

Entities respond to swine flu threat

MMH primes for outbreak... Flu threat alters UIL schedule

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Memorial Hospital has its finger on the pulse of what occurs around the state in regard to the swine flu. Every day at 3 p.m., MMH personnel participate in a state-wide conference call with the Department of State Health Services. CEO/Administrator Lynn Heller remarked, "The activity that is going on as a result of this is just really outstanding. Every school district, every hospital, every public entity in the State is on this conference call. Everybody is talking about the processes, so they are really on top of it." As of Tuesday evening, the hospital had not had any positive outcome. Anybody can go on-line to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) site for updates on where the

swine flu has been reported. Heller reported, "The Hospital is taking every precaution that we have in all cases of flu. The recommendations of the CDC and Texas Department of State Health Services is just to continue with encouraging people with hand washing. If there is anyone who has traveled in Mexico or different areas, we are on guard for that. We have different processes so that if we have a type A result of a flu testing, our lab people will be driving it to Fort Worth to the Tarrant County Public Health Office on the weekends. During the week, we will Fed Ex the results." This strain of flu reacts to the Tamiflu and another medication. Heller reported

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On the recommendation of Dr. David Lakey, commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, and in consultation with Texas Education Agency Commissioner Robert Scott, the University Interscholastic League is altering its schedule of events due to the outbreak of the swine flu in Texas. Effective immediately, all UIL interscholastic competition is suspended until May 11.

"The health and safety of our student activity participants is of the utmost importance," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Brethaupt. "Taking every possible precaution to prevent the further spreading of this disease is an important contribution to the welfare of our great state, and altering

the schedule of our events is a way to keep our participants safe."

"The safety of the kids is our first concern," said Muenster ISD Superintendent John Kaufman. "We echo the sentiments of the State in taking these precautionary measures. We will continue to monitor the situation and take any measure necessary to protect our students."

As this is a fluid situation, the UIL tentatively releases the following schedule for UIL Regional and State events affected by this situation.

Academic State Meet
The UIL Academic State Meet, originally scheduled for May 7-9, will be rescheduled at a later date.

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Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman is interviewed by the media on Monday after announcing his resignation from office during Commissioners Court. Janet Felderhoff photo

Bill Freeman resigns County judge term

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman announced Monday that his pending resignation from office is effective May 29.

"I do this with a lot of emotion, but I want to retire while I am young enough and healthy enough to be able to enjoy a few years of my retirement," remarked Judge Freeman.

With a year and seven months remaining on Judge Freeman's term, Commissioners will have the job of appointing his replacement.

It was announced that Commissioners Court had decided to take applications concerning the county judge's job. Applications are available at the HR (Human Resources) Department located on the second floor of Prosperity Bank. All applications will be reviewed by the Court in an executive session and a decision made in future weeks.

Qualifications for county judge include: be a resident of the State of Texas for at least one year; a resident of Cooke County for at least six months; and you cannot be a convicted felon.

Judge Freeman noted that it is an administrative office only. There are no judicial functions at all.

In his personal opinion, the best qualifications for someone to become county judge include, "Some kind of experience in preparing and managing large budgets. They would need some

experience of how county government runs. County government and municipal government does not run the same. I think there would need to be some heavy experience, if possible, in budgetary matters. Personnel issues are big in this job."

It will be left to the new county judge to oversee the budget process, which starts in June. Freeman said that he will be leaving with the County in great financial condition.

"We've managed over the years while I have been county judge to increase the revenue flow coming into the County while at the same time reducing the County tax rate," explained Judge Freeman. "As of this year, the rate we are working under right now is a little bit lower than the rate was when I came into office in 2001. I'm proud of that fact. To get that figure, you have to back out the 3.5 cent interest & sinking which is paying for our Justice Center. But the people voted that on themselves to build that Justice Center. So if you take that 3.5 cents out, the tax rate is actually lower than it was when I came into office. Our fund balances are strong. We increased our bond rating to AA stable, which is a good bond rating if the County had to borrow more money. We've managed to build three EMS stations. We've managed to restore the annex building without selling bonds. The County is in good financial condition and should be for at least a few years to come."

Also left to the newly appointed county judge will be overseeing the completion of the renovation of the Court-house's interior. Judge Freeman said that should the new judge be reelected, he or she would be present for the duration of the renovation. That, Freeman said, should be easier than having someone come into office in the middle of the restoration project, which is what would have been if he completed his term.

Looking back over the last eight years, Judge Freeman said that he is most proud of the Emergency Management Department. "We have had several disasters while I have been county judge, and we have had our plan ready, we have implemented our plan, and we have had a quick recovery. We've had FEMA assistance and everything ran really smooth."

Freeman served Cooke County for 31 years. The last eight as county judge and 23 years as justice of the peace. Before that, he was a Gainesville police officer and a deputy sheriff.

Judge Freeman said he does have some health issues, but nothing too serious. He is diabetic, and is careful with his health.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement remarked of Judge Freeman, "He's treated me very well. He's helped me get settled in as a new commissioner. I hate to see him go. He's been here a long time and I understand why he's quitting. He's got to do what he wants to do."

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Germanfest visitors of all ages enjoyed this year's celebration last weekend at the Muenster City Park. The weather cooperated to make it one of the more successful 'Fests in recent years.



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Germanfest swells to record proportion

By Janet Felderhoff
Germanfest 2009 received glowing reports from the Muenster Chamber of Commerce. "Everything went real well," remarked Margie Starke, Chamber secretary. "They all seemed happy. We were ahead of last year."

Despite reports of the bad economy, Germanfest numbers were all above last year's. Margie noted that many people who called about Germanfest said they were visiting festivals in lieu of taking a big vacation.

It was mostly fair weather for the 'Germanfest. Showers moved through on Sunday, but it didn't seem to deter the fun. People danced in the rain and Margie report-

ed that many children took off their shoes and pranced in the puddles.

Saturday's Metric Century Bicycle Rally had 2075 participants.

Sunday's Fun Run had 1176 taking part.

Germanfest BBQ Cook-off had 86 cooks. There were so many more participants this year that the judging time was extended. It should have ended at 3 p.m., but was extended to 5 p.m.

Named Grand Champion was Gene Pruett with his One Slice At A Time. Reserve Champion was Steve Graham with Rated Pg.

Top three winners and categories were:

Sausage

1. Roger Shrauner - Just Smokin'
2. Clint Thomas - The Heart Stopper
3. Robert Klement - (No Name)

Brisket

1. Robert Bredemeyer - We Don't Cook Sheep
2. Keith Evans - Capps
3. Gene Pruett - One Slice At A Time

Ribs

1. Steve Chupp - Truckin' Good Bbq
2. Dave Calvary - Cosmic Cooks
3. Steve Graham - Rated Pg

Chicken

1. Sam Fleitman - 3 Bars Bar B Que

2. Brandon Miser - Blistered Pig #2
3. Clint Thomas - The Heart Stopper

Beans

1. Gerald Maynard - Kick-N-Back Cookers
2. Toni Maynard - Red Neck Woman
3. Russell Wilson - It Aint Prime
8. Cindy Walterscheid - Pat Walterscheid

Sausage

1. Roger Shrauner - Just Smokin'
2. Clint Thomas - The Heart Stopper
3. Robert Klement - (no name)

Germanfest is a Keep Texas Beautiful litter free event.

Five vie for three MISD Board of Trustees places

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster ISD's Board of Trustees has three places up for election in the May 9 elections. Place 5 drew two candidates, Richard Dangelmayr and Doug Hermes.

Jim Endres currently holds that place, but chose not to seek an additional term. Place 6 has two contenders, Ronnie Felderhoff, incumbent, and Kimberly Hess Walterscheid. Place 7 incumbent Steve Trubenbach does not have an opponent.

Richard Dangelmayr is a rancher with Dangelmayr Brothers Ranch. He was married to the late Melissa Flusche Dangelmayr. They have three girls who all attended Muenster High School. Deann, 23, is a nurse at Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. Megan,

20, is a junior at Midwestern State University. Brandy, 18, will graduate in May and plans to attend Texas A&M University this fall.

Doug Hermes serves as president of V & H Oil, L.P. He and his wife Susan are the parents of two children. Darrell is 12, and Savannah is 9.

Ronnie Felderhoff is owner and general manager of Muenster Milling Co., Inc. He and his wife Sharon have been married for 32 years. They have four children, Chad, Amanda, Mitch, and Dustin.

Kimberly Walterscheid is a registered nurse in the Emergency Department of Denton Regional Medical Center. She is married to Bret Walterscheid and they have two children. Brooke is in the 8th

grade and Dean is in the 3rd grade. They are both Muenster ISD students.

Steve is owner and general manager of Universal Machining. His wife Melissa is a family nurse practitioner at the Muenster Family Health Clinic. They have two children Lauren, 8, and Wade, 6. Both children are enrolled at Muenster ISD.

What is the main reason that you are seeking a place on the MISD Board?

Dangelmayr - Now that my children are graduated, I would like to use my time to give back to the community.

Hermes - The main reason is to hopefully make a difference in how we educate our children - both with classroom learning, but also with real life applications to

deal with issues facing our country today and in the future.

Felderhoff - I believe we are headed for some uncharted waters with school finance and mandates dictated by the state. Just a few weeks back, I was in Austin, meeting with legislators about the money MISD is supposed to be getting from the Wolf Ridge Wind Farm and making sure we can keep it here. I want to make sure that MISD contracts that were approved by the State are completed. I am committed to providing the best education for our children and doing so with the smallest tax burden possible.

Walterscheid - When I left teaching 10 years ago, I did not abandon my love

for education. I have always believed that through education, we can meet the challenges our community and nation faces. I continued my own education in a new career that necessitates continual learning. Because this community and school are very dear to me, I always intended to run for the Board when I felt that the time was right. My father, Dennis Hess, served on the Board for 11 years. As a child, I saw the continual hours he spent reading and studying issues that affected the school. I knew that before I could commit to this service, I would have to have the time and resources available to make that same commitment. Many in the community have asked me to con-

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Richard Dangelmayr



Doug Hermes



Ronnie Felderhoff



Kimberly Walterscheid



Steve Trubenbach

Senate passes bill to exempt VFD from fuel taxes

The Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 254 by State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) which would exempt local volunteer fire departments from state taxes on motor fuels.

"Our volunteer fire departments are on the front lines fighting to save our lives and our property," said Estes. "When volunteer fire departments depend on bake sales to fund their operations, we need to be a partner in making those funds go as far as possible."

Senate Bill 254 amends the state tax code to exempt volunteer fire departments from the motor fuels taxes including both gasoline and diesel fuels. The bill also would allow an eligible volunteer fire department that

had paid the motor fuel tax on the purchase of gasoline or diesel fuel to file a claim with the Comptroller for a refund of the tax.

There are about 1,491 volunteer fire departments across the state and 263 part-time pay departments.

"The recent fires that have devastated so many acres and touched so many lives are a stark reminder of how much we rely on our volunteer fire departments," said Estes. "We can never adequately say thank you for the job they do, but we can help them keep more of their limited resources they have to do their job."

Don't forget to thank God for the wonderful rain.

Anna Dennison 1939 - 2009

Memorial service will be held for Anna Marie Dennison of Saint Jo on Sunday, May 3 at 3 p.m. in First United Methodist Church in Saint Jo. Funeral is under the direction of Scott-Morris Funeral Home.

Anna was born Dec. 16, 1939 in Nashville, Tennessee. Anna was best known for her beautiful yard and her love for the perfect "bargain" in the yard sales. She was kind hearted and compassionate and loved all animals.

Anna died Saturday, April 25, 2009 in Dallas. She is survived by her husband Billy Dennison of Saint Jo; mother Mae Allen of Saint Jo; daughters Eva Renee Barnett of Graham, Kathi May of Dallas, and Samantha Barnett of Winnsboro; sisters Talitha Gabol, Lee Davis, and Larri Ann Austin; brother Rusty Dempsey; and two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her father John Allen. Anna was a supporter of ABBA and the family suggests memorials may be made to All Babies Born Alive, 414 E. Elm, Gainesville, TX 76240, or to the Saint Jo Public Library.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING DATE - MAY 4, 2009

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, May 4, 2009.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on April 6, 2009.
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 take any needed action in regards to drilling new City Water Well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and possibly approve KMB's request for sign permit on old AMPI lot.
2. Act on Nortex Communications' request for temporary closing of 1st Street during their centennial celebration.
3. Receive quarterly police report from Police Chief Stovall.
4. Review and act on monthly bills.
5. Receive report on City projects and activities.
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.074-Personnel Matters.
7. Return to open session. Consider and act on matters discussed in executive session.
8. Adjourn.

Brenda Simpson, City Secretary

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1944
Lt. Clarence M. Hoehn victim of airplane crash at Galveston. Joe Trachta's drug store robbed of \$400 cash. Obituary: Irene Fleitman, infant daughter of the Herman Fleitmans; she died six hours after her birth. New Arrivals: Harold to J. P. and Hazel Flusche; Robert to Joe and Christina Hesse. Wedding: Werner Cler and Armella Yosten.

50 YEARS AGO

May 1, 1959
Charles Taylor continues as president of the Sacred Heart Home School Society, Leo Lawson is vice-president, Clara Wiese is secretary, and Terese Miller

is treasurer. Randy Wimmer has dental check-up in Dallas. Relax Theatre advertises "The Blob" starring Steven McQueen and Aneta Corseant, and "Sheriff of Fractured Jaw" starring Jayne Mansfield and Kenneth More. Mail service here due to get better after train quits.

25 YEARS AGO

April 27, 1984
Sewing factory sold - the Jerrell plant, maker of Jr. Elite dresses will become Cameo Coutures Inc. Janie Hartman is newest member of the Muenster Enterprise. Denise Anderle to spell in Dallas News regional bee. New Arrivals: Eric to Leon and Lea Ann Bayer.

Former White House deputy director to speak at CCRW meeting May 7

The Cooke County Republican Women will meet on Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 401 N. Dixon Street, Gainesville. The featured speaker will be John Dorff, deputy director for Operations at The White House, April 2008 - January 2009. He will present "January 20, 2009 - Move Out, Move In".

John managed operations for more than 400 full-time staff and 100 interns to guarantee that the White House was fully functional at all times. Prior to that he was associate director for Operations, White House Management Office. From March 2003 to June 2006 John was Congressional liaison for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture. He also served in the U.S. Department of Education as confidential assistant to director of Outreach/Strategy and deputy assistant secretary from August 2001 to March 2003. Political highlights include: In the summer of 1999 worked two simultaneous internships for Governor Bush, Governor's office in the morning and the Exploratory Committee in the afternoons. He volunteered inside Bush Campaign HQ in Austin on election night 2000, served as "Marshal" for the 72-Hour Task Force in 2002 (Georgia) and 2004 (Iowa). He managed operations for the White House office of Political Affairs on election night in 2006. John and his family resided in Gainesville at the time that his father, Reverend Jim Dorff served as pastor at First United Methodist Church.

Men and women are invited to attend, and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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Sunday, May 3, 2009	Monday, May 4, 2009	Tuesday, May 5, 2009	Wednesday, May 6, 2009	Thursday, May 7, 2009	Friday, May 8, 2009	Saturday, May 9, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	SH Parish May Crowning Procession, 6:15; Novena, 7 p.m. City Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class 7 p.m. C of C Board Mtg. 5:30 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP Membership Mtg. 11:30 a.m., Stanford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. KMB Flower Sale 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Bird Nest
					VE Day, Fly Flags	
Sunday, May 10, 2009	Monday, May 11, 2009	Tuesday, May 12, 2009	Wednesday, May 13, 2009	Thursday, May 14, 2009	Friday, May 15, 2009	Saturday, May 16, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	VFW Mtg. - 7:30 pm MMH Aux. Mtg. - 5:30 pm - Board Room	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Religious Ed Closing Mass - 7 p.m. MISD Board Mtg. - 7:30 pm SH Alumni & Supporters Mtg. - 7:30 pm - SNAP Rm.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. C of C Luncheon - Noon - Rohmers Rest. Historical Comm. Mtg. - 8 am - Museum	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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sider seeking election to the Board. After much prayer, thought, and discussion with my family, I believe the time has come, and I am ready to serve my community.

Trubenbach - The main reason I am seeking a place on the MISD Board is to continue the efforts toward our current and future success of the school.

What are your qualifications to serve on the MISD Board?

Dangelmayr - I believe I qualify because I have been in business for over 30 years for Dangelmayr Brothers Ranch. I have also served on the Cooke County Youth Fair Board for 14 years.

Hermes - I have owned and operated a business for roughly 23 years and pride myself on being conservative. I have been a citizen and taxpayer of Muenster for 15 years. I have been a Muenster Jaycee member since 1997, and held positions of president, vice-president, secretary, and fifth Thursday chairman.

Felderhoff - I have served on the MISD School Board for six years, with the past three being Board president. I have served on the Muenster City Council, served as mayor, served on the State and National Grain and Feed Association board of directors, served as the chairman of the Texas Grain and Feed Association, chairman of the TGFA Legislative Council both on the State and National level. I've devoted a tremendous amount of time and service to this community by serving on the Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept. for 31 years and served on the planning and zoning board for the city. I have participated as assistant and coach in all the Muenster youth baseball, soccer, and basketball programs. In the 1980s, I helped set up the Friends of Muenster 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA which has raised premiums for our youth over the years. I have experience in testifying before Legislative committees and have developed a good rapport with our legislators.

Walterscheid - In addition to a passion for learning, my qualifications to serve as a Board member include my own education. I am a graduate of Muenster High School. I attended the University of North Texas and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Woman's University. I also have an Associates Degree from North Central Texas College. I hold a Teaching Certificate issued by the Texas Education Agency and a license to practice as a Registered Nurse. However, my greatest qualification to serve includes a commitment to the students of our

district. Ensuring for their moral, ethical, technological, and basic educational training, is within my expertise because I can see the big picture. As a student, a teacher, a community member, a tax-payer, and now as a parent of MISD students, I have the ability to see the needs of the school from every facet. My experience in business includes running my own home on a tight budget and helping with my family's business while growing up and in my early adult years. As a conservative, I know how to stretch a dollar and believe there is no place for wasteful spending.

Trubenbach - My past three years on the MISD Board coupled with my personal business experiences are attributes that enable me to be a successful Board member. During the last three years, I was actively involved with new construction projects and I also served on the Building Committee for the new Cafetorium.

How do you feel that your being elected would enhance the Board and school?

Dangelmayr - I have had to make many decisions not only in our business, but also in life. I have experience in making hard decisions in difficult times. This will benefit the school and the School Board because I am a cooperative person who will take the time necessary for every concern the community has.

Hermes - Being a father of school-age children, I feel I would have a close pulse on the day-to-day operations of the school and issues that may come up periodically. Since I am a business owner and taxpayer, I would keep in mind the cost of the Board's decisions, but still do my best to maintain the integrity of the school and well-being of our children. I would also maintain a healthy balance of academics and athletics.

Felderhoff - My experience in dealing with officials on the State and National level definitely enhances what can be done for MISD. My past experience on the MISD Board and all the different State and National boards that I have served on has given me a wealth of experience. I've been in my family business for 35 years and have been able to look forward and make the changes necessary to keep the business viable.

Walterscheid - In addition to my years of experience in education, I feel that the current School Board lacks equal representation of our community, students, and teachers. Currently there are no former teachers,

no women, and no mothers serving on the Board. It is important to remember that it is the classroom teachers that prepare our children for college and the work force. It is their influence that has the most profound effect on their learning. Our teachers need a Board that provides for their needs in the classroom. I would like to give our teachers a voice that they have not had. Additionally, it is important to remember that half of our students and more than half of our faculty and staff are women, yet no women currently sit on the Board. How can we provide equal representation and provide for every viewpoint and perspective when we have such a demographic void within the current Board? As a mother, my children are the driving force in my life. I will take that same dedication and use it as a driving force for the betterment of our school district. I want to see all of our children succeed. I have no personal agendas. I simply want to see our children provided with the absolute best education we can give them at a cost that is fair to taxpayers. I have seen my friends and family who choose to send their children to private school struggle with the rising cost of tuition, high property taxes, and difficult economic times. I am sensitive to their concerns and have worried that at times we have not spent their money as prudently as we should. While I cannot change the system by which we fund our schools, I will be a voice to represent their concerns as well. I want to be able to look our private school friends in the eyes and ensure them that we have spent their money wisely. As a member of the Board, I will be constantly striving for the academic success that our tax-payers expect and deserve.

Trubenbach - Serving another term on the MISD Board can allow for successful continuation of current projects and future plans for the school.

Are there any changes that you would like to see at MISD?

Dangelmayr - There is always room for improvement; however, I am not looking to make any drastic changes. I would like to see our programs continue to grow. A continued history of excellence should be our goal.

Hermes - I would like to see more assembly programs or classroom topics dealing with real life situations brought to our children, such as how to manage money, internet safety, etc. Our children need to know this information now,

before they get out of high school.

Felderhoff - We must continue to look forward and continue to make changes as the economy and education dictates. We have just completed two major projects at MISD. The Cafetorium and the new Agriculture Center were needed for years. We have added five additional classrooms with one being a new science lab and one a new computer lab. A new elementary school will need to be the next project for MISD. The current facility was hastily built in the late 1960s because of a sudden rise in enrollment. Long-term, this is the next project that must be undertaken.

Walterscheid - While I believe that we have a very good school district, there are changes that I would like to see that would better our district and more fully represent the expectations of the community. Certainly, the addition of new buildings have been necessary over the years, however, I feel that maintaining what we have is as important. Upkeep of our facilities should be a priority. Our students and teachers deserve a clean and well-kept school that encourages school pride and teaches the students the importance of caring for what they have and being thankful for it. Also, I do not feel that our accountability ratings are where they should be. The Board must provide our teachers with the resources necessary to continue to improve. Though tough economic conditions have affected the local economy, I feel the Board must scrutinize the budget and ensure that our teachers are receiving salaries that reflect the importance of their work. Also, every dollar that the district spends should be accounted for and justified. In my opinion, wasteful spending has occurred in recent years, and taxpayers deserve better. We have little control of how the federal government spends our income taxes and many of us are frustrated. However, we do have more local control of how the school district spends our money. Tax-payers need a voice to serve them. Serving the taxpayers should include an annual survey to the community that gives them a chance to list and rate their concerns for the district and make suggestions for improvement. The purpose of the Board should be to represent the constituents of the district and set policy that reflects their concerns. How can the Board do this without a structured system for gathering information? Surveys should also be used to allow teachers to rate their administrators.

Teachers should have the opportunity to anonymously rate their school superiors with the intent of continually striving for absolute excellence. School leaders must be available, approachable, and well-informed in order to provide the support that teachers and staff need to perform their jobs well. And with that same intent, parents should be surveyed frequently. Our children are our greatest responsibility. With this in mind, structuring our district with current input from parents allows us to keep putting our children first. Additionally, I feel that adequate support and incentives should be given to encourage greater success of our junior high and high school UIL Academic program. As a small school, participation in UIL academic competition allows us to increase our curriculum and broaden the education of our students. Our elementary has performed tremendously well in recent years. I want to see this success continued to include all levels. The bottom line is that the school district exists to provide for academic excellence and the education of our students. I believe that I have the ability to identify problems that are in need of change and find solutions in a positive manner.

Trubenbach - I would like to continue to see changes that benefit the academic and athletic programs of our school.

What do you see as the top two concerns at MISD?

Dangelmayr - Doing what's best for the students and making the right decision that will be most beneficial for them. Also, preparing for the future, not just the present. We need to make preparations for 20 or 30 years down the road, to make sure that MISD is here for our children and our children's children.

Hermes - Staff turnover is a major concern. I would like to review teacher contracts and also be available to talk to teachers regarding this issue. It seems to be a problem in our school district. Another concern is the classroom expansion. The elementary school is crowded. I would like to see the old cafeteria converted into classrooms.

Felderhoff - The top concern is keeping control of our local District on the local level. More and more every day the state is continuing to try to take control away from the local districts and mandate how things are run. Now, with the new President, I have many concerns on what his administration will try to enforce on the local districts. Any government funds that are handed out will have strings attached and we must be very

attuned to what the ramifications are if we accept the Federal money. Providing the best education for our children and keeping money in the taxpayer's pocketbook are always a concern, especially now with economy slowing down as it has.

Walterscheid - It is difficult to identify two concerns that yield more importance than others because it is the duty of the Board is to represent the concerns of the community. After listening to members of the community representing different sectors, the response to this question varies greatly. Retired persons worry about their taxes; parents of Sacred Heart Catholic School children are concerned about unnecessary and wasteful spending; parents and grandparents want greater academic success for our MISD students; and some teachers feel barriers exist that limit the quality of the education we can provide. All of these concerns are valid and well understood. As a member of the Board, all would share equal importance for me. But I do believe that our common thread is that all sectors want the absolute best learning environment that we can provide to encourage Christian values, a good work ethic, and a solid educational foundation that will provide productive citizens and leaders when our students venture forth into a world that so desperately needs supporters of the basic values upon which our nation was founded. However, important decisions concerning budgeting future income from wind generated energy farms are of primary importance to me. When the district begins to receive this revenue, I want to ensure that the money is prudently spent and wisely budgeted in ways that directly improve educational outcomes for our students and perhaps some tax relief. Secondly, I am concerned about the academic success of our district as a whole. I sincerely want our students to be well-rounded; but it is the education of our students that is paramount. Preparing our students for the challenges of life through academic study is our number one goal. The School Board must always place the educational needs of the students first. Every decision must be based with this value in mind. We will educate our students, enrich their lives, and strengthen our community and country.

Trubenbach - The future State financing efforts and the future economical outlook are two concerns I have for the District. These factors will continue to be issues of consideration which could impact future plans and growth within our school.

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LIFESTYLE

First Communion received by 31 children at Sacred Heart

Thirty-one children from Sacred Heart Church received their First Holy Communion at a 10 a.m. Mass on Saturday, April 18. They were Lane Baldwin, Corbin Bayer, Nolan Bayer, Garrett Bindel, Joseph Cochran, Thomas Davis, Ashleigh Fisher, Gracie Green, Nathan Hacker, Allison Henschel, Morgan Hennigan, Jacob Hesse, Dane Huchton, Ryan Huchton, Merrett Jones, Ian Kintz, Kolby Klement, Collin Knabe, Stephanie Koesler, Cole Kubis, Derek Lutkenhaus, Michael McCoy, Ethan Muller, Logan Pagel, Brendan Riley, Sadie Sandmann, Shane Sicking, Lauren Trubenbach, Jaden Walterscheid, Kody Walterscheid, and Elizabeth Zimmerer.

Father Ken Robinson was the celebrant for the Mass. John Kintz, father of Ian Kintz, read the introduction. The children processed in to the gathering song "I Am the Resurrection" and joined their families in the pews. Music ministers were Isaac Davis on the piano and Doug Yosten and Diane Grewing on guitars. Diane, Doug, Don Rohmer, and Linda Flusche led the singing.

The first reading was done by Chad Riley, father of Brendan Riley. The choir led the singing of the Responsorial Psalm. Father Ken read the Gospel, and in his homily reminded the First Commu-

nants about Baptism, the other important sacrament they have received. Then, he led them and the congregation in the renewal of Baptismal promises. Intercessions were read by Morgan Hennigan and Dane Huchton. The Offertory Gifts were brought up by Merrett Jones and Elizabeth Zimmerer. The preparation song was "One Bread, One Body."

At Communion, the children came forward with their families to receive Communion. Eucharistic ministers were Father Ken, Gilbert and Rosina Kubis, Mary Bayer, Amy Anderle, Linda Knabe, Carla and Danny Zwingg, Willie Fisher, and Peggy Walterscheid. Communion songs were "Let the Children Come to Me," "God Is So Good," and "I Am the Bread of Life." The commissioning song was "Companions on the Journey."

The teachers who helped prepare the children for their First Communion are Sister Lillian Marie Reiter and Michele Knauf at Sacred Heart School and Linda Knabe and Sandra Hennigan in the Religious Education program. Some of the children were home-schooled. A First Communion set for each child was provided by the local branch of the Catholic Life Insurance Union. Shirley Knabe did the First Communion certificates in calligraphy.



Sacred Heart Parish First Communion Class of 2009

Area Events

Rosston Memorial Service

The Rosston Cemetery Association Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12 at the Rosston Methodist Church.

A luncheon will follow at noon at the Ross Point Community Center.

Homecoming at Marysville set for Sunday, May 3

Marysville will be hosting their annual Homecoming celebration Sunday, May 3. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Marysville Baptist Church. The service will be conducted by the pastor, and special visitors will be recognized. A covered dish lunch will follow with visiting in the afternoon. Everyone is invited, especially former residents.

Alyssa celebrates her third birthday

Alyssa Lutkenhaus celebrated her third birthday on Monday, April 20. Her actual birthday is April 17. The theme of the party was Mickey Mouse Clubhouse. The party began with a hamburger dinner followed by cake and ice cream. The cake was made by her grandmother Annette Bayer. Then Alyssa enjoyed opening her gifts.

Guests included her parents Jason and Michelle; brother Bradley; grandparents Bobby and Linda Lutkenhaus and Bill and Annette Bayer; aunts and uncles, Crystal and Will Sey-



Alyssa Lutkenhaus



Linda Vogel, left, and Ethel Harvill, right, as they demonstrated their skills. Courtesy photo

Art of pottery demonstrated at Century Club

Twelve Century Club members and a guest sat spell-bound, enchanted by the hum of the potter's wheels and the undulations of the clay, as Linda Vogel and Ethel Harvill, sisters, artists, and Saint Jo natives, demonstrated various aspects of their craft. Members were welcomed into the home of Ethel Harvill, also the location of her Mystic Flame Pottery Studio, where guests expressed great pleasure in their field trip.

Both artists have been long time educators. Linda has taught Home Economics and art and is currently teaching 1st Grade in the Gainesville system. Ethel has earned multiple graduate degrees in art, teaching art on all levels during her career. She retired to spend time closer to family and,

obviously, to follow her creative dream. The studio and gallery of the home display beautiful pieces from different periods in both sisters' creative journey.

Janis Sneed served "Easter" treats from her colorfully laid table. Ethel also served goodies, including a tea infused soda. The recipe calls for two or three tea bags, of your choice, to be inserted into a two liter bottle of carbonated water or soda, capped up, and stored in the fridge over night. Open carefully, and if you enjoy lots of fizz, you will have it.

If you want to know more about the total experience, ask members Fran Alderman, Margie Heim, Ruth Mitchell, Lynne Tracy, Sue Bell, Randie Burton, Maurreen Cain, Lucie Martin, Marilyn Dial, Diane Le-

clair, Janis Sneed, or Johnell Thompson, as they were the fortunate ones who were able to attend!

Club members are reminded that the Installation Banquet will be at the Katy Lake Guest Cabin this May 7 at 6:30. It will be a catered affair.

Century Club members now have tickets to sell chances for the scholarship raffle quilt, this year titled "Hot Dog, It's the Fourth of July". The beautiful and colorful prize was designed and created by Wanda Greene, an awesome quilter, who dedicates a lot of talent and effort to the Saint Jo and Forestburg communities. Who will be the lucky winner? You really can't lose, all the money goes to help worthy students continue their education.

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TREE CITY USA

Muenster held its annual Arbor Day event last Friday at Germanfest. The Muenster Girl Scouts planted a new tree at the park. Smokey the Bear was present along with Courtney Belvins of the Texas State Forestry Service to present Muenster its 7th consecutive "Tree City USA" award. 400 free trees were also given away in this Keep Muenster Beautiful sponsored event. **KMB photos**



Late frost hits area trees!

By Greg David, Master Arborist

Low temperatures and heavy frost are taking their toll on area trees and plants. Temperatures in the Muenster area dropped to 28 degrees on April 7, well after most trees and woody plants started their spring flush of growth.

As cold air sank and pooled on this cold, still night, trees in low-lying areas were hit especially hard. This phenomenon is readily seen in the countryside, where the tops of many large Post Oaks are perfectly fine, while the lower branches all suffered frost injury. Post Oaks are

slow to foliate in the spring, so most of their new growth was very tender on that cold night.

Cedar Elm, on the other hand, had been foliated for several weeks, so its leaves were fully-grown and hardened-off. We are seeing almost no frost injury on Cedar Elms and other trees that had been flushed-out for awhile before that cold night.

Crepe Myrtle is naturally susceptible to freeze damage in north Texas, and many were just flushing out with growth in early April. In some cases, only the leaves were nipped-back. In other

cases, the outer branch tips were damaged by the frost. Crepe Myrtles situated in low-lying areas seem to be showing the worst damage.

If the dieback is severe, the trees may need to be shaped-back to remove the dead tissue. For minor tip dieback, pruning is not normally needed.

Post Oak, Mesquite, and a few other tree species usually beat the cold by staying dormant later than other area trees. This year, however, when heavy frost hit so late, it was these "late bloomers" that suffered the worst injury.

Free trees given at Germanfest promote Texas green

For 120 years, the nation has celebrated Arbor Day. Muenster held its annual Arbor Day event at Germanfest. The Girl Scouts planted a new tree at the park to remind us all how important trees are to our environment. Smokey the Bear was present for photos, and to remind us of fire safety in our woods and fields. The Girl Scouts served free cake and ice cream, and gave out balloons to those attending the ceremony. Mayor Pagel presented opening remarks.

Courtney Belvins from the

Texas State Forestry Service presented Muenster its 7th consecutive "Tree City USA" award. Mr. Belvins told the crowd that only 60 cities in the State have this distinction, and that it is quite an honor to receive it seven times. Four hundred free trees were given away to promote keeping Texas green. This event is sponsored by The Girl Scouts, Stick's Tree Service, and Keep Muenster Beautiful.

Germanfest is a Litter Free event.

Lifeguard classes offered

Lifeguard classes will be offered in Muenster starting May 26. The cost for the classes will be \$120. For anyone hired by Muenster Pool, the cost will be \$60 which will be reimbursed after working the pool season for the City. You must be certified to become a lifeguard.

Anyone interested needs to be registered by May 13 with half the fee paid. More information can be obtained by calling Bret Walterscheid at 940-736-6782 or Shirley Hess at 940-759-4569.

Sr. Roberta Hesse to speak at the St. Anne's meeting

Sr. Roberta Hesse will be the guest speaker for the Sunday, May 3 meeting of St. Anne's Society. This year is the celebration of the 50th year of the mission in Rawanda. Sr. Roberta will tell of the improvements made and

of those still to be made, with accompanying pictures.

The public is invited to the meeting which begins at 3 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Community Center meeting room.

New items at Muenster Public Library

Fiction/Non-Fiction titles

What's Age Got to Do With It by Robin McGraw, *Martha Stewart's Encyclopedia of Crafts* by Martha Stewart, *Handle with Care* by Jodi Picoult, *Long Lost* by Harlan Coben, *Promises in Death* by J.D. Robb, *Showing Up for Life* by Bill Gates, *8th Confession* by James Patterson, *Perfect Poison* by Amanda Quick, *Geometry of Sisters* by Luanne Rice, *Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline, *Loitering with Intent* by Stuart Woods, *Strange Possession* by Dorothy Garlock, *Horse Boy* by Rupert Isaacson, *First Comes Marriage* by Mary Balogh, *Deadlock* by Iris Johansen, *Home Safe* by Elizabeth Berg, *In Praise of Stay-at-Home Moms* by Laura Schlessinger, *Just Take My Heart* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Borderline* by Nevada Barr, *Cursed* by Carol Higgins Clark, *Diary* by Eileen Gouge, *Love to Last Forever* by Tracie Peterson, *A Lion Called Christian* by Anthony Bourke, *Stealing Lumby* by Gail R. Fraser, *An Irish Country Village* by Patrick Taylor, *The Piano Teacher* by Janice Y. Lee, *Web 2.0 and Beyond* by Tom Funk, *Power of the Texas Governor* by Brian McCall, *Handbook to Wills, Funerals, and Probate* by Theodore Hughes, *Basic Texas Birds* by Mark Lockwood, *Texas Wildflowers* by Campbell Loughmiller.

DVD titles

Bolt, *Marley and Me*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Dark Knight*, *Sesame Street - Guess That Shape and Color*, *No Country for Old Men*.

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that the Hospital and the Muenster Pharmacy has it in stock. Also, the State has 800,000 vials of the medication and he thinks they have ordered that many more.

MMH Chief of Staff Dr. Steve Jones noted in an e-mail, "As you well know by now, the potential for a pandemic of swine flu has come to the U.S. Yesterday we had an update from the CDC and I thought it would be good to share some of that info with you. As of yesterday (Monday) at 3 p.m., there were three confirmed cases in Texas. These are in the San Antonio area. However, there is the potential for this to spread."

Dr. Jones sent recommendations from the CDC. These included:

Take everyday preventive actions -

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get the flu, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor recommends them.

If you do get the flu, antiviral drugs are an important treatment option.

Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaler) that fight against the flu by keeping flu viruses from reproducing in your body.

Antiviral drugs can make your illness milder and make you feel better faster. They may also prevent serious flu complications. This could be especially important for people at high risk.

For treatment, antiviral drugs work best if started soon after getting sick (within two days of symptoms).

Flu-like symptoms include fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches.

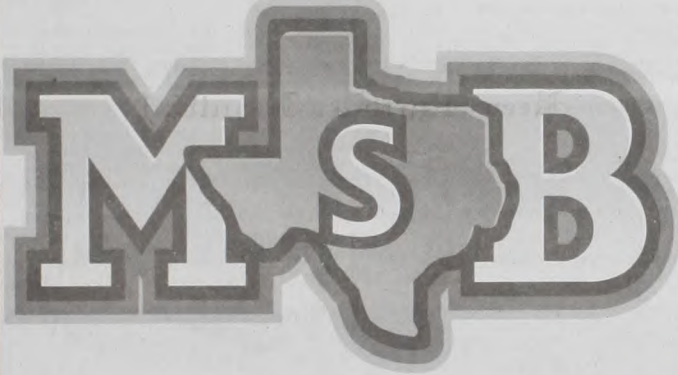
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SCHOOL

15th SH Ranch Rodeo draws competitors and spectators

The 15th Annual Alumni & Friends Ranch Rodeo was held at the Circle A indoor arena owned by Leroy Ashcraft and Margaret Sterle, DVM. Saturday evening showcased the kids' events. The Buckaroo Rodeo was open to children up to the 6th grade, with one event allowing adults to join in. Each team competed in a timed obstacle course which they ran twice, with an average of the two runs determining the winner.

4 p.m. - Toddler Division (up to age 5), nine teams competed. Winners were: 1st place, The Pink Bandits, Emma Bayer and Joie Kintz; 2nd place, R&J Cowpokes, Reyenne Reiter and Jackson Knabe; 3rd place, A Little Bit Western, Braden Berkeley and Nate Hesse.

5 p.m. - Grades K through 3rd, 13 teams competed. Winners were: 1st place, The Blazers, Sam and Julian Hesse; 2nd place, Speed Busters, Collin Knabe and Jacob Hesse; 3rd place, Riden Herd, Kaley Berkeley and Lane Trubenbach.

6 p.m. - Grades K through 3rd, seven teams competed. Winners were: 1st place, Deadly Bandits, Ian Kintz and Michael McCoy; 2nd place, The Rowdy Boys, Keith Bezner and Brenton Wilson; 3rd place, Rockin' K Cousins, Koby Hogan and Keith Bezner.

7 p.m. - Adult/Child Team, 10 teams competed. Winners were: 1st place, The Bezner Boys, Dan and Keith Bezner; 2nd place, The Kinzies, Mikenzie Fleitman and Kenzie Hess; 3rd place, Big Feet Little Feet, Austin and Kate Springer.

8 p.m. - Junior Ranch Hands (Grades 4-6), 11 teams competed. Winners were: 1st place, Double F Rustlers, Michael Fleitman and Billy Felderhoff; 2nd place, The Omega Team, Kyle Grewing and Dalton Hess; 3rd place, The Pink Panthers, Amanda Aldredge and Alane Bar-tush.

Each participant received a goody bag for their efforts. All 1st place winners received a custom made belt buckle, a t-shirt, and \$15 each; 2nd place winners received a t-shirt and \$10 each; and 3rd place winners received a t-shirt and \$5 each.

The month before the ro-

deo, Sacred Heart grade school students sold advanced admission tickets as a class competition. All classes did well, but taking the coveted 1st place trip to the Hopp Ranch was the 5th grade. Second grade won a pizza party, and 4th grade won an ice cream party.

Sunday was the Ranch Rodeo beginning at 1 p.m. Jessica Bartel and Whitney Baird started the day by carrying the flags on horse back into the arena. Twenty-eight 4-man teams competed in team roping, sorting, double mugging and cow-under-coating. Cash prizes were awarded to the winning team in each event and to the top four overall teams.

Winners for sorting were team WTF, Seth Stout, Webb Fortenberry, Josh Johnson, and Jason Johnson with a time of 1:00.04.

Team roping was won by Broken Arrow, Henry Renick, Jerry Renick, Obie Wilson and Dale Martin with a time of 0:13.25.

Double mugging was won by Stanfield Cattle, Aaron Stanfield, Cody Huff, Zane West, and Bo Crabtree with a time of 0:26.03.

Cow un-decorating was won by Blackland Cattle Co., Jared Sikes, Chris Rinks, Cliff Brown, and Garrett Johnson with a time of 0:19.91.

Overall team winners were determined by an average of each time from each of the four events. First place also received custom made belt buckles in addition to their cash prize. First place was WTF with a total time of 2:21.58; 2nd place, Blackland Cattle Co 2:57.75; 3rd, Hard Times, JR Wyler, Bo Crabtree, Paul Morgan, and PR Baird 3:07.49; 4th, Cham-bles Ranch, Bray Cham-bles, Jace Tillery, Charlie Spurgeon, and Ty Boggeman, 3:20.38.

Youngsters of all ages enjoyed two calf scrambles to break up the cowboy events. Billy Poyner and Harold Owen judged the events, while Wes Morton announced the progress of the rodeo. The cattle were all provided by Curt Bayer and Clint Sicking.

All proceeds of this annual event go to benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School.



Action at Sacred Heart's Annual Ranch Rodeo included from left, above - Zoe Klement and Kate Springer milking a goat; and below - Tina Jones and her son Merrett in shovel race. SHCS photos



Diagnosing autism is long process

Autism spectrum disorders cover a wide span of conditions and symptoms, from severe mental retardation to mild social impairment, making a quick definitive diagnosis difficult. It wasn't until 1980 that autism became an official clinical diagnosis, separate from childhood schizophrenia or retardation.

Dr. Catherine Karni, associate professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center and medical director of outpatient services at the Center for Pediatric Psychiatry at Children's Medical Center Dallas, says patients often display a distinctive pattern of symptoms rather than just one. The main characteristics include impairments in social interaction, impairments in communication, restricted interests, and repetitive

behavior. Parents are usually the first to notice the unusual behaviors, while pediatricians initially hear their concerns.

"Autism cannot be diagnosed with a simple diagnostic test," Dr. Karni says. "Having a team of specialists conduct specific assessments means there is a better chance for children to be diagnosed correctly and for the right treatments to be enacted. Many parents take their child to a pediatrician because the child is not talking. But there are many possibilities for this behavior. Autism is only one."

Visit <http://www.utsouthwestern.org/pediatrics> to learn more about UT Southwestern's clinical services in pediatrics.

April was National Autism Awareness Month.

Muenster ISD students excel in Band Contest

Twenty-four beginning band students from Muenster ISD participated at the Celina Solo and Ensemble Contest last Saturday, April 18. The contest, held at the newly opened Celina High School, was hosted by the Celina Band Boosters. Muenster students earned 24 Superior medals and 14 Excellent ribbons.

In Solo Competition students receiving a rating of Superior were: Flute - Makayla Mosler; Clarinet - Tara Gunnels, Morgan Flusche; Alto Saxophone - Lora Walterscheid; French Horn - Georgia Taylor-Saavedra; Trombone - Caroline Gressett.

Students receiving a rating of Excellent were: Alto Saxophone - Noel Rodriguez; Trumpet - Kassie Dangelmayr; Tuba - Jeremy Hess.

In Ensemble Competition, ensembles receiving a rating of Superior were: Clarinet Trio - Morgan

Flusche, Kaylee Hennigan, BriAnna Rohmer;

Woodwind Trio - Lora Walterscheid, Noel Rodriguez, Tara Gunnels, Morgan Flusche;

Brass Trio - Kassie Dangelmayr, Caroline Gressett, Rachel Hare;

Brass Quartet - Savannah Green, Tyler Boaz, Georgia Taylor Saavedra, Jeremy Hess;

Percussion Quartet - Mikaela Lamar, Kevin Barnes, Georgia, Taylor-Saavedra, Caroline Gressett;

Ensembles receiving a rating of Excellent were:

Brass Trio - Kassie Dangelmayr, Delaney Wright, Brandon Hennigan;

Clarinet Trio - Tara Gunnels, Grant Simpson, Tressa Jones;

Flute Quartet - Makayla Mosler, Kyla Haverkamp, Allycen Elliott, Tracey Vogel.

No student from Muenster received a rating lower than "Excellent". Band Director Brad Giles said the students were well prepared, and the students enjoyed the trip.

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The Conference 4A and 5A One-Act Play competition will continue as previously scheduled on May 15-16. All other conferences competing in One-Act Play will be rescheduled. A schedule of the Academic State Meet, including One-Act Play, will be posted on the UIL web site once finalized.

Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival

The Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival, originally scheduled for May 9, has been cancelled. The UIL staff will consult with the 16 participating schools to determine whether or not to reschedule the event at a later date.

Regional Track Meets

All UIL Regional track meets originally scheduled for this weekend, May 1-2, have been cancelled. The State Track and Field Meet will be extended to a three-day format to include semifinals heats. The meet is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 14-16.

Semifinal qualifiers will

be based on the District track meet results. Each region will be represented at the State meet by the top four performances in each event for all conferences.

Hand-held times will be converted to fully automatic times as defined by the National Federation of State High School Association rules. A revised track and field State meet schedule will be posted on the UIL web site no later than Friday, May 1. Qualifiers to the UIL State Track and Field Meet will be posted on the UIL web site on Wednesday, May 6.

Golf State Tournament

The UIL Golf State Tournament will take place at the previously scheduled times beginning May 11.

Tennis State Tournament

The UIL Tennis State Tournament will take place at the previously scheduled times beginning May 11.

Baseball and Softball

No interschool games will take place until May 11 for either softball or baseball.



MUENSTER ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS for the 5th Six Weeks were, from left, front - Katherine Klement, Audrey Carnes, Timothy Luttmmer; Row 2 - Natalie Chism, Chris Kresge, Nolan Bayer, Zachary Sanders; Row 3 - Warren Williams, Devon Brinkley, Katie Kresge, Dean Walterscheid; Row 4 - Mikaela Lamar, Justen Nasura, Delaney Wright, and Devon Hacker. Not pictured - Kristen Reiter. MUSD photo



MUENSTER ELEMENTARY TERRIFIC KIDS for the 5th Six Weeks, sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Muenster, were: PreK - Charley Koesler, Brooke Schroeder, Mariela Rodriguez, and Owen Bayer; K - Jada Binder, Traci Corley, Paden Jarosz, Chloe Tolar, Alexa Waneck, Alexis Bateman, Wade Trubenbach, and Tara Ferrell; 1st - Tyler Carter, Chase McMinn, Erik Bayer, Douglas Boaz, and Hunter Haverkamp; 2nd - Shawn Pumphrey, Lane Baldwin, Parker McGrew, Jacob Pierce, Rudy Saucer, Elizabeth Zimmerer, and Hannah Clure; 3rd - Sidney Carnes, Kagen Dangelmayr, William Medlock, Travis Dangelmayr, Natalie Dangelmayr, Mandy Hacker, and Megan Rohmer; 4th - Craig Bengfort, Billy Felderhoff, Cassie Wright, Bradley Henschel, Amy Luttmmer, and Mathew Porter; 5th - Trevor Lancaster, Katie Pagel, Allie Walterscheid, Travis Vogel, Zane Kemp, Trace Klement, and Abby Luttmmer; 6th - Allycenn Elliott, Chance Herr, Collin Pagel, Morgan Flusche, Savannah Green, Caroline Gressett, and Mikaela Lamar. MUSD photo

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Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAY 4 - 8 SACRED HEART

Mon. - Breakfast burritos w/trimmings, Spanish rice, salsa, green salad, pineapple tidbits.

Tues. - Baked chicken, potatoes, gravy, carrots, peaches, bread.

Wed. - Beef lasagna, corn, peas, garlic bread.

Thurs. - Ham, black-eyed peas, cornbread, green salad, applesauce.

Fri. - Pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks, mixed fruit.

MUESTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili and cheese, French fries, pinto beans, peaches, brownies.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, bananas, cookies.

Thurs. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, cole slaw, pork and beans, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Cheese pizza, corn, lettuce salad, pears.

Tues. - Chili dogs w/cheese, baked beans, fresh fruit.

Wed. - Chicken nuggets (K-6), oven fried drumsticks (7-12), mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pineapple, bread.

Thurs. - Lasagna, peas, lettuce salad, peaches, bread.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Hamburgers, sliced cheese, trimmings, tator tots, fruit mix.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, roll, applesauce.

Wed. - Chili cheese or beef and bean burrito, corn, peas, cookie.

Thurs. - Beef or cheese enchilada, pinto beans, Mexican rice, pineapple.

Fri. - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, breadstick, ice cream.

Honor roll addition

Information the *Muenster Enterprise* received did not include that Alaina Reiter was on the "A/B" Honor Roll at Muenster Elementary for the 5th six weeks.

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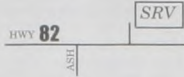
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DR. CLINTON A. MCPHERSON of Lubbock, considered the father of the booming Texas wine industry and longtime chemistry professor at Texas Tech University, is the 2009 recipient of the F.M. Hemphill Distinguished Alumni Award given by the North Central Texas College Ex-Students Association. A former student of then Gainesville Junior College in the late 1930s, Dr. McPherson accepts his award from Patsy Wilson, association president, and congratulations from Dr. Eddie Hadlock, NCTC president.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



A man who "personifies the term civic leader" is how Patsy Wilson and Keith King, NCTC Ex-Students Association president and vice president, respectively, describe this year's honoree for Outstanding Community Service Award. He is CHARLES DRAPER, shown accepting his award from Wilson, left. Looking on are King, right, and Dr. Eddie Hadlock, NCTC president.

WHITE DIAMOND



Lou Ann & David Spaeth congratulated by Ed Wright, NCTC Foundation Board President

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SPORTS

Sacred Heart girls softball team makes TAPPS playoffs

The Sacred Heart girls softball team played at Denton Calvary on Monday, April 20. The top half of the 1st inning, the Tigerettes scored 7 runs. In the bottom half of the 1st, with the bases loaded and no outs, Sacred Heart turned a triple play to get out of the inning. Natalie Endres struggled with her control for most of the game, but settled in nicely after the 3rd inning. The final score was a 28 - 17 victory for the Tigerettes. Leading hitters were: Kaitlyn Felderhoff, 1 BB, 2 hits, 4 RBIs; Kristin LeBrasseur, 2 BB, 3 hits, 5 RBIs; Endres, 6 BB, 2 RBIs; and Sam Wimmer 2 BB, 2 hits, 5 RBIs.

pitched 7 innings, giving up 4 runs and striking out 10. Leading hitters were Reeves, 3 hits; Victoria Endres, 2 hits, 3 RBIs; Elizabeth Marshall, 4 BB, 2 RBIs; and Leah Hess 2 BB, 1 hit, 1 RBI.

Sacred Heart wrapped up the regular season on April 23 at home against Denton Calvary with a 12-0 win. Natalie Endres pitched a 5 inning shutout supported by a strong defense. Leading hitters were Felderhoff, 3 hits, 4 RBIs; Rebekah Hesse,

1 BB, 1 hit; Marshall, 2BB 2 RBI; Reeves, 1BB, 2 hits, 1 RBI; Ginger Bartush, 2 hits, 3 RBIs; and Natalie Endres 2 hits.

Sacred Heart struggled early in the season with only one week to prepare for the first game for most of the starters. According to Coach Lee Aldridge, the girls have really turned it on the last two weeks and are due to meet up with Rockwall Christian in the first round of the playoffs sometime next week.



All-State Tigerettes

Kristin LeBrasseur, above, and Samantha Wimmer, at right. Janie Hartman photos

Regional tennis



Brandon Bindel (left) and Shane Presnall, after finishing District in 2nd place behind Era, qualified for the Regional Tennis Meet held April 21-22 at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. The Muenster doubles team defeated Avery 7-6, 6-1 in their first game, then fell to Frost 5-7, 6-0, 0-6. Era won the meet, with Frost finishing in 2nd to advance to State. MISD photo

Two Tigerettes earn All-State

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches named two Sacred Heart Tigerettes to their All-State Girls Private School A-AA-AAA First Team. Senior Samantha Wimmer and Junior Kristin LeBrasseur were the Sacred Heart players earning a place on the team.

Wimmer, a 5' 7" guard, played 32 games last season. She scored a total of 483 points, pulled down 157 rebounds, had 195 assists, 215 steals, and 109 turnovers. In shooting, she hit 33% from the field, 29% 3s, and 66% free throws.

LeBrasseur, a 5' 7" junior, suited up for 31 games. Her point total added up to 433, with 151 rebounds, 70 assists, 177 steals, and 63 turns.

LeBrasseur hit 54% of her shots, 32% 3s, and 74% from the free throw line.

"This is a very deserving honor for these two young ladies," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "An honor such as this is very reflective of the success of the Tigerettes' 29-4 record and State Semi-Finalists."

Lindsay Lady Knight Softball

The Lady Knights remained undefeated in District play last week after pouncing the Lady Panthers of Saint Jo 27-2.

Lindsay scored 14 runs in the 1st inning, with an error costing 2 runs. The Lady Knights scored 10 in the 2nd and 3 in the 3rd to cap off the score.

Alyx Ethington faced 15 batters, striking out 7, walking 4, and allowing only 1 hit.

Earning runs were Natalie Rose 4; Rose Hermes, Megan Caillier, Ethington, and Kayla Hess 3 apiece; 2 each by Bethani Eberhart, Haley Hughes, Taylor Atkins, and Beverly Knabe; and 1 run each from Lucinda Krahl and Katie Dieter.

The Lady Knights stayed undefeated in District play, with a 6-2 victory over Collinsville last week, to take the District Championship. Lindsay received a bye for the first round of the playoffs and will play the winner of the Saltillo and Celeste game for the Area round on May 9.

Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.

Atkins was the winning pitcher for all 7 innings against the Lady Pirates. She faced 26 batters, allowed 3 hits, struck out 9, and walked 2. Both of Collinsville's runs were unearned.

Ethington had 2 runs, with Caillier, Rose, Hess,

and Atkins each getting 1. Jessica Thurman and Beverly Knabe each got hits.

The Lady Knights had a warm-up game Thursday, April 30 against Seymour. To date, Lindsay's season record is 21-6-2, and 9-0 in District play.

Lindsay Knight Baseball

The Knights lost a hard fought game in the bottom of the 9th inning to Petrolia on April 20. Todd Bezner and Dax Fleitman both pitched during the game.

At the plate, Dean Fleitman got things going with a 3 run home run in the 1st. Madison Parkhill added a solo home run in the 5th.

SACRED HEART TIGER BASEBALL

Irving Stonegate

On Wednesday, April 22, the Tigers traveled to Arlington to play a district game against Irving Stonegate. The Tigers had 13 hits and 4 walks in just 3 innings to give Stonegate a 16-0 District loss. Sam Sparkman pitched the 3 inning game, striking out 5 batters, walking 1, and allowing only 1 hit. Nate Berend went 2 for 2 from the plate with 1 double and 3 RBIs. Sparkman went 3 for 3 with 1 double and 2 RBIs. Greyson Evans was 2 for 3 with a couple of singles and 3 RBIs.

Abilene Christian

On Saturday, April 25, the Tigers traveled down to Watauga on Germanfest Saturday to play a double header against a District opponent. The Tigers faced Abilene Christian, and needed to win both games to put them in a tie for 1st place in TAPPS 2A District 1.

In the first game of the double header, Greyson Evans took the mound. He pitched 4 innings, having 4 strikeouts, 5 walks, and giving up 4 hits. 5 runs crossed the plate with only 1 being earned. Sam Sparkman pitched the 5th inning of this game, having 2 strike-

outs and a walk. Evans went 4 for 4 from the plate with 3 singles, a double, and 4 stolen bases. Matt Hesse went 1 for 2, with a 2 run home run over the right field fence. He also threw a runner out at home from right field. The Tigers won the first game 15-5.

Game 2 against Abilene started off on the wrong foot for the Tigers. Dylan Flusche took the mound to start the game and quickly loaded the bases in the top of the 1st inning with no outs. After he loaded the bases, he struck the next batter out. He then helped himself out when the ball was hit back to him. He threw home, keeping the runner from scoring. The next batter grounded out to

shortstop to keep Abilene Christian from scoring. The Tigers came up to bat in the bottom of the 1st, putting 15 runs across the plate in the inning. All nine Tiger players scored in the 1st inning. Greyson Evans was 1 for 1 for the game with a double and 2 RBIs. Nate Berend was 1 for 1 with 2 RBIs. Dylan Flusche also added a hit and 2 RBIs, pitching 1 2/3 innings, striking out 3, walking 4, and allowing 1 run. Sam Sparkman pitched 1 1/3 innings, striking out 3 batters and not allowing a run. The Tigers won 20-1.

Sacred Heart is tied for 1st with a 7-1 District record with Watauga Harvest. Their next game was for the District Championship.

Muenster track and field members qualify for Regional



Muenster Regional Track qualifiers, from left, back - Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Garrett Walterscheid, Matt Flusche, Eric Hellman, Alex York; middle - Leaha Smith, Michelle Henscheid, Taylor Klement, Shaina Felderhoff, Samantha Endres; Delana Sicking, Demi Koelzer, (Dirk Nowitzki), Jackie Klement, and Emily Hellman. MISD photo

A little advice

Don't do business with people who knock on your door and say, "I just happened to be in the neighborhood."

Never sign contracts with blank spaces.

When you go to borrow money, dress as if you have plenty of it.

Regional golfer



Muenster Senior Jared Flusche and Golf Coach Dan Hamric at the Region III Golf Tournament last week at the Piney Woods Country Club in Nacogdoches. Flusche scored 103 and 108, finishing in the middle of the pack of 96 golfers. Linda Flusche photo

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Photos by Linda Flusche and Janie Hartman

At right - Senior Hornets played their last game in the first season of baseball. From left - Tanner Herr, Jared Flusche, Taylor McGrew, and Paul Crabtree.



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Sacred Heart Junior High Track Meet

The North Texas Independent League held their District Track and Field Meet on April 21 at Knight Field in Lindsay. Sacred Heart Junior High Lady Cubs took the 1st place honors, with the Cubs settling for a close 2nd behind Saint Mary's.

Sacred Heart finishers, their times, distances, and places were as follows:

DIVISION 1
Discus: 2, Andy Flusche, 113'; 3, Clay Hogan, 94' 6".
Shot: 1, Andy Flusche, 43' 10"; 2, Clay Hogan, 42' 7"; 4, John Popovich, 35' 10.5".
Long Jump: 5, John Popovich, 15' 8".
2400m: 1, John Paul Hesse, 8:57; 4, Isaac Walterscheid, 10:22; 5, Brady Endres, 10:32.
4x100m Relay: 2, Clay Hogan, John Popovich, Andy Flusche, and Austin Aldridge, 50.07.
800m: 1, Kevin Flusche, 2:36; 3, Joe Bartush, 2:40.
100m: 6, Chris Bartush, 13.34.
4x200m Relay: 1, Clay Hogan, John Popovich, Andy Flusche, and Austin Aldridge, 1:48.31.
400m: 3, Kevin Flusche,

1:04.50.
200m: 3, Chris Bartush, 27.70.
1200m: 1, John Paul Hesse, 4:17; 2, Joe Bartush, 4:23; 5, Isaac Walterscheid, 4:45.
4x400m: 1, Clay Hogan, John Popovich, Andy Flusche, and John Paul Hesse, 4:08.61.
DIVISION 2
Discus: 2, Mikaela Bartush, 63' 5"; 6, Morgan Hesse, 57' 7".
Shot: 2, Mikaela Bartush, 28' 9.5"; 5, Kaitlin Hesse, 24' 6.5".
Long Jump: 1, Madeline Hanson, 14' 4.5"; 3, Kaitlin Hesse, 13' 9.25"; 5, Bailey Walterscheid, 12' 6.75".
2400m: 3, Devan Henry, 10:59; 6, Sarah Miller, 11:42.
4x100m Relay: 2, Kaitlin Hesse, Peyton Reiter, Danielle Berend, Madeline Hanson, 57.56.
800m: 1, Mikenzie Fleitman, 2:38; 2, Mikayla Fleitman, 2:40.
100m: 2, Bailey Walterscheid, 14.01.
4x200m Relay: 1, Kaitlin Hesse, Peyton Reiter, Danielle Berend, Madeline Hanson, 2:04.
400m: 1, Lindsay Miller, 1:11.83; 2, Mikayla Fleitman, 1:12.90; 3, Mikenzie Fleitman, 1:14.87.

200m: 2, Bailey Walterscheid, 30.11; 3, Danielle Berend, 31.09; 6, Viviana Iglesias, 32.90.
1200m: 1, Mikayla Fleitman, 4:34.28; 3, Mikenzie Fleitman, 4:38.
4x400m Relay: 1, Kaitlin Hesse, Peyton Reiter, Danielle Berend, Madeline Hanson, 4:55.59.
DIVISION 3
Shot: 4, Hayden Schilling, 25' 7.5"; 6, Darian Peters, 24' 2".
100m: 5, Darian Peters, 16.02.
200m: 3, Hayden Schilling, 32.90.
DIVISION 4
Shot: 2, Emily Brogdon, 17' 11.5"; 2, Madison Dugger, 17' 11.5"; 4, Elizabeth Turner, 17' 9"; 5, Madison Hesse, 17' 4.5".
Long Jump: 1, Kylie Hess, 13' 10"; 2, Sarah Davidson, 13' 1.75"; 3, Brooke Henry, 13'.
800m: 1, Kinzie Hess, 2:59; 2, Karleigh Reeves, 3:01.56.
100m: 1, Sara Davidson, 14.39; 3, Brooke Henry, 15.37.
4x200m Relay: 1, Brooke Henry, Sara Davidson, Kylie Hess, and Kinzie Hess, no time available.
400m: 1, Kylie Hess, 1:17; 2, Karleigh Reeves, 1:19.
200m: 1, Sara Davidson, 31.01; 2, Kylie Hess, 32.36.

1200m: 1, Kinzie Hess, no time available.
BOYS FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: 1, St. Mary's, 162; 2, Sacred Heart, 159; 3, Tioga, 56; 4, ICCS, 48; 5, Sivells Bend, 15; 6, Walnut Bend, 7.
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Information about swine flu

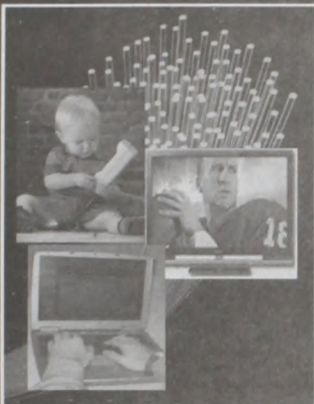
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security:

- People cannot get swine flu from eating pork or pork products. Most influenza viruses, including the swine flu virus, are not spread by food.
- No food safety issues have been identified, related to the flu.
- Preliminary investigations have determined that none of the people infected with the flu had contact with hogs.
- The virus is spreading by human-to-human transmission. Detailed information and updates on the flu outbreak may be obtained at: Texas Department of State Health Services <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/>. More information for producers may be obtained at: Texas Pork Producers Association <http://www.texas-pork.org/>



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FARM AND RANCH

Ag economist is expecting a robust improvement of cattle prices by 2010

The beef industry has suffered one of the most dramatic negative impacts from the general economy but could experience an equally dramatic recovery when the economy rebounds, said a Purdue University agricultural economist.

"As beef cow numbers continue to drop, beef exports continue to improve and the world economy begins to heal, the magnitude of price improvement may be robust by sometime in 2010," said Chris Hurt. "A return to finished cattle prices of \$1 per pound or higher seems probable as per capita beef supplies will be low and competitive meat supplies will drop as well."

Last summer, finished steers were expected to average about \$94 per hundredweight in the first quarter of 2009, Hurt said. As the economy weakened, cattle prices fell and averaged only \$81.50 in the January to March quarter. That's \$12.50 per hundredweight less than expected.

"This represents a reduction in potential revenue of \$750 million just in the first quarter," Hurt said.

The Purdue Extension agricultural economist said that finished cattle prices are moving almost in lock step with the U.S. stock market. "Using weekly data since September, the Dow Jones Industrial Average index and finished cattle prices have had a correlation of nearly 90%," Hurt said. "Of course the stock market doesn't determine cattle prices, but they have both been influenced by macro economic conditions, which reflect weak demand."

And finished cattle prices, like the stock market, had a big recovery in the past six weeks - moving from near \$80 to \$89.

Because of seasonal tendencies, Hurt's not sure

these higher prices are here to stay. He expects finished cattle prices to average somewhere in the mid-\$80 range during the second quarter and then during the summer months increase a couple of dollars.

"Assuming the economy has bottomed out by late 2009, I expect finished cattle prices to return to the high \$80s to the very low \$90s," Hurt said. "If this happens, steer calf prices should average \$100-\$110 this fall, compared with \$95-\$105 last fall."

As to why cattle prices are low, Hurt said supply is not the reason.

In the first quarter of 2009, per capita beef supplies were down about 3%," he said.

He expects beef supplies to remain about 3% below 2008 levels during the second quarter, but said they will be up about 2% in the third quarter and unchanged in the final quarter for this year.

A smaller beef cow herd and fewer cattle in feedlots have provided generally smaller beef supplies, he said.

Hurt points out that retail beef prices have been slower to drop than the price pro-

ducers receive.

"For example, in the first quarter of 2009, retail beef prices averaged \$4.33 per pound compared to \$4.16 a year earlier," he said. "In contrast, Nebraska finished steer prices were about \$81.50 in the first quarter this year compared to \$89.60 a year earlier."

"While live cattle prices were down \$8.10 per hundredweight, consumers had to pay 17 cents more per pound for beef. This means beef marketing margins increased, with the largest portion going to the retailers' margins, which were 13% higher than in early 2008."

It's normal to see farm prices change more rapidly than retail price, Hurt said. He also said there are signs that retail prices and margins are on the decline.

"Retail beef prices peaked at \$4.53 per pound last August and fell to \$4.30 in March," Hurt pointed out. "Retail margins also have been narrowing in recent months. These are both indicators that retail beef prices can further moderate and allow producers to receive a larger portion of consumer beef expenditures in the coming months."

Texas farmers make every day Earth Day

Texas farmers and ranchers celebrate Earth Day every day. True stewards of the land, one could even consider them the pioneer environmentalist. Agriculture is the backbone of rural life and the economy in Texas, and cattle producers have implemented specialized practices that not only conserve, but improve natural resources.

Texas' 149,000 cattle producers are part of the beef industry, the largest segment of American agriculture, in fact cattle production extends over all 254 counties. The majority of these farms and ranches are family owned and operated. Passed down from generation to generation, sustainability practices are an integral part of the beef production process.

"I'm not an environmentalist, but an every day environmentalist," said Minnie Lou Bradley, owner and operator of the Bradley 3 Ranch in north Texas and winner of the regional 2009 Environmental Stewardship Award. "Improving pastures is just one of the ways we care for the land; conservation is a priority for us and part of our daily activities."

Beef production helps preserve the environment by protecting and restoring wildlife habitats for thousands of threatened and endangered species, maintaining hundreds of miles of rivers and streams and sustaining million of acres of open space. On average, beef producers apply 13 different techniques on their land to accomplish conservation goals such as these.

Farmers and ranchers in

the U.S. contribute to a U.S. agriculture system that is the most efficient and productive in the world. Through tremendous scientific advancements, the industry is producing more with less and providing for a growing population while contributing minimally to greenhouse gas emissions. According to EPA, all of livestock agricultural combined contributes less than 2.6% to total greenhouse gas emissions in

the U.S. "A healthy environment contributes to business profitability and the overall lifestyle for ranchers, since many of us live and work on our land," said Bradley. "We see every day how a sustainable environment and good business go hand-in-hand."

For more information on the environmental practices of Texas farmers and ranchers, contact the Texas Beef Council at (800) 846-4113.

Range Stewardship and Stockmanship Clinic set for May 11

A ranching clinic focusing on range stewardship and effective stockmanship, including low stress cattle handling methods, will be held on May 11 at the Brite Ranch in Bowie from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The clinic will provide information on grazing land management, address range recovery from wildfires, as well as current issues and topics important to ranch

management and beef production. The Texas Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI), Texas Agrilife Extension, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are hosting the clinic.

For more information and to RSVP for this program, contact the Chisholm Trail RC&D at 940.872.5329 x 4 before May 6.

COUNTY AGENT REPORT

Ornamental grasses add flair to landscapes

If there is a trouble zone in your landscape, possibly a place that is between woods and yard, or between pond and garden, it is a transition area in need of plants that won't look out of place.

According to the American Nursery and Landscape Association (ANLA), ornamental grasses may be what you are looking for. They can be fast-growing and disease resistant, yet attractive.

Because of this and a trend toward naturalized landscapes, the use of ornamental grasses is on the increase. You may want to consider using them. Also, many hardy native and adapted grasses will thrive here. Grasses are a natural choice to stabilize soil and control erosion.

Many home owners use grasses as accents in the landscape, planting one or two as specimens. A stronger effect can be achieved with mass planting. Plant grasses as a backdrop for perennials or to screen an unattractive view.

In winter, while most plants are dormant, ornamental grasses add color, texture, and movement. Backlighting grasses is another way to wake up landscapes. Ornamental grasses are easy to maintain. There are a few pointers to ensure their success. Grasses are susceptible to crown rot, especially in winter. The majority prefer well drained soils in a sunny location. In many regions, grasses fare best if planted in spring, rather than fall. Springtime planting allows grasses time to get established before winter. Cut back grasses to short clumps in early spring; consider dividing clumps every three years to benefit plant health.

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May 12 - Marketing Club Meeting; Gainesville Farm Bureau Building - 7 p.m.

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiff at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 235TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, COOKE County, Texas, at the courthouse in the city of GAINESVILLE, Texas.
Said petition was filed in said court, on the 9th day of April, 2009 in cause number CV09-00169 on the docket of said court and styled:

SCOTT RICHARDSON, JENNY RICHARDSON vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF J. M. LINDSAY, ET AL

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: WILLIAM B. SULLIVANT
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The intent of the public meeting is to present the Preferred Alternative developed from comments at the last public meeting and to receive public input and to discuss the next steps in the study process. Maps, drawings, and other information about the project will be on display at the meeting to allow interested persons to learn more about the proposed project. Project personnel will be available to assist in orientation and interpretation of the drawings and other material on hand and discuss possible mobility and environmental effects of the proposed project.

Each attendee will have the opportunity to provide the project team with comments and suggestions by discussion with the project team or by submitting written comments. All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Meeting and express their views on the proposed project. Verbal and written comments from the public may be submitted either in person or by mail to:

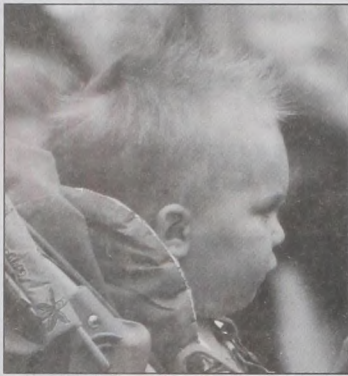
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