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Groundwater Steering Committee set to go in Cooke County

By Janet Felderhoff

Cooke County Commissioners Court appointed a committee of five to serve on a Groundwater Steering Committee. Its task is to study a draft report from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and make recommendations concerning the requested written comments to Commissioners Court. The draft report on priority groundwater management areas was sent to counties and cities in Texas. County and city officials have an April 30 deadline to submit public comment on the proposal.

Members of Cooke County's Steering Committee were appointed on March 19 by the Commissioner of each precinct in the County. Precinct 4 Commissioner Virgil Hess appointed Pat Stelzer. Precinct 3 Commissioner Al Smith appointed Kenney Klement. Precinct 2 Commissioner Steve Key appointed Andrea Offner. Precinct 1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell appointed Ken Swirczynski. County Extension Agent Wayne Becker was appointed as an at large member by Judge Bill Freeman. Laura Blanton is serving as secretary for the group, and ex officio member is James Burnett of Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG). Burnett serves as research advisor for the Committee.

The TCEQ draft report concludes that past and continued overdevelopment of the Trinity and Woodbine aquifers from the continued urbanization of the area and new water demands threaten water supplies for rural domestic, municipal, and small water providers who depend on groundwater resources. It recommends that Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Johnson, Montague, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise counties should be designated as a priority groundwater management area (PGMA).

The draft report indicates that one or more groundwater conservation districts (GCDs) should be created within that area so that the counties would have the authority to address groundwater problems identified in that area. It recommends a regional fee-funded GCD for the preservation of the Trinity and Woodbine aquifers.

If the counties and cities do nothing, they may be placed by the TCEQ into water districts regions. The region that Cooke County is proposed to be placed in includes more populated counties, including Dallas, Tarrant, and Parker. Concern has been expressed that the majority of the populace in those counties do not rely on underground water as a source of drinking water. Most drinking water in Cooke County is from underground sources.

There is an option of forming a groundwater conservation district, but it is costly. Voters will have the final say should that be a proposal of Commissioners Court.

Last week, members of the Committee held an unofficial meeting, and on Tuesday, March 27, they held their first official meeting. On Thursday, April 5 at 1 p.m., Monty Dozier, Texas Cooperative Extension assistant professor and Water Resources specialist from Texas A&M has agreed to speak to the group and offer his guidance. Topic for the session is Priority Groundwater Management Area. The meeting is open to the public and time will be made for questions and answers. It will be held in the old Commissioners Court Room 208 on the second floor of the Courthouse.

On April 12 at 10 a.m., Kelly Mills of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will speak on the topic. The public meeting will

be held in the Assembly Room of the Grayson County Courthouse. Mills plans to give a brief presentation and then answer questions at length.

Members of the Lindsay Lady Knights and their Coach Donald Neu attended the meeting to accept certificates honoring them for achieving State Championship in Girls Basketball. March 26 was declared

Knights Day in Cooke County.

In other business conducted at the March 26 meeting, Commissioners Court:

- Proclaimed the week of April 2-8 as National Public Health Week.

- Approved the preliminary plat for Lakepoint Estates, Phase 1, Block A, located off of FM 372 and

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Muenster ISD rehires teachers, three resign

By Janie Hartman

After nearly three hours in executive session, the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees reconvened to approve the contract of 44 school personnel as recommended by principals Curtis Eldridge and Lou Heers. Athletic Director Monte Endres and Technology Director Jeff Presnall were also rehired that night.

The Board also accepted the resignations of Sharon Ledbetter, Justin Bell, and James McDermott.

In other action, the Board approved the contract with Sivells Bend ISD for the 2008-09 school year.

Capital improvement program discussion included the Ag Barn Project. It was noted that the 390 foot water well was dug, but was waiting on electricity to set the pump. It is planned for Cooke County Electric to dig holes for the fence whenever they set the pole for electricity. Blueprints for the Ag Barn have not been completed.

The Elementary playground fence is progressing. The architect gave a timeline for the cafeterium, with completion by the end of 2007.

Work on the stadium concession stand was discussed, including a possible new floor and extension in size. No action was taken.

With a request to use a Muenster ISD bus for a church event, Mr. Manley contacted the school lawyer for legal advice. The lawyer noted that if the Board allows one group to use the school vehicles, they will have to let everyone and anyone use them. The lawyer recommended not to change policy which states that the vehicles are for school use. Members noted that they hate to say no, but considering the extra insurance and the wear and tear on the vehicles and other problems it could create, the Board agreed not to change the policy.

Reports were given by department heads, including:

- Elementary Principal Lou Heers reported the current enrollment of elementary grades is 266. Also listed were personnel who attended various programs, student field trips, TAKS testing, and the success of the Book Fair, Arts and Crafts Show, and the Open House.

- Upcoming events included Pre-K registration for the 2007-08 school year April 9 through 13, and Kindergarten registration on April 11.

- The Elementary honor roll noted that 75% of 1st through 6th graders made the honor roll. The highest was 95% of

the 1st grade, and the lowest was 6th grade with only 56% earning the honor. It was noted that only 13 (1st through 6th grades) did not pass at least one class, with three of those failing more than one class.

There were 31 student conferences/office referrals, with only one referred to the office more than once. There were a total of 26 detentions (conduct and homework issues) with only six attending more than once.

- Curtis Eldridge gave the High School/Junior High Principal's Report, noting there are 83 students in junior high and 164 in high school. He discussed upcoming District UIL academic competition, One Act Play, and TMSCA State competition.

- Also, he announced the Cross-X Debate team competed at State and that Amber Fuhrmann won the Cooke County Electric Co-op essay contest trip to Washington D.C.

- The FCCLA written report named the Cooke County Youth Fair winners of the 65 who entered for Muenster. There was also a short report on the Region II meeting.

- Also noted were Muenster's Fine Arts Division and livestock winners from the County Youth Fair by Daniel Waneck.

- Eldridge reported on 156 administrative conferences, including 97 staff referrals. "Students and staff agree that we are really looking forward to Spring Break as a remedy to what we'll know Spring Fever Epidemic!" Eldridge added.

- Jeff Presnall's Technology report noted 53 troubleshooting and technical assistance requests last month. His budget request for next school year will include two new servers and network software, a minimum of 12 laptops for various departments, and upgrading the three computer labs as the current units are four years old.

- Assistant Principal Brandon Peavey also noted that Carmen Reiter's Spanish III students have written books and are sending them to Third World Countries.

- Athletic Director Monte Endres reported on a successful basketball season and the upcoming Hornet Relays on March 31, and high school District track meet April 4 and 5 at Hornet Stadium.

- Transportation Director Susie Fleitman reported the recent thefts of 150 gallons of fuel stolen from the buses. The tanks are now locked.



Work began Monday on Mesquite Street by Dickerson Construction Co. of Celina. The improvements are in an effort to reduce the chance of the trailer park being flooded during heavy rains. Tin horns are being replaced with much larger cement boxes in order to divert water in culverts on the west side of the street to the east side, before it has a chance to flood the trailer park. The work is being done with money the City received in a community development grant. The City only has to pay about 10% of the cost of the project. The same types of grants were used for the new water tower and water plant improvements.

Janie Hartman photos

Weinzapfel reviews his years as mayor

By Janet Felderhoff

Henry Weinzapfel is writing his final chapter as mayor of Muenster. After serving the City of Muenster as mayor for 12 years, Weinzapfel decided not to seek another term even though he was asked to serve again. "I decided not to because I felt like I was getting the attitude that the City was running on autopilot, and I really wasn't taking the interest in the community that I felt I should take," Weinzapfel explained. "New developments were coming up and I did not want to get involved in them."

Also after 12 years, Weinzapfel said he felt like it was time to introduce some new blood, new thoughts, and new ideas.

When Weinzapfel joined the City Council 13 years ago as an alderman, it was because he was asked to do so to fill a vacancy. "The City Council was in a turmoil, so they asked me to come on the Council to see if I could help them work things out," he said. "We did get the members cooperating with one another and working with the mayor."

The following year, Weinzapfel was asked to run for Mayor. He agreed to run, was unopposed, and in May 1995, he began the first of his 12 years as Muenster Mayor.

Another reason Weinzapfel decided not to seek an additional term was that the City Council had accomplished so many of the things that he felt needed to be done. With all of his goals accomplished, Weinzapfel felt it was time to step down.

"The Council is working together, and we have a good city administrator and a good

city secretary. Everything was just running so smoothly, I thought now is a good time to step aside."

Asked what his best memory was as mayor, Weinzapfel said he had so many it was hard to say. He remarked, "I'm most grateful for having a City Council all these years that worked well together. One of the things that I paid particular attention to was not to have a personal agenda of my own. Each councilman had a position; for example the street commissioner and the police and fire commissioner, sewer and sanitation commissioner, and the water commissioner, and the parks and recreation commissioner. Everyone had a job to do and I didn't interfere with that."

He said that when problems came up in a particular department, he would ask that commissioner to take care of it. "They accepted the challenge and did take care of it," he noted. "I feel that was the reason that this City Council worked so well. They all took care of their job and they knew that was their responsibility. The thing that makes me feel good about my job is having brought the Council together."

One of the first things that Weinzapfel took on as an alderman was working to drill a new water well for the City, since additional water was necessary. He learned that you can't just acquire land. It requires working with property owners.

Also water related, was the need for an elevated storage tank. TCEQ criticized the town because it didn't have adequate elevated water storage. This caused the fire in-

surance rates to be higher. With some grant money, the City built a new 200,000 gallon water tower. Now there is better water pressure, more abundant supply of water, and lower fire insurance rates.

When Weinzapfel first became mayor, the city secretary had resigned and there was no city administrator. Micallee Matson had been working as part-time secretary and she was hired full-time. Steve Broyles came on as city manager in July 1995 and served in that position until April of 2000. During his time with the City, Broyles made some good changes. "He revised many of our policies and ordinances," credited Weinzapfel. "He also did a great job bringing the operation of City Hall up to speed. They brought in the first piece of computer equipment."

Chris Yosten, water superintendent, would fill in each time an administrator left. Joe Bright served, at no pay due to nepotism laws, for about a year.

Linda Webb served as city administrator from July 2001 to April 2004. Stan Endres took the position in June 2004 and still serves today.

Two City Aldermen John Pagel and Jewel Otto have served all 12 years that Weinzapfel has been Mayor. He said, "They've been a great help and a great support."

Shortly after he became mayor, Weinzapfel said that he and Pagel, along with the rest of the City Council, developed a long-term paving program for the streets of Muenster. "We're always getting compliments on how our streets are paved and main-

tained," he remarked. One thing that helped was to begin working on getting a contractor at the end of the paving season instead of waiting until spring or summer as it had been doing.

"One of my priorities taking over as mayor was keeping Muenster as a good clean and safe community," said Mayor Weinzapfel. "So, one of the first things we did was revise the sanitation ordinance. Almost immediately, Muenster started cleaning up and removing junked vehicles and discarded junk from people's front yards. I've always encouraged the city administrator and the citizens of Muenster to make a special effort to keep our city clean."

Muenster's annexation program is yet another of Weinzapfel's accomplished goals. The annexation program was initiated in 1996. Now the City of Muenster has more than doubled its size. Some properties annexed include east and west Highway 82 going out of Muenster. Walterscheid and Schilling tracts followed. Also, several tracts from the Bruno Fleitman Estate and the FM 373 north of Muenster and adjoining properties. Most recently annexed were Lake Muenster, the Sicking addition, and the Jaycees ballpark property.

Some of the things that have been added to Muenster during Weinzapfel's tenure as mayor include the new City Library built with donations from Norman Luke and citizens of Muenster, the park across from Sacred Heart Church donated by Carl and

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Henry Weinzapfel is enjoying his retirement. Janie Hartman photo

WATER.....

Bloomfield Road in Precinct 2; It is to be a gated community.

- Due to a mistake on bids sent out, all bids for diesel fuel and gasoline for all precincts for the next 12 months were rejected. Approval was unanimous to rebid by sealed bids for diesel fuel and gasoline for all precincts for the next 12 months.
- Approved advertising for sealed bids on crushed rock, chip material, hot mix, and hot/cold lay for 12 months.
- Opened sealed bids on LeBlonde Lathe model #14T-dm for Precinct 1. John Bayer of Gainesville bid \$1,000 and

R.C. Gilbreath of Gainesville bid \$500. The high bid was accepted.

- Approved renewal of Polk City Directory contract at a cost of \$934 per year. It is used by Compliance Officer, Judge, and others to look up addresses. Contract also entitles the County to a free Internet search. "It's a good tool used enough to warrant price," said Judge Freeman.
- Approved new lease on copy machine for County Clerk's office.
- Approved request from Mountain Springs Water Supply, at their expense, to

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install a 10" casing for a 6" fresh water line located on CR 285, approximately 100 feet west of the intersection of CR 295 and FM 3496.

- Approved request by the City of Callisburg, at their expense, to install a 3" sleeve to house a 2" water line by way of a road bore on CR 107, approximately 50 feet north of CR 136 for the purposes of making emergency interconnection with Woodbine Water Supply Corporation.
- Approved bonds for Cooke County Sheriff's Office for jailers James Townsend, Brandon Eberhart, and Jesus Soliz.

MAYOR.....

MaryLee Alford and open to the public, the MSB Stage built in the City Park in 2003, and the City's implement barn. Also, in 1999, the Muenster Museum was relocated to the former home of Ben and Aggie Seyler. It was donated by their children. Weinzapfel commented, "If the citizens haven't seen it, they really should; they'd be amazed at all that's in there."

He credits the Alford's with starting Keep Muenster Beautiful that helped win more than a half million dollars from the Texas Department of Transportation. This money was used on various beautification projects on Main Street and Highway 82, and is now being used to build an iron fence along the north side of the City Park.

In 2001 and 2003, the City made extensive modifications and improvements to the waste water system. It is now state of the art, said the Mayor. The two lagoons that were mosquito breeding grounds have been eliminated.

"Muenster has a fire department that's the envy of every community in North Texas," praised the Mayor. "I never cease to be amazed at the firemen and how when a call comes, they drop what they are doing and almost instantly you hear the sirens going headed for the problem. They not only do the fire protection, but they do the emergency response unit. The citizens of Muenster are so fortunate to have such a wonderful fire department."

Lake Muenster's completion is what Weinzapfel feels

to be one of the highlights of his career. He started off in 1972 as one of the first chairmen of the Water District Board. He spent a lot of time working with that, he noted. He credits the many members of the Lake Board, including Bob Bauer and Pat Stelzer, with getting the Lake completed in 2006.

Over the years, Weinzapfel estimates that the City has received about 3/4 of a million dollars in grants through the Texas Council of Governments.

What has been most disappointing to Mayor Weinzapfel? "I've never been able to get a handle on the police department," he noted. Joe Bright probably had the best luck when he was interim city manager. He computerized the Police Department and implemented several other changes that were positive, according to Weinzapfel. Some are still in place today. "I have to take my hat off to those guys, they really work under adverse conditions and circumstances," said Weinzapfel.

"Muenster can really be proud of our community in that we have a clean town, a safe town, and we do have our problems, but I think in comparison to other communities, we are really doing well."

On his next birthday Weinzapfel will be 74 years old. He said he has many hobbies and hopes that he will have more time to pursue them. "Since I've retired from the bank, it seems that I'm busier now than I was when I was working full time," he chuckled. Those hobbies include avia-

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tion - he flies his own plane. He enjoys spending time at his ranch, Brushy Mound, where he watches the wildlife, cuts down some cedar trees, or fixes fences. He likes to weld and build things.

"Muenster is so fortunate that it is a self-sufficient community," said Weinzapfel. "We have small industries and businesses in Muenster. Most of them are owned and operated by the local people. Muenster is able to maintain itself and the citizens work together and maybe its our work ethic. We have everything it takes to make a community survive and grow and I'm proud to be a part of it."

Weinzapfel said that he is grateful to the citizens of Muenster for having the confidence to let him serve as their mayor. He is also grateful to all who have served on the Council the past 12 years. "They've worked together as a team and we couldn't have accomplished hardly any of the things that we have accomplished without their support, work, and efforts," said the Mayor. He praised the City crew as dedicated and hard working men.

Weinzapfel also expressed his gratitude and indebtedness to the various members of boards and organizations in the community for all they have done. "I've really enjoyed the past 12 years," remarked Mayor Weinzapfel. "It's been a great and interesting challenge."

May I Pray?

By Gina Parker Ford
Thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court, this is a question asked by school administrators, parents, and children on a daily basis in Texas public schools. However, what is the answer? Who can pray, when can they pray, and most importantly, where can they pray?

To answer these questions, State Representative Charlie Howard (R-Fort Bend) drafted House Bill 3678: the Religious Viewpoint Anti-Discrimination Act. The bill is currently in the House State Affairs Committee, and it needs your help to move forward.

No longer will there be any guessing, as the bill clearly codifies the many constitutional ways a student or groups of students may express their faith at school and at school-sponsored events.

"This bill leaves no doubt that individual religious expression is permissible in schools in a wide range of contexts," said Rep. Howard. "It is a win-win for students and school officials alike, both of whom are now uncertain how to navigate what has become muddled, constitutional waters."

Whether it is the fear of a frivolous lawsuit threatened by the ACLU or simply confusion as to what the law allows, the Religious Viewpoint Anti-Discrimination Act will provide parents and teachers with much needed clarity without treading into the emotionally charged debate over the separation of church and state.

Houston attorney Kelly Coghlan, who in 1999 obtained the first federal injunction against a school district for disallowing voluntary, publicly-stated-student prayer stated, "Schools are not faith-free zones, and teachers shouldn't be asked to be prayer police. Rather, schools are required to ensure a level playing field in treating student's voluntary religious expression the same as all other expression. This bill settles the issue once and for all."



Gina Parker Ford

tion provide guidelines as to what is allowed, but also it further explains what schools are permitted to do under the law. No longer will school boards be caught between the crosshairs of worried school administrators, angry parents, or a looming lawsuit.

I encourage you to contact your representatives and ask them to support House Bill 3678, to finally answer the question - can I pray?

Gina Parker Ford is the National Eagle Forum chairman for Judicial Reform. She serves on the American Family Radio Advisory Board (Texas), and she was both the former Republican Party of Texas treasurer and Associate General Counsel

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING DATE - April 2, 2007

- The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, April 2, 2007.
1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
 2. Opening prayer.
 3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on March 5, 2007.
 4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
 5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS**
1. Consider and act on approval of dedication of two strips of land owned by heirs of Bertha Fleitman, located in the City of Muenster, being portions of the land annexed by the City of Muenster in January 2005 along the eastern right-of-way of Mesquite Street. The purpose is to establish two strips of land to be designated as a public City alley and a utility easement giving the City the legal rights to manage, maintain, and add any utilities, water and/or sewer, and other public services as well as to maintain the area for access as it sees fit for the above purposes.
- NEW BUSINESS**
1. Consider and act on approving closure of South Maple Street for Germanfest activities.
 2. Consider and act on approving sale of alcohol in City Park for Germanfest, April 27-29, 2007.
 3. Consider and act on Park Board recommendations regarding:
 - a. Hiring of 2007 pool manager and authorizing pool manager to hire lifeguards.
 - b. Setting pay rate for pool manager and lifeguards.
 4. Consider and act on Order of Cancellation regarding May 12, 2007 election.
 5. Review and act on monthly bills.
 6. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
 7. Receive quarterly activities report from Police Chief.
 8. Adjourn.
- Micallee Matson, City Secretary

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
March 27, 1942
Cooke County to get army camp to be located northwest of Gainesville. John Bayer loses 1936 pickup to fire Sunday morning. Burglar alarm at Albert Hess place saves care tires; burglars so scared by alarm that they ran off and left new car jack (and fingerprints) behind. Walton's Beauty Shoppe opens in building owned by Joe Walter. New Arrival: James to Herman "Pip" and Faye Fette. Lindsay observes 50th anniversary of St. Peter's Parish.

50 YEARS AGO
March 29, 1957
Polio shots given to 775 people. Ten year record for March set by 3.40 rain mea-

sure. New Arrivals: Ricky to Norbert and Mary Ann Walterscheid; Mary to Gary and Caroline Hess. Mary Nell Hellman Newman is marooned 62 hours in a Panhandle snow storm. Gerald Walterscheid, based in France with the army, visits Lourdes shrine.

25 YEARS AGO
March 26, 1982
Muenster High is Number 1 in District One Act Play. Over \$5,000 stolen from Kountry Korner. New Arrivals: John to Jack and Linda Flusche; Leticia to Olon and Donna McClendon. Chamber features program on Germany at annual banquet. Obituary: Msgr. Fred Mosman, 62.

Thank You!

We were blessed 18 years ago with Bret and once again our family has been given a miracle. Thank you Muenster VFD, our great friends and neighbors, the Parish of Sacred Heart, the First Baptist Church and everyone who said that little prayer. We are eternally grateful.

Kim & Lisa Walterscheid & family

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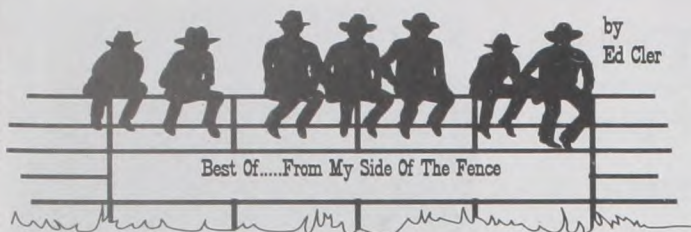
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Sunday, April 1, 2007	Monday, April 2, 2007	Tuesday, April 3, 2007	Wednesday, April 4, 2007	Thursday, April 5, 2007	Friday, April 6, 2007	Saturday, April 7, 2007
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 	City Council mtg. 7:30 pm Muenster Hornet Booster Club mtg. 7pm Girls locker rm	SH Preschool Parent mtg., 7pm	Religious Ed Class attend Holy Week Services C of C Board mtg. 5:30pm TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 am, Cooke Co. Elec.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SHCS noon dismissal	Muenster Museum Closed AARP Board mtg., 10am, Stanford House NO SCHOOL <i>Good Friday</i>	Muenster Historical Comm. Bake Sale at Fischer's
Sunday, April 8, 2007	Monday, April 9, 2007	Tuesday, April 10, 2007	Wednesday, April 11, 2007	Thursday, April 12, 2007	Friday, April 13, 2007	Saturday, April 14, 2007
Muenster Museum CLOSED 	SHCS NO SCHOOL Muenster 4-H mtg. 7pm at SHHS bldg. VFW mtg. 8 pm	Muenster ISD	C of C Luncheon mtg. noon at Rohmer's Rest. SHCS Alumni mtg. 7:30 pm MISD Kinder. registration Religious Ed Class 7 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Muenster Hist. Comm. mtg. 8 am Rohmer's	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP membership luncheon mtg. 11:30 am Stanford House	registration

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Best Of.....From My Side Of The Fence

by Ed Cler

As time goes by, one can see many changes that have been, and are still being made over the country.

When the pioneer settlers of Muenster first arrived, two of their first priorities were to build shelter and to find a source of clean water. At first, the only water was from Brushy Elm Creek. But that soon became the cause of illness, especially to some of the children, and the people began to dig wells - some called them cisterns - for a safer supply.

Later, drilling machines were available, and soon almost every dwelling and farm had its own water well. Most had a pump stand with a handle for hand pumping. One could get a pretty good workout watering a number of horses and a small herd of cattle.

Then the windmill was introduced into the area, and they began to pop up all over the country. At first, many of the towers and the wheels were made of wood. I remember a wooden wheeled mill one of my uncles had. It took a pretty stiff breeze to make it pump and it would wobble a bit and creak a lot, but it did get the job done.

All of the earlier mills had

open gears that required oiling on a regular basis.

Some of the earlier brands I can recall were the Hempster, Monitor, Tip Top, and the Samson. Then the Aer-Motor Co. came out with something new. They built their mill so that the gears ran in an oil bath, and were completely enclosed and out of the weather. Also, the wheel axle was offset a bit from the center of the tail vane mount, so that in a stronger wind, it would automatically turn itself partially out of the direct force of the wind and it would not run too fast. Aer-Motor sold these units with an adapter package that could be fitted to any of the steel towers of other brands and they soon replaced most of the others.

One of these mills with an 8-foot wheel could generate a little over 1/2 horsepower in a 20 mile per hour wind, while a 10-foot wheel would just double that. Tests showed little gain with a larger wheel.

Many of these mills have been retired in favor of electricity, yet some are at a greater distance from the power lines, making the windmill, in these cases, still the most economical method

of pumping water.

It is interesting to note, when reading some of the history of windmills, that we use them to supply us with water, while the Dutch use them to get rid of it. Since 1932, they have reclaimed about 300,000 acres from the North Sea and since all this land is below sea level, water must continually be pumped out. There are about 375 of those huge mills, along with other motorized pumps, in use for that purpose, while another 625 are used for industrial purposes such as grinding corn and feed.

Farms in the Netherlands average only 25 acres in size.

I always remember the windmill as a friend, especially when we were working in the fields in the summer and our water would get rather warm, almost hot, and one of us could "hoof it" to the mill to refill the jug with fresh, cool water from the pump, instead of taking it from the storage tank where it had warmed in the hot sun.



Recent rains should have Texas wildflowers blooming brightly along roads, in pastures, and in any fertile nook a seed may have fallen. Pictured are only a few of the many varieties that thrive in North Central Texas. At right, a Shooting Star, a somewhat rare specimen that thrives in ungrazed hay meadows in this area. Above, a wild foxglove, and below a yellow evening primrose.

Janie Hartman photo



Wildflowers: Timeless Texas Beauty

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote that the "earth laughs in flowers." If that is true, springtime in Texas must be the happiest place on earth.

Texas is home to more than 5,000 species of native wildflowers and plants. Much of Texas got significant rain over the winter, so we should start seeing an explosion of blooms as early as mid-March.

The Texas Department of Transportation tends about 800,000 acres of roadside, and wildflowers will cover much of it in March, April, and May. *Texas Escapes* magazine has excellent ideas for driving tours of prime

wildflower areas.

You can visit various Texas hamlets named in honor of our wildflower glory, such as Primrose, Flora, Bloomfield, Flowery Mountain, and Shooting Star.

Desert marigolds and cacti will bloom in the Big Bend, and both Indian paintbrush and winecups will peak out from native grasses in Central Texas. Lantana will thrive in the heat of our Texas summer, and children will tickle their noses with pink buttercups.

Golden yellow coreopsis—once stuffed into mattresses by early settlers to ward off ticks and fleas—will carpet fields and roadsides. Lemonmint, once used to brew cough medicine, will flourish through much of the state, attracting bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

Later this month, the Dogwood festivals in East Texas will be attracting visitors. In April, thousands of tourists will tramp down bluebonnet trails in Central Texas. By mid-May, the annual Cherokee Rose Festival near Gilmer will provide the rural

countryside with spectacular vistas of wild roses.

We should never take these glorious natural and native wonders for granted. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at the University of Texas at Austin is helping make sure we don't.

Last November, the Houston Endowment Foundation provided a \$200,000 grant to the Wildflower Center to support its part in the "Millennium Seed Bank Project," a \$120 million global plant conservation effort developed by the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, Great Britain.

The Wildflower Center is one of five American nonprofit organizations participating in a global seed conservation effort. Its role is to collect 10,000 to 20,000 seeds from most of the state's native wildflowers and plants.

Any number of factors—a hurricane, soil contamination, overdevelopment, and "over-collection" by plant enthusiasts or nurseries—can wipe out a plant species. This project will ensure the plants can be restored.

With the Houston Endow-

ment grant, the Wildflower Center will gather and conserve seeds of native plants from an 8,000-square-mile region in the Houston area and East Texas, which contain nearly 70% of all native Texas plants.

Preserving all plants is the goal, but native Texan seeds with a "restoration value" are first among equals in their importance to the conservation effort. For instance, the native persimmon tree is a food source. The purple coneflower, from which Echinacea is produced, has a medicinal value.

We are all grateful to the researchers and volunteers from the Wildflower Center for their work. They're ensuring that Texas wildflowers will be as resplendent and plentiful in the future as they will be in coming weeks.

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LIFESTYLE

Miller is first place winner in dental student competition

Dana Miller, B.S., third year dental student at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Dental School, attended the Annual Session of the American College of Prosthodontists. It was held in Miami, Florida. Miller won first place in the dental student competition and was the recipient of an unrestricted educational grant of \$500. The title of her entry was "Radiographic Identification of Implants."

The dental student competition, now in its fourth year, was developed to encourage dental students to learn more about prosthodontics and consider the specialty as a career choice.

The Table Clinic Program at the Annual Session fea-

tured a record number of table clinicians - 47, with six returning from last year. Presenters included faculty, private practitioners, residents, and dental students. All of the presentations were considered exceptional. The mentors and program directors gave much support and encouragement to the dental students and residents.

Dana is a 2001 graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic High and is the daughter of Glenn and Stacie Miller. She is the granddaughter of Dolores and Herbie Miller and Julian and Carrie Walterscheid. Her great-grandmother is Jake Schilling.

A picture of Dana with her presentation is featured in the *ACP Messenger*, Winter 2007.



Beverly and Michael Fuhrmann of Muenster are happy to announce the engagement of their son Derek Michael Fuhrmann to Piper Janelle Michelle Snow, daughter of Janet and Smokey (Pooder) Koelzer. Derek is a 1998 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas State Technical College with an Associate Degree in Diesel Equipment Technology. He is currently employed at Key Pressure Pumping. Piper is a 1996 graduate of Denton Ryan High and a 2004 graduate of the University of North Texas with a BFA in Interior Design. She is currently employed at the Smokehouse. The couple plans to wed at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster.



Pat and Debby Crowder of Collinsville announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Amy Celeste Crowder to Ronnie Walterscheid, son of Jerry and Betty Rose Walterscheid of Muenster. Miss Crowder is a registered dental assistant. Mr. Walterscheid is owner of Gainesville Door. They plan to be married on Saturday, April 14, 2007 in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay at 4:30 p.m. with Father Kyle Walterscheid and Father Ron Scheible officiating. Bride-elect's attendants will be her sisters Stephanie Irick and Natalie Cross, and friends Holly O'Dell, Mindy Klement, and Tina Cox. Flower girl will be Macy Cross, niece of the bride. Serving as attendants for the future-groom will be his brothers Doug Walterscheid and John Walterscheid, and friends Darren Voth, Doug Fleitman, and Frank Fangman. Colton Popp, cousin of the groom will be ring bearer. After their marriage the couple plans to reside in Muenster.

NEW ARRIVALS

Freeman

Billy Freeman and Renee Balthrop of Muenster announce the birth of their son Austin Tyler Freeman on Thursday, March 15, 2007 in North Texas Medical Center. Austin was born at 7:29 p.m. weighing 5 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length. His siblings are Tyler

Dewayne Freeman, age six, Shawn Austin Freeman, age five, and Allison Breanne Freeman, age three. Grandparents are Jill Balthrop of Muenster, Gary Balthrop of Rosston, Cathy Freeman of Muenster, and Judith Herron of Paris, Missouri. Great-grandparents are Margie and Boots Sicking of Muenster.



Dana Miller with her winning entry Radiographic Identification of Implants. Courtesy photo

Luncheon and style show set by Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters of America are sponsoring a Spring Luncheon and Style Show as an organizational fundraiser. The event will be held Saturday, April 14 at noon in the home of Doyle and

Debbie Hess of Muenster. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend. Seating is limited. Contact Della Walterscheid at 759-4457 for reservations and directions.

Girl Scouts join Circle T Council service area

Girl Scouts - Circle T Council, Inc. welcomes Girl Scout members and volunteers from Cooke, Montague, and Wise counties to its service area beginning April 1.

Girl Scout troops in Cooke, Montague and Wise counties were previously part of Girl Scouts Cross Timbers Council, which was chartered in 1956 and served as a vital community resource in the training and education of more than 5,500 girl members and 3,400 adult members in its five county area.

On Aug. 26, 2006, GSUSA's National Board of Directors voted to realign 312 councils into 109 high-performance, community-based councils. The new structure will enable each Council to more effectively and efficiently use resources in order to better serve the local community, and create more opportunities in Girl Scouting for even more girls. As a result, Denton and Grayson counties incorporated into the new Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas Council, and Cooke, Mon-

tague, and Wise counties will become part of Circle T Council.

Longtime Cross Timbers Council employee Barbara Reynolds will join the Circle T Council staff and continue to serve troops in Cooke, Montague, and Wise counties. Reynolds will be based in Saint Jo in Montague County.

"We're very excited to have girls and adults from Cooke, Montague, and Wise counties join with Girl Scouts - Circle T Council," said Circle T

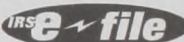
Council CEO Patricia R. Thomson, Ph.D. "Girls from Cooke, Montague, and Wise counties are welcome at all Circle T Council activities, and their cookie credits are good here, too! Volunteers will now be served by Circle T's outstanding training and support teams. We pledge to make this transition as seamless as possible for all girls and volunteers."

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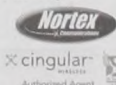
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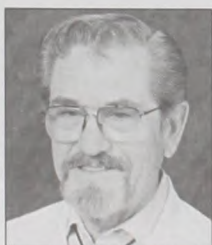
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NCTC dance class to step out in concert

Lovers of modern and jazz dance who missed the first public performance given in the fall by students at North Central Texas College, have another chance to see them step out in their second major concert on Thursday, April 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Admission to the concert is free, and it is open to the general public. The venue is NCTC's First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts, and the concert will also feature performances by several guest artists.

"The audience reaction to that first concert in the fall was amazing," said Gabrielle Fletcher, chair of the NCTC Fine Arts Department. "We hope even more people can find time to join us for this one."

Fletcher said she's very excited about this opportunity to turn the spotlight on what may soon develop into a new, full-fledged instructional program to go along with the college's already established programs in music and drama.

"For that reason, I want to extend a special invitation to all the young students of dance in the area who may eventually want to continue their studies at the college level," she said.

The program will feature members of the Performance I and Performance II dance classes at NCTC and will center around dance presentations that have been worked on during the semester. In many cases, the student dancers will be performing numbers for which they chose their own music and did much of their own choreography under the direction of instructor Michelle Contrino.

One of the showcase numbers choreographed by Contrino for the concert is a stylized 1940s-style theatrical piece. Returning guest artist Frankie Fuller has also choreographed a new piece to be performed by the student dancers and will be performing a new solo work herself.

Funmilayo Hill, graduate student at Texas Woman's University and artistic director of The Kinetic Artists' Collective, has created a short "hip-hop" piece for the NCTC dancers and will lead the premiere of a new group work to be performed by TWU dance majors.

"One of the things that

makes me so optimistic about the development of this program is the quality of instruction Michelle Contrino brings to us," Fletcher said. "She has a wonderful academic background, strengthened by a wealth of experience as a professional dancer."

Contrino completed her bachelor's degree in dance at Arizona State University in 1991. She then traveled abroad until 2001, working as a dancer for various luxury cruise lines, performing in Broadway- and Las Vegas-style revue shows.

Persons seeking more information about the concert or about dance classes or other performing arts programs at NCTC may contact Gabrielle Fletcher at 668-3318.



The Cooke County Fair Association held a bake sale and car wash at Wal-Mart on March 24 to help start raising funds and involving the community in the Fairgrounds rebuilding efforts. This event was a huge success thanks to 183 volunteers from the Cooke County area. FFA, 4-H, FCCLA, Fairboard members, teachers, and other volunteers helped with the baked goods and car wash. This event raised more than \$1,000 and is part of a matching grant program with Wal-Mart.



Robert Weinzapfel, left, of Muenster State Bank presents a donation to Friends of Muenster Library Board President Clifford Sicking. Also pictured are volunteers at the Muenster Library, from left, Ethel Hesse and Evelyn Koessler. Janie Hartman photo

Muenster Library seeking donations

The Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library is currently raising money to update its computers and maintain enhancements in the service it provides. To encourage donations, the Library Board is once again allowing names to be added to the beautiful black granite memorial wall inside the vestibule of the Library. For as little as a \$1000 donation, the Library will inscribe the name of a loved one at the FRIENDS level. This would be a great opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones.

Additionally, the Library is supported through a non-profit organization called The Friends of the Muenster Public Library. For a minimum of \$25 annually, you can become a member of this support group. Your annual fee is used to sustain daily operations and maintenance of your library. All donations are tax deductible.

For those desiring to have their contributions memorialized on the granite wall, contributions must be received by June 30, 2007.

Over 1,200 patrons use the Library. The Library's book checkout, data research, and data management is com-

pletely automated. The Library also has the ability to share books and research data with libraries throughout the United States while offering internet access for patrons. The recent modernization included replacement of 10 obsolete computers, monitors, and a server that integrates seven of those computers and software upgrades enabling access to libraries throughout the United States.

Our sincere thanks to those who have already contributed to making the Library a true asset to the community and surrounding area.

A Muenster Moment in history
from the
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A project of the Muenster Catholic Daughters of America was the start of the Muenster Public Library.

The Junior Elite dress factory of Muenster made dresses for the Junior Miss America contest, with the winner receiving a full year's selection of dresses.

SH Parish announces Holy Week observances schedule

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion marks the beginning of Holy Week, a week when Christians recall the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The liturgy commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem before the Passover celebration. The blessing and procession with palms will be during the Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. The blessed palms will be distributed at the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Masses on April 1 and will be available during the week. The Passion according to St. Luke will be read at all the weekend Masses.

Tenebrae services will be Wednesday evening at 7:15, after the regularly scheduled 6:30 p.m. Mass. Tenebrae services were an integral and meaningful part of the Holy Week services in the early years of Sacred Heart Parish. Those services were discontinued many years ago, but were re-introduced last year as a means of preparing hearts and minds for worthy participation in the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter Sunday.

The word Tenebrae, of Latin origins, refers to "darkness or shadows". The Tenebrae service is a mournful account of Christ's desolation when abandoned by his chosen people and his friends and the darkness of life and the world without the light of Christ. The earliest recorded Tenebrae services date from the 5th century, originally conducted in monasteries between Matins and Lauds (midnight and dawn).

The Tenebrae service will take place in the unlighted sanctuary of church. On the main altar there will be 14 candles, seven on each side of a central candle representing Christ. During readings from Lamentations and the Psalms, candles are extinguished alternately on one side and then the other until only the Christ Candle remains. The Christ Candle is then removed from sight, signifying Christ's burial and utter darkness. A cacophony of sounds recalls the convul-

sions of nature, the earth trembling, thunder and lightning, followed by the return of the lone Christ Candle, the light of the world.

The Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on April 5. This Mass inaugurates "the triduum during which the Lord died, was buried, and rose again" (St. Augustine). During the Holy Thursday Mass, the Catholic Church commemorates the institution of the Eucharist when Jesus changed bread and wine into His body and blood and then directed his disciples to "Do this in remembrance of me." In remembrance of Christ's act of humility and service at the Passover meal, Fr. Ken will wash the feet of selected members of the parish. Then the holy oils blessed by the Bishop during the previous week are brought forward. They are the oil of the sick, the oil of catechumens, and the chrism. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Eucharist will be transferred in procession from the main altar to the beautifully decorated side altar for adoration until 11 p.m.

On Good Friday there will be three holy hours from noon to 3 p.m. These three hours are generally accepted to be the hours during which Jesus hung on the cross for our redemption. At noon, there will be a Scriptural recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Meditation on the seven last words of Christ will be at 12:30. Stations of the Cross are scheduled to begin at 1:15. The Good Friday Liturgy itself will begin at 2. The Good Friday liturgy recalls graphically the passion and death of Jesus. The Passion according to John is read, followed by the chanting of the general intercessions and the veneration of the cross. Holy Communion is distributed but, there will be no celebration of the Mass.

Easter Vigil is the high point and culmination of the Triduum and is the most important liturgy of the church

year. During the vigil we await the resurrection of Jesus Christ and baptize new members. The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m. on April 7, since it traditionally begins after dark. The celebrant lights the Easter candle representing Christ, and from it the congregation light their candles. Then the exultant and the readings recount the wonderful things God has done. A highpoint of the vigil will be the baptism and confirmation of John Roller. Then those gathered will renew their baptismal promises. The liturgy of the Eucharist will continue and John will receive communion for the first time. After the vigil, there will be a reception for John in the basement of Sacred Heart Elementary in the Theater Arts room.

Masses on Easter Sunday will be at 8 and 10 a.m. (not 10:30 as usual), and at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of these services. Sacred Heart Church is located at 714 N. Main Street (corner of 6th and Main) in Muenster. For more information about services, call 759-2511, Ext. 16.

Travel back in time at Morton Museum

The Time Bridge Travelers and the Time Travel Station" will be held at the Museum in Gainesville on Monday, April 2 at noon.

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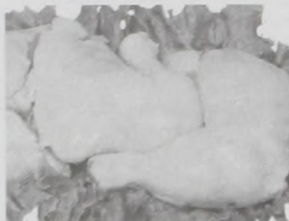
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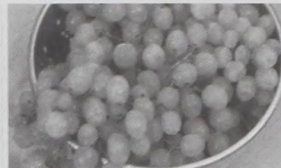
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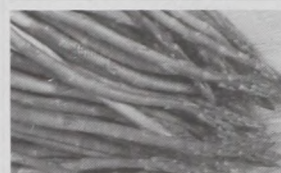
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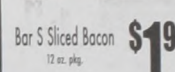
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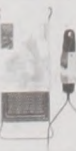


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SCHOOL

Amber Fuhrmann wins Cooke County Electric Co-op Youth Tour Essay Contest

Amber Fuhrmann, a Muenster High School Senior, has won an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC, by entering the Cooke County Electric Cooperative's (CCEC) Government-in-Action Youth Tour Contest. The essays were read and the five finalists were chosen on Feb. 20, with the interview portion of the contest being held at CCEC in Muenster on Sunday, March 4. Both events were judged by independent panels.

Amber is the daughter of Arnold and Cecilia Fuhrmann. She will go to Washington June 7-15 with approximately 100 Youth Tour winners from other Texas Cooperatives. She will have the opportunity to meet her Congressman, visit numerous memorials on the Mall, the Ford Theater, as well as other sights around Washington, DC.

Melissa Cox, also a Senior at Muenster, was the runner-up of the contest. She is the daughter of John and Jamie Cox. Other finalists were Cletus Fuhrmann, son of Arnold and Cecilia Fuhr-



Finalists in the Cooke County Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Essay Contest were, from left, Cletus Fuhrmann, Brad Endres, Evan Koesler, Martha Koesler (teacher at MISD), Amber Fuhrmann, and Melissa Cox.

mann; Evan Koesler, son of Fred and Elaine Koesler; and Brad Endres, son of Jim and Shirley Endres.

These five finalists are students at Muenster High School. Their English teacher is Martha Koesler. Mrs. Koesler's classes have participated in the CCEC Government-In-Action Youth Tour Contest since inception. Other contest winners from Mrs. Koesler's classes in-

cluded Marlene Hess, Andrea Klement, Lauren Dangelmayr, and Krystal Hale.

This is the 17th year Cooke County Electric Cooperative has sponsored the Youth Tour Contest. This contest is open to all juniors and seniors from local area schools who live in a home served by Cooke County Electric Cooperative. Other Youth Tour winners include Kimberely Bryan, Greg Brooks, Amanda

McDaniel, Rachel Laster, David Wiese, T.L. Cox, Mikah Howe, Luke Walker, Liam Guthrie, Sean Guthrie, Robert Linder, and Katherine Parkhill.

Protect yourself to protect your baby against whooping cough

To protect a baby against whooping cough, it's best to vaccinate the mom - and right after birth is the best time to do it, said Dr. Robyn Horsager-Boehrer, medical director of obstetrics and gynecology at UT Southwestern Medical Center University Hospital, St. Paul.

"The number of cases of infant pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, is rising; it is now recommended that new parents and other caregivers of infants less than age one, receive a booster for this disease," said Dr. Horsager-Boehrer.

Infants receive the vaccination, but it takes a while for their immune systems to develop full protection. Thus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently recommended vaccination of adults who are in close contact with babies.

The vaccine is known as toxoid/diphtheria/acellular pertussis booster (Tdap or Adacel®). It is not recommended for people with an allergic reaction to its components, an acute illness, or other conditions.

Submit to God and be at peace with Him; in this way prosperity will come to you. - Job 22:21

PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Pre-Kindergarten registration for Muenster ISD will be April 9th-13th. Registration folders may be picked up at the elementary office. Children must be four years old by September 1, 2007. A copy of the child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate must be filed with the school secretary, Patsy Fleitman.

El Registro de Pre-Kindergarten para Muenster ISD sera abril 9th-13th, 2007. Las carpetas del registro se pueden recoger en la oficina elemental. Los niños deben cumplir cuatro años ante de septiembre 1, 2007. Una copia de los registros de la inmunización: tarjeta social de seguro y certificado de nacimiento oficial se deben presentar a la secretaria de la escuela, Patsy Fleitman.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - MISD

Kindergarten registration for MISD will be held on Wednesday, April 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the PreK-2 building.

Parents registering children for the 2007-2008 school year must complete a registration card. A copy of the child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate must be filed with the school secretary, Patsy Fleitman, or the kindergarten teachers.

Parents who wish to transfer their children into the Muenster Independent School District must complete a transfer request in addition to the registration card. The MISD School Board must approve all transfer requests. For more information about transfer requests call Lou Heers, Principal, at 759-2282, extension 620.

Muenster Elementary's full day kindergarten, a child centered program, develops pre-academic skills. The kindergarten teachers use a combination of centers, discovery and direct instruction in a language-rich environment to maximize each child's potential. Students discover the fun of learning as they prepare for future academic and social success. The teachers will be on hand at registration to answer questions.

We look forward to seeing you. If you are unable to attend on April 11th please contact the school for a convenient time to register.

LA MATRICULA del JARDIN DE LA INFANCIA - MISD

La matricula del jardin de la infancia kinder para MISD sera miercoles, el 11 de abril a las 4:00 p.m. hasta las 5:30 p.m. en el PreK-2 edificio elemental.

Los padres que registran sus niños para el 2007-2008 año escolar deben completar una tarjeta de matricula. Una copia de los registros de la inmunización: tarjeta social de seguro y certificado de nacimiento oficial se deben presentar a la secretaria de la escuela, Patsy Fleitman, o con los maestros del Kinder.

Los padres que desean transferir sus niños en el Muenster Distrito Independiente de Escuela debe completar una petición de la transferencia ademas de la tarjeta de matricula. El Comité Ejecutivo de la Escuela de MISD debe aprobar todas transferencias solicitadas. Para mas informacion acerca de la transferencia solicitada llame Lou Heers, la Directora en 759-2282, la Extension 620.

El Kinder de Muenster Elemental es para el día entero para desarrollar las destrezas necesarias para entrar en el primer grado. Las maestras de Kinder usan muchas diferentes estrategias para sacar el maximo desarrollo del niño. Los niños desubren el gozo de aprendizaje mientras preparan para su futuro educacional. Las maestras de Kinder estaran dispuestos a contestar cualquiera pregunta.

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3rd grade students invited to compete in art contest

The Cooke County Heritage Society is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring an art contest for 3rd grade students. The theme for the contest is "Historic Buildings in Cooke County."

The rules for the contest are as follows: 1) each child must place their name, the name of their teacher, and their school on the back of the drawing (if home schooled, they should place the names of their parents on the back of the drawing in place of the teacher and school); 2) only one entry per child; 3)

the drawing should be no larger than 8x10; 4) the subject matter must be either a historic home, church, or business building in Cooke County and should be identified; 5) the drawing must be delivered to the Morton Museum by April 10.

First, second, and third place winners will receive ribbons and their drawings will be displayed inside the Morton Museum during the month of May which is National Historic Preservation Month. The grand prize winner

will also receive a ribbon and have their drawing displayed in the Museum. In addition, that grand prize drawing will become the back cover of the Cooke County Heritage Society's annual auction catalog. The Heritage Society auction benefits the Morton Museum of Cooke County and will be held Friday, May 11. The winners will be announced the newspapers.

For more information, call the Morton Museum of Cooke County at 668-8900, or email mortonmuseum@nortexinfo.net.

A Muenster Moment in history

from the Muenster Historical Commission

Muenster VFW was organized after WW II, providing color guards for local military funerals and posting American flags on national holidays.

In 1954, Agnes Lehnertz was named Texas VFW Mother of the Year for having nine children who served in the armed forces.

In 1968 the Muenster Jaycees received a national award for the improvement of the City park.

The first batch of cheese produced in Muenster was in 1930.



March Teachers and Students of the Month at Muenster ISD are, from left, front row - 6th grader C.T. Beecham and 2nd grader Matthew Smith; back - JH/HS Principal Curtis Eldridge, 11th grader Rebecca Greving, high school English teacher Irene Hartman, 3rd grade teacher Dianne Endres, and Elementary Principal Lou Heers.

Mostly good news for monarch migration

Millions of monarch butterflies have begun their annual spring migration north into Texas, and entomologists say it's mostly good news this year. All the monarchs in North America east of the Rocky Mountains winter in one mountainous region of central Mexico, where monarch numbers dropped alarmingly due to a severe snow storm in 2004. Scientists say monarch numbers in this region now appear to have bounced back to approximately 300 million butterflies.

While thousands of monarchs can be seen concentrated in a single time and place during the fall migration in Texas, the spring migration, by contrast, is a more dispersed and drawn out affair lasting nearly two months. Generally, observa-

tions of less than 20 monarchs are reported for any one time and location in the spring.

As with many native wildlife species, plants and habitat types hold the key to whether people will see monarchs.

"Native milkweed plants that the monarchs will seek out for egg laying include green milkweed (*Asclepias viridis*), Zizotes milkweed (*Asclepias oenotheroides*), and antelope horn milkweed (*Asclepias asperula*)," said Mike Quinn, an entomologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, who added that native flowering species like Texas mountain laurel are a favored nectar source for the returning butterflies.

Scientists with the Monarch Watch international re-

search and conservation venture report that on Feb. 27 it was apparent the butterflies were leaving Mexico. Until late March, the overwintering generation will be moving through Texas. The next leg of the migration will then be taken up by the first spring generation moving through Texas in April.

"Part of the good news this year is the monarchs are in great shape," said Chip Taylor with the University of Kansas, where Monarch Watch is based. "The proportion of monarchs with tattered wings and low fat reserves appears to be low. The winter was mild and the result seems to be that those surviving the winter are well prepared for the 600 or so miles they need to travel to reach the milkweed areas of Texas. The peak of returning

monarchs is usually sighted in Texas after March 15."

Taylor said more good news is that scientists were able to purchase more than 500 tags to track butterfly movements, and it appears they have finally recovered most of the tags that were being held by residents of the Mexico Protected Butterfly Reserve after the massive winter kills of 2002 and 2004. Monarch Watch recently offered a 50 peso reward for each tag turned in, which greatly increased the number of tags recovered, but strained the organization's budget in the process.

Taylor said when scientists and volunteers arrived in Mexico this year, President Felipe Calderón held a meeting at which he announced a "zero tolerance" policy for illegal logging together with a Conservation Development Strategy for the state of Michoacan. In spite of Mexican efforts, Taylor said some illegal logging continues within the 56,000-hectare Monarch Biosphere Reserve, including sites previously occupied by butterflies. Officials hope economic development programs will enable loggers to transition to legal income-producing activities and help prevent illegal logging that is reducing the butterfly's wintering habitat.

More information, including video and photos of monarch butterflies in Mexico, can be found on the Monarch Watch Web site.

LUNCH MENUS

WEEK OF APRIL 2-6 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Burritos, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, apple cobbler, pineapple.

Tues. - Salisbury steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham, turkey, and cheese sub sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, apples, cookies.

Thurs. - Sausage on a bun, oven baked French fries, pork and beans, applesauce, teddy grahams.

Fri. - No school.

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Pepperoni pizza, celery sticks, ice cream sandwiches.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, carrots, pears, bread.

Wed. - Fiesta salad w/trimmings, corn chips, ranch style beans, salsa, apples, wheat crackers.

Thurs. - No lunch served.

Fri. - No school.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Nachos w/chili and cheese, ranch style beans, fresh fruit, bread.

Tues. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, applesauce, breadstick.

Wed. - Baked ham, broccoli and rice casserole, lettuce salad, pineapple cake, bread.

Thurs. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

Fri. - No school.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Burrito, corn, tossed salad, strawberry apple sauce, chocolate chip cookie.

Tues. - Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit mix, tossed salad, hot roll.

Wed. - Corn dog, broccoli and carrot sticks, tossed salad, sliced peaches, Missouri cookie.

Thurs. - Barbecue sandwich, tator tots, pickle spears, ice cream.

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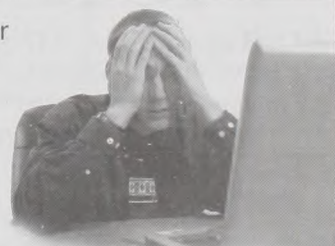
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Muenster History Book supplement planned

The Muenster Historical Commission has decided to begin collecting histories, photos, and other material for a 25 year supplement to the *Muenster Centennial History Book*. Watch the *Muenster Enterprise* for additional information.

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SPORTS

Muenster runs in Henrietta Relays

A few Muenster runners participated in a Spring Break track meet in Henrietta on Thursday, March 22.

Two Lady Hornets placed in their events. Leah Smith came in 4th in the 1600m run with a time of 6:05.51. Erin Endres finished 5th in the 100m hurdles, clocking in at 18.45.

The Hornets took 5th place in two relay races. Michael Faries, Micah Flusche, Colton Steelman, and Collin Walterscheid ran a 1:38.29 in the 800m relay. The 1600m relay team of Faries, Flusche, Steelman, and Chase Serna finished with a time of 3:47.13.

Stelman also placed in the 400m dash. His time of 57.51

was good enough for 6th place.

Muenster will host their annual Hornet Relays this Saturday, adding junior high divisions to the schedule.

Muenster Booster Club meeting

The Muenster Hornet Booster Club will meet Monday, April 2 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the girls locker room.



Tigrette pitcher Natalie Endres prepares to let loose the pitch in a recent Sacred Heart softball game. Thomas Otto photo

Game Warden Reports

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

Mexican fisherman can't learn his lesson — Several Region V game wardens were patrolling Falcon Lake when they observed a Mexican commercial fishing vessel in Texas waters. They made contact with this vessel and apprehended two Mexican subjects who were fishing illegally. One of the subjects had been apprehended four times within the past year. Wardens seized the boat, the motor, and approximately 1,200 feet of gill net.

Bad gamble begets bad luck — A Harris County game warden caught two subjects goose hunting without a valid hunting license or appropriate stamps. The subjects stated that they decided to take the chance of not getting checked instead of purchasing a license. Cases are pending.

Drugs, alcohol, and doughnuts — A speeding truck entered the McFaddin Wildlife Refuge, zipping past a Jefferson County game warden. The warden followed the truck onto the beach where

he watched it perform doughnuts in the sand for several minutes. When the truck finally returned to the road, the warden stopped the vehicle. The occupants admitted to alcohol consumption, but denied any drug usage. Upon further investigation of the vehicle, the warden was able to locate marijuana hidden in the air vent under the dash. Citations were issued.

Game Warden's Patience Foils Fisherman's Plans — A game warden was doing surveillance on Falcon Lake and various points of the Rio Grande when he noticed a pickup truck packed with people and towing a boat approach an improvised launch site on the Mexican side of the river. Seeing the game warden, the driver decided to wait. The game warden proved more patient. After much kicking of dirt, smoking of cigarettes, and cursing, the driver left without launching the boat.

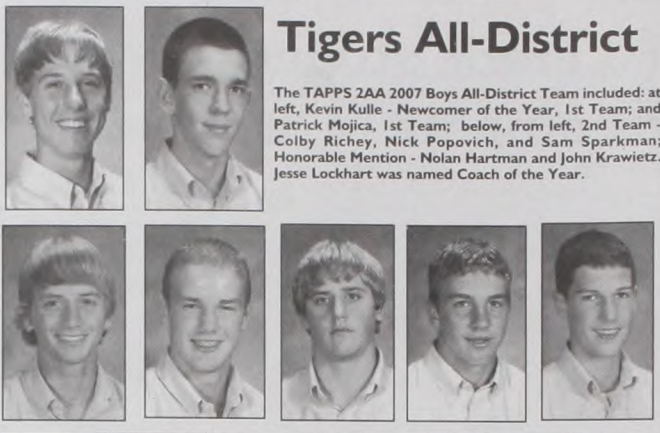
Who's filing charges on whom? — An Aransas County game warden received a call from a local duck hunting guide who was upset with another guide and wished to file hunter harass-

ment charges against his competitor. The warden made contact with both guides, and each decided to file hunter harassment charges against the other. The warden sent both statements and two offense reports to the Aransas County attorney for sorting out.

Teamwork brings down bad guys — A region seven game warden and two Montana wardens cooperated in the investigation of two Texas residents suspected of participating in a Montana poaching ring. The investigation led to a search warrant that turned up approximately 19 elk, mule deer, and white-tailed deer. Violations spanned a 20-year period. Both Texans are facing numerous charges and fines totaling \$20,000.

Tigers All-District

The TAPPS 2AA 2007 Boys All-District Team included: at left, Kevin Kulle - Newcomer of the Year, 1st Team; and Patrick Mojica, 1st Team; below, from left, 2nd Team - Colby Richey, Nick Popovich, and Sam Sparkman; Honorable Mention - Nolan Hartman and John Krawietz. Jesse Lockhart was named Coach of the Year.



Outlook good for Spring turkey season in Texas

Prolonged dry conditions across the state last year may have impacted wild turkey production in some areas, but overall, the outlook for the 2007 spring turkey hunting season is bright, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists.

Rio Grande Spring turkey hunting season opens March 31 and runs through May 13 in 153 counties. The Spring eastern turkey season is open in 42 East Texas counties from April 1-30.

TPWD census surveys es-

timate upwards of 60,000 hunters take part in Texas' Spring turkey season and harvest more than 25,000 gobblers. About half of the state's Spring turkey hunting activity occurs in the Hill Country, where noted timely rainfall could give the bird population a boost.

Statewide regulations allow the use of shotgun, rifle, handgun, legal archery equipment, or crossbow to take Rio Grande turkey; however, individual landowners and public hunting areas may

further restrict the devices to be used. The bag limit for Rio Grande turkey is four turkeys per license year. Regulations and bag limits vary by county, so check the county specific rules where you are hunting. Only gobblers are allowed to be harvested during the Spring hunting season. Consult the 2006-07 Outdoor Annual for season dates and bag limits in your area.

In the eastern portion of the state, last season saw hunters having to blaze paths through felled trees and debris left over from Hurricane Rita, with below-average harvest results. Things should be better this Spring.

Eastern turkey hunting is limited to shotgun, lawful archery equipment or crossbow, with a one-gobbler bag limit. All harvested eastern turkeys must be taken to a check station within 24 hours.

If you intend to hunt in the national forest lands, most areas require a TPWD Annual Public Hunting Permit (available for \$48 wherever hunting licenses are sold) and the permit is needed to access several hundred thousand acres of public hunting lands in East Texas.

Pattern your shotgun

I hope you wouldn't consider going on a big game hunt without checking your rifle's zero. It isn't any different with turkey hunting because, unlike most other shotgunning, turkeys are taken by aiming deliberately at a small target. Commercial "turkey head" targets are available, or you can simply draw a rough outline of a turkey's head on clean paper.

Put up targets at the ranges you intend to shoot at 10-yards intervals, as in 20, 30, and 40 yards, and beyond that at five yard intervals.

Try different brands, payloads, and shot sizes. Most rifles provide different levels of accuracy with different loads, and some shotguns are the same, producing noticeably better patterns with some loads. Use the turkey head as an aiming point, and you will quickly learn three things:

1. Exactly where you need to place your shotgun bead on the turkey's head to center the pattern. Some shot-

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guns shoot a bit high, others a bit low, and some are dead on.

2. Which load produces the tightest and most even pattern? Count the hits in the turkey's head; for this application, that's all you care about.

3. By moving the targets farther out, you will learn your maximum effective range with your shotgun and its best load. When you can no longer get consistent multiple pellet strikes (at least four or five, preferably more) in a turkey's head, you are beyond your effective range.



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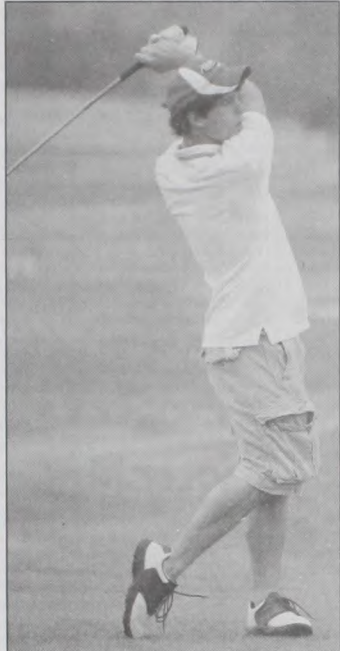
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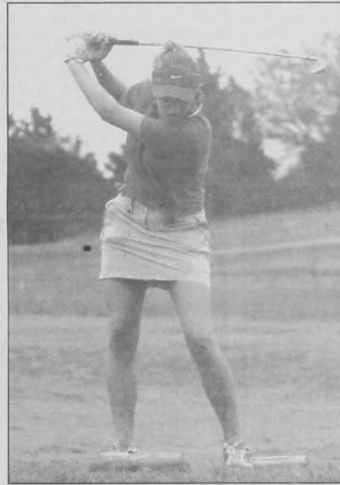
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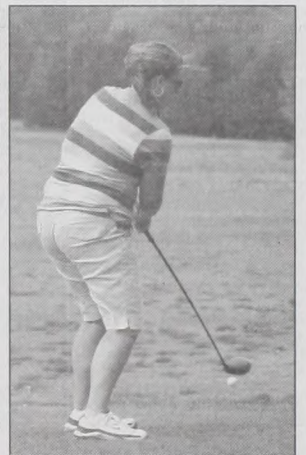
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Lindsay golfers ready for District

The Lindsay Knights and Lady Knights finished their pre-district golf tournaments Monday and Tuesday at Tanglewood on Texoma Golf Course. The five tournament schedule was all in preparation for the District, Regional, and State Tournaments run which begins Monday, April 2 at the District Tournament at Turtle Hill.

On the boys season so far, the Knights have progressed very well, improving each week, according to Coach Dan Hamric, who chose to enter the teams in tough tournaments to better prepare his players for the post season.

At Winstar Golf Course, playing short-handed while Brian Sandmann and Josh Heilman were still in the basketball playoffs, the Knights posted a 384 5th place finish. At Falconhead another 5th place 380, followed by Oakmont Country Club in Corinth, a truly championship course, found the Knights at 6th place with a 359. At the Lindsay Invitational, the Knights finished tied for 2nd in the 1A-2A division and shot a 352.

The finals at Tanglewood this week had only two Class A schools in a field of 22 teams and saw Lindsay finish in 11th place with a 343. Dieter, Sandmann, and Heilman had 82, 82, and 87 respectively, while Hermes with a nightmare front nine came back strong to post a 92. Loch also had 92 and Hunter finished with a 95.

The Knights set a season

goal of 329 and have a very good chance at it next week at Turtle Hill with which the team is very familiar, noted Coach Hamric. The team also boasts that no Class A school has beaten them this year. That could be tested next week when the 11 team District 18 squares off to see which two teams advance to the Regional Tournament at Steven F. Austin College April 23-24.

The Lindsay Lady Knights, led by the '06 District Champ Krystal Arend, have found themselves trying to come from behind all year. "I have a team of eight very dedicated girls, but they're also dedicated to many other Spring activities which leaves little time to concentrate on golf," said Hamric.

At Winstar, playing in awful conditions, Lindsay had a team total of 515. At Falconhead Country Club, Arend shot a 3rd place 98, and Hogan placed 11th with a 107. At Oakmont Country Club, the Lady Knights shot a team total of 463. Turtle Hill Golf Course was more like home as the team scored 464.

At Tanglewood, once again short-handed, Arend fired a 107, Katie Dieter 124, and Haley Haverkamp 142. "Our district next week at Turtle Hill has Muenster as the heavy favorite, but 2nd place is up for grabs. If we can shoot under 450, we have a legitimate chance at a trip to Regionals," stated Coach Hamric.

ABCs of boat control

By Hank Parker

Now is a perfect opportunity for you to get on the water and focus more on improving your boating skills without putting a lot of pressure on yourself to catch more and bigger fish.

When it comes to bass fishing, boat positioning and control can be just as important as having the right tackle. It can definitely affect your success.

With these tips, I hope to show some of the most-encountered situations I come across when fishing out of my Ranger boat and how to best handle and position your boat so you can have as much fun catching fish as I do.

Bedding fish

First, let's talk about fishing for spring bass on the beds since this is the most popular time for people who like to sight fish. The problem is they don't know how to spot beds (that's another story) or how to approach one once they find it. There are several factors to consider when approaching a bedding bass: conditions (sunny, cloudy, windy, calm), water depth, vegetation in or around the bed, and structure (rocks, docks, etc.) around the bed. Generally, beds will be in shallow water near structure in both hard and sandy-bottomed areas where the water is warmest. Bass on the bed can be spooked very easily, so how you approach them with your boat will greatly impact your ability to catch them.

When approaching bedding bass, keep the sun in front of you. It is important that you do not cast a shadow over the bed as this can cause a bass to vacate the area very quickly. Also, avoid the temptation to run your trolling

motor up to the bed. Stop well short of the area and push pole or coast into position. Also, get just close enough to see the fish and no closer - as long as you can see the fish and your bait in the bedding area you are close enough. Make sure that you remain quiet on your boat because walking, talking, and dropping things on the deck can also spook a fish.

Drop-offs and points
One of the mistakes an angler will make when fishing drop-offs (also with steep ledges and bluff faces) is that they will usually position their boat too far away from the structure and try to cast towards it. Since you are trying to catch fish that are relating to this structure, you want to keep the bait close to the structure as it falls. If you cast parallel to the face of the structure, it is more likely, as it falls, to remain close to the face. If you are positioned away from the face, as your bait falls, it will drift away from the structure and towards you - taking it away from the structure-oriented fish.

When fishing wind-swept points, remember that almost always a bass is going to be facing into the wind. So the best thing to do is position your boat close to the backs of these points facing into the wind as well. Cast into the wind and retrieve your baits over these points and into the face of these bass who are lurking in the area in hopes of ambushing small bait fish that are swept by the current over the points.

Keep an eye on the weather, and don't venture out in rough water situations if you can't handle the boat in those conditions.

CCYC Division Champions



The Muenster 4th Grade team took 1st place in their division of the CCYC basketball season. They went undefeated, playing a total of 11 games. Team members are, from left, front - Trey Anderle, Tyler Boaz; back - Coach Brian Herr, Chance Herr, Brandon Hennigan, and Trevor Cheaney.

Lady Knights get win

The Lady Knight softball team traveled to Argyle on Thursday, March 8, bringing home an 11-1 loss.

Liz Neu hit an RBI single and Heather Odell a single.

On March 24, the Lady Knights took a 21-3 victory from the Lady Panthers of Saint Jo.

Pitcher Emily Haverkamp faced 16 batters, allowed one hit, one walk, and struck out five.

Offensively, Beverly Knabe hit a triple and got three RBIs, Rose Hermes got a single, two RBIs, and three stolen bases. Emily Haverkamp stole two bases and hit a single, Liz Neu got a single and two RBIs, Becky Martinez a single and three RBIs, Rhiannon Robinson a single hit, Natalie Rose a single and an RBI, and Chelsea Hermes an RBI and two stolen bases.

As a team, the Lady Knights committed three errors.

The JV Lady Knights also faced Saint Jo, bringing home

a 17-3 victory. Hitting two singles and getting RBIs were Diane Brown, Natalie Rose, and Taylor Loch. Kendall Neu, Katie Dieter, Haley Hughes, and Emily Copeland each got a single and RBIs, with Hughes also stealing two bases. Liz Martin hit a single.

Natalie Rose faced 17 batters, allowing two hits with no walks and three strikeouts.

Stationary trolling

Here is a great technique for getting trout or smallmouth to bite in a river when the weather is cool and the bite is slow. This works great in tailrace water and swift water situations that require fishing out of a drift boat or raft. I call it "stationary trolling."

Look for a good run that is about 4-6 feet deep with an appreciable amount of current (the bottom of an elevation drop is ideal). Use small-

Klement team races at Gatornationals

Texas Ford dealer Karl Klement and his wife Kim have put together an NHRA POWERade Series Pro Stock Motorcycle team and gone straight to the top of the talent heap to staff it. The Klements hired six-time national champions George and Jackie Bryce of G2 Motorsports/Star Racing to consult with the team and find the groove that will launch the Klements' effort to a successful season in the highly competitive class.

George will share tuning and crew chief duties with former Steve Johnson tuner Shane Maloney, who was plucked out of the engine tuning staff at Roush Racing. And after a thorough interviewing process, the Klements tagged fellow Texan Peggy Llewellyn to pilot the bike.

"I drag raced 30 years ago and always wanted to be involved in the NHRA," said Karl, who also has 20 years involvement in AMA Dirt Track racing under his belt. "I went to a couple of races last year, and the sport is so clean and professional, and I just wanted to be involved. I told my wife I'd like to do this dragbike deal, and I went to George's drag racing school in Gainesville (Florida). I met two or three racers on the cir-

cuit and decided I wanted to go drag racing this year.

"Before I picked a rider, I interviewed three potentials," said Klement. "Peggy has a heart bigger than Texas. There is nobody that wants to win as bad as she does. It's such a positive thing to have somebody on the team like that who is as mature and focused as she is."

Llewellyn first started going to drag races at age 7 with her dad Eugene, who campaigned a nitro Funnybike at the old Alamo Dragway in San Antonio. "Dad started building me a bike in '93," said Peggy, whose brother Gene Jr. also races. She entered six POWERade events in 2001, qualifying for three. "It has always been my plan to get back out there. It's something I wanted to do, but I wanted to make sure it was something I could do."

"George called me around Halloween and told me about Karl and how he wanted to put together a team," said 5'2", 115 pound Llewellyn. "Then it was on fast forward and I was back at the school again."

"I think Peggy's gonna be great," said Klement. "She's definitely got the right attitude."

Peggy Llewellyn and the Klement Racing Team's first event was the ACDelco NHRA Gatornationals on March 15-18 in Gainesville, Florida. They made the cut for the quickest Pro Stock Motorcycle field in history at the race. With a run just .002 of a second away from a 6 second pass in the third round of qualifying, Llewellyn placed herself and the team solidly among the sport's elite in their maiden outing with a 12th place finish.

Unfortunately, Peggy didn't make it to the second round. "First race nerves I guess," said Maloney. "She did great for her first weekend out here... and she'll get there."

"I'm real excited about this team," said Karl. "I know we lost first round, but I'm really excited about Peggy. We've got lots of bright things to look forward to."

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