

## Fr. Corapi attracts crowd of 1,317 to conference

Fr. John Corapi's historical trip to Muenster took place Saturday, Mar. 5. The "Project Corapi" committee, headed by Nicole and Doug Hennigan, has been eagerly planning for his arrival for nearly two years.

There were a total of 1,317 people present on Saturday, with 513 from Muenster. Other places from which people came were: Illinois, Washington D.C., Florida, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana, as well as throughout the entire state of Texas.

"It is really a miracle that Fr. Corapi was able to accept the invitation to come to Muenster," remarked Nicole. He receives over 500 formal invitations to speaking events

every year and 200-300 e-mails every day. His mail is delivered in huge bags. This year Father accepted 23 invitations, and Muenster was one of them!

Friday, Mar. 4, Fr. Corapi was the guest speaker at the A.B.B.A. dinner banquet. After the meal was served, and it was his turn to talk, he warned, "I am not an after-dinner speaker!" He then proceeded to explain just how important pro-life work is and how very necessary is the prayer that goes along with it. Fr. Corapi pointed out things that many people are not aware of, such as the demonic side of things. "If God says, 'I am who am,' Satan says, 'I am who am NOT.' If he (Satan) can get you to believe

that he is not there" that is his aim!

Saturday was the big event. Before the sessions began, as Fr. Corapi was preparing for his talks, he had a little surprise of his own. The most notable guest in attendance, Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL) from Washington D.C., long a hero of Fr. Corapi's for his untiring pro-life legislative efforts, was present. Father was very honored to meet the Senator, and vigorously shook his hand upon introduction. Father even mentioned Congressman Hyde in his first talk, as "the foremost champion of pro-life and pro-family legislation on Capitol Hill". An enthusiastic round of applause all through the

audience followed this statement.

Andy White served as emcee for the day Saturday, and first introduced Darrell Herr, Grand Knights of the local Knight of Columbus, who welcomed the entire audience. After giving the introduction to the conference, Andy White proudly presented Fr. John Corapi.

Fr. Corapi's first talk consisted of many things, including the very real need for prayer in today's world. He explained the Church's devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary that is sometimes difficult for non-Catholics and even some Catholics to understand. His main point was that Mary leads people to her Son. She is close to Him. He honors her, and so it is only right that she have a special place in Christian hearts. Fr. Corapi commented that the way to get Him mad would be to "insult My mamma!"

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Nicole Hennigan and Fr. Corapi look over the agenda for the conference held on Saturday the 5th. Courtesy photo

## MISD celebrates Open House



Muenster ISD Kindergarten teacher Sharon Ledbetter goes over some of Emily Bayer's work with her mom Lauren at Open House Tuesday night. See more photos on Public School Week in next week's issue of the Muenster Enterprise. Photo by Deborah Wood

## EMS station eliminated from new jail

### Muenster to get new EMS Substation in related deal

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
When Commissioners Court originally settled on a plan for the proposed Justice Center and EMS facility, the Jail was to be built for 144 beds with space for an additional 60+ beds. The County now houses an average of 120 prisoners a day. That number is steadily rising.

With an eye to the future, Commissioners Court, at a special called meeting, Tuesday, Mar. 8, unanimously voted to eliminate the EMS building, which was to be part of the new Justice Center, and to complete the jail to its entirety to house 200 plus prisoners. Cost of the Jail is now estimated at \$7.85 million. The savings by eliminating the EMS center plan is \$147,000.

Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox remarked before the vote, "I feel good, and I think the rest of the citizens I've spoken to think that cutting the EMS facility out of the system like we proposed is a good deal."

County Judge Bill Freeman said that they had tried to get word out to County citizens via a radio broadcast Friday as to what the Court's intentions were in regard to the EMS facility. He had gotten no opposition to that

plan. Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess said he'd heard some opposition about removing the EMS building from the Justice Center plans. He noted, "I had several calls and comments from people who'd see me on the street. They feel like we're going to short pot the area because we've got the hospital right there."

Commissioners Court approved Judge Freeman to sign a construction contract with Sedalco Construction Services. The contract is for \$7.85 million with the construction to be completed in 365 calendar days. Construction is to start Mar. 21. Judge Freeman said he expects that the new Justice Center should be open in April of 2006.

The \$147,000 savings will

be used to construct new EMS substation in various areas around the County. The County has been in the process of acquiring property on the east and west ends of the County to construct these facilities. Land has been purchased in Precinct #1 near Woodbine for that purpose. "Right now the plan is to leave one ambulance downtown and to build a new (ambulance) station on the east side of the railroad tracks, build one on the east side of Muenster, and one in Woodbine," said the Judge. The ambulance crew (on Chestnut Street) will take care of the west side of Gainesville and be the quickest response to Valley View and to Era. The one over by Muenster will cover the west side of the County. The

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## Safe stolen from DI One Stop

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Thieves gained entry to the DI One Stop in Muenster sometime during the night last Saturday night or early Sunday morning. According to Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall, the unknown persons took a safe weighing between 400 and 500 pounds, an undetermined amount of cash, Marlboro cigarettes, and several cases of beer. Apparently they used a dolly from the business to cart out the goods, and then took it also.

It is unknown how the thieves gained access, but they exited through the back door. Stovall noted that there was no sign of forced entry.

Over \$1,000 in cash was stolen from the Dairy Queen in Valley View sometime between 10 p.m. Sunday and 6 a.m. Monday. According to Valley View's Chief of Police Tom Stephens, the thieves used a push bar to pry open the glass front door, which faced the highway, to gain entry. They then did a chop job on the safe in the business

to access the money. Their exit was out the rear door facing away from the highway.

Stephens said that no other damage was done to the Dairy Queen. The investigation is ongoing. Some latent prints lifted at the scene may offer clues as to the identity of the thieves.

## Funding is approved for City street projects

**By Scott Wood**  
The Muenster City Council met Monday night in regular session.

The Council had expected to hear the results of the Fiscal 2003-04 City audit, however, the auditor was unavailable. The audit is expected to be received at the next monthly meeting.

The current budget for street repair was revised upward by \$200,000 for paving projects that are expected to be complete this year.

According to Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, the additional cost is the result of the Council's desire to improve the quality of the streets in town. The new budget calls for a layer of asphalt to be put down on five streets with relatively high traffic volume. First Street between Elm and Pecan, Fourth Street between Maple and Walnut, Seventh Street between Maple and Hickory, Maple street between Sixth and Seventh and from Ninth to FM 373, as well as Sycamore Street from Third to Sixth will all get the new hard surface.

Chip and oil improvements will be completed on two additional streets. Fifth Street from Maple to Main and from Walnut to Pecan will be improved, as well as Cedar Street from Fourth to Sixth.

City Manager Stan Endres updated the Council on City activities. Endres stated that the PVC pipe for water and sewer line extensions in the Fleitman subdivision has been delivered and will likely be laid soon. He also indicated that the water line for the Sicking development will likely be laid soon.

In other business, the Council:

- Approved the installation of two street lights on East Fourth Street. As with other lights, the City will be responsible to pay the electric bill of \$10 to \$15 per light monthly;
- Denied a request for a speed bump on North Mesquite Street;
- Agreed to form a committee for the purpose of updating building and fire codes;
- Paid monthly bills totaling \$62,349.45.

## Youth fair in action



Muenster 4-H member Chase Hammer participated in last weekend's Youth Fair. See show results and more pictures on page 6. Janie Hartman photo

## Certification earned by local volunteer firemen

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Eight more Muenster Volunteer Firemen attained the status of certified basic firefighter. This took documentation in 167 hours of local drill instruction and some schooling. This is the Texas State Firemen and Fire Marshals certification for volunteer firemen.

Firemen earning certification are Ben Bindel, Jim "Smoke" Koelzer, Milton Knauf, Bert Walterscheid, Brent Hess, Steve "Shaw" Henscheid, Doug Fleitman, and Ronnie Felderhoff. Firemen who are already certified include Herbie Knabe, John Yosten, Jim Gehrig, and Henry Knabe. Mark

Pollard and Scott Green are state certified fire firefighters.

"Certification doesn't just happen," noted Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe. "We got all of our paperwork updated at the end of 2004. It is a lot of documentation of what is done and when it was done." Bindel is the drill instructor and Yosten assisted him with the documentation.

Knabe said that by having the volunteer firemen get their certification, the City might have an opportunity to improve its ISO rating. This determines the premiums that insurance companies charge customers.

## Candidates file for local May elections

**By Janet Felderhoff**

Some entities in the County may have the option of not holding elections on Saturday, May 7. This option is available when those filing for all positions draw no opponents. Unless write in candidates file for a place on the ballot by 5 p.m. Mar. 14, Muenster ISD and Muenster Memorial Hospital have this option to save taxpayers the expense of holding an election when there is no contest.

On the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees, Place 4 held by Bert Walterscheid, and Place 3 held by Nick Walterscheid, are up for election. Bert filed for re-election. Nick did not. Filing for Place 3 is Jeff McAden.

On the Muenster Hospital Board of Directors, those whose terms are expiring are Danny Walterscheid, Paul Becker, and Gary Links. Links is not seeking another term. Becker and Walterscheid have filed for another three-year term. Mary Dangelmayr seeks the third

seat. The City of Muenster will hold an election, as there are two people interested in serving as mayor. Mayor Henry Weinzapfel hopes to serve another term. A.J. Knabe also filed for the position. Aldermen Joey Anderson and Jack Flusche have agreed to serve another term and are unopposed.

Lindsay voters have choices in the two entity elections in their city. Both are at large elections with candidates with the most votes filling the contested seats.

There are three aldermen positions up for grabs and four candidates hoping to fill them. Incumbents filing for another term are David Spaeth, Jeff Neu, and Paul Sandmann. Robert Fuller is the fourth candidate.

Lindsay ISD's Board of Trustees has three terms expiring. Danny Nortman, Damian Krahl, and Wayne Fleitman, who have all refiled, hold them. Also seeking the trustee seats are Michael Hermes and John Dieter.



# DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

## 65 YEARS AGO March 8, 1940

Oil development shifts north and east of Muenster. Earl Fisher takes motorcycle trip to Austin. The Al Walterscheid go to Oklahoma on business. Charles Bradshaw of Denton visits her sister Mrs. T.S. Myrick. The Rudy Hellmans and Fr. Frowin OSB visit in the Metroplex. Mrs. Frank Seyler's children, Catherine of Dallas, the Elwyn Hopes of Fort Worth, and the John Mosmans, visit her. The Joe Flusches, Mrs. Theo Wiesman, Mrs. Luke Temple, and Anna Markowitz visit relatives in Decatur. The John Wielers, Elizabeth Wieler, and the Henry Walterscheids sightsee at Denison Dam. Cooke County Electric added a 25 mile extension to northeast Cooke County and a 50 mile extension to north Montague County.

## 50 YEARS AGO March 11, 1955

Obituaries: Mrs. Joe Hirsy, 69; Sister Wilhelmina. Men in Service: Joe Moster and Bernard Luke have received discharges. Jerry Fette of Roscoe visits his parents, the Henry Fettes. Airman and Mrs. Antonio Chantre visit her parents the John Strengs. Truman Wolf is honored on his 12th birthday. The Ferd Yostens visit with their parents, the I.A. Schoechs and the Frank Yostens. Mrs. Clarence Hellman and children, and Bernice Walterscheid take Mary Nell Hellman and Lorene Fleitman, to Wichita Falls to attend busi-

ness college. The Rupert Hoenigs and son Robert of Dallas visit their parents the Joe Hoenigs and the Ted Neus. The Carl Herrs of Pilot Point visit his mother Mrs. Fred Herr, Sr. and his sisters Lena, Elizabeth, and Katie. The Harold Lukes of Dallas visit his parents, the Ben Lukes. Wedding: Marion Ray Hott and Gladys Lora Smith.

## 25 YEARS AGO March 7, 1980

Freemound fire burns more than 500 acres, with five fire departments responding. "Flowers by Dolores", owned by Dolores Luke for 11 years, is bought by The Dwayne Pagels, the Jerry Wimmers, Sharlene Pagel, and Robert Hartman. Anna Walterscheid is honored on 90th birthday. Terese Miller is injured in car accident in Arkansas. Fr. Bede Mitchell OSB suffers stroke in Memphis, Tennessee. College students on honor roll: Patricia Davidson, Terry Huchton, and Dean Sicking. Ensign Ramon Luke, son of Dolores and Dan Luke, is in Naval Flight Training in Florida. The Don Reeds of Texarkana, the Larry Reiters of Dallas, the Wayne Morrisons of Sanger, Sr. Lillian Marie Reiter, and the Jerry Reiters of Muenster visit their parents the Alfons Reiters. The Roy Hartmans attend wedding in Bryan, and relatives surprise Roy with birthday party. New Arrivals: Jeremy to Gary and Brenda Walterscheid; Earl to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thomas. Dr. and Mrs. Jean Gebman family of California visit her parents, Pat and Alice Hennigan.



Scenes from...

## One Day Lenten Conference

Courtesy Photos



## Nominations open for Trans-Texas Corridor committee

Want to have a role in shaping the future of transportation in Texas?

The Texas Department of Transportation is now accepting applications from Texans interested in being on a citizen's advisory committee for the Trans-Texas Corridor. When appointed, the committee will begin advising the Department on issues dealing with the planning and development of the corridor, a multi-modal network of toll roads, commuter and freight rail, and utilities to be developed over the next 50 years.

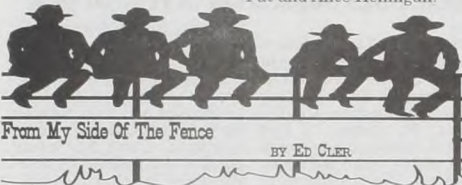
"We look forward to working with a diverse cross section of people to get input as we move ahead with the development of the corridor," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT executive director. "We want to hear from you if you are interested in serving on this important committee."

The Texas Transportation

Commission, which voted at its January meeting to create a corridor advisory group, could name the committee members after considering the advisory group's operating rules at its Mar. 31 meeting.

Applications are available on TxDOT's Web site, [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) or on the corridor Web site, [www.keeptexasmoving.org](http://www.keeptexasmoving.org). When completed, the application may be sent by email to [corridor@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:corridor@dot.state.tx.us) or by mail to Phillip E. Russell, P.E., Director, Texas Turnpike Authority Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 E. 11th St., Austin, TX, 78701. Applications are due by Mar. 14.

"Anyone who'd like to apply for appointment should do so by the deadline," Behrens said. Application forms are available at the *Muenster Enterprise*.



From My Side Of The Fence

BY ED CLER

I suppose me and a lot of others grew up as "second class citizens". We did not have electricity until 1939. The electric company, TP&L, was a pretty independent outfit. They built a line to Muenster, and followed Main Street to the corner where 373 heads west.

Mr. Cole Zipperer approached one of TP&L's agents, and asked him how much it would cost him to get TP&L to serve his place, about 1,000 feet north. Well, he was told it would cost him \$1,000 for them to extend the line 1,000 feet.

Cole was outraged and turned the offer down. Next thing I knew, my dad asked the agent if he could serve the old home place, less than a half mile west. "Yes," he answered, "if you will pay \$1,850 to build the lines."

Well, Dad said he had lived quite a few years without, and felt as if he could go awhile longer. I almost forgot to tell you that when they talked about extending the line, it would be understood that TP&L would own the line.

A number of years later, Mr. Henry Fette, Justin Hess,

and one or two other men, made the rounds asking farmers and ranchers and any country dwellers to join in a co-operation effort to bring electricity to everyone.

The rural people were ready for electricity, and just about all paid their \$5 and joined the new co-operative. They were known as the R.E.A. guys, but the Rural Electrification Administration did not build lines. They just made money available to co-ops such as this one. They learned to build the lines cheaper and labor was cheap, 30¢ per hour.

I worked for the contractor who built the original lines, from clearing the right-of-way, staking poles and slug locations until the original lines were completed. Then the local Co-op took over and I was with a crew that tied in the houses and energized them.

It was a long time in coming, but there sure were some big grins on all the people, but some of the housewives were the happiest of all, as they saw real lights, and they knew that many niceties and conveniences would follow.

## Democrats to hold annual spring dinner and raffle Sunday

The Cooke County Democrats will have their annual Spring Country Fried Chicken Dinner this Sunday, Mar. 13 at the VFW Hall in Gainesville from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A \$300 gift card to Wal-Mart will be the raffle item this year.

Tickets for the meal are a donation of \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Virgil and Tim Hess will be cooking the chicken (all you can eat!) and a good time for everyone is planned. You need not be present to win the raffle. For ticket information, call 665-4851.

We would like to express our thanks to Father John, the altar servers, musicians, Eucharistic ministers, Catholic Daughters, Hospice, doctors and nurses at Muenster Memorial, the staff at St. Richard's Villa, and the friends and family who attended the funeral.

*The Family of Ida Hoenig*

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The family of Val Fuhrmann wishes to thank everyone who joined us in the celebration of his life.

Whether you sent food, flowers, cards, Mass or memorial donations, or remembered him in your prayers, we are very grateful.

To Father John we offer a special thanks for celebrating the funeral Mass. It was a fitting tribute to his life. The music was beautiful and uplifting. We appreciate the ladies who prepared the meal after the funeral and the KC members for the use of the Hall.

Lastly we offer a special thanks to McCoy Funeral Home for helping us with the difficult decisions that had to be made.

We are proud to be associated with a community as special as this one.

*The Val Fuhrmann Family*

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	VFW mtg. 8 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board mtg. 7:30 PM Admin. office Diabetes Support Group mtg. NTMC classrooms 7-8 PM		Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center St. Patrick's Day - Wear Green	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Muenster Historical Commission Bake Sale 8 AM - 7 PM at Fischer's Market
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Sunday, March 20, 2005	Monday, March 21, 2005	Tuesday, March 22, 2005	Wednesday, March 23, 2005	Thursday, March 24, 2005	Friday, March 25, 2005	Saturday, March 26, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	GOOD FRIDAY - Muenster Museum - CLOSED SCHOOLS CLOSED	

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Obituaries

Steven Reed  
1970 - 2005

By **Elfreda Fette**  
Mass of Christian Burial was held for Steven Raymond Reed, age 34 of Dallas on Friday, March 4 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, officiated by Fr. John Ohner OSA, pastor.

Mr. Reed died on Feb. 28, 2005 at his residence.

He was born Dec. 11, 1970 to Donald and Joyce Reiter Reed. He attended school at Pleasant Grove High School, where he graduated as valedictorian. Then he attended college at Louisiana State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He particularly loved painting and growing orchids.

Survivors include his parents, Don Reed and Joyce Reed of Texarkana; his brothers Brian Reed of Texarkana, Kenneth Reed of Fort Worth, and Gerald Reed of Fort Worth. Also by his grandmothers Margaret Reiter Schmitt of Muenster and Mary Reed of Texarkana; a nephew, and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his two grandfathers, Alphonse Reiter and Raymond Reed.

The afternoon before the day of the funeral, a Rosary service was held at McCoy Funeral Chapel of Muenster, led by Sister Lillian Marie Reiter. Vigil at 7 p.m. was led by Father John.

At the Mass of Christian

Burial on Friday, participating in the special funeral liturgy with Father John were altar servers Butch Fisher, Alvin Hartman, and Sylvan Walterscheid.

Katie Reiter gave the First Reading and Denise Reed gave the Second Reading. Eucharistic ministers were Lillian Hess, Barbara Rohmer, Imelda Rohmer, and Dolores Miller.

Music ministers were Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse. Sacred songs included "On Eagles Wings", "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled", "Only In God", and "How Great Thou Art".

Remarks of Remembrance and the Eulogy were given by Tracey Reed, who also read "Cry With Hope" by Steven Curtis Chapman.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery followed in Lindsay, directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Gus Reiter, Larry Reiter, Tony Reiter, Stacey Hess, Rudy Hess, and Gary Hess.

A noon meal served by St. Anne's Society, the Catholic Daughters, and ladies of Sacred Heart Parish, followed in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Muenster.

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Services set for  
Craig Walterscheid

Craig Walterscheid, age 43 of Muenster, died Tuesday, Mar. 8, 2005. His funeral is set for Friday, Mar. 11 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. On Thursday, Mar. 10, a Rosary was held at 4 p.m. followed by a Vigil at 7 p.m. Both services were held in Sacred Heart Church. The complete obituary will be in next weeks issue of the Muenster Enterprise.

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one in Woodbine will cover the east side of the County. The one east of the railroad tracks (on Rice Avenue) will cover east Gainesville and respond to the southeast, should they need it."

Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell noted that by building identical substations, money could be saved in the construction process.

Commissioner Hess confirmed that he has a surveyor hired and is in the process of acquiring property east of Muenster for the purpose of constructing an EMS substation and a facility for Precinct #4. Many residents in the Muenster area have hoped to have an ambulance housed in the area to speed up response time. At one time there was one in Muenster and many were disappointed when it was moved out of Muenster.



Above - Father Corapi greets conference guests after Saturday evening Mass. Below - Large attendance forced guests to view the conference from a big screen in an overflow room in the Community Center.



Corapi

Likewise, it is insulting to Jesus if people choose to disregard His mother whom He holds in such high regard.

Father went on to explain that the Rosary is the prayer of the Gospels, and that its parts come directly from the Gospel. Fr. Corapi stated that prayer is a must; whether people like it or not, they must do it!

Fr. Corapi also called on all Catholics to reach further into their faith. He stated that many Catholics don't know their faith well enough. Fr. Corapi said the writings of the Pope are available at the Vatican website and are not difficult to interpret. This material is printable at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

After session one, complimentary cookies, baked by Catholic Daughter members and other parishioners, and refreshments were served. Several guests commented how kind and special this was.

Fr. Corapi's second talk explained to everyone that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. He stated the fact that even though this is a mystery to humans, it is true and must be believed by Catholics. Father also commended those who spend a Holy Hour before the Eucharist. Fr. Corapi is a great advocate of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Father talked about being able to "offer things up" and how important that is. He shared the memory of his grandmother saying, "Offer it up, Johnny." It is a good thing for Christians to keep God at the forefront of their minds, and be able to offer things up for His Church.

The lunch break was from noon until 2 p.m. During this time, people scattered around on the church grounds. As during all of the breaks, the Sacred Heart Grade School was open to the public for viewing during lunch. Many out-of-town guests enjoyed touring the parish elementary school, commenting that it brought back memories of the school they had attended. Others commented on how clean and well preserved it was, and how attractively decorated the classrooms and hallways were. Many guests commented how it reflected the Sacred Heart parish and community pride.

Many priests attended the conference. Four priests: Fr. Joseph from Valley View, Fr. Kyle Walterscheid, Fr. Harry Fisher, and Fr. Ron from Lindsay, were available during the lunch break to help with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The long lines of people waiting to receive this sacrament were out the door. One priest commented on hearing confessions from people who had been away from the sacrament for over 30 years or more! Conferencegoer Martha Sicking commented, "The graces of

reconciliation and healing were definitely flowing Saturday."

Early on in the morning, Fr. Harry Fisher, native of Muenster, volunteered to provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those interested. The line of people for this sacrament started at this time, and grew and grew all day. Fr. Harry is 90 years old, and with only a very hasty lunch break, spent his entire day offering this service. When he stopped, just before 5 p.m., he immediately went to prepare to co-celebrate Mass with Fr. Corapi. Fr. Harry is an excellent example of working hard in one's calling in life.

After the lunch break, Fr. Corapi gave his third talk. This included how necessary it is for today's priests to have the courage to speak the truth about sin, even when it is not politically correct to do so. This is what people need to hear. Many problems exist because people just don't know what is right! Father called on all priests to stand up and preach the Truth. Fr. Corapi called on all Catholics to adhere to the authentic teachings of the Church. It is not right to pick and choose which rules we would like to follow. To be truly Catholic, is to accept all Catholic teaching. Conference attendee, John Bartush said, "It is so good to be able to spend a day being 'confirmed' in our faith. All Catholics need to hear this more often."

During the afternoon break, the Sacred Heart Junior High Choir, under the direction of Christy Hesse, performed a few selections for guest entertainment.

Fr. Corapi's fourth talk was probably the most moving. Father again stated that the Eucharist is the Source, the Center, and the Summit of the Catholic Church. The Eucharist is what makes the Catholic Church unique. The Eucharist is the REAL PRESENCE of Jesus himself. He explained that the Eucharist is not possible without priests. Conferencegoer, Peggy Salas, said, "Because of this weekend, through the power of the Holy Spirit, I truly know that Jesus Christ is truly present at each and every Mass, and without priests there will be no Eucharist."

Fr. John Corapi shared a story from his youth. He was in a boxing tournament, where his father was his coach and manager. "Johnny" was getting beat and about to lose, when his father gave him the strict order, "Don't you DARE give up on me! If he kills you, don't you DARE give up on me!" Johnny went on to win the tournament and advance to the very finals to lose only to the national champion. But, he never gave up. That national champion had a rough time winning! Fr. Corapi shared his special relationship with his father, and how after he was ordained, he even heard his

own father say in the Confessional to him, "Bless me Father, for I have sinned..." After even sharing the intimate story of the death of his own father, Fr. Corapi relayed how important it is for those of faith, especially Catholics to stand firm in their faith! When Fr. Corapi finished by pointing his finger at the audience with the strict order for all present to not "DARE give up!" there was hardly a dry eye in either building.

The day was concluded with Mass at 5 p.m. This was also telecast on the large screen in the Community Center. The church was filled with standing room only. Fr. John Corapi celebrated Mass, Fr. Harry Fisher co-celebrated, and Deacon Rick Lawrence, father of Amy Lewis of Muenster, assisted at Mass. Seminararian Nick Moragues, brother of Jennifer Bayer of Muenster, served at Mass using incense. Doug and Nicole Hennigan and their children, Austin, Lydia, and Hunter, took up the Offertory gifts.

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus provided the honor guard for Mass. The Knights escorted the beginning and final processions and the Offertory procession, as well as escorting the Communion ministers over to the Community Center. Fr. John Ohner assisted with Holy Communion in both the church and Community Center.

The closing Mass was very special. Fr. Corapi gave the homily, commenting on the importance of not being "blind" to God's presence and significance. He stated that there are many times people overlook things that are right in front of them. Jesus is the "light" that dispels the "darkness" that Satan creates.

Fr. Corapi also compared the Sacrament of Confession to the fact that Jesus could raise the dead. Jesus actually did raise the dead; the priests "raise people from the dead" every time they hear Confessions and absolve people of their sins in Jesus' name. He pointed out that 90-year-old Fr. Harry had been doing this for many years! Fr. Corapi called on all people to open their eyes to the light that Jesus offers and not to walk blindly through their lives in darkness.

Nicole, commented, "It was so special an event, and so kind of Fr. Corapi to share his own personal memories to teach and use as examples. His own testimony is so moving and is part of what attracts so many listeners, along with his excellent ability to make Church teaching understandable for the average person."

Fr. Corapi's testimony is available in the Sacred Heart Parish Library along with many of his other talks and lectures. His materials can be purchased from his website

[www.fr.corapi.com](http://www.fr.corapi.com).

At the conference, many comments were made about "how smoothly" everything ran. Over and over again out-of-town and local attendees told staff members how amazed they were by the smooth and efficient way everything was run. Numerous guests expressed great appreciation for the well-organized conference.

When asked how everything was organized, Nicole Hennigan concluded that, "There was a lot of help from the Man Upstairs."

There were many seemingly insurmountable obstacles that had to be overcome, and Nicole and her staff attribute the accomplishments to the intercession of St. Therese of Liseux, who sent many roses and other signs throughout the years of planning. There were more than just a few small miracles that took place.

Theresa Mae Walterscheid commented, "It (the conference) was a great inspiration. It was a beautiful day weather wise and spiritual."

Ray Sedge commented, "It was a great day. I believe the Lord is going to bless us for a long time to come."

Jim and Karen Thornhill of Weatherford commented, "Fr. Corapi proves that a 'real man' can be both powerfully commanding, inspiring, and completely humble, all at the same time!! We enjoyed the conference immensely."

"What a great day it was! What a blessed event and blessing for our community. God even blessed the day with good weather!" commented Linda Sepanski.

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# LIFESTYLE

## MMH offers Swing Bed care for rehabilitation near home

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
 Nobody wants to spend time in the hospital, but at times it is necessary. A preferable option to doing this in a large hospital in the city, is to be as close to home as possible. This makes it easier for family and friends to spend more time with the patient.

Many times after surgery or illness, it may take a month or so for a person to build up strength enough to go home. Muenster Memorial Hospital is a designated Swing Bed facility. It offers patients rehabilitative services such as physical, occupational, and speech therapy while remaining near home, friends, and family.

If a patient qualifies for this service, MMH's rehabilitation department will work on strengthening and ambulation. Occupational therapy provides care to regain the ability to perform the activities of daily living.

Speech therapy assists patients with improving swallowing or speech difficulties. All of these therapies are also provided on an outpatient basis if a person doesn't want or need to stay in the hospital.

The Swing Bed program, also known as skilled nursing, is a special program reserved for hospital with fewer than 100 beds. With the program a patient can recover from an accident, illness, or surgery in a close-to-home facility. They may remain in skilled care as long as there is a documented need for that level of care.

There are a number of medical situations in which a patient might benefit from a Swing Bed facility's care. Post-acute IV therapy is one example. Another is when patients who have received three days of acute care and require long-term skilled nursing services associated

with the administration of IV medication. Post-surgery therapy is for patients who have some type of orthopedic surgical procedure that requires physical or occupational therapy. They may transfer to Swing Bed skilled nursing care three days after the surgery. Post-stroke therapy may benefit stroke patients. They may transfer from acute care to swing bed skilled nursing to receive physical, occupational, and/or speech therapy after three days in the acute care setting. Also patients who have had pneumonia or heart problems sometimes benefit.

Medicare and insurance companies reimburse the hospital for Swing Bed services.

To see if you or a loved one qualifies for this service, call Laura Stoffels at Muenster Memorial Hospital (940) 759-2271.



Muenster Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation team members, from left, Heather Edwards, PT, Amy Haverkamp, DOR, Amber Hammer, OTR, and Leslie Brezina, COTA demonstrate their department's equipment for Chuck Bartush, center. Courtesy photo

## Love Fund started for Harrisons

The Social Concerns Committee has set up a Love Fund at First National Bank, GNB, and Muenster State Bank, for the James Harrisons who are having difficulty financially. Since last October, Gladys has been having chemotherapy treatments for cancer of the lung.

Now she is also going to Denton Monday through Friday for radiation for a tumor in the hip. Her daughter Brenda has a degenerative disk in her back and some days this makes driving to Denton very difficult. If anyone is interested and able to help with the driving to Denton, please call the Harrisons



Kim McNeal, PT assists a patient with exercise therapy in MMH's Rehabilitation Program. Courtesy photo

## Pamela Lutkenhaus honored at UTA

The University of Texas at Arlington celebrated its annual Engineering Week Feb. 21 - 25. Among the festivities of the week was the Engineering Banquet honoring the top students in each department. Pamela Lutkenhaus was named Outstanding Junior Computer Science Engineering Major. This award is given each year to the junior with the highest grade point average. It includes a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by SABRE Holdings and a certificate of achievement for the honoree.

In addition to this, Lutkenhaus was recognized for receiving the \$4,000 Bette Rady Engineering Scholarship. Pamela has maintained a 4.0 GPA and plans to graduate in December with a B.S. in Computer Science Engineering. She is the

daughter of Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus of Muenster, and a 2002 graduate of Muenster High School.



Pamela Lutkenhaus

## NEW ARRIVAL

### Schmitt

Corey and Christi Schmitt of Prosser, Washington are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Hayley Joy on Monday, Feb. 28, 2005. She weighed 7 lb. 3 oz. and measured 20 1/4 inches in length. Austin welcomes his baby sister. Grandparents are Mark and Darlene Berg and Donna and Danpy Schmitt, all of Prosser.

## BAPTISM

### Klement

Rebecca Lou Klement, daughter of Scott and Zonya Klement, was baptized Feb. 20, 2005 by Fr. John Ohner in Sacred Heart Church. Rebecca's sponsors are Uncle David Drennan and Aunt Amanda Klement. She wore the Klement family baptismal gown and a pearl

and cross bracelet given to her by her parents.

A brisket dinner with all the trimmings and cake were served at the home of her grandparents Roland and Zoe Ann Bell. She received many special gifts to remind her of her baptismal day.

Family and friends in attendance were: great-grandparents Frank and Lucille Zimmerman; grandparents Robert G. and Gloria Klement, and Roland and Zoe Ann Bell, uncles and aunts, David and Cindy Drennan, Greg and Melody Rohmer, Chris and Leslie Dangelmayr, Gary and Shelley Kline, Justin and Amanda Klement; cousins, Caleb and Hannah Drennan, Ashlea Booker, Kaly and Travis Dangelmayr, Lauren, Adrien, and Megan Rohmer; and siblings Toby, Tori, Tressa, and Katherine; and friend Steven Valliere.

## TXU Electric Delivery's Storm Safety Tip

Don't touch objects that are in contact with power lines—That includes tree limbs. Remember tree limbs can conduct electricity.

## Cade Klement celebrates 4th!

Cade Klement, son of Cory and Brenda Klement of Valley View, celebrated his fourth birthday on Sunday, Feb. 20. His actual birthdate is Feb. 19. The party was held at his home and had a Spiderman theme. Guests were served ice cream and soft drinks. All the guests enjoyed watching Cade open his presents.

Those attending included: his parents; grandparents Wallace and Doris

Stephenson, and Marcie Klement-Pagel; uncles and aunts Steve and Melinda Reed, Daniel and Dana Aranda, Ryan and Blake Klement; and cousins Amanda and Sara Reed, and Camille Aranda.



Cade Klement

## Muenster Knights support Moragues



The Muenster Knights of Columbus, Chapter 1459 awarded a \$1000 gift to Nicholas Moragues, Seminarian of the Fort Worth Diocese. Nicholas is the brother of Jennifer Bayer, wife of Kelly Bayer of Muenster, and the son of John and Dena Moragues of Denton. Born in Germany, he grew up with a military background living in several countries. He graduated from Lewisville High School and received a Bachelor of Theology degree from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. He is in his first year of the seminary at Saint Mary's in Houston. Presenting the check is Grand Knight Darrell Herr, left, John Bezner, right, and the Fourth Degree Honor Guard - Wade Walterscheid, Gary Endres, Harold Knabe, and Bill Bayer, (pictured from left in the back). Courtesy photo

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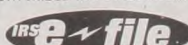
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Sacred Heart Junior Choir among participants at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diocesan Music Festival.

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## Texas Farm Bureau 2005 Summer Agricultural Institute for Elementary Teachers to be held

Since 1994, Texas Farm Bureau, in cooperation with Tarleton State University, has hosted the Summer Agricultural Institute for elementary school teachers. The week-long Institute, graduate level, held at the Tarleton State University campus in Stephenville, strives to inform educators about the importance of food and fiber production and show them how they can

development and usage. They also participate in field trips to area farms, ranches, and processing facilities. In addition, they explore the importance of research in agriculture through the Texas A&M University Research Center at Stephenville.

Teachers who attend the Institute receive three hours graduate credit through Tarleton State University and 45 clock hours of Continuing Professional Education units. Each teacher also receives a set of Texas Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Material and agriculture education

resources from other agencies and organizations.

The 2005 Summer Agricultural Institute will be held July 11-15. Cooke County Farm Bureau will award a teacher a scholarship that covers tuition, room and board, and resource material at the Institute. Applications are available through Cooke County Elementary School Principal and the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm

Bureau. Applications should be turned in no later than April 25. If you have any questions call Amy Trammell at 940-665-1763.

incorporate agricultural education into their classroom. Teachers attending the institute combine hands-on learning activities about agriculture with practical curriculum

## Tornado safety

At schools, as well as hospitals, factories, and shopping malls, go to the designated shelter areas - usually an interior hallway on the lowest floor without windows. Kneel on the floor against the wall and place hands over your head to provide some protection for your head.

For mobile homes, portable classrooms, or vehicles leave them and go to a strong building for shelter. If there is no shelter nearby, get into the nearest ditch or depression. Lie flat with your hands shielding your head.

National Weather Service

## Tornado safety at home, work, or school

Conduct drills to test and practice your plan on a regular basis. Practicing tornado safety plans similar to fire safety drills will enable you to enact your plan whenever a tornado threatens your area. Know the safety rules for surviving a tornado. In homes and small buildings go to the basement or a small interior room such as a closet, bathroom, or an interior hall on the lowest level. Protect yourself from flying debris with thick blankets, sleeping bags, or mattresses.

National Weather Service

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

## Flag Day poster contest announced

Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring a poster contest to commemorate the 228<sup>th</sup> birthday of our nation's flag. The theme of this year's contest is: "What the Flag Means to Me."

"Catholic Life sponsors the contest each year in an effort to increase our children's awareness of the principles of liberty and justice for which our nation stands and in these trying times, those principles become more important to remember," Barbara A. Cheaney, Vice President of Communications said.

Elementary school students in grades kindergarten through fifth may submit one original poster no larger than 20" x 20". Judges will evaluate posters based on eye appeal, originality, and theme. Winners will receive cash awards.

To receive an entry form and the complete rules for the contest, contact Ashlee Tondre in the Communications Department at (800) 292-2548 or (210) 828-9921 ext. 141. Participants in the contest do not have to be Catholic Life members or of the Catholic faith. The deadline to submit entries to the contest is **May 9, 2005**. All entries will become the property of Catholic Life Insurance and cannot be returned.

## Junior High Choir formed at Sacred Heart School

Sacred Heart School has a new addition to its art department with the formation of the Junior High Choir under the direction of Christy Hesse and accompanied by Ruth Felderhoff. The choir attended the Second Annual Diocesan Music Festival Feb. 18 at Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth. The morning sessions were spent in sectional rehearsals with over 300 junior high choir and band members. The high point of the day was the evening concert featuring the combined members of the choirs and bands under the expert direction of Mrs. Arlene

Jones, head choir director of Nolan Catholic School.

The Sacred Heart Junior High choir ministers at Sunday liturgies monthly, has participated in the annual elementary Christmas program and will sing this Saturday between afternoon sessions at the Fr. Corapi Lenten Conference.

The 15 choir members are Samantha Barnett, Ginger Bartush, Patricia Bujard, Mary Cochran, Isaac Davis, Leah Hess, Joe Hesse, Raynee Hogan, Elizabeth Marshall, Ann-Marie Opperman, Gabby Russell, Janet Strother, Richie Sweeney, Gene Yosten, Jr., and Josiah Yosten.

## MISD Principal Award winners



Muenster Elementary Principal Award Winners for the 4<sup>th</sup> six-week reporting period include, from left, bottom row: Seth Flusche, Luke McAden, and Trevor Lancaster. Middle row: Kelsey Pagel, Shelby Dangelmayr, Kendall Reiter, Clayton Fangman, Andi Felderhoff, and Emily Vance. Top row: Cristan Medlock, Allison Morris, Mariah Wimmer, Chance Herr, and Collin Pagel. Not pictured: Emily Bayer, Stephani Tucker, and Haylee Hess.

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## Muenster Elementary Terrific Kids



Muenster Elementary Terrific Kids for the 4<sup>th</sup> six-week reporting period, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Muenster, included (pictured not in order): Pre-K - Travis Dangelmayr, Dakota Lamkin, RaeAnee Morris, Angelica Lara Meza, Erin Osborn, Gaby Robles, and Josh Brinkley. Kindergarten: Brennan Binder, Katie Hutson, Seth Sampson, Billy Felderhoff, Emma Wood, and Amy Luttmer. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Dalton Bartel, Alaina Reiter, Reagan Weger, Cassie Horsman, Natalie Fangman, and Emily Fette. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Rachel Hare, Ryder Nobile, Parker Sicking, Brianna Rohmer, Brandon Hennigan, and Tara Gunnels. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Jay Patel, Lawrence Haverkamp, Madison Knabe, Darrell Hermes, Garrett Miller, Cole Walterscheid, and David Hutson. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Austin Schroeder, Brianna Bayer, Sean Chism, Abby Walterscheid, Trevor Muller, Alyssa Stewart, and Sadie Stoffels. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: River Stewart, Dain Schmidkofer, Kalyn Dangelmayr, David Fleitman, Rieta Dufurrena, Nicole Pagel, Christopher Green, Lana Heers, Andi Hess, and Kayla Acuna. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Phillip Vogel, Lindsay Kelley, Diana Velasquez, Spencer Nielsen, Hannah Weger, Josh Voth, Danielle Lewis, and Devon Kubis

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# 2005 Cooke County Youth Fair

The Cooke County Youth Fair Sale began their opening ceremony Saturday afternoon. With a strike of the gavel, auctioneer Ken Pearse started the sale with a round of champions. Ringman Kenny Kuykendall, Norwood, and Milton Ward caught bids from the audience filled with business supporters, community leaders, and family members to begin the sale for the 269 projects.

The First round consisted of Champion Broilers, Jenni Luke, Muenster FFA, buyer Flusche Enterprises, \$350.

Reserve Broilers, Joni Howard, Valley View FFA, buyer - Valley View Friends, \$325.

Champion Steer, Patrick Lutkenhaus, Muenster FFA, buyer - Friends of Muenster, \$3100.

Reserve Steer, Dustin Rucks, Valley View FFA, buyer - Luttrull Chevrolet, \$2700.

Champion Swine, Morgan Reed, Callisburg FFA, buyer - Holiday Chevrolet, \$1900.

Reserve Swine, Kevin Kuykendall, Valley View FFA, buyer - Martindale Feed Mill, \$2600.

Champion Market Lamb, Taylor Ritchey, Valley View 4-H, buyer - Norwood Inc., Kenny Kuykendall, MFM Salesmen, Sonny Barthold, and Heartland Trading, \$2700.

Reserve Lamb, Rebecca Okay, Valley View 4-H, buyer - James Woods, \$1400.

Champion Meat Goat, Calvin Welper, Callisburg FFA, buyer - MFM, \$1800.

Champion Market Rabbit, Justin Smithson, Red River 4-H, buyer - Friends of Red River 4-H, \$300.

Reserve Rabbit, Logan Smithson, Red River 4-H, buyer - Friends of Red River 4-H, \$200.

Champion of Food Division, Amelia Wyrick, Lindsay 4-H, buyer - Cooke County Farm Bureau, \$375.

Reserve Food Division, Jeffrey Zimmerer, Lindsay 4-H, buyer - Lindsay Youth Supporters, \$325.

Champion Clothing, Victoria Blessing, Red River 4-H, buyer - Friends of Red River 4-H, \$150.

Reserve Clothing, Danielle Bindel, Muenster FCCLA, buyer - Friends of Muenster, \$200.

Champion Creative Arts, Mary Bayer, Lindsay FCCLA, buyer - Lindsay FCCLA, \$350.

Reserve Creative Arts, Shawda Wilson, Callisburg FCCLA, buyer - Fulton Supply, \$275.

Champion Visual Arts, Carrie Grewing, Muenster FCCLA, buyer - Klement Ford of Muenster.

Reserve Visual Arts, Claudia Spears, Era 4-H, buyer - Luttrull Chevrolet of Sanger, \$1000.

Champion Metal Shop, Cooke County 4-H Group, buyer - MFM, \$900.

Reserve Metal, Jared Schroeder, Lindsay FFA, buyer - James Wood Autoplex, \$750.

Champion Wood Shop, Allison Smith, Era 4-H, buyer - James Wood Autoplex, \$500.

Reserve Champion Wood Shop, Kendra Walterscheid, Muenster 4-H, buyer - Muenster Milling, \$625.

The floor was purchased on the lambs, goats, steers, and

swine for 99.25, 1.1225, 82.60 and .4610 respectively by John Comer of Gainesville.

"We had an outstanding sale this year. We appreciate all the business and community members who attended and purchased the premium on the exhibitors projects," stated Superintendent Kenny Kuykendall. "The Board did a great job helping coordinate the Fair and everything went smooth," continued Kuykendall.

The following are Grand Champion and Reserve Champion winners and Muenster and Lindsay participants. As of press time, not all division results were complete. The remaining events will be published when available.

HALTER GELDINGS: Others, Muenster, Lacey Trubenbach.

MARES: Others, Muenster, Casey McAden.

WOOD: Grand Champion, Allison Smith, Era 4-H. Reserve, Kendra Walterscheid, Muenster 4-H.

METAL: Grand Champion, Cooke County 4-H. Reserve, Jared Schroeder, Lindsay. Others, Lindsay, Christy Hess, Brianne Beaudin, Jonathan Rohmer, Nathan Hermes, Tanner Henry.

EWE LAMBS: Grand Champion, Kevin Neu, Lindsay FFA; Reserve, Cassandra Albert, Callisburg FFA. Others, Muenster, Ryan Henscheid, Chad Henscheid.

MARKET LAMBS: Grand Champion, Taylor Ritchey, Valley View 4-H. Reserve, Rebecca Okay, Valley View 4-H. Sr. Showmanship, Kevin Neu, Lindsay FFA. Others, Muenster, Ryan Henscheid, Chad Henscheid, Lindsay, Garrett Block, Josey Kyle, Kevin Neu.

DAIRY GOATS: Grand Champion, Katherine Parkhill, Red River 4-H. Reserve, Murphy Norton, Callisburg FFA.

MEAT GOATS: Grand Champion and Reserve, Calvin Welper, Callisburg FFA. Reserve County Bred Pen of 3, Brandy and Megan Dangelmayr, Muenster FFA. Others, Muenster, Kendra Walterscheid, Chris Holder, Lauren Haverkamp, Jordanne Hellman, Colton Steelman, Bill Haverkamp, Sean Fuhrmann, Ryan Fuhrmann, Megan Dangelmayr, Jacy Steelman, Brandy Dangelmayr, Chris Steelman, Lindsay, Jeff Hess, Rose Wyrick, Amelia Wyrick, Ben Wyrick.

BREEDING MEAT GOATS: Grand Champion, Brandy Dangelmayr, Muenster FFA. Reserve, Megan Dangelmayr, Muenster FFA. Others, Muenster, Kendra Walterscheid, Ryan Fuhrmann, Lindsay, Jaden Perry.

MARKET STEERS: Others, Muenster, Jenna Felderhoff.

BREEDING RABBITS: Grand Champion, Alyssa Smithson, Red River Jr. 4-H. Reserve, Whitney Taylor, Red River Jr. 4-H. Others, Muenster, Maddie Hofbauer, Lindsay, Johnathan Zimmerer, Benjamin Zimmerer.

MEAT RABBITS: Grand Champion, Justin Smithson, Red River 4-H. Reserve, Logan Smithson, Red River 4-H. Others, Muenster, Maddie Hofbauer, Lanelle Muller, Lindsay, Kelly Laux, Johnathan Zimmerer, Randi Reed, Kelli Reed.

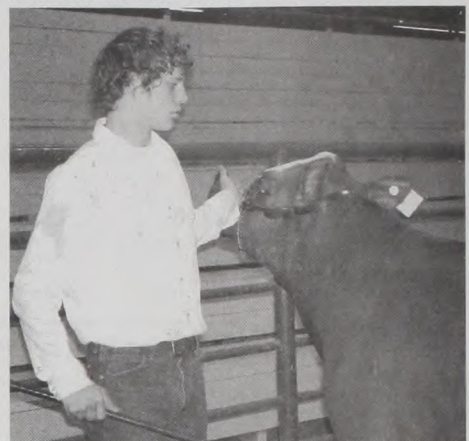
BREEDING SWINE: Grand Champion, Kaylon Webster, Era FFA. Reserve, Kevin Kuykendall, Valley View FFA. Others, Muenster, Maddie Hofbauer, Chase Hammer, Ashley Hammer, Casey McAden, Cole McAden.



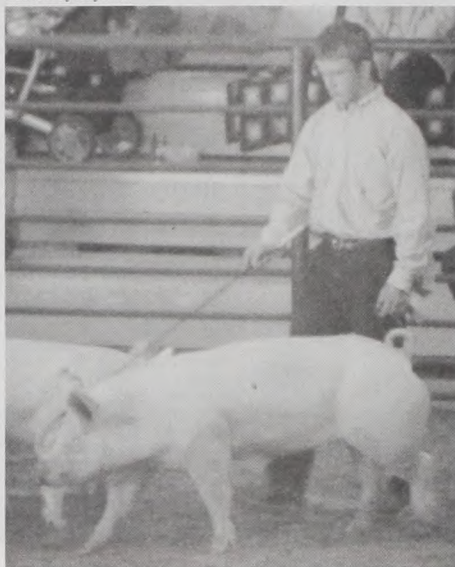
A family affair - Crystal, Abe, Cletus, and Amber Fuhrmann were all winners in the dairy division at this year's Youth Fair.



Judging foods were, from left, Diane Swind, Pat and George Thompson, and Cindy Bryant.



Jeff Walterscheid, Muenster FFA participant, showing his steer.



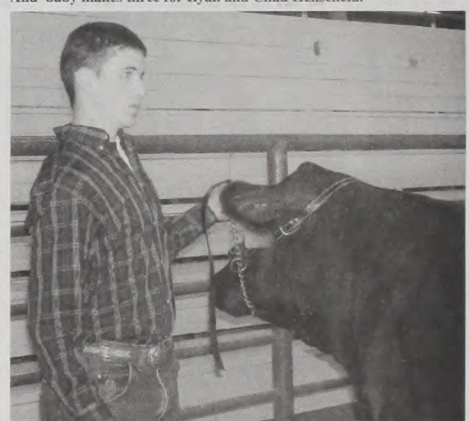
Paul Crabtree and market swine in the arena.



And baby makes three for Ryan and Chad Henscheid.



Paige Winters competing in class 11 market swine.



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Cole Harrison showing in the class 4 steer show.



Cassie Sicking walks her show steer around the arena.

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Sunni Jo Bayer, member of Muenster 4-H, competing at the Youth Fair.

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# SPORTS

## Muenster earns medals at Archer City

A few Muenster High School tracksters competed at the Archer City track meet last Saturday.

Jacé Koelzer brought home four medals, winning three events. Jacé took the gold in the 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, and the long jump. Her times were 15.61 and 48.41, and she jumped 16 feet. In the 100m dash, she settled for a 2nd place with a time of 12.71.

Justin Ferguson brought home a 3rd place finish in the 100m dash, clocking in at 11.38. His long jump leap of 19' 3" was good enough for 6th place. Michael Faries also competed at the meet, finishing 5th in the 200m at 23.92.

Johnny Green competed in the junior varsity division, winning two medals. Green won the mile race with a time of five minutes and 19 seconds, and the 3200 at 11:46 for a 2nd place.

Most Muenster athletes will be competing in the Sacred Heart Relays this Friday at Hornet Stadium.

## AREA EVENT

### EGGcellent Event 5K run/walk

This event will be held on Saturday, Mar. 26, and begins at the Boys & Girls Clubs on Hird Street in Gainesville. Participants, whether running, jogging, walking, or rolling in a wheelchair, will begin at 8:30 a.m. Money raised will go to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cooke County.

For more information of the EGGcellent Event contact Melissa or Tricia 940-665-6527.

## Sacred Heart judo medal



Ryan Firth demonstrates a judo throw after winning a silver medal at the Texas State Middle School Judo Championships held at Texas A&M on Feb. 19. Ryan is a brown belt and an 8th grade student at Sacred Heart School. He has studied Judo for eight years, fought in over 270 contest matches, and won over 170 awards. Courtesy photo

## Hornet powerlifters finish at Regional

Three Muenster Hornet powerlifters qualified and competed last Saturday at the Division 3 Regional Powerlifting Meet at Celina. The division consisted of Class 1A and 2A schools.

## Hornet golf team places 4th at Decatur

The 2005 version of the Hornet golf team traveled to Decatur to participate in the Decatur Fundango on Monday, Mar. 7. The boys bettered last week's score by 24 strokes. The team score was 398.

Jordan Walterscheid was the best with a score of 91. Derek Endres carded a 99. Zach Swirczynski scored a 102. Lee Walterscheid had 106, and Noah Barnhill had 107.

Three JV players also participated for the first time this year. Brad Endres carded a 106 and Dustin Felderhoff and Collin Walterscheid had 114s.

The team will take a week off during spring break and will next play in the Sacred Heart Tournament at Turtle Hill on Mar. 21.

## Wardens offer tips to avoid serious deer/car collisions

With rutting, or deer mating season and also hunting season, deer are moving about more than usual. There is a greater risk of damage to your car, serious injury, or even death from hitting a deer. Experts offer tips to avoid doing so, or at least tips that could help avoid a more serious crash.

A 34-year-old woman from Denton County was driving on a Denton County road just east of the City of Denton recently in a semi-rural area of the metroplex when she was killed by a deer she hit. The collision caused her windshield to cave in. The deer was also killed.

Game Warden Capt. Scott Haney in Fort Worth worked on the case and has some advice to offer drivers in ANY area of Texas, which has a high white tailed deer population.

"You have to maintain your course and if you hit the deer, you hit the deer, but the affects are going to be more severe if you try to swerve or completely slam on the brakes because of the other factors that come into play when you do that (hitting other cars, weather, losing control of the vehicle). My suggestion is

maintain your speed and direction. But sometimes it is just an unavoidable accident," he said.

Though this is the first fatal deer-car collision Haney can recall in his area, deer-car accidents tally to more than 1.5 million crashes in the United States, costing an estimated \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage, according to recent reports from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The average cost per insurance claim was \$2,000, with costs varying depending on the type of vehicle and severity of damage, according to the Institute. During deer season, there can be dramatic movements in the deer population, with a significant number of deer darting onto highways and into suburban neighborhoods. So the Institute agrees with Haney that this is the most likely time to hit a deer on the road.

"As our wildlife habitat continues to shrink, accidents with deer and other animals are likely to increase unless we are more vigilant in our driving," said Jeanne M. Salvatore, vice president of Consumer Affairs for the Institute.

The Institute suggests the following defensive driving tips to avoid hitting a deer:

\* Be attentive from sunset to midnight and hours shortly before and after sunrise. These are the highest-risk periods.

\* Drive with caution when moving through deer-crossing zones, in areas known to have a large deer population and in areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forestland. Deer seldom run alone. If you see one deer, others may be nearby.

\* When driving at night, use high beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high-beams will better illuminate the eyes of deer on or near the roadway.

\* Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path, but stay in your lane. Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or lose control of their cars.

\* Do not rely on devices such as deer whistles, deer fences, and reflectors to deter deer. These devices have not been proven to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

\* Always wear your seat belt. Deer-vehicle collisions can result in serious injuries. People tend to underestimate how much damage collisions with animals can cause.

\* If your vehicle strikes a deer, it's best not to touch the animal. The frightened and wounded animal could hurt you or itself. If the deer is blocking the roadway and poses a danger to other motorists, you should call law enforcement. Contact your insurance agent or company representative to report any damage to your car. Collision with a deer or animals is covered under the comprehensive portion of automobile policies.

And if you have a wreck that kills a deer, the question many people want answered — can you keep the deer?

"There is a statute that says TPWD can donate animals killed accidentally by vehicles to group homes, orphanages, places like that, but typically what we do is if you want the deer, most of the time we will let you keep it. But what you need to do is contact the local sheriff's office to reach a local game warden when you hit a deer," Haney said.

Meanwhile, he continues to respond to the calls that do come in, acknowledging that many more deer are hit than are reported.

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## COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER  
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### Milk Train: Most dairy cattle due for TB test before entering Texas

On March 18, Texas will join more than 33 other states that require most dairy cows and dairy bulls to have a negative test for cattle tuberculosis (TB) within 60 days before entering the state. Young dairy heifers and bull calves hauled to Texas will be officially identified with an ear tag and will be restricted to a designated facility until they test negative for TB at six months of age. With 807 registered dairies, Texas ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for dairy cattle and milk production. Nearly 62,000 dairy replacement animals entered the state in 2004.

The new regulation provides testing exemptions for dairy cattle that originate from herds tested yearly under a TB-accreditation program, neutered dairy cattle being fed for slaughter, and dairy cattle delivered directly to slaughter. These animals, however, must have a certificate of veterinary inspection, issued within 30 days prior to movement.

"During the past 18 months, the 335,000 cattle in Texas dairies have been tested for cattle TB, and it is only prudent to ensure that incoming replacement dairy cattle also are free of the disease," commented Dr. Dee Ellis, who heads up the Animal Health Programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Beef cattle will continue to enter Texas under existing regulations.

Dr. Ellis pointed out that concerns about cattle TB in dairy operations have increased, particularly after four dairies and two related operations were found to be infected during the

2004 federal fiscal year, from October 2003 through September 2004. Two infected herds and a dairy heifer-raising facility were found in New Mexico, a dairy heifer-raising facility in Arizona, states which had the U.S. Department of Agriculture's TB-free designation. An infected dairy was found in Michigan. During Texas' statewide dairy testing, an infected herd was found in Hamilton County, and subsequently depopulated.

Dr. Ellis explained that infected cattle can expose herd mates to the TB bacteria by coughing or contaminating feed with

drool or nasal discharge. In confined operations, like dairies, TB can spread more readily.

More than 500 beef cattle herds have been tested in Texas, with no TB infection detected, but more herd tests are needed to provide adequate disease surveillance. The USDA has extended funding to pay for herd tests, and more than 500 private veterinary practitioners in Texas are certified to provide the service. To learn more about the TB testing program, call the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, the nearest TAHC area office, or your private veterinary practitioner.

### Texas Farmers Union applauds Senate vote on Canadian beef

Texas Farmers Union is pleased with the U.S. Senate's vote against reopening the border to Canadian cattle, and now the family farm and ranch organizations are urging the U.S. House of Representatives to quickly follow suit.

On March 3, the Senate rejected with a 52-46 vote, the U.S. Agriculture Department's plan to resume live cattle trade with Canada, following a two-year ban on beef and cattle from that country due to the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in its native herd.

Longtime livestock producer and TFU President Wes Sims said the Canadian government has not sufficiently demonstrated that it has the BSE outbreak contained.

"Before we reopen the border to Canadian cattle,

we better make sure that their animals and products are BSE-free and that they are complying with the ban on ruminant-based feed," Sims said. "In addition, we should not be in a rush to import Canadian beef when our beef export markets are still not fully re-established and we still don't have mandatory country-of-origin labeling to distinguish our products from those from other countries."

Sims said the United States lost more than \$2 billion in 2004 due to lost export markets after a single BSE-positive cow with Canadian origin was found in Washington state. He said restoring beef trade with Canada at this time would cause economic hardships for Texas cattle producers, who run 14 million head of cattle.

"This should be among our House members' highest priorities," Sims said.

**LEAF RUST**  
There are three major foliar leaf diseases that commonly occur in Texas wheat fields, including Leaf Rust, Stripe Rust, and Powdery Mildew. In any given year, some regions of the state will usually have economically damaging levels of one or more of these diseases. In most years, significant Leaf Rust or Stripe Rust can be observed in the Blacklands and Northeast Texas. However, high rainfall across much of the state in the 2004-05 season has resulted in foliar diseases throughout much of the state. Below is an update on Leaf Rust, Stripe Rust, and Powdery Mildew, and some management options provided by Dr. Gaylon Morgan, State Extension Small Grains Specialist.

Leaf Rust is considered a warm-season pathogen, with optimum reproduction temperatures above 70° F. However, concerning levels of Leaf Rust have been observed this spring across much of the Blacklands, and Southern Rolling Plains of Texas. We can assume this is due to warmer than normal winter/spring temperatures and wet conditions. Leaf Rust is being observed four to six weeks earlier this year (2005) than in the past. This means that management decisions regarding Leaf Rust need to be considered much earlier this year. This means that plenty of Leaf Rust spores will be spreading to North Texas. Reports from LSU also indicate a tremendous amount of Leaf and Stripe Rust present in Louisiana.

Stripe Rust has been observed in several locations in the southern and central Blacklands of Texas. However, the Stripe Rust does not seem as widely distributed as the Leaf Rust. We have also observed Stripe Rust on varieties that were resistant last year, including Cutter and Jagalene.

Powdery Mildew has been observed in some fields in Williamson County and a few other locations. Fortunately, we have not observed the level of Powdery Mildew that occurred in 2004.

Factors to Consider for Managing Foliar Diseases in Wheat: Variety

resistance is the most economical management option. However, there have been several changes in the Leaf and Stripe Rust races the past couple of years. These race changes have resulted in the loss of resistance in many wheat varieties. Varieties that were rated "resistant" in 2003 and 2004 are no longer resistant to the predominant Leaf Rust races, especially in Hard wheat varieties.

Fungicides are an effective management option for Leaf Rust, Stripe Rust, and Powdery Mildew. However, the economical threshold is a not "black or white" and is dependent on numerous factors, including yield potential, disease pressure, varietal resistance, grain price, and future weather.

General Comments about Fungicides: Fungicides protect yield, not enhance yield. If your field does not

have good yield potential (40 bushels), then a fungicide application probably will not be economical (Table 1).

Fungicides typically provide a 10-25% yield protection from Leaf Rust (Table 2). The yield protection may be higher for Stripe Rust.

Fungicides should provide two to three weeks of protection from the foliar diseases.

Protecting the flag-leaf is the highest priority, because 60-80% of grain yield comes from the flag-leaf.

Early-season fungicide applications are likely not feasible, except under very heavy disease pressure.

**Dates to Remember:**  
Mar. 22: Marketing Club Meeting, Gainesville Farm Bureau Building; 7 p.m.;  
Mar. 23: Spring CEU Program, Gainesville Civic Center, 6 p.m. (RSVP 940/668-5412; fee for meal will be collected at door)

Table 1. Labeled Fungicides for Foliar Disease Management:

Fungicide	Rate (oz/A)	Leaf rust control	Stripe Rust control	Chemical family
Headline	8 to 9	Good	Good	strobilurin
Quadris	6.2	Good	Good	strobilurin
Quit	14	Good	Good	strobilurin/triazole
Propimax	4	Good	Good	triazole
Stratego	10	Good	Good	Strobilurin/triazole
Tilt	4	Good	Good	triazole

Table 2. Estimated yield losses from Leaf Rust. Kansas State University

Growth Stage	Rust Severity on Flag Leaf				
	10%	25%	40%	65%	100%
Flowering	10	15	20	30	35
Milk	2	5	8	14	20
Soft Dough	1	3	4	7	10
Hard Dough	1	1	2	3	5

### Gilbert retires, Fenoglio is new FSA director

Since Jan. 3, Tim Gilbert has been retired from the Cooke County Farm Service Agency after 35 years of service. Chance Fenoglio has been selected to serve as the new County Executive Director. Fenoglio was

raised at Ringgold and graduated from Nocona High School and later from Texas A&M University. His work for the FSA began in June 2003. Fenoglio is excited about getting involved in this area's agricultural industry.

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**Feeder Steers (per lb.)**  
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.50-1.70; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.50; 300-400 lbs.; No. 1, 1.39-1.62; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.39; 400-500 lbs.; No. 1, 1.24-1.38; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.24; 500-600 lbs.; No. 1, 1.16-1.31; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.16; 600-700 lbs.; No. 1, 1.08-1.22; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.08; 700-800 lbs.; No. 1, 1.00-1.11; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.00.

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Feeder: 400 or less: 30-40;  
Light wt.: 400-500: 38-41;  
Med wt.: 500-600: 38-41;  
Heavy wt.: 600+ : 38-41.  
Boars: (per lb.)  
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35-55 lbs.: \$35-\$65; \$5-75 lbs.: \$50-\$80.  
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75-200 lbs.: \$75-\$110.  
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