



Muenster Knights of Columbus have hosted the German/Germanfest Fun Run for the last 35 years and now have a quilted wall hanging that displays a shirt from each year of the event. Alice Hellman designed and quilted the large wall hanging. Pictured are, from left, Dan Hamric, Alice Hellman, and John D. Bartush. Hamric and Bartush coordinate the Fun Run. Janie Hartman photo

Alice Hellman quilts Fun Run memories for Muenster KCs

By Janet Felderhoff

What do you do with a collection of t-shirts that you want to save as keepsakes, but really don't want taking up clothing storage space? Alice Hellman found a fun solution. She quilted them.

The t-shirts were those of her husband CJ who collected them in various Muenster Knights of Columbus Fun Runs for nearly three decades. She said he saved the shirts and was proud of them. One day she decided that she'd like to do something for him with the shirts to have as a memory. "I just came up with idea to do it," she recalled. "I had 12 of them put together and he took it and showed it to Dan (Hamric) and Dan had such a fit over it. That was several years back. To do something special for their 35th (Fun Run), they asked CJ if he would let them display it."

Alice had a better idea. She offered to quilt a collection of Fun Run t-shirts if they would get the shirts together. Dan had some from the first Fun Run; various others including John S. Bartush, Ben Bindel, Claude Walter, Keith Dieter, Alice Hellman, Chris Walter, Judy Hoberer, and Michelle Bednor contributed shirts until there was only one missing. They placed an ad in the *Muenster Enterprise* asking for that particular one. It was supplied by Janice Vogel Browning who now lives in Indiana. Her husband Karl offered his t-shirt to make the set complete.

"Some of them had paint and grease, and everything else on them, but once I got them all together, you don't even see that," remarked Alice.

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Richerson presides over his first MISD meeting

By Janie Hartman

Superintendent Clay Richerson presided over his first Muenster ISD Board of Trustees meeting on May 12. The evening began with the recognition of Steve Cooper for his contributions to the school district. Board President Steve Trubench noted what a great job Cooper did as interim, then welcomed Richerson as the new superintendent.

Carol Klement administered the Oath of Office and swore in Mel Walterscheid to the Board. Neal Flusche was absent. Walterscheid and Flusche remained on the Board after an election was held. The Board then re-organized the officers, voting Trubench as president, Mel Walterscheid as vice president, and Ben Bindel as secretary.

In old business, the Board discussed the District's new policy on the use of the gym facility. Mr. Richerson noted he would like to discuss the current use policy with coaches and administrators. He is concerned that the gym/facilities use should be monitored. Provision #7 states that a school district employee must be present for supervision at all times. A motion to eliminate #7 special provisions in the use policy and that junior high students or younger have adult supervision was carried by the six members of the Board who were present.

A bid of \$8,400 for the sprinkler system for the football field from Ponderosa Pools was approved. Other maintenance issues included broken glass on ticket booth, trash around football field, equipment left out, fence around football field, rocks on elementary playground,

basketball goals need to be set up on playground, sod, irrigation and reseeding. The Board also approved bid for repair of top surface of track and sealing sides for \$56,100, and accepted the resignation of teacher Carol Cross.

New business began with the acceptance and approval of 56 transfer students for the 2010-11 school year at the discretion of the Campus Transfer Committee. The count includes 16 from Era ISD, eight from Saint Jo, five from Lindsay, and five from Sivells Bend, with 17 of the total being high school students.

Reports included:
 • Elementary - Dates to note: May 25, Kindergarten graduation, 7 p.m., new cafetorium; May 26, 27, 28, early 1 p.m. dismissal; May 28, last day of school!

• Technology - The new high school computer lab and junior high computer lab have been configured by Debra Sicking and Jeff Presnall for two weeks of online testing. Physics, Geometry, Algebra I, Chemistry, and U.S. History end-of-course tests will be administered via the computer and the internet.

• Athletic - MHS athletic teams had a successful year, as seven out of eight sports advanced out of District and into the playoffs.

• Superintendent's Report - There were over 100 applications for the Athletic Director's position. Ten applicants were chosen for interview, to be narrowed down to four for the committee to interview. Band interviews are in progress and a selection will be made soon.

\$10,321.30 was collected for April for ad valorem property taxes paid.

HISTORICAL RESTORATION CONTINUES



Restoration inside the Cooke County Courthouse is in full swing as workers continue renovation throughout the turn of the century building. Above, the lost spiral stairway connecting the north courtroom with upstairs quarters. At right, the west side of the rotunda.



Janie Hartman photos

Watch for Graduation Special next week

Electric Co-op to show off addition



Cooke County Electric Cooperative will host an open house at their new service center, adjacent to the existing building on Hwy. 82, east of Muenster, on Thursday, May 27. The event begins with a 1 p.m. ribbon cutting and continues till 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and tours given. CCEC photo

Sgt. Luttmner wins silver at Warrior Games

By Janet Felderhoff

Army Sgt. Jeremiah Luttmner, a graduate of Lindsay High School, served as a medic in the U.S. Army and was on his second tour of duty in Iraq when he was injured. On March 27, 2008, both bones in his right leg were broken and much of the bone near the ankle shattered. He spent months in the hospital and taking therapy.

Sgt. Luttmner was among the 200 wounded, injured, and ill, active duty servicemen and women from all branches of military service to take part in the Warrior Games held May 10-14 in Colorado Springs at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, the United States Air Force Academy, Memo-

rial Park, and Fort Carson. Athletes were selected proportionately from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard on an invitation basis only. Warrior Games are organized and supported by U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, Department of Defense, USO, and Ride to Recovery.

Luttmner earned a Silver Medal in the Men's 100m - TBI. He took fourth place in both Archery and Marksmanship.

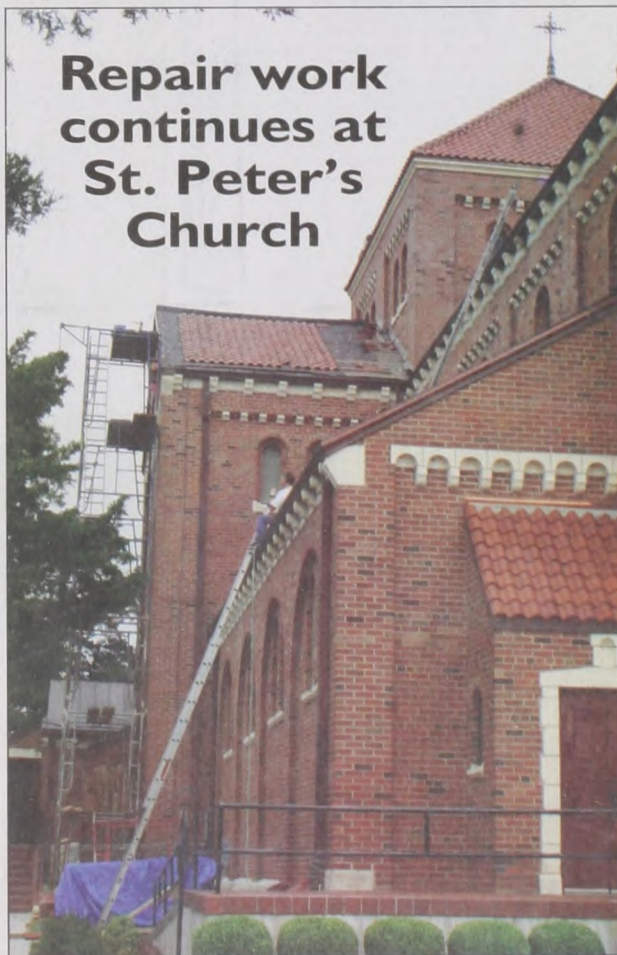
His parents Wayne and Cathy Luttmner of Muenster traveled to Colorado Springs to watch Jeremy participate in the Warrior Games.

Wayne was quoted in a Department of Defense News article by Army Sgt. 1st Class Mi-

chael J. Carden, "Shooting and things like the Warrior Games have gone a long way to his recovery. It's done great things for us, and it's a great way for (wounded warriors) to get motivated again."

Luttmner indicated in the article that he is proud of all the services here together competing against each other. I'm enjoying the heck out of seeing these troops, who've been through so much, doing so well here. It makes me very proud to be a father of a soldier."

In the article Wayne was also quoted, "I love seeing all of the services here together competing against each other. I'm enjoying the heck out of seeing these troops, who've been through so much, doing so well here. It makes me very proud to be a father of a soldier."



Repair work continues at St. Peter's Church

Members of Saint Peter's Parish in Lindsay are working together to raise the necessary funds to finish the important historical restoration of the Church. Months of work, both inside and out, continue on the project that will cost more than \$2.1 million to complete. An "Honoring Our Heritage, Ensuring Our Future" campaign by the parish is now in progress. Janie Hartman photo

Obituary

Dain Schmidtkofer 1994 - 2010

Funeral services for Dain Wyatt Schmidtkofer, age 16 of the Lindsay area, were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12 at the First Baptist Church in Gainesville. Burial was in Van Slyke Cemetery. Pastor Jack Warren, Rev. Ted Buxton, and Rev. Rudy Thrasher officiated. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Dain died at 9:54 p.m. on Sunday, May 9, 2010 at his home. Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the Funeral Home.

Born April 15, 1994 at Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman, Dain was one of the two sons of Butch and Doris Schmidtkofer. His life was spent on the farm northwest of Lindsay. He attended school in Muenster until disabled by an accident.

Dain loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, and driving John Deere tractors. Church

was always a big part of his life. He was known for his big smile and positive attitude and a love for people.

On Aug. 20, 2005, he was in an accident causing a traumatic brain injury, leaving him unable to walk or talk or do anything for himself. He was brought home to be cared for, and be a blessing, not only to his family, but for all who would visit.

There was one thing he did get back and that was the beautiful smile, which he gave everyday. His memory will live on in the hearts of his mother, father, and brother, and the many, many friends who knew him.

Survivors include his parents Butch and Doris Schmidtkofer of Lindsay; brother Derek Schmidtkofer of Lindsay; grandparents Ervin and Carol Henscheid of Muenster, Rachel and Freddie Neu of Gainesville,



Dain Schmidtkofer

and Herbert Schmidtkofer of Lindsay; great-grandmother Geraldine Haverkamp; aunts and uncles Walter and Theresa Schmidtkofer, Kathy and Pat Hacker, Darlene and Jim Williams, Charles Donnelly, Steve and Kyla Henscheid, Brenda and Jimmy Green, and Shirley and Ray Stewart; and numerous cousins.

Pallbearers were Mathew Warren, Jonathan Warren, Lenny Perkins, Tony Hartman, L.W. Voth, Steve Day, and Terry England.

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She worked on them as she got them and isn't sure how many hours are in the quilt. She did it on a machine.

Alice noted that when she made CJs, she went across with the order of the shirts, but on the KC quilting, she went down so that she can add on to the end each time there are five more. It is currently seven squares across and five squares down.

"It was a lot of fun to do, but I worked on it a long time," she said. The quilted shirt display now hangs on the wall in the KC Hall.

To make the KC commemorative quilt, Alice measured the largest picture featured on the front of the Fun Run shirts. That determined the size she would make the quilt squares. She used the back of the shirts for the back of the wall hanging and the shirt front for the front

of the quilted hanging. "I put just a real soft kind of like a felt in between to give it some body," explained Alice. "I did that and sewed around the edges of it about an inch and a half in from the edge. I made them (quilt squares) all first. Then I put them together and I fringed in between. It's really cute!"

Last year, someone challenged Alice to take part in the Fun Run, so she walked it. She said she's not a runner, but she must have enjoyed it because she did it again this year!

CJ and his daughter Christie have run together in the Germanfest Fun Run for 10 consecutive years now.

Alice admits that she loves to quilt. She's been doing it from an early age. She learned the skills of quilting from her mother Agnes Walter who was taught by her

mother Mary Walterscheid. Alice recalled, "My aunts and mother would make these quilt tops and then they would gather together and have quilting parties. We started that when I was quite young. It was just fun to do and I would look forward to having all the aunts over. It was something passed on down and I'm hoping that one of my daughters will take it up." She has two sisters, Judy Hoberer and Rosemary Becker, who quilt baby quilts with her. They always have fun when they get together to quilt.

She's made several quilts, taking pleasure in creating baby quilts for her grandchildren. Alice said with a laugh, "You have to be a little crazy to quilt because you cut the material up and then you sew it back together. It's kinda crazy, but it is an art."

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO May 18, 1945

Local citizens flock to polls Tuesday and purchase war bonds. Weather jumps from hottest to coldest recorded for May; a 47° change in temperature blew into Muenster, dropping from 94° Monday to 47° Tuesday morning. New Arrivals: Quintin to Gary and Caroline Hess; Mary to Joe and Alvina Voth. Theresa Mae Felderhoff places crown on statue of Mary at annual May Queen rites.

50 YEARS AGO May 20, 1960

Population of Muenster increases by 278 in 10 years; count now stands at 1,174. Gertie's Gifts, owned by Mrs. Al Horn, sets formal opening. Norbert Koesler suffers heart attack while in Abilene; he is responding well to treatment. Wedding: Colette Hellman and Jimmy

Jack Biffle. Sister Leonarda is presented with spiritual bouquet of 50 Masses in honor of her Golden Jubilee. Henry Pautler's Service Station robbed by ex-con, who was caught one hour later. New Arrivals: Shirley to Ray and Marcy Wilde; Janell to Frank and Bernice Beyer. Evelyn Flusche is in piano recital.

25 YEARS AGO May 17, 1985

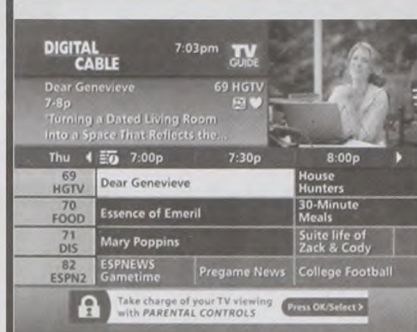
Construction of new building for the Young Children's Learning Center behind the SH Convent is underway. William and Mary Hermes honored as Outstanding Conservationists of the Year in Zone 3. Wedding: Shannon DeVilliers and Douglas Herr. Norbert and Elizabeth Koesler honored on 40th wedding anniversary. New Arrivals: Rachel to Chris and Sandy Felderhoff; Lauren to Gary and Robin Rohmer.

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The rides to the VA, the fundraisers, the love fund, the companies who contributed, and all who called, stopped to visit, or sent a card.

Doug appreciated every one of you.

Thanks to the doctors and staff at Muenster, VA, and Gainesville hospitals who gave him wonderful care, the Moss Lake Fire Dept., and Cooke County EMS for their outstanding efforts.

We also would like to thank Fr. Ken, Fr. Jim, Pastor Day, and Fr. Nick for their support. Thank you Fr. Ken, McCoy Funeral Home, and all who participated in the touching Mass, wake, rosary, and funeral service.

Thanks to the KCs and Catholic Daughters, and all who prepared or donated food for the meal.

Thanks to all for the flowers, cards, gifts of food and kindness shown to us. And finally a big thanks to all who came to say farewell to "Scout."

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Sunday, May 23, 2010	Monday, May 24, 2010	Tuesday, May 25, 2010	Wednesday, May 26, 2010	Thursday, May 27, 2010	Friday, May 28, 2010	Saturday, May 29, 2010
Muenster Museum open- 1-4 pm Muenster Booster Club Golf Tournament	Deadline for SH Vacation Bible School sign-up	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MISD Kindergarten Graduation 7 pm	Library open 1:30-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center MISD early dismissal 1 pm	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. MISD early dismissal 1 pm SHCS 8th grade promotion SHCS LAST DAY of SCHOOL	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. MISD early dismissal 1 pm MISD LAST DAY of SCHOOL MHS graduation 7 pm	Library open 10:30 am-2:30 pm
Sunday, May 30, 2010	Monday, May 31, 2010	Tuesday, June 1, 2010	Wednesday, June 2, 2010	Thursday, June 3, 2010	Friday, June 4, 2010	Saturday, June 5, 2010
Muenster Museum open- 1-4 pm	 MEMORIAL DAY	Library open 10am-6:30 pm Muenster Library story/craft hour 10:30 am	Library open 1:30-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Hornet Baseball Camp	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP Board mtg. 10 am Stanford House Sign-up begins for Muenster Library Reading Program	Library open 10:30 am-2:30 pm

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LIFESTYLE

Warriner, Wiese pledge vows in ceremony in Colorado

Danielle Leigh Warriner and David Nathaniel Wiese were united in marriage on Oct. 3, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Boulder, Colorado. Danielle is the daughter of Donna Warriner of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and the late Bill Warriner. David is the son of Don and Kim Wiese of Gainesville and the grandson of Clara Mae Wiese of Gainesville and the late Francis Wiese and Wilfred Reiter of Muenster and the late Polly Reiter.

The setting for the wedding was a beautiful, sunny, fall day with temperatures in the mid-60s and the Boulder Flatirons in the background. The bride wore a white, strapless Sottero and Midgley wedding gown with beaded lace accents and a bustled Sonata Taffeta skirt. The bridesmaids wore knee-length chocolate brown dresses, while the groomsmen were in black tuxedos with brown vests and ties.

The wedding flowers consisted of orange unique roses and Asiatic lilies with white stephanotis, chocolate brown cosmos, and burgundy calla lilies, bringing forth a beautiful mixture of fall colors. The hand-tied bridal bouquet was accented with Danielle's father's wedding band.

The ceremony began with prelude music provided by Dave Hall, friend of the groom, on the piano. The parents of the bride and groom were escorted into the church by the groom to "Riv-

er Flows in You," by Yiruma. The wedding party then processed into the church to "Reminiscent Joy," by the O'Neill Brothers. The bride was escorted to the altar by her mother to Pachelbel's "Canon in D." Father Kevin Augustyn presided over the ceremony. The couple lit a unity candle during the ceremony to "How Beautiful," by the O'Neill Brothers. The recessional was to Mouret's "Rondeau."

ATTENDANTS

The wedding party consisted of four bridesmaids and four groomsmen. The bridesmaids were Brittnaye Warriner of Hamilton, sister of the bride, Nicole Roossein of Hamilton, and Julie Lofthouse of Tillsonburg, Ontario, both childhood friends of the bride, and Courtney Wright of Denver, a friend of the groom from college. The groomsmen were Brian Wiese of Naperville, Illinois, and Stephen Wiese of Houston, both brothers of the groom, as well as Michael Zangoei of Corinth, and Scott Keeler of Krum, both childhood friends of the groom. Ushers for the wedding were Sassan Mourri of Houston, Jonathan Fentzke of Boulder, and Andrew Chereck of Denver, all college friends of the groom. Christina Wiese of Gainesville, sister of the groom, and Sandy Felderhoff of College Station, Godmother of the groom, were lecturers at the wedding. Lana Wiese, of Gainesville, aunt of the groom, was the cantor for the ceremony.



Mr. and Mrs. David Nathaniel Wiese ... 'nee Danielle Leigh Warriner ...

RECEPTION

The reception was held at the Hotel Boulderado in downtown Boulder after the ceremony. It began with a cocktail hour with passed hors d'oeuvres being served, and entertainment provided by a violin and cello duet from the Boulder Orchestra. The wedding party entered the reception to "Be Somebody" by Kings of Leon, and the newly married couple entered the room to "Accidentally in Love," by the Counting Crows, as it seemed quite fitting for their relationship. A buffet style dinner was served, consisting of beef tenderloin medallions, chicken paprikash, and eggplant parmesan. After dinner, speeches were given by the parents

of the newlyweds, along with Brittnaye Warriner and Brian Wiese. The wedding cake was a three-tier cake with alternating layers of carrot, and chocolate with whipped cream and raspberry filling. It was decorated with Asiatic lilies and accented with chocolate brown ribbon.

Ben Smith, childhood friend of the groom, performed his very own song called "Wild," acoustically on the guitar, for the couple's first dance of the evening. The bride then danced with her mother while the groom danced with his mother to "My Wish," by Rascal Flatts. Dancing consumed the night as a DJ played a mix of songs throughout the evening accompanied by Ben Smith

playing a set of four songs for the crowd to enjoy.

The bride and groom felt extremely blessed by the presence of so many friends and family members in attendance. Nearly all extended family members were able to attend the wedding, and many out of town friends were also able to attend.

The parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner the evening before the reception at a house up in the mountains, inviting all out of town guests, and had a wonderful turnout. Texas-style brisket was served as the main course. The bride and groom played a slideshow of their lives, and Julie Lofthouse and Stephen Wiese both delivered riveting speeches.

After the wedding, the couple honeymooned for two weeks in Hawaii, splitting time between the islands of Maui and Kauai.

Danielle and David met in the summer of 2007 in Munich, Germany, while backpacking through Europe. Danielle is a 2002 graduate

of Sir Allan MacNab High School, and graduated from the University of Guelph in 2006 with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a minor in Marketing Management. She then pursued graduate studies and graduated in June of 2009 with her Masters degree in Human Resources and Industrial Relations from the University of Toronto. She is currently employed as a human resources coordinator for The Medical Center of Aurora. David is a 2000 graduate of Gainesville High School, and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering. In 2007, he graduated with his Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering Sciences from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and is currently working towards his PhD degree at the same institution. Their hobbies include snowboarding together during the winter months and camping and hiking during the summer months.

Come one, come all, and join the Circus of the Stars

Sacred Heart Parish Vacation Bible School will be held June 14 through 18. The circus train will be making daily stops at fun filled stations that will encourage Bible teachings and love of fellow team members. There will be a variety of activities including crafts, music, games, mission teachings, and chapel time.

All students Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to jump on board and praise the Lord. Sign up now and don't miss the train! Deadline is May 24. You can pick up applications at the Sacred Heart business office or call Angela Hennigan at 759-4434 or Karri Bindel 759-2108.

Muenster Library offers two summer reading programs for teens and younger kids

Join the fun at Muenster Public Library this summer! They are offering two reading club programs this summer: Catch the Reading Express for children to age 12, and Texas Teens Read,

for ages 13 and above. Children and teens can read (depending on age level) either 20 easy books or five chapter or teen books for a free ice cream coupon and other prizes. Summer Reading Club sign up begins June 3 and ends July 31.

Muenster Public Library offers a weekly story and craft hour at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday for preschool age children.

Library hours are Tuesday/Thursday 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Wed. 1:30-5:30 p.m., and Saturday 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. They are located at 418 N. Elm Street. Call 759-4291 for more information.

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The Red River Valley Tourism Association (RRVTA) would like to invite you to this year's regional event of the season - the U.S. Hwy. 82/287 Yard Sale! In North Texas on June 4 and 5, there will be yard sales, garage sales, sidewalk sales, farmers markets, and flea markets all along 425 miles of the Highway 82 and Highway 287 corridors. From as far as New Boston in the east, to Munday and Seymour in the west, south to Henrietta, north to Quanah, and points in between, you are sure to find something that will peak your interest.

Along the way, participating towns will have maps available guiding shoppers to the special sales throughout their communities. The maps will also direct travelers to the other destinations along the route. Some towns will have city-wide yard sales set up at a central location, while others may have them spread throughout the community. Still others will showcase their downtown merchants or their flea markets/trade days.

Muenster is participating, and the Chamber of Commerce urges any local residents who are interested in holding a sale to sign up for the event by May 28 to be

Whitecotton receives Masters

Thomas Whitecotton received his Masters degree from the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington on Saturday, May 15. He graduated from Sacred Heart School in 2003. Thomas is the son of David and Helen Whitecotton of Montague, and the grandson of Norbert and Ella Mae Rohmer of Muenster and Robert and Dorothy Whitecotton of Montague.

First Communion celebrated

Phillip and Brenda Flusche hosted a party for their son Nathan to celebrate the occasion of his First Communion. There was a barbecue dinner served followed by a cross cake made and decorated by Nathan's mother Brenda. After lunch, Nathan opened gifts. Those present were Nathan's parents; siblings Jacqueline Flusche

included on the map. To be included on the map, contact the Chamber at 759-2227. There will still be the annual community-wide garage sale this September.

Check them out on the web at [HYPERLINK "http://www.redrivervalley.info/"](http://www.hyperlinkhttp://www.redrivervalley.info/) or <http://www.redrivervalley.info/> for more information to help plan your trip. On the website, you will find links to the various communities that play a part in the sale along with contact information for each town. The city websites will let you know where maps can be picked up. The RRVTA site will also display a map with all of the participating towns.

Make plans now to travel through the Red River Valley region of North Texas for the U.S. Hwy. 82/287 Yard Sale. You'll discover fun for the whole family—from heritage homes to historic downtowns, from art to antiques, from cattle trails to cultural facilities. Participating U.S.

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Hwy. 287 (North to South) 2010 Participating Communities: Quanah - Chamber of Commerce, Vernon - Chamber of Commerce, Henrietta - Dairy Queen.

Walterscheid graduates from OSU - Stillwater

David Anthony Walterscheid, son of T.J. Walterscheid and Jeannene Walterscheid, earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology (CEAT). The spring commencement ceremony was held Saturday, May 8, at Gallagher-Iba Arena at 4:30 p.m.

David's honors include being the recipient of the Paul Pigott Memorial scholarship, OSU President's Distinguished scholarship, and the OSU CEAT Dean's Academic Excellence scholarship. Multiple times, he was named to the President's Honor Roll and the Dean's Honor Roll while enrolled at OSU.

His activities included being

a member of the OSU SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Baja team for four years, serving as vice president and Baja student advisor.

David also was a member of the mechanical engineering honor society Pi Tau Sigma and recently, he successfully passed the Fundamentals of Engineering exam. He has accepted a position with CBS ArcSafe, a group CBS Company, in Denton as a mechanical engineer.



David Walterscheid

who is his Godmother, Nicholas Flusche, Adria Flusche, Kevin, Zachary, and Kendra Flusche; grandmother Nancy Krahl of Valley View; aunts, uncles, and cousins Elaine and E.J. Schad of Valley View, Carl and Laura Flusche and Erick Flusche of Lewisville, and Damian Krahl and Louis Krahl of Lindsay.

Gina Yosten earns doctorate

Gina L. C. Yosten, daughter of Doug and Lynda Yosten of Muenster, graduated from Saint Louis University on May 15. She received her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree from the Department of Pharmacological and Physiological Science in the Saint Louis University School of Medicine. A Ph.D. represents the highest academic degree achievable.

Gina defended her doctoral dissertation entitled "Neuropeptides at the Intersection of Autonomic Regulation and Appetite: Nesfatin-1 and Neuronostatin," in a public seminar on March 26. Her work focuses on the role of small proteins in the brain that control blood pressure and appetite.

Family and friends in attendance at the public defense included her parents, her sister and brother-in-law



Gina Yosten

Tara and Jeff Wenzel, and her niece and nephew Carolyn and Jacob. Also attending were her grandmother Clara Klement, aunts and uncle Judy Milner, Kathy Bonner, Jeanette Hess, and Kaye and Ray Wimmer, as well as her boyfriend Dr. Grant Kolar, and Dr. Stanley and Sarah Kolar, Grant's parents.

Dr. Yosten will continue her work at Saint Louis University as a post-doctoral researcher in the laboratory of Dr. Rick Samson. Dr. Yosten previously graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 2000 and received a Bachelor of Science in Zoology/Biomedical Sciences from the University of Oklahoma in 2004.

New Arrivals



Eric Scott

Scott

George and Melissa (Miller) Scott are proud to announce the birth of their son, Eric George Scott. Eric was born on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 12:17 p.m. in Grand Junction, Colorado. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 20 inches in length. He joins his brother Neil, age two. Eric's grandparents are

Robert and Betty Miller of Muenster, and Stephen and Christine White of Grand Junction. Julie Miller of Muenster, Patrick and Jacquelyne Miller of Lake Jackson, Texas, and Michael Miller of Coppell are all looking forward to playing with their new little nephew soon.

Tatiana Torokov. Great-grandparents are Nancy Krahl of Valley View and Louise Schad of Lindsay.

Schilling

Charles and Jacqueline Schilling of Muenster announce with joy the birth of their son Duwayne Edward Schilling. Duwayne was born Thursday, March 22, 2010 at 1:24 p.m. in North Texas Medical Center. He weighed 9 lb. 3 oz. and measured 22 inches in length. Duwayne is welcomed by his sister Joan, age one. Grandparents are Skipper and Barbara Bezner of Lindsay and Duwayne and Sharlene Schilling of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Charles Wimmer of Muenster and the late Isabel, Joe and Anna Mae Bezner of Lindsay, Richard and Florence Schumacher of Gainesville, and the late Frank and Caroline Schilling.

Torokov

Alex and Emmy Torokov of Frisco announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Laine Torokov, at 7:19 p.m. on April 14, 2010, at Texas Health Presbyterian in Dallas. She weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are E. J. and Elaine Schad of Valley View and Sergey Torokov of Toronto, Canada and the late

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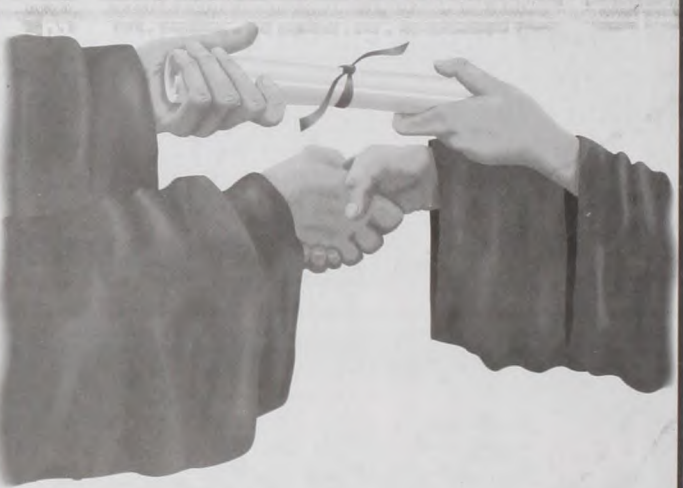
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SHCS recognizes student achievements



Sacred Heart Catholic School third and fourth graders attending a recent Ranger game included, from left, above - Stephanie Koesler, Morgan Hennigan, Mackenzie Mason, Ashleigh Fisher; below - Robert Hanson, Julian Hesse, Roy Endres. SHCS photo



Students attend Ranger game

Sacred Heart Catholic School third and fourth graders have been involved in an integrated unit of study using baseball as a theme. The group completed an internet research project on Texas Rangers baseball players. This information was used to complete individual biography fact cards on most of the players. Students added original designs and the cards were collected in a special book that has been sent to the Texas Rangers.

Students enjoyed learning

how to score a baseball game and had a chance to practice this skill while attending the recent Ranger/Oakland A's afternoon game. After the game, students returned to the classroom to find out how the statistics on players are calculated, and completed graphs and charts using salaries for the 25 highest paid baseball players.

Being true fans, all students wore a Texas Ranger t-shirt to the game. Students enjoyed the enrichment study as they finished the school year.

Sacred Heart Catholic School High School students were honored for their academic and athletic excellence at an All Awards Banquet May 13 at the Sacred Heart Community Center. About 200 students, teachers, parents, and friends attended the buffet-style dinner sponsored by the SH Alumni Association and coordinated by Monica LeBrasseur. SHCS eighth grade students acted as servers.

John Krawietz, Mr. Sacred Heart, served as the master of ceremonies. Ryan Henseheid, Student Council president, welcomed attendees, and Isaac Davis, valedictorian, gave the opening prayer.

Ryan Starrett began the presentation of the academic awards by announcing freshman John Paul Hesse as the winner of the World Geography award. Hesse also received the Religion I medal with Religion II awarded to Taylor Reiter and Religion III to Michael Davis.

Spanish teacher Angela Proto announced Spanish I honors for Isaac Barnhill, Spanish II for Michael Davis, and Spanish III for Taylor Reiter.

Katrinka Bartush gave the Sophomore Chemistry award to Mark Bartush. For the first time in Sacred Heart history there was a three-way tie for the Junior Chemistry award, which went to Haley Hess, Megan Hesse, and Taylor Reiter. The freshman Physics award went to John Paul Hesse and the Senior Physics honors to Isaac Davis.

John Paul Hesse had a busy evening collecting his many awards. Jeffrey Lawson presented Hesse with the English I award, with Bob Bartush beating out two other students by only two-tenths of a point for English II. Taylor Reiter took home English III honors.

Dolores Hofbauer presented the Algebra I medal to Madison Decker, with Jennifer Fuhrmann announcing

Algebra II honors for freshman John Paul Hesse, sophomore Marbella Hernandez, and junior Sara Strother.

Jon LeBrasseur handed the U.S. History award to Taylor Reiter, with Rich Lewis presenting the Sophomore U.S. History award to Mark Bartush. In computer science, Mr. Lewis recognized John Paul Hesse for the entry level animation program and Michael Davis for multi-media.

Choir teacher Clint Kelly recognized the entire choir, explaining to the audience that choir is a team event, with each member working together in order to compete. Fourteen choir members competed in Regional competition, with seven advancing to State.

In his dual role as principal of Sacred Heart and pre-calculus teacher, Dr. Rafael Rondon presented the pre-cal award to Matthew Hesse.

Phillip Vogal was announced as the Outstanding Art Student by Cecilia Ashley.

Fifteen students, the largest number in years, qualified for State competition in academic events. Those competing were Bob Bartush, Math; Mark Bartush, Number Sense/Science; Michael Davis, Current Events/Science; Austin Springer, Computer Science; Josh Biffle, Number Sense; Jae Im, Advanced Math/Number Sense/Calculator/Science; Zac Moritz, Persuasive Speaking; Chad Henseheid, Calculator; Jordan Henseheid, Spelling; Megan Hesse, Literary Criticism; Rebekah Hesse, Ready Writing; Eryn Moody, Prose Interpretation, and Kelsey Reeves, Math.

Cooke County Youth Fair winners were recognized along with ribbons being presented.

Coach Jon LeBrasseur began the presentation of the athletic awards by reminding athletes that the familiar motto, "Life is short, play hard," should be restated, "Life is short, pray hard."

The 2009-10 cheerleaders were recognized for receiving one Excellent ribbon and several Superior ribbons at cheer camp last summer.

The 2009-10 dance team received six special recognition ribbons at their camp.

Head football Coach Dale Schilling told the crowd that after a 3-3 start, the Tigers reeled off seven straight wins, including two playoff games. "These boys were over achievers," Schilling said proudly. "They grew as players, as men, and they grew spiritually."

Schilling, who also serves as the track coach, stated he

was surprised when the girls' team ended up Co-District champs, but also surprised that the boys' team failed to win State. However, the boys' team took home four personal records.

Sacred Heart's boys' golf team, composed of John Krawietz, Kevin Kulle, Jae Im, and Austin Springer, placed second in State after leading the tournament the first day of competition. Shelby Ratliff of the girls' golf team also qualified for the State tournament. Both Ratliff and Kulle placed in the top 10 players at State.

In cross country State winners were named.

Basketball Coach Jon LeBrasseur announced the boys' team record of 23-3 was the best ever posted by a Tiger team. The Tigerettes had a 21-6 season marred by injuries.

The 2010 Tiger baseball team posted one of their best seasons, ending up as District Runner-ups. In girls' softball, Mikaela Bartush was named Newcomer of the Year.

Senior athletes who participated in three or more sports were recognized with each receiving a \$100 savings bond.

The bond will remain with the Alumni Association until it matures, at which time it will then be presented

to Sacred Heart School in their name. Those athletes were Ian Barnhill, Garrett Berend, Kyle Knabe, Kevin Kulle, David Miller, Josiah Yosten, Ginger Bartush, Jae Im, John Krawietz, Kristin LeBrasseur, and Gene Yosten, Jr.

Three-sport athletes from the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes were also presented for their outstanding efforts.

Letter jacket awards were presented to Jae Im, Elizabeth Marshall, Erin Moody, Victoria Endres, Hayley Hess, Alex Turner, Bob Bartush, Josh Biffle, Michael Davis, Austin Miller, Kelsey Reeves, Austin Springer, and Benjamin Yosten. These students will proudly wear their SHCS letter jackets.

Christy Hesse announced the \$5,000 Felderhoff Scholarship recipient. Ruth Felderhoff, a beloved Sacred Heart music teacher, served the community for many years. With the passing of Felderhoff, Isaac Davis stepped up to take over and provide piano accompaniment whenever needed.

The Muenster Memorial Hospital David M. Bright scholarship was presented to Ginger Bartush.

The night's festivities were closed with prayer by Ms. Sacred Heart Kristin LeBrasseur.



Above - Isaac Davis, center, accepts the Felderhoff Scholarship from the Felderhoff siblings, from left, Christy Hesse, Jenny White, Rose Ganzon, and Anne Hesse. Below - John Paul Hesse, left, accepts Computer Science award from teacher Rich Lewis. SHCS photos



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- Thurs. - Ham and cheese sand-

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Kulle, LeBrasseur honored by TABC

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches named Sacred Heart's seniors Kevin Kulle and Kristin LeBrasseur to the 2009-10 Basketball Dream Team. Both players were named to the First Team which consisted of all private schools in the state of Texas in classes A-AA-AAA. "This is a great honor for two very good basketball players and two great young people," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Both Kevin and Kristin have been very instrumental in the success of their teams and in the basketball programs here at Sacred Heart."

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Hornets hook only a point at State

Muenster Hornets Jeremy Lutkenhaus and Eric Hellman earned only 1 point at the Class A UIL State Track and Field Meet last Friday in Austin.

Lutkenhaus threw the discus 141' 10" for a 6th place. His shot put throw, a distance of 44' 04.5" was good enough for 8th.

Hellman took part in the 300m high hurdle race, finishing in 7th place with a time of 41.49.

Both Hornets and are seniors at Muenster High School.



State Gold Winners - At left, Ross Jones, and above, Robert Arend took 1st place in their events to boost the Lindsay Knights to a State Championship. Photos courtesy of Keith Byrom

Lindsay Knights win Class A State Track & Field Championship

The Lindsay Knights brought home the Class A UIL State Track & Field Championship last Friday, earning 50 team points, a dozen over 2nd place Alto.

Ross Jones and Robert Arend won Gold medals. Jones' 6' 08" High Jump and Arend's 100m Dash time of 1:14 both took 1st.

Ryan Haverkamp brought home the Silver in the 300m Hurdles, finishing at 40.18, with the Knights 4x100m Relay Team of Arend, Haverkamp, Blake Walker, and Jordan Lane also in 2nd, clocking in at 43.04.

Arend finished the 200m with a time of 22.55 for 3rd place.

The Lady Knights finished the State meet in 4th place with 30 points, behind Dallas Gateway 40, Era 38, and Shiner 36.

Lindsay's 4x400m team finished 2nd behind Era, clocking in at 4:08.77. Era's time was 4:07.36. Winning the Silver were Katie Arendt, Megan Caillier, Bethany Eberhart, and Kelsey Hermes.

Distance runner Hermes also placed 3rd in the 1600m, clocking in at 5:16.30 and 4th in the 3200m with a time of 11:35.86.

Two Lady Knights, Megan Caillier and Shirley Hess competed in the 800m race. Caillier finished 4th with a 2:23.17 time and Hess 8th at 2:32.06.

Hornet Basketball Camp starts June 7

Muenster Hornet Coach Jason Atcheson will be conducting the 2010 Hornet Basketball Camp again this year. The camp will be Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 11 in the Muenster ISD gymnasium.

There will be three sessions. Session one is for grades entering 4, 5, and 6, Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Session two is for grades entering 7, 8, and 9, Monday through Thursday, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Session three will be held Friday only from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for grades entering 1, 2, and 3.

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through the summer and prepare yourself for this competitive and exciting game," noted Coach Atcheson.

Assisting Atcheson will be Coaches Amy Binder, Courtney Christenson, and former Hornets and Lady Hornets.

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FARM & RANCH

Higher truck weight limits needed

Senators blast USDA's "Know Your Farmer" campaign

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan are hard at work sending the American public to www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer to learn that food comes from real farmers, not from the grocery or convenience store. But the campaign has come under fire from Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Senate Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), and House Agriculture Committee Member Pat Roberts (R-KS).

A sharply worded letter to Sec. Vilsack from the three Republicans this week charges that "While the concept of educating consumers about production agriculture is a worthwhile endeavor, we have serious misgivings about the direction of the Know Your Farmers program." The letter states that along with trying to link consumers to farmers, the initiative "also involves subsidizing the so-called locavore niche market." The letter says that after spending \$65 million this year, USDA "has pledged to deliver millions more in Fiscal Year 2011" on the program.

Among the letter's other charges: "Unfortunately, this spending doesn't appear geared toward conventional farmers who produce the vast majority of our nation's food supply, but is instead aimed at small, hobbyist and organic producers whose customers generally consist of affluent patrons at urban farmers markets."

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Increasing truck weight limits for those hauling farm goods and building better rail networks will be key transportation issues for the future of agriculture in the Lone Star State.

That was the message delivered by Texas Farm Bureau State Director Charles Ray Huddleston during a joint hearing of the Texas House Agriculture and Transportation committees in Austin on April 28.

"The quality of ground and rail transportation networks in rural Texas has a direct correlation to economic development and sustainability," Huddleston said. "The existing agriculture-related transportation infrastructure could be made more efficient. At the same time, however, we also believe en-

uring the safety of the public on our roads and bridges is paramount."

No doubt, the two pose challenges when facilitating the flow of commerce across the state, Huddleston said. But solutions are available.

For one, Texas Farm Bureau policy supports increasing truck weight limits for agricultural goods.

"With greater weight tolerances, the agricultural industry can enjoy cost savings in terms of labor and time, as well as reduce fuel consumption and the number of trips across the road," Huddleston said.

Further, weights should be the same for federal, state, and county roads, Huddleston told lawmakers, which would allow trucks the most direct access to market or processing.

"While there are certain avenues by which producers can legally transport overweight on certain roads, those permit costs take away from a producer's already slim margin of profitability," he said. "Unlike other trucking operations, we cannot simply pass on our costs to the consumer. Producers are price takers, not price makers."

Huddleston also testified that transportation dollars be spent to improve maintenance of Farm-to-Market highways and rural roads, and that roads and bridges be upgraded to handle 80,000-pound loads. "Agricultural producers as well as the general public would benefit from new roads engineered to sustain greater weight tolerances," he said.

Unlike other sectors, Huddleston added, rail remains a critical component to agriculture.

"While railroads are more federally governed, there are ways the Legislature can influence those decisions," he said. "For example, producers regularly complain about the cost and lack of access points as a deterrent for using railroads. Deterioration of our rail systems' side tracks and spurs is another problem frequently cited. Working directly with rail companies to assure rail cars are available during critical harvest times would be of great benefit."

Huddleston is one of several Texas Farm Bureau leaders offering committee testimony this year. Committees will use information gleaned from these hearings to help craft legislation for the 2011 Legislature.

County Agent's Report

It is time to check your lawn irrigation system

Over time, even the most efficiently designed irrigation system will begin to break down. In the absence of a regular maintenance program, minor operation and performance problems can continue for months resulting in excessive water use, reduced efficiency, and decreased plant performance.

Sunken sprinkler heads that do not "pop-up" properly, misaligned spray patterns that throw water onto streets, sidewalks, or hardscapes, and broken or missing sprinkler heads resulting from mower damage can result in significant water waste. Performance problems are often inherent in an irrigation system. A sprinkler system where the heads are spaced too far apart will result in poor wa-

ter distribution and/or dry spots in the landscape. In order to compensate for this poor uniformity, the system is often set to operate longer, which in turn over-waters most of the landscape.

To determine how much water your lawn is actually receiving when it is irrigated, you should conduct a "catch can" test. Catch tests measure the amount of water that actually hits the ground at various points within the landscape, and also serves to measure application uniformity. It is important to conduct catch tests for each individual zone or "station" on an irrigation system.

Follow the guidelines, available from earthkind.tamu.edu when conducting a catch test.

Cattle culling decisions

With the high cull cow prices we are currently seeing, it may be a good time to get rid of some of our less desirable mother cows. There are many reasons to "let a cow go." Some of these are very obvious: lameness, poor performance, and age. However, we really should place

a higher degree of importance on disposition. Cattle that are nervous or have bad temperaments are dangerous, hard to work with, and now it has been discovered, less likely to become pregnant. This holds true for cattle that are bred artificially as well as for those that are bred naturally.

University of Florida animal scientists recorded disposition scores over two years on 160 crossbred cows. They evaluated the effects of cow temperament, energy status, and blood cortisol level (a hormone released when mammals are stressed or excited) on the probability to become pregnant during a 90-day natural breeding season.

Results indicated that blood cortisol concentrations and poor temperament were both associated with decreased probability of pregnancy. These results suggest that excitable temperament and the consequent elevated cortisol concentrations are detrimental to reproductive function of cows. The authors concluded that management strategies that improve cow disposition, enhance their immune status, and maintain the cowherd at adequate levels of nutrition are required for optimal reproductive performance.

Dates to remember

May 20 - Lawn Management, Leonard Park Pavilion, 6 p.m.

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TDA market recap

For the week ending May 15, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions were again mixed, from \$5 lower per hundredweight to \$6 higher.

Grain prices lowered as outside influences, including lower stock markets, a stronger dollar, and lower crude oil pressured markets and raised concerns that demand might weaken.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.34-1.47; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.34; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.26-1.42; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.26; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.17-1.33; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.17; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.14-1.26; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.14; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.11-1.23; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-1.11; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .99-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.90	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$810-\$1000; Medium Frame: \$550-\$800 Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1250; Medium Frame: \$650-\$1000 Baby Calves: Holstein/NT Cross Breds: \$115-\$310	Ewes (per lb.) Stocker: NT, Thin: NT, Fat: NT Bucks (per lb.) Thin: NT, Fat: NT Barbardo (per head) Lambs: \$35-\$85; Ewes: \$35-\$65; Bucks: \$100-\$300 Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs. \$20-\$55; 35-55 lbs. \$35-\$85; 55-75 lbs. \$55-\$110 Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs. \$110-\$130 Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$20-\$55; Milk Type: \$35-\$85; Slaughter: \$35-\$110; Thin: \$35-\$55 Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders: \$110-\$35; Slaughter: \$90-\$110 Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT, 3/4 Nanny: NT, Full Nanny: NT, 1/2 Billy: NT, 3/4 Billy: NT, Full Billy: NT
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.12-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.12; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.16-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.16; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.09-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-1.09; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.07-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-1.07; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-1.01; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .88-1.03; Nos. 2 & 3, .55-.88	Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs. 55-100; 25-90 lbs. 40-55 Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 or less: 49-58; Light wt., 400-500: 55-62; Med. wt., 500-600: 55-62; Heavy wt., 500+: 55-62 Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: NT, 200-300 lbs.: .17-.25; Light wt.: .35-.45 Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs.: 1.10-1.30; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs.: 1.10-1.30; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs.: .80-1.20	Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter: Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs.: 65-79; Slaughter Cows: #1&3, 55-66; Cuts: 39-55

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KWB busy with springtime plans

It can be heavily argued that one does not have to look far within Western Grayson County to find volunteer groups who truly are making a difference in their community.

Keep Whitesboro Beautiful is an organization that is still veritably young in its existence, yet the fruits of its labor are becoming evident up and down Whitesboro streets with each passing day.

Founded in July of 2007, KWB sprouted from an attempt by downtown merchants Jack Humes and Hank Lovejoy to form a Whitesboro Downtown Business Association.

"KWB came from that," said current president Sharron Welch. "The idea was to involve the entire community rather than just its downtown merchants."

Their mission is simple; the continuing improvement of Whitesboro... both its curbside appeal and

its business climate.

A recent KWB success was the receiving of an \$11,000 grant from the Texoma Council of Governments for 10 new trash cans and 20 recycling bins. The trash containers have been distributed throughout the city and the recycling containers remain on hand at city hall for special events.

"These are not regular trash cans," Welch said. "They are 300 lb. apiece and extremely heavy duty."

After months of rain, delays and hard work, KWB crews have been busy replacing the aged and weathered fountain at Trolling Park in Whitesboro which is scheduled for a late April rededication.

"We are leaving the existing pond and dedication," Welch said. "But we have re-covered it with flagstone and installed a flagstone sidewalk and up to three new park



Keep Whitesboro Beautiful has long been at work refurbishing the decayed fountain at Trolling Park in Whitesboro. Their work will be dedicated on Sunday, April 25.

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benches.”

Another championing success of the young group is the recent Adopt-A-County-Road Program that KWB brought to life with the help of Grayson County Commissioner Precinct 3 Jackie Crisp.

The litter pick-up program is reportedly off to an amazing start and is one of few like it in the state.

KWB has also assumed responsibility of maintaining the flower beds on either end of Main Street that were installed by WEDCO early last year.

“That is a project we have inherited,” Welch said. “But we partnered with the local 4-H and they have been incredible about helping us keep the planters maintained.”

Back in November, KWB also sponsored a Wildflower Seed Ball Workshop with master gardener Debbie Perry.

KWB members have announced plans for early spring events for local residents which will include suggested community wide garage sales, a downtown Saturday, and a Sunday afternoon pot-luck picnic in Trollinger Park following the dedication of the refurbished fountain.

Saturday, April 24, has been set as the celebration for “Whitesboro-N-Bloom.” The downtown area will be the focus of blooms, hanging baskets and flowers with various activities now in the planning stage.

In conjunction with these plans, KWB members are urging Whitesboro residents to clean up, fix up, spruce up, and clean out unwanted items from back rooms, storage sheds, and garages, and have a community wide garage sale on that Saturday.

The city will sponsor its annual Spring Clean-Up Week April 19 - 24, and big trash items may be brought to the Wilson Street yard for disposal. A current utility bill must be presented at the time of depositing those items.

Sunday afternoon, April 25, KWB will dedicate the refurbished Troll-

inger Park. Local dignitaries will be present, and the community is invited to attend. Each family is urged to pack a picnic lunch to spread together after church.

Two plaques which are currently placed at the fountain site will remain, with the addition of a third which will denote the date of the present restoration dedication. Following the ceremony, everyone is encouraged to join together and enjoy a “Pot Luck Picnic in the Park.”

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			Rows	Plants						
Asparagus	1 oz/66 plants	1-1½, 6-8	36-48	18	5	Feb 3-Feb 7	Not Recommended	730	60	30 lbs
Beans, Green Bush	½ lb	1-1½	24-36	3-4	1½	Mar 17-Apr 14	Aug 1-Sept 15	45-60	14	120 lbs
Beans, Green Pole	½ lb	1-1½	36-48	4-6	6	Mar 17-Apr 14	July 28-Aug 11	60-70	30	150 lbs
Beans, Lima Bush	½ lb	1-1½	30-36	3-4	1½	Mar 17-Apr 14	Aug 15-Sept 15	65-80	14	25 lbs shelled
Beans, Lima Pole	¼ lb	1-1½	36-48	12-18	6	Mar 17-Apr 14	July 28-Aug 11	75-85	40	50 lbs shelled
Beets	1 oz	1	14-24	2	1½	Feb 3-Feb 17	Sept 1-Oct 1	50-60	30	150 lbs
Broccoli	¼ oz	½	24-36	14-24	3	Feb 3-Feb 17	Aug 15-Sept 30	60-80	40	100 lbs
Brussels Sprouts	¼ oz	½	24-36	14-24	2	Feb 3-Feb 17	Aug 15-Sept 30	90-100	21	75 lbs
Cabbage	¼ oz	½	24-36	14-24	1½	Feb 3-Feb 17	Aug 15-Sept 30	60-90	40	150 lbs
Cabbage, Chinese	¼ oz	½	18-30	8-12	1½	Feb 3-Feb 17	Aug 11- Aug 25	65-70	21	80 heads
Carrot	½ oz	½	14-24	2	1	Feb 3- Feb 17	Sept 1-Sept 30	70-80	21	100 lbs
Cauliflower	¼ oz	½	24-36	14-24	3	Not Recommended	Aug 15-Sept 20	70-90	14	100 lbs
Chards, Swiss	2 oz	1	18-30	6	1½	Feb 3-Mar 3	Aug 15-Sept 15	45-55	40	75 lbs
Collard	¼ oz	½	18-36	8-16	2	Feb 3-Mar 3	Aug 25-Sept 22	50-80	60	100 lbs
Corn, Sweet	3-4 oz	1-2	24-36	12-18	6	Mar 17-Apr 28	Aug 11-Aug 25	70-90	10	10 dozen
Cucumber	½ oz	½	48-72	24-48	1	Mar 17-Apr 28	Aug 25-Sept 5	50-70	30	120 lbs
Eggplant	¼ oz	½	24-36	18-24	3	Mar 31-Apr 28	July 28-Aug 25	80-90	90	100 lbs
Garlic	1 lb	1-2	14-24	2-4	1	Feb 3-Feb 17	Not Recommended	140-150	—	40 lbs
Kale	¼ oz	½	18-36	8-16	2	Feb 3-Mar 3	Aug 25-Sept 22	50-80	60	100 lbs
Kohlrabi	¼ oz	½	14-24	4-6	1½	Feb 3-Mar 3	Aug 15-Sept 20	55-75	14	75 lbs
Lettuce	¼ oz	½	14-24	2-3	1	Feb 3-Mar 31	Sept 1-Sept 30	40-80	21	50 lbs
Cantaloupe	½ oz	1	60-96	24-36	1	Mar 17-Apr 28	July 28-Aug 11	85-100	30	100 fruits
Mustard	¼ oz	½	14-24	6-12	1½	Mar 17-Apr 28	Aug 15-Sept 30	30-40	30	100 lbs
Okra	2 oz	1	36-42	24	6	Mar 31-Apr 28	July 28-Aug 25	55-65	90	100 lbs
Onion (Plants)	400-600	1-2	14-24	2-3	1½	Jan 6-Feb 17	Aug 15-Sept 15	80-120	40	100 lbs
Onion (Seed)	1 oz	½	14-24	2-3	1½	Jan 20-Feb 3	Sept 8-Sept 22	90-120	40	100 lbs
Parsley	¼ oz	½	14-24	2-4	½	Feb 3-Mar 17	Aug 15-Oct 6	70-90	90	30 lbs
Peas, English	1 lb	2-3	18-36	1	2	Jan 20-Mar 3	Sept 15-Nov 3	55-90	7	20 lbs
Peas, Southern	½ lb	2-3	24-36	4-6	2½	Apr 1-Jun 30	Aug 15-Sept 1	60-70	30	40 lbs
Pepper	¼ oz	½	24-36	18-24	3	Mar 24-May 12	July 28-Aug 25	60-90	90	60 lbs
Potato, Irish	6-10 lbs	4	30-36	10-15	2	Feb 3-Feb 17	July 28-Aug 11	75-100	—	100 lbs
Potato, Sweet	75-100 plants	3-5	36-48	12-16	1	Mar 31-May 12	Not Recommended	100-130	—	100 lbs
Pumpkin	½ oz	1-2	60-96	36-48	1	Mar 24-Apr 14	Aug 11-Aug 25	75-100	—	100 lbs
Radish	1 oz	½	14-24	1	½	Feb 3-Apr 14	Sept 22-Nov 17	25-40	7	100 bunches
Spinach	1 oz	½	14-24	3-4	1	Jan 20-Mar 10	Sept 15-Nov 3	40-60	40	3 bushels
Squash, Summer	1 oz	1-2	36-60	18-36	3	Mar 24-Apr 14	Aug 4-Aug 25	50-60	40	150 lbs
Squash, Winter	½ oz	1-2	60-96	24-48	1	Mar 24-Apr 14	Aug 11-Aug 25	85-100	—	100 lbs
Tomato	¼ oz/50 plants	½, 4-6	24-48	18-36	3	Mar 17-May 12	Aug 11-Aug 25	70-90	40	100 lbs
Turnip, Greens	½ oz	½	14-24	2-3	1½	Feb 3-Mar 3	Aug 25-Nov 3	30	40	50-100 lbs
Turnip, Roots	½ oz	½	14-24	2-3	1½	Feb 3-Mar 3	Aug 25-Nov 3	30-60	30	50-100 lbs
Watermelon	1 oz	1-2	72-96	36-72	1	Mar 17-Apr 28	July 28-Aug 11	80-100	30	40 fruits



Time to get the garden growing

Master Gardener Program available to the public

By Jacquita Lewter
Whitesboro News-Record

The Texas Master Gardener Program is an educational activity offered by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, through the Texas A&M University System. This program is primarily designed to increase the availability of horticultural projects throughout the community. These goals are implemented through the training and employment of local volunteers known as Master Gardeners. Horticulture is the art or science of growing flowers, fruits, and vegetables.

The title is to be used only by those individuals trained in the Texas Master Gardener Program to assist the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The title is valid only when the volunteer is participating in the program, and when an individual ceases to participate

actively, their designation as a Master Gardener becomes void.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service differs from the State Department of Agriculture in structure and function. The function of the Extension Service is educational in nature and provides technical resources and developmental structure whereby local residents can identify and solve their concerns. All functions are coordinated through the state land grant university system (Texas A&M University System).

The objectives of the Master Gardener Program are four-fold: to expand the capacity of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to distribute pertinent and accurate horticultural information; to develop and enhance community programs related to horticulture, such as environmental improvements, school garden projects, and/or city parks; to enhance and expand 4-H

programs through the organization itself and its activities, or through the establishment of 4-H garden clubs; to development a Master Gardener volunteer network of qualified individuals who will "give back" to the community at large.

Who are Master Gardener volunteers? Anyone with a willingness to learn and a desire to help others can become a Master Gardener. In recent years, the volunteer work these individuals perform has become diversified and thus reaches a larger number of people.

As a trainee in the Master Gardener program, one must attend a specific number of hours of instruction, pass an examination, and volunteer a specific number of volunteer hours of service to earn the official title of Texas Master Gardener. In order to retain the title, one must take additional hours of re-certification training and provide additional hours of volunteer service through the local Extension office every two years.

Following comprehensive training in horticulture, as a Master Gardener intern, the individual has one year to complete the required volunteer hours. Volunteers are required to report to an Extension agent about all planned activities. The volunteer work is usually done within the geographic area served by the county office that conducted the training. However, special arrangements can be made for volunteer tasks to be performed in other counties. Sometimes the nature of

the work is such that it can be done outside the Extension office, such as research, writing, art work, or school garden projects.

Examples of some of the jobs that have been performed by Texas Master Gardeners include: creating and maintaining demonstration gardens, gardening with the elderly and the handicapped, working at county fairs and plant clinics, making home gardening visits, producing a monthly home horticulture newsletter, conducting garden tours, creating and maintaining youth, community or school gardens, judging school science fairs, volunteering as a 4-H leader, conducting a gardening project with youth offenders.

A number of men and women in the Whitesboro community and surrounding area have participated in the Master Gardener Program, and have earned the title, Texas Master Gardener. Benefits reaped from this training include a sense of accomplishment and pride in a job well done, plus the added reward of helping others in a meaningful way.

Each year, Texas Master Gardeners provide in excess of 100,000 hours of volunteer service to the citizens of Texas. Local individuals who may be interested in learning more are encouraged to contact their county extension office. Grayson County Extension Office, 903-813-4206; Cooke County Extension Office, 940-668-5412.

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The lagging economy has many people questioning how they can cut costs. A big hit to the home budget comes in maintaining a lush landscape. It is a great irony that keeping up green spaces can take a heavy toll on wallets as well as the environment.

Expenditures in the war on weeds are often high in time and money. Nobody wants weeds poking up their ugly heads up in the

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Bird Feeders Can Add Aesthetic Appeal

When it comes to spring and summer, many people associate certain sights and sounds with these warm weather seasons. Ocean waves crashing, luscious lawns glowing green and birds chirping are often associated with spring and summer.

While homeowners might not be able to bring the soothing sounds of the ocean to their homes, they can bring the lyrical sounds of birds chirping to their yards. Bird feeders make a wonderful addition to any lawn or garden, adding aesthetic appeal and bringing music to your ears. Choosing a bird feeder can depend on where you'll be hanging it. But whatever the layout of your property, bird feeders come in so many shapes and sizes that you're sure to find the right fit.

* Tray (platform): These feeders are simply a big, open tray that's easy to fill and easy for birds to access seed. What's more, they can accom-

modate several birds at one time. Most birds will jump at the chance to feast at a tray feeder. There are some who will be reluctant, however, including doves, quail, sparrows and other ground feeders. However, they can certainly dine on any seed that gets spilled over.

* Hopper feeders: These have plastic or glass enclosures that dole out seed as it is needed. This is a smart choice since seed isn't wasted and it's protected when not being eaten.

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Bird feeders come in many shapes and sizes, ensuring homeowners they can find the right fit for their yard.

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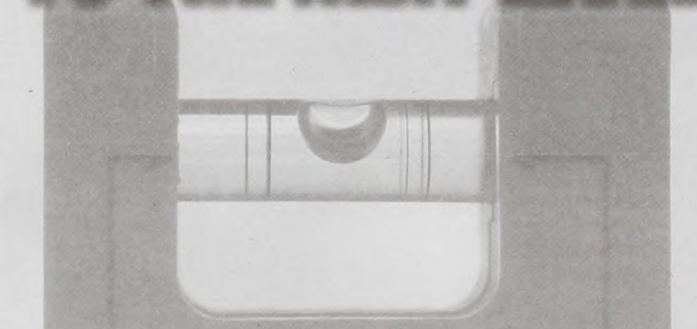
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(MS) -- Looking to punch up the aesthetic value of your yard? Try adding an inviting stone patio, pathway or border. Stone blends well with all architecture and landscape styles and is far more appealing to the eye than boring, bland concrete.

Rocks and stone have been used in landscapes for centuries. They add timeless style and enduring beauty. The longevity of the paving stones on the island of Crete, in place for thousands of years, speaks volumes about stone's durability in a landscape.

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Going "native" may be wave of the future

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Enterprise

"It's the wave of the future," reflected native gardener Kay Broyles of Muenster. She said that people will have to make a conscious effort to conserve and preserve natural resources such as water. She feels that many are poisoning the water supply by the chemicals and pesticides they apply to their lawns and gardens.

Kay and her husband Steve moved into their home at 407 West Ninth Street in 1996. The location is ideal for attracting birds and butterflies since it is next to a pasture and wooded area. About a year after they moved there, Steve and Kay made a decision to try to stay with native plants in their landscape. A friend of Kay's is a member of the Native Plant Society and got her involved in that group.

"Native gardening is a lot about

the symbiotic relationship between plants and animals," Kay remarked. "Native plants support native animals. Like butterflies only come to certain plants and those are the butterflies in your area. When you start planting things that are what we call exotic plants, which is pretty much anything bought in nurseries, anything that isn't indigenous to your area. You'll notice in a lot of those landscapes they don't get butterflies because they aren't planting the plants that attract butterflies in our area. Also, a lot of those plants, because of their hybrid nature, have lost a lot of their scent and such."

Her second reason is the environment. "Using pesticides and fertilizers in your yard contaminates our water table and are dangerous to our pets and our children, and ourselves. I really didn't want to be

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Kay and Steve Broyles have an excellent view for observing wildlife and native plants from their front porch. Texas columbine bloom at the foot of the porch. Across the yard is their goldfish pond (right) which is often covered in white water lilies. Courtesy photos



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a polluter in my garden.”

Native landscaping means different things to different people noted Kay. She explained, “It means using plants that have survived on their own for 100 years or more in our environment that are indigenous to the area. There’s a difference between organic gardening and native gardening because organic gardeners, to me, are trying to improve the soil without using harsh chemicals and fertilizer and pesticides. They do a lot to improve the soil condition and then they plant plants that will work in that soil. To me, a native gardener looks at the soil that’s there and tries to find the plants that are happy in the dirt that God gave you. A native gardener can be an organic gardener, but an organic gardener does not necessarily have to be a native gardener, because it’s a lot about the plant selection.”

Kay feels that she is about 95% organic gardener. She confessed to using Round-up on weeds in her driveway.

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Fisher's landscape design reduces upkeep

By Janet Felderhoff
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When most people grow tired of a chore such as mowing grass, they continue to drudge through it regardless of their displeasure, or they hire someone else to do the task. Not Gary Fisher. He pondered the problem and came up with a unique solution.

Fisher said he'd spent years mowing grass and was tired of it. It took hours that he could spend on something more enjoyable, so when he moved from the country to town, he decided to change that.

"In 1991 when I moved into the house on Oak Street, it had Tiff golf-green type grass, recalls Fisher. "That type lawn is beautiful on a golf course, but requires a lot of water to keep it alive in the Texas heat. During the early '90s, there was a city water ban during a drought. It was discussed then, as now, that water availability in Texas will continue to be a problem.

"I decided that the typical suburban yard was not what I was looking for. I have a narrow lot, so I decided to landscape the lawn completely out of my front yard. His solution was to build a raised bed using native rocks. "Current-



A view of Gary Fisher's landscaped front yard. Daffodils and hyacinth, early spring flowers, have begun to bloom.

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ly, I only have lawn on one narrow two foot strip near the driveway. The design I used gives me variation in height, texture, plant material, and most importantly it saves water. In addition, I can plant annuals in beds when I want to, and there is no mowing."

In the beginning, Gary had two large loads of dirt hauled in. The dirt was allowed to settle for some time. Fisher drew up his plan and began a search for rocks required to create his design. Most came from the countryside around Muenster. He gathered them from fields when farmers unearthed them while plowing, picked them from the roadside when County road crews tossed them into the ditch because they were too large for the road, and even used one found at the Red River on a camp out. As people learned what he was doing, some offered him rocks when they became available through digging, etc.

Once he had the rocks collected, the landscaping project went together quickly. He would lay the rock out in the pattern he wanted

before actually assembling them in his landscape project. "It's like putting a puzzle together." Gary explained, "You look at the puzzle, and then you look for the rock that fits that place." The rocks are held in place with a mixture of 50% mortar and 50% cement with latex blended in. The latex gives flexibility as it freezes and thaws, he said. Some rocks were dry set meaning they are not held together by anything, just stacked together. In some places he wanted the appearance of dry set, but needed to bond the rocks together. For these areas he used the bonding mixture and then washed it out of the places it was visible. At times, plastic was put in place to hold soil or moisture.

Gary cautions that just because the watering and mowing chores were almost eliminated doesn't mean there is no work required. He noted, "The height and various insets trap leaves and blowing street trash. While I let the leaves on the landscape during the most brutal part of the winter to keep ferns and

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Rocks and landscape timbers work together to create a variety of levels for planting in Gary Fisher's front yard. Daffodils are just beginning to bud.

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Kay's advice to those who are new to native gardening is to attend the Native Plant Society of Texas meetings if they have time. There is a chapter in Denton. She explained, "They have some very good speakers, and you can get good education there in terms of what native plants are. They also trade plants, and so it is a good resource in terms of getting plants. They know where to go to get plants. It is just a bunch of people who really are committed to native gardening and who have a lot of knowledge to share." Her second suggestion is to read native plant authority Sally Wasowski's book *Native Plants for Southern Regions*.

Native gardening doesn't save any time in comparison to other types of gardening. According to Kay, it definitely saves money because you are not watering much. Many beginners over water, thus causing their plants to not do as well, she noted. This can be a problem when a gardener attempts to mix native plants with non-natives since the water requirements differ.

Thirteen years ago, when Kay spoke of her goals for their newly established native landscape, she mentioned three goals. They were that it be beautiful to look at, minimum maintenance, water, and money, and be habitat for wildlife. Asked if she feels she has met those goals, she commented, "Two out of three. The maintenance part has been the same amount of work. When you start weeding by hand instead of going out and throwing chemicals and stuff, it takes a lot of time.

"I think it is pretty, but part of the whole thing is reeducating ourselves on what we think is pretty and what we think a yard needs to be. Why do we think everybody's yard has to be this manicured look? I prefer a much more casual look, but there are people who have formal gardens who are doing native gardening. One of my favorites in Denton

is Dr. McBride's office."

The Broyles' yard is certified by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a Texas Wildscapes Backyard Habitat in recognition of their efforts to provide backyard wildlife with essential requirements of food,

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Kay Broyles weeds in preparation of spring and the colorful blooms her native plants will bring. Janet Felderhoff photo



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cover, and water. They are also certified by the National Wildlife Federation.

"I have seen 20 different butterflies on my Mexican mint at one time," recalls Kay of one of the pleasures of attracting wildlife.

Some of Kay's favorite native flowers that flourish in her clay soil are greggii salvia, turk's cap, and Mexican mint. Other natives growing in her yard are basket flower, coreopsis, yarrow, Texas columbine, winecup, frogfruit, various sunflowers, coneflowers, autumn asters, Texas star hibiscus, fall obedient plant, and many others.

Trees she especially likes are Eve's necklace and Possumhaw holly. Her landscape includes redbuds, yaupon, Texas ash, bur oak, chinkapin oak, live oak, soapberry, Texas buckeye, Goldenbell leadtree, Texas mountain laurel, hackberry, bois'd arc, and red oak.

Shrubs favored by Kay are American beauty purple, red yucca, cenizo or Texas sage, and dessert willow, which she likes as a substitute for crepe myrtles.

The lawn is buffalo grass. They only have to mow a few times a year, saving on gas and wear and tear on a mower.

Every gardener makes a decision on what he or she will accept into their yard. "For me, I accept antique roses in my landscaping, but they have to be roses that have lived out on their own," said Kay. "To be considered an antique rose, they have to have lived for 100 years in Texas without somebody pampering them. I have friends who go for day lilies. Everybody has where they draw their line."

Places to buy native plants include the Heard Museum's annual Spring plant sale in April and areas nurseries such as Decatur Garden Center, Four Season's Nursery in Denton, Katy's Nursery & Produce, Main Street Home and Gardens Center in Decatur, Meador's Nursery and Painted Flower Farm, both in Denton. She cautions buyers to beware because Texas grown doesn't necessarily mean that it's a Texas na-

tive plant. Nurseries with the label N.I.C.E. (natives instead of common exotics), such as the ones listed above, offer true native plants.

This Oct. 7-10, the State Native Plant Society will hold its 2010 symposium in Denton at TWU. It offers field trips, speakers, vendors of native plants, etc., and may be a good place to glean more information on native gardening.

Kay invites those who are interested in native plants to visit her yard. She only asks that they be respectful of her plants and wildlife. She is willing to share her knowledge with those who want to talk about native plants.

The love of nature that is innate in Kay's character spills over into her volunteer work. She plays a very active role in Keep Muenster Beautiful, which is an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful.

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plantings from freezing out, raking them from the textured surfaces can be hard work. My plant choices are pretty tolerant to drought, so not only do I save on water, but also during the drought periods I will not lose any plants when watering is restricted.

There was an unexpected plus to the landscape project. Gary said, "The two raised berms on either side of my entry sidewalk also serve to reduce road noise. Oak has a lot of traffic, so the noise reduction is an added benefit. I placed a patio in the front yard, and this allows a cool place to visit and greet walkers and visit with family. I probably would not have placed a patio out front if I had just a lawn, but it fits into the landscape well.

Gary said that he and his wife Marlene enjoy sitting out on the front patio while drinking a glass of wine. Often times people walking by stop to visit and the couple gets another glass to share the bev-

erage with their visitor.

Collecting rocks is a hobby for Gary. He said people collect things like Santas or whatever. He likes collecting rocks. Almost all of the rocks in his landscape have a history, he said. When Gary goes on a trip, he will bring back rocks that interest him, and these can be incorporated into his landscape. "Landscapes are much like garden plants," reflected Gary. "They eventually need to be removed and redone."

The Fisher yard is a work in progress. Gary has a plan for his backyard that is even more intricate than the front. He hopes to have that project completed by next spring.

Gary commented, "Landscaped yards are not for everyone. Because they are different, I often hear jokes and teasing, or even gripes from people who don't like different things. But when I hear the lawn mowers buzzing on a summer eve-

ning while sitting on my bench out front, I know I have made the correct decision, because time is more important than water or a lawn."

If you are thinking about walking the path that Gary has, you can

drive by and see the Fisher home at 508 North Oak Street in Muenster. you may just happen to see Gary sitting out on his patio listening to his neighbors' lawnmowers while he sips a glass of wine!

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Create a Tranquil Feature With a Koi Pond

Dig a hole, fill it with water and watch your koi grow. That's the secret to your koi pond, right? Actually, much like a pool or indoor aquarium, koi require some work. In fact, koi are quite sensitive fish that require a carefully maintained environment for optimal health.

Koi are colorful fish that go by the name nishikigoi in Japanese. They are a specially bred form of carp, not oversized goldfish, enjoyed for their vivid coloring. In the 19th century, Japanese farmers began breeding decorative carp, selecting brightly colored specimens to ornament gardens in luxurious fish pools.

The Japanese consider koi good luck. There are certain varieties that are preferred over others. Kohaku -- the favorite -- are white-skinned koi with a red upper pattern. Tancho are white koi with a red dot on their head.

Koi are cool-water fish that prefer a deep pond. In the warmer weather they will swim to the bottom of the pond to avoid the heat. When planning on a koi pond, keep this in mind. You may also want to plan your pond in an area that is shaded from direct sun, to moderate the water temperature even more.

Think about installing a koi pond as you would a home aquarium, complete with filtration system. This will help you maintain a clean environment for the fish. Routine skimming of the water surface can catch debris that falls into the water and contaminates the delicate ecosystem of the pond.

Koi should be protected overhead from predators. Therefore, koi ponds generally feature lush foliage for their protection. Rocks or overhangs under which koi can hide are features you should include. An algacide is also a necessity, to prevent the overgrowth of algae in the

pond. Consider special water additives sold at pet stores or online that can enhance the water environment for your koi.

Because koi generally like to swim unseen, their type of food is a floating pellet, which encourages the fish to come to the surface. This way you can assess whether the fish look healthy. Koi can even be trained to recognize humans and take food from your hand.

Start small with your koi pond. One or two fish is adequate. Experts recommend one small- or medium-sized koi per 500 gallons of water. If you have too many fish, their waste can contaminate the water if not properly filtered. GT104263



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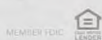
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Though backyard playgrounds might not be as prevalent as they once were, that doesn't mean they're still not fun for kids. Of course, a backyard play area is only as fun as it is safe, so parents considering creating one for their kids should consider the following tips before beginning such a project.

* Be mindful of drainage. Building a play area in a spot on the lawn that doesn't have proper drainage is asking for trouble. During winter, such areas are likely to have excessive ice, threatening kids' balance and potentially leading to injury. Even in warmer months, poor drainage could result in puddles after spring or summer rains, attracting mosquitoes and other insects and making kids more susceptible to bug bites.

* If possible, build in a relatively shaded area. While it might not be possible

to create the play area entirely in the shade, try to keep as much as possible out of the sun. This will protect kids from the sun, particularly during those hot summer afternoons when kids love being outdoors but UV rays are at their most harmful.

Though you'll want kids to be protected from the sun, it's important not to build in areas that are concealed by trees. This will impede parents' ability to watch their kids as they play.

* Build away from patio or barbecue areas. Erect play areas away from patios or barbecue areas. In addition to concrete sidewalks that can hurt children, you won't want kids playing anywhere near charcoal, starter fluid or propane tanks.

* Install a padded surface or sand around swingsets and jungle gyms. Instead of building on grass or hard ground, when building the swing set or jungle gym be sure to install a padded surface underneath, or use sand. Both will help cushion kids in the almost inevitable circumstance that they fall. Sand and padded surfaces will decrease the risk of head injury and broken bones. Recycled rubber pellets and even wood chips can provide more cushioning than the hard ground during a fall. GT094044

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