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Ceremony marks opening of Cooke County Justice Center

By Janet Felderhoff
Smiles from County officials were almost as abundant as the sunshine at Monday's grand opening and dedication ceremony of the Cooke County Justice Center. It was the culmination of about two years of work for some who were very involved from seeking the passage of a \$10 million bond to finance the facility, to seeing it built from foundation to furnishings.

A symbolic leveling of the Center's cornerstone by the Gainesville Masonic Lodge highlighted the event. Two members of the Jail Planning Commission, Sheriff Mike Compton and Commissioner Al Smith, are members of the Masonic Lodge. Commissioner Smith said that the Masonic cornerstone was used in keeping with the tradition of many government buildings including those in Washington D.C. and Austin. To open the ceremony, Hughes-Tune Post 1922 Gainesville Color Guard raised the flag. Senior Commissioner Virgil Hess led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Hare of the Gainesville Ministerial Alliance gave the invocation. County Judge Bill Freeman was master of ceremonies.

Deputy Grand Master of Texas Masonic Lodge Danny Broughton gave a description of his organization's history. It originated with actual stonemasons. "We have evolved

now to being a fraternal order of men who strive through our actions and deeds and associations with others to become better men," he related. "We actually take those working tools that the operative masons used to construct cathedrals and temples and we use them to teach our members lessons in morality."

Broughton told of how it was once customary to celebrate the completion of phases of a building with a ceremony conducted by the mason constructing it. When a building was finished there was a public celebration. The ceremony performed Monday was similar to those done more than 300 years ago. "It is the one ceremony that connects modern free mason directly to the ancient craftsmen or stone mason of the Middle Ages and it is essentially the same ceremony used to dedicate many of the great cathedrals and buildings in Europe, said Broughton.

Tools of a mason's trade include the square, level, and plumb. These were symbolically applied to the special cornerstone placed in the building's northeast corner to assure that the craftsmen had done their duty. Having found the cornerstone to be well formed, true, and trusted, the stone was then ceremonially dedicated with corn, wine, and oil.

Mason Steve McCoy explained that the square, level,

and plumb were found in an ancient tomb in Egypt and are the most ancient tools of operative masons ever discovered. "The three elements corn, wine, and oil have been used in dedication of buildings since the times of ancient Rome," McCoy explained. "Corn represents nourishment. Wine represents refreshment, and oil represents joy and peace, healing, and comfort."

Sheriff Mike Compton pointed out that sheriffs come and go, but the deputies and dispatchers were the ones who do the work and make things get done.

He added, "We have another group that would probably like to be here. They are the ones that are primarily responsible for the building, but they are currently detained right now and unable to make it. We hope next week they get to come to their open house and join us out here."

Sheriff Compton recognized Judge Freeman and Commissioner Al Smith. "They put in untold amount of hours, and without the work that they put forth on this we would not have this building," he commented. Compton also praised the builder Sedalco for the excellent building, saying that it was one of the quickest Jail Commission inspections done.

Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith took retiring Comm. See JUSTICE pg. 3



(Above) With the snip of a scissors, the Cooke County Justice Center is officially opened. Performing the Ribbon Cutting Honors are, from left, District Clerk Pat Payne, Sedalco Construction Project Superintendent Bud Howard, County Judge Bill Freeman, County Sheriff Mike Compton, Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis and her grandson, Commissioner Virgil Hess, Commissioner Al Smith, Commissioner Gary Hollowell, Architect Steve Gill, Commissioner Bill Cox, Executive Director Texas Commission on Jail Standards Terry Julian, Donna Allen, and Dana Herr. Janet Felderhoff photo



(Right) Mason Earl Russell takes part in the symbolic leveling ceremony of the Cooke County Justice Center by pouring corn, wine, or oil over the building dedication cornerstone. Janet Felderhoff photo

Germanfest set for April 28-30

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster's 31st Annual Germanfest celebration takes place the weekend of April 28-30. It is packed with a variety of entertainers, food, crafts, and competitive or challenging activities.

For the last 32 years George Boutwell has been touring Texas showing his art and looking for interesting things to paint. This year he has included Germanfest on his itinerary. Boutwell, the 2006 Official Texas State Artist, will be having a show of his work at Germanfest on Friday from 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Texas artist promises to bring a selection of his original watercolors and prints of his work, including a selection of prints on artist canvas to the show as well as copies of his previous calendars.

According to George, he got inspired with the diversity of Texas when he was art director of *Texas Highway's Magazine* from 1966 to 1972. Just recently the Texas State Legislature and the Texas Commission on the Arts chose George to be the 2006 Texas State Artist in the Category of Two Dimensional Art.

Heading the performance list on Friday is Corder Graw from 9:30-11:30 p.m. on the MSB Stage. Tim Cooper takes the MSB Stage Saturday from 3-5:30 p.m. Making a return appearance in town from last summer is Jason Boland and the Stragglers. They're slated to perform on

the MSB Stage at 10 p.m. Saturday. Regulars, Hard Night's Day (5-7 p.m.) and Bois D' Arc, wind down the festivities on Sunday night. They play on the MSB Stage. Brave Combo returns to town to perform on Saturday and Sunday on the MSB Stage.

Featured in the German Tanze Halle are Germanfest regulars Alpenfest, Alpenmusikanten, and The Polka Kings. Children's entertainment includes Side Street Circus, Track 'N Friends, and Puppets in Concert. The children's area also offers fun activities, a rock climbing wall, balloon sculptures, face painting, and other fun activities.

For the first time, Bonham's Fire Department will present a program that is both fun and educational for children at Germanfest. They will be in the Children's area from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Saturday presenting Sparky and the clowns. Some of the characters hoping to meet the children are Sparky, Reddy Fox, Lt. Blazé, Ladder, Doc, Squirt, and Debris. Their goal is to offer a comical program that holds children's attention while teaching about fire safety issues.

"If we can teach them even one thing about safety, they may use it later in life. You never know how many lives you might save," noted Mr. Allen, their PR spokesman.

Balloonynt Betty plans to make balloon sculptures for the audiences on Saturday. Muenster ISD's band is sponsoring a Dunking Booth as a fund-raiser.

There will no BBQ Cook-off

this year. That area will be used for parking. RV parking is available at a charge.

Area youth can take advantage of Thursday's special ticket prices on the Muenster Kiwanis group's carnival rides. The Kiwanis Family Night offers unlimited rides from 5-10 p.m. for \$10 plus two canned goods or \$12 without.

The armband special is offered again on Sunday this year. Unlimited rides are \$12. No canned good discount applies on Sunday. Triple "T" Amusements is supplying this year's midway rides.

Most "Fest goers" appetites are sure to be stirred by the assortment of German, American, and other foods. German sausage, sauerkraut, potato salad, strudel, and funnel cakes are some of the favorites.

Nagelschlagen is a traditional German competition where competitors hammer a nail spike into a tree stump. Each tries to hammer it in with the fewest hits. The event runs from Friday through Sunday. The final winner takes home a trophy.

Saturday is the 25th Annual Metric Century Bicycle Rally. Its courses run through beautiful country scenery and rolling hills around Muenster. Sacred Heart School Alumni and Supporters sponsors the event.

Applications are rolling in daily for the 31st Annual German Fun Run sponsored by the Muenster Knights of Columbus. The race begins at noon on Sunday with runners choosing between the 5k and 10k courses.

Gates open at 4 p.m. Friday and close at midnight. Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. to midnight and Sunday times are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person with children age eight and under admitted at no charge. Come in German costume and get in free!

Break-in reported at MISD

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall reported that someone had broken into Muenster ISD over the weekend. The glass in the Ag Shop's north door was busted to gain access.

Chief Stovall said that a laptop computer was listed among the missing items. A complete list was not yet available. A television was broken and left behind.

CCEC installs Avaya phone system

Chris McNamara Information Technology Coordinator, and Shay Evans, Service Center Technician for Nortek Communications, recently completed installation of an Avaya IP406 office phone system at Cooke County Electric Cooperative in Muenster.

The IP Office system not only replaces an aging telephone system, but it also helps to bring telephones and computers much closer together. Employees can now see who is on their phone by looking at their computer screen. They can also leave a message and check voice mail, which they were unable to do with the old system.

Wireless headsets, which allow the employee to answer a ringing phone while away from their desk up to 300 feet, seemed to be the most popular as they tested the equipment. The convenience of seeing who is on the phone or who has voice mail was also very well received. Employees in the office can log on to their computers and see an icon for each employee.



Malony Bartush, Cooke County Electric Co-op telephone/receptionist, tests the new Avaya phone system recently installed at CCEC. Also pictured are, from left, Neil Hesse, CCEC president, Chris McNamara, Nortek internet technician, Alvin Fuhrman, president and CEO of Nortek Communications, and Shane Wiley, CCEC office manager. Courtesy photo

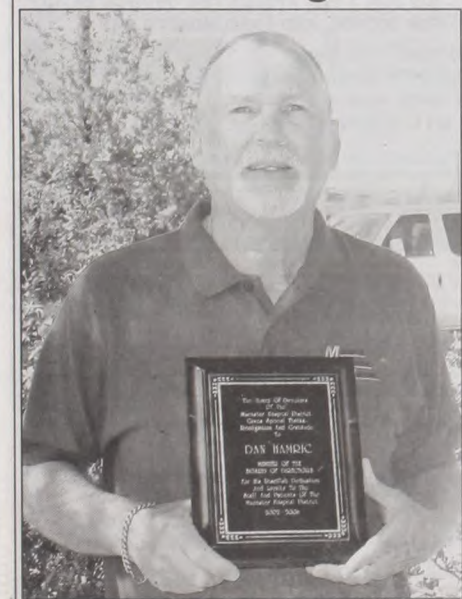
If they see an x over the icon, they know the person is on the phone and if they see a small envelope, they know the person has a message waiting for them.

With a converged network such as the installed system, a company can receive many

benefits including one network for phones and computers, lower total cost of ownership, centralized management, advanced messaging, and powerful user applications. The system offers such features as music on hold, voice over IP, advanced call center, unified messaging, interactive voice response, conferencing, security, and an auto attendant.

See CCEC pg. 3

Hamric Recognized



The Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors recognized outgoing Board member Dan Hamric at Tuesday's meeting for his dedicated service to MMH. Janie Hartman photo

MISD Board met April 12

The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 12.

Paul McCullough from Architectural Concepts, Inc. presented options for a plan for a new cafeteria. No action was taken.

There was no delinquent tax collection report, and the Board approved the lease on water well #3 with the City.

Principal Lou Heers reported on TAKS results, TMSCA, WHO program, and upcoming events.

The elementary musical *The Music Man* will have performances on May 2, 4, and 5. The musical will also be performed at Germanfest. School Board election will be Saturday, May 13, with the year end award ceremony for elementary on May 15, and the last day of school on May 25.

High School/Junior High Principal Curtis Eldridge noted how grateful the school

is to the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department and all the volunteers for the reenactment of a motor vehicle accident involving teenagers and alcohol.

"The program went extremely well. We have been inundated with positive responses," Eldridge added.

His report also informed Board members of the TMSCA 3rd place State finish; 2nd place at the UIL District Academic Meet, with 27 students attending Regional; the One Act Play; and 25 students who participated in the Keep Muenster Beautiful trash pick-up on April 1.

The technology report by Jeff Presnall noted that the Child Internet Security program had a disappointing turnout, but was very informative, and possible plans for another presentation in May are in the making. Technology Recycling picked up, free of charge, 28 CPUs and 66 monitors and other miscella-

neous equipment out of storage for disposal of the obsolete computer equipment.

Presnall reported also that seven computers were overhauled and reformatted last month, with five more currently in the process of being refurbished.

After executive session, the Board accepted the resignation of Mandy Dulock, teacher.

The School Board met at a called meeting on April 10 to discuss and consider personnel. The Board had to rescind the probationary status of several contracts approved at the March 22 meeting after finding that teachers who have taught in Texas in five of the last eight years must be given a term contract. Contracts approved included Vince Morgan, Karissa Rohmer, Amy Villanueva, Cassie Freeman, Pualette Manley, and Randy Zamzow. The Board accepted the resignation of Tommy Felderhoff.

OBITUARIES

Ramia Beane 1927 - 2006

Ramia Joe Beane of Saint Jo died at the age of 78 on Monday, April 17 in her home. Funeral services were held April 19 at the Saint Jo Church of Christ, under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home, with Rev. Ricky Kerr officiating. Burial followed in Mountain Park Cemetery in Saint Jo.

Born Aug. 5, 1927 on a farm near Saint Jo, Ramia grew up and graduated school at Saint Jo. She attended college at TWU in Denton. A lifetime member of the Saint Jo Church of Christ, she worked at Russell Newman Factory for about 20 years, and then owned and operated "Joe's Discount" for about 10 years. She loved her family, and her hobbies included fishing, sewing, gardening, and doing word-search puzzles.

Survivors include a daughter Barbara Kay Hart of Hartsville, Tennessee; sons Johnny Ray Maxwell of Saint Jo, Robert Gene Maxwell of Mount Pleasant, and James Alan Beane of Norman, Oklahoma; a sister Floy Fanning of Buffalo, Texas; and brothers Carl Bowen of Azle and Hugh Bowen of Saint Jo; and seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents Luke and Susan Harvey Bowen; a son Michael David Maxwell; two sisters Evelyn Littleton and Shirley Derichsweiler; and four brothers Elwood, Marvin, Meb, and Dale Bowen.

Stanford Rich 1936 - 2006

Graveside services for Stanford Rich, age 70 of Saint Jo, were held April 19 in Mountain Park Cemetery in Saint Jo with Rev. Sam Campbell officiating. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home. Mr. Rich died Sunday, April 16 in Bowie.

Born Feb. 10, 1936 in Garden City, Texas, Stanford entered the U.S. Army just after his school years. He suffered extensive injuries from an experimental atomic blast in 1957 and was medically discharged soon after. He worked in road construction and then drove an 18-wheeler freight truck. He later developed cancer and was placed

in a nursing facility in February of this year. He lived in Saint Jo for the last 25 years. He was married to April May (June) Rich and they were parents of six children.

Survivors include son Olan Rich of Saint Jo; daughters Debi Rich of Grants Pass, Oregon, Penny Lemon of Montague, and Candy Clary of Mt. Pleasant; sister Georgia Barfield of Killeen; 10 grandchildren and a special grandson J.D. Doan of Arlington.

He was preceded in death by his wife June Rich; a daughter Patty Rich; and a son Stephen Wayne Rich.

Texas oil and gas stats

February permits to drill
The Commission issued a total of 1,546 original drilling permits in February 2006 compared to 1,270 in February 2005. The February total included 1,240 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 58 to re-enter existing well bores, and 248 for re-completions. Permits issued in February 2006 included 298 oil, 398 gas, 808 oil and gas, 22 injection, zero service, and 20 other permits.

January crude oil production
Texas preliminary January 2006 crude oil production averaged 909,801 barrels daily, up from the 826,767 barrels daily average of January 2005. The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for January 2006 is 28,256,157 barrels, an increase from 25,784,588 barrels reported during January 2005.

February oil and gas completions
In February 2006, operators reported 432 oil, 695 gas, 39 injection, and one other completion compared to 215 oil,

246 gas, 44 injection, and two other completions during February 2005.

Total well completions for 2006 year to date are 2,053, up from 1,300 recorded during the same period in 2005.

Operators reported 310 holes plugged and zero dry holes in February 2006 compared to 420 holes plugged and 209 dry holes in February 2005.

January natural gas production
Texas oil and gas wells produced 437,124,806 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for January 2006, up from the January 2005 preliminary gas production total of 394,939,786 Mcf. Texas production in January 2006 came from 134,297 oil and 69,460 gas wells.

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65 YEARS AGO April 18, 1941

Parochial school classes dismiss one week for measles epidemic. Local streams go on rampage after heavy down-pour. Milk profits here are boosted by both volume and price. Andrew Schilling left Monday to work in the KMA oil fields. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Flood moved into their new home in the east part of town. John Yosten was injured in an accident at his farm when a spirited horse bolted and dragged him over a planter and down a corn row before he got the horse under control. Mrs. Jake Pagel and Mrs. Ben Hellman attend the State Convention of the Catholic Daughters of America in Austin.

50 YEARS AGO April 20, 1956

Muenster's first Girl Scout troop and Brownies organize here, with 35 girls in the Scouts and 30 in the Brownies; Mrs. Al Horn is leader of the Girl Scouts. New officers of the Muenster PTA are Mrs. M. D. Kaderli, Mrs. H. H. Homsley, Glenn Hellman, Mrs. Paul Fisher, and Mrs. Albert Fleitman. Weddings: Anita Fuhrmann and Cletus Bauer; Norma Vogel and Donald Muller; LaVern Fuhrmann and Harold Nortman. Father Louis Duester, Pat Hennigan, Ed Endres, Ben Luke, Arnold Schilling, Fred Hoedebeck, Jake Bezner, Paul Arendt, Ben Hermes, and Gilbert Kubis attend Subiaco.

Alumni reunion in Subiaco. Georgia Ann Hartman is on duty at Muenster Beauty Shop since passing state board in Austin. New Arrivals: Donna to Norbert and Juanita Knabe; Beverly to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nason.

25 YEARS AGO April 17, 1981

Mayor Leo Hess asks local business firms to close for Good Friday services. Three Muenster Boy Scouts enter "Order Of The Arrow": John Walterscheid, Ronnie Fisher, and James Bright. Herb and Dolores Miller to host Grand Opening of Red River Cut Rate Liquor. City of Muenster gets \$1890 sales tax rebate check. Sacred Heart Tigers and Tigerettes win the TCIL District Track Meet.

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm St. Peter's 1st Communion Mass Sacred Heart Parish 1st Communion Mass, 10:30am		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, SNAP Center Grief Support mtg., 6-8pm, Home Hospice Office	Religious Ed class, 7pm SHCS Advisory Council mtg., 7:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm American Angus Performance program, 6pm, Smokehouse, Lindsay	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm MISD no school SHCS 2:30pm dismissal	Lindsay City-wide garage sale Metric Century Bicycle Rally, 11am
					Germanfest	Germanfest
Sunday, April 30, 2006	Monday, May 1, 2006	Tuesday, May 2, 2006	Wednesday, May 3, 2006	Thursday, May 4, 2006	Friday, May 5, 2006	Saturday, May 6, 2006
Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Germanfest Fun Run, noon	Early voting begins May Crowning Loyalty Day, fly flags City Council mtg., 7:30pm SH Vacation Bible School registration due	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, SNAP Center MMH Aux mtg. & officer installation, 7pm MISD Elem. "The Music Man", 7pm	Religious Ed class, 7pm C of C Board mtg., 5:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm MISD Elem. "The Music Man", 7pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm MISD Elem. "The Music Man", 7pm Cooke Co. Relay for Life begins AARP Board mtg., 10am, Stanford House, Gainesville Church Women United May Friendship Day, noon, 1st United Methodist Church, Gainesville	Hornet Booster Club Golf Tourney, Turtle Hill Golf Course
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Sharp describes plan to cut property taxes by one-third

John Sharp told members attending TSCRA's annual convention about the Texas Tax Relief Commission's plan to cut property taxes by one-third and replace them with an expanded business tax and a portion of the state's \$4.3 billion surplus.

He said the plan would result in the largest property tax reduction in state history and an overall \$1 billion tax reduction.

Sharp is chairman of the 24-member commission appointed by Gov. Rick Perry last November to "reform the state's business tax structure and provide significant property tax relief." Lawmakers will consider the proposal during a special session of the Texas Legislature that begins April 17.

The Texas Supreme Court has ruled that Texas has a de facto state property tax, which is specifically forbidden by the state Constitution, and must be reformed by June 1. Legislators failed to come up with a solution during three special sessions last year.

Similar failures go all the way back to the 1980s. Bill Clements tried and failed; Mark White tried twice and failed; Ann Richards' Connally Commission failed; and George W. Bush failed.

Sharp said one of the obstacles encountered each time was trying to figure out how to make a tax work for retailers, who have thinner margins, and still have it work for everybody else.

The commission's goal, said Sharp, "was to figure out how to dramatically lower property taxes and answer the Supreme Court ruling as well."

The Court determined that 70% of the state's school districts have a tax rate equal to the \$1.50 per hundred cap defined by statutory law; that constitutes a de facto state property tax.

The Court said the state must find a way to lower the property tax and give school districts "meaningful discretion" between the actual tax and the tax rate.

The commission's first decision, Sharp reported, "was to reduce school maintenance and operation property taxes from the \$1.50, where most of them are now, down to \$1. That's about a \$6 billion reduction in property taxes."

"The second part of the equation—putting something in place to offset that—gets a little harder."

Fixing the franchise tax
He said the first thing the Legislature has looked at for the past 25 years is fixing the state's "broken" franchise tax.

Sharp explained that when the franchise tax was first enacted about 25 years ago, it was placed only on corporations. At the time, corporations were the only business entities that were granted limited liability protection by the state.

This means that a board member cannot be held personally liable for the actions of the other board members or the corporation.

Problems began in 1988 when legislation was passed that extended limited liability protection to partnerships. Legislators didn't anticipate the results.

A vast majority of corporations reorganized to become partnerships, which received the liability protection, but weren't subject to the franchise tax. The result was that only one business out of 16 was paying anything into the business tax.

The commission decided the problem could be solved with a broad-based tax on businesses that have a liability shield.

"If you choose to structure your business in such a way that you don't have a liability shield, you won't be included in this tax," Sharp emphasized.

"I suspect that in the 1980s when only corporations had limited liability shields, most businesses represented by people in this room were general partnerships that didn't have the liability shield.

I also suspect that many of you would go back to that form of business if this tax were to pass."

How the business tax would work

The commission determined that the primary reason for margins in business is because some businesses spend most of their resources on people, while others spend most on cost-of-goods sold.

The new tax would be based on the gross receipts of a business minus all of the personnel, health care, benefits, and workers' compensation costs. The remainder would be multiplied by 1% or 0.5% for wholesalers or retailers.

The other option for most wholesalers or retailers would be gross receipts minus all cost-of-goods sold, with the remainder multiplied by 1% or 0.5%.

To get an idea of what businesses thought about that approach, the commission sent a survey to the major airlines. The three based in Texas called it "the best tax we've ever seen." Airlines based elsewhere didn't like it because they don't get the deductions here.

"Under this situation, a business that's here and hiring Texans is a whole lot better off," Sharp declared.

Feedback was also positive from economic offices and county judges in all 254 Texas counties. They reported that property taxes are the single biggest hindrance in encouraging businesses from other states to relocate to Texas.

The proposed property tax reduction amounts to about \$5.9 billion; the business tax would bring in about \$4 billion. To make up the difference, the commission recommended a \$1-per-pack tax on cigarettes and using about \$1 billion of the state's \$4.3 billion surplus.

"It will address only property tax relief; they cannot debate more funding for schools until they fix the tax structure. It will be as simple as voting for property tax relief or against it."

"I believe it is a fair plan," he asserted. "I think it works well for agriculture and it will solve these problems once and for all."

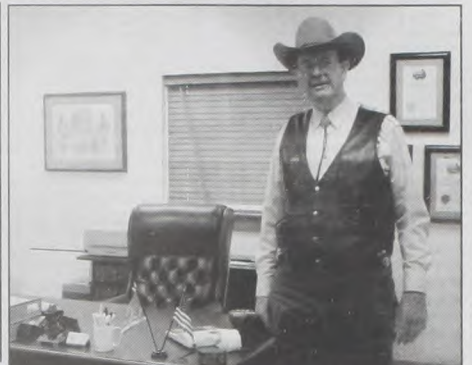
A full copy of the commission's report is available online at www.ttrc.state.tx.us/.

Cooke County Justice Center

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Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith



Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton in his new office in the Cooke County Justice Center, which houses the County Jail, Sheriff's office, dispatchers' office, and Precinct #1 Justice of the Peace court and office now occupied by Judge Dorothy Lewis.

Janet Felderhoff photo

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missioner Jerry Lewis' position on the Jail Committee a year ago. It was when the construction of the building was about to begin. Judge Freeman noted, "I don't even want to think I could have done it without Al's help. You just don't know what kind of asset you have with Al Smith."

Commissioner Smith said that the building project started out with some priorities. "We were going to try to build a facility that would be more efficient and would help us reduce our per day head count costs in incarceration, particularly since we were spending a lot on the outside," he said. "I think that as you go through this facility, you will see that we are moving towards accomplishing those objectives."

Bud Howard, project superintendent from Sedalco Construction Services, remarked, "Cooke County, you've got some incredible people, both that lead the County and live in the County. I personally have not had a project go so well in all the years that I've been in construction."

Judge Freeman said that as far as he could tell by checking records, the new Justice Center was the first general obligation bond passed by the voters since the courthouse was built back in about 1911.

A traditional ribbon cutting ceremony concluded the formalities. The public was then treated to a buffet provided by Sedalco Construction and catered by Miss Olivia's Bed and Breakfast.

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"The transition to this new system was very smooth," said Shane Wiley, manager of office operations for Cooke County Electric Coop. "The software is very user friendly. We really like the flexibility of the wireless headsets. Our employees can be away from their desks and still answer the phones. All in all, we are very pleased with the system and feel it was a good investment."

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LIFESTYLE

Church vigil service celebrates Easter

Wallace English joined the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Service held in Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, April 15. Father John Ohner, O.S.A., presided. It began with a service of light with the blessing of the fire and Easter candle. This was followed by a number of readings recounting salvation history. Lights were turned on in church with the singing of the Gloria. After the Gospel reading and homily, there was a blessing of water and renewal of baptismal promises. Since Wallace had been baptized in

another church, he was called forward to make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church. Then he received the sacrament of Confirmation. His Confirmation sponsor was Sylvan Walterscheid.

After the intercessions, Wallace and his wife Barbara and granddaughter Hope brought up the gifts. At Communion he received the Eucharist for the first time.

Music for the service was provided by a small choir directed by Anne Poole and accompanied by Ruth Felderhoff on the piano.

BAPTISM

Rix

Klement Lewis Rix was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006 at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster by Father John Ohner. He is the infant son of Tug and Allison Rix. Godparents were aunt and uncle, Kristen Klement of Muenster and Adam Klement of Lubbock.

Klement wore the same baptismal gown as his mother and grandfather, Andrew Klement. It was hand embroidered by his great-great-grandmother, Margaret Hartman Klement, and was worn by all of the children and grandchildren of Eugene and Claire Klement.

A celebration followed at the home of his maternal

grandparents. Attending were his parents, grandparents Andrew and Emily Klement and Lewis and Jerene Rix, and his great-grandmother Claire Klement. Also attending were: Doug, Lynda and Gina Yosten; Jeff, Tara, Carolyn and Jacob Wenzel; Mark and Judy Milner; Ray and Kaye Wimmer; Mark, Kelley, Garrett, and Cassidy Tackett; Roy, Irene, and Ashley Hartman; Justin, Christy, and Rosemary Hartman; Chad, Pam, Anna, and Olivia Simmons; Jim, Kim, Quatro, and Rix Cone; Ruth and Barry Guimbellot; Kristen and Zoe Klement, and Andrew Ware; Laura Robeson, and Adam Klement.



With great joy, Cal and Ruth Wells of Bowie announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Heather Renee to Eric Lee Mesker, son of Mark and Michele Mesker of Pagosa Springs, Colorado. They plan to be married in Pagosa Springs on May 27, 2006 at the home of the future groom's maternal grandparents, Valerie and Ron Halverson. Other happy grandparents are Mildred Walterscheid of Muenster and the late Ervin Walterscheid, Curtis and Mona Wells of Bowie, Dennis and Sonja Mesker, and Carl Deilgat of San Diego, California. They will reside in Pagosa Springs.

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Grace and Glorie opens April 18 at NCTC Performing Arts Center

Described as both a "wonderful look into the dynamics of human bonding" and "an uplifting show that celebrates human dignity," the play *Grace & Glorie* opens April 18 at the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts at North Central Texas College. A joint production of NCTC's Department of Drama and the Butterfield Stage Players, the play is scheduled for four performances, April 28-29 and May 5-6 at 7 p.m.

"Tom Ziegler's play certainly stands on its own merits, but it's definitely reminiscent of *Driving Miss Daisy* and *Steel Magnolias*," observed Thom Talbott, director. "In fact, it reminds me of one of my favorite lines from *Steel Magnolias*: 'Laughter through tears is my favorite emotion.'

"This two-character charmer and poignant comedy offers easy laughter and engaging dialogue on marriage and children, religious faith, and the courage to carry on. It's a heartfelt play about two strong, stubborn women who forge a deep bond despite their diverse backgrounds."

Under Talbott's direction and Dan Doss's rustic cabin set design, *Grace & Glorie* unfolds as a culture clash between Grace Stiles, played by Thresa Jones of Gainesville, and Glorie, played by Lee Skinner of Lake Kiowa.

Grace is a feisty, cantankerous 90-year-old Blue Ridge Mountain rural widow who leaves the hospital to spend her last days in her rural cabin in the mountains. Glorie is a cultured big city

MBA recently relocated with her husband to this rustic back country.

After she fails to quickly find a new job, Glorie becomes a hospice volunteer assigned to care for Grace in her last days. Grace has left her fate in the hands of God and is at peace with her place in the world—and, more or less, with her imminent exit from it. Just out of the hospital, she has no use for the hospice volunteer assigned to care for her.

The two women come to appreciate their differences and to learn from them. It's not a

surprise that Grace helps Glorie every bit as much as Glorie helps Grace.

Grace & Glorie enjoyed a successful Broadway run starring Estelle Parsons and Lucie Arnaz. The Hallmark Hall of Fame filmed it for television with Gena Rowlands as Grace and Dianne Lane as Glorie.

All seats for *Grace & Glorie* are reserved. Tickets for are \$12 for adults and \$10 for youth. Admission is free to NCTC students with I.D., but they must make reservations. To reserve seats, call the box office at 940-668-3355.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Rix

Tug and Allison Rix of Fort Worth are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Klement Lewis Rix. Klement was born on Monday, April 3, 2006 at 6:52 a.m. at Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital in Fort Worth. He weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Andrew and Emily Klement of Muenster and Lewis and Jerene Rix of Granbury. Great-grandmother is Claire Klement of Muenster.

Hofbauer

Jason and Tonia Hofbauer of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of the first child, a daughter, Alexis Nicole. Alexis was born Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 5:31 p.m. in North Texas Medical Center. She weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Laurie and Walter Hacker of Myra, Dale and Dolores Hofbauer of Muenster, and James and Betty Evans of Denton. Great-grandparent is Knola Dietz of Myra.

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Child abuse and neglect are not subjects that are popular topics of conversation. The average citizen would choose to think about other things. The truth is that it hurts to think about children being hurt or not getting the care and protection that they need. Unfortunately, in this country approximately one million children each year don't get a choice. They don't have the "luxury" of only thinking about abuse and neglect...they have to live them, often daily.

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. This is the time to bring it to attention and deal with the problem.

Each day in America, more than four children die as a result of child abuse in the home. In 2003, 1500 children died as a result of abuse and/or neglect in this country. (This is the number of children whose death certificates substantiate child abuse or neglect.) Research indicates that the actual number of child deaths attributable to this cause are more than twice this high as they are not documented on death certificates. Of children who die at the hands of an abusive or neglectful parent or caretaker, 78% are younger than four years of age. Homicide

is the leading cause of injury deaths among infants under one year of age in the United States. Sadly, the perpetrator is a parent or stepparent more than 70% of the time in these cases.

In 2005, the Department of Family and Protective Services (formerly known as CPS), received 265,349 allegations of child abuse. Of these allegations, 61,433 were confirmed and 12,412 were removed from the care of their parents. Locally, 103 children were in the custody of the State due to abuse and/or neglect last year. These included children suffering from sexual abuse, physical and emotional abuse, as well as neglect of their basic needs of life (food, clothing, shelter, and supervision).

The causes of child abuse and neglect are varied. Most often, an abuser is an individual whose coping abilities are outweighed by stress of the moment. All too often, an abuser has drug and/or alcohol dependency issues. Family violence is also a factor. Frequently, mental health issues are also at work in the family of an abused child. Generational patterns of abuse and lack of a support system for the family also play a part in the lives of abusers and their children.

By now, you may be asking yourself "what can I do?". First, pay attention to children around you, in your neighborhood, at church, your children's friends. If you see a problem, don't ignore it, hoping it will go away. (Nine out of 10 Americans regard child abuse as a serious problem, yet only one in three reported abuse when confronted with an actual situa-

tion.) If you suspect abuse or neglect, REPORT IT! The child abuse hotline number for the State of Texas is 1-800-252-5400. The names of reporters are kept confidential. Reporters may do so anonymously as well.

Secondly, if you are a parent who is struggling, get help. Talk to a friend, a pastor or priest, or teacher. The National Child Abuse Hotline lends support to parents as they navigate the sometimes difficult times of parenting. The number is 1-800-4-A-CHILD. Professional help is available on this line 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Another way to help with the problem of abuse and neglect is to get involved with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA advocates are average citizens who, after undergoing 30 hours of training and in depth background checks, are sworn in by the District Court to advocate for the best interests of abused children within the foster care and legal systems. They investigate child abuse cases assigned to them by the Court, monitor the progress of the parents and the condition of the children, and report their findings back to the Court. They have no reason to "be there", except the best interests of the children. If you are interested, contact the CASA office at 665-2244 or go to www.casant.org.

The Department of Family and Protective Services needs volunteers and donations in a number of areas. If you are interested, contact the CPS office at 668-7761. Cooke County Friends of the Family is another organization that helps families in cases of sexual abuse and domestic violence. This agency, too, needs volunteers and donations. Contact their office at 665-2873.

Remember, you can choose what you'll do about child abuse. There are children who don't have that choice. Get involved. Childhood is too precious to be lost to abuse. Being a child shouldn't hurt.



On April 8, a handful of 7th and 8th grade Sacred Heart Youth (SHY) junior members donated their time to do service work at the Muenster Public Library. At left, Leah Hess and Victoria Endres help sort children's books; above, Leaha Smith and Ginger Bartush straighten the books on the shelf; below, Amanda Dangelmayr, Sydney Hoedebeck, and Kristin LeBrasseur, seated, along with Garrett Walterscheid and Toby Dyess also put in volunteer time at the library. SHY photo

Morton Museum checks out Victorian era

The final program in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Spring Series "A Victorian Garden Party" will take place at noon on Monday, April 24 at the Museum in Gainesville.

This session will start at the Morton Museum where individuals will learn about outdoor recreation in the Victorian era. The program will then move to Guy and Kay George's home for a Victorian lunch and the opportunity to play croquet as the Victorians would have. Participants will also be touring the Scott and Jenny Richardson home.

Handouts will be provided. Seating is limited. For members of the Cooke County Heritage Society the cost to attend is \$9, and for non-members the cost is \$10. To reserve a seat or for more information, call the Museum at 940-668-8900.



NEWS OF THE SICK

Paula Fleitman, wife of August "Gus" Fleitman, had surgery on April 4 for stents removal from previous surgery in January of this year. Paula will be leaving at the end of this month for three days of testing and treatments at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Accompanying her will be her daughters Melinda Cameron, Kerry Fleitman, and Kristen Bell.

Celebrate Friendship Day

All ladies of the community are invited to attend the Church Women United May Friendship Day luncheon. It will be held at First United Methodist Church, 214 S. Dixon Street in Gainesville on Friday, May 5 at noon. Fellowship of the Least Coin is observed at this meeting. For

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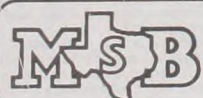
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Vinson will be a freshman at SWOSU during the 2006-07 academic year. She is the daughter of Dr. Stephen and Deborah Vinson of Forestburg.



Leah Vinson

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A severe thunderstorm watch is issued when the primary concern is for large hail and/or damaging thunderstorm winds. Penny size or larger hail is considered severe, as is thunderstorm wind gusts of 58 MPH or stronger.



Keep Muenster Beautiful Yard of the Month for March was awarded to Gladys Gieb at 615 N. Elm. Her front yard is a colorful picture of Spring with its irises, pansies, and other flowers. She was nominated for always having a well groomed yard. Janie Hartman photo



Newly elected 2006-07 Sacred Heart Cheerleaders are, front, Captain Taylor Torcellini, Kalyssa Pollard, Lisa Miller; middle, Ginger Bartush, Samantha Wimmer; back, Mascot Kristina Koesler, Kara Felderhoff, Co-captain Kristen Miller, and Kristin LeBrasseur. SHCS photo

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WEEK OF APRIL 24 - 28 SACRED HEART

Mon. - Cook's choice.
 Tues. - Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, celery sticks, fruit jello.
 Wed. - Fiesta salad w/corn chips, ranch style beans, salsa, peaches, bread.
 Thurs. - Stew, cornbread, cheese sticks, applesauce.
 Fri. - Hoagies w/trimmings, tortilla chips, salsa, pudding cups.

MÜNSTER ISD

Mon. - Chicken fajita tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches, blueberry muffins.
 Tues. - Turkey roast, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.
 Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, apples, cookies.
 Thurs. - Pizza, lettuce

salad w/dressing, carrot sticks, applesauce.
 Fri. - No school.
LINDSAY ISD
 Mon. - Corn dog, baked beans, fresh fruit, chocolate pudding.
 Tues. - Beef tips and rice, green beans, peaches, batterbread.
 Wed. - Chicken spaghetti, peas, carrots, mixed fruit, bread.
 Thurs. - Hamburger w/ trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.
 Fri. - No school.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Lasagna or fish sticks, green beans, tossed salad, sliced peaches, breadstick.
 Tues. - Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, pear half, hot roll.
 Wed. - Chicken crispito, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.
 Thurs. - Baked potato w/ ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, fruit mix, cinnamon roll.
 Fri. - Sub sandwich, trimmings, fresh apple, ice cream.

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MÜNSTER ISD HONOR ROLL

5th Six Weeks ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade: Briana Bindel, Logan Cheaney, Michelle Henscheid, Hayley Hess, Shane Presnall.

8th Grade: Lia Heers, Eric Hellman, Levi Trubenbach.

10th Grade: Cletus Fuhrmann, Cassandra Hale, Laura Heers, Jeremy Milan, Kim Patel, Hillary Swirczynski, Alison Teafatiller.

11th Grade: Megan Felderhoff, Micah Flusche.

12th Grade: Abby Endres, Jesse Hess, Ruthie Muller, Kristen Osborn.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade: Tyler Acuna, Cole Erickson, Timothy Garrison, Lindsay Kelley, Brianna Klement, Taylor Klement, Spencer Nielsen, Taylor Reiter, Shennell Stringer, Garrett Walterscheid, Hannah Weger.

8th Grade: Jodi Abner, Matthew Bain, Erin Endres, Shauna Felderhoff, Jackie Klement, Corey Sicking, Christopher Valliere, Steven Valliere, Sara Walterscheid.

9th Grade: Noel Barnhill, Dane Beizer, Brandon Bindel, Brandy Dangelmayr, Matthew Flusche, Jordanne Hellman, Tanner Herr, Anna McCourry, Corey Reynolds, John Rohmer.

10th Grade: Caitlyn Barrett, Mara Erickson, Craig Grewing, Rebecca Grewing, Richard Grewing, Heather Harrison, Dillena Hundt, Alison Miller, Drew Vavra, William Vogel, Lee Walterscheid, Lindsey Watson.

11th Grade: Don Caswell, Melissa Cox, Brad Endres, Sandra Endres, Amber Fuhrmann, Evan Koelsler, Elizabeth Orsburn, Josh Patrick, Zach Swirczynski, Michael Valliere, Collin Walterscheid, Jessica Walterscheid, Britney Wann, Krystal Wolf.

12th Grade: Danielle Bindel, Stephanie Buhrmann, Megan Dangelmayr, Keisha Davis, Katherine Endres, Kelly Endres, Karen Flusche, Crystal Fuhrmann, Ryan Fuhrmann, Stephanie Hoening, Eric Johnson, Leah Vinson, Roman Vogel.

5th Six Weeks "A" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade (Ms. McCourry) Dawson Anderle, Katie Bell, Brennan Binder, William Felderhoff, Amy Luttmer, Christopher Patten, Sawyer Sanders, Madalyn Serna. (Mrs. Fleming) Morgan Eldridge, Bradley Henscheid, Bryce Herr, Bailey Klement, Teyha Morgan, Macie Pagel.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Budish) Jordan Buddy, Cassandra Horsman, Samuel Sauer, Reagan Weger. (Mrs. Pagel) Zane Kemp, Alison Morris, Katie Pagel, Alaina Reiter, Claire Schneider, Lane Serna, Kimber Walterscheid.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Anderle) Trey Anderle, Trevor Cheaney, Jonathan Cooley, Morgan Flusche, Caroline Gressett, Tara Gunnels, Jeremy Hess, Makayla Moster, Rielly Neal, Georgia Taylor Saavedra, Lora Walterscheid. (Mrs. Endres) Rachel Hare, Kyla Haverkamp, Mikaela Lamar, Collin Pagel, Kristen Reiter, Noel Rodriguez.

4th Grade (Mrs. Presnall) Sydney Huchton, Audrey Taylor Saavedra, Joyana Zamzow. (Mrs. Freeman) Clayton Hess, Austin Schroeder. (Mrs. Klement) Hannah Bayer, Kylie Hess, Garrett Miller, Jaisal Patel, Adrien Rohmer, Cole Walterscheid.

5th Grade (Mrs. Sicking) Austin Hennigan, John Horsman, Christina Rohmer, Travis Sicking. (Mrs. Hale) Paige Herr, Hunter Klement, Miranda Pagel, Lauren Rohmer, Payton Sanders, Amber Walterscheid, Brooke Walterscheid.

6th Grade (Mrs. Walterscheid) Kameron Heady, Lana Heers, Emily Hellman, Paige Hennigan, Cole McAden, Stefan Tucker. (Mrs. Rohmer) Luke Crabtree, Kalyon Dangelmayr, Adria Flusche, Andrea Hess, Allison Pagel, Landon Presnall. (Mr. Van Vleet) Caitlin Beavers.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade (Ms. McCourry) Emily Bayer, Devon Brinkley, Ashley Fleitman, Zina Haverkamp, Katie Hutson, Matthew Smith. (Mrs. Fleming) Blake Hogan, Bailey McCoy, Carrie Nasura, Seth Sampson, Logan Wann, Emma Wood, Cassidy Wright.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Budish) Roman Bayer, Emily Fette, Devon Hacker, Dalton Hess, Justen Nasura, Rogelio Orocio, McKenna Proffer, Maggie Riley, Kelsie Sicking. (Mrs. Pagel) Dalton Bartel, Natalie Fangman, Kyle Klement, Trace Klement, Skylar Ruttman, Allie Walterscheid, Dalton Williams.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Anderle) Tyler Boaz, Karson Heady, Kalee Hennigan, Nastasha Phillips, Brianna Rohmer. (Mrs. Endres) Emily Brogdon, Colton Call, Kassie Dangelmayr, Brandon Hennigan, Chance Herr, Mikinzie Hess,

Zachary Trubenbach, Delaney Wright.

4th Grade (Mrs. Presnall) Kendi Bayer, Mason Binder, Ashley Hammer, Darrell Hermes, Cristan Medlock, Shelbi Sicking. (Mrs. Freeman) Mary Helen Bayer, Dylan Clure, Jared Endres, Jace Fredrick, Eland Green, Christopher Jackson, Madison Knabe, Rachel Mouring, Makayla Pumphrey, Peyton Reiter, Alyssa Schinigo, Clint Sidwell, Mariah Wimmer. (Mrs. Klement) ShyAnn Bartel, Destin Fleitman, Ethan Hale, Erin Hess, Shelby Klement, Amber Knabe, Juan Orocio, Abigail Pagel, Quaid Wilburn.

5th Grade (Mrs. Sicking) Brianna Bayer, Clayton Fangman, Trevor Muller, Michelle Sicking, Emily Vance. (Mrs. Hale) Sean Chism, Madison Dugger, Steven Flusche, Tommy Harrison, Trevor Hess, Raul Mouring, Tony Schniederjan,

Alyssa Stewart, Abby Walterscheid.

6th Grade (Mrs. Walterscheid) Jimmy Abner, Kayla Acuna, Chase Hammer, Olivia Haverkamp, Joseph Monday, Nicole Pagel, Rishi Patel, Chloe Schneider, Blake Voth, Stormie Wilburn. (Mrs. Rohmer) Tyler Anderle, Blake Grewing, Mark Jones, Dalton Koelzer, River Stewart, Jace Wann. (Mr. Van Vleet) Kacie Cole, Taylor Endres, Andi Felderhoff, Kendall Reiter.

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LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES

School District	Street Address	City, State, & ZIP	Precinct
Callisburg High School Cafeteria	308 Dozier Street	Callisburg, TX 76240	6, 7, 9
Callisburg at Lake Kiowa, The First State Bank	6586 FM 902	Lake Kiowa, TX 76240	8, 22
Era ISD at the Community Center	102 Malone	Era, TX 76238	12, 14, 15, 19
Gainesville Junior High School	421 North Denton	Gainesville TX 76240	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 20, 30, 34, 37
Lindsay ISD at Conrad Hall	431 Ash Street	Lindsay, TX 76250	21
Muenster Junior High School	135 East 7th Street	Muenster, TX 76252	17, 18
Pilot Point ISD at New Hope Church	251 Burns City Road	Burns City, TX 76272	10 or
Pilot Point ISD at Valley View High	700 Frontage Road	Valley View, TX 76272	11
Saint Jo ISD at Muenster Junior High	135 East 7th Street	Muenster, TX 76252	18
Slidell ISD at Era Community Center	102 Malone	Era, TX 76238	14
Sivells Bend ISD at Gainesville Junior High School	421 North Denton	Gainesville, TX 76240	33, 35
Valley View High School	700 Frontage Road	Valley View, TX 76272	11
Valley View at New Hope Church	251 Burns City Road	Burns City 76262	10
Walnut Bend ISD at Callisburg High School Cafeteria	308 Dozier Street	Callisburg, TX 76240	9
Whitesboro ISD at Callisburg High School Cafeteria	308 Dozier Street	Callisburg, TX 76240	7, 9 or
Whitesboro ISD at Lake Kiowa, The First State Bank	6586 FM 902	Lake Kiowa, TX 76240	8

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SPORTS

Tiger and Tigerette golfers advance to State tournament

Both the Tiger and Tigerette golf teams have advanced to the TAPPS State Championships. The Tigers finished 2nd at Regional and the Tigerettes were 4th. The Regional meet was held Tuesday at Turtle Hill Golf Course, under sunny, 98 degree conditions.

Midland Classical Academy took the team championship with a 327 score. Sacred Heart followed with 329, followed by Amarillo, San Jacinto 345, Fort Worth The Hill School 361, Carrollton Prince of Peace 383, McKinney Christian 387, and Dallas Fairhill Academy 404.

Top individual score was 72. Tiger Mitch Sellers was runner-up with 80, and Colby Richey 5th overall with

81. Tyler Rohmer shot 90 and David Walterscheid 95 for the Tigers.

Abilene Christian girls took 1st place with 395. Midland Classical scored 397, McKinney Christian 406, and Sacred Heart Catholic 438. Prince of Peace and Amarillo Holy Cross followed with 447 and 471.

The top individual girl score was 86. Tigerette scores were Shannon Hartman 105, Joelle Fuhrmann 107, Hannah Hess 109, Diana Knabe 117, and Charlotte Bartush 122.

The top four teams and 10 individuals advance to State next Monday and Tuesday. Competition will be at the Walden Golf Course on Lake Houston.



Sacred Heart Tiger golfers, from left, Colby Richey, Tyler Rohmer, Nolan Hartman, and Mitchell Sellers. Not pictured, David Walterscheid. Courtesy photo



Tigerettes of Sacred Heart golf team, from left, Shannon Hartman, Diana Knabe, Hannah Hess, and Joelle Fuhrmann. Not pictured, Charlotte Bartush. Courtesy photo

Muenster, Lindsay, and area athletes prepare for Regional track and field

Districts 13 and 14 competed in the Conference A, Region II Area Track and Field Meet on April 12 at Chico to determine which athletes would advance to the Regional Meet at Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

Besides Muenster, Lindsay, Era, Saint Jo, Valley View, Windthorst, Alvord, Petrolia, Collinsville, and Archer City, the top athletes from Throckmorton, Midway, Bryson, Newcastle, Megargel, Forestburg, Byers, Slidell, Prairie Valley, Harrold, and Bellevue joined the meet.

Lady Hornet Jacé Koelzer won both hurdle races to advance to Regional. She also qualified in the long jump and 400m, but did not compete at Area in those events. Jenna Felderhoff cleared 8' in the pole vault for a 2nd place trip

to Regional. Sam Endres was an inch short in the long jump, and will not advance to Regional.

The Hornet 400m and 800m relays advance after winning 1st and 2nd at Area. Members are Jordan Walterscheid, Derek Endres, Justin Ferguson, Dustin Wimmer, and Michael Faries.

Walterscheid will also run the 100m at Regional, with Wimmer and Faries advancing in the 200m and Ferguson in the 400m.

Distance runners Chris Steelman and Johnny Green also advance.

The following Area meet results are for Muenster and Lindsay:

GIRLS DIVISION

3200m: 3, Katelyn Brewer, L, 12:24.35; 4, Rose Hermes, L, 12:27.27.

400m Relay: 2, L, Autumn Murrill, Karissa Reiter, Amber

Nortman, Brittany Anderle, 51.86.

800m: 1, Chelsea Hermes, L, 2:24.75; 5, Rose Hermes, L, 2:30.07.

100m Hurdles: 1, M, Jacé Koelzer, 14.77.

800m Relay: 1, L, Autumn Murrill, Karissa Reiter, Brittany Anderle, Stephanie Neu, 1:49.85.

300m Hurdles: 1, Jacé Koelzer, M, 47.14.

200m: 2, Stephanie Neu, L, 26.31.

1600m: 1, Chelsea Hermes, L, 5:29.35; 5, Katelynn Brewer, L, 6:02.85.

1600m Relay: 1, L, Karissa Reiter, Rose Hermes, Chelsea Hermes, Stephanie Neu, 4:11.25.

Discus: 4, Christina Eckart, L, 93'.

High Jump: 1, Chelsea Hermes, L, 5' 6".

Long Jump: 5, Sam Endres, M, 15' 4.75".

Pole Vault: 2, Jenna Felderhoff, M, 8'.

Shot Put: 3, Elizabeth Neu, L, 35' 11"; 5, Christina Eckart, L, 33' 10".

Triple Jump: 1, Chelsea Hermes, L, 35' 1.5"; 2, Brittany Anderle, L, 33' 5.75"; 4, Autumn Murrill, L, 32' 8.75".

BOYS DIVISION

3200m: 4, Johnny Green, M, 11:03.45.

400m Relay: 1, M, Jordan Walterscheid, Justin Ferguson, Dustin Wimmer, Derek Endres, 44.16; 3, L, Keith Hermes, Alan Trammel, Travis Endres, Josh Jones, 44.97.

800m: 2, Chris Steelman, M, 2:07.42; 4, Jason Metzler, L, 2:09.15.

110m Hurdles: 5, Adam Kasperek, L, 17.6.

100m: 3, Jordan Walterscheid, M, 11.22.

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If poor bass and bluegill catches are pushing your buttons, then better pond management may be needed, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

But lighten up, your fishing rod may be one of the best management tools available, said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Extension fisheries and wildlife specialist.

"While it's true that the pasture may need mowing and the barn may need painting, you just have to make time to go fishing to determine the health of your farm pond fish populations,"

Higginbotham said. This "angler management" strategy is true for the estimated 1 million farm ponds - small and large - that dot the Texas landscape, he said. At the least, regular fishing will tell the pond owner what fish species are present.

"While all species are not vulnerable to hook and line, many are, and their presence or absence can help you formulate sound management decisions," he said. "For example, a trotline baited with cut bait will provide an indication of

which catfish species may be present in small ponds."

Bullheads on the trotline instead of channel or blue catfish may signal the pond owner that it's time to renovate and restock the pond.

Do largemouth bass show up on the hook? "Great," Higginbotham said, as long as the surface area of the pond is one acre or larger and water quality allows 15 to 18 inches of visibility. Smaller ponds do not support largemouth bass in "a sustained manner," however, because of the species' need for an abundant supply of forage fish.

In Texas ponds, bluegills are the primary forage species stocked for bass, and they should also show up on the hook during an angler management session. Bluegills are a species of sunfish, but the bluegill reproduces throughout the summer, providing an abundant buffet for the largemouth bass, Higginbotham said.

"Pond owners interested in producing quality bass fishing will want to grab a cane pole and can of worms and verify the presence of bluegill as the base of their forage population," Higginbotham said. "Other forage species serve to supplement the bluegill, but none can replace it in terms of its adaptability and fecundity in our Texas ponds."

Bluegills can be distinguished by four characteristics: a small mouth, black or blue ear flap, vertical bars on its sides and a black 'ink blotch' at the rear of its dorsal (top) fin, he said.

"In addition to simply verifying the bluegill's presence in a bass pond, you also want to gain a sense of the size distribution of the species," Higginbotham said. "Using a No. 8 hook, keep fishing until 100 bluegills are caught. It's a great activity for the kids."

Lay each bluegill flat and measure from the tip of closed mouth to the tip of the tail. Record the length along with the date.

A cane pole may work for bluegill, but to take a census of largemouth bass, a rod and reel is needed. Higginbotham recommends fishing with three distinct sizes of lures (No. 1-2, No. 2-4 and No. 4-8).

"The reason is simple - if you don't fish with all sizes of baits, you won't obtain a representative sample of all bass that are present in the pond," he said. "Fish each lure category for 30 minutes before switching, and fish

each size lure the same amount of time while fishing - uh, sampling - all areas of the pond. Catch at least 20 bass over eight inches in length in order to have a valid sample for analyses and record total lengths for each bass caught."

The final evaluation doesn't require a fishing pole, but that doesn't mean you can't keep fishing while you make a few simple calculations with pencil and paper, he said.

For largemouth bass, anywhere from 40-70% of the fish caught should be 12 inches long or longer. About 20-25% of the bass catch should be at least 15 inches long.

That's if your goal is to produce larger, trophy size bass, Higginbotham said.

As for bluegill, from 50-80% should be at least six inches long.

There are other factors to take notice of. Too many "skinny fish" in any category may indicate water quality problems, lack of forage fish, or too many weeds limiting the ability of bass to catch the forage fish.

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"Recent rain stimulated interest in planting spring crops," said Galen Chandler, district Extension administrator in Vernon. "Some producers are beginning to plant Sudan and

work or spray cotton ground." "Rangeland and pastures showed great improvement with recent rains," said Scott Durham, district Extension administrator in San Angelo. "Warm-season grasses are breaking dormancy. Some cool-season grasses are providing grazing for livestock."

Still, no area of Texas would turn down a steady, soaking rain, Extension reports noted. High winds

were reported throughout the western and central regions of the state, which caused more soil drying.

Regional Extension officials offered these reports: NORTH: Soil moisture ranged from short to surplus. Almost all corn has been planted with more than 75% emerging. More than 25% of the sorghum and soybean crops have been planted. Wheat condition ranged from poor to good with 20% headed. The peach crop received light freeze damage. Winter pastures continued to green up. Some winter pastures were cut for hay. Weather conditions were extremely windy.

CENTRAL: Pastures have greened up due to earlier rains, but most of the area needs additional moisture. High winds dried fields quickly. Freeze hit wheat hard. Sorghum and cotton planting continued. Watermelon planting began. Spring calving was in full swing.

Cattle Raisers adopt immigration policy. Immigration topped the list of issues discussed by TSCRA members during their March 26-29 convention in San Antonio.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Reps. Henry Bonilla and Lamar Smith each shared their ideas during three separate sessions.

TSCRA Past President Frates Seeligson discussed an extensive study on the specific needs of TSCRA members regarding border security and a temporary guest worker program.

Findings from the study resulted in a policy resolution, which members approved during the final business meeting.

"What we deal with in this resolution is not the law-breaking side of the issue," Seeligson explained. "We're concerned with the people that come across the border to find a job. What we want to do is control and legalize the immigrants that are coming across."

Seeligson said there's currently no deterrent for anybody who violates the law. To remedy that, TSCRA proposes that workers be required to get a tamper-proof Social Security card before they can enter the United States and that employers who knowingly hire an illegal alien be severely fined.

Seeligson said drying up the job market in that manner would go a long way toward reducing the number of illegal aliens. He emphasized that only employers that deliberately violate the law would get into trouble.

TSCRA's resolution supports legislation sponsored by Sen. John Cornyn to the extent that it supports the following objectives:

- Authorizes the reissue of tamper-proof biometric identification and Social Security cards to all Americans. ["Biometric" ID relies on physical characteristics unique to each individual, such as fingerprints and retinal or iris scans.]
- Requires any illegal alien to return to his/her home

country within two years of passage of the legislation to obtain documentation and return. TSCRA recommends provisions for "hardship cases" such as political asylum.

• Allows aliens who want to be temporary legal workers to enter into the U.S. economy after obtaining legal work status and entering through designated security entry points.

• Reduces government regulation of the transportation and housing of temporary workers.

• Provides that employers be severely penalized for hiring a worker without a biometric identification card and reissued Social Security card.

• Requires employers to report employment status of legalized alien workers for transfer of employment to and from the employer.

Trans-Texas Corridor routes

Members also adopted a resolution expressing further concerns about plans for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

TSCRA urged the Texas Department of Transportation to make every effort to avoid creating new footprints of roadways in undeveloped areas.

TSCRA encouraged the Legislature to address the following:

- That property owners impacted by the corridor be provided appropriate access to any lands severed by the system;
- That property owners not be held liable for loose livestock as a result of fences damaged by corridor traffic; and
- That pipeline, electric, and cable transmission be excluded in the corridor route.

TSCRA recommended that the TTC Act be amended, and

resolved to "work with the state and TxDOT to develop practical, feasible, and financially viable alternatives to meet the state's future transportation needs."

Prescribed burning law

A third resolution requests a second level of certification under the state's prescribed burning law to allow prescribed burns in a county under a burn ban.

TSCRA explains that prescribed burns to control infestations of Ashe juniper, pricklypear, and other rangeland shrubs are not effective during years when there is above-average winter rain.

Conditions for control are ideal during years of low rainfall, but often, prescribed burning cannot be used due to a burn ban.

Ivermectin for Fever Tick control

TSCRA urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency to take all steps necessary to enable the use of ivermectin to control Fever Ticks on white-tailed deer.

Ivermectin has been used in feed spread out for wild deer to consume, thus controlling the ticks. Untreated deer are a primary reason that Fever Ticks cannot be eliminated, even though cattle have been treated.

TSCRA President Dick Sherron announced that the first-ever PAC Auction held during the convention raised \$164,000 to support TSCRA's political efforts.

"With the increasing influence of the urbanized areas of the state, we have to have more political action money, and we have to spend it wisely to help our members," Sherron said.

WAYNE BECKER

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

Soybean rust update

Alan Blaine, Mississippi State University Extension specialist, says that U.S. soybean growers have no reason to expect Asian soybean rust (ASR) will develop and spread this year to the same extent that it currently occurs in Brazil.

After checking sentinel plots of kudzu, clover, and volunteer soybean plants he found no rust. Blaine says, "Based on our observations, we don't think that rust overwintered here. It got beat back into southern Florida."

Reports from Texas and Mexico also indicate a reprieve from rust problems for the moment, he adds. Overwintering rust population in these areas would affect the Midsouth. Therefore, it appears that there is no reason for concern at this point in time.

As a result, the rust threat for the U.S. in 2006 most likely won't compare to what occurs annually in Brazil, says Blaine, whose Extension team found soybean rust on sentinel plots and on several Mississippi soybean fields late in 2005. Rather, the rust

threat in the U.S. this year will most likely resemble what faces Argentina.

"Last year, there were 78 positive finds of rust in Argentina," he explains. "This year there was zero. So, I think rust is going to be very hit or miss here just like it is there."

Growers are still encouraged to remain alert to the progress of Asian Soybean Rust this year.

- Dates to Remember:**
- May 7 - Parade of Gardens Garden Tour; Muenster Area, 1 to 5 p.m., tickets \$7.
 - May 20 - North Texas Meat Goat Conference; NCTC, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - May 25 - Marketing Club, 7 p.m., Farm Bureau Bldg.

Ag Brief

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 - 12 - Seven yr. old Brangus type cows with calves sired by black Limousin bull.
 - 35 - 1st calf English type black Baldy heifers with calves sired by Bradley Angus bulls. 60 day calving season. These girls weigh 1200 lbs. and cycling.
 - 6 - 1st calf Black Limousin X Brangus heifers with calves sired by black Limousin bulls.
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 - 22 - English type black heifers bred 7 to 8 mos. to Angus bull.
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