmed that that is the policy and has

been the policy of the Hospital District.

Ayes asked Heller to put together any changes that might be needed, and check it with department heads.

Repairs are need in the facility's two parking lots. Most recently the damage was done by a garbage truck pulling into it. The heavy truck tears up the asphalt on a regular parking lot.

Cost estimates were presented from A-1 Asphalt Paving of Gainesville. One estimate was for the employee parking lot and the other for the main parking lot. It included cleaning, patching, and overlaying with two inches of asphalt.

Kenny Klement questioned the wisdom of making repairs before the City fixes Maple Street. He said that water from that street gets under the parking lot asphalt and causes it to buckle. "The City's got a bare spot up there and until the City fixes theirs, I don't think ours will work," Klement said.

It was decided to check with the City and Cooke County on the possibility of getting either entity to do the paving with their equipment. Also, to check with the City to see if there were plans to repair Maple Street.

"The average daily census

was 6.2, a significant increase in our swing bed utilization in the month of April, noted Heller during his statistics report. "Home Health made 429 visits. They're staying very busy. The therapies, again this reflects the swing bed, were 523 visits versus 378." The average daily census, swing bed and inpatient combined, was 8.27 in April. "The busiest month we've had this fiscal year," noted the Administrator. The total swing beds, inpatients, and observation patients for April was 70.

Other stats included: Total Family Health Clinic visits 658 in April and 6,936 fiscal year to date; There were 66 new patients this month; Total revenue over expenses for April was \$86,889 and \$573,392 year to date.

Dr. Shauf of Gainesville spoke to MMH's Chief of Staff Dr. Karla Cox. He has been granted temporary privileges on the MMH Courtesy Staff. This designation allows him to order tests, admit a limited number of patients per year, and refer patients to MMH's physicians. At the next regular staff meeting Dr. Shauf, a general practitioner, will be formally granted courtesy staff privileges.

In other business the Board of Directors:

- Approved signing contract (no changes) with Jim Robertson, attorney, for the collection of delinquent taxes.

- Approved resolution amending authorized representatives for TexPool to Lynn Heller, Administrator/CEO, and CFO Dick Teeter, CPA.

- Approved resolution for VISA Debit Card for Hospital use by Heller, and Karol Calvert.

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Beautiful organization. He has been a member of the Muenster High School

Student Advisory Committee for the past four years.

Sean is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He is a member of National Honor Society. He has participated in several community service projects with these organizations.

Sean has been a nominee for the past two years for The National Society of High School Scholars, the National Young Leadership Conference, the Presidential Classroom's Scholars Program, the National Student Leadership's Conference, the Congressional Student Leadership's Conference, and People to People Student Ambassador. He is a Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador.

Sean has been a very active participant in athletics for the past four years. He has participated in varsity basketball, football, track, and cross country. He went to Regional in the 800 meter run the past three years. He played quarterback for the Hornet football team, and post for the basketball team. He was recently awarded the Hustling Hornet award. He also received the All-Around Boy Award.

Sean is also very active in U.I.L. He has participated in One-Act-Play, Number Sense, Cross-Examination Debate, Accounting, Social Studies, and Computer Science. He also participated in Math, Science, Calculator, and Number Sense in the Texas Math and Science Coach's Association.

Sean has maintained a 3.88 Grade Point Average on a 4.0 scale the past four years. He has also been on the A-B Honor Roll every year.



Above: Pamela McCormick, Director of Health Information at MMH. Below, MMH CFO Dick Teeter, CPA



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Sunday, May 29, 2005	Monday, May 30, 2005	Tuesday, May 31, 2005	Wednesday, June 1, 2005	Thursday, June 2, 2005	Friday, June 3, 2005	Saturday, June 4, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM VFW Memorial Day Service at SH cemetery after 8 AM Mass	Memorial Day	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Hornet Basketball Camp begins	Immunization Clinic, Cooke Co. Electric 9-11 AM Chamber of Commerce Board mtg. 5:30 PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Texas Hold-Em Tournament 7 PM KC Hall AARP Board mtg. 10 AM Stanford House	Cooke Co. Wheat Tour, Muenster plot 9 AM - 1 PM SH Retreat Registration Cooke Co. Rep. Women's Picnic 5 pm Angelo Nashces
Sunday, June 5, 2005	Monday, June 6, 2005	Tuesday, June 7, 2005	Wednesday, June 8, 2005	Thursday, June 9, 2005	Friday, June 10, 2005	Saturday, June 11, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Parade of Gardens 1-5 PM	Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School begins 9-11:30 AM City Council mtg. 7:30 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Aux mtg. 7 PM Adm. mtg. room	SH Alumni & Supporters mtg. 7:30 PM SNAP room C of C Breakfast mtg. 7:30 AM Rohmer's Rest.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Luncheon 11:30 AM Stanford House Muenster State Bank Appreciation Day School	SH Alumni Golf Tourn. at Turtle Hill 1:30 PM SH Church High School Retreat 8 am - 9 pm Roadrunner Ranch

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Muenster High School Class of 2005

Graduation, May 27, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in New MISD Gym



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Norma & Alan Britain



Chase Christopher Cain
Chrs & Jan Cain



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Tana & Kevin Moody



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Coy & Judy Muller and
the late Ruth Muller



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Lori Painter
and the late David Painter



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Dale & Jill Swirczynski



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Dr. & Mrs. Stephen L. Vinson



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Phil Walterscheid,
Bernadette Otto



**Mindy Leigh Elizabeth
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OBITUARIES

Martha Rigsby

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Martha Jane Rigsby, a life-long resident of Windom (Fannin County), Texas, and a resident of St. Richard's Villa for the past four years, died on May 21, 2005 at age 94.



Martha Rigsby

Survivors are daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Edgar Dyer of Muenster, and Emily and Al Treadway of Windom. Also surviving are grandchildren, Lenzy Dyer of Nocona, Lou Heers of Muenster, Lyle Dyer of Muenster, Cdr. Jane Ann Conley USN of Washington, D.C., and Joan Treadway of Whitehouse Station, New

Jersey. Also seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her husband of 50 years, Hugh Lenzy Rigsby, who died in January 1980. Together they visited in Muenster many times, and attended school activities of the grandchildren.

Martha Jane Rigsby was the last surviving member of her nine siblings. She was a loving mother, and a doting grandmother and great-grandmother.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, May 25 at 11 a.m. at Windom Baptist Church, officiated by Rodney Stanford and Ron Shults, dear family friends. Burial was in Windom Cemetery. Nephews were pallbearers.

Henry "Hank" Hacker dies May 24

Henry "Hank" Frank Hacker, age 65 of Myra, died Tuesday, May 24, 2005. Funeral Mass was held Thursday, May 26 in Sacred Heart Church at 10 a.m. Complete obituary will be in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.



The main beautification effort of KLB has been the new landscaping installed around the 100 year old Gun Club or "Schuetzenverein." This historic building has fallen into disrepair, and there are now efforts to restore it. Sixteen volunteers worked 70 hours designing a landscape, tilling, amending, and planting drought tolerant and native plants, transforming this blank site into an attractive, colorful garden. Norbert Magee, a member of KLB, donated a sign for the front of the Gun Club. Courtesy photo

DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO May 24, 1940

Grain crops ravaged by hail storm. Additional damage caused by cloudburst and flood. New cafe building is completed and "Jimmy's Cafe" will hold formal opening for the public. Petitions are issued for three mergers of school districts: Hays/Van Slyke; Muenster/Linn; and Muenster/Bailey. Ed Swirczynski, former employee of local cheese factory, is in Winnsboro where he will be the cheesemaker in that city's plant. Joe Walterscheid is honored on 61st birthday. Dinner at the Joe Lehnertz home honors Rita and Ruth Dingman, and Catherine and Marie Dingman of Fort Madison, Iowa. A reunion of the Fette and Hellman families was held at the C.J. Fette Ranch.

50 YEARS AGO May 27, 1955

Memorial service to honor Muenster War Dead. Graduations set for Sacred Heart School and Muenster ISD. Harvesting begins in Muenster area. Obituary: Mrs. J.H. Cooke, age 88. Another new building for Muenster will be the Sinclair Station, on Urban Endres' lot, east of the Humble Station. Sacred

Heart seniors take three day class trip in the Metroplex. College Graduate: Glenn Hellman. Weldon Lyons now works at the Gainesville Register, and Curley Pels now is the linotype operator at the *Muenster Enterprise*. New Arrival: Karl "Charlie" to Charlie and Virginia Haverkamp. Wedding: Shirley June Tiller and Gene R. Reiter.

25 YEARS AGO May 23, 1980

Graduation held at Sacred Heart; Bert Miller is Valedictorian and Missy Flusche is Salutatorian. Graduation set for Muenster ISD; Lou Dyer is Valedictorian and Gary Zimmerman is Salutatorian. Rosston wins runner-up in the Texas Community Improvement Program. Weddings: Gina Hess and Larry Grewing; Michelle Pelzel and Thomas Neu. Obituary: Marilyn (Mrs. Mike) Stoffels dies at age 37 after suffering severe heart attack. New Arrivals: Waylan to Howard and Darlene Hess; Jonathan and Anthony and Linda Grewing; David to Jim and Jeral Metzler; Valerie to John and Lanie Bartush; Doyle to Gus and Nellie Berend.

ATTENTION

Memorial Day Plans

Practice for Memorial Day Services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 28 in Sacred Heart Cemetery for Auxiliary officers and First Communicants (WHO HAVE BEEN CONTACTED).

On Sunday, Post Color Guard, Rifle Squad, Auxiliary officers, and same First Communicants will meet at south entrance of Church immediately following 8 a.m. Mass for procession to cemetery. First Communicants are asked to wear white dresses and shoes (NO VEILS), and boys white jackets (IF POSSIBLE), white shirt, tie, and dark trousers. For further information, call Linda Knabe at 759-2592.

Experience Works helps older people find jobs

Are you an older individual looking for a job? Would you like to learn new skills? Experience Works is a national nonprofit organization that provides employment and training for older workers. Their dedicated staff in your community can help you find the job or training you need.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

OH BRAVE NEW WORLD! Our Children Kill imitating what they see on TV and in Movies

While Our Mothers Cut and Scrape the Unborn Life from Their Bodies

Our Sick and Elderly are asked to take a Deadly Cup of Brew, That will bring Death with Dignity to You.

While Our New Age Scientists await with Glee, The Selective Breeding of the Human Pedigree.

Oh Brave New World We Race To Thee with record Speed, Possessed with Love of Self, Sex, and Soma.

We are Humanity in the grip of a Deadly Coma.

Angelo B. Nasche
Muenster, TX 76252

years that the sickest veterans frankly don't have. Today there are more than 500,000 asbestos cases in the courts and more piling up everyday. Many of these cases have been brought by lawyers on behalf of people who don't even have any symptoms of asbestos-related illnesses.

Finally, some on Capitol Hill are getting serious about fixing this legal crisis that's so harmful to veterans. The Judiciary Committee has begun work on the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act, or the FAIR Act. This legislation would make sure that veterans suffering from asbestos-related illnesses finally get fair and certain compensation.

If Senators allow this opportunity to pass, we may never again get this close to a solution. More veterans will die of asbestos-related illness without getting compensation. We mustn't allow this to happen. As a veteran, I urge Senator Cornyn, a Member of the Judiciary Committee, to support this critical legislation for veterans. And I urge both Texas Senators to vote for the FAIR Act when it comes to the Senate floor.

Sincerely,
Buddi Harlan
Past State Commander
Texas Department of the
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Houston, TX

Dear Editor:

Given the advancing age of our surviving WW II veterans, time is short for these particular victims of asbestos-related illnesses. Veterans who've been diagnosed with deadly asbestos-related diseases such as mesothelioma and lung cancer find it almost impossible to get compensation for their exposure under the current system.

If veterans try to sue a company that once supplied the material to the government, they encounter a line at the courthouse that takes years to navigate -

VFW and Auxiliary to remember veterans

Muenster Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6205 and its Ladies Auxiliary will hold Memorial Day Services to honor its deceased veterans on Sunday, May 29.

The veterans will be remembered at the 8 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church, which will immediately be followed by a procession to Sacred Heart Cemetery where an Auxiliary officer will place a floral wreath in honor of all deceased of the parish. Prayers will be recited in their memory.

The groups will then proceed to the Veterans' Plot, where Auxiliary officers and First Communicants will place floral tributes on the graves of the veterans. Prayers, songs, and tributes will precede the memorial

address, followed by rifle salute by Muenster's Rifle Squad, and Taps by Ronnie and Tina Weinzapfel.

The celebration will conclude with a bountiful meal served in the Post Hall beginning at 6 p.m.

Donations to be collected for Buddy Poppy Fund

Donations for the Buddy Poppy Fund will be accepted after all Masses at Sacred Heart Church on May 28 and 29 and by the Muenster VFW Ladies Auxiliary 6205. The money raised is used to help veterans and their families.

Area attorneys recognized

Attorneys Ms. Tanya McDaniel Davis of Lake Kiowa, Belvin R. Harris of Gainesville, Ms. C.J. Stormer of Gainesville, and Judge Jerry Wayne Woodcock of Gainesville were recognized at the Annual Awards Luncheon of the College of the State Bar of Texas during the College's Spring Training educational program held March 10 in Fort Worth. The Bar College is an honorary society made up of lawyers who complete twice the minimum continuing hours of legal education as set by the State Supreme Court to keep their legal knowledge and skills at peak levels. Less than 6% of Texas lawyers qualify to be members of the College.

Established in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas, the College counts in its ranks most of the leaders of the legal profession in Texas, including many judges. The College is the only organization of its kind in the United States and was the first to provide attorney recognition for making the commitment to lifelong learning, a need now widely acknowledged across many professions.

JUST A THOUGHT

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LIFESTYLE

Gehrigs share missionary experiences with SH students

Sacred Heart School students had the privilege of hearing a presentation by Maryknoll missionaries Jason and Felicia Gehrig after 8 a.m. Mass on Monday, May 16. Jason and Felicia told students about their life and work with the people of LaPaz, Bolivia. Jason, a civil engineer, lends his expertise in the development of water projects in the area, while Felicia, a teacher, works to improve educational opportunities for children.

Jason and Felicia expressed their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the students for their awareness, compassion, and generosity in participating in "Silence Speaks," a day of silence to pay tribute to the voiceless poor, and sending

her amazement at how these people, as poor as they are, always pray for and want to help those who have even less than they do.

Principal Jon LeBrasseur then announced that the students had something for Jason and Felicia. For the past two months, the offertory collection at Friday morning Mass has been for Jason and Felicia and the new children's learning center. Approximately \$500 was collected and used to purchase Spanish-language Montessori learning materials, which representatives of each class presented to Jason and Felicia, who expressed their deepest appreciation. "All the children have now is paper and a pencil—they can only copy things—so this will mean so much to them," exclaimed Felicia.

From church, Jason and Felicia went to Mr. Joe

Caserta's high school classroom, where the Spanish Club presented the missionaries with a new portable, electrical, or battery operated sewing machine, along with a portable hand stitcher and \$20 check for buttons, material, and thread. The club undertakes a service project each year, and this year had chosen to assist Jason and Felicia in their work with the people of LaPaz. The students held a bake sale earlier in the year to fund the project.

Reflecting on the presentations made that morning, Pam Dangelmayr, lead preschool teacher, who was in charge of the purchase of the Montessori learning materials, commented, "At Sacred Heart, we try to encourage and provide every opportunity possible for our students to practice stewardship and to realize what a very important part of our lives it is. We are all so grateful that Jason and Felicia could come and talk to the students and enable them to realize some of the good that is being done as a result of the students sharing what they have with the less fortunate. Their time with us has been a very rewarding experience for us all. To have Jason return to his former school with his wife Felicia and tell of their missionary work provides a powerful witness for our students."



Allen and Debbie Fleitman of Gainesville announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, April Fleitman of Austin, to Richard Gebken II of Austin. He is the son of Richard and Delane Gebken of Columbia, Maryland. April is the granddaughter of Eddie and Maryanne Fleitman of Muenster. The couple plans to be married on July 2, 2005 at 2 p.m. in the Smith Family Chapel with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. The bride-elect is a graduate of Austin Community College and is employed by Round Rock Independent School District. The future groom earned a B.S. and M.S. in Architecture and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech. He is employed by the University of Texas in Austin and is currently finishing his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering there. They plan to reside in Austin. Attendants are Katie Fleitman, maid of honor, and Jidesh Veeramachanei, best man.



Below - With the help of student volunteers Leah Knabe, Mikayla Fleitman, Brooke Henry, Jason Knabe, and Hayden Schilling, Maryknoll missionary Jason Gehrig uses bags of M&Ms to demonstrate allocation of the world's resources. Observing the demonstration is Jason's wife and co-missionary, Felicia. At left - Maryknoll missionary Jason Gehrig gifts preschool birthday celebrant Mackenzie Mason with attire worn by the people of LaPaz, Bolivia, which includes a pancho, a cap, or chullo, and a serpentina, or string of colored paper. Courtesy photos

Safety tip
Never touch or go near electrical equipment.



Knights of Columbus sponsor "Texas Hold-Em"

The Muenster Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Texas Hold-Em" tournament on Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m. in the KC Hall.

It will be a \$50 buy-in, with \$30 going for prizes and \$20 going for the renovation project in the KC Hall. Cleaning and painting is in full swing, and the main project includes new flooring, new toilets, replacing windows, and gas ranges, sinks, and counter tops in the kitchen.

The Knights are proud of their KC Hall, but would really like their facility to be more attractive for their meetings, funeral meals, family gatherings, and general hospitality. So, please come out on the 3rd of June and test your poker skills while helping a great cause!

For more information, call Wayne Klement at 759-2739 or Steven Vogel at 759-2478.

the \$1,205 they raised in the process to Jason and Felicia to go toward construction of a children's learning center. Felicia shared just a few of the many beautiful letters from the students that were sent along with the donation, words that expressed how hard their experience of day-long silence was, but how good they felt about having done it, how it made them better able to identify with the poor of the world, and how glad they were for the chance to help them.

Jason recalled a day when he was a fourth grade student at Sacred Heart, sitting exactly where the present fourth grade class was now sitting, and how he has always remembered the story the late Father Stephen Eckert, O.S.B. told that day of two boys and their M&Ms. One boy had a very large number of them, and always tried to get more. Another boy had some M&Ms, but was always giving them away to children who didn't have any. He was always so happy, that one day the other boy remarked to him, "I have lots more M&Ms than you do. Why are you always so happy?" Smiling, the boy responded, "I guess it's like St. Francis said, 'It is in giving that we receive.'" Jason went on to use

AREA EVENT
St. Mary's 113th Birthday
St. Mary's of Windthorst is celebrating their 113th birthday on Sunday, June 5. There will be food, including German sausage, ice cream, and more. Church and school tours will be given, along with inside and outside games for all ages. An auction and raffle will be held, and a country store will be featured. To pre-register for the golf scramble call 940-423-6780. To pre-register for the Dairy Derby call 940-423-6304. For more information call 940-423-6687.

Wanted! Volunteers for Texoma Foster Grandparents Program

Are you 60 years old or more? Seniors who meet federal income guidelines can heed our President's initiative for volunteerism and make a difference in their communities. Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent.

Training is provided prior to service as well as ongoing training. There are volunteers in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. If this interests you, call Linda Burleson at 903-813-3562 for more information. If you are out of area, call 1-800-677-8264.

REUNION
Hessel/Fleitman Reunion set for June 12
A reunion of the Henry and Mary Hessel Fleitman family will be held on Sunday June 12. It will begin at noon at the Pavilion in the Muenster City Park.

While helping a child you can supplement your income by receiving a tax-exempt stipend that does not affect any other benefit or assistance you may receive. Foster Grandparents do what grandparents do for grandchildren, but do it in public settings such as schools, daycares, and community centers. They serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers for children and youth with special needs. Meals (if serving during a meal time) and transportation assistance are provided. Foster Grandparents are covered during regular service hours by supplemental accident insurance, personal liability insurance, and, if they drive, auto liability insurance.

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Picnic planned to raise Women's Shelter funds

The Cooke County Republican Women are sponsoring an ALL COUNTY Republican Fund Raiser picnic on Saturday, June 4, 5 p.m. at Angelo and LaVerna Nasche's home, 1653 CR 423, Muenster. The \$20 donation fund-raiser is for the proposed Women's Shelter in Cooke County. Drawing tickets will also be sold for a leaded glass Texas flag. For

any and all who want to participate in the Baked Bean Cook-Off, bring your best to take on the "Big Mouth" challenge. All others bring a covered dish casserole of your choice. Everyone bring a lawn chair or blanket and the ground is your choice.

For questions and directions: Glenda Vowell 736-3227 or LaVerna Nasche 759-4386.



Betty and Leonard Walterscheid

Walterscheid honored as Man of the Year

A former Muenster resident received honors in Grand Junction, Colorado. Leonard and Betty Walterscheid belong to the Petroleum and Mining Club. Each year they choose a member to be "Man of the Year." In April of 2005 Leonard was selected for this honor. This club has approximately 170 members; some have retired while several are still active in the oil and mining industry.

Each month they have a social consisting of dinner and entertainment and/or a guest speaker. Leonard and Betty have belonged to this

club for nine years. Leonard has been on the Board of Directors for eight years and held the office of secretary/treasurer for five years.

Before moving to Grand Junction, Leonard and Betty lived in Moab, Utah for 36 years, where they owned and operated Walterscheid Trucking. They hauled oil field and mining equipment.

The Waltersheids have five children; three living in the Grand Junction area, one in Mesa, Arizona, and one in Plano, Texas. They also have 10 grandchildren.

Area gardens open to public on June 5

Cooke County Master Gardeners have announced June 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. as the date and time for their 2005 "Parade of Gardens". The Parade of Gardens is an annual fundraiser sponsored by the Cooke County Master Gardener Association. It provides the opportunity for the general public to view homes with beautiful, interesting, or unusual landscapes, which are specially selected. Each site is staffed with knowledgeable Master Gardeners and by the homeowners themselves, in case the visitors have questions.

This year, people who have graciously agreed to open their homes for the tour include: Diane Rigler, 417 S. Grand; Sylvia and Dale Bayer, 1001 N. Commerce; Vikki and David Estes, 633 S. Denton; Belvin

and Rosie Harris, 309 E. Pecan; and Craig and Donna Hertel, 319 S. Denton. The NCTC greenhouse will also be conducting informational mini-sessions on the tour this year.

You will find something new and unique at each and every location. The tour will be conducted come rain or shine. Cost of admission will be \$6. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any of the Master Gardeners; in Gainesville at the Extension office in the Courthouse, Calla Lily Garden Center, the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, and The B Hive; in Lindsay at Dieter Brothers Restaurant; and in Muenster at Sisters, and The Crafty Olde German Gift Shoppe.

Texas Cooperative Extension to offer food manager certification training course

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be

valid for five years.

Texas Cooperative Extension, Cooke County, is offering a food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$79 on June 22 and 23 at the Cooke County Courthouse in Gainesville. Cost includes training, materials, and the State food manager certification examination. Registration deadline is June 8.

Following simple food safety practices can prevent foodborne illnesses. For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas Cooperative Extension, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Angel Walls at 940-668-5415 or e-mail a-walls@tamu.edu.

"The new movie *Madagascar* opens this weekend and we are bringing some of the movie to the Zoo this Sunday," said Susan Kleven, director of the Frank Buck Zoo.

Madagascar is an animated movie that features the escape of animals from the Central Park Zoo who find themselves in Madagascar. A giraffe and zebra are key characters as well as a lemur.

To celebrate Africa and Madagascar, the Frank Buck Zoo will host an Animal Show at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 29 that features a Ring Tailed Lemur. "The show will be performed by Critterman who was a big hit at our opening party at Spring Fling," said Debbie Faulkner, Recreation Development Director for the City of Gainesville. "It will take place in the

beautiful stone amphitheater in the zoo." Children and adults alike will be able to see a Ring Tailed Lemur up close.

The Frank Buck Zoo is scheduled to receive two brown lemurs sometime this summer. They will be kept in quarantine until an exhibit can be built to house them. Anyone interested in sponsoring a new exhibit for the lemurs can contact the Frank Buck Zoological Society or the Zoo at 940-665-3788.

Tickets to the Rave Theater to see the movie *Madagascar* will be given away every hour from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Register in the gift shop. Winners will be posted in there. You need not be present to win, but must be a guest of the Zoo to enter.

For more information, call 940-665-3788 or 940-668-4530.

Fun, safe summer activities

Rain Sticks

Decorate a cardboard tube (such as those that hold paper towels or wrapping paper) with crayons, markers, paint, ribbon and/or glitter. Leave about 2 inches at each end clear of decoration. Using a bowl as a guide, trace two 4-inch circles on a sheet of paper, and then cut out the circles. Tape one of the circles to one end of the tube. Seal it well so it won't leak. Cut out cardboard strips about 1 inch wide and fold them back and forth like a fan. Fill the tube with the strips. Pour in 1 cup uncooked rice and 2 tablespoons of uncooked popcorn or dried peas or beans. Tape the remaining circle to the open end and seal it well. Your child will marvel at the sound of rain his creation makes.

Courtesy of OHS WIC

MHMRST encourages healthy mental practices

Most Americans want to stay healthy by exercising and eating healthy foods, but many do not consider their mental health to be as important. Mental health is important and there are some things we can all do to help.

- Value yourself;
- Surround yourself with good people;
- Take care of your body;
- Relax;
- Set realistic goals;
- Explore your interests;
- Laugh and have fun;
- Help others;
- Avoid drugs and limit alcohol;
- Get help when needed.

In 1999, there were nearly 2.94 million Texans, nearly one in six people, with some form of mental illness. This population consists of persons with mental illness and functional impairment. There are approximately 507,290 Texans meeting this description.

It is extremely unfortunate that Texas, as a leading state in population growth, has one of the poorest records for funding services for persons with mental illness or mental retardation. Our state ranks 49th in per capita funding. Mental illness and mental retardation results from very real physical ailment disorders, as do heart, diabetes, or any other condition that requires treatment. And, every individual and family is susceptible. Services help support and stabilize

people, and they avoid incalculable devastating long-term consequences. Hopefully, we will one day realize that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," stated Tony Maddox, Executive Director, Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST).

Nearly 200,000 or approximately one in 100 Texans suffer from such disorders as schizophrenia. About 30,000 new cases occur each year. Over 660,000 or about one in 30 Texans suffer from such mood disorders as depression, manic depressive disorders, and other depressive disorders. As many as two out of 10 Texas will suffer from at least one episode of major depression during their life time.

Over 655,000 Texas children, from birth through 17, can be identified as having or at risk of having an emotional disturbance. Over 200,000 of them have serious emotional disturbance, and over 112,000 of those are estimated to need mental health services.

It is easy to identify children's physical needs: nutritious food, warm clothes, adequate shelter, and sleep; but a child's emotional needs may be less obvious. Here are some basics for a child's good mental health:

- Love and encouragement;
- Safe and secure surroundings;

An opportunity to develop talents and abilities;

Playtime with other children;

Appropriate guidance and discipline

Professional help, when needed.

May is Mental Health Month across the nation. MHMRST is the local community mental health mental retardation center and has been providing services for over 30 years in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. For more information on services, call 903-957-4700 Grayson, 903-583-8583 Fannin, or 940-665-3962 Cooke.

Electrical safety tip

If it flies, keep it away from power lines. Kites, model airplanes, balloons, and other airborne toys should be kept away from overhead lines. Never try to retrieve anything that has lodged in electric lines or nearby trees.

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Youth invited to June 18 Farm Safety Camp

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touched the lives of more than 323,606 participants and 107,986 adult and teen volunteers.

"We are pleased that we have been able to increase the number of camps in the past 10 years, from 19 camps in 1995 to 340 camps in 2005," said Susan Reynolds, Executive Director - Programs. "The camps not only affect the lives of the participants, coordinators, and volunteers, but they also touch the lives of their families, friends, and

communities."

The stories of how lives have been affected vary, from one Natchez, Mississippi parent who says, "As a result of camp, we're getting a fire extinguisher," to a 15-year-old who credits what he learned at a 1998 Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp® with saving his life last summer. Patrick Fletcher had been operating a tractor with a four-row ridger in a cornfield near his home in Shelton, Nebraska, when

the ridger struck a power pole, causing power lines to fall on the tractor. Patrick did what he learned at camp - he called for help on his cell phone and stayed inside the tractor cab until the power company arrived and turned off the power to the electrical lines.

The stories go on and on about how lives were affected and saved by the information learned at Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camps®. That information will continue to be shared in even more

communities in the future due, in great part, to the generosity of sponsors.

If you are interested in attending a Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp®, applying to coordinate a camp, making a contribution to the foundation, or finding out more about the program, log on to <http://farmsafetyday.ae.iastate.edu> or call 888-257-3529.

NEW ARRIVAL

Nervo

Nicolas and Donna Nervo of Arlington are blessed with the arrival of their third child, Zachary Christian on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 4:15 a.m. at Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital. He measured 20 1/4 inches long and weighed in at 8 lb. 3 oz. He joins two brothers at home, Alexander Nicolas and Dominic Xavier. Maternal grandparents are Rachel Hennigan of Muenster and the late Arthur Hennigan. Louise Nervo of New York, New York is paternal grandmother, and Joy Jordan of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida is paternal foster grandmother. Odilia Lutkenhaus of Muenster and the late Alexander Lutkenhaus are maternal great-grandparents.



Zachary Nervo

Honor roll students named at SOSU Weatherford

A total of 1,058 students have been named to honor rolls at Southwestern Oklahoma State University for academic work during the 2005 spring semester on the Weatherford campus.

There were 423 students named to the President's Honor Roll. An undergraduate student who earns all As in 12 or more hours during a semester qualifies for the President's Honor Roll. Listed was Christopher Earl Grewing of Muenster.

There were 635 students on the Dean's Honor Roll. An undergraduate student who completes 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher with no grade lower than a "C" qualifies for the Dean's Honor Roll. Included on that list were Kelly Michelle Grewing and Jennifer Lee Tune of Muenster and Anna Louise Bayer of Lindsay.

Safety tip

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Nathan and Chloe celebrate birthdays

Nathan and Chloe Hacker, children of Sally and Maurus Hacker, celebrated their birthdays together on Sunday, May 1 with a party at their home. Nathan turned four - his actual birthday is April 25. Chloe turned two - her actual birthday is April 30.

Theme of the party was "bugs". Nathan had a caterpillar cake; Chloe's was a ladybug.

There was a bug hunt. The children enjoyed playing outside and breaking open a bug pinata. And then they all enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Guests of the honorees and their parents included

the grandparents Vicky and Chuck Fisher, and Lynn and Maurus Hacker. Also aunts Jessica Fisher, Michelle Hacker, and Cheryl Hacker. And friends Allie and Kody Walterscheid, Sean and Natalie Chism, Jaden and Connor Walterscheid, Erin and Nate Hesse, and Catherine Fuhrmann.

On Nathan's actual birthday, he also celebrated his special day at Sacred Heart Preschool, with his class. Attending then were his mom and dad, his sister, and his Grandma Fisher and Grandma Hacker.



Nathan Hacker



Chloe Hacker

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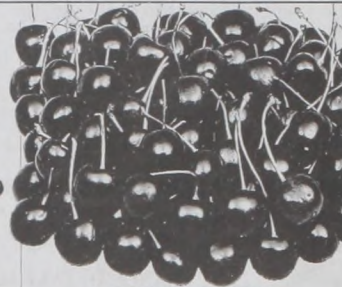


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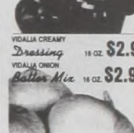
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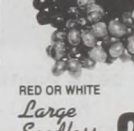
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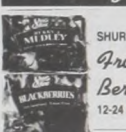
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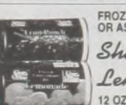


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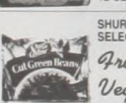


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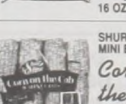


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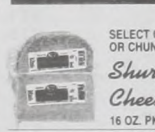
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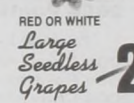
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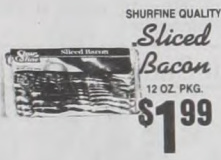
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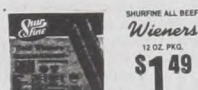
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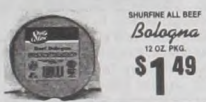
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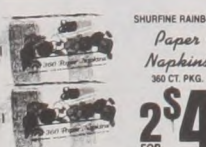


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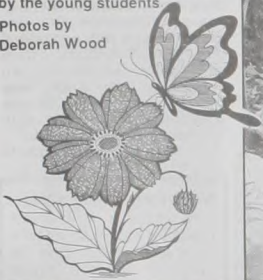
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SH GRADUATES cont. from pg. 1



Muenster Kindergarten classes, led by Dana Fredrick and Sharon Ledbetter, planted flowers in the campus flowerbeds north of their classroom building. The end of school project has become an annual beautification effort by the young students.

Photos by Deborah Wood



of competitors who hate to lose a game. "State championships have been won in football, basketball, softball, and swim," he continued. "Dreams were fulfilled from grade school when we said we wanted to be state champs in our favorite sport. Because of our stubbornness not to lose, we will always have a past to look upon and smile knowing that we had fun and did something so many people will never do in their lives."

The sense of humor possessed by the class was touched on by Bartush as he brought up a number of incidents involving fellow classmates.

Changing feelings about things as their senior year drew to a close were mentioned by Bartush. He said that as they looked back they were treasuring memories and friendships. "As we look back on our past, let us try not to take for granted what we have: family, friends, our abilities," he said. "Let us make sure we never take



Clayton Truebenbach

them for granted again. So as we mature and go out into the world to begin our new lives, let's be proud of what we have and remember not to take our most precious moments for granted ever again."

Christine Fetsch introduced the Class Valedictorian Andy Davis.

Davis credited the support of the graduates' families, teachers, and friends for getting them to graduation day. He noted, "I believe that in life the only way to reach our full potential is to push ourselves. The opportunities of success in our future are countless. However, with these possibilities there also comes a responsibility. We must use the knowledge and values instilled in us while at Sacred Heart to succeed in whatever field we enter."

That there would be challenges and hardships to face was acknowledged by the Valedictorian. At times those may seem too many or too difficult to overcome, but these are the times when one must excel, he said.

"At times it may have seemed that teachers or coaches were just pushing too hard, giving you more than you thought you could handle. But when I reflect on these times, I realize that it was all done with my best interests at heart. I encourage each and every one of you to take on as much as you can in life."

Diplomas were awarded by Father Pat and Jon LeBrasseur, principal. The traditional turning of rings was performed by class sponsor Katherine Putnam and moving of tassels by Dolores Hofbauer, class sponsor.

Graduates processed out of church to "Ode to Joy".

Programs were distributed by attendants Ginger Bartush, Zach Bartush, Isaac Davis, Jordan Henscheid, Tad Otto, and Donald Stalling.



Sacred Heart graduate Alex Sicking gets congratulations from his grandmother Bernice Sicking before Friday's ceremony at Sacred Heart Church. Janie Hartman photo

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and Region and 4th at State as a junior, and 5 in District and 3rd at Region as a senior. He competed in Piano as a freshman and sophomore, and in Cross Examination Debate he competed all four years, being a quarterfinalist his senior year.

Rameez placed 1st in District and Region, and 5th at State in Social Studies his junior year. In Literary Criticism competition, he placed 2nd in District and 3rd in Region as a junior, and won 1st in District, Region, and State as a senior. As a sophomore he placed 4th in Editorial Writing in District. In Headline Writing competition, he competed as a sophomore, and as a senior placed 2nd in District, and 3rd in both Region and State.

During his senior year Rameez was a National Merit Finalist. He was 1st among freshmen in Texas Shootout Current Events.

The last three years Rameez was a member of the National Honor Society and the Science Club. Community service included being a hospital volunteer the last two years, a health fair volunteer for three years, and a nursing home volunteer as a senior.

Rameez competed in tennis all four years of high school and was a member of the United States Tennis Association the last two

years. He also was a member of the basketball and track teams as a freshman and sophomore.

On Student Council, Rameez served as class representative his freshman year, secretary his sophomore year, and vice president his junior year. He was the class president as a senior. He served as co-founder/co-editor of the Student Council Newsletter *Knighline* as a junior, and editor as a senior.

Jessica was very active during her years in high school. She competed in UIL events including Extemporaneous Speaking all four years, placing 1st the last three years in District, 3rd, 2nd, and 3rd in Region, and at State placed 2nd, 5th, and 2nd. In Social Studies, she was a member of the District, Region, and State Champion teams, placing 3rd as an individual at District. In Computer Applications, she was District Champ and 4th in Region as a junior, and 6th in District as a senior. Jessica was also a member of the One Act Play State Champions the last two years.

Jessica served on the Student Council as class representative her freshman year, historian her sophomore year, and FCCLA representative as a senior. She was a member of FCCLA

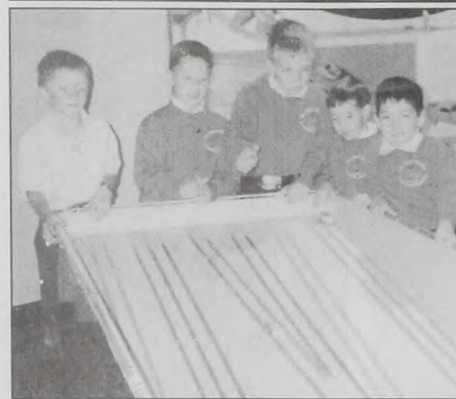
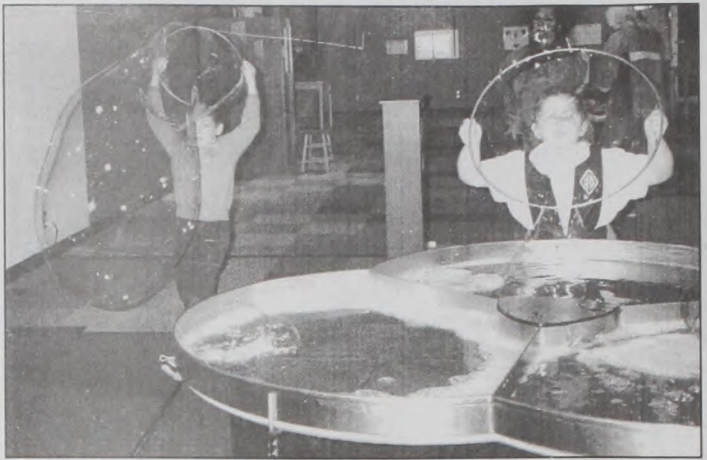
all four years and served as vice president of programs as a junior and president as a senior. She was in the National Honor Society, Science Club, and Spanish Club.

During all four years of high school, Jessica was a Regional Qualifier in cross country and track, and a State Qualifier as a junior in cross country, and State Qualifier as a senior in track. She was a State Qualifier in powerlifting her first three years. She was a cheerleader for three years, serving as captain her senior year.

She was a member of ROCK, the church youth group all four years, serving as teen leader (officer) the last two years.

Volunteering many hours, some of Jessica's service include trash pickup, food drive, youth choir, camp counselor, nursing home visitations, and tutoring.

Among her many honors and awards were: Who's Who Among American High School Students the last three years; Cooke County Pro-Life Essay Contest winner; VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest finalist; Rotary Club speech contest finalist; All-American Cheerleader; Class Favorite; Most Popular, Homecoming Queen, and Soroptimist Girl of the Month.



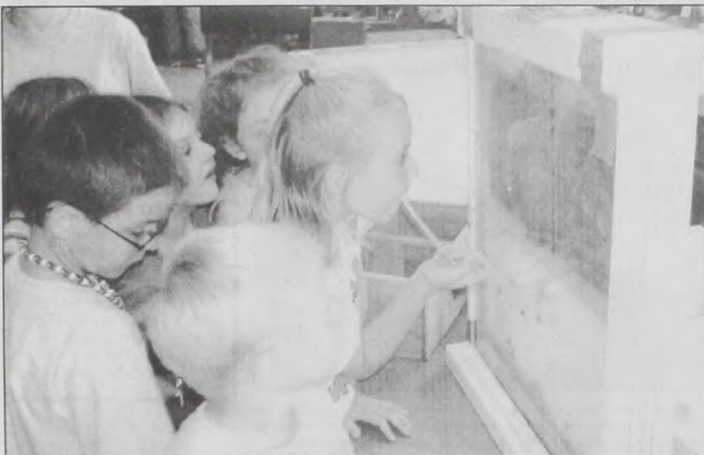
ABOVE - Sacred Heart School 2nd graders James Gleason, left, and Madison Hesse are making bubbles at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History during a recent class field trip. At left top - from left, Mark Krahl, Jason Knabe, and James Dangelmayr are experimenting with centrifugal force. At left bottom - from left, James Dangelmayr, Eli Dangelmayr, Mark Krahl, Cody Dangelmayr, and James Gleason experiment with inclines, angles, and speed. Courtesy photo

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Muenster Elementary classes view an observation hive, watching bees working without disturbing them at a honeybee presentation last Friday given by Cleus and Crystal Fuhrmann. The 4-H and FFA students answered questions about the basics of honeybees and showed the proper safety equipment used in working with honeybees, and the first aid treatment for bee stings. The elementary students also learned the role of the worker, drone, and queen bees.

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Friday, JUNE 3	Saturday, JUNE 4
11:00 am - Set up tent sites	7:00 am - Breakfast (provided by River Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center)
2:00 pm - Registration of teams	8:30 pm - Survivors reception and group picture
5:00 pm - Survivor registration	10:00 pm - Luminaria Ceremony
6:00 pm - Relay For Life events begin with Survivor Lap	9:00 am - Closing Ceremony begins
6:30 pm - Survivors and Caregivers Lap	11:00 am - Final Lap All Teams

Luminaria Ceremony
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SPORTS

SHS Tiger Sharks begin preparation for next season

With the approaching end of the school year, Sacred Heart School Assistant Swim Coach Michael Flusche convened a meeting of the Tiger Sharks Swim and Diving Team. Coming home from the TAPPS Swim and Diving Meet this past season with only one gold medal, the Tiger Sharks resolved to be more competitive against teams such as those from El Paso, San Antonio, and Houston, who train all year round.

A four-day, nine-week summer program is being made available to all team members at the Denton Natatorium. This intensive program will train the Tiger Sharks for the competitive swimming season, with emphasis on endurance, stroke techniques, and efficiency. Each participant will also learn proficiency in Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Freestyle, as well as flip turns and shallow dives.

Those unable to attend a formal training program were given instructions for an intensive pre-season training program they can practice on their own. The program will develop physical conditioning as well as stroke proficiency and efficiency. Incoming freshman Tiger Sharks were also given instructions for the conditioning program and urged to participate in the various swim programs offered at the Muenster City Pool to develop the various strokes, turns, and shallow dives.

Gold medalist Neil Bayer will receive specialized training from the University of North Texas diving coaches. Joelle Fuhrmann will receive diving instruction from Coach Mary Hildebrand in Carrollton and later in the summer from Jim Stillson, SMU Diving Coach. Their goal is to develop and be proficient in 14 dives of varying difficulty, any six of which could be used in each diving meet, depending on the competition.

Sacred Heart alumni will return as the school's coaching staff. Duncan Campbell will again serve as head coach, Michael Flusche will return in charge of scheduling and training programs, while

Shirley and Jill Hess will assist at all competitive meets, and various parents will provide transportation to all practices.

Coach Michael Flusche stated, "The first-ever pre-season team training

program will not only help attain excellence in the pool, but its conditioning will also help those athletes involved in other sports this fall. We have a young, hardworking team, and we will be competitive in 2005-06."



Members of the 2005-06 SHS Swim Team, from left, standing - Kristina Koesler, Coach Michael Flusche, Mark Gehrig, Lauren Sepanski, Brittany White, Paige White, Shannon Hartman, and Lauren Krahl; seated - Mark Fleitman, Neil Bayer, Joelle Fuhrmann, and Jon Ambrose. Courtesy photo

LeBrasseur announces Sacred Heart Basketball Camp 2005

Coach Jon LeBrasseur has announced that June 27 - 30 will be dates for the 2005 Sacred Heart Basketball Camp. The Camp is a fundamentals camp with a special emphasis on shooting. "Our primary purpose is to provide boys and girls the opportunity to improve their knowledge and enthusiasm for basketball," said Coach LeBrasseur.

Assisting Coach Jon will be Coach Ted Heers. Ted has worked many summer camps including the TABC camps and college camps at North Carolina, Kansas, and SMU," said Coach Jon. "We are very fortunate to have Coach Heers working with us, as he has great knowledge and passion for the game."

The camp is open to all boys and girls who are entering grades 3-9 for the 2005 school year. The camp will begin each morning at 8:29 and conclude at 11:30. The fee for the camp is \$40 and enrollment will be limited and will be based on a first pay first play basis.

For more information on the camp, contact Coach LeBrasseur at 940-759-4538 or 940-759-2511 x26.



2005 Sacred Heart Tigers - from left, back - Coach Paul Sellers, Coach Bill Hogan, Kyle Koesler, Andy Davis, Paul Bartush, Clayton Truebenbach, David Walterscheid, Tim Otto, Jordan Smith, Coach Craig Bayer; Front - Mitch Sellers, Clay Knabe, Neil Bayer, Stephen Davis, Adam Dangelmayr, and Caleb McLoughlin. Courtesy photo

Sacred Heart Tigers end baseball season

The Sacred Heart Tigers ended the 2005 baseball season with a 4-6 record. Their opening game against Colleyville Covenant was played and lost 12-0.

"One week before the season began, we lost an assistant coach, Craig Walterscheid," Tiger Coach Paul Sellers noted. "This hit the team pretty hard. When our first game was here, I don't think the team was mentally ready." The Tigers had "CW" put on their caps in Craig's memory.

The Tigers were a young team, with most of the returning players having to play new positions. Senior Jordan Smith was the Tigers' pitcher, along with Adam Dangelmayr. Other team members were David

Walterscheid, Mitch Sellers, Andy Davis, Paul Bartush, Clayton Truebenbach, Neil Bayer, Stephen Davis, Tim Otto, Kyle Koesler, and Clay Knabe.

The Tigers were coached by Paul Sellers, Billy Hogan, and Craig Bayer. Ball boys were Jacob Bayer and Chad Walterscheid.

Editor's note: at the last game, the scorebook was left in the dugout, so season statistics are lost.

GAME WARDEN REPORTS

Big Bust — Galveston County game wardens caught a commercial snapper boat in possession of 3,493 pounds of undersize red snapper, or a total of 2,726 undersize fish. While conducting the inspection of the vessel, a hidden compartment was located which contained all of the undersize red snapper and an additional 2,128 pounds of fish, for a total of 5,641 pounds of hidden red snapper. Cases are pending.

Unauthorized Use of TPWD Logo — A Motley County game warden received a call from a concerned landowner about a Web site advertising a guide service, listed TPWD as a sponsor. Game wardens had previously filed charges on one of the owners of the guide service and his family members related to a scheme to exceed the bag limit on deer. The landowner was wondering why TPWD would sponsor a known violator. TPWD attorneys handled the matter.

Bald Eagle Death Being Investigated — An Angelina County Game Warden recovered a mature bald eagle on Easter Sunday on an FM road south of Lufkin. It had been run over. The bird was sent to a federal repository in Colorado for an autopsy to make sure it was an accident.

Boat Busts — Marine theft investigators have been busy. From December through February, they seized seven personal watercrafts, 10 boats, 11 trailers, and six motors. Of these, five personal watercrafts, four boats, two trailers, and two motors have already been awarded to the department and additional property hearings are pending.



Newly elected Sacred Heart Cheerleaders for 2005-06 are, from left, front, mascot Kristina Koesler (soph), Hannah Hess (sr), Taylor Torcellini (jr), Kristen Miller (jr), and head cheerleader Shannon Hartman (sr). Back - Kalyssa Pollard (fr), Diana Knabe (sr), co-leader Whitney Wimmer (sr), and Kara Felderhoff (soph). Courtesy photo

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For more than a century, rural Texas land has been owned mainly by farm and ranch families who lived on it. In recent decades, the countryside has been fragmented into smaller tracts owned increasingly by urban, absentee owners looking for a weekend retreat or retirement home. In 1999, the U.S. Department of Agriculture released a report showing that Texas led the nation in the loss of undeveloped land from 1992-97.

Land fragmentation is one of the main threats to wildlife in Texas. It crowds

wildlife into smaller spaces, blocks travel corridors and disrupts access to feeding areas.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge are co-hosting the June event. It will take place from 6-9:30 p.m., Friday, June 10 and 8 a.m.-noon, June 11 at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge's Hardwicke Interpretive Center, 9601 Fossil Ridge Road in Fort Worth.

This workshop will discuss the tools, people and funding programs available to help landowners achieve individual goals when managing property for wildlife. Local wildlife professionals will give presentations regarding habitat management techniques, funding sources, species management, wildlife tax valuation, etc. during the Friday evening session of the workshop. The Saturday portion of the

workshop will demonstrate various techniques of management in the field.

"Wildlife professionals from various agencies will teach you how to develop a wildlife management plan, fund your wildlife projects, improve your pond for fish and/or waterfowl, control feral hog populations, use cattle grazing to improve wildlife habitat, and much more," said John Davis, a TPWD urban wildlife biologist based in Cedar Hill south of Dallas.

The cost for the Fort Worth workshop is \$25 per person. Registration is required prior to the event to ensure that organizers have sufficient workshop materials for attendees. For more information, contact Rob Denkhous at the Fort Worth Nature Center (817-237-1111), or Davis at the TPWD Urban Wildlife Office (972-293-3841), or at <http://www.fwnaturecenter.org> and click on Landowner

Workshop on the left side of the page to download a registration form.

TPWD and the North Texas Master Naturalists are hosting the Dallas workshop. It will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 2005 at the Agricultural Research & Extension Center operated through Texas A&M University-Dallas at 17360 Coit Road. It will cover wildlife tax valuation, potential conservation funding sources, grazing management, prescribed burning: how and why, invasive species management, enhancing wetlands, and counting/inventorying wildlife resources. It also costs \$25 per person and requires advance registration. For more information, phone the TPWD Urban Wildlife Office at (972) 293-3841, contact Donna Cole at (972) 625-3366

Cooke/Collin County "Horse Industry Tour" to take place Friday, June 17

Texas Cooperative Extension in Cooke and Collin Counties and the Extension Horse Committees in each county along with sponsors, Agriland, Farm Credit Services, Martindale Feed Mill, Mueller Steel Building Systems, and Gallagher Electric Fencing will be hosting this year's "Horse Industry Tour" on Friday, June 17. The tour bus will arrive in Cooke County at 8:15 a.m., at the NCTC parking lot and return participants to that site at 3:45 p.m.

This year's tour will include stops at the Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma for information on pasture establishment and management for horses, and Carol Rose Quarter Horse Ranch in Gainesville, Texas.

for information on the performance horse industry. While on the tour, the above sponsors will present information on their products and services in the areas of agricultural lending, horse nutrition, horse barns and facilities, and horse fencing. Information on Horse Theft Awareness will also be presented. Two CEUs will be offered for those producers attending who have a current Pesticide Applicators License.

A meal will be provided in Ardmore, by the sponsors, after touring the Noble Foundation at no cost. However, there will be a registration fee of \$20 per attendee to help with the cost of the tour bus.

For more information on this event or to pre-register, please call the Cooke County Extension Office at (940) 668-5412, or Collin County Extension Office at (972) 548-4233 by Monday, June 13.



NEWS FROM AUSTIN

TEXAS FARM BUREAU

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Texas beef industry leaders applaud Supreme Court ruling

Texas beef industry leaders pledged to continue beef's marketing momentum following the Supreme Court's May 23 affirmation of the constitutionality of the national \$1 per head beef checkoff program. The checkoff is the beef industry's marketing vehicle that created the "Beef. It's What's for Dinner" advertising campaign and other demand-building programs to help cattle producers remain competitive in the national and international marketplace.

The Supreme Court Justices on a 6-3 vote reversed an earlier ruling by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

"Texas beef producers applaud this positive decision by the nation's highest court," said beef producer Dan Dierschke of Austin, chairman of the Texas Beef Council, speaking on behalf of TBC's 20-member board of directors. "Texas is the No. 1 state in beef production, and this ruling is welcome news for our state's industry and economy."

During the years that beef producers have invested \$1 per head in the checkoff, beef demand has turned the corner. U.S. beef demand has climbed more than 25% since 1998. The most recent estimates available from economic analysts at CattleFax estimate that the increase in beef demand has added about \$250 per head to the price of fed cattle and \$200 to the price of a 500-pound steer.

Dierschke said TBC's board of directors, made entirely of Texas beef producers appointed by Texas' nine cattle and beef organizations, will continue to move forward with promotion, education, and research programs. These programs will supplement national efforts to build beef demand in domestic and international markets.

"This ruling affirms that the checkoff program will continue to work for U.S. beef producers," Dierschke said. "Texas benefits from strong national and

international markets, so it is a great success for our state's industry to be able to retain the checkoff."

TBC is one of 46 state beef councils charged with collecting and administering the \$1 per head checkoff each time cattle are sold. TBC annually collects an average of \$12 million from Texas producers. Approximately \$9 million in Texas checkoff funds are invested each year in national checkoff marketing programs. The remaining \$3 million helps build beef demand in Texas.

Cheers to consumers, producers in June, National Dairy Month

By John Cowan

Prepare to uncup a jug of milk or dig into a big bowl of ice cream just in time for the first uncomfortably warm Texas weather. June is National Dairy Month.

This is a time to thank the consumer for his or her support and recognize the state's dairy farmers for their hard work, day in and day out.

Milk and milk products have been an important part of our nation's diet and livelihood since the first cows were brought to Jamestown, Virginia, in 1611. Dairy Month has been celebrated annually in the United States since 1939.

Much has changed in the industry in the past decades. More products are available now than ever before. And the products are safer than ever before, thanks to advances in refrigeration, technology and food packaging. Technology has also had a tremendous impact on milk production, although some aspects of farming haven't changed for generations.

With so many beverage, especially soft drink, options available to consumers, they still haven't lost their desire for milk, nature's most nutritious perfect food. They also are continuing to eat plenty of butter, cheese, and ice cream, even though more are turning to lighter or lower fat versions.

The most recent statistics available show that each of us annually consumes about 22 gallons of fluid milk, almost one pound of yogurt, 4.5 pounds of butter, 30 pounds of cheese, and almost 27 pounds of frozen dairy products.

Of course, without the commitment of our dairy producers, the stores, shelves would be bare.

In Texas, about 800 dairy farmers produce more than 656 million gallons of milk a year, ranking Texas 12th in milk production nationwide. Those same producers (and their cows) also help make Texas the fourth leading producer of ice cream in the country.

These farmers also are contributing to the Texas economy as a whole, and even more to their local communities. The economic impact of the dairy industry on Texas is estimated at \$772 million in goods produced and 10,926 jobs.

Dairy farming isn't easy. Cows don't take a day off—they always have to be fed and cared for. And the work isn't glamorous. These days, being a farmer also means coping with new technology, rising business costs and increasingly complex and stringent environmental regulations.

Yet our farm families wouldn't choose any other life.

The Texas Association of Dairymen thanks our farm families for their dedication to feeding our nation. And we thank those who drink milk and eat other dairy products for appreciating the fruits of our farmers, labor.

In appreciation to both, a toast by TAD with a glass of cold milk. We invite you to join us.

John Cowan is the executive director of the Tx Association of Dairymen, Inc. (www.milk4texas.org).

AG BRIEFS

Greenfield, a bermudagrass dating back to the early 1900s, is one of the oldest bermuda varieties.

Approximately 4,628 bales of organic cotton fiber were harvested in the U.S. in 2003, compared to 9,897 in 2001. The majority of organic upland cotton in the U.S. is grown in Texas.

The percentage of overweight Americans remains at 62%. Until 2002, the percent of Americans classified as overweight increased every year since 1995.

45% of American dinners do not include a side dish, and 31% of all households use a grill regularly.

inspect livestock sold at auctions.

Currently, the TAHC is required to visually inspect all animals sold at auctions. Often this duplicate inspection is already performed by the auction's veterinarian and brand inspectors of the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. This bill would reduce this duplication by allowing TAHC to examine animals as needed. This should provide cost savings and allow TAHC to utilize their personnel resources in a more efficient manner.

HB 1363 by Representative Hardcastle allows the TAHC to provide for the issuance of a certificate of veterinary inspection by a veterinarian for the transportation of livestock within Texas.

This bill will allow TAHC to increase the amount it can charge for certificates of veterinary inspection (which is currently 25 cents). This bill allows an increase in the amount of fees charged.

Committee approves surface water rights bill

HB 1225, introduced by Representative Robert Puente (D) of San Antonio, has been approved by the Senate Natural Resources Committee. This bill, as previously reported, prevents the cancellation of a surface water right for non-use, if the non-use results from implementing water conservation strategies.

The holder of the water permit must submit conservation implementation reports to prove water conservation measures were implemented.

Current law allows TCEQ to cancel a water right if it has not been used for 10 years.

House approves bill on groundwater district procedures

HB 1763, introduced by representative Robby Cook (D) of Eagle Lake, has been approved by the House and referred to the Senate Natural Resources Committee. This bill would create a statutory administrative procedure that a Groundwater Conservation District must follow in adopting rules and considering permits.

Committee approves bill prohibiting granting license after safety violations

HB 2172, introduced by G.E. (Buddy) West (R) of Odessa, has previously passed the House and now has been approved by the Senate Natural Resources Committee. This bill, as reported, would prohibit the Railroad Commission from giving a license or registration for an exemption to engage in liquefied petroleum gas-related activities to an entity that has an unresolved safety violation, or is owned or controlled by a person or entity with an unresolved safety violation.

Committee approves bill protecting water rights for CRP land

HB 2423 by Robert Puente (D) of San Antonio has passed the House and has now been approved by the Senate Natural

Resources Committee. This bill, as reported, would prohibit a Groundwater Conservation District from discriminating against a landowner whose land is enrolled in a federal conservation program. Some districts are denying permits to landowners because they are not currently pumping groundwater.

The Committee amended the legislation to add the procedure for issuing historic or existing use permits from **HB 2424** Puente. This language ties historic or existing use permits to the historical "purpose of use" for the groundwater.

Committee approves winery bill

SB 1669 by Senator Craig Estes (R) of Wichita Falls was approved by the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock. This bill, as reported, promotes the Texas wine industry by allowing the percentage of Texas grapes used in Texas winery to be less than the Commission determines that not enough grapes were produced in Texas during that production year.

Committee approves Railroad Commission and gas data bill

HB 1161 by Representative Farabee has been approved by the Senate Natural Resources Committee. This bill, as reported, authorizes the Railroad Commission to provide well production data to royalty owners.

When the royalty owner submits the well number and county where the well is located to the Railroad Commission, the Commission will provide the well data to the royalty owner. This data would assist royalty owners with ensuring they are receiving their full royalty payment.

Committee approves renewable energy bill

SB 533, introduced by Senator Troy Fraser (R) of Horseshoe Bay, passed the Senate and now has been approved by the House Committee on Regulatory Industries.

This bill would increase the state's renewable energy goal from 2000 megawatt of generation capacity to 5000 megawatts by 2015 and 10,000 megawatts by 2025. It will require the Public Utility Commission to use 500 megawatts of non-wind renewable energy and to identify competitive renewable zones within the state.

Texas Farm Bureau supports the passage of all of the above.

IT'S A STAT!

MILK PRODUCTION

Texas milk production totaled 568 million pounds during April, up 5% from last year's production of 540 million pounds. March 2005 revised production totaled 571 million pounds. The number of milk cows during April averaged 319,000 head. Production per cow averaged 1,780 pounds during April, 75 pounds above last year but 15 pounds below March 2005.

AG BRIEF

Three ways to slow soil erosion: rocks, ground cover, or terraces. The quick fix is rocks; more attractive is ground cover; terraces are the most expensive.

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<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.54-1.65; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.34; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.38-1.60; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.38; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.28-1.53; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.28; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.21-1.45; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.21; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.08-1.29; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.08; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.04-1.09; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.04.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.38-1.55; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.25-1.38; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.30-1.45; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.30; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.28-1.42; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.28; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.29; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.15; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.12; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.05; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 98-1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-98.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1.200-1.300 lbs.: \$4-80; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 57-67.50; Cutter: 37-57.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$850-\$1060; Medium Frame: \$500-\$850. Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1275; Medium Frame: \$700-\$1000; Holstein/Baby Calves: \$75-\$160; Cross-breds: \$100-\$290.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1: 230-270: 45-51; US #2: 220-260: 40-45.</p> <p>Feeders (per head) 100-125 lbs.: \$55-\$95; 25-90 lbs.: \$25-\$55.</p> <p>Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 or less: 30-39; Light wt.: 400-500: 35-39; Med. wt.: 500-600: 35-39; Heavy wt.: 600+: NT.</p> <p>Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: 04-10; 300-350 lbs.: 15-25; Light wt.: 35-50; Heavy wt.: 45-105.</p> <p>Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs.: 95-1.35; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs.: 95-1.35; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs.: 85-1.05.</p>	<p>Ewes (per lb.) Stocker: 55-65; Thin: 25-45; Fat: 50-60.</p> <p>Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 40-55; Fat: 40-50.</p> <p>Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$20-\$50; Ewes: \$35-\$85; Bucks: \$50-\$115.</p> <p>Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs.: \$25-\$50; 35-55 lbs.: \$30-\$65; 55-75 lbs.: \$45-\$80.</p> <p>Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs.: \$70-\$125.</p> <p>Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$60-\$105; Milk Type: \$50-\$85; Slaughter: \$75-\$110; Thin: \$20-\$50; Fat: \$75-\$110.</p> <p>Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders: \$95-\$120; Slaughter: \$75-\$110.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: NT; Full Nanny: \$75-\$210.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: \$75-\$235.</p>
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