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Laurie Walterscheid volunteers with disadvantaged children in Ecuador

While others browsed the Indian markets for traditional weaving and pottery or hiked the Amazonian jungle, Laurie Walterscheid spent her time in Quito, Ecuador, volunteering her time to help the poorest, most vulnerable residents of that city - children with mental and physical disabilities.

In late January and early February, Laurie, a dental hygienist, was part of a Global Volunteers team that traveled to Quito to work on child-care, medical, and construction projects at Fundacion Campamento Cristiano Esperanza, known in English as Camp Hope, a facility for children with disabilities. Laurie also has volunteered in Romania through the organization in a failure-to-thrive clinic for infants and orphans.

By immersing herself in the local culture, Walterscheid gained unique, non-tourist insights into Ecuador and its people. She specifically worked with Camp Hope babies and helped set up a dental hygiene clinic at the facility. The children do not get regular medical care except for the volunteers who come to the facility.

"Portable equipment was brought in to set up the dental facility. Most of the equipment did not work properly. With the help of duct tape and a lot of improvising, a dental clinic was in service. The children

were soon lined up outside the clinic. I was amazed how cooperative all the children were and how happy they were to receive a new toothbrush and a sticker," stated Walterscheid. Dr. Elaine Schilling donated toothbrushes for Camp Hope.

"I learned so much about Ecuadorian culture and the people. They are some of the warmest people I have ever met. I loved working with the disabled children more than I thought I would. I was a little nervous at first, but they were all wonderful and loving. It says a lot for Camp Hope that the children are so loved and cared for," continued Walterscheid.

The volunteers visited homes of children of Camp Hope. Most were one to two rooms with cement floors and walls that stayed damp when it rained. All the family slept in one room. One single mother made \$80 a month, of which \$50 went for rent and with all bills paid had \$5 left at the end of the month for food. "It makes you appreciate all we have in America, but also makes you question why we need so much - especially when others go without. Yet what is amazing is they are happy and peaceful. A good lesson to learn," said Laurie.

The weekends were free time for the volunteers. They were spent visiting the

Indian Museum, a traditional Quichua Indian folkdance, and the equator which runs through Ecuador. The volunteers headed south to the largest Indian market in South America. There is an open animal market and crafted goods from alpaca sweaters, hand woven bags and rugs, to wood carved nativity sets, all made by the local Ecuador Indians.

"I have been traveling

since September, and Ecuador has been one of my favorite countries, mostly because of my wonderful experience with the children at Camp Hope and the dedicated workers, teachers, and volunteers," Laurie remarked.

Laurie has been to 13 countries including Eastern Europe, South America, and Southeast Asia. In Thailand, Cambodia, and

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Laurie Walterscheid cleans teeth on one of many disadvantaged children at Camp Hope in Ecuador. She volunteered her dental hygienist skills while there and helped distribute items such as toothbrushes. Courtesy photo



Laurie Walterscheid holds two of the children she met while at Camp Hope. Courtesy photo

July 3 is 2nd Annual Fireworks Show

The Muenster Volunteer Fire Department invites you to its 2nd Annual Fireworks Show on Sunday, July 3 at Gatewood Hills Estate (four miles south of Muenster on FM 373 at CR 360. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served starting at 6 p.m. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of food.

An "aerial stunt plane" show by Mark Jacobson will start at 7 p.m., with fireworks beginning at dark. Entertainment will be provided by Bill Hogan & Clear Creek Band. Bring your own chairs and drinks.

The event is sponsored by Ponderosa Pools and Weldon Vogel.

Commissioners have a "nay" day in Court

By Janet Felderhoff

If one were superstitious they might consider the Monday morning session of the Cooke County Commissioners Court a bad omen for the budget hearings that were to follow. Several items on the agenda were denied or tabled after Commissioners were hesitant to accept them.

The 2005-06 budget is expected to be tight and will require careful consideration, especially if certain things are passed during the ongoing session of the Texas Legislature.

Bill Bristow, director of juvenile services for Cooke, Grayson, and Fannin Counties, gave a presentation on a proposed interlocal agreement between the three counties' juvenile detention services. It was in 1984 that the three counties went together and pooled their resources to build a juvenile detention center. The interlocal agreement hasn't been changed in those 20 years.

A lawsuit in Tarrant County is what Bristow said prompted him to look at the tri-county situation and

suggest a change he felt was less likely to bring a lawsuit about. A local board of judges there was doing the policy, procedure, and budget making for an adult boot camp. They were sued after the loss of an inmate at that camp and lost that suit.

"What it comes down to is, they were acting outside of the scope of their abilities," Bristow explained. He said that an interlocal agreement was drafted that would put the Grayson County Juvenile Board in charge of the policy procedure-making and also

budgetary and fiduciary issues of the Detention Center. Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties would continue to split the operating cost of the facility 20/20/60.

Commissioner Al Smith asked, "How would we not be turning over a blank check to another board, that we are not on, that we are responsible for funding 20%?" Bristow answered, "Thirty days out of your County Budget sequence we have to submit to you a budget to look at, and under the Attorney General, you can review for use and discretion. If I turn in a budget that is above what's normal, you get the ability to say, 'No, we want you to go back and look at that.'"

County Judge Freeman pointed out that Grayson County would have a say in it because their county judge would sit on it.

Commissioner Virgil Hess wondered why Cooke and Fannin couldn't have their juvenile judges sit on the

board. Bristow said that at this point all juvenile boards are created by State legislation and that this situation could be addressed at the next Legislative Session.

It was noted that the Cooke, Fannin, Grayson County partnership is the only multi-county jurisdiction that has ever happened in the State of Texas.

Commissioner Gary Hollowell noted that the proposal seemed to be eliminating any input from Cooke County. Currently Hollowell and Hess set on the Administrative Board for the facility, but that Board would not exist with the proposed agreement. Bristow replied that he was trying to make sure that Cooke County had representation inside of the current laws.

Judge Freeman remarked, "These things, when they involve your county are kind of like eggshells, it don't take a

whole lot to break them. I don't want to get into a situation where we allow one county to run something and send a budget over here we tell them it is too high, and they say, 'Fine, you're out.'"

Commissioner Smith contended, "I'm probably wrong. It is probably what it is on the surface, but it seems like that someone has taken a liability fear and has escalated it into a take over. That's what I hear." Bristow said that in 1997 he came to the administrative board asking to re-modify the interlocal agreement and the same concerns came up then.

Bristow noted that the insurance policy was now twice what is necessary, because it must cover the Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson County Courts and all district judges, plus himself.

It was voted to table a decision until after County Attorney Tanya Davis

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Devan and Brooke Henry work on a pivoting drill at the Sacred Heart Basketball Camp this week. Coach Jon LeBrasseur and Ted Heers are conducting the camp that is being attended by over 70 young future basketball stars. Watch next week for more camp photos.

Janie Hartman photo

Dr. Knight to head MMH Board Quality Assurance Committee

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors Vice-President Walter Knight, M.D. was appointed to chair the newly formed Board Quality Assurance Committee. At their regular meeting held Tuesday, June 21, the Board agreed to form this new committee.

Administrator Lynn Heller said that he had consulted the Hospital's attorney about having the capability of allowing Dr. Knight to head up a Quality Assurance Committee to review some charts. It was recommended by the attorney and could be set up as the need arose or the bylaws could be amended to include it as a standing committee.

Heller explained, "You need a formal process for the board to receive quality data. It's the medical staff's responsibility and my responsibility to keep you (Board) informed of Quality issues in the Hospital, to

assure the Board that quality is being provided. That data is not flowing like it used to flow because it was being brought to open meeting and it should not ever come to an open meeting. It should be discussed in executive session or in a separate quality assurance committee." The committee then would make recommendations to the Board.

It was decided to appoint Dr. Knight to an ad hoc committee with other members added later. Bids were reviewed for employee health insurance. Aetna representative Anna Brazier attended. After considering all the possibilities involved, the Board went with Heller's recommendation to continue with the current self-pay program for another year.

Courtesy staff privileges were approved for two physicians. They are David Shauf, D.O. and Vierenda

Agarwal, M.D. who specializes in internal medicine.

Dick Tetter, CFO presented a budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. It was accepted as presented. The mileage rate now being paid (\$33) was increased to \$405 as is allowed by the IRS. This mostly impacts Home Health employees who make home visits. It was noted that charges for services have not been increased like they should for many years.

Muenster Hospital has not had a contract with Medicaid for Swing Bed patients, said Administrator Heller. The cost was written off when there was a Medicaid patient in Swing Bed. "We don't have many Medicaid patients in Swing Bed," he noted. "Most have Medicare that pays."

A resolution was adopted to contract with Medicaid for future Swing Bed patients.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:
We are at war with "terrorists." Over the years, it was practically unanimous to remove or destroy the leadership of the threatening groups. After the 9/11 attack, the President acted and committed our troops to meet the challenge.

We have done a pretty good job in Afghanistan and captured Saddam, but we are being attacked by the insurgents because they are aided and abetted by politicians, the liberal media, and in some cases the judiciary. Our soldiers are being lost because of their rhetoric. They are more upset with a little hazing of prisoners than the torture and beheading of our troops and civilians for political gain.

Our support should be for our support of President Bush and our troops rather than his detractors.

It is also time to have representation in the U.N. with John Bolton rather than an appeaser.

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To the Editor,

In response to the letter to the editor on Friday from Shirley Newton, I would like to reply and I hope she takes no offense because I respect her and her opinion, but I also have my own opinion. Yes, I do think the 65 and older should be denied the school property tax freeze and I also do not believe in freezing their taxes at the county level.

Here are my reasonings. First, it is not fair to allow someone whose taxes are frozen to vote to raise another person's taxes and that is just what happens every time a school or county election happens. The entity sells whatever it is they want - be it a new

gym, new jail, or anything else that will more than likely cause taxes to raise in order to build it and maintain it. Over and over we hear "We must have it" or "Let's do it for the kids". And "Oh, by the way, if you are 65 and older you don't have to worry, remember your taxes won't go up anymore."

So the 65 and older group go and vote for it because, hey, why not - it won't affect me. That is representation without taxation. For example there is a gentleman here in Muenster who pays \$96.00 in school taxes on a home that should sell for around \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00. Yes you heard me and I did verify it on the tax roll. This gentleman, I am sure, receives a fairly decent retirement check. Now is it fair that the man can continue to vote to raise my taxes or anyone else's that is under 65 if he so wishes? Another three to five hundred a year would be peanuts to him compared to a single parent who is busting their bottoms trying to pay a mortgage on some small house in order to give his/her family a decent place to live. When you live paycheck to paycheck, every little bit matters to them as much as to the elderly who cannot afford it.

Now a couple of solutions. I would agree to freezing taxes for the 65 and older if at the same time their voting rights for that entity were frozen or taken away, and they could no longer vote on something that affects someone else's taxes. Of the 23,080 registered voters in Cooke County, if I had to guess, would say that a good percentage of them are of the 65 and older group or will be within a few short years. (Don't forget, the baby boom is descending upon us and who will pay the extra they are not

paying).
The other solution is do not freeze taxes. After all, if it only represents 1.49% of the net value of properties in Cooke County, that means many of that age group can handle an extra 50 to 100 dollars every few years and those that cannot? Maybe we need to have an organization that raises money to help those that cannot pay theirs.

Please don't get me wrong, my husband and I pay plenty of taxes and I hate taxes just as much as the next person, but we must find a solution that is fair to all, and not single out certain groups. That creates class envy.

Maybe we need to seriously study hard before we vote in another election that might cause our taxes to rise. Ask yourselves who is the real culprit - is it the local taxing entities or is the problem myself? If it is something you think is a necessity and you must vote in favor of it, you must also be willing to pay for it and quit complaining about your taxes or else do everything you can to get your friends and neighbors to vote it down!!!

Debbie Hess
Muenster, Texas

Letter to the Editor,

Tax Cap 65 & disabled on homestead.

I wish to apologize to the many friends and family here in Muenster and the rest of the county that signed my Petition forms because I did not get any of them turned in. The others completed before I was aware that they were filing them. That was great work by some wonderful people that show concern for others.

I would like to comment only a few points hoping to clarify the picture. In my visit with many known and unknown people that I visited with on this, there was only ONE PERSON that refused and was against the passing of this State passed legislation. The majority did not know much about it and felt it was a done deal that would be passed if it came up for a vote. However, all I talked to felt the Commissioners Court seemingly is handling this in a negative way and it would only cost the county wasted taxes money to have a vote on it.

I called and e-mailed Judge Freeman after he asked for people to let him know their feelings. He said at that time I was the only

one that had contacted him at that point. He was in the dark and appreciated the call. This is when I decided that we needed some one from Muenster to bring it to their attention of people. My health restricts very much activity for me, and I am sorry that I did not do more. Many of the merchants of Muenster were very supportive to my request to have a form available at their place of business. I only made it to a few places and I fell down on the job, but these were highly for it.

All the people over 65 have paid taxes for many years and have contributed many hours of unselfish time helping our community to prosper and grow. Myself, and most will not be around many more years. For me, I have paid taxes for over 73 years, and feel it is no more than fair for those over 65 to at least not to have to pay the increases in taxes in the years ahead on their home. Really, I feel it should be tax free just on their home. I know of many instances of the elderly losing their home from tax seizures.

At this time, I will leave it at that; however, there is much more to say in this regard and I would be glad to visit with anyone. But remember our representatives are politicians.

Ray Wilde
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Dear Editor,

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, made the following statements recently concerning the autopsy results of Terri Schiavo. Fr. Pavone had, ministered to her on several occasions before her untimely death and spoke out strongly in her defense.

I would like to share portions of his response with your readers. I believe they will find his comments quite thought provoking. His unedited response can be found at www.priestsforlife.org.

Thank you!
Martha Sicking
Muenster, TX 76252

Atrophy of Compassion
Fr. Frank comments on Terri Schiavo autopsy

An autopsy is not a crystal ball either into the past or the future. Nor is it a moral evaluation of the worth of a human life.

The big temptation is to stretch the autopsy beyond its purposes...to further dehumanize Terri and rob her of her claim to care and protection.

But let's presume that those who conducted this exam did so objectively and honestly. What, then, do we learn?

For one thing...the autopsy...leaves the cause of her initial collapse in 1990 a mystery.

What the exam does tell us, however, is that Terri died from dehydration...

We don't know if Michael was responsible for Terri's injury, but we do know he was responsible for her death.

The autopsy goes on to say that Terri's brain was "profoundly atrophied." ... Terri did not die from atrophy of the brain. She died from an atrophy of compassion. Too many people, starting with Michael, were unwilling to accept the fact that profoundly injured people require profound compassion and care. Even if this autopsy report showed that Terri was ten times more damaged than she was, our moral obligation to respect and protect her life would not change at all. We don't have to pass a test to qualify for our human rights. An autopsy is a measure of physical damage, not of human rights.

The autopsy says Terri was blind. That is not the morally relevant point. The point is that we are blind. Blind all too often to the fact that even the disabled and the severely injured have the same dignity and worth as the rest of us, and show forth the image and glory of God, even in their brokenness.

The autopsy says that Terri was beyond repair or rehabilitation... But that does not mean we are supposed to throw her

away...our compassion is not beyond repair. We can build a society that respects and protects all our brothers and sisters, recognizing that their value does not come from how well they function, perform, or produce.

I will never forget my hours with Terri, both before and after her feeding tube was removed. She responded to me... She laughed, she tried to speak, she returned her parents' kisses, she followed us with her eyes, she closed her eyes when I prayed with her and opened them when we were finished. Medical examiners can offer their conclusions...but none of that changes what we saw... Any honest medical expert will admit that there is so much about the human brain we still don't know. What Terri experienced on the inside is a mystery that only she and God know.

The challenge at this moment is simply this. Whatever she experienced, to whatever extent she was damaged, and even if she were totally unresponsive, Terri was one of us. She was our sister, she was a child of God, she was fully in possession of her human rights, and nothing can ever justify what was done to her.

Terri Schiavo was murdered, because she was deprived of food and water. We've done the examination on her body. Maybe it's time for an examination of our souls.

Contact Priests for Life at PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314; Tel: 888-PFL-3448, 718-980-4400; Fax: 718-980-6515; email: mail@priestsforlife.org; web: www.priestsforlife.org

Highway Patrol troopers hitting the road for July 4 weekend

The Texas Department of Public Safety is asking the public to drive safe and sober during the three-day July 4 holiday weekend.

"Many motorists will be out on Texas roadways over the Fourth of July, and DPS troopers will be out in force to make sure that drivers are obeying the law," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr. "Stay sober, slow down, and make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly secured."

Texas is one of several states participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction

Effort)—a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. All available troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways targeting speeders, drunk drivers, and seat belt violators during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

During the July 4 weekend last year, DPS troopers arrested 923 drivers for driving while intoxicated. "We'll be just as aggressive this year in looking for people who should not be driving," Col. Davis said.

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We have greatly valued our relationships and thank you for your loyalty and friendship over the years. Best wishes for your future health.

Sincerely,
Bonnie C. Carter, M.D. & Karla Davidson-Cox, M.D.

Dr. Carter's last clinic day will be July 8
Dr. Cox's last clinic day will be July 22

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
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, July 3, 2005	Monday, July 4, 2005	Tuesday, July 5, 2005	Wednesday, July 6, 2005	Thursday, July 7, 2005	Friday, July 8, 2005	Saturday, July 9, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Muenster Volunteer Firemen's Fireworks Show, 6 PM, Gatewood Hills Estate		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NO MMH Auxiliary meeting Cooke County Pro-Life meeting, 7 PM, Conrad Hall, Lindsay	Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 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 AARP membership meeting, luncheon, 11:30 AM, Stanford House, Gainesville	Muenster Jaycees Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament, Turtle Hill
Sunday, July 10, 2005	Monday, July 11, 2005	Tuesday, July 12, 2005	Wednesday, July 13, 2005	Thursday, July 14, 2005	Friday, July 15, 2005	Saturday, July 16, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Red Cross Swim Lessons, 9 AM-NOON City Council meeting, 7:30 PM VFW meeting, 8 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting, 7:30 AM, Rohmer's Restaurant	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Kiwanis Family Swim night, 7-9 PM, City Pool, Muenster Hist. Com. Mtg., 8 AM, Museum	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	

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Frank Hogan
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Frank Hogan

Hogan. Honorary pallbearers were Tim Hogan, Charles Hogan, and Anthony Hogan.

By **Elfreda Fette**
Frank Kirk Hogan of Saint Jo died on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 in Muenster Memorial Hospital, at age 88.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1916 in Mallard, Texas to Spencer and Edna McDonald Hogan. He was raised in the Linn and Hood area communities. On Nov. 3, 1945 he married Katie Alice Parsley in Myra. He was a member of the Baptist faith; a veteran of W. W. II, U. S. Army; employed as a linotype operator at the Dallas Morning News for over nine years, and for more than 20 years with the Amarillo Globe News. Mr. Hogan was a talented musician who brought many hours of pleasure to his family and friends by playing his fiddle.

Survivors are his wife, Katie Hogan of Saint Jo, sons, Tim and wife Jackie Hogan, and John Lee Hogan, all of Saint Jo; daughter Cheri Griffith of Saint Jo; brother Jerry and wife Kay Hogan of Austin; sisters Naomi and husband Pete Smith of Lubbock, and Eula Grace "Baby" Cain of Muenster. There are 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his son Daniel Hogan, five brothers, and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at Clement-Keel Funeral Home Chapel at 10 a.m. Saturday.

A nephew, Keith Smith of Lubbock and his wife Betty provided music for the service. They sang "In The Garden", "Go Rest High On That Mountain", and "On The Wings Of A Dove".

A granddaughter, Sherlene Patrick read "Graddaddy", a poem written four years ago by his oldest grandson, Spencer Hogan. It told how his

grandfather taught him many things, but most importantly, that it's okay for a man to cry when he is hurting, and it does not make him less of a man, but just a strong man with deep feelings and compassion for those he loves.

Graveside services were held at Fairview Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Lamoyen Champ, Baptist minister. Burial was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were John Lee Hogan, Spencer Hogan, Mike Hogan, Jason Hogan, Robert Hogan, and James

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studied it and gave her input. Each Commissioner submitted an annual report on the condition of County roads in his precinct. Information included roads that were to be opened or closed in the next fiscal year; bridges, culverts, or other needed improvements to bring the roads into good condition, and the estimated cost of those improvements. Gary Hollowell estimated that he would require \$954,000 for road maintenance during 2005-06 in Precinct #1. Roads needing to be closed are CR 110 and CR 198. Bridges are slated to be replaced on County Roads 140, 138, 104, and 165. Reseal coats are planned for CR 107N, 123S, 131, 154, and repair of seal coat is set for CR 115, 106,

and 132. Culverts are to be replaced on CR 103/106, and CR 123/162. Bill Cox estimates a cost of \$949,771. Roads to be opened are CR 261 in the New Range Subdivision and an unnamed road in a subdivision south and east of Lake Kiowa. Also CR 214 is to be reopened and rebuilt and a cul-de-sac added. Replacing a bridge is planned for CR 218, culvert replacement for CR 217, 224, 223, Black Jack Road, Bloomfield Road, and Morrow Road; hot mix for CR 219, Prairie Grove Road, Spring Creek Road, and 110 and CR 198. Bridges and Hemming Road; chip and seal for portions of CR 211, North Shore, and Spring Creek Road; gravel for portions of CR 203, 207, 202, 212, 251, 2117, 220, 248, 200, 214, Blackjack

Road, Spring Creek Road. Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith estimates a cost of \$917,833. He plans to replace bridges on CR 321 and 317; replace culverts on CR 348, 320, 328 (new), 334; seal coat CR 341, 336, 321, 300, and 306. In Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess estimates a cost of \$813,785. Improvements planned include replacing culverts on CR 417 and 424; replacing bridge on CR 406; repair the bridge on CR 411; hot mix hot lay repair to CR 404; seal coat to CR 424 west of FM 373; pave CR 447 south of Hwy. 82 and CR 426 west of FM 373 north. The Court accepted all of these reports. Denied was a request by Cimmarron Gathering, LP, a subsidiary of HEP Oil Company, to place a six-inch gas pipeline along CR 426 west to CR 355, then south along CR 355 to Hwy. 82. "We've taken this to the County Attorney to get an opinion on it," said Commissioner Hess. "Her opinion is that we would be better to deny you all access to this due to the liabilities, and there are several." Commissioner Smith added, "We do not have 20 feet in many places on this road in the easement area. In the \$35 per rod that's in the agreement, this road has really not been deeded to the County and we cannot accept \$35 per rod. Those three things put us in that position."

When asked to name the liabilities Hess said, "It's not actually hazardous material, but it could be explosive material from natural gas. Any excavation that we would do, we'd lose that liability." Smith said that in many places the easement is only five feet and the pipe would have to be placed in the roadbed. Commissioner Hess reported on the progress of the Courthouse renovation. "By next week we should be back to our regular handicap entrance," he noted. The temporary ramp at the north end will be removed after work is completed for the south handicap entrance. Work will then begin on the north side of the Courthouse.

Mike Orsburn sought a variance of the scale used for re-subdivision plat and a variance for the type of road surface of new proposed interior road for Valley View Farms, Lot 13, located off of Love Trail and I-35 in Precinct #2. Orsburn hoped to get the scale variance changed from one to 200, to one inch equals 100. The survey company that drew the plat used the incorrect scale. Judge Freeman said that he didn't like to require others to comply while allowing a few to be different. He hoped to put in a gravel road as opposed to a paved road to save money.

Both requests were denied. Commissioners said that a lot of thought was put into the subdivision regulations and each requirement was made for a very good reason. In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved updating maps of Cooke County and having 1000 printed.
- Opened sealed bids for MC 3000 to be used for 10 months beginning July 1, 2005. Sem Materials of Springfield Missouri submitted the only bid, which was approved.
- Approved request by Mountain Springs Water Supply to install a fresh water line located on Springs Road about 4/10 of a mile east from the intersection of FM 372 and Springs Road.
- Approved request by Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher to make a line item change in budget. Due to unexpected repair needs and higher fuel costs he's moving \$500 from equipment to vehicle expense.
- Approved request by Angel Walls, Cooke County Cooperative Extension agent, to make a line item change. She's moving \$500 from conference expenses to supplies. She plans to purchase materials for parenting education.
- Approved indigent burial of Douglas Dewayne Greenwood.

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
June 28, 1940

More than 1,400 attend the Oil Men's Barbecue and Stag Party, sponsored by the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. A group of friends of Walter Klement enjoyed a party at his bachelor home Sunday evening. Eugene Lehnertz is visiting relatives here for two weeks, coming from the oil fields of Illinois and Indiana. Kathleen Richter is now employed in Dallas. Fr. Francis Zimmerman was the

featured speaker for the Gainesville Kiwanis Club.
50 YEARS AGO
July 1, 1955

Men In Service: PFC Pat Stelzer is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands; Willard Hartman and Damien Hellman are both promoted to Corporal in the Army; S. Sgt. Ernest Sicking is transferred to Africa; Master Sgt. Alfred Walter here for 20 day leave, from Honolulu. Freddie Joe Hennigan has surgery in a Dallas hospital for facial

injuries from a fall while working as a carpenter. New Arrivals: Debbie Lynn to Denis and Della Walterscheid; a son to the Robert DeCurtains; James David to the Carl Pelzels; Debra Ann to Randy and Marilyn Bayer. The Al Yostens move to new home in northeast part of town. Wedding: Ruby Arant and Weldon Lyons.

25 YEARS AGO
June 27, 1980

Water rationing is still urgent; benefits of 1.5 inch

rain do not last when subjected to temperatures of up to 110 degrees. Lightning extensively damages two of Jimmy Jack Biffle's leases in Hood area. Saint Jo Bank Bandit arrested; 60 year old man with a cap pistol and almost \$4,500 that had been stolen was apprehended by the Nocona Police Chief and two other lawmen. Father Bonaventure Koelzer is honored on his 50th anniversary of priesthood. Honor Roll: Mary Luke,

University of Texas at Austin. Wedding: Janice Hess and Norman Terry. Rene Stelzer is judged No. 1 High School Voice of Texas.

Lawn - garden tools

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LIFESTYLE

Free gun locks to be given by Project ChildSafe

The National Shooting Sports Foundation has partnered with the local law enforcement community to distribute 865,000 additional free gun locks in Texas as part of the national Project ChildSafe (PCS) initiative. PCS reminds gun owners to take steps to prevent a loaded gun from falling into the hands of a child, thereby preventing tragic accidents.

The national safety tour will visit Cooke County on Tuesday, July 12 and Wednesday July 13 at the Cooke County Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement agencies. Free cable-style gunlocks and accompanying education materials will be distributed as part of the Project ChildSafe program.

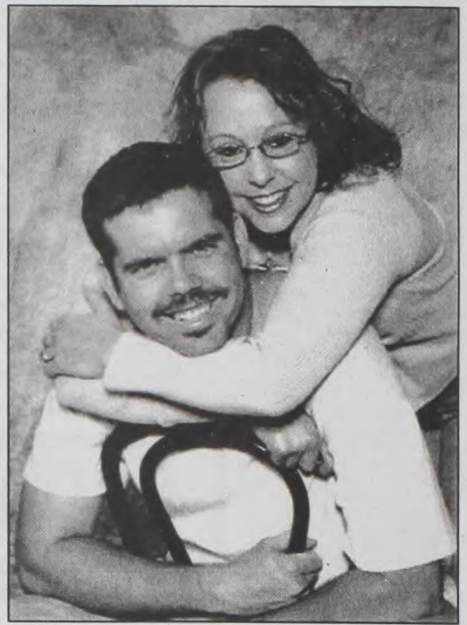
Project ChildSafe is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Phase one of the project was funded by a \$50 million U.S.

Department of Justice grant, with Texas receiving 1,192,200 free gunlocks in 2004.

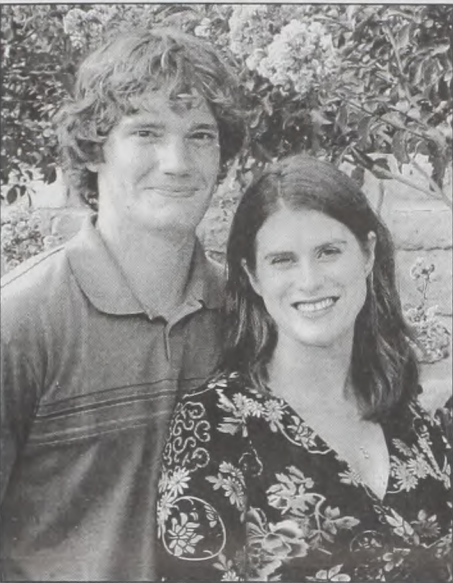
The current campaign will distribute over 12 million free firearm safety kits and follows the successful Phase One distribution of 20 million firearm safety kits over the past year to all 50 states. "There continues to be a significant demand for firearm safety education across America and we are pleased that Project ChildSafe is able to meet that demand with millions of additional free firearm safety kits," said Doug Painter, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation. "We are continuing to remind gun owners that their most important responsibility is to know how to safely handle and properly store their firearms in the home."



Announcing their engagement and approaching marriage are Kimberly Elizabeth Maas of Muenster and Stephen Matthew Hofbauer of Muenster. Parents of the couple are Mike and Debbie Maas of Saint Jo and Dale and Dolores Hofbauer of Muenster. The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Saint Jo High School, currently attends North Central Texas College, and is employed at Doc's Bar and Grill in Muenster. Mr. Hofbauer is a 2000 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is employed as a carpenter with Don Eckart Construction in Muenster. The couple plans to exchange their vows on Saturday, July 9, 2005 at 7 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster with a reception to follow.



Gilbert and Shirley Hess of Muenster are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son Darrin Paul Hess of Muenster to Jessica Diane Lingner of Muenster. She is the daughter of David and Linda Hair of Saint Jo and Richard and Sandra Lingner of Whitesboro. They plan to be married on Saturday, July 23, 2005 at St. Mary's Church in Gainesville.



Bob and Ginger Whisnant of Albuquerque, New Mexico announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Ginny Whisnant of Irving to Greg Flusche of Irving. The future-groom is the son of Jack and Linda Flusche of Muenster. The couple plans to wed at 6 p.m. at Country Abbey in Justin on Saturday, July 30, 2005. Miss Whisnant is a 1998 graduate of Albuquerque Academy and graduated from Texas A&M University in May of 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. She is employed as an engineer at Lockheed Martin. The future-groom graduated from Muenster High School in 1997. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering in May of 2002 from Texas A&M University and is employed by Lockheed Martin as an engineer.

BAPTISMS

Gehrig

Nicholas Michael Gehrig, eight month old son of Jason and Felicia Gehrig of El Alto, Bolivia, was baptized on May 1, 2005, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in College Station, by Fr. Dean Wilhelm, friend of his parents. Godparents are uncle and aunt Florentino and Grace Villalovoz of Houston. Nicholas' baptismal gown and crocheted blanket were made by his grandmother, Cindy Gehrig.

Prior to the 3 p.m. baptism, the families

gathered at Rudy's Bar-B-Que in College Station for lunch. Joining in the celebration were Nicholas' sister Jessica; grandparents Michael and Gloria Mendoza of Houston and Jim and Cindy Gehrig of Muenster; uncles, aunts, and cousins Michael, Zachary, and Matthew Evenbly, Mary Helen Bustomante and Isabella and friend Jay Fonfeca, Adam and Brittany Villalovoz, all of Houston, Michael and Kelly Gehrig, Mark Gehrig, all of Muenster, Lucien Gehrig of Dallas, Joanna Gehrig of Austin, and Karen Gehrig of College Station.

Great-grandparents are Josephine Schilling and Herman Stoffels of Muenster.



Nicholas Gehrig

NEW ARRIVALS

Gehrig

Ryan and Kristen Gehrig of Bristow, Oklahoma, joyfully announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Alyssa May

Gehrig. She was born at the Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Friday, May 27, 2005 at 7:48 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 3 1/2 oz. and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length. Alyssa's grandparents are Larry and Janie Lyon of Tulsa, and Jim and Cindy Gehrig of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Charlie and Juanita King of Tulsa, and Herman Stoffels and Josephine Schilling, both of Muenster.



Alyssa Gehrig

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Viet Nam, Laurie visited local schools through the Global Circle Foundation and donated school supplies. Countries Laurie has visited include: Czech Republic, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Montenegro, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Laos, Myanmar, Singapore, Ecuador, and Galapagos Islands.

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COLLEGE GRADUATES

Michelle Fuhrmann graduates Summa Cum Laude

Michelle Renae Fuhrmann graduated from West Texas A&M University on May 7 in ceremonies held at the WTAMU Event Center at 10 a.m. She is the daughter of Leon and Sandra Fuhrmann, and the granddaughter of Ed and Aileen Cler, and a 2000 graduate of Sacred Heart High School.

Michelle graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications/Print Media. She was a member of Alpha Chi, a National College Honor Scholarship Society.

Attending her graduation were her parents, and her sisters Jennifer of Muenster, Sharon of Round Rock, Sarina of Euless, and Elizabeth of Muenster.



Michelle Fuhrmann

Jacqueline Bartush graduates Magna Cum Laude from University of Dallas

Jacqueline Marie Bartush received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Studio Art from the University of Dallas. The commencement ceremony took place at 9 a.m. on May 15.

She graduated Magna Cum Laude and had the honor of being inducted into an honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. A Baccalaureate Mass was held on May 14 at 6 p.m. Most Reverend



Jacqueline Bartush

Charles Grahmann was the president and homilist.

Jacqueline had the opportunity last year to do a summer resource project at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The project was on muscular contraction. She also worked in the research labs at UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas during her last two years at UD. She will continue her research, working for Active Organics in Lewisville.

Attending the graduation ceremony were her parents, Chuck and June Bartush, brothers Stephen and Daniel Bartush, uncle and aunt Joe and Pam Dangelmayr, cousin Debra Dangelmayr, uncle and Godfather Chris Stoffels and wife Jana.

There was a party in the biergarten at Doc's Bar & Grill for Jackie and her cousin Melanie Bartush, who had also graduated that evening. Grandparents, along with other relatives and friends attended.

Adam Klement is Texas Tech graduate

Adam Klement, son of Andrew and Emily Klement, graduated from Texas Tech University on May 14 at Spirit Arena in Lubbock. He graduated from the Schools of Arts & Sciences, majoring in History and Political Science.

Family attending the

ceremony included his parents; sisters Kristen Klement, Allison Rix, and Laura Robeson; brother-in-law Tug Rix; nephew and niece Andrew Ware and Zoe Klement; and aunt and uncle Judy and Mark Milner. Also attending were friends Matthew Nasche, Dusty Jonas, Eric Thompson and Beth Aaron. A graduation party, hosted by his parents, was held at Beth's home after the ceremony.

Unable to attend due to illness was his grandmother Claire Klement.

Adam is employed as an assistant manager at Texas Tech University - Barnes and Noble, Textbook Division. His plans include attending graduate school.



Adam Klement

KLB to sponsor phone drive

Keep Lindsay Beautiful will sponsor a phone drive to collect old cell phones within the County. These recycled phones will be donated to Friends of the Family. This organization helps battered women and children.

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Cadet Michael Kendall

Kendall graduates with honors from West Point

Cadet Michael P. Kendall, Jr. graduated with honors from the United States Military Academy on May 28. He is the son of Mike and Alice Kendall of Lindsay and a 2001 graduate of Lindsay High School.

Graduation activities span a week at West Point. During that week, Kendall was the recipient of several awards. These include the Superintendent's and Dean's Awards for Excellence during his tenure at the Academy. He also received the National Council, Steubin Society of America Award for excellence in German at the Academy.

While at West Point, Kendall concentrated his studies in German and International Relations and was commissioned a second lieutenant, branched Engineers and will attend an Officer Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Soon after, he may join an active Army unit where he would work along side the men and women currently fighting the global war on terrorism.

Michael was a member of several honor societies. These included the Golden Key International Honor Society that recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement and excellence. Members must rank in the top 15% of their class; Phi Kappa Phi whose members rank in the top 10% of their senior class or the top 5% of their junior class; Pi Sigma Alpha, a National Political Science Honor Society open to Political Science Majors with a GPA of 3.25 in their Political Science Class and rank academically in the top 33% of their class; and Phi Sigma Iota, a national honor society for foreign language or area studies major or concentrator with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher in their language related concentration.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Cooke County Pro-Life
Cooke County Pro-Life will meet Tuesday, July 5, at 7 p.m. in the Conrad Hall at Lindsay. This is a non-denominational, community based organization open to all local pro-life citizens. The meeting is open to the public. If you feel God is calling you to get involved in pro-life ministry, please come. Contact Martha at 759-2907 for additional information.

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Local residents attending the graduation week ceremonies included his grandmother Louise Schad, aunt and cousin Mary Jean and Anna Bayer, brothers Jeff and Ryan Kendall, and friends Will and Catherine Bezer. USMA Cadet Grant Hartman from Muenster also attended.

The graduating class of 2005 was featured on the front cover of the May 30 issue of *Time Magazine*. In the article they were dubbed as the Class of 9/11 because they were the first to spend four years at West Point in the shadow of 9/11. An article on the Class of 2005 can be read by logging on to Military.com. It was written by Tom Miller and published on June 8, 2005.

Hot Dog! - It's the 4th of July

The Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department will once again stage the fireworks display in Boggs City Park beginning at full dark (around 9 p.m.) on Saturday, July 2.

Many other events are scheduled along with the fireworks. They include: a patriotic children's parade starting at 7 p.m. (with prizes for best patriotic costume in age levels, 0-4 years, 5-9 years, and 10-14 years); a homemade ice cream freeze-off, with the winners chosen by popular vote after the tasting; a home run derby starting at 7 p.m.; a volley ball

tournament planned for early Saturday morning; and performances by Gospel Lights, and by the Community Choir.

The Chamber of Commerce will continue its tradition of free watermelon all evening. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and other refreshments will be available for purchase. So be sure to bring your lawn chair and join in at the park for an evening of food, fun, games, music, and fireworks.

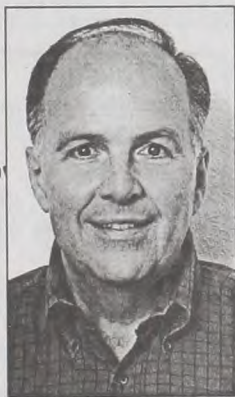
Donations for financial support for the fireworks celebration will be gratefully accepted. Saint Jo businesses have donation buckets displayed, or donations can be mailed or delivered to: Fireworks Account, c/o First National Bank, P.O. Box B, Saint Jo, TX 76265. All collected deposited funds are used to buy fireworks.

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SCHOOL



The Muenster Hornet Cheerleaders held their annual mini-camp last week. Campers included, clockwise, beginning upper left, Michelle Henscheid; Katie Pagel, Natalie Fangman, Shelby Klement, and Claire Schneider; below, Stefani Tucker, Kassie Dangelmayr, Kylie Hess, Kyla Haverkamp, Kinzie Hess, Tara Gunnels, and Brianna Rohmer; Kristen Reiter and Natalie Walterscheid.

Janie Hartman photos



MHS Cheerleaders hold annual mini-camp

The Muenster Varsity Cheerleaders hosted their annual mini-camp June 20-24 for first through eighth graders. This year over 100 girls attended the camp including Muenster, Era, and Valley View Junior High Squads.

Each day the campers learned the latest cheers, chants, and dances from NCA and were also instructed on the correct techniques for jumps and stunting. On Wednesday evening, a hot dog and swim party was held for the campers at the Muenster Park.

Many awards were given out during camp. Each day, campers who showed the most spirit were awarded a spirit stick and on the last day got to bring it home. The camp concluded Friday with several competitions.

Among these were All-American tryouts. All-American nominees in the Elementary division included Kassie Dangelmayr, Kinzie Hess, Kristen Reiter, Kendi Bayer, Kylie Hess, Abby Pagel, Lauren Rohmer, Michelle Sicking, Brooke Walterscheid, Olivia Haverkamp, Lana Heers, Chloe Schneider, and Stefanie Tucker.

In the Junior High division, the nominees were Marlee Bell, Shelby Meyer, and Bethany Stockton from the Valley View Squad, Amanda Dangelmayr, Lia Heers, and Michelle Henscheid from the Muenster Squad, Carlee Black, Marissa Lyons, and Molly McIntosh from the Era Squad, and Caleigh Wood from Muenster. This year's All-American winners were Chloe Schneider and Olivia Haverkamp for the Elementary division and Marlee Bell of Valley View

from the Junior High division.

Each grade level also performed a cheer and a chant for their parents, while the Junior High squads competed in the Top Team and Champion Chant competitions. The Top Team winner was Muenster Junior High, and the winner of the Champion Chant was Era Junior High.

Other Junior High awards included: the Stunt Smart Award - Era Junior High; Best Stunts Award - Valley View Junior High; Jump Award - Marlee Bell and Delana Sicking; Dance Award - Carlee Black; Most Crowd Involvement - Bethany Stockton; Motion Award - Jackie Klement; Most Improved Camper - Caleigh Wood; Most Improved Squad - Era Junior High; and the Spirit Award - Muenster Junior High.

Elementary awards were as follows: Encouragement Award - third grade; Jump Award - Kylie Hess; Dance Award - Olivia Haverkamp and Stefanie Tucker; Most Spirited Camper - Kristen Reiter; Motion Award - Brooke Walterscheid; and Most Improved Camper - Sadie Stoffels.

All of those who attended the Muenster Mini-Camp will again be able to perform the material they learned throughout the week at a pep rally and football game to be announced at a later date.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Bishop Lynch High School

Kelli Michelle Stoffels, daughter of Bob and Pauline Stoffels of Garland, graduated from Bishop Lynch High School on May 22. Kelli graduated with honors ranking in the top 10% of a class of 261 students. She was a member of the National Honor Society. She also served as producer of BL Live (school TV broadcasting production). She earned the Broadcasting Academic Award. She also served on

the executive board of BL Ambassadors.

Kelli was a member of Campus Ministry serving as a lector and Eucharistic minister for school Masses. Kelli was actively involved in community service throughout her high school years. She was a member of Big Brothers/Sisters of North Texas, volunteered with Special Olympics and Hearts and Hammers, and coached a 5th-8th grade girls' parochial league basketball team.

Kelli's academic honors included being named an All

American Scholar and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was on the Academic Honor Roll all four years. She was also Bishop Lynch's nominee for the prestigious Toyota Corporation Scholarship. Kelli was awarded academic scholarships to University of North Texas, University of Texas at Dallas, and Baylor University. She plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Among those attending her graduation and party afterwards were: maternal

grandmother Virginia Noggler; Randy and Janice Stoffels; JoAnn Richards and Stacie Yosten. Unable to attend but sending good wishes were paternal grandparents, Betty and Charles Stoffels of Lindsay.

Kelli is the granddaughter of the late Ted Noggler and great-granddaughter of the late Susanna Noggler.



Kelli Stoffels

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SPORTS

Campbell names Muenster to lead district football

Dave Campbell's 2005 Texas Football magazine hit the news racks last week. Claiming to be the southwest's leading football source since 1960, the magazine lists all the pro, college, and high school football teams.

In District 16-A, the Muenster Hornets were picked by Texas football expert Carl Padilla to lead the district. Valley View, then Lindsay, followed for a tight top three. Saint Jo, Petrolia, Collinsville, and Era finished out the district.

As the cost of the magazine rises, coverage of the small high schools gets less, with a UIL district taking a half page, and the private schools only inches.

In the top 1A 25 schools, Chilton was picked as the number one team. Big Sandy and Windthorst follow. Muenster will start the season as number 15, and Valley View 19th in the ranking.

In District 16A, Muenster comes out of 2004 with a 8-2/5-1 record. The Hornets have seven starters returning, led by back Justin Ferguson, tackle Noah Barnhill, back Zach Swirczynski, tackle/end Cole Harrison, and Derek Endres. The article notes "Despite one district loss, the Hornets were left out of the playoffs. Coach Endres didn't list Ferguson's 40 yard dash time, but here's a measure: he's the reigning State Champ in the 400."

The Lindsay Knights, 8-3/5-1 in '04, return five starters. Players to watch include Adam Kasparek, Alan Trammell, Gary Anderle, Dustin Hughes, Derick Murray, John Mosman, Malcom Martin, and Josh Jones. Trammell ran for 899 yards and 10 touchdowns, while Kasparek recorded 134 tackles.

The Era Hornets have only four starters returning

from a 4-6/1-5 season. Brendan Smith and Justin Howard return to lead Era's offense, with Kyle Howard, Brian Small, and Cody Huddleston leaders on defense.

Valley View has six Eagles returning from a 7-4/5-1 2004 season. Quarterback Luke Williams, with 1888 total yards which include four rushing TDs and 22 passing TDs, will direct the offense. Dallas Newman (54 tackles, six sacks), Lee Noland (68 tackles) and Dylan Schindler (25 tackles, seven interceptions) will lead the Eagle defense.

The Saint Jo Panthers have nine starters, including offensive lineman Darrin Reeves, All-District the last three years, returning from a 6-4/3-3 season. Offensively, the Panthers will be led by Ivan Ramirez and Jeff Maas.

Collinsville, after a 4-6/1-5 season returns five Pirates. All-District Matt Linn will move to quarterback. Defensive tackle Austin Light (230 pounds), a 2 year starter, will lead the defense.

After a State Championship in 2002, the Petrolia Pirates had a hard 4-6/1-5 season last year. With only four starters returning, Lee Heaton will take over at quarterback, behind linemen Heath Williams, Ernie Alley, Calvin Rickman, Trey Hevring, Kyle Wright, and Lavon Throneberry.

To the west, Windthorst leads District 14, followed by Alvord and Tolar. District 7 leaders are Wolfe City, Celeste, and Bogata Rivercrest.

The Sacred Heart Tigers will be members of TAPPS Division IV, District 1. No district standings were listed for the private and parochial teams.

The Tigers are listed as a four team district, with

Denton Calvary, Lubbock Christian, and Watauga Harvest. Denton Calvary dropped out of the district last season and went to six-man competition. Also in the district is Fort Worth Calvary and Wichita Falls Notre Dame, not mentioned in the magazine. The district should be led by the Eagles of Lubbock, defending State Champions, followed by Sacred Heart and Fort Worth Calvary.

The Tigers return seven starters from a 10-3/3-1 2004 playoff season that ended as State Runner-Up. Players to watch are running back Aaron Krahl, along with linemen Arlie Bayer and David Walterscheid, John Ambrose, Josh Yosten, Theo Otto, and Tim Otto.

Lubbock, 13-0/4-0 last season, lost five key players, returning six. Players to watch listed Trent Langford, Blake Roberson, and Ben Hill.

Watauga had a 2-6/1-3 season last year, losing five starters and returning seven. Players to watch are RJ Buckner, Dean Madison, and TD Huett.

Fort Worth Calvary and Notre Dame were not listed.

Other area schools, the Callisburg Wildcats after a 2-8/1-4 season, are picked 4th in District 13-AA, behind Celina, Argyle, and Prosper.

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