

Welcome To The 'Fest

by Janet Felderhoff
"If the weather is pretty, all indications are that we'll have one of the biggest Germanfests ever," remarked Muenster Chamber of Commerce secretary Margie Starke. Included on the entertainment agenda are some old favorites and a few new names to provide a great variety. One of the new entertainers is a four-piece Inka wayra band. This Indian band from Peru features windpipe musicians and a dancer. The group will perform at intervals all day Saturday and Sunday. A group of German dancers, the Alpine Dancers GTEV of Garland, is slated to perform at noon on Saturday in the Tanz Halle and again at 5 p.m. in the Texas Stage.

Long-time favorites returning to the Tanz Halle include Alpenfest, Side Street Circus, and Alpenmusikanten. Back by popular demand is Vince Vance and the Valiants. The group will perform Sunday on the Texas Stage at 3 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. This group is recommended for fun loving groups of all ages.

Other returning Texas Stage favorites include one of the last of the real 60's bands, Kenny and the Kasuals for Saturday and Sunday; country music vocalist Kerri Kennedy Reiter; and Brave Combo with nuclear polka music.

The only Titanic in Texas is being featured at the Kiwanis Rides Park this year. The huge slide is a replica of the ship the Titanic. It promises to be a

crowd pleaser.

Pizza has been added to the list of concession foods offered. Other tasty foods range from sausage, kraut, German potato salad and strudel to hamburgers, chicken strips, tornado twisters, roasted corn, and baked goods.

Volunteer Fire Department bringing in the flags which will be raised and presented by the Scouts. The National Anthem, "Texas Our Texas", and "Edelweiss" will be sung by Christy Hesse accompanied by Ruth Felderhoff.

At 6 p.m. there will be a

On Saturday the 18th Annual Metric Century Bicycle Rally gears up for a staggered start at 11 a.m. on Main Street in front of the Muenster State Bank. Brad Wright of Channel 5 Will be on hand to host the start. This event is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Alumni and Supporters.

At noon on Sunday participants in the 24th annual Germanfest Fun Run begin their scenic run over a 5K or 15K course over paved and unpaved roads north of Muenster. The Muenster Knights of Columbus sponsor this event.

Special Section Inside

There is again a special area for children. Entertainment in that area includes balloon sculpture, sand art, storytelling, clowns and more.

Opening ceremonies are at 5 p.m. Friday. On the agenda are a brief history of Germanfest by Dan Hamric, a welcome by Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzaepfel, Muenster

performance by members of the Cats All Stars cheerleading team of Thackerville, Oklahoma. Then at 6:45 p.m. the Weapons and Drill Team from Sheppard Air Force Base have agreed to perform. Following them at 7 p.m. is the Sheppard Air Force Base Blue Falcon Chorale group.

Power team coming

For those who like to know about coming events well in advance of the scheduled time, the John Jacobs Power Team will perform at Gainesville High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. nightly from April 28

to May 2. For more information call Rev. Bill Ledbetter, 759-2772. A member of the Power Team will speak at Muenster High School on Thursday, April 29 at 2:30 p.m.



Sacred Heart High students attended a presentation last week Wednesday on the dangers of drinking alcohol. Above, program coordinator Judge John Roane, center, answers questions from Jennifer Hess, left, while Michael Miller speaks with TABS Agent Brent Adams, far right. Below, Jeanne Sadau tells of how one person's decision to drink and drive forever changed her life. At left her props include a photo of the scene of the accident that claimed her husband's life and a teddy bear that survived.

Photos by Janet Felderhoff

Sadau shares loss of spouse with students

by Janet Felderhoff

It started out as a normal day, but before Feb. 19, 1996 was over Jeanne Sadau's life was forever changed by the actions of one man. At about 3:30 in the afternoon her husband Paul Sadau's car was hit head on by a man who was intoxicated and driving at a high rate of speed. Sadau was killed instantly. Extracting his body from the crushed car took 45 minutes.

Wednesday, April 14 Jeanne Sadau related to the students of Sacred Heart High School the details of her husband's death and the effect it had on his family and friends. The assembly was organized by John Roane, Cooke County Justice of the Peace for Precinct #4. Its purpose was to make teens aware of the dangers and penalties of consuming alcohol and of drinking and driving.

Mrs. Sadau received a call from an emergency room in Sherman telling her husband had been in an accident and had life threatening injuries. She shared some of the thoughts and prayers she had on the long 45 minute drive from

their home in Gainesville to Sherman. After arriving and being told of Paul's death she was allowed to see his body.

"The image of dried blood in his nose, the bruising of his body which was stripped to the waist, his left pant leg cut to the knee, will never be erased from my mind," revealed Sadau. "I touched his hand and you folks will never know unless it happens to you, what it feels like to hold the hand of someone you care about and how cold the feeling is."

Jeanne states that the accident was not her husband's fault. He was only doing his job as an occupation therapist going from one patient to another. "He had no reason to die," she said. "It's a difficult time and you never get over the loss of a loved one."

Jeanne told the audience that she heard people, especially teens, say over and over that it's their body and their business if they drink. This isn't so, drinking and

driving affect others. She and her husband had dreams. Now she has nearly 30 years of memories.

"There have been no easy days since Feb. 19, 1996," Jeanne said. "The house is still my home, but it is so quiet, and I will never again hear that front door open each evening and say, 'Oh, my sweetheart is home!' The nights are the most difficult — and lonely. For this is the kind of heartache you take to bed with you. I always go to bed as late as possible and awake early. When I'm really tired, I drift off to sleep quickly."

Paul was a really caring person. Jeanne recalled a time when he gave his jacket to a fellow who didn't have one. "He'd want me to do this," she commented on her work with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers). She feels that if just one life is saved by sharing the story of Paul's

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Unsafe bridge to close

by Steve Broyles,
City Manager

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has been re-evaluating Texas bridges since a 1994 law was passed requiring stricter compliance of mathematical stress computations for bridge safety concerning load ratings. TXDOT recently inspected the bridges in the City of Muenster. As a result, TXDOT determined that the bridge just west of FM 373 (Main Street) on West Eddy Street "cannot support the minimum gross weight of three tons required by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)." TXDOT recommends that this bridge be closed immediately until it can be replaced.



The bridge on west Eddy Street will be closed next Wednesday, April 28 waiting for a replacement. It has been declared unsafe.

Photo by Janie Hartman

minimum gross weight of 6,000 pounds.

Another factor affecting closing this bridge is that, while signs are posted warning drivers that the bridge is has a maximum weight capacity of 6,000 pounds, many heavier trucks (concrete trucks, garbage trucks, fire trucks, etc.) drive over that bridge. Many drivers aren't thinking maximum weights or fail to see the load limitation signs before they drive across the bridge. Some bigger pick-up trucks even exceed this 6,000 pound load limitation.

The City is working with TXDOT on bridge replacement and how to fund it. The City plans on reaching an agreement with TXDOT so that the federal government pays 80 percent of the cost of bridge

replacement, the State of Texas pays 10 percent, and the City pays 10 percent. However, this agreement has not yet been finalized. Current TXDOT cost

projections are around \$120,000 to replace this bridge. Thus, the City would contribute around \$12,000.

Once the city closes the bridge, the next TXDOT inspection report will identify this bridge as a closed bridge, which will move it to a PRIORITY ONE category. However, this bridge will then compete with other closed bridges for funding. Once this joint funding process has been approved, the City will pay its 10 percent share to TXDOT. TXDOT will then design the bridge. However, after reviewing its design and construction schedules, TXDOT advised us that actual construction of this bridge won't take place until the spring of 2001.

In the meantime, city employees will close this bridge on April 28 by installing permanent type barriers so that vehicles cannot use the bridge.

Watch for Bikers and Runners and Walkers This Weekend !!

On this Germanfest weekend - Drivers please be aware of thousands of bikers and runners and walkers - on Friday as early visitors arrive - on Saturday for the Bike Rally and walkers in the Germanfest International Volksmarch on Saturday and Sunday; and on Sunday for the German Fun Run. Participants will be arriving and assembling many hours before the events and for many hours afterwards as they depart for their homes.

That is both the plea and the message from the sponsors and directors of the Metric Century Bike Rally and the Germanfest Fun Run, the Germanfest Volksmarch, and Germanfest, itself.

Drivers are reminded that thousands of runners or bikers will be "warming up" early and that streets and highways will be very crowded.



Emily Klement, MISD counselor, presents Chris Jackson with the President's Student Service Challenge Award.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Chris Jackson receives President's service award

by Emily Klement
MISD Counselor

In light of the recent tragedies in Littleton, Colorado and other schools across our nation, we must face the future with hope for our young people. Students like freshman Chris Jackson, Muenster High School's first recipient of the President's Student Service Challenge Award, is someone who does give us hope.

Across our nation, including Muenster, we see millions of young people who are setting an example for others by giving their time to tackle critical needs in areas such as literacy, the elderly, the environment, housing and health. Chris, along with his family, have given their time, talents and resources to help feed the poor. Their family ministry helps organize and transfer food to the needy. Their ongoing community service continues to

be an example of God's love to the people who need it the most. To be eligible for the award, Chris had to give over 100 community service hours, be a good student, and show good citizenship in the community and in school. He was nominated by MHS school counselor, Emily Klement.

Chris received a gold medal and signed certificate from President Clinton this week. The President's Student Service Challenge Award is a part of the President's Summit for America's Future, headed by Colin Powell. In 1997, this group launched a national campaign to provide all children with resources they need to thrive and succeed. They want to acknowledge and challenge students to give back to their communities through programs such as the President's Student Service Challenge Award.

School Board makes plans for 1999-2000 school year

Construction, finances, testing and reports led the discussion at Muenster ISD's monthly meeting last Thursday night.

Before getting too deep into business, Superintendent Steve Cooper, on behalf of the board, presented out-going board members Tom Flusche and Annette Anderle with plaques of appreciation.

Construction manager Robert Treece of Compass Builders gave an update on the construction of the new high school, noting that they are two and a half weeks behind. "Once we get a roof on, we'll be long gone. Everything is ordered and ready to go." Workers had a few "little" problems with the old superintendent's building, but "we're getting that worked out."

The board approved the floor pattern layout and colors. Flusche suggested a "Tradition of Success" sign, placed in the wall, in the entry of the school. Discussion then covered added changes and expenses to improve or remove, including trophy cases, intercom and furnishings.

In Mr. Cooper's report, he noted that the bids for new desks and chairs for the high school will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

Also, Cooper informed the board that the school van, which was recently damaged in an accident, cost \$1700 to fix, with the insurance paying part. With some frame damage, "it's safe," and 84-85,000 miles, Cooper asked the board to OK a bid for a new van and discuss at the next meeting. A van does not need a certified bus driver and the district could use another vehicle. Cooper pointed out that this item was not in the budget, but the district may have \$50,000 extra money in the budget, due to changes in maintenance, bus routes, a low heating bill and other items that saved money. The board OK'd getting bids on a new van.



Stepping down after serving 12 years each, Annette Anderle and Tom Flusche, attended their last official Muenster ISD board meeting last week Thursday. On May 1 voters will go to the polls to select their replacements.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Other items included:

- City Manager would like the school district to put in a grease trap, to possibly help with back-up problems at Sacred Heart.

- Band director Pat Dietz submitted a recommendation that he would like to lease purchase some instruments for the Band. "If they continue to grow, we need to consider putting more money into the program," Cooper commented. More information will be available at a later date.

- Cody Williams has tilled and fertilized the new football practice field, with sprigging of grass to begin soon.

- Mr. Cooper noted that the district now has access to other school records and information to compare numbers and amounts with other area schools.

Discussion on drug testing at Muenster ISD continued. Cooper has been in contact with other districts for comparison of testing procedures and punishment.

You can mandate a drug testing program in athletics or extra-curricular activity participants, if you can prove there is a problem," Cooper noted. There could be a policy

for regular students and one for extra-curricular students. "Or you could consider a volunteer program, with parent consent. There will be something more consistent available at the next meeting."

The board had several informative items, discussed, but not acted on, including:

- Vinyl tile in the old band room - the carpet has been ripped and it needs to be covered this summer.

- Need to move the old maintenance building. It was suggested to sell the building and let the buyer move it, then build a nice metal building, acceptable for the busses. Cooper will make contacts for a long time plan for the area.

- Senate bill 4, or the "Bevins bill" in legislation, could impact the Muenster district by \$25,000. "This is Governor Bush's pet project and some things in it are bad news for us," Cooper noted, pointing to the idea of a 10¢ rebate to property taxpayers; that all raised taxes, even a penny, would be subject to roll back, that "you can't generate more money than last year."

"When all is said and done, if this bill comes out of legislation, we could have a

shortfall of \$5,000 to \$10,000. It's not good, but not disastrous," Cooper said. "But if the Bevins bill goes through, it would be disastrous for most schools. We do have some daylight. We have to wait and see what comes out of Austin," Cooper concluded.

Discussion on the transition plans to the new school, included what desks and other furniture could make the move and which old classrooms would house classes in the move. The junior high will take over the old high school and other classroom locations planned include:

1. Move students from old high school building into new one. Students in grades 9-12 would be involved. Academic courses would be in the new building. Agriculture science and Industrial arts classes will remain in their present locations. Plans are for the library to be expanded but to leave it at its current location because of its central location.

2. After high school is moved, the middle school students would move to old high school building. This would involve grades 6-8. The old computer lab would be used exclusively for middle school students.

3. Finally, the elementary 4th and 5th grade students would move into the old middle school. They would share the old science lab with the middle school students.

If construction is completed on time, all this would occur the first day of school. If construction is not completed until after school starts, each move would be spaced out over

a week's period - high school the first week, middle school the second week, and the elementary 4th and 5th the last week.

The board was also informed that each high school classroom, except lab rooms, will need 25 desks and some new furniture.

Another information item was the possibility of a Life Skills Classroom for the special ed program. The present home ec room could be used for the special ed co-op that would take in students from other schools. The co-op would assist in expenses and pay for the teacher. Life Skills teaches special ed students how to wash clothes, cook, clean and take care of themselves.

In the principal's report, elementary principal Gwen Trubenbach reported that 44 have registered for next school year's kindergarten class. With a 22 students per teacher ratio, the district may need a third kindergarten classroom. It was noted that if needed, the school could get a one year waiver and use aides. "When you are dealing with little ones, you want to keep the classes small," Trubenbach told the board.

Stephanie Tankersley reported that the high school finished the Academic meet as district champions, with 24 students advancing to regional.

"With six teams also going, we have a shot to win regional," she added. The junior high finished in 2nd place behind Windthorst.

Items taken action upon by board members were:

- Approved the 1999-2000 calendar year, which includes ending the first semester before Christmas.

- Will canvass the election votes on Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m.

- Approved 71 transfers for 1999-2000.

- Approved audit contract with Flynn and Neeb of Windthorst.

- Approved policy update 60.

- Decided the board will take care of hearing examiner policy option, and not pay to have it done.

- Changed in-district policy; mandatory that all new teachers have one year probation, but can be extended to two years.

James Hopper, in his report noted that this is the 3rd consecutive year that Muenster High School won the district academic meet. "The kids did an outstanding job. Couldn't be prouder of the kids or the teachers." The junior high "did better than expected."

Hopper also gave a text book report and submitted drug testing policies from other schools to get ideas for testing policy.

In executive session, the board accepted the resignation of Kim Walterscheid, and hired Amy (Otto) Binder as the new math and computer instructor. Also all aides, secretaries, bus drivers and maintenance personnel were rehired.

Reporter's comment: There are three candidates running for two places on the school board. None of these concerned citizens bothered to attend last week's school board meeting.

MADD

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death, it wouldn't be for nothing.

The driver of other car was James Starnes, 39, of Denton.

He later pled guilty to DWI. This January he was sentenced to 10 years in prison. In an interview after the talk Wednesday Jeanne said Starnes claimed that he was having problems with his ex-wife and that's why he was drinking. "But he made the decision to drink and drive," she commented.

Jeanne told the students

earlier, "I truly believe that every day of life is a gift of God. We can use it as we choose."

Two items accompany Jeanne to her talks - a brown teddy bear and a photo of the mangled car taken as a paramedic works to free her husband's body. The teddy bear was a gift from one of Paul's patients. He kept it buckled into the passenger seat. The little bear survived the accident unharmed.

Others speaking on the

dangers and consequences of alcohol were Judge John Roane, Agent Brent Adams of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Trooper Scott Blanton of Texas Department of Public Safety, and Linda Jeffries, Victim Assistant Coordinator for the North Texas Chapter of MADD. Students had the opportunity to ask questions during and after the program.

Please see chart for consequences of alcohol use by those under 21 years of age.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS FOR MINORS

- ♦ Purchase ♦ Attempt to Purchase ♦
- ♦ Possession ♦ Consumption ♦
- ♦ Misrepresentation of Age ♦
- ♦ Public Intoxication by Minor ♦

The following penalties shall be imposed:

First Offense:
Class C misdemeanor: \$0 - \$500
Alcohol awareness course
8-12 hours community service
30 days driver's license suspension or denial

Second Offense:
Class C misdemeanor: \$0 - \$500
Possible alcohol awareness course
20-40 hours community service
90 days driver's license suspension or denial

Third Offense (Under 17):
180 days driver's license suspension or denial
Juvenile court-child in need of supervision; or
Criminal court-adjudicated as an adult

Third Offense (17 or Older):
Class B misdemeanor: \$250 - \$2000 fine and/or
Confinement in jail up to 180 days
Possible alcohol awareness course
180 days driver's license suspension or denial

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♦ Consumption While Driving ♦
It is illegal for a minor to drive while having any detectable amount of alcohol in the minor's system.

The following penalties shall be imposed:

First Offense:
Class C misdemeanor: \$0 - \$500
Alcohol awareness course
20-40 hours community service
60 days driver's license suspension
30 days ineligible for occupational license

Second Offense:
Class C misdemeanor: \$0 - \$500
Alcohol awareness course
40-60 hours community service
120 days driver's license suspension
90 days ineligible for occupational license

Third Offense (Under 17):
180 days driver's license suspension
Ineligible for occupational license
Juvenile court-delinquent conduct; or
Adult criminal court

Third Offense (17 or Older):
Class B misdemeanor: \$500 - \$2000 and/or
Confinement in jail up to 180 days
180 days driver's license suspension
Ineligible for occupational license

A public service message brought to you by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) and Texas Department of Transportation (Tx DOT).

YOU DRINK... YOU DRIVE... YOU WALK

Peace officer course planned

A new peace officer training program at North Central Texas College will offer the option for students to concurrently receive their degree and certification.

NCTC's criminal justice department recently announced that the program

will be made available beginning in fall 1999. The program, said Criminal Justice instructor Anthony DeVore, is being offered by NCTC in partnership with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer's Standards and Education.

Upon completion of the 67 accredited college hour program, students will be able to advance directly to TCLEOSE to take the state licensing exam. In addition, participants will earn an associate's degree in criminal justice.

"The benefits related to this opportunity are immense," said DeVore. "Offering the course in this manner better meets the needs of our students. Many people who want to obtain certification as a peace officer are unable to quit their job to attend the traditional six-month academy. This will be ideal for them. They are able to get their degree and certification, too."

Calls for the course have already been filtering into the department. "We expect this change to be very well received. I've had a number of people calling from Dallas."

A few revisions in the criminal justice curriculum allowed the department to make the change. DeVore said, "We added three courses which contain the same information a student would be taught at the academy."

DeVore noted that graduates holding this degree will have increased marketability to law enforcement agencies due to their education and licensing.

Students will be able to enroll in the courses at NCTC's Denton or Gainesville campuses.



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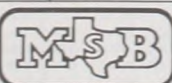
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, April 25	Monday, April 26	Tuesday, April 27	Wednesday, April 28	Thursday, April 29	Friday, April 30	Saturday, May 1
Germanfest	TX Healthy Kids Insurance Program - 7 P.M. Lindsay Cafeteria	MMH Board Meeting TX Healthy Kids Insurance Program - 7 P.M. Muenster Cafeteria	Mass 6:30 P.M. followed by Religious Ed Class	Relay For Life Team Captains Meeting - 5:30 P.M. Culwell Conference Center, GMH	MHS V Boys & Girls	Regionals at ACU
Sunday, May 2	Monday, May 3 Sacred Heart Bible School Registration forms due	Tuesday, May 4	Wednesday, May 5 Religious Ed Class, 7:00 P.M. - LAST CLASS St. Peter's May Crowning 7:00 P.M. Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting 5:30 P.M.	Thursday, May 6 Texas Dept. of Health Immunization Clinic 9-11 A.M., Cooke County Electric Co-op Sacred Heart Student Council Luncheon - The Center	Friday, May 7 Muenster High School V Boys & Girls State Qualifiers Meet	Saturday, May 8 Sacred Heart State Track Meet Lindsay ROCK Youth Group Garage Sale

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,
For Cryin' Out Loud.....Be Muenster Proud!

Recently, we spent a family weekend in Dallas for the Celine Dion concert, staying at the Hyatt adjacent to Reunion Arena. Before the concert, we treated our children to dinner at one of our favorite restaurants downtown, Morton's of Chicago. The service was impeccable, as always, but the steaks were *Not* what Morton's is famous for....beef aged for 23 days....(that's their claim to fame). After dropping \$200.00 for steaks that were chewy, stringy, and rather tasteless, both our children remarked that they would much prefer the filets from Fischer's marinated in our family's special sauce and cooked at home on the grill. Now, mind you, both our children have

frequently dined at Del Frisco's with us, and KNOW what a filet is all about.....tender, juicy, and flavorful.

My point is....and you already know this....right in your own town, you've got access to some of the best of everything Texas has to offer....including an extraordinary meat market. Now, Butch Fisher doesn't even know who I am when I buy meats in his store, but I can tell you, we won't be making any more reservations at Morton's when we can buy fabulous cuts of meat right in Muenster....and be proud of it! We're not even from Muenster, but our new motto is...."For cryin' out loud, be Muenster proud!" And, you, too, should be proud!

D. Vinson
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Forestburg, Texas

Sales tax rebates rise for Cooke County cities

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$170.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,094 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 7.5 percent increase over the \$158.7 million allocated to cities and counties in April 1998.

Year-to-date, rebates to cities and counties are up 7.4 percent over the first four months of 1998.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

'April sales tax rebates reflect that the Texas economy continues to expand, but at a more moderate pace than we saw a year ago," Rylander said.

Monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$156.8 million to Texas cities, 7.7 percent higher than last April's payments of \$145.5 million.

Prime Outlets at Gainesville names new Marketing Director/Assistant General Manager

Prime Retail, LP based in Baltimore, Maryland, has named Deanna Lusk Dancy as the Marketing Director/Assistant General Manager of Prime Outlets at Gainesville. Dancy was most recently a Regional Marketing Director with Simon Property Group. During her six-year tenure with Simon, Dancy held several positions including Assistant Marketing Director of Ingram Park Mall in San Antonio, Texas, Marketing Director of Valle Vista Mall in Harlingen, Texas and most recently, Regional Marketing Director over nine malls on the west coast of Florida.

Dancy is a Dallas native who is very comfortable with the Gainesville market - having lived in Gainesville for two and a half years as a child. Dancy has a BBA in Marketing and a BBA in Management from Texas A&M University.

Regarding her new position, Dancy stated, "Prime Outlets at Gainesville is a wonderful center with a great staff, and I'm really looking forward to becoming a part of the community and contributing to the success of the center and our merchants."

Prime Outlets at Gainesville, owned and managed by Baltimore-based Prime Retail (NYSE: PRT, PRT.PRA, PRT.PR.B), is an open-air, village style manufacturer's outlet center located on IH-35 at exit 501. The center, which opened to the public in August 1993, contains 316,000 square feet of space featuring over 80 shops. Center hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prime Outlets at Gainesville is one of 50 outlet centers owned and operated nationwide by Prime Retail.

Health Notes

Advice to clear up allergies

Sharing your bed with dust mites may keep you awake at night - sneezing and scratching your eyes. Dust mites, pet dander, and molds are culprits that can set off allergy attacks indoors.

Dr. Rebecca Gruchalla, assistant professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says people can take several steps to rid their homes of allergen.

She recommends removing fans from the bedroom because they keep dust in the air and dust clings to drapes, carpet, and upholstered furniture. Sheets should be washed in hot water and changed weekly to keep dust mites from mushrooming into a cloud when you toss and turn, she said.

Live plants harbor mold, so Gruchalla suggests silk plants, kept dust-free.



Torn up pavement on the east side of Main Street has crippled sales of many local businesses during the past few weeks. Patching the street where new water lines have been laid should be completed for this weekend's Germanfest.
Photo by Janie Hartman

It Was News THEN

This was news, exactly 50 years ago this week.

April 15, 1949

The urgency of developing a first class accredited public school in this district claimed the interest of the Muenster Community Council at its regular meeting in the parish hall. Council members considered all possibilities and decided the school program is this community's most urgent need today. The choice is between having its own accredited school, with local control, or paying a higher tax rate to help support another school in another district. Entitled "Prairie Town" the story of Muenster's development from a desolate spot on the prairie to a thriving agricultural center, is a featured article in the *Katy Employees Magazine* for March 1949. Obsolete: Mostert twin, one year old David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mostert and brother of Damian Mostert, dies of kidney ailment. Seventeen events will be included in the Muenster Saddle Club's annual horse show on Sunday, May 1. A clipping from a Houston newspaper tells Mrs. Agnes Lehnertz that her sons David and G.M. Lehnertz, who are students at the University of Houston, helped nab two youthful burglars who were involved in the burglary of a cafe owned by Eugene Lehnertz. The burglars were hiding in the attic of the cafe. Movies at the Relax Theatre in Muenster this week feature "Life With Father" with William Powell, Irene Dunne and Elizabeth Taylor on Sunday. "Secret Service Investigators" with Lynn Roberts and Lloyd Bridges on Tuesday; "The Plunderers" with Rod Cameron and Ilona Massey on Thursday. At the State Theatre in Gainesville, the movies are "Mother Is a Freshman" with Loretta Young and Van Johnson on Sunday; "One Touch of Venus" with Ava Gardner and Dick Haymes on Thursday. And there are double features at the Plaza Theatre in Gainesville.

This was news, exactly 30 years ago this week.

April 18, 1969

Two former residents die this week: Keith Tompkins of Arlington dies of a heart attack at age 46; Clarence Owen, age 66 dies in Fort Worth. Muenster 4-H Club members shine with 17 county wins and advance to district. Muenster High School sends 16 students to Regional meet in Stephenville. John H. Wimmer is newly-elected commander of the Muenster VFW Post. Muenster High School wins first place trophy in 18-B District Academic meet with 159 points and Lindsay High School wins second with 154 points. Wedding: Mary Knabe and Claude Bayer are married in Sacred Heart Church.

This was news, exactly 30 years ago this week.

April 25, 1969

Mayor Earl Fisher announced to City Council meeting the good news that the construction of the new sewage treatment plant and its over-all cost will be lower than estimated. Cooke County Electric Cooperative Association from portions of five counties will gather in MHS Auditorium for 31st

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Reading "Letters to the Editor" has been a pastime for me for many years.

I especially took note of such a letter in the April, 9, 1999 issue of the *Muenster Enterprise*, written by Micallee Matson. Ms. Matson let it be known that she has a fear of possibly running into walkers and or cyclists on CR 300 which runs west from Kountry Korner.

I know the feeling. We lived three miles west of Muenster on CR 300 for 51 years, and I can still remember when I first used this road. It seemed that its main direction is up and down. It has few places that are comparatively level and then only for very short distances.

Over the years I made many trips over this road to Muenster, as well as west of our farm, to near Saint Jo, hauling grain or hay or just on business. All of this road is mostly hills, one after another.

My good late neighbor, Leo Becker, and any one driving for either of us had an unwritten rule that called for driving on our side of the road, especially when topping those many blind hills, and doing so at proper speeds.

I always had a fear of someone walking across the road on the blind side of one of these hills, and often cautioned young drivers from our neighborhood to drive with that in mind.

Well, the years rolled by and I can't remember of anyone being hit or run over on this road, although there were some accidents involving only vehicles and those riding in them.

Nevertheless I think it is the business of both drivers and pedestrians to always be on the defensive when using any road where seeing well ahead is a problem, and I would remind all who use the roads, to always remember they may not be alone.

City of Muenster Police Log

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3 - Issue arrest warrants.
2 - Failure to drive in a single lane.
2 - Theft under \$50.
2 - Failure to yield right-of-way.
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2 - Assistance at funeral.
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1 - Tow abandoned vehicle.
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1 - Check Business alarm.
1 - Report of burglary.
2 - Arrest and transport to Cooke County Jail.
2 - Public Intoxication.
8 - Speeding.
1 - Ran red light.

annual general meeting. Eight senior 4-H Club members from Sacred Heart High advance to State competition at Roundup at Texas A&M University. Clifford Sicking wins at Regional Track meet in Stephenville and qualifies for State Track meet in Austin. Muenster City Park receives improvements in the beautification program carried on by the Jaycees. Obituaries: Mrs. John P. Neu dies in Lindsay at age 96; Mrs. J. S. Horn dies at age 93 - was a long-time Muenster Telephone operator. New Arrivals: a son for Mr. and Mrs. Dolphy Joe Hellman; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bezner. Golden Wedding: Mr. and Mrs. Mat Neu celebrate 50th wedding anniversary.

This was news 10 years ago this week.

April 28, 1989

Muenster hosts Centennial Germanfest. Eighth annual Metric Century Bicycle Rally enjoys spectacular growth. Volksmarch offers special appeal. Police Chief Helen Tompkins says: "Basically, we are ready for Germanfest.... We have upgraded security... But don't tempt thieves... Don't let your children go to Germanfest unsupervised... and don't let them walk home alone or even in groups, late at night... Don't become complacent... The possibility of danger always lurks nearby, and occurs so suddenly, without a moment's warning!!" Remodeling of DI One Stop is complete. The 1989 Agricultural Tour of this area will be held May 2. Texas Association of Basketball Coaches announces selection of J. Shane Wimmer of MHS to the elite 10 member squad of the All-State Academic Team. Muenster High School sends eleven students to Regional competition in Kilgore, after their decisive win at District 17-A. Wedding: Tammy Marie David marries Gregory Alan Howard in St. Thomas Catholic Church of Pilot Point. SHS Sophomore History Class takes field trip to International Fest in the Arts District; the JFK Assassination Site; the Ramses Exhibit; dinner at the Old Spaghetti Warehouse; and the memorable experience of being approached by mendicants who

asked students to bring them any food left on their plates. Students complied. New Arrivals: Karissa Michelle Reiter to Lloyd and Mary Reiter; Colt Dalton Baldwin to Chris and Pam (Hoenig) Baldwin; Keliney Alisha Harris to Kellin (Bus) and Larisha Harris; Ashley Nicole Bando to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bando. Sacred Heart High Tigerettes capture third consecutive TAPS District I Title in Track and Field. Lindsay High School sends 11 students to Regional Track Meet in Kilgore. Sacred Heart High Student Council is named to the Outstanding List for 1988-89.

This was news, 10 years ago this week.

April 21, 1989

Cooke County Electric Cooperative holds annual meeting. Enthusiastic crowd in attendance; Rohmer's Catering serves the meal; Saint Jo Opera entertains with country and western music and song; Reports to membership are "Real Good!!" Texas final of National Geography Bee are a test of endurance, nerves, pressure points, and top 100 students from 1200 competing schools survive something very special. Melissa Miller of Sacred Heart and Justin Hartman of Muenster Public School are two of the top 100 students. Billie Friday Fleitman opens travel agency in Old Theatre Mall. Obituary: Bernadette Roberg Malone die in Fort Worth at age 69. Golden Wedding: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schilling honored on 50th wedding anniversary. New Arrivals: China Ann Walker to Archie and Cath. Walker; Griffin Josepi Klement to Curtis and Cinde Klement; Jessica Mari Walterscheid to Phil and Bernadette Walterscheid. Glenn and Jean Walterscheid Muenster High School boys win District Track championship. Sacred Heart Tigerettes win Tom Landry Relays. MH. Lady Hornets send 11 t. Regionals in Track.



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Lifestyle

Frank and Caroline Schilling honored on 60th

Frank and Caroline Schilling are honored by their family, children, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to observe their 60th wedding anniversary. The event was held Sunday evening, April 18 at their home. They were married on April 7, 1939 in Sacred Heart Church. Attending the family reunion are Virgilla and Tom Herr and their family: Sheri and Don Haverkamp and three children; Brian and Sylvia Herr and four children; Darrell and Shawna Herr and two children. Charlotte and Bill Dangelmayr and their family: Don and Hayle Dangelmayr and son; Shawn and Kristi

Dangelmayr; Janet and Pat Bowman and four children of Austin (unable to attend, but sent greetings). Jr. and Eileen Schilling and their family: Jon Schilling; Lisa Schilling; Michael Schilling; Joel Schilling; Laura and Andrew Furmann of Germany (unable to attend but sent greetings). Duwayne and Sharlene Schilling and their family: Kelly and Rod Lanier of Fort Worth; Tina and Ryan Hess and two children; Cindy and Max Koesler; Erica Schilling of Denton; Brad Schilling; Charlie Schilling. Debra and Robert Walterscheid and their family: Leah Walterscheid; Allison Walterscheid of Austin (unable to attend but sent greetings).

Doris and Leroy Sandmann and their family: Chad Sandmann of Florida (unable to attend, but sent greetings); Corey and Shawn Sandmann and two children of San Antonio; Kyle Sandmann; Kacy Sandmann. Also, brothers, sisters and close friends of the honored couple: John and Mae Streng, Arnie and Jake Schilling, Carl and Celie Schilling, Leo and Rosina Felderhoff, Eugene and Clara Klement, Anna Marie Bayer, and Alois and Virginia Pelzel of Pilot Point. They were all together for a cookout in the evening, served with all the trimmings, and a German chocolate anniversary cake, baked and decorated by Charlotte Dangelmayr.



First Communion Class of 1999 from St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay. Courtesy photo

Next Cooke County Relay For Life team captain's meeting April 29

Teams can still be formed for the Cooke County Unit of the American Cancer Society 4th Annual Relay For Life, a 24-hour event to fight cancer. The event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 4-5 at the Muenster Horner Stadium. On Thursday, April 29, the next Team Captain's meeting is scheduled. Those teams already formed or in the process of being formed are welcome to attend this meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Colwell Conference room located in the Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Team captains will be able to pick up their packets, turn in any money that has already been raised, and reserve their camp site. Those individuals or groups interested in finding out what it takes to become a Relay For Life team, are especially welcomed. The Relay For Life team consists of 10-15 walking and/or running enthusiasts from area companies, organizations and neighborhoods," said co-chairman Mary Endres. "Each team raises money to support the fight against cancer. Members of each team stay on the track for the entire event. Others, not on the track will participate in fun activities opening throughout the 24-hour period. One of the new fund-raisers this year is the Cancer Fact Signs that will be displayed along the entire track.

Individuals, businesses or organizations can purchase fact signs with their name or logo printed on one side. "So far, the Cancer Fact Signs have been a great success!" remarked co-chairman Cheryl Pollard. "These signs will be up for all to see throughout the entire 24-hour event." Deadline for Cancer Fact Signs will be Friday, April 30. Teams are asked to turn in information and any money raised at the Team Captain's meeting so signs can be printed for the event. For additional information on the Team Captain's meeting or the Relay For Life event, call 940-759-2271, ext. 26.

Instrumental recital scheduled at NCTC

The North Central Texas College Music Department will host a free instrumental recital at 7:30 p.m. on April 29 in the Little Theatre. NCTC Music Director of Instrumental Music Dr. Michael Thrasher will join Jennie Vaughan, a Professor of Piano at Paris Junior College and Walter Hawkey, principal cellist from the Wichita Falls Symphony to perform two pieces. Both selections, Thrasher noted, are designed for trios of clarinet, cello and piano. The first is by German composer Wilhelm Berger and the second

Announcements

Community garage sale to be held May 8 in Lindsay

Saint Peter's ROCK Youth Group will be sponsoring a community garage sale on Saturday, May 8. Items may be donated for the sale, on the second floor of Providence House in Lindsay any weekday morning or left on the front porch, if delivered at another time. All good resaleable items are welcome.

by Johannes Brahms. Thrasher said he was pleased to be able to work with two distinguished musicians. "I performed with Jennie Vaughan in a recital at Paris Junior College last year. I'm glad that we are able to bring the same type program to our campus this year." The public is invited to the hour-long concert. "For anyone who enjoys classical or chamber music," Thrasher said, "this is a wonderful opportunity to hear quality professional musicians from outside our immediate area."

Saint Peter's Parish holds First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay on Sunday, April 11, 1999 at the 10 a.m. Mass by Rev. Eugene Luke and 23 members of the 2nd grade CCD class. The theme, "This Is The Bread That Came Down From Heaven" was displayed on a banner with a large gold chalice topped with a white host and entwined with grapes and wheat. This banner stood as a reminder to the class of the significance of this special day. The altars were decorated with white flowers and candles. Easter lilies and greenery accented the sanctuary. The Freshmen class presented flowers at the altar in honor of each communicant before the entrance procession. As the communicants entered Church, the Guardian Angel Choir sang "For the Beauty of the Earth." The entrance procession gifts were presented by: Ian Milunas, Bread and Grapes; Laura Kelley and Kyleigh Zimmerer, Baptismal Candles; Tyler Hess, Bible; Kyle Bezner, Crucifix; Amber Nortman, Rosary; and Beverly Bayer, a flower in honor of the Freshmen Buddies. The First Reading for the Mass was given by Kristan Hoberer; the Responsorial Psalm by Samuel Sparkman; and the Second Reading by Kayla Hess.

Rev. Luke recognized each child by name and then the class acclaimed their beliefs in the Catholic faith by reciting the Apostle's Creed and renewing their baptismal vows. Prayers of the Faithful, especially the petition of the children, were offered by Kendall Neu, Derek Hundt, Nichole Metzler, Rose Hermes, and Jon Michael Sweeney. As the choir sang "A Gift From Your Children" the offertory gifts were presented by Dillon Miller, Derek Ogletree, John Wyrick, Abe Fuhrmann, Tracy Bartlett, and Ashley Hess. During the reception of the Holy Eucharist by the First Communicants and the community, the choir sang "The Supper of the Lord," "Receive Our Prayer," and "Portrait of Jesus." The Before Communion Prayer was led by Kelly Laux. The After Communion Prayer

of Thanksgiving was presented by Nicholas Bezner. At the conclusion of Mass, the children ascended the altar steps to sing "Let the Children Come" for family and friends. Assisting during Mass were: Eucharistic Ministers Amy Hoberer, Beth Kelley, Linda Nortman, Diane Hermes, Andy Bezner, and Leon Fleitman. Ushers were Walter Lutkenhaus and James Fuhrmann. The Mass Servers were Cody Hess, Allison Hundt, Coy Kelley, and Erin Wyrick. Preceding Mass, the Guardian Angel Choir sang "Come to My Heart," "Miracle of Life," and "Holy is His Name." Religion teachers were Pam Hoberer and Kathleen Lutkenhaus. Catherine Bezner and Debra Neu are the CCD Directors for St. Peter's Church.

April 24 is Kid's Day

Texoma CattleWomen are co-hosting for the first time with Dennard's and the RCA Rodeo, a Kid's Day at the Center Court Area in the Sherman Mall on April 24. Starting at 9 a.m. is the Junior Queen Interview & Rodeo Ticket Sale. 10 a.m. is the Little Mr. and

Miss Rodeo. Noon is the Stick Horse Rodeo, and at 1 p.m. the Western Style Show will be held. For more information and other Texoma CattleWomen projects, contact Mrs. Charla Haubold at 940-466-3566 or Mrs. Barbara Henderson 940-612-1629.

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Country Jamboree to perform at "Pig Out"

The Illinois Bend Community Club is pleased to announce the "Country Jamboree" will perform at their upcoming "Pig Out." This event will be held Saturday evening, May 1, on the lawn of the old Illinois Bend schoolhouse. The "Country Jamboree," a Saint Jo based band, is well known around the area. They share their musical talent with the public each fourth Saturday evening of the month, performing at the Saint Jo ISD auditorium. This group has also performed for numerous rodeo dances, community events, and benefits in north Texas.

The Country Jamboree boasts a versatile and talented group of performers. Most of the band members play

musical instruments and sing during their performances. The group includes Christopher Stewart, lead guitar, Michelle Robinson, rhythm, Joey Wilson, on drums, and Benny Strong on bass. The lead female vocalist is Cindy Lyons with Cody Pledger as lead male vocalist. Dalton Lyons is the skilled technician who operates the sound system. For their

performance at the "Pig Out," the band has invited Chris "Radar" Burnett on keyboard. The band joins with the Illinois Bend Community Club in inviting everyone to join them for the "Pig Out." The music will begin at 6:00. So come on out to the "Pig Out," the night promises to provide lots of food, fun and great entertainment.

Keisha Dill attends special "Evening"

Austin College student Keisha Dill, a graduate of Muenster High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dill, was one of nearly 100 students who attended special ceremonies in Dallas recently during Austin College's annual "An Evening With Your Scholar" program. The event, held at the Royal Oaks Country Club, featured a keynote address by Jay Evans, a 1964 graduate of Austin College and a long time member of the admission staff of the college. Senior Patty

Ulmer of Katy spoke on behalf of the scholarship recipients, sharing how scholarships enlarged her opportunities for learning.

The program is designed to bring together the donors and honorees of scholarships at Austin College with the students currently holding those scholarships. The college stresses that scholarships offer more than dollars and the special evening opens the door for students and donors to become more acquainted and benefit from each others' experiences.

The college awards more than 100 academic scholarships and fellowships each year, ranging from \$500 to full tuition.

Open House slated for ECI Texoma

The Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) - Texoma is hosting an open house in their new facility 2300 West Morton, Suite J, Denison on Monday, April 19, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. The ECI program is operated by Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma and the Texas Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention.

ECI provides developmental therapy and support services for infants with developmental delays in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties. A developmental delay can be defined as a significant variation in normal child development in one or more of the following areas: cognitive and/or communication development, physical development (vision, hearing, gross and fine motor skills and nutritional status), social and emotional development, and adaptive development and self-help skills.

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The most critical therapy in diarrhea illness is hydration - replacement of lost fluids by a mixture of water, sodium chloride, glucose, and bicarbonate. Antimicrobial therapy is indicated in some conditions, however, most cases of diarrhea illness is due to the majority of bacterial pathogens is a self-limited problem. That is, treatment with over the counter medications such as Pepto Bismol or Kaopectate should resolve the problem and not require antibiotic therapy.

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Grandparenting support program

by Evelyn Yeatts,
County Extension Agent

A Grandparenting Support Group will meet on Monday evening, April 26. Speaker for the evening will be Michael Ann Rigler, counselor and social worker with Friends of the Family. Her remarks will center around "Grandparents Taking Care of Themselves, Handling Stress, and Finding Time for Themselves."

The meeting will also offer time for participants to visit with each other. It will begin at 7 P.M. in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 401 North Dixon, Gainesville.

Most grandparents faced with a new role as primary caregiver find it brings on many challenges, questions, stress, and even exhaustion. Any person responsible for grand-

children, or co-parenting along with an adult child, is invited to participate in the meeting to learn more about how to cope with raising a second family.

Child care is available by calling the Extension Office at 668-5412.

The "GAP" (Grandparents Again Parenting) Support Group is sponsored by the Parenting Committee of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Cooke County. The program, like all educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is open to all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodations in order to participate in this program are encouraged to call 940-668-5412 for assistance.

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Hickman Family journal is focus of Morton museum

The fifth session in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Spring Series "A Frontier Journal - Life With The Hickman Family" will be held at the museum at noon on April 26.

What was Texas Ranger Tom Hickman's life like when he was a boy or what was life typically like on the frontier around the turn-of-the-century? William McCormack, who was the uncle of Texas Ranger Tom Hickman, kept a journal from 1897 through 1900 while he was living with the Hickman family in Sivils Bend in Cooke County. Through the journal, participants can get a sense of early life here - trying to

survive when the temperature dropped several degrees below zero; traveling back and forth to Gainesville; killing hogs; plowing; church services; candy pullings; and much more. Several artifacts belonging to Tom Hickman will be displayed.

Handouts will be provided and refreshments served. Seating is limited. For members of the Cooke County Heritage Society, the cost to attend is \$3 and for non-members of the Heritage Society the cost is \$4. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call the Morton Museum of Cooke County at 940-668-8900.

"Pioneer Families" topic at Morton Museum

The West was settled by hardy individuals who endured enormous hardships to ensure the survival of homesteads,

ranches, towns, and counties. The latest exhibit at the Morton Museum of Cooke County, "Pioneer Families," examines some of the families who played vital roles in the founding and continued existence of some of the different communities in the area. Among the items on display are an 1860s diary of General William Hudson, a Confederate officer and large cattle dealer who laid the foundation for purebred cattle in West Texas; articles from the Palace Drug Store in the small town of Myra and a quilt from the same town signed by many of the residents; a photograph of the young boy who served as ringbearer at Sam Rayburn's wedding; items belonging to Tom Hickman, who later became a Texas Ranger, and much more.

The exhibit will be on display through May. For more information, please call the Morton Museum of Cooke County at 940-668-8900.



Future artist Marbella Hernandez works on one of several masterpiece paintings she designed at Artfest.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Healthy pizza variations program

by Evelyn Yeatts,
County Extension Agent
"Pizza" is definitely a popular food today for people of all ages. Much of the pizza is high calorie however and not always the best choice healthwise. It can be however!

A special program has been planned by the Family & Consumer Science Committee of the Texas A&M Agriculture Extension Service on Tuesday, April 27 at 12 noon. It will be in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall at 401 N. Dixon.

The program will include the history of pizza and a variety of Healthy Pizza recipes. Tasting of pizza's will be enough for a light lunch to allow working women to attend. There is a \$3.00 charge to cover expenses. Healthy Pizza recipes will be given to participants. To register call the Extension Office at 668-5412 or drop by the office in the Courthouse basement.

Teen parenting class series

by Evelyn Yeatts,
County Extension Agent
Parents of teens are invited to participate in a 3-part class series beginning on May 6 from 6-8 p.m. It will continue on May 13 and May 20 also at 6-8 p.m. The class will be held in the Cooke County Library Meeting Room at 200 South Weaver Street.

"Active Parenting of Teens" is the video-based program that will be used in the classes to be led by Evelyn Yeatts, County Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Science.

As parents, most people want to give their best efforts to be effective. Part of giving one's best means tackling the job of parenting like we would any other job that is both important and difficult - with training and support. For too long,

however, our society has treated parenting as if it were either easy or unimportant. Without training, families often experience frustration and conflict and are left wondering what went wrong. Even with training, parenting is a challenge.

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Thanks to Clement Keel Funeral Home and Reverend Enoch Stewart for the comforting and uplifting service, and the Myra Community Club for a sumptuous meal.

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School News

Muenster takes second in district junior high UIL academic meet

Muenster Junior High students took part in UIL Academic District competition Friday, April 16 in Lindhorst. Windthorst won the competition with 515 points and Muenster took second place with 478 points. Other school districts taking part and their points were: Jo with 339 points, Estrella with 209, and Era with 181 points. Those from Muenster who placed and their events are as follows:

Calculator 7th grade - Melinda Walterscheid, second.

Dictionary Skills 7th - Rachel Clark, second; Robyn Hermes, fourth; Chelsea Felderhoff, fifth. Team of Karl Hermes, Felderhoff, and Kristi McAden, second.

Dictionary Skills 8th - Kami Klement, first; Lisa Felderhoff, second; Megan Lippe, 3rd. Team of Klement, Felderhoff, Lippe, and Amanda Felderhoff, first.

Impromptu Speaking 7th - Kyle Endres, first; Melinda Walterscheid, sixth.

Impromptu Speaking 8th -

Dustin Walterscheid, sixth.

Listening Skills 7th - Rachel Clark, tie for second. Team of Clark, Joseph Dangelmayr, Kyle Endres, Anna Jackson, first.

Listening Skills 8th - Megan Lippe and Michael Endres, tie for first; Team of Lippe, Endres, Karl Fisher, and Mitch Felderhoff, second.

Maps, Graphs and Charts 7th - Joseph Dangelmayr, tie for first; Kyle Endres, fourth.

Maps, Graphs and Charts 8th - Karl Fisher, second; Lisa Felderhoff, fifth. Team of Fisher, Felderhoff, and Tyler Walterscheid, second.

Math 7th - Daniel Russell, third; Nathan Sicking, sixth. Team of Russell, Sicking, Kyle Endres, and Rachel Clark, second.

Math 8th - Michael Endres, second; Ricky Endres, fourth; Lisa Felderhoff, fifth. Team of Endres, Endres, Felderhoff, and Megan Lippe, first.

Modern Oratory 7th - Robyn Hermes, first; Kristian Koesler, second.

Modern Oratory 8th - Kami Klement, first;

Number Sense 7th - Team of Kyle Endres, Daniel Russell, and Nathan Sicking, third.

Number Sense 8th - Michael Endres, sixth.

Oral Reading 8th - Amanda Felderhoff, sixth.

Ready Writing 7th - Kristi McAden, third; Chelsea Felderhoff, fourth.

Ready Writing 8th - Megan Lippe, fifth.

Science 7th - Daniel Russell, third; Kyle Endres, sixth. Team of Russell, Endres, and Joseph Dangelmayr, first.

Science 8th - Amanda Felderhoff, second; Tyler Walterscheid, fourth. Team of Felderhoff, Walterscheid, Michael Endres, and Karl Fisher, second.

Spelling 7th - Rachel Clark, first; Bridgette Klement, fourth; Deann Dangelmayr, fifth. Team of Clark, Klement, Dangelmayr, and John Sturm, first.

Spelling 8th - Kelly Grewing, first; Kami Klement, fourth. Team of Grewing, Klement, and Megan Lippe, first.



Muenster Junior High District UIL Academic winners.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Sacred Heart Honor Roll

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Russell Fette, Patrick Miller, Debra Voth, Nicholas Yosten. **Grade 11:** Glenn Gleason, Jennifer Hess, Gina Yosten. **Grade 10:** Jacqueline Bartush, Diane Becker, Keith Felderhoff, Dana Miller, Kendal Sellers. **Grade 9:** Andrea Bauer, Kelly Fetsch, Elizabeth Fette, Sara Sepanski. **Grade 8:** Christopher Fuhrmann, Lilianna Nasche. **Grade 7:** Cindy Hartman, Amy Trevino. **Grade 6:** Andrew Davis, Adam Vinson. **Grade 5:** Abby Endres, Leah Vinson.

"A" HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Duncan Campbell, Deann Felderhoff, Lucien Gehrig, Elizabeth Trevino. **Grade 11:** Adrienne Bartel, Debra Dangelmayr, Kayla Felderhoff, Anne Flusche, Michelle Fuhrmann, Joanna Gehrig, Sarah Hess, Kristen Knauf. **Grade 10:** Grace Cochran, Holly Hartman, Jeff Hartman, Jessica Koesler, John Skotnik, Chris Smith, Nicholas Taylor, Jonathan Yosten. **Grade 9:** Audrey Barnhill, Lisa Rohmer, Aaron Walterscheid, Kristen Yosten, Kristen Zimmerer. **Grade 8:** Katherine Cox, Clint Fuhrmann, Michael Voth. **Grade 7:** Jayna Biffle, Andrea Bonin, Lisa Endres, Karen Gehrig, Kathryn Sepanski, Lynn Sicking, Christina Weinzapfel. **Grade 6:** Rose

Bartush, Jacqueline Bauer, Christine Fetsch. **Grade 5:** Debra Yosten, Whitney Wimmer, Sarah Whitecotton, David Walterscheid, Nicole Bayer, Joelle Fuhrmann, Mark Gehrig, Shannon Hartman, Diana Knabe. **Grade 4:** Charlotte Bartush, Micah Flusche, Kristen Miller, Mitchell Sellers, Jessica Walterscheid.

"B" HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Leah Rigler, Charles Schilling, Thomas D. Smith. **Grade 11:** Andrea Bartush, Jana Coker, Sarah Kelley. **Grade 10:** Charlie Moster. **Grade 9:** Mattie Sicking. **Grade 8:** Catherine Bartush, Mary Jane Callahan,

Jessica Davies, Martin Farrell, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Anna McMurrey, Tiffany Richey, Haley Rogers, Jana Truebenbach, Thomas Whitecotton, Mindy Wimmer. **Grade 7:** Courtney Hartman, Noah Hess, Patrick Knapp, Adam Taylor, Laura Taylor, Kevin Walterscheid, Weston Wimmer. **Grade 6:** Paul Bartush, Margret Farrell, Katie Flusche, Jordan Smith. **Grade 5:** Angela Cox, Adam Dangelmayr, Jacqueline Flusche, Karen Flusche, Hannah Hess, Adam Reson. **Grade 4:** Jessica Bartel, Zachary Bartush, Mark Fleitman, Jessica Schilling, Heather Pittelkow.

Years Ago . . .

Apr. 8, 1949

Results of City Election are as follows: for Mayor - John Hoffman 109, J.M. Weinzapfel 90; for alderman - Dick Cain 116, Joe Knabe 81. In County School Board election: Ben Seyler 203, Monroe 36, Ward 13. Muenster Telephone Company gets "new lease on life" as stockholders approve sale of additional capital stock. Assistant State Superintendent of Schools warns group traveling to Austin that schools have to qualify for first class rating or be absorbed by other schools that do qualify, but have a higher tax bracket, then the smaller school will become a supporter of a system outside its own borders. New Arrivals:

Coletta Ellen Swirczynski to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Swirczynski; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Martin. At the movies in Muenster this week Thursday and Friday are "Fort Apache" with John Wayne, Shirley Temple and Henry Fonda, "Man Eater of Kumaon" with Sabu and Joanne Page on Saturday; "John Loves Mary" with Jack Carson, Patricia Neal, Ronald Reagan and Edward Arnold on Sunday and Monday. "Heart of Virginia" with Robert Lowery, Janet Martin and Frankie Dauron on Tuesday and Wednesday. "The Inside Story" with Marsha Hunt and Charles Winniger on Thursday. There will be no show on Good Friday.

Lindsay High School picks favorites

The student body of Lindsay High School recently elected school and class favorites.

Erica Fuhrmann and John Zner were nominated for Mr. and Miss Lindsay High School. Fuhrmann also was chosen, along with Richey Alfrey as most popular.

The Senior class picked as their favorite students Amy Jo and Lambert Hess, Sarah Collis and Tyler Schneider were picked by the junior class, with DeeAnn Fuhrmann and Paul Metzler as winning Sophomores. The freshman class favorites were: Beque Bezner and Dominic Fuhrmann.

6th annual Nocona Fun Day arts & crafts sale scheduled

The Nocona Cemetery Association wishes to announce their 6th annual Nocona Fun Day coming up May 15 in downtown Nocona.

There is booth space available. Each booth space is 10'x10', and participants must furnish their own display. There is a registration fee of \$5.00 per booth space. Advanced registration will close May 13.

If you are a craftsman, artist, and wish to rent a space, or need more information please write: Arts & Crafts Sale, Nocona Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 581, Nocona, Texas 75555 or contact the Nocona Chamber of Commerce at 940-5-3526.



Lindsay Knightlites officers for 1999-2000 are, from left, Ashlie Ivett, Anna Beth Calhoun, Amanda Tamplin, Maggie Luttmer, and Jennifer Bengfort. Photo by Janie Hartman

New Knightlites announced

Tryouts for the 1999-2000 Lindsay Knightlites were held March 24 and a squad of 24 girls made the team.

They will be led by Margaret Luttmer, captain and Anna Beth Calhoun, co-captain. Eutenants for the group are Ashlie Privett, Amanda Tamplin, and Jennifer Bengfort. Other members are Adrienne

Sandmann, Faith Skinner, Ania Deptuch, Renee Sandmann, Kristan Tucker, Rachel Lively, Emmy Trammell, Christina Otto, Elaine Hess, Chelsea Brewer, Kim Hazle, Stacie Yosten, Laura English, Sarah Luttmer, Genevieve Knauf, Alex Shauf, Tami Hamilton, Stephanie Jankiewicz, and Brandi Gossett.



Dara Walterscheid receives a certificate for a \$500 scholarship from Job Training and Safety Instructor Danny Williams. Dara's father, Nick Walterscheid looks on during presentation. CCEC photo

Co-Op awards scholarship

Dara Dawn Walterscheid will be receiving a \$500.00 scholarship from the Job Training & Safety Loss Control Program, an extension of Texas A&M University. Fifteen high school graduates in Texas will receive these scholarships from JT&S. These graduates are children of parents (or legal guardians) who work for cooperatives in Texas.

Dee Dee is the daughter of Nick and Robyn Walterscheid of Muenster. Nick has been employed by Cooke County Electric Cooperative for nine years. She is currently the Vice-President of her Senior

Class at Muenster ISD, FHA vice-president, and head cheerleader.

After graduation, Dee Dee plans to attend the University of North Texas and major in speech language pathology audiology.

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Muenster ISD Pre-K students collected funds to buy a brick for the future Muenster Library. The Class of 2012 are pictured with library board members Tom Valliere and Ramona Felderhoff and teachers Jill Reiter and Janie Hennigan. Above is the morning class, front from left, Kalya Dangelmayr, Emily Hellman, Shawn Paynter, Andrew Loyd, Christopher Green, Miguel Sapien, Whitney Yosten, Holly Meek, and Hunter Noble; Back from left, Chase Hammer, Jill Reiter, Kayla Acuna, Tom Valliere, Daniel Lutkenhaus, Tyler Anderle, Blake Voth, Blake Grewing, Kendra Walterscheid, Ramona Felderhoff, and Janie Hennigan. At left the afternoon class, front from left, Hennigan, Joseph Monday, Jace Wann, Peyton Roberts, Kameron Heady, Chloe Schneider, Mark Jones, Reiter, Middle, Felderhoff, Lana Heers, Brianna Bayer, Andi Felderhoff; Back, Chelsey Caldwell, Allison Pagel, Paige Hennigan, Olivia Haverkamp, and Valliere. Photos by Janie Hartman

TDA warns parents, pet owners of poison-laced baits

The Texas Department of Agriculture warned parents, pet owners and homeowners to be on the lookout for illegal meat baits laced with pesticides. Animal deaths that occur as a result of pesticides in meat baits are reported to TDA for appropriate response. TDA investigates all complaints of pesticide misuse, and findings from these

investigations are shared with local law enforcement officials. People may place illegal baits in an attempt to control feral dogs or other predators. However, nontargeted species such as household pets may eat the illegal baits. The Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service and the TDA Predator Management Program can help producers find safe, more

humane and legal means of controlling predators.

TDA also advises pesticide applicators to consider all people or animals that may have access to an application site, erring on the side of caution if there is any chance that people or animals may come in contact with the pesticide.

TDA is the lead state agency responsible for enforcing federal and state pesticide laws in Texas. Using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with the label is illegal. In addition to criminal penalties, violators can be fined. Fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 have been levied recently by TDA.

Anyone with information regarding pesticide misuse incidents should contact TDA at 1-800-TELL-TDA or their local law enforcement officials.



Nickolas Flusche, Clay Knabe, and Tyler Rohmer create different designs using spin art at the annual Artfest held for Sacred Heart Elementary students Wednesday afternoon. Photo by Janie Hartman

Area cattlemen provide scholarships

Charla Haubold, President of Texoma CattleWomen, has recently announced that the Texas CattleWomen will again be providing scholarships to qualified young people this year. The process to locate worthy recipients to receive three \$1200 scholarships for the fall semester has already begun. Candidates should be majoring in Nutrition, Restaurant/Hotel Management, or Agricultural Communications.

In addition to the three scholarships funded directly by their organization, Texas CattleWomen will again administer the IVOMECEXCELLENCE Program this year which includes one \$1000 scholarship for the Fall '99

semester and one \$1000 internship for Summer '99. Also, there will be an additional \$16,000 in IVOMECEXCELLENCE OF EXCELLENCE scholarships given by Texas CattleWomen later this year for use in 2000. Six \$1500 and seven \$1000 scholarships will be offered to a qualifying college junior, senior, or graduate student. Candidates should come from a ranching family and plan to seek a career associated with the beef industry to qualify for the IVOMECEXCELLENCE OF EXCELLENCE Scholarships.

Texas CattleWomen have received approximately \$105,000 during the last three years from their partnership efforts with Merial, the

manufacturer of IVOMECEXCELLENCE OF EXCELLENCE Program originated in 1996 and has become a national success with contributions to state cattle associations exceeding \$1,000,000. Monies are used solely for scholarship and leadership activities to benefit young people.

Texas CattleWomen are comprised of 19 area members who work to support and promote the beef industry. For additional information or scholarship opportunities and other Texoma CattleWomen projects, contact Charla at 940-466-3566.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF APR. 26 - APR. 30

- MÜNSTER ISD**
Mon. - Enchiladas w/chili and cheese, lettuce salad w/dressing, beans, fruit, banana bread.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, peas, fruit, hot rolls.
Wed. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, lettuce salad w/dressing, fruit, bread, cake.
Thurs. - Baked chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls.
Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, onions and pickles, French fries, cheese sticks, fruit, ice cream.
- ERA ISD**
Mon. - Egg rolls or Salisbury steak w/brown gravy, corn, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, bread sticks.
Tues. - Chicken fried steak sandwich or barbecue wieners, pickle spears, tossed salad, applesauce, wacky cake.
Wed. - Crispy tacos, shredded cheese, trimmings, refried beans, sugar cookie.
Thurs. - Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.
Fri. - Hamburgers, sliced cheese, trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

- LINDSAY ISD**
Mon. - Barbecue sandwiches, ranch style beans, pickles, onions, chips, fruit.
Tues. - Meat loaf, new potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit, bread.
Wed. - Spaghetti and ground meat, okra, salad, fruit, bread.
Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.
Fri. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, bread.

- SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENUS**
Mon. - Hot dogs, celery and carrots, dip, fruit.
Tues. - Chicken noodle casserole, peas and carrots, lettuce, fruit, garlic toast.
Wed. - Crispyitos, corn, lettuce, fruit, pumpkin bread.
Thurs. - Baked ham, potato salad, baked beans, pineapple, bread.
Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, oranges.



Elizabeth Weinzapfel was one of many Sacred Heart "family" youth members participating in Wednesday afternoon's Artfest. Miss Elizabeth is the two and a half year old daughter of Ronnie and Tina Weinzapfel. Photo by Janie Hartman

Muenster student accepted to Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science

John Skotnik, a sophomore at Sacred Heart High School in Muenster, has been accepted to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science. He is the son of John and Claire Skotnik of Bonham.

TAMS is a two-year residential program at the University of North Texas that allows talented students to complete their freshman and sophomore years of college while earning their high school diploma.

Skotnik will enter TAMS this fall, live in a UNT residence hall and attend UNT classes

with college students. He should graduate in May 2001 with 60 hours of college credit and the equivalent of a high school diploma.

The academy admits up to 200 new students each year. Selection is based on Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, academic records from seventh through 10th grades, an academy mathematics diagnostic test, a student essay, demonstrated interest in science and mathematics, teacher recommendations, a personal interview, and parental support and commitment.

Free trees for all: new National Arbor Day program begins

Greener horizons are inevitable with five million bare-root trees available for free distribution to the public. Starting this spring millions of trees are being given away in observance of National Arbor Day through a special millennial program. Anyone in America can get some of the trees.

On April 22 the "Arbor Day Tree Truck" will begin a live tour to visit a number of states and give away trees to those who sign up.

Unlike other Arbor Day programs and tree promotions sponsored by the foundation, these plants are really free. No \$10 memberships are required and there is nothing to buy. Those wanting some of the baby trees this spring have until April 30 to sign up. The

program is funded through public support and other activities, while donations will be accepted they are not required.

Individuals can register for some of the young plants any of three ways: 1) log on to the Arbor Day website at www.arborday.com or www.freetrees.com; 2) call toll-free 1-877-arborday (272-6732) from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST; or 3) send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Arbor Day 2000, Washington, DC 20044-0980.

There are four different kinds of bare-root tree seedlings currently available, spruce, birch, maple and the tulip tree. All of these trees are of premium quality, average 10-24" tall, and all are USDA certified. The specific type of tree participants receive

depends upon their climate zone. Each person gets five trees for free, packaged with tree planting instructions and a fertilizer sample.

Orders outside of the distribution locations will have their free trees boxed up, root pruned, and mailed to them for the cost of shipping and handling which is less than five dollars. Orders placed electronically and by mail after the deadline will be processed the next planting season.

The group also has programs not limited to homeowners. Schools, youth groups, and corporations all have an opportunity to get trees. We're all getting a little greener it seems.

Green Tips
Fact: On your thermostat's manual setting, the fan operates continuously and can increase your bill by as much as \$45 per month.
Tip: Use the automatic setting so the fan turns on only when you need the heating or cooling.

Audition for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Butterfield Stage will hold auditions for the popular Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on two separate sessions beginning April 25. To be conducted at the theatre located at 201 S. Denton in Gainesville, auditions will be held for adults (ages 16-70 years) on April 25 at 3:00 p.m. and April 26 at 7:00 p.m. and for youth (ages 10 to 15 years) on May 2 at 3:00 p.m. and May 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Following the biblical adventures of Joseph and his coat of many colors, this musical fantasy was originally developed from a 20 minute cantata for schools.

Production dates for *Joseph and ATDC* are slated for July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, and 31. Anyone interested in auditioning or participating as production personnel is encouraged to attend auditions. Previous stage experience is not required. For more information about the auditions or the 1998-99 season, please call the theatre at 940-665-8152.

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Tuesday, May 4; and Gainesville High School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10.
Mozelle, Darrell, and Angela Henry will be presenting the same program to parents in Montague County. Dates scheduled there are April 29 at Saint Jo Cafeteria at 7 p.m.; Montague ISD on May 10 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria; and Nocona ISD cafeteria at 7 p.m. on May 3.
Mr. Cooper reminds interested parents to bring a check or money order made out to Texas Healthy Kids and the Social Security numbers of the parent and child or children to be insured. Those who apply and aren't accepted will be reimbursed in full.

Sports

Fifteen advance to regional track meet

Muenster tracksters earned 16 medals at the Track and Field Area meet for Districts 3A and 14A last Friday in Graham. Seven Hornets and eight Lady Hornets will advance from Region II to the regional meet next weekend. The girls are Heather Hess, Jessica Anderson, Jennifer Reid, Kinzie Gerstberger, Keri Felderhoff, Kelly Felderhoff, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Boys advancing are Casey Walterscheid, Bryan Miller, Brent Sicking, Justin Fleitman, Darren Hennigan, Eric Fisher, and Kevin Johnson.

Only two gold medals were won by the Hornets, both in hurdle events. Justin Fleitman won the 110 High Hurdles with a time of 16.19. Brent Sicking took top honors in the 300m hurdles, finishing at 42.91.

Eighteen schools from the two districts competed at the area meet. The top four finishers advance to regional competition.

The Era Hornets and Lady Trojans of Windthorst took the area championships. Muenster finished 13 points (106-93) behind Era and was followed

by Saint Jo with 71 points. Petrolia took second place in the girls division, Alvord third and Muenster fourth, with scores of 142, 88, 86, 72.

Muenster finishers included:

GIRLS DIVISION

Shot Put: 8th, Kinzie Gerstberger, 26' 8". High Jump: 2nd, Kinzie Gerstberger, 4' 10". 3200m: 5th, Keri Felderhoff, 12:52.84. 400m Relay: 4th, Heather Hess, Jessica Anderson, Jennifer Reid, Kinzie Gerstberger, 54.03. 800m: 2nd, Keri Felderhoff, 2:34.16; 4th, Kelly Felderhoff, 2:38.48. 100m: 5th, Kristie Lutkenhaus, 14.00. 800m Relay: 2nd, Kinzie Gerstberger, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Kelly Felderhoff, Kristie Lutkenhaus, 1:52.9. 300m Hurdles: 2nd, Kinzie Gerstberger, 51.43. 1600m Relay: 2nd, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Keri Felderhoff, Kelly Felderhoff, 4:21.91.

BOYS DIVISION

400m Relay: 2nd, Casey Walterscheid, Bryan Miller, Brent Sicking, Justin Fleitman, 44.7. 800m: 3rd, Bryan Miller, 2:03.20. 110m High Hurdles: 1st, Justin Fleitman, 16.19; 2nd, Brent Sicking, 16.67; 5th, Darren

Hennigan, 17.52. 300m Hurdles: 1st, Brent Sicking, 42.91; 3rd, Darren Hennigan, 44.22. 200m: 6th, Casey Walterscheid, 24.13. 1600m Relay: 2nd, Casey Walterscheid, Bryan Miller, Darren Hennigan, Justin Fleitman, 3:38.43. Pole Vault: 3rd, Eric Fisher, 9' 6". High Jump: 5th, Kevin Johnson, 5' 8". Shot Put: 5th, Jim Stoffels, 41' 9.25". Long Jump: 2nd, Kevin Johnson, 19' 6.25".



Sacred Heart Senior Lucien Gehrig brought home the gold last Friday in the 1600m run.

Photo by Dave Fette



Sacred Heart Junior Sarah Hess took home the silver medal in the discus toss at the Bishop Lynch meet last week. Sarah also won the shot put, out throwing the 5A competition.

Photo by Dave Fette

Sacred Heart runs in tough Bishop Lynch meet

The Sacred Heart track teams participated in a Dallas meet last Friday, hosted by Bishop Lynch. The Tiger teams competed against several TAPPS 5A schools.

Standouts of the meet were Sarah Hess and Lucien Gehrig. Sarah had the championship shot put toss of 33' 10 3/4" and finished in second place in the discus with a 92' 9" throw.

"The extra time Sarah puts in at practice has really paid off, to show its effect," noted Coach Dale Schilling. "Sarah continues to improve. This was her best throw. She will be very competitive at state."

Gehrig also finished with a first place in the 1600m run. His time of 4:39 continues his unbeatable season. "A great race. He tapped into reserves he never used," commented Coach Schilling. "This was a good tune-up for district. Gehrig has not yet been fully tested."

Other Sacred Heart athletes placing in the meet were Grace Cochran in the 1600m run. Grace improved her time by 11 seconds for a 5:50 finish.

Andrea Bauer brought home a bronze medal with a 16.56 time in the 100 hurdles and a 5th place with a 16' 5" long jump. Melanie Bartush's 2:35 run in the 800m race earned her a 5th place.

Other Tigers in the finals were Jonathan Yosten with a 39' 1" triple jump, his best jump this season; Adam Barnhill's 40 foot shot throw earned a 6th place and the 1600m relay team of Chris Smith, Jon Yosten, Lee Skinner and Charlie Moster finished in 6th place with a time of 3:43.92.

The Sacred Heart teams will compete at the TAPPS district one 2A track and field meet this weekend at Abilene Christian University. The district includes Jesus Chapel of El Paso, the boys defending 3A state champions, Harvest Christian, American Heritage, Lakehill Prep., Highlands, Ambassadors, and Liberty of Dallas.



Tonya Hess clears the hurdle in prelim competition.

Photo by Dave Fette

Muenster golfers advance to regional

The Hornet and Lady Hornets will be sending a dozen golfers to the regional tournament. Both teams finished in second place and two individual medalists also advance.

District was held April 12 at River Creek Golf Course.

In the girls tournament, Saint Jo took the championship and Muenster settled for district runner-up. Team members and their scores were: Allison Endres 100, Crystal Sparkman 118, Jaclyn Bell 121, Kristen Creed 122, and Courtney Haverkamp 127.

Polly Fette will also go to regional as an individual medalist. She finished third overall, shooting 117.

The Hornet team was led by Jim Stoffels and Aaron Klement, with scores of 92 and 93. Chad Felderhoff shot 98, Kevin Hermes 99, and Colby Calabrese 103.

Mitch Endres finished in 6th place individual with a 92 and will advance as a medalist to Regional.

The regional golf tournament will be April 26 and 27 at Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene.

Giant exotic carp landed at Fort Phantom Hill

Finding huge things hooked on the business end of a trotline is not uncommon. Finding huge uncommon things that are over our feet long and don't resemble anything else you've ever caught on a trotline is another matter.

On a recent trip to run his trotline, Abilene angler Andy Capia caught a large and unknown fish from the waters of Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir.

The monstrous fish fell prey to a live shad Tapia had used to bait his trotline. After some research, Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) fisheries biologists in Abilene identified the fish as a bighead carp. The carp weighed 65 pounds and was 51 inches long and is being submitted as a state record. No previous state record existed for bighead carp.

Only a few bighead carp

have ever been collected from Texas public waters. Bighead carp are native to the rivers in Asia and were introduced into the U.S. at hatchery facilities in the early 1970s as a potential commercial food fish. Bighead carp escaped into the Mississippi River, established spawning populations, and have since spread to several rivers in the Southeast and Midwest.

According to TPW biologists, no spawning populations are known to exist in Texas. Bighead carp feed primarily on plankton, clumps of algae, or insect larvae, however, on occasion they are caught by anglers.

Bighead carp need long rivers to successfully reproduce, an impossibility at Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir. This fish likely found itself in Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir as

illegal trotline bait or from contaminated grass carp stockings.

MUENSTER INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT April 7, 1999

Boys	
(1st, Petrolia, 349;	
2nd, Muenster 376)	
Chad Felderhoff	100
Aaron Klement	94
Colby Calabrese	95
Kevin Hermes	89
Nick Silmon	100
Girls	
(1st, Muenster;	
2nd, Gold-Burg)	
Allison Endres	108
Krystle Sparkman	115
Kristen Creed	114
Courtney Haverkamp	127
Polly Fette	121

Tigerettes All-District announced

Six state champion Sacred Heart Tigerettes were named to the TAPPS all district teams.

Making the first team were senior Leah Rigler and juniors Kayla Felderhoff, Sarah Hess, and Joanna Gehrig.

Freshman Andrea Bauer was chosen as newcomer of the year and Anne Flusche, junior, earned a place on the second team.

Kayla Felderhoff was also picked by the coaches as the district's most valuable player.

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Nutritionists also advise eating no more than 30 percent of our calories from fats and approximately 12 to 15 percent of our calories from protein. However, Americans are currently eating only 45 percent of their calories from carbohydrates, 35 to 40 percent from fats and the remainder from protein.

Protein and carbohydrates have four calories per gram; fat has nine calories per gram. Any excess of calories from eating more food than the body needs will be stored as fat. Extra calories from fat appear to be stored more readily than extra calories from protein or carbohydrates. A balance diet including foods from the five major food groups is needed to assure adequate calories for growth, maintaining health and general activity.

Wheat products provide dietary fiber in our diets. Dietary fiber is the carbohydrate in food which humans cannot digest. Fiber acts as a broom to sweep out the digestive tract. Adequate fiber intake has been related to lesser incidence of colon cancer and some types of heart disease. Adequate fiber in the diet has also been related to better control of diabetes and an overall healthy colon. Recent research suggests that eating wheat bran fiber may help prevent breast cancer.

Wheat foods are good sources of fiber as are fruits and vegetables. One slice of whole wheat bread contains 2 grams dietary fiber; one slice white bread contains 0.5 grams; one ounce of wheat bran cereal contains between 8 and 9 grams. The American Dietetic Association recommends eating 20 to 35 grams of fiber each day, but Americans are currently only consuming about 12 grams.

Farm Bureau and government programs

A bill to create Farm and Ranch Risk Management (FARM) accounts, would allow producers to set aside up to 20 percent of their yearly net income, with the funds reserved for them at any time. The incentives provided by FARM accounts will put farmers and ranchers in the habit of saving.

The account proposal will allow deposits to special FARM savings accounts to be held in reserve for up to five years with the funds taxed upon withdrawal. During low-income years producers can apply reserves to operating expenses for their farms.

The bill is supported by the American Farm Bureau Association.

In 1996, Congress passed the most significant food safety legislation in two decades.

Known as the Food Quality Protection Act, the new law repealed the zero tolerance Delaney Clause for food pesticide residues that threaten to unnecessarily cancel many important agricultural chemicals.

An entire class of chemicals called organophosphates and carbamates, the most effective means of controlling pests, is at risk.

Farmers strongly believe the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies should proceed with the new law so farmers' access to safe crop protection chemicals is not disrupted. "There is a limit to the number of tools that can be taken away from agriculture without impacting supply, production, and the price of our food and fiber," Tim Hartman, Cooke County Farm Bureau president said.

Planning ahead for emergency storage

If crop storage is tight at harvest, temporary storage facilities can protect your harvested crops from moisture, wind, birds, rodents and insects. Since temporary storage sites are just that - temporary - planning ahead will ensure that emergency storage doesn't create another emergency. Pole barns and machinery sheds are useful, however they need to be reinforced with bracing or braces. Grain exerts a pressure of about 23 pounds per foot of grain depth. Check with building manufacturers on strength information.

Cooling grain with aeration will also minimize mold growth, limit moisture migration and control insects.

To prepare an emergency outdoor grain storage site:

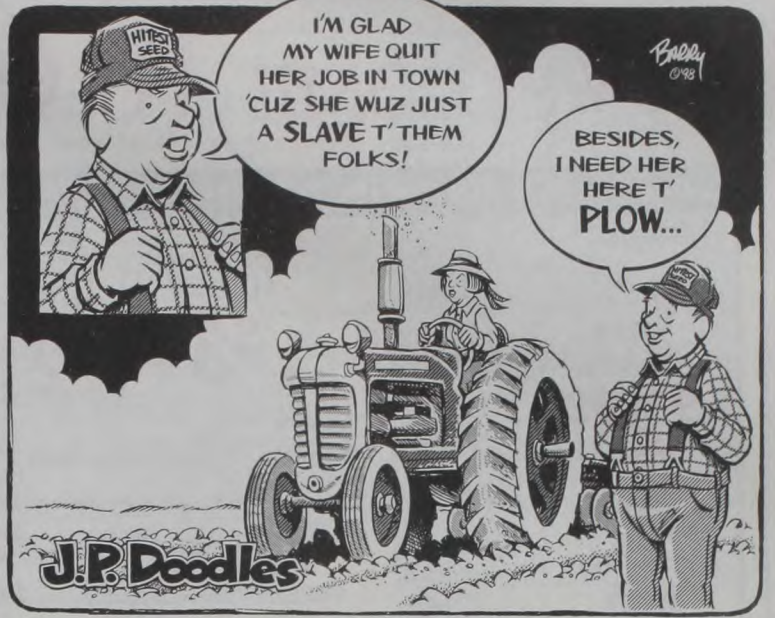
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Disaster payments scheduled for June

According to USDA Secretary Dan Glickman, disaster payments should be made in June, eight months after the aid was approved by Congress. A total of \$6 billion was appropriated and \$2.8 billion was paid immediately. Another \$2.1 billion will go to

cover crop losses, \$200 million will go to dairy farmers, and \$200 million will go to livestock producers. Another \$200 million was used to help producers buy crop insurance.

The disaster aid will have to be prorated, the Secretary said.



County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

LAWN WATERING

During 1984, an estimated 1.25 million acre feet of water were used by Texans in the care of maintenance and residential landscapes. Texas is expected to soon become the second most popular state in the U.S. with two-thirds of the population located in urban/suburban areas. With this growth conservative estimates indicate water needs will increase 75 percent by the year 2000. Thus, conservation, reclamation and efficient use of water resources will be come increasingly important.

Extension horticulturists from Texas A&M have some valuable suggestions for those out there who are just starting a new lawn or want to efficiently maintain that existing landscape.

Water needs vary considerably among the turfgrasses. Consider this when establishing a lawn, for it may significantly reduce irrigation needs during the summer. Of the common turfgrasses tall fescue requires the most water and buffalo-grass the least. St. Augustine, hybrid bermuda grass and common bermuda grass have intermediate water needs.

Lightly water newly seeded or sprigged lawns at frequent intervals. Keep the seed or sprigs moist but not saturated during this initial growth period. This may require watering four or five times on hot, windy days.

The first 10 days to 2 weeks are especially critical. If young plants dry out, they may die. After a couple of weeks root system development should be well under way and the watering frequency can be slowly reduced. At about 1 month after seeding or sprigging the lawn it should be treated as an established lawn. Purple or red colored bermuda grass may indicate seedlings are overwatered. If this occurs, reduce watering and plants usually recover.

Water newly sodded lawns much like established lawns except more frequently. After the sod is applied, soak it with enough water so that the soil under the sod is wet to a depth of 2 to 3 inches. Each time the sod begins to dry out, re-soak it. Roots develop fairly rapidly and within 2 weeks or so the sod can be treated like an established lawn.

Ideally, a lawn should be watered just before it begins to wilt. Most grasses take on a dull

purplish cast and leaf blades begin to fold or roll. Grass under drought stress also shows evidence of tracks after someone walks across the lawn. These are the first signs of wilt. With careful observation and experience, one can determine the correct number of days between waterings. Common bermuda grass lawns can go 5 to 7 days or longer between waterings without loss of quality.

Early morning is considered the best time to water. The wind is usually calm and the temperature is low so less water is lost to evaporation. The worst time to water is late evening because the lawn stays wet all night, making it more susceptible to disease.

When watering a lawn, wet the soil to a depth of 4 to 6 inches. Soil type affects the amount of water needed to wet soil to the desired depth.

It takes about 1/2 inch of water to achieve the desired wetting depth if the soil is high in sand, and about 3/4 inch of water if the soil is a loam. For soils high in clay, an inch of water is usually necessary to wet the soil to the desired depth. If waterings are too light or too frequent the lawn may become weak and shallow-rooted, which in turn makes it more susceptible to stress injury.

Many soils will not take an inch of water before runoff occurs. If

this is a problem with your lawn, try using a wetting agent, also called a surfactant, which reduces the surface tension of water making it "wetter." This "wetter" water runs into the soil at a faster rate and goes deeper than water in a non-treated soil. There are a number of wetting agents available; apply them according to directions on their labels.

SMALL GRAIN TOUR

Small grains have made excellent growth this spring and yield potential is very promising.

The Cooke County Annual Small Grain Tour will be held Wednesday, May 5 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the state breeding trials located on the Schumacher Bros. field approximately 1 mile north of Era on Hwy. 51.

Other stops include wheat variety and insecticide treatments on William Hermes farm at Hood; fungicide plots and no-till on the Sicking Bros. farm at Myra; barley variety demonstration on the Rudy Zimmerer farm at Lindsay; and herbicide treatments for ryegrass and broadleaf weed control on the Popp farm at Gainesville.

Producers attending the entire tour will be eligible for 3 CEU's toward recertification of private commercial and non-commercial pesticide license through the TDA.

Leftover forage boosts regrowth

Forage left in the pasture after grazing boosts regrowth, according to University of Minnesota research.

Texas Ag Facts

Almost 80 percent of the total land area in Texas is in some type of agricultural production.

Agriculture is the second-largest industry in Texas producing about 16 percent of the gross state product.

Grazing intensity treatment were grazed to 2-4 inch, 406 inch and 6-8 inch of residue. Pastures that were grazed down to 6-8 inch of residue produced 5.5 tons of forage per acre per year over the three year study. Pastures grazed down to 4-6 inch produced 5.4 tons per acre per year, but pastures grazed down to 2-4 inch of residue produced only 4.7 tons per acre per year.

The pastures used in the study contained cool-season grasses (smooth bromegrass, bluegrass and quackgrass) and legumes (alfalfa, red clover and birdsfoot trefoil.)

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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 90-115; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-90; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 90-113; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-90; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 88-100; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-88; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 80-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-80; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 72-79; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-72; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 68-71; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-68.	Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 80-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-80; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 75-92; Nos. 2 & 3, 62-75; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 70-82; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-70; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 65-73; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-65; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 60-66; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-60.	Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 42-53; Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, 28-33; cutter, 33-38. Stocking Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$500-\$575; medium frame, \$425-\$500. Cow-calf pairs/walcows under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$625-\$760; medium frame, \$500-\$625. Holstein baby calves, \$40-\$80; Crossbreds, \$80-\$200.	Hogs (per lb.) Barrows & Gilts: US 1-2, 220-275, 26-29; US 2-3, 220-275, 22-25; Sows: US	1-3, 300-650, 18-22; Boars: US 1-3, 200-650, 06-18. Feeders: US 1-3, 100-175, \$30-\$50 per head. Pigs: US 1-3, 25-90, \$10-\$30 per head. Sheep (per lb.) Lamb: 65-92; Ewes: 35-52; Bucks: 30-38. Barbados (per head) Lamb: \$22-35; Ewe: \$35-\$45; Bucks: \$35-\$55. Dairy Goats (per head) Kids: \$15-\$45; Nannies: \$35-\$75; Billies: \$50-\$100. Meat Goats (per head) Kids: \$15-\$45; Nannies: \$35-\$60; Billies: \$55-\$115.
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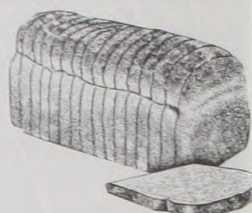
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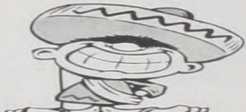
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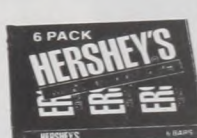
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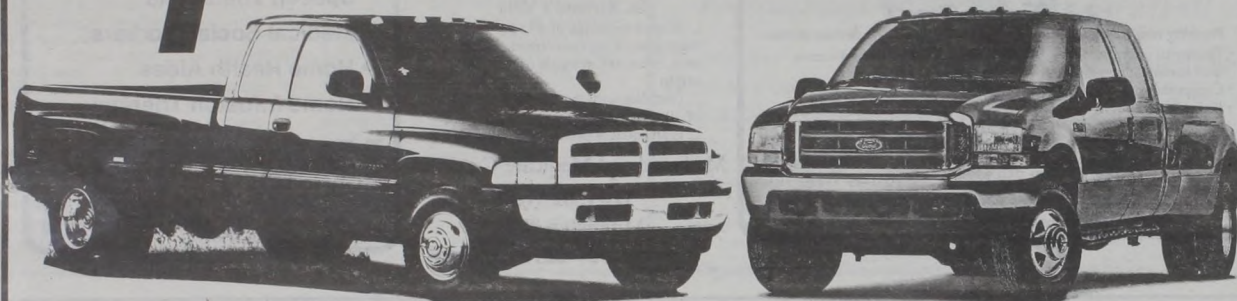
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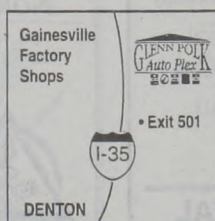
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Organization works toward beautification of Muenster

by Mary Lee Alford,
President Muenster Proud

Keep Muenster Beautiful has made tremendous strides this year in its effort to win the \$65,000.00 Governor's Community Achievement Award. Keep Muenster Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful, is an organization dedicated to the cleanup and beautification of Muenster. All of Muenster, from pre-school children to senior citizens, businesses and organizations, have come together this year to clean up and beautify the community.

Keep Muenster Beautiful is building Keep Muenster Beautiful Park on Main Street directly across the street from Sacred Heart Church.

The purpose of the park is to inspire and encourage the beautification of Main Street, remind people to keep Muenster beautiful by not littering, and reinforce the idea that "cleanliness is next to Godliness". The design is such that, as the trees and plants mature, people will want to have wedding photos and family portraits taken in the park.

Germanfest is just one of the many events throughout America to become a "litter free" event. Extra trash cans have been added and are scheduled to be emptied not only every evening, but also several times during the day. This will help ensure all visiting Germanfest will have a clean, fun time in Muenster!

Artist Tom Elliott demonstrates the fine art of pencil colors at one of the Germanfest Arts and Crafts tents.
Photo by Janie Hartman



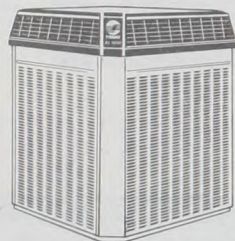
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The crowd cheers as two contestants strain to win in the North Texas Arm Wrestling Championship.
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Muenster community makes strides with its medical care

by Janet Felderhoff

Under the administration of Jack Endres and with the support and fund raising efforts of a reactivated hospital auxiliary, Muenster Memorial Hospital (MMH) has made many positive changes in the past several years. Recent remodeling in the hospital has included new carpets, much improved lighting in the patient rooms, remodeling of the hospital chapel, and more.

The hospital continues to update its equipment and initiate other improvements which create a comfortable and pleasant atmosphere for patients and allow the best possible medical care in a small hospital. All new equipment has been installed in the lab including a state of the art chemistry analyzer and hematology analyzer. To improve internal operations and to ensure Y2K compliance, the hospital purchased a new computer system. With the recent installation of equipment at MMH, CT scans are now available seven days a week.

Another accomplishment of which residents are especially proud of is the Muenster Hospital's new OB/Nursery unit. It is family oriented with mothers using the same room for labor, delivery, and postpartum care. Great effort was made to create a home-like

atmosphere for the birth.

Dr. Thomas Currier is the staff OB/GYN. His office is located in the Women's Health Center at 605 N. Maple in Muenster. The newest service offered by Dr. Currier is bone density testing to check for osteoporosis. Other services include obstetrics, gynecology, infertility, laser surgery, ultra sound, laparoscopic surgery, laparoscopic hysterectomy, and Norplant removal.

In March of 1998 the Muenster Memorial Hospital Family Health Clinic was opened at 509 N. Maple. It offers family health care for newborns through geriatrics and is open Monday through Friday and Saturday mornings. In July a family practitioner, Audrey Morrill, M.D., M.A.C.P. joined Edd Advincula, M.D., F.A.C.P. at the clinic and on the staff of MMH. Also on staff at the clinic are two nurse practitioners, Yvonne Ambrose, F.N.P.-C and Mary Kay Endres, F.N.P.-C, O.C.N.

Another change in June was the ownership of the local nursing home. St. Richard's Villa was purchased by Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Last June Elaine Schilling, D.D.S., M.S. opened a practice in General Dentistry and Prosthodontics at 409 N. Maple. Prosthodontics is a branch of dentistry pertaining to the restoration and maintenance of oral

functions, comfort, appearance, and health of the patient by the restoration of natural teeth, and/or replacement of missing teeth and contiguous oral and maxillofacial tissues with artificial substitutes. It is unusual to find such a specialty offered in rural areas.

In June the Muenster Pharmacy changed owners. Bob Ambrose, R.Ph. is the new owner. His line of services includes specialty compounding.



Andy Serna of the Captive Hearts band performs on the Texas Stage.

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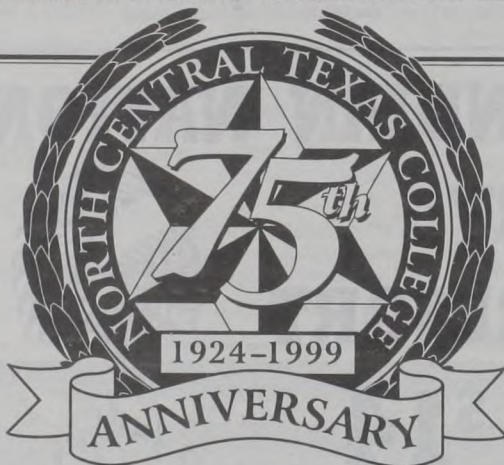
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Gemütlichkeit" beckons to the 24th Germanfest!

by Elfreda Fette

"What should we do next year to make Germanfest even better than it has been this year?" That thought is uppermost in conversations and plans of directors and the hundreds of loyal volunteers and particularly the sponsoring organization, the Muenster Chamber of Commerce. Barely hours or days after the Germanfest gate has closed Sunday night, enthusiasm is re-kindled.

Improvements are eagerly pursued. Innovations are considered, but new features are accepted only selectively. Sponsors are on guard for excellence in entertainment, a plateau reached the hard way, sometimes by trial and error in the early years.

To appeal to family entertainment, an activity tent where special children's entertainment will take place is featured again this year. There will be face-painting, children's basketball throw, football throw, sand art, goblet toss, among many other features.

On the Children's stage, Jim McNeely will get the kids involved with story telling, music, humor, and magic tricks. The Side Street Circus will offer magic, mime, music, and juggling, mixing talent and tomfoolery. There will be clowns, balloon sculptures and puppets.

Fun-loving audiences, young and old alike, will enjoy the Vince Vance group's blend of wit, showmanship,

and pageantry. Vince Vance and the Valiants perform Sunday at 3 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. on the Texas Stage.

Kenny and the Kasuals, probably the last of the real Sixties Bands to be heard today will be at Germanfest for the third year. This year they will perform on the Texas Stage on Saturday and Sunday.

Featured in the Tanz Halle all three days of the "Fest are Alpenfest. This lively, entertaining group from Houston has entertained at festivals in Minnesota, Texas, and Wisconsin and toured Bavaria and Austria.

Throughout the three days of Germanfest, April 23, 24 25, there will non-stop entertainment on two stages.

In scope of entertainment and sophistication of crowd management, Germanfest 1999 is a far cry from its beginning in 1976. Even more so, it is a world apart from its forerunner "Maifest" or "Schützenfest", which in 1889 was a pioneer party for the early settlers, emphasizing contests of marksmanship, hearty home-cooked foods from their gardens, dancing and occasional hijinks. It was held in the old original park under native shade trees already grown tall. As the years passed, tastes and interests changed and "Schützenfest" faded, especially during W.W.I and W.W.II. Few thoughts of community reunion and celebration recurred until the Bicentennial Year 1976, when almost



Bob Vogel, left, of Cooke County Distributing Company serves an ice cold Beck's beer from coolers near the Muenster Jaycees' beer van.

Photo by Dave Fette

every town in the nation planned an observance.

In brief reference to its history, Germanfest was held on the parish parking lot the first two years, a humble beginning in a week-long observance of German Week. Recorded attendance for four days was approximately 5,000. Now, in its 24-year history, the event has drawn upwards of 35,000 to over 50,000 during its three-day annual celebration the last full weekend of April. The celebration was moved to the Muenster City Park in 1978,

where the same old venerable oak trees that saw the first "Schützenfest" again provide a canopy of shade for each gathering that in the 1990's include the Bier Garten spacious, on tree-shaded, grassy lawns, many comfortable picnic tables, playground for children and city swimming pool and spacious Jaycee pavilion.

The spirit of "Willkommen" holds true, and it still remains the inspiration for every Germanfest. "Gemütlichkeit" is much in evidence, See GEMÜTLICHKEIT, pg. 5

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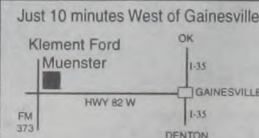


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Ethnic origins, size flavor Muenster's local charm

by Janet Felderhoff

Muenster is a rural town with a population of more than 1700. Because of its size Muenster offers a safe, tranquil, easy ambience that many people are seeking. Visitors find it to be a place with many things to do without the worry of urban crime or stressful traffic.

Most of the residents take pride in their community and keep the streets clean and their homes and lawns attractive. Downtown Muenster has made many changes in the past few years. People have developed an appreciation for the town's past and have restored several older buildings.

After browsing through the unique gift and antique shops, visitors might want to enjoy a meal in one of Muenster's restaurants. They offer home style cooking, German dishes, Mexican food, and other specialties, as well as German beer and other beverages. Delicious sausages, cheeses, strudel, sweets, and breads are available at various places in the community.

Muenster has an inviting park with picnic facilities. Shade trees grace the area making it perfect for relaxing, a good assortment of playground equipment, two lighted tennis courts, a sand volleyball court and during the summer a well-kept swimming pool.

Golfers can enjoy the fine USGA 18-hole course located eight miles north of Muenster on FM 373. It has

been proclaimed one of the 10 best new courses in Texas.

Paved roads surrounding Muenster will take interested motorists to some spectacular views. Wildflowers paint the landscape with brilliant patches of colors in spring and early summer. Herds of dairy and beef cattle and horses can be seen grazing in pastures. Exotic animals such as llamas, emus, ostriches are even found in places.

Oil, farming and ranching are some of the main industries in Muenster. Other industries include a manufacturer of lingerie, two award-winning meat processing plants, metal fabrication plants that build feeders, trailers, pipe fittings, etc., two metal construction companies that will build any size metal building to specifications, and a plant that recycles old tires and plastics into rubber boards, landscape edging and roofing shingles.

Some new businesses have opened in Muenster since last Germanfest. In March 1998 Billie Friday Fleitman opened Associated Travel at 816 N. Mesquite. She offers assistance with travel needs and plans. With the opening of D. J.'s Barber Shop at 314 N. Walnut, Muenster once again has its own barber shop. The owner is Deborah Schoppa Hennigan. Dankesreiter Garage on Hwy. 82 was closed and is now Shawn Walter Garage.

Duane Knabe CPA moved his office



Many service organizations in Muenster work booths at Germanfest to raise funds for their service projects each year. These funds benefit a variety of worthy causes.

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to a new building at 124 S. Mesquite. RMI Rubber Materials located off Hwy. 82 near Kountry Korner started on a new 10,000 square foot addition to their present building. After the renovations are complete the whole operation will be moved from the East plant to the West plant. This will free the East plant, owned by the Muenster Industrial Foundation, for a new industry.

Improvements to the town include installing a new elevated water storage tank. This will increase the water storage capacity from 50,000 gallons to 200,000 gallons and create an increase to the water pressure throughout the town. Soon to be finished is the installation of 12 inch

and eight inch water lines. These replace the present aging system. New fire hydrants are on the agenda. Sewer upgrades have been done to alleviate past inflow problems.

A fund raising campaign being conducted by the Muenster Library Board has set a goal of \$300,000 to build a new library. More than \$255,000 has been raised towards that goal.

In 1889 Muenster was founded by German Catholic settlers who wanted to be able to practice their faith as a community, to carry on their German traditions and have Catholic schools for their children. Muenster has two schools, one

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Schools' successes reflect community involvement

by Janet Felderhoff

Muenster has two award-winning schools for grades Pre-K through 12. One is a public school system and the other a private parochial school. The schools have been recognized for their excellence on state and national levels.

Muenster ISD has been ranked as an exemplary district for the past five years. It is one of the few school districts in the state of Texas to earn this distinction. The elementary school has received the Distinguished Elementary School for Title I award for the last four years. Both the high school and the junior high have won district in UIL the last two years.

Enrollment at the school continues to grow. Last October the administration building was located in a new facility and in November ground breaking began for a new high school. Plans are for the construction to be completed in time for the 1999-2000 school year.

The school has a very comprehensive curriculum and according to MISD Superintendent Steve Cooper, good teachers, students and parents.

Sacred Heart Elementary received the U. S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award in 1994. It was one of only 220 public and 56 private elementary school in 45 states and the District of

Columbia to be recognized. Sacred Heart High School joined the elite group of recipients of the Blue Ribbon Award in 1998. Sacred Heart High was among 166 out of 50,000 middle and high schools to be named a Blue Ribbon School in 1998.

This award is considered to be the highest honor this nation bestows in the field of education. Elementary and high schools alternate years to apply for the award and a school doesn't reapply for 10 years after receiving the award.

Among its other accomplishments, Sacred Heart counts winning the TAPPS Traveling Trophy award for all Schools in TAPPS 1A for 1993 through 1998. It goes to the school that earns the highest total of points from academic and athletic TAPPS competitions. Students have won on the district and state level in academics, arts, and athletics.

Sacred Heart offers a full range of extra curricular, athletic, artistic, academic, community service and leadership opportunities at all levels. There is a Montessori Preschool which offers half day, full day, and extended day programs.

Administration at both Muenster ISD and Sacred Heart credit parent and community involvement, as well as efforts from students, teachers, and faculty for the achievements of the local schools.

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"Walk of the People"

by Janet Felderhoff
Volkmarching, the German expression for "Walk of the People", will be a part of the Muenster Germanfest celebration for the fourth consecutive time this year. Sponsored by the Tarrant County Walkers, Inc. and the City of Muenster, the event is also sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA). The AVA is a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV). Participants in this event may receive credit toward IVV awards.

"The reason we're anxious to get into the area is because this is the closest thing we can do to the true German Volksmarch where we have the food and the fun and the ompahs," remarked Anna Cottrill of the Tarrant County Walkers.

A country walk is again being offered in addition to the original 11k (6.8 mile) walk. The country walk is a 15k (9.3 mile) walk. "That's for the hearty walker," chuckled Anna.

Pre-registration should be completed by April 19. For more information contact Terri Meeks at (817)292-3736 or Anna Cottrill at (817)788-0307.

Registration for both walks is at the Muenster High School. At registration participants will receive instructions to the country walk at Marysville or the downtown walk in Muenster. "I assume most of the people will do the downtown walk

because that gives them a taste of the fair," said Anna. "We definitely walk the 'Fest. A lot of times we stop there for lunch and go back on the shuttle when the walk is completed."

Start time both Saturday and Sunday is 8 a.m. Stop time is 11 a.m. Walkers may begin anytime between the start and stop time, but must be off the trail by 2 p.m. Participants can walk for credit, for an award or for free.

"Everyone must have a start card and must return the start card when finished," stressed Anna. "That will mean that you're off the trail and that you're safe. We have monitors who ride the trail during the entire period of time that the trail is walked on. We have a check point along the way which provides water and usually candy or goodies if somebody donates them."

Tarrant County Walkers, Inc. is a non profit organization. They provide walks on predetermined trails of not less than 10k or 6.2 miles. "The people are very friendly," noted Anna. "Everyone talks to each other. The goal is to get more and more people out."

Children are encouraged to take part in the walks. "The adults like it because it's non competitive," Anna remarked. "They can walk it as slow or as fast as they want. They can run it if they want. We do not push the runs. It's up to them."



Muenster Jaycees, one of the main organizations that make Germanfest happen, also operate the Jaycee beer van. Their product quenches thirst after fast dances, long walks, runs or rides.
Photo by Dave Fette



Dancers dressed in ethnic costumes perform in the Germanfest Tanz Halle (German Dance Tent).
Photo by Dave Fette

GEMUTLICHKEIT

friendship; friendliness, good will; good food; a spirit of reuniting; the delight of coming back home; and a warm welcome offered eagerly, await each guest. In a word: "Gemütlichkeit".

Highlights promised for 1999 that have developed year by year and have been absorbed into the 24-year history include the famous German Fun Run over scenic roads, for 5k and 15k; the Metric Century Bicycle Rally; the North Texas Sausage, Rib and Barbecue Cook-Off; the North Texas Championship Arm Wrestling; the Jaycee Beer Van capable of dispensing many brands of beer from 18 individual spigots in a methodical, orderly and rapid manner.

Also a free Shuttle Bus service on indicated streets for those who wish to park and ride to the front gate. Bus leaves the park on the half hour and is handicapped-equipped.

There are also two sanctioned, official Volkswalks (Volksmarches) on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be carnival rides on the closed section of Maple Street, just east of the main gate. And there will be a Truck Pull, pitting a single human against a truck.

Visitors in 1999, who have already attended in previous years, or, often enough before, are familiar with the

variety of entertainment offered.

Visitors in 1999, experiencing their first Germanfest, are urged to see as much as possible; sample the bountiful foods to their heart's content; enjoy the Craft Shows; select favorite music; join in dancing or singing in the flower bedecked Tanz Halle; enjoy the old favorite standard events and relish the new, and come back often -- every year gets better.

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A special opening ceremony is planned for 5 p.m. Friday.

To observe the 25th anniversary of Germanfest in April, 2000, its sponsoring organization and the hundreds of loyal volunteers, are already making plans for new additions and new attractions to enhance the community celebration, always guarding for excellence in entertainment.

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Beauty, challenges await Bicycle Rally participants

by Janet Felderhoff

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Local registration is taking place at the DI One Stop in Muenster. The last day to take advantage of the reduced pre-registration fee of \$18 is April 19. All entries after that must pay the late fee of \$25 per rider. Registration the day of the rally (Saturday) will be in the Sacred Heart Community Center.

Entries postmarked by April 19, 1999, will receive a free T-shirt. T-shirts will be presented to the first

2,000 registered entries. Also each rider receives a free pass (\$4 value) for Saturday to the Germanfest grounds. After the rally soft drinks and Miller Lite beer will be served until 5 p.m. in the Bier Garten which is located south of the Germanfest grounds. Alcoholic beverages will only be served to persons 21 years of age or older.

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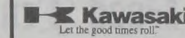
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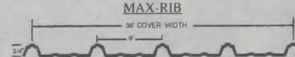
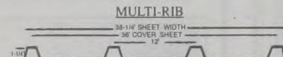
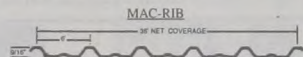
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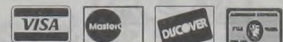
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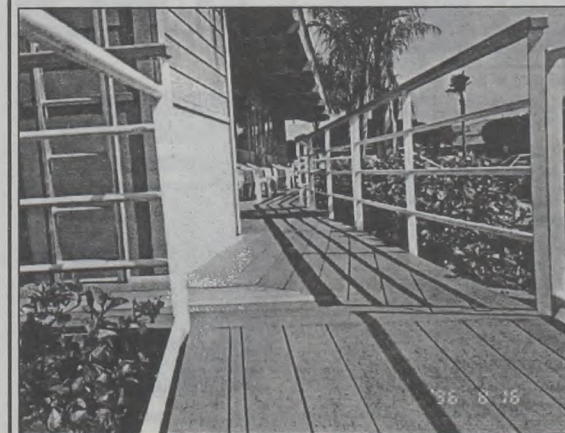
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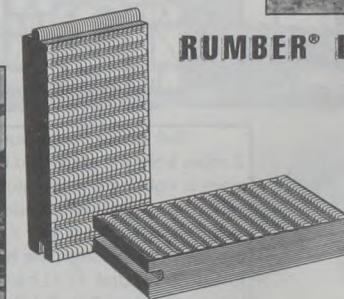
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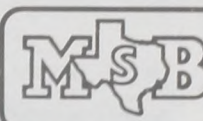
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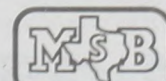
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