

Council welcomes new member

by Dave Fette

New City Councilman Dennis Hess and returning councilman Stan Endres and Mayor Henry Weinzapfel completed their oaths of office Monday night at the regular Muenster City Council meeting. This meeting was delayed to May 10 in order to follow the official election date. The three men were, however appointed, not elected since none were opposed and the election was not held. Council Hess is a Muenster native and businessman who has served on the Muenster Independent School District Board of Trustees for many years and currently operates Dennis Hess Financial Services. His primary area of responsibility will be as water commissioner.

The Muenster municipal swimming pool is sure to open now that Leigh Ann Reiter has been hired as pool manager. She will be paid \$6.50 per hour plus the concessions. Reiter is responsible for hiring lifeguards, some whom are in training now. Repairs were made over the winter and the pool was filled this week. Fee

for swimming will remain at \$1.50 this summer.

The Muenster ISD Class of 2003 was given permission to operate a concession stand at the city baseball park this summer. The project will be subject to food inspection regulations and renewable yearly for four years.

The council has received notice that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) intends to remove the traffic signal light at the intersection of FM373 and 6th Street. They claim that there is not enough vehicular or pedestrian traffic at the intersection to warrant the obstruction to FM traffic. An engineering study done by the TxDOT is necessary to refute this claim but they run their study only on week days, 8am to 5 pm, according to city manager Steve Broyles. The heaviest traffic is generally on weekends and before 8 am.

The city plans to fight the issue. Street commissioner John Pagel said, "This is an obvious occasion of bureaucratic nonsense superseding common sense."

Mayor Weinzapfel suggested a petition drive, feeling that the public would want to keep the light operating.

The council approved a resolution requesting the Texas Region 6 Water Planning Group to accept the City of Muenster's proposed projected population and municipal water use through the year 2050. The region's current study shows Muenster decreasing in 2000. City manager Broyles has objected and will provide current data and projections to the group. Region 6 includes the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

A community development planning workshop is scheduled for 6 pm, June 15 at City Hall. Two public hearings concerning involuntary annexation of property into the city limits were also scheduled by the council for 7pm, June 7 and 5:30pm on June 15.

During the monthly budget summary report the council expressed concern that income from police fines was down. The annual budget projects income from police fines at \$10,500.00. Current fines have

amounted to almost \$3,000.00. Municipal court fees which must be paid to the state are projected at \$5,000.00. Police Chief Bob Stovall, currently Muenster's only police officer, said he will meet with the council to address the issue.

Monthly bills totaling \$148,056.53 were approved for payment.

Steve Broyles reported on the status of the Eddy Street bridge which was recently closed by direction of the Department of Transportation. The bridge must be replaced because it is unsafe for

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Academic State Medalists from Muenster High School, from left, Chris Jackson, Raegan Koesler, Doug Knabe, and Chris York. Photo by Janie Hartman

Knabe and computer team are state champions

Doug Knabe won the State Championship in Computer Science at the State Academic Meet held May 6 - May 8 in Austin. His teammates Matt York and Chris Jackson finished fifth and sixth. All three received individual medals for their effort on the written portion of the contest. These three students teamed up for the programming hand-portion of the test and won that also. The scores on the written exams and the programming contest were then combined to give Muenster the overall team championship and the gold medals.

Raegan Koesler competed in Persuasive Speaking on Friday, advanced to the finals on Saturday, and finished fifth overall.

The Spelling and Vocabulary team of Dolly Patel, Melinda Finning, and Janet Fetsch missed receiving the second place medal by one word, and were 9 points out of first place. They finished third in a very close contest.

The state academic meet is held every year in Austin, Texas during the first part of May. Schools from all classifications are represented at the meet. The class 'A' division consists of 305 schools and covers all of Texas.

Qualifying for the state meet begins in March with each level of competition becoming more difficult. Nine hundred to 1,000 students are eligible to compete in each event at the district level across the state. Ninety-six of those competing at the district level advance to the regional competition, 24 from each of the four regions. Twelve students from each

event make it to the state level in the individual events, and as many as 24 can advance to state in events with team competition.

Coaches for these events are Martha Koesler for Persuasive Speaking, Gerri Eckart for Spelling, and Jerry Eckart for Computer Science.



The 50th Annual Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District Awards Banquet was held in Muenster Tuesday at the Sacred Heart Community Center. Special guests for the occasion were many award winners from previous years shown in the photo above. At left, Rebecca Harris and Lewis McPherson (right) of Saint Jo receive the Zone III conservationist of the year from M.O. "Cotton" Brawner, vice-president of First National Bank, Saint Jo. See much more about the awards program and the Upper Elm-Red SWCD in the special section included in this issue. Dave Fette Photos

Upper Elm-Red SWCD SPECIAL EDITION

Plan saves money for county employees

by Janet Felderhoff

As you can see by these numbers the choice you made when you voted to implement the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan was a wise one," stated Brian Dell of American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus (AFLAC) in a letter to Cooke County Commissioners Court. Isbell noted that a total of \$144,000 was placed under the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan in 1998. That resulted in a tax dollars savings of \$33,120 by county employees who participated. The county saved \$11,016 total dollars. AFLAC paid a total of \$52,440 in claims to Cooke County employees.

This savings occurs for any county employee with a health insurance plan under AFLAC. The deduction for the insurance is taken prior to the taxes being figured. "What it amounts to is if an employee has a \$200 paycheck deduction, you take the deduction before taxing and it only what's left over," Dell explained.

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton reported to Commissioners Court that the cost on the housing of prisoners had exceeded its 198-1999 budgeted amount by \$30,545. The rest of his budget would not be able to absorb that amount to balance the budget. He wondered if the amendment to the budget would best be made now or near the end of the county's fiscal year. Commissioners all

recommended waiting.

At present six of the eight female prisoners who had to be transferred to another jail are now back in the Cooke County Jail. They were moved out of the county jail due to the need to conform to certain state requirements. Compton said that he couldn't promise that the county could keep all of them here.

"That's a situation that could change at a moment's notice," he remarked. "Any time we can bring them back like we did now, we will. Even if we bring them back and keep them here five days,

that's the amount of money that we saved in those five days."

Commissioner Virgil Hess said that he'd noticed some hefty bills from the hospital where the prisoners were being housed. "It was five hundred and some dollars this last time just for those girls," he said. "Some of it was medication and that's something else we need to plan on. We're going to have some other expenses that we weren't planning on."

"There's not anything that you can do about the drugs, Compton said. "Once they get

over there and they have to have access to a physician and he makes a call, that's it." Judge Bill Harris asked him to watch the medical and housing expenses and keep the Court informed.

Two bids were received for the County's Depository Contract. American Bank of Texas and GNB submitted bids. American Bank of Texas had the best bid, but their service on checks offered only imaging of the front and back rather than the return of the canceled checks. County Treasurer Judy Hunter asked

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Library bequest honors Bishop Danglmayr

Nieces and nephews of the Most Rev. Bishop Augustine Danglmayr D.D., L.L.D. have chosen to remember their uncle with a donation to the Muenster Public Library building fund. Their \$10,000 donation is at the Silver level. Bishop Danglmayr's name and memory lines will be etched in marble along with other Silver donors to Muenster Library building fund.

Bishop Danglmayr was born on Dec. 11, 1898 to Joseph and Theresa Danglmayr. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1922 and consecrated as a bishop of the Dallas diocese on Oct. 7, 1942. He was the first native Texan to have



Bishop Augustine Danglmayr

been appointed bishop to work in the diocese where he was born, raised, and labored as a priest.

Upon retiring in 1963 the Bishop returned to Muenster to fill the spiritual needs of his large family.

On June 10, 1992 Bishop Danglmayr celebrated his 70th anniversary as a priest and his 50th as a bishop. He proclaimed his gratitude for a long life, closeness of his family and their assistance to him as an old man, his happiness in his retirement, and his enjoyment of home, life, and country.

Bishop Danglmayr died Sept. 18, 1992 at the age of 93.

Tigerettes win state track and field meets

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes took the TAPPS 2A State Track and Field Championship last weekend at Baylor University in Waco. The Tigers settled for a third place finish.

"I'm so proud of the whole bunch," bragged Coach Dale Schilling. "All the hard work and effort they put into the program."

The girls took a commanding 136 to 93 point championship victory over Ovilla Christian, after overcoming an 8 point deficit going into the field events.

Second day events were led by Andrea Bauer, double gold in jumps; champion distance runner Grace Cochran; and Sarah Hess with silver medal throws.

Friday's running events earned the Tigerettes two first places, four seconds, and two third place finishes.

Andrea Bauer took home the gold medal in the 100m low hurdles with a 16.87 finish, and a 2nd place time of 49.32 in the 300m intermediate hurdles. Bauer also was a member of the state championship 1600m relay team. Melanie Bartush, Debra Danglmayr, Elizabeth Fette, and Bauer clocked the race at 4:25.

Danglmayr's time of 64.55 earned her the silver in the

400m dash. In the 800m run, Bartush finished in 2nd place with a time of 2:34.06, and Fette 3rd at 2:38.79.

Distance runner Grace Cochran took the gold in the 3200m run, finishing with a time of 13:11.72, and settled for second place in the 1600m with a 5:55.28 finish.

The 800m relay team of Dangelmayr, Fette, Kristen Knauf, and Leah Rigler finished in 3rd place clocking in at 1:56.33.

Field events saw two more gold medals added to Andrea Bauer's collection, with a 16' 2" long jump, and a 33' 6 1/2" triple jump. Sarah Hess rounded out the scoring with 2nd place throws of 33' 4 1/2" in the shot put, and a 85' 9 1/2" discus throw. Also a 3rd place in the high jump was won by Hess.

The Tigers, 60 team points, were out-paced by Jesus Chapel of El Paso with 110 points, and Ovilla Christian with 71.5 points.

Lucien Gehrig remained undefeated in the 1600m run, with a personal best finish of 4:38.92. Gehrig's 10:32.49 time in the 3200m earned him a 3rd place.

Lee Skinner ran his fastest 800m race to win the gold with a 2:03.33 finish. Skinner also

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Red River boundary compact clears first hurdle

State Senator Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, recently celebrated a long-awaited victory when the Red River Boundary Compact passed the Senate Committee on Border Affairs. The legislation, House Bill 1355, is an agreement Haywood has worked toward since he first took office in 1995.

"It is a great day for the people of the Red River Valley," Haywood said. "We have worked on this concept for a number of years now and I am pleased to see it progress through the legislature this session. I think it is an agreement we can all be proud of."

HB 1355 amends Title 2 of the Natural Resources Code to propose an adoption of the Red River Boundary Compact. This compact establishes the permanent boundary line between Texas and Oklahoma as the vegetation line along the south bank of the Red River, except in the Lake Texoma area. The boundary within

Lake Texoma remains the same. "This is an issue that has been of great concern for a number of years," Haywood said. "It is my hope that this compact will put an end to questions surrounding the state boundary by setting a definite line between the two states."

This legislation is the result of a collective effort by the Red River Boundary Commission, a group of six representatives appointed by Gov. George W. Bush in 1995. This group, together with Haywood, State Representative Tom Ramsay, D-Mt. Vernon, and the State of Oklahoma, created a compact that adopts an identifiable jurisdictional boundary between Texas and Oklahoma. This line can be easily located by private citizens, law enforcement and other government officials from both states.

"I appreciate Sen. Haywood's and Rep. Ramsay's work," said Bill Abney, chairman of the

commission, "as well as the efforts of Speaker Lloyd Bentsen and other Oklahoma officials in finding an agreement that works for all citizens of the Red River Valley. And I look forward to working with them to pass legislation in the current Oklahoma session."

The commission includes Abney of Marshall, Pat Peale of Lake Kiowa, Don Ross Malone of Vernon, Mildred Whatley Nunneley of Nocona, Charles (Tom) Henderson of Byers and Clyde Siebman of Pottsboro.

The members of the commission have worked hard in past years to come to an agreement on this issue," Haywood said. "I am proud of this accomplishment and look forward to working with Oklahoma to implement the compact for the good of their state and ours."

HB 1355 has already passed the Texas House of Representatives and is expected to be heard by the full Senate next week.

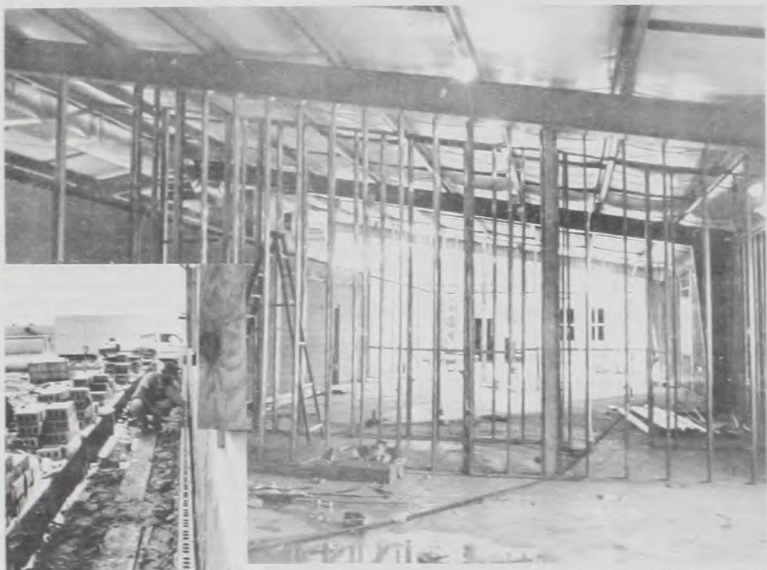


St. Richard's celebrates National Nursing Home Week

In observance of National Nursing Home Week, this year's theme was "Celebration of Life." Mayor Henry Weinzapfel gave a proclamation marking the beginning of Nursing Home week, May 9-15. Residents attending were: Fletcher Ware, Mary Schilling, Ellen Berry,

Opal Cooper, Josephine Berry, and Norma Thompson. Staff from St. Richard's present for the presentation were Wes Fuson, administrator; Rita Russell, assistant

The celebration started on Sunday with the observance of Mother's Day, with each mother receiving a corsage, and a special church service. Several activities were planned throughout the week, with a noon cookout planned for Friday, with everyone invited.



Work continues on the new Muenster High School building. With the installing of the roof, interior work has begun, including the framing of classroom walls. At left, masons began laying brick Tuesday morning on the back wall (north side) of the future high school. Photo by Janie Hartman

Historic Texas flags restoration project continues

Nine of twenty-three historic Texas flags, stored for decades in boxes at the Texas State Library and Archives, have returned to Austin after undergoing restoration in Maryland. Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Inc., is spearheading the restoration effort.

For more information, contact Linda Lee, Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Inc. at 512-936-2241.

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for time to study the situation to be sure that would be legal for the county. The matter was tabled.

On the recommendation of the courthouse maintenance supervisor, Commissioners unanimously agreed to a \$22,620.00 additional expense to Mid Continental Restoration Company for repairing the terra cotta coping and terra cotta ledge on the east and west ends of the courthouse. This is where most of the leakage into the building is coming from. That will solve a lot of the problem of water getting into the courthouse they were advised.

In other business conducted at the May 10 Commissioners Court:

- Approved a resolution to

sell a piece of property in a private sale for \$1,400 which was the highest bid that could be gotten on it.

- Approved modifications to tax abatement agreements with Shult Operating Company and CSR Poly Pipe.
- Approved final plat for Cross Creek Subdivision Lots 1-25 in Precinct #1.

- Awarded bid for RC-250 to Coastal Refining; for MC-250 to Bridges Asphalt; for MC-30 priming oil to Bridges; and MC-800 to Bridges.
- Awarded bid for Hot Mix Hot Lay to J. R. Thompson.
- Awarded bid for Hot Mix Cold Lay to APAC.
- Awarded bids for pea gravel to Joe Brown Co. and for aggregate to Hanson Aggregate.

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potential heavy loads like fire trucks or concrete trucks. The city can obtain federal and state help to finance an estimated \$120,000.00 replacement and pay only about ten percent of the cost with proposed construction in March of 2001. Or the city can pay the total cost of replacing the bridge with one that does not meet the federal standards in about three months for about \$25,000.00. The council

is trying to figure out which solution is best.

- Reports on ongoing city projects stated that painting of the new elevated water storage tank is in progress, mostly on the inside because of wet weather. Two primer coats, then the top coat of paint, then a sealer are used.
- The job of boring under Hwy. 82 and installing the main water line is complete.

Some line running east and west remains to be done.

- The city installed 140 sections of water main line so far. This is apart from the work the contractor is doing.
- The Highway Department reports that curb repair and resurfacing on Main Street will be delayed till March of 2000.
- The Natural Resources Conservation Service is checking proper plugging of

wells in the proposed Muenster Lake location.

- Steve Broyles' property clean up report praised the Muenster Proud organization for thousands of hours of volunteer work spent cleaning and beautifying Muenster and the surrounding area. He also said that a derelict car parked at Sixth and Oak Street may soon be removed if the alleged owner does not respond to mailed notices.

Haywood amendment saves Aging Offices

State Senator Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, recently passed a floor amendment to Senate Bill 374 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, ensuring the continued operation of local Area Agency on Aging Offices.

After the Sunset Commission recommended that the Texas Department of Aging be abolished, SB 374 was proposed to continue its functions by consolidating the agency with the Texas Department of Human Services. The two will be joined under a new agency, Texas Department of Aging and Disability. The administration of the Texas Department of Human Services will head the new agency.

Agency access is mandated in the Older Americans Act and is available to anyone over the age of 60 and their family members. These agencies provide benefit counseling for Social Security, SSI, veterans assistance, food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare and other issues, including case management, nutrition, legal assistance and Options for Independent Living.

Area Agencies on Aging which will be affected in Haywood's Senate District 30 include the North Central Texas Area Agency in Arlington, North Texas Area Agency in Wichita Falls, Panhandle Area Agency in Amarillo, South Plains Area Agency in Lubbock, Texoma Area Agency in Sherman and the West Central Texas Area Agency in Abilene. The remaining 22 area agencies are dispersed across the state.

OBITUARIES

Rufus McElreath 1911 - 1999

Rufus McElreath long-time resident of Muenster and Marysville, and in recent years of Gainesville, died in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Thursday evening, May 6, 1999 at age 87.

He was born in Muenster on July 19, 1911 to Austin and Willie Ramsey McElreath. On August 13, 1940 he married Dortha Pearl Cunningham. He was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law Glen McElreath of Gainesville, Steve and Rosa McElreath of Gainesville, and Danny and Doris McElreath of LaCayene, Kansas; and daughter and son-in-law Nell and Ronnie Scott of Gainesville. There are six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Also two brothers Ernest McElreath of Gainesville and Grady McElreath of Muenster.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Dortha McElreath who died in 1991; and four brothers Lish McElreath, Gaylon McElreath, Rafe McElreath, and Reagon McElreath, and one sister Zelma McElreath.

Services were held Saturday, May 8 in Clement-Keel Chapel at 3:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. Milton Pledger, retired Baptist Minister. Special music included "Daddy's Hands" and "Keep Your Eyes On The Sparrow."

In the eulogy and remarks of remembrance, mention was made that Rufus McElreath was also a derrick hand in the oilfield for several years. He lived in Marysville then moved to Sivells Bend where he had a dairy farm for a few years. Later after moving to



Rufus McElreath

Gainesville, he went into the construction business with his sons as R.M. McElreath and Sons.

After retirement, he and his wife Dortha owned and managed a mobile home park until 1990. After she died, he traveled some with his son Glen on his cattle hauling trips. Later he settled for staying home to answer the phone and take messages for Glen when hauling cattle. His greatest joy was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial in New Rest Haven Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were nephews Noble McElreath of Whitesboro, Mickey McElreath, Stacy Russell, and Roy Cunningham all of Gainesville; Troy Hobbs of Duncanville, Oklahoma, and a friend of the family Clifford Hunt of Gainesville.

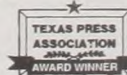
2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, May 16	Monday, May 17	Tuesday, May 18	Wednesday, May 19	Thursday, May 20	Friday, May 21	Saturday, May 22
Sacred Heart Youth Ministry returns from canoe trip 5:30 P.M. Reunion Planning Meeting, Class of '79, Center Tavern, 2 P.M.	Sacred Heart High School Senior Awards 7 P.M., The Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Library Board Meeting 7 P.M. Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Study Evening 7-10 P.M. Diabetic Support Group Meeting 7 P.M., Muenster Memorial Hospital	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Sacred Heart High School Academic Awards Banquet, Community Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Independent School District Graduation, 8 P.M., Sacred Heart Church	
Sunday, May 23	Monday, May 24	Tuesday, May 25	Wednesday, May 26	Thursday, May 27	Friday, May 28	Saturday, May 29
Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament, 8 A.M. Nocona Hills	Relay For Life Bank Night 5-7 P.M. Cooke County Electric Co-op	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board Meeting, Administration Office 7 P.M.	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Sacred Heart School Pre K-Kindergarten, Moving On, 7 P.M.	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Gainesville Area Visual Arts, Stanford House, 6:30-8:30 P.M. Sacred Heart High School graduation, 6 P.M., Sacred Heart Church	Lindsay High Graduation, Centennial Hall, 8 P.M.	

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Dance of the horses begins at Sanger ranch

by Janet Felderhoff
Nestled in wooded pasture near Sanger is the 241 acre Chapel Creek Ranch where future performers are being born and nurtured. These are rare Andalusian horses noted for their glorious physique and noble temperament. Some have wavy manes trailing close to the ground. The equines are both muscular and graceful, intelligent and quick to learn, making them perfect for roles featured performers in the Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament production. About 100 horses, mostly Arabians, make their home at Chapel Creek Ranch which is owned by Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament. The ranch staff has been very busy lately as 17 foals are expected during the birthing season this spring. Vicki Hilliard handles the ranch's breeding program. She has been putting in long hours recently, spending most of her time caring for the pregnant mares. Medieval Times of Dallas general manager, Jerri Heath, explained that when the Andalusian is born all are either dark brown or black. As they age they typically become lighter in color. "It's a very unusual characteristic," she noted. "Only five percent of the Andalusians stay dark brown

or black. We do have a few that are black, but the majority of these horses are white. You'll be able to tell their age by looking at them. They achieve their white coat as they age."

During its first three years of life Andalusian colts remain at Chapel Creek. At this time the youngsters become accustomed to people. Soon after weaning they become acquainted with halters and

game horses are of mixed breeds simply because there aren't enough Andalusians available. "One of the reasons we have this ranch here is that our desire is to have all Andalusians in our show. It's

and training of the castle's 28 performing horses.

More than 30 years ago Contreras started working with horses in Mexico City at the age of 13. He became a Medieval Times employee in 1988. When the Dallas facility opened in June 1992, Contreras was promoted to Master Trainer and took over the care of the Dallas horses. Contreras displays his horsemanship skills as a featured rider at the Dallas Medieval Times Dinner shows. He demonstrates the most advanced level dressage.

Contreras relishes training the Andalusian in dressage and "airs above the ground". "I enjoy training horses," he admits. "I actually prefer training horses to people. Horses just listen better. When you listen you learn. You show a horse something and he remembers it. People don't always listen as well." Soccer fans have probably seen Contreras riding Islamico as they perform on the field at all Dallas Burn home games. Islamico is a splendid black Andalusian that is the live mascot of the Dallas Burn professional soccer team. "They're great. The two work so well together," said Patrick Savage.

Dinner and Tournament
Medieval Times was started in Spain. "Actually one of our owners has ancestry that dates back to the Middle Ages to the 11th century," remarked Patrick Savage. "It's kind of his family story that we tell at our location."

Guests arriving at a Medieval Times castle for an evening of dining and interactive entertainment are transported back in time to the 11th century. A drawbridge allows guests entry into the 11th century European-style castle. There to greet the guests are the castle's king and queen who invite them to attend the banquet and tournament.

On display for guests to admire are medieval artifacts. These include the coats of arms of many prestigious families and an assortment of

castle once you've been inside. We want people to feel like they're being transported back in time a thousand years. Everyone is given a color coded crown to wear. Serfs and wenches are running around taking care of everybody, serving food in their Medieval costumes. It's very elaborate!"

The show takes about two hours. Guests are served a four course meal over that period of time. Food is eaten without utensils in keeping with the show theme.

Seating capacity is about 1,000 in the arena. Action takes place in the center of the arena. "You have two allies and you have three enemies," said Jerri about the show. "You boo for those guys and cheer for these guys. Everybody waves little flags. It is very loud."

Those attending the festivities are seated in one of six color coded sections. Each section represents a different realm of the kingdom. Guests cheer for the knight of their section's color. The knights seated on their Andalusian mounts compete in games of skill such as the ring pierce, flag toss, and javelin throw. Next comes the jousting matches and sword fights. Only one knight will survive the tournament. His reward is the honor of choosing one lady from the audience to reign as Queen of Love and Beauty.

Also featured in this show are the castle's Andalusian stars. "When you come to the show is when you really see these horses shine," promised David Manuel of the California Castle. The preshow highlights dressage movements.

"These really are show horses," acknowledged Celeste. "They are the stars of our shows. A lot of training goes into the people - the knights and the weaponry they use. The horses are the stars and that's what most of the people come to see." Most of the knights practice for six months to a year before being allowed in the actual performance. They must perfect their skills so that injuries don't occur during a performance.

The castle's young horses are brought into the arena during this performance to help them become familiar with the lights, music, and screams and other noise from the crowd. This can be quite frightening to the horses and makes them want to run, noted Master Trainer Marcial Contreras.

"Some horses you can do for years and years and the horse never understands the lights," said Contreras. "It's always scared. You have to push them coming in. With the red, green and white lights the horse wonders where to go."

"When a horse sees a round white light on the sand, he thinks it is a hole and doesn't want to step into it. He may try to jump it," added Jerri.

Celeste explained that Medieval Times isn't just about a show and dinner theater. "We're trying to show people that we are here and take this very seriously. It's about the Andalusian and bringing this breed along."

Educational matinees are presented for school children and children are welcome to visit the Chapel Creek Ranch in the evenings.



The Capriole, as performed by a magnificent Andalusian stallion at Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament. Courtesy photo

SALE AUCTION SATURDAY May 15, 1999 - 10 A.M. Registration Starts at 9 A.M.

From Madill, OK, take Hwy 377 South, cross the Willis bridge, keep going South until you come to 901 North. Take 901 North and follow the signs. From Whitesboro, TX, take 377 North to 901 North and follow the signs.

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- 50 pieces assorted Pottery — Milk Churns, Pitchers, Canister Sets, Pie Plates & Bowls — Kiln • Ceramic Dishes, Cookie Jars & Canister Sets Set of China Dishes, 8 place setting
- 100 sheets 8' to 16' long, good condition, used corrugated tin • Trailer load of Cedar Wood, logs, benches and cedar chest material • 9 gals Deck Scrub • Deck & Siding Stain, different colors, 10 five gal cans, 20 gallon cans, 50 quart cans • Cover Satin Primer Sealer, 5 five gal buckets • 6 Step Ladder • 4 x 8 sheets Lattice Paneling, variety of colors • 5 hp Booster Pump, pumps 60 gal per min • White Pine assortment, 1 x 4, 1 x 6, 1 x 8 & 1 x 12
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lead ropes. They spend time enjoying the attention of people who pet and brush them. A microchip is implanted in every Chapel Creek Andalusian so that it is always identifiable.

That the staff of Chapel Creek takes their job to heart shows as they walk among the ranch's horses. Long legged foals roam the grassy pastures with their mothers; none show concern when the caretakers are about. Instead, the horses vie for attention, each wanting its share of scratches, pats, and praise. Even the foals played up to the cameras at a recent media event held in their honor. One curious colt decided to taste-test a television camera.

By age two the horses begin special training which includes

more economical for us to raise our own than have to go out and buy that many," she stated.

Chapel Creek is a centralized location for all seven castles to get their horses. "This breeding program that we do every year has just grown and grown and grown," said Celeste.

Medieval Times is a Spanish castle so the Andalusian is ideal for use by the knights participating in the tournaments. "The Andalusian was actually bred thousands of years ago as a war horse in Spain to carry the knight and his weaponry," said Ms. Heath. "They're big, well-muscled horses that do very well in battle. We just carried the tradition into our breeding program by preserving this



Master Trainer Marcial Contreras gets acquainted with one of the newborn Andalusian foals at Medieval Times Chapel Creek Ranch near Sanger. Contreras trains the stallion that performs in the Dallas castle's tournaments. Photo by Janie Hartman

lunging, work on long reins, and being introduced to the saddle. Three year olds have completed basic training. At age three to three and a half the young horses are still very awkward, but they are large horses and are ready to start their more advanced training, said the staff.

At this time they are sent to one of the seven Medieval Times castles located in the United States and Canada. Each castle has 25 to 35 horses. Life as a featured performer begins. A Master Trainer teaches the young horses advanced level dressage. One employee described the horses' performances as, "the dancing movements of the horses."

"They really do prance," said Celeste Clark of Medieval Times in California. "Medieval Times is the single largest owner of Andalusians in all the United States," noted Celeste. "Andalusians are the only horses that we use in all seven of our castles." Medieval Times has seven locations in North America.

Jerri noted that some of the

rare breed of animal." "One section of our show highlights the dressage movements called "airs above the ground" where the horses actually leap," said Patrick Savage of the Dallas Medieval Times castle. "The movements were used in battle in the days when the horses carried the Spanish knights. If someone was attacking from behind, the horses could jump up and kick out. A lot of the movements that we know as modern day dressage started out as battle movements by the horses."

According to information supplied by the International Andalusian Horse Association, the Andalusian horse is one of the most ancient of horse breeds and one of the rarest. Last year there were 50 Andalusian foals registered in the United States by mid August and 26 of them were owned by Medieval Times. In all of the U.S.A. it is estimated that there are only about 3,000 Andalusian horses.

Dallas Master Trainer
Marcial Contreras is the Master Trainer for the Medieval Times castle in Dallas. He oversees the care

medieval weaponry. A Museum of Torture features reproductions of torture instruments used during the Middle Ages.

"We actually want you to feel like you're in Medieval Spain when you get to the castle," Celeste remarked. "You'll know why we call it the



A noble knight of the realm and an Andalusian stallion perform before an audience at Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament. Courtesy photo

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

Recently I received an E-Mail from a family member and I am passing it on because I think your members might find it interesting. He had watched a program on TV he found offensive and he wrote the network to tell them what he thought. Here is what he said:

The following is a letter I wrote to ABC concerning a program called "The Practice." One of the lawyer's mother decided she was gay and wanted her son to go to court to help her get a marriage license to marry her partner.

My original message was: ABC is obsessed (or should I say abcessed) with the subject of homosexuality. I will no longer watch any of your attempts to convince the world that homosexuality is OK. "The Practice" can be a fairly good show but last night's program was so typical of your agenda. You picked the 'dufus' of the office to be the one who was against the idea of his mother being gay and made him look like a whiner because he had convictions. This type of mentality calls people like me 'gay basher.' Read the first

chapter of Romans (that's in the Bible) and see what the apostle Paul had to say about it. He and God and Jesus were all 'gay bashers.' What if she's fallen in love with her cocker spaniel...is that an alternative lifestyle? (By the way...the Bible speaks against that, too.)

Here is their reply: The ABC online webmaster wrote: How about getting your nose out of the Bible (which is ONLY a book of stories compiled by MANY different writers hundreds of years ago) and read the Declaration of Independence (what our nation is built on) where it says "All Men are Created Equal" - and try treating them that way for a change? Or better yet, try thinking for yourself and stop using an archaic book of stories as your crutch for your existence.

I replied to them: Thanks for your reply. Evidently, I hit a nerve from your harsh reply. I will share it with all with whom I come in contact. Hopefully, the Arkansas Democrat Newspaper will include it in one of their columns. And...I will be praying for you.

Marcia Porter
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To the Editor,

We just wanted to take this means of congratulating Rebecca Hunt, Pam Fette, and all the Sacred Heart students that participated in "Fiddler on the Roof," on the superb job they did on their production! My granddaughter, Kimberly Bloedel, and I are especially grateful to Aunt Joanie Hartman for letting us know about the play, and to Pam Fette for sharing her seat with Kimberly so she could see better! We, thoroughly, enjoyed every single minute of the entire performance!

Everyone involved in the production is to be highly commended for his/her hard work and dedication! The costumes, the stage props, the lighting, the directing and everything else were all very professionally done! It was evident that many hours went into producing this play, and the hard work definitely paid off, as the musical was a tremendous success!

The dance the guys did with the bottles on top of their heads was absolutely awesome! Anyone missing this dance missed the performance of a lifetime!

Sincerely,
Judy Hartman and Kimberly Bloedel



In this scene from the dress rehearsal of "Fiddler on the Roof" the wedding revelers perform the "bottle dance". The three-run engagement by the Sacred Heart Drama and Music departments made these performers locally famous. Photo by Bob Sepanski

Dear Editor,

One of the greatest challenges the Texas Department of Transportation faces in the next millennium is being able to satisfy the public's transportation needs.

In a nation where transportation represents 11 percent of the American economy, it is a necessity that our transportation system meets this challenge. This requires the best and brightest in our transportation workforce.

Every day Texans travel more than 366 million miles on our state highway system. This means that we must find a way to provide the drivers of the more than 16 million registered vehicles in this state with a safe, efficient transportation system. The daily demands are growing and evident in the 1.4 million man-hours lost every day in Texas due to traffic congestion. The solution can be found by reaching into local communities and encouraging our youth to seek out

transportation related careers.

National Transportation Week, May 16-22, began more than 30 years ago right here in Texas. In 1952 the Women's Transportation Club of Houston sponsored a transportation scholarship and no one applied. This set off a signal that there needed to be better recruiting sources to get people interested in the transportation industry. After the first celebration in 1953, President John F. Kennedy declared a permanent date for National Transportation Week in 1962.

By encouraging our youth to explore math and science related fields, we can ensure that there will always be a future for transportation careers. We need a strong and able workforce that will be able to meet the demands of the 21st century.

Adele Lewis Calhoun
Public Information Officer
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Letter to the Editor,

I spent a few days in Austin and was introduced to Mrs. Laura Bush. She had mentioned that she enjoyed her visit to Muenster a few years ago and was very proud of our town, people, public school and private school systems. She was delighted to have learned that Sacred Heart School had received the Blue Ribbon Award for their academic achievements.

Mrs. Bush had mentioned that she was very happy that our Public Library had received a book grant and wished us luck on building our Library in the near future.

I feel that all persons living in Muenster and the surrounding areas should be proud of our librarian, Kay Broyles and her staff. Also to be commended is our Library

Board for soliciting funds for the construction of the new library.

I would like to make a suggestion that all school children ask their parents to place a coffee cup on the kitchen table in their homes and place all extra pennies, nickels, etc., into the cup. When the cup is full, bring it to the Public Library as a donation. As you grow up and leave this community you will be able to say that you helped build the Library.

All larger donations should be sent to: Library Fund-raiser - Chairperson, Nancy Walter, P.O. Box 148, Muenster, Texas 76252.

Thank you!!

Dorothy Hesse
P.O. Box 447
Muenster, Texas 76252

Dear Editor,

Spring has sprung, and the end-of-school year events like prom and graduation are just around the corner. Young people in the Muenster community will soon start planning for this exciting time with friends. We and their parents can all take a part in encouraging safe, enjoyable festivities this year by working together to help prevent underage drinking and drunk driving.

Ben E. Keith Beers, a distributor of Anheuser-Busch, has teamed up with parents, educators, community groups, law enforcement officials and others to help prevent underage drinking and drunk driving. Parents can receive free guidebooks with tips on how to talk to kids about drinking. "Family Talk About Drinking" is a program that encourages communication about drinking between parents and their children. It's free by calling 1-800-359-

TALK. Also, retailers in the community receive materials that help servers identify a fake ID.

We have made tremendous progress as a nation in addressing the issue of underage drinking. According to the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, drinking among teens (ages 12-17) has decreased 37 percent since 1990. Likewise, drunk driving fatalities have dropped 63 percent since 1982, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. By working together as a team, we can continue these positive trends.

Underage drinking is a concern for us at Ben E. Keith Beers because it is not only bad for our business, but many of us are parents, so we, too, share society's concerns about underage drinking.

Sincerely, Ed Frantz
General Manager
Ben E. Keith Beers
Denton

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Many years ago when my father was still in the business of selling and delivering Texhoma Oil Products, and I had reached the age of 7, my mother often sent me to Meinrad Endres' store to pick up an item or two.

Dad had an open account at Mr. Endres' store, so if one of us picked up an item or so, Mr. Endres or his clerk, Mary Becker would add it to the account.

Back then, food products were not packaged as they are now. People simply stated how much of a product they wished to buy and the clerk would weigh it up and charge accordingly.

Most coffee was offered in whole bean, and in bulk. It was weighed up according to the customer's order, and the grinding was done in the buyer's home.

People would buy a wedge of cheese which the store would cut from a large round. Bananas were shipped to the store by the whole stalk which was usually hung from the ceiling to a reachable height, and sold by the each, or

however many the patron wanted.

Vinegar came in a 55 gallon barrel and was usually dispensed in to the customer's container.

Sometimes I was given 20 cents to buy crackers. These were sold to the store in tins about a foot square, and were retailed in whatever amounts the patron would want. The clerk would package them in a paper bag, and almost every package was tied with string.

Sometimes I would hang a package on the handle bar of a bicycle, and if it held till I got home, good. If it broke, I would pick up the product, dust it off the best I could and continue on my way. A little dirt never hurt anyone!

Times change and I suppose for the better. Now-a-days almost all products are packaged in separate containers and the patron pushes a cart up and down the store aisles picking up items on their list, then pushing them to a check-out counter, where all the items are added up and then you pay. Nice, isn't it?

Local Land bank leaders attend farm credit annual meeting

Representatives of the Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association were among more than 600 people attending the Tenth Farm Credit District's 81st Annual Meeting recently, according to association CEO, Glenn Parr.

The annual stockholders event was held in April in Austin, Texas and was attended by Chester C. Calhoun, Chairman, Board of Directors of Valley View.

The Farm Credit leaders heard reports on the district's 1998 operating performance, which was highlighted by a record \$1.027 billion in new mortgage loans, and discussed plans for enhancing service to the agricultural community.

Loren C. Scott, professor emeritus at Louisiana administrator for the USDA's risk management agency, spoke on federal crop insurance reform. The meeting also featured guest speakers Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and U.S. Sen. Than Cochran.

The Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association has \$304 million in agricultural and rural home mortgage loans outstanding to approximately 3,900 farmers and ranchers in 33 counties. Offices are located in Paris, New Boston, Denton, Sherman, Cleburne, Stephenville, Sweetwater, Abilene, and Weatherford.

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Thanks to McCoy Funeral Home and Father Tom Craig, Fr. Harry Fisher and Fr. Eugene Luke, O.S.B. for the comforting and uplifting services, and the Catholic Daughters of America for a delicious meal.

We also offer a heartfelt Thank You to all the friends, neighbors and relatives for the visits, cards, flowers, food, spiritual bouquets, Masses, donations to the Sacred Heart Trust Fund and especially your prayers.

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Lifestyle

Arthur and Rachel Hennigan honored on 40th Anniversary



Rachel and Arthur Hennigan

Arthur and Rachel Hennigan were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 9, with a surprise family gathering in their home. They were married in Sacred Heart Church on May 19, 1959. They have lived in Muenster all their married life.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy; retired from GTE (Valenite); has served on the Muenster City Council; and as Mayor pro-tem; and was past Post-Commander of the Muenster Post VFW. His hobbies include reading, gardening, nature-study and birds. He is the son of the late Fred and Caroline Hennigan of Muenster.

Rachel is the daughter of Odilia Lutkenhaus of Muenster and the late Alexander Lutkenhaus. She has been employed at Weber Aircraft. Arthur and Rachel are parents of three children: Donna, Lisa, and Alfred. Donna of Arlington is married to Nicolas Nervo; they have one son, Alexander. Lisa of Watauga is married to Darrell Hess; they have three children, Jordan, Brandon, and Brittany. Alfred of Arlington is

married to the former Paige Norris; they have three children: Randy, Ryan and infant, Blake Arthur.

The "ruby-red" theme of 40th anniversary was carried throughout in decorations. Rosebuds entwined the 40th anniversary cake, which also held a foil "40," names of the honored couple, and wedding date. Large roses and silver leaves and white doves adorned the cake. Roses in crystal bud vases accented the cake as table centerpiece. The table was laid with white lace over red. A foil banner of anniversary greetings was in view, with bells and "40" insignia. On display was a current picture of the couple and their wedding album.

Hostesses were Donna Nervo, Lisa Hess, and Rachel's sister, Linda Coursey of Gainesville.

Attending were the couple's daughters Donna and Lisa and their families; Rachel's sister Linda and her husband, Robert Coursey, and Rachel's mother, Odilia Lutkenhaus. The couple's son Alfred and family sent greetings earlier.



Kelly Ann Dangelmayr of Carrollton and Joshua Don McCoy of Denton have chosen June 19, 1999 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents Joe H. and Pam Dangelmayr of Muenster. Parents of the future-groom are Monica McCoy of Muenster, Don McCoy of Grapevine and Barbara Sander of Canyon Country, California. The wedding will be held in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Nuptial Mass at 2:00 p.m., celebrated by Father Thomas Craig, pastor. Attendants will be Jennie Endres, Debra Dangelmayr, Sally Fisher, Sally Stoffels, Misti Neal; and Doug Voth, Glen Dangelmayr, Raymond Stewart, Cory Neal, and Jon Schilling. The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Sacred Heart High School; received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Radiology from MSU in Wichita Falls, and has completed to Sonography Program at JPS Health Institute. She is employed at Medical Center of Plano as an ultrasound technician. The future-groom is a 1991 graduate of Gahr High School in Cerritos, California and is employed at United Copper Industries in Denton. The couple will reside in Carrollton.

Purchase luminaria remember a life touched by cancer

As the 1999 Cooke County Relay For Life approaches, the luminaria committee is busy organizing for the big event. Last year over 900 luminarias lit the track around Hornet Stadium in Muenster, and the committee is expecting even more this year.

The luminaria ceremony begins at 10 p.m. on Friday, June 4 at Hornet Stadium. Each luminaria represents a life touched or ended by cancer. The luminaria bags are decorated with a special message and illuminate the darkened stadium track as team members and visitors effect on all the lives affected by this disease. Each name is mentioned during a special luminaria ceremony. This is the opportunity for participants to do something positive in the fight against

this deadly disease that has touched so many in Cooke County.

The luminaria are sold for \$3 each and may be decorated by the committee or you may decorate the bag your own special way. Luminaria order forms are available at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, Muenster Memorial Hospital Home Care, Bayer's Kolonialwaren, Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, Gainesville Memorial Hospital, and Tom Thumb Deli. You are encouraged to purchase your luminarias early to allow adequate time to decorate the bag and you are invited to attend all of the activities at the 1999 Cooke County Relay For Life. For more information call Relay For Life Headquarters at 940-759-2271, Ext. 36.



Luminaria line the Relay track. Insets are examples of the decorated sacks.

Morton Museum's Spring series ends May 17

The final session in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Spring Series, "Plain Jane, Calico, Gingham, Stencils, etc. - Welcome to the Wonderful World of Buttons," will take place at noon on Monday, May 17, at the museum.

In this session, participants will learn about the fascinating history of buttons including how cultural changes have altered their construction. Participants also will learn about the wide variety of buttons popular among collectors today. Tips on cleaning buttons will be provided. Gina Dill of Kinne's Jewelers will conduct the second part of the program. She will discuss a line of jewelry made from antique buttons which is being created by a company called Grandmothers Buttons. Several pieces of the jewelry will be on display.

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 668-8900.

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MDA seeks volunteer summer camp counselors

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is currently seeking applications from people who would like to volunteer for a week as counselors at the MDA summer camp in Bruceville, Texas.

Volunteers act as companions to children or teenagers with neuromuscular diseases during the camp session to be held May 29-June 5. Counselors must be at least 16 years old and able to lift a child. They will be called upon to push wheelchairs and assist with grooming, dressing, and feeding, plus help kids participate in the fun activities that come with summer camp, including: swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, and canoeing.

"Camp is the highlight of the summer for the campers and

many volunteers. It is one week of the year when youngsters with muscle-wasting disorders are fully able to participate in a wide range of group outdoor activities that are tailored for their limited mobility," says Jim McDonald, MDA Regional Director. "This camp has a relaxed atmosphere which allows campers to develop self-confidence and form lifelong friendships."

For more information or to volunteer, call the local MDA offices in San Antonio at 210-650-3181, in Wichita Falls at 940-696-5581, or in Waco at 254-752-9632, or MDA national headquarters at 800-572-1717. Information about MDA programs and research advances is also available on MDA's Web site at www.mdausa.org.

1st Baptist Church's music ministry announces 1999 children's music camp June 21-25

It's time to register for the 1999 Children's Music Camp at 1st Baptist Church, Gainesville. Camp dates are June 21 - 25, from 9 a.m. - noon each day. Performance of the musical will be Sunday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. In the 1999 children's Camp musical, *Dr. Jewheart's Neck-up Check-up*, the children's choir is anxious to depart for an overnight trip. But, before they leave, Dr. Jewheart arrives to complete a last-minute "neck-up check-up."

Assisted in this "spiritual physical" by her colleagues: phthalmologist Dr. Seymour Bisenmind, audiologist Dr. Tuachu Hearasaya, speech therapist Betty Bittersweet and sports specialist Dr. Hedda "skya," Dr. Newheart gives the children a Biblical perspective on how God would have us use our eyes, ears, mouth, neck and mind.

Through a massive dose of humor and generous prescription of scripture, this musical will help children and adults know how to keep their mind pure and their thoughts turned to the Lord.

The camp is open to any child who has completed the 1st through the 6th grades. The cost is \$12 per child, with discounts for families who have more than one child in music camp. The discounts are: \$22 for 2 children from the same family, \$33 for 3 children from the same family, \$44 for 4 children from the same family.

You may register your child by coming by the First Baptist Church offices at 308 E. Broadway or by calling 940-65-4347. Please register as soon as possible.

Community CONNECTION

A calendar full of good health events

May 14 - "Golf Tournament" Sponsored by the GMH Auxiliary and GMH Foundation To Benefit Gainesville Memorial Hospital 1 p.m. Shotgun Start - Two-Man Florida Scramble Gainesville Municipal Golf Course Call (940) 665-8619 for entry information

June 4-5 - "Relay For Life" A Team Event To Fight Cancer Sponsored by Cooke County Unit, American Cancer Society Muenster Public School Hornet Stadium, Muenster Call (940) 665-8619, (940) 612-4641 or (940) 759-2271

May 18 - "Herbs and Natural Foods" Seminar Sponsored by GMH and Lindsay Homemakers 6:30 p.m., Conrad Hall, Lindsay Call (940) 668-6273 by May 14 for reservations

June 11 - "Lunch With Lucy" Women's Nutrition Seminar and Meal 12 p.m. (noon) to 1:00 p.m., Culwell Conference Center, GMH Fee: \$12 (includes meal and informational packet) For reservations, call (940) 612-8340

May 26 - "Contemporary Issues in Women's Health - How to Live Longer and Feel Better" Free Educational Seminar Speaker: Gerald Garoutte, MD 6:30 p.m., Culwell Conference Center, GMH



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Sara Chapman and Bradley J. Yosten of Abilene will be married on June 5 at Hamby Methodist Church of Abilene. Sara is the daughter of David and Cheryl Chapman of Abilene. Bradley is the son of Beverly Yosten of Denison and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Yosten of Poland, Ohio. Grandparents of the Future-groom are Frances Yosten of Muenster and the late Werner Yosten, and Earl and Beatrice Koelzer of Muenster. The bride-elect graduated from Clyde High School and is employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield. Bradley graduated from Colbert Oklahoma High School, and is in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Dyess Air Force Base.

The First Holy Communion Day for children or adults holds a most important place in family observances of treasured events. Parents and other close relatives find many ways to mark the day for special memories. Reunions are frequently included to honor the children or the adults.

KAILOB MILLER

Kailob Miller was honored twice on his First Holy Communion Day, April 18, 1999, following the Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 10:00 a.m. At noon his parents LaBecah and Charles Buris hosted a meal of Kailob's choice, with his sisters Taylor and Bailey. Kailob received gifts from his great-grandma Caroline Hess; his grandma Rita Romero; his uncle Chris Hess; Tonya and Maddison Dugger; his great-aunts and uncles Gloria and J.D. Coker, and Mary and Gary Endres. The family then went to visit Kailob's great-grandpa Gary Hess in the hospital. Also unable to attend due to illness were Kailob's great-grandparents Charles and Becky Tucker.

Kailob was honored for a second time by his parents Randy and Lisa Miller at an evening meal at their home, featuring Kailob's favorite meal of homemade pizza, and dessert of chocolate pie. The family gathering included his parents, Randy and Lisa Miller, his sister Taylor and brother Garrett Miller, and grandparents, Bryan and Glenda Russell. Gift opening and visiting added to the enjoyable evening.

KIRK FELDERHOFF

Kirk Felderhoff, son of Kenny and Kim Felderhoff celebrated his First Holy Communion Day with his cousin Kaitlyn Felderhoff, daughter of Scott and Sandy Felderhoff, in Kaitlyn's home. A lasagna dinner was served at noon with dessert of special cakes for Kaitlyn and Kirk. Gifts were opened and displayed, and all the cousins enjoyed playing together, and adults visited, viewing especially the landscaped yard. Special guests included Kirk's brother Keith, sisters Kayla and Kara; grandparents Al and Sis Felderhoff, and Bobby and Linda Walterscheid. Also Ross and Janet Felderhoff and Deann; Scott and Sandy Felderhoff, and Kaitlyn and Ryan; Duane Walterscheid, and Wayne Muller.

DANIEL WIMMER

Daniel Wimmer's parents, Randy and Linda Wimmer, honored him on his First Holy Communion Day, April 18 with a family gathering at their home. Guests included grandparents Eddie and Margie Krahl, and Charles Wimmer; uncle Ricky Wimmer; aunt Janet Jordan and lots of cousins. The dinner featured a menu of beef roast, ham, casseroles, fruit salad, and a special cake, decorated by Betty Rose Walterscheid with a chalice, rosary and Bible. Father Sylvester Catallo imparted a special blessing a week earlier. Gift from Daniel's parents was a statue of Jesus, and a crystal figurine of a boy receiving First Holy Communion. Many other gifts were opened and displayed.

KAITLYN FELDERHOFF

Kaitlyn Felderhoff's parents, Scott and Sandy Felderhoff entertained on Sunday, April 18 with a buffet meal in their home in observance of her First

Holy Communion Day. Sharing honors was her cousin Kirk Felderhoff, son of Ken and Kim Felderhoff. There was a special decorated First Communion cake for each. Attending also were Kaitlyn's grandparents Theo and Emilia Voth, Al and Sis Felderhoff; the Ken Felderhoff family, and other aunts, uncles and cousins.

BENJAMIN WALTERSCHEID

Benjamin Walterscheid, son of T.J. and Jeannene Walterscheid was the center of attention at a family gathering at his home, hosted by his parents, in observance of his First Holy Communion Day, April 18, 1999. Attending were his parents; Grandma Lou and Grandpa Ray Voth; Great-grandma Marie Knauf; Grandma Annette Walterscheid; Godparents Joe and Shellie Hoedebeck and their children Jennifer, Christopher, and Sydney. They were served a fried chicken feast about noon, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The special First Communion cake was made by Shellie Hoedebeck. Gifts were opened and displayed.

NOEL BARNHILL

Noel Barnhill's parents, Gary and Barbie Barnhill entertained a large family and friends group in observance of her First Holy Communion Day, when they hosted a fried chicken and all the trimmings dinner at noon in Grandma Louise Walterscheid's home. A special, decorated First Communion cake was served for dessert. Guests included Noel's mom and dad and brother Noah; Grandma Louise; Rita Walterscheid; Ed Insel; Lee and Jordan Buddy; Nick, Robynn and Dee Dee Walterscheid; Tina Herr, Tyrel, Taryn and Torye Johnson; Dale and Katie Walterscheid; Steve and Marla Fette. Unable to attend but sending good wishes were the paternal grandparents Grandma and Grandpa Barnhill, and Gary and Brenda Walterscheid. Gifts were opened and pictures made. Noel wore the same veil worn by Barbie's mother, Sis Walterscheid 60 years ago on her First Holy Communion Day.

MICHAEL WHITCOTTON

David and Helen Whitcotton honored their son Michael in observance of his First Holy Communion Day, April 18, 1999 with a family gathering in their home in the evening. Guests included the maternal grandparents, Norbert and Ella Mae Rohmer; and uncles, aunts and cousins: Jimmy, Gene, Bobby, and Johnathan Rohmer; Barbara, John, and Lisa Mosman; Jarrett Reaves; Carol, Cathy, and Travis Weathered. Michael's favorites of fried chicken, hot dogs, chips and trimmings were served. Dessert was a decorated First Communion cake.

NATALIE ENDRES

Natalie Endres' mom and dad, Gary and Mary Endres hosted a family gathering in their home on her First Holy Communion Day at noon. Guests were her grandmothers, Clara Endres, and Caroline Hess; Godparents Gloria and J.D. Coker; cousins Jesse and Casey Coker; and Natalie's family, mom, dad; Doug, Nicole and Austin Hennigan; Shauna, Luke, Lisa, Victoria, and

Alana. A fried chicken with all the trimmings feast was served, followed by dessert of a decorated special cake. After dinner, they all went to visit the maternal grandfather, Gary Hess in a Denton Hospital.

ALEXANDER YORK

Margie and Ed York honored their son Alex on his First Holy Communion Day when they hosted a large group of relatives and friends in their home following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Guests included the grandparents Tom and Barbara Felderhoff of Myra, Texas and Lorine York of Wharton, Texas and aunts, uncles, cousins, and several friends, including A.J. Fleitman, and Alex cousin Nicholas Bezner, who received his First Holy Communion a week earlier in St. Peter's Church. A brisquet feast with pie and angel food cake were served. Betty Rose Walterscheid decorated a special cake. Alex wore a white dress jacket custom-made by his grandmother Barbara Felderhoff, and a special medal, gift from his parents. The group enjoyed volleyball games and a hike to the creek for a nature walk on a beautiful spring afternoon, and all enjoyed the trampoline, all afternoon till evening.

JOSEPH LEO HESSE

Joseph Leo Hesse, son of Bert and Christy Hesse was the center of attention at a family gathering held in his honor at their home on his First Holy Communion Day, April 18. Guests with his parents and sister Rebekah and brothers John Paul and Daniel were grandparents Joe and Ruth Felderhoff, and Ethel Hesse; uncles, aunts and cousins, Jack, Jenny, Emily,

Alyssa and Amy White; Neil, Anne, Matt, and Kaitlin Hesse; Mauro and Rose Ganzon and Lori White. Joseph's Godparents are Joe Felderhoff and Ethel Hesse. A Swiss Cheese Chicken feast was served. Gifts were opened and displayed.

SAMANTHA WIMMER

Samantha Wimmer, daughter of Wayne and Tammy Wimmer was a member of the First Communion class in Sacred Heart Church on April 18. After the 10:30 a.m. Mass her parents hosted a family gathering in their home. Samantha shared the day with her brother, Calvin who celebrated his sixth birthday. Those attending with Tammy, Wayne, Wes, Whitney, Samantha and Calvin were Grandma and Grandpa Joaline and Virgil Henscheid; Grandma and Grandpa Gertie and Arnie Wimmer; Great-grandma Elizabeth Mollenkopf, and Jill, Dustin, and Alaina Reiter; Colynda Hartman and Alex Sicking; Lonnie, Valerie, Ryan and Chad Henscheid; Janet and Robyn Hermes; Ronnie Wimmer; Tracy and Larry Allen; and Abbey Endres.

KALYSSA POLLARD

Kalyssa Pollard's parents, John and Cheryl Pollard honored her on her First Holy Communion Day April 18, with a family party and dinner in their home, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Guests included Kalyssa's grandparents, Charles and Carolyn Bayer; her Godparents Craig and Rita Bayer and their son, Jacob; and aunts and uncles, Charla Taylor, and Curt and Prudy Bayer. The special First Communion cake was made by Kalyssa's mother.

Tickets available for Sacred Heart Awards Banquet

Students of Sacred Heart High School will be honored for their academic and athletic achievements from the past year at the Annual All Awards Banquet. It will held Wednesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart

Community Center. All are invited to attend the event which includes a catered meal. Tickets are \$6 per person and may be purchased at the Sacred Heart School office. They will be available until May 17 at 4 p.m.

Linda Coursey is birthday honoree with surprise party

Linda Coursey of Gainesville was honored with a surprise birthday party at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Rachel and Arthur Hennigan of Muenster on Saturday, April 24. Linda's actual birth date is April 23.

party room. Hostesses included Rachel Hennigan, Donna Nervo, and another niece, Lisa Hess of Watauga.

The theme was spring flowers. Donna Nervo of Arlington, a niece of the honoree, brought a homemade cake decorated with floral entwinement of peach and pastel colors. Bouquets of fresh field flowers and ornated paper flowers were on the table. Large Banner flowers and pastel balloons accented the

Attending the party were the honoree's husband, Robert Coursey of Gainesville; her sister and brother-in-law, Rachel and Arthur Hennigan, and mother Odilia Lutkenhaus, all of Muenster; her nieces and their families, Donna and Nicolas Nervo and son, Alexander, of Arlington and Lisa and Darrell Hess and children, Jordan, Brandon and Brittany of Watauga.

Videos and pictures were taken and gifts were opened.

May is Mental Health month

Greater understanding of people with mental health problems and increased awareness of available resources to maintain good mental health will be the focus of Mental Health Month in May. Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST) serves persons with mental disabilities in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties. MHMRST is joining the campaign to help educate people about mental illnesses.

depressive disorder, or other depressive disorders. Nearly 160,000 - about one in 100 - Texans experience schizophrenia disorders and 30,000 new cases occur each year.

Mental illness is found in persons of all ages, races, cultures, and economic conditions. In Texas, 1998 statistics indicated there were nearly 2.89 million individuals - nearly one in six - with some form of mental illness. Over 640,000 Texas children, from birth through age 17, can be identified as having an emotional disturbance. Over 650,000 - or about one in 30 - Texans have depression, manic

Many services and programs for persons experiencing mental and emotional problems are offered through MHMRST. In 1998 MHMRST served 1,690 persons with mental health disabilities. These services included: emergency and crisis intervention, medication-related services, community-based assessments, service coordination, employment services; supported housing, family support, and skills training services.

For additional information concerning mental health and mental illness and the services provided at MHMRST, please contact the Community Relations Office at 903-786-4803.

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Sacred Heart Parish High School Youth Ministry Survey to be offered May 22 and May 23

The following are options of the high school ministry which have been discussed, and which are possible to be offered at Sacred Heart Parish. Following each option, there is a brief explanation for your benefit. Please take the time to read and understand these items, so you may make a more educated choice on Pentecost weekend, when the actual survey will take place. If you have any questions or would like more information, call 759-5111, ext. 21 for Fr. Tom, ext. 7 for Barbara Rohmer, or ext. 4 for Eric Gray.

1. Have the high school ministry as is, with the current Life Teen program. Life Teen is a practical concept of doing youth ministry, more than just a program. It is a flexible way of doing youth ministry, but always with the character as the heart of all that is done, as that is the heart of being Catholic.

2. Have the high school ministry as is, with the current Life Teen program, but with the option of families using an intergenerational family ministry program at home to supplement and support it at home. Number 1 above, but more. The parish would also enable parents to further learn and teach and discover their faith within a family ministry setting at home, taking what is used at Life Teen and building on it, as well as developing other themes not covered at that semester in Life Teen.

3. Have religious education classes on Wednesday evenings and youth ministry events on Sundays (and other times) as in previous years. This would be a return to what the system was doing a year ago, with no changes.

4. Have religious education classes on Wednesday evenings and youth ministry events on Sundays as in previous years, but with the option of families using an intergenerational family ministry program at home to supplement and support these two at home. As in number 3 but with family ministry materials and training available for the

parents to minister to their children in the home (as in number 2 above).

5. Have intergenerational family ministry programs as the key element with youth ministry activities for the older adolescents as support to the family ministry. Here, the parish would put full force into a family program, which at the present we do not have. This type of program would enable parents to better and easier provide their children with a Roman Catholic upbringing in the home, which is the place the Church says is the primary place of passing on the faith anyway. In this case, the youth ministry would be merely a support to the family ministry, a support to help our adolescents still do things together as adolescents, which is always an important developmental asset.

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Miranda Sue Pagel

Miranda celebrates 4!

Miranda Sue Pagel, daughter of Renate and Jacob Pagel, celebrated her fourth birthday Sunday, April 18, at Sycamore Lake. Her actual birthday was April 16.

Miranda's guests enjoyed fishing and playing on the playground. The Barbie cake was baked and decorated by her mother. After the party Miranda distributed goody bags to her guests who included her parents; sister

Kelsey; brothers Derek and Collin; grandmother Tommie Sue Hess; great-grandmother Leona Hamilton; aunts, uncles and cousins: Marlene, Lacy, Kelly, and Sandy Endres; Sharlene, Shannon, and Dainah Hartman; Rodney and Cindy Hess; Troy, Lisa and Macie Pagel; Denise and Nicole Pagel; Stuart Hess; Lisa and Garrett Miller; and friends Morgan and Megan Hesse.

North Central Texas College names art show winners

Local artisans submitted nearly 500 paintings, photographs and craft projects for judging in the 34th Annual North Central Texas College Art Show.

Three hundred items alone were created by public and private school students. Another 180 pieces of artwork arrived on registration day from the community at-large and NCTC students added yet another 100 projects to the show.

Mary Frances Van Pelt, NCTC Art Professor and Show Coordinator said she was extremely proud of the response. "We had a strong turnout this year. We received a wide variety of original and creative work. It's obvious we have many talented artists in our local community. The large number of people visiting the exhibit have been thrilled."

Retired NCTC Art Department Chair and Professor Vera Speece served as the judge for the student and general division, while Nicole Nelson of D-Squared Studios selected winners in the photography division.

Steven Webb, a senior at Lake Dallas High School claimed "Best of Show" in the student division for a 3-D papier mache relief. Lowell McCormack of Gainesville earned "Best of Show" honors in the General Division for an oil painting of the Gainesville Depot.

Corin Komoroski of Gainesville received "Best of

Show" honors in the NCTC Division for a pen and ink graphic. Mike Gaston of Gainesville claimed "Best of Show" in the Photography Division for a black/white portrait. Joseph Pershica of Gainesville received special recognition for his watercolor entry depicting the NCTC 75th anniversary.

Youth (grades K-8), earning first place in the show for their respective grade level were: Kindergarten, Dena Schumacher, Era; First Grade, Jesse Kimberling, Sivells Bend; Second Grade, Anna McCourry, Sivells Bend; Third Grade, Nathan Martin, Sivells Bend; Fourth Grade, Sally Baugh, Sivells Bend; Fifth Grade, Lawson Odom, Era; Sixth Grade, Kody Kinkel, Forestburg; Seventh Grade, Colt Eberhart, Aubrey; and Eighth Grade, Melanie Parkhill, Gainesville.

Local high school winner in the youth division was Kristin Smith of Muenster, 10th grade, (color).

Local winners in the General Division were: Cindy Stormer received Honorable Mention in Original Crafts; Linda Vogel earned a 1st place and a 3rd place in Ceramics.

Local winners in the High School Photography Division were: 1st, Russell Fette; 2nd, Elizabeth Trevino; 3rd, Allison Bayer; Honorable Mention, Elizabeth Trevino; and Honorable Mention, Sarah Kelly.

42 tournament this weekend

The Lindsay 4-H shooting sports is sponsoring a 42 tournament, May 15 in Conrad Hall. Registration is from 5-5:30 p.m. with game time beginning at 6:00. For more information call Janice Stoffels 665-7302 or Nick Schroeder 665-0439.

"Classics" of 1999 honored by Cooke County at awards lunch

"Classics of 1999" - men and women of RSVP (Texoma Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) in Cooke County were honored at the annual Awards Recognition luncheon on April 22, held at Stanford House in Gainesville. They were particularly cited for the 29,000 hours volunteered in 1998 to the Cooke County area; also announced were the "Station of the Year" and "Volunteer of the Year," and a number of Honorable Mentions. Also honored was the Advisory Council of 16 members.

Receiving special recognition was the '90 And Older group who are still volunteering, Margaret Kupper of Muenster, Evalyn Dougherty of Callisburg, and Joe Hoening of Muenster.

Dan Hamric, of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce and

Muenster State Bank, presented the prestigious award for this event to Julia Cunningham as "Volunteer of the Year."

"Station of the Year" Award went to Pecan Creek Senior Center.

A drawing was held for a king-size quilt "Wrenches and Roses" donated to RSVP by Dee Flowers and won by Agnes Walter of Muenster; a lovely baby quilt, donated to RSVP by Loretta Wimmer and won by Florence Fisher, both of Muenster.

Dinner was catered by Louise Schad and Sisters; music was provided by accordionist Mildred Lawson, guitarist Buddy Yosten; and harmony by Margaret Loerwald.

New Arrivals

Luttmer
Gene and Carol Luttmer announce with pride and joy the birth of their second daughter, Amy Katherine Luttmer on May 7, 1999 at 1:16 a.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lb. 8.4 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. She joins a sister Abby, age 1 1/2 years. Grandparents are Alfoas and Iary Ann Koessler and the late Ed and Gertie Luttmer.

Hennigan
Alfred and Paige Hennigan of Arlington are parents of a son Blake Arthur, born on April 7, 1999 at 9:12 a.m. in Arlington Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 20 1/4 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Arthur and Rachel Hennigan of Muenster. Paternal grandparents are Odilia and Raymond Walterscheid of Muenster. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Jackie Norris of Fort Worth. Paternal great-grandfather is Richard Norris of Mabank, and maternal great-grandmother is Billie Rattan of Gun Barrel City. Blake Arthur has two siblings, Randy Lee, and Ryan Alexander Hennigan.

Park
Don J. and Sealeah Park of the Woodlands, Texas, announce the birth of a son, Donald Wyatt Park, on April 9, 1999 at Memorial Hospital of The Woodlands, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. He joins a sister Shayla Rose, age 7. Grandparents are Ron and Jean Park of Forestburg and John and Linda Caraway of Kingston, OK. Great-grandmother is Lartha Hays of Durant, OK.

Eldridge
Curtis and Vicki Eldridge of Flower Mound, Texas announce with pride and joy the birth of their first child, a daughter, Morgan Victoria Eldridge. She was born in Plano Presbyterian Hospital on May 10, 1999 at 12:46 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 7 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. First time grandparents are Ed and Phyllis Eldridge of Highland Village. Maternal grandparents are Peggy Walterscheid of Muenster and the late Raymond Walterscheid.

Huggins
Jennifer Michelle Huggins of Nocona announces the birth of a daughter, Kayson Michelle Huggins in Muenster Memorial Hospital on May 4, 1999, at 4:06 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 13.4 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Terri and Aaron Nail of Nocona.

Area Meetings

The Cooke County Diabetic Support Group will meet Tuesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in Muenster Hospital Conference Room. A program on "What's Your Number?" will be presented by Joan Walterscheid, R.N., CDE. For more information call 759-2271.

Class of '79
Members of the 1979 graduating classes of Muenster High School and Sacred Heart High School will celebrate the 20th anniversary of their graduation this year. Those who are interested in having a "20 Year Class Reunion" are asked to bring all your ideas to the Center Tavern on May 16 at 2 p.m.



Julia Cunningham

St. Anne's Society holds May meeting

The St. Anne's Society of Sacred Heart met in the Sacred Heart Community Center Snap Room at 7:00 p.m. on May 2. There were 9 members present.

President Toni Hess led opening prayers. Nancy Nystrom read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Tillie Otto gave the expense report. A thank you note from Corpus Christi for Masses for Margaret Fisher and a letter from Fr. Williams concerning Masses for deceased members were read.

Lucille Hess sent get-well cards to Hildegard Swirczynski, Leona Luke, Marie Hundt, and Ginny

Schneider. Members discussed events coming up in June, then Toni Hess read a short article on aging. Tillie Otto read a short poem by an unknown author titled "A Creed for Life."

Lucille Hess won the attendance drawing, and then the meeting ended with prayer.

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School News



Muenster High School 1999-2000 Student Council

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MHS Student Council Installed

Twenty-six Muenster High School students were officially installed as officers and members of the school's Student Council for 1999-2000 during an assembly May 11 in the high school auditorium. Retiring senior members who officiated at the formal ceremony included Stephanie Bierschenk, Cristy Drachenberg, Janet Fetsch, Dolly Patel, and Brent Sicking.

Next year's officers are Casey Walterscheid, president; Raegan Koesler, vice-president; Jackie Hoescheid, secretary; Grant Hartman, treasurer; Darren Hennigan, reporter; and Craig Hartman, parliamentarian. Kelly Grewing and Michael Endres who were elected by their classmates after satisfying the Student Council's election campaign guidelines will represent the freshman class.

Members-at-large include next year's seniors: Karen Cler, Kristen Creed, Allison Endres, Kelly Felderhoff, John Flusche, Jeff Klement, Doug Knabe, Krystle Sparkman, incoming juniors, Diane Britain, Lauren Dangelmayr, Kacie Garcia, Malony Gieb, Ami Graham, Megan Hennigan, Mary Skinner, Bronya Vogel, and future sophomores, Paul

Fleitman, and Chris Luttmer. Sophomores through seniors earned their student council memberships this year by completing ten service hour requirements. Tasks this year ranged from picking up trash to cleaning trophy cases. All credit hours must be approved in advance by the student council sponsors and are usually supervised and served on the students' own time rather than during classtime.

Candidates for office and freshman representatives filed petitions to run for their positions that were signed by registered student voters,

designed their campaign posters, and presented campaign speeches in a student assembly before being elected by students on Friday, April 30.

After the installation ceremony, new members and retiring members were treated to refreshments in the library. Reports showed that the Spring Book Fair netted \$450, which will fund next year's projects and also provided 11 quality books for the school's library. Tanner Silmon won the I SPY CD-ROM in a drawing at the end of the book fair.

Sivells Bend Honor Roll

"A" HONOR ROLL

Grade 1 - Kristin Martin, Abby Skinner, Lauren Mae Staten.

Grade 3 - Sally Baugh, Lauren Condra.

Grade 4 - Michelle Locke, Jeffrey McLaughlin, Brad Baugh.

Grade 5 - Tiffany Martin.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL
Grade 1 - Preston Cash, Wesley Daubenspeck, Jesse Kimberling.

Grade 2 - Ross Autry, Susana Cervantes, Kristy Marsh, Anna McCourry.

Grade 3 - Adam Richey, Courtney Martindale, Nathan Martin, Bradley Teel.

Grade 5 - Matt Locke, Brandy Marsh, Jarrod Richey.

Grade 6 - Cody Condra, Haydn Vestal.

Grade 7 - Jessica Langford.

Grade 8 - Josh Ferguson, Brady Howell, Kenna Mask.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAY 17-21

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Mon. - Cook's choice!

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Wed. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, green beans, cobbler, bread.

Thurs. - Pizza, black-eyed peas, lettuce, jello.

Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Burritos, beans, lettuce salad w/dressing, fruit, banana bread.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham sandwiches, cheese slices, lettuce and tomatoes, chips, fruit, brownies.

Thurs. - Hot dogs, French fries, chili and cheese, fruit, beans, jello.

Fri. - Elementary - No Lunches; Junior High and High School - Cook's Choice.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.

Tues. - Corny dog, curly fries, tossed salad, pickle spears, apple brown Betty.

Wed. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, pears, sugar cookie.

Thurs. - Barbecue wieners or steak fingers, green beans, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, peanut butter cookie.

Fri. - Chicken sandwich, cheese slice, French fries, trimmings, ice cream.

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Mon. - Chili dogs, baked beans, corn, fruit.

Tues. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, salad, batterbread.

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Thurs. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

Fri. - Crispos, pinto beans, salad, fruit, bread.

Lindsay Sophomores master the TAAS

The scores are in and Lindsay High School's sophomore class has 100% mastery on the TAAS Exit test in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The test was administered February 23-25.

According to Tom Fluker, Lindsay school counselor, this is a Lindsay first. While Lindsay has always performed in the upper ninetieth percentile, as evidenced by the fact that Lindsay High School has always been rated an exemplary campus, this is the first year that 100% Mastery has been achieved on the TAAS Exit in all categories.

No Lindsay High School sophomores were exempt from the Exit test. Of the group tested, 93% scored a 3 or a 4 on the essay portion of the writing test. The highest score possible on the writing test is a 4.

Gary Hamilton, Lindsay ISD principal, said, "We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of this year's sophomore class. We expect good things from this group of students. I also appreciate the efforts of the High School teachers in preparing the students, not only for the test, but also for the future. It takes everyone working together to achieve success."

MHS Advanced Spanish class celebrates Cinco De Mayo

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the victory of the Mexican forces of Benito Juarez against the invading French troops under Maximilian at the Battle of Puebla on the 5th of May in 1862. The Spanish III class at MHS celebrated this Mexican holiday with refreshments, such as Mango punch, Guanabana juice, barritos, and pound cake. The featured event was an original Spanish skit, "Barney Llega A Ser Loco" (Barney Goes Crazy), performed by the class.

The highlight of the performance was a student rendition of the Filipino dance, the Tinikling. During the Spanish colonial occupation of the Philippines, reluctant

workers were forced to stand between thorny bamboo poles which were slammed together while the victims jumped as much as possible to avoid injury. As an act of defiance, the Filipinos developed a dance from this gauntlet.

Using PVC pipe instead of thorned bamboo poles, students Jeff Klement, Darren Hennigan, and Jim Stoffels danced quickly and deftly between the pipes, while Kelly Felderhoff and Raegan Koesler clashed the poles to the melody of "Siempre La Avispa" (Forever the Hornet) sung by Krystle Sparkman and Allison Endres.

After their presentation, Spanish 3 class served refreshments to the invited guests, the Spanish 2 Class.

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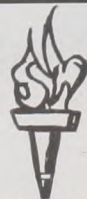


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The Muenster High Spanish III class presented a skit, "Barney Llega A Ser Loco", as part of their Cinco de Mayo celebration. At right, Jeff Klement and Darren Hennigan dance the Tinikling. Above from left, students Krystle Sparkman, Klement, Allison Endres, Hennigan, Kelly Felderhoff, and Raegan Koesler, join together in a final song.
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Sports

Commission adopts several changes to hunting & fishing rules to take effect Sept. 1

Striving for simplification of fishing regulations and increased hunting opportunity, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its April 15 public meeting adopted several changes as part of the 1999-2000 Statewide Hunting and Fishing Proclamation. The changes will take effect September 1.

Most of the alterations to this year's hunting regulations involved opening additional hunting seasons in certain counties, maintaining landowner management flexibility and increasing hunting opportunity. In particular, the commission eliminated the doe tags in five north Texas counties, increased doe days in 36 others, rejected proposals to restrict deer harvest in nine counties, and approved a bonus deer tag

system, established a youth-only squirrel season, and created an archery-only deer season in another county.

The bonus tag option approved by the commission is designed to allow increased flexibility for landowners and land managers when hunting activities aren't enough to meet management goals. The tags can only be used in conjunction with Managed Lands Deer Permits, Landowner Assisted Management Permits or during special drawn hunts on departmental lands. Under the regulation, individuals who meet the above criteria may purchase up to five either sex bonus tags for \$10 each wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

Among the new regulations designed to increase hunting opportunity, include the following:

- An open general season for white-tailed deer in Grayson County from the first Saturday in November through the first Sunday in January, restricted to lawful archery equipment and crossbows only. Hunters in this county will be exempted from having to purchase a Special Archery Stamp. The bag limit will be three deer, no more than one buck and no more than two antlerless deer (antlerless by Managed Land Deer Permit only).

- An open white-tailed deer season in Archer, Baylor, Clay, Montague, and Wise Counties to run from November 6 through January 2 with a three deer bag limit, no more than one buck and no more than two antlerless deer.



Aaron Klement, left, and Jim Stoffels competed at the regional tennis tournament last week in Abilene after winning the district double's championship. The Muenster team lost their first match 6-4, 6-2 to the Lenorah-Grady team. "They lost to a team that plays nothing but tennis all year," noted Coach Randy Tankersley. "This was the only match Aaron and Jim lost all season." Photo by Janie Hartman



Lucien Gehrig, at left, remains undefeated in the 1600m race for the season after winning the event at the state meet. Head Track Coach Dale Schilling closely followed every event and point scored in Waco. Photo by Dave Fette

12th Annual Ruth Hess Golf Tourney on May 23

The Twelfth Annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, May 23 at the Indian Oaks Golf Course in Nocona. Tee time is 8 a.m. for the 4 Person Scramble. The fee is \$200 per team (includes green fee, cart, and t-shirt.) Proceeds will benefit City of Muenster Baseball Complex.

All participants will be put in one group and prizes will be awarded in four different flights. The deadline is Monday, May 10. Call Brian Herr ASAP to register at 940-759-2376 (home) or 759-4512 (work). Registration is limited to the first 30 teams!



Lady Hornets qualifying for regional golf were, from left, front: Krystal Sparkman, Maggie Fisher, Courtney Haverkamp; Back, Kristen Creed, Allison Endres, Polly Fette, and Jaclynn Bell. Photo by Janie Hartman



Hornet golfers who competed at the regional tournament included, from left, front: Kevin Hermes, Mitch Endres, Colby Calabrese; Back, Jim Stoffels, Aaron Klement, Chad Felderhoff. Not pictured is Nick Silmon. Photo by Janie Hartman



Representing Muenster at the regional track meet were, from left, front: Pamela Lutkenhaus, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Kelly Felderhoff, Kari Felderhoff; Back, Heather Hess, Jessica Anderson, Courtney Haverkamp, Kenzie Gerstberger, and Kristen Creed. Photo by Janie Hartman



Regional track and field qualifiers of the Hornet team were, from left, Mitch Endres, Chris York, Jeff Klement, Casey Walterscheid; Back, Darren Hennigan, Bryan Miller, Kevin Johnson, Brent Sicking, Barry Fleitman, and Eric Fisher. Photo by Janie Hartman

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Medaled in the 400m dash setting the silver with a time of 1:22. The Tigers 1600m relay, Kinner, Gehrig, Charlie Foster and Chris Smith, finished in 3rd place at 3:41.19. Yosten also brought home bronze, clocking in at 17.44

in the 110 high hurdles. Adam Barnhill was the lone field event finisher with a 114' 10" discus throw for 3rd. The Tigers 400m relay team, Smith, Moster, Duncan Campbell, and Keith Felderhoff settled for an 8th place finish at 47.9.

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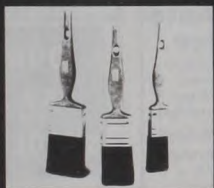
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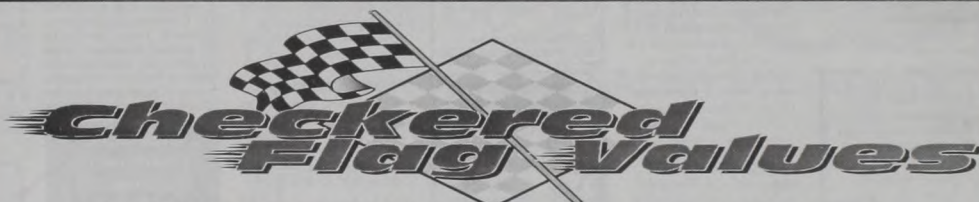
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10 YEARS AGO
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30 YEARS AGO
 May 2, 1969
 Muenster Chamber of Commerce Directors elect Ray Wilde president. SH Home School Society elects Ray Voth president. Continued growth and progress of Cooke County Electric Cooperative Association is keynote of 31st annual meeting as more than 700 member-owners gather. MHS Scholastic and Athletic Achievements praised at All-Awards Banquet. Free vaccination for immunization against measles is available next week through Courtesy of Muenster Medical Center in cooperation with State Health Department. Marge Hesse is Cooke County's Spelling Bee champion - at age 13 she will compete in Dallas on Channel 8. The 20th Annual Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation Banquet will be held May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Junior High School Cafeteria in Whitesboro. Tight money and high lumber prices cause slowdown in Muenster building activity. Wedding: Linda Hoedebeck and Gilbert Knabe are married in Sacred Heart Church, Muenster Cub Scouts hold first Pinewood Derby. Muenster Garden Club will hold Flower Show on May 12, not a contest - just a show, and Mary Mosler and Imelda Rohmer are hostesses and Virginia Jaska is chairman.

50 YEARS AGO
 May 6, 1949
 Fourth Annual Awards dinner hosted by the Fort Worth Press has famed author and conservationist Louis Bromfield as guest speaker. He mentioned Muenster twice during his speech. About 700 attended the "Save The Soil and Save Texas" campaign. Muenster votes on May 7 on \$300,000 bond issue for new school building. Sixth Muenster Horse Show is attended by 3000 visitors. Coralee Fuhrmann is voted all-student favorite at Our Lady of Victory College. At Clarence Wilson's home, that amazing Century Plant grew 58 inches more since April 21 and 33 inches more since then. Wedding: Richard Swirczynski and Dorothy Beyer marry in St. Peter's Church; Marcella Bindel and William Koerner marry in Sacred Heart Church. Muenster Lawnmower Factory will have an exhibit at Southwestern Industrial Exposition in Fort Worth.

Farm & Ranch

Ten steps to higher quality hay

Ten steps for higher quality hay production, from Dr. Sim Reeves, retired extension agronomist.

Soil testing is the first step. Take a soil test on an random sample of the entire field. For accurate comparison, take soil samples at the same time each year. The first thing soil test will show is soil pH--ne acid or base level. A soil pH below 5.6 will need lime.

Fertilization should be based on the soil test. The soil test will indicate existing fertility and the amount of nutrients needed to produce 2 tons of hay per cutting.

A ton of hay takes 50 pounds of nitrogen, 14 pounds of phosphorus, 42 pounds of potassium, 4.5 pounds of sulfur, and 4.5 pounds of magnesium. Plants also need several micro-elements. If one element is lacking, it reduces growth no matter how many of the other elements are available.

Weed control pays back both in more grass and higher quality hay. Weeds emerge early and compete with grass for nutrients and water. Weeds also shade grass, slowing its growth. In hay, weeds reduce quality.

To control broomweed, sunflowers, cocklebur and other weeds, use Grazon P+D herbicide, usually at the rate of 1 pint per acre, mixed with first application of liquid fertilizer. Weeds typically aren't a problem after that.

Without weed spraying, you're just fertilizing weeds.

Harvest hay at the right stage of maturity. Grasses have the highest protein when young. Protein decreases with age and flowering. Digestibility of grasses is highest in spring, followed by fall and summer.

Bale at the right moisture content--10 to 16 percent. Hay baled with too much moisture can mold and heat-damage, making the protein

unavailable. Hay baled with too little moisture loses too much leaf. That means lower protein.

Storage affects quality. Baled at the right moisture content, hay will maintain its quality longer under cover than when exposed to weather. Put your highest quality hay in square bales and store them under roof. Even large bales stored outside, high quality helps. Fine-stemmed, leafy hay packs tighter in the bale and resists moisture better.

Forage analysis is essential to know how to feed livestock. That's one way to use hay shows--to get forage analyzed.

Sell hay for a profit. Know your investment. Mowing, raking and baling cost \$12 to \$15 per round bale, regardless of the hay's feed value. Fertilizer costs \$5 to \$15 per round bale.

Two keys to high quality hay are out of your control, moisture and sunshine to grow grass, and sunshine to dry hay after it's cut. Reeves advise: Pray for rain -- pray for sunshine.



At last area rainfall was sufficient to fill stock ponds. May's total rainfall so far, as officially recorded by Janette Hess, was 3.36 inches. On May 10 2.07 inches was recorded. It was accompanied by small hail, strong winds, and lightning which knocked out electricity for some time. Photos by Janie Hartman

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

WHEAT TOUR RESULTS

Last week we had our annual wheat and small grain tour to evaluate result demonstrations in the county. We want to thank the producers who each year provide the land, observations and evaluation of the various demonstrations. Small grains demonstrations this year were conducted by Rudy and Gene Schumacher, Kenneth and Gene Sicking, William Hermes, Rudy Zimmerer and the Fuhrmann Bros. (Eddie, Paul, Andy and Leonard).

Leaf rust is very prevalent on all hard wheat varieties this year. Some a little worse than others. A foliar fungicide demonstration had good results. The untreated check had a disease rating on the flag leaf of about 47%, meaning that about half of the flag leaf was covered with rust pustules. The flag leaf is very important in grain fill and test weight. All labeled products worked well and ratings of treated wheat showed 0 to 3% flag leaf infestation. A new hard wheat variety, released by Texas A&M Foundation Seed, named TAM 302 showed good leaf rust tolerance. Dr. Dave Marshall, TAES plant breeder, tells us this variety has a gene to inhibit late rust attack during plant development. Dr. Marshall says that most of our fall and spring rust problems are the result of north winds bringing rust spores from northern fields in the U.S. A primary goal of the wheat breeding program in the blacklands that Dr. Marshall oversees is rust resistance. Soft varieties, with a few exceptions, showed excellent leaf rust resistance. We're told some of this is due to a R-9 gene that resists

this race of rust that we currently have in our fields and area.

Oats look very good except for the Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus. This virus that is transmitted by greenbugs infects oats, wheat and barley in our fields. Typical symptoms are red or yellow leaf tips and short, stressed plants. The systemic insecticides that reduce greenbug populations work well to hold down the disease. Late planting can also help. Another problem with oats is the presence of loose smut. Producers can reduce this problem by using a seed treatment fungicide. Two new varieties that have cold tolerance and look good are Dallas and Secretariat. All oats can freeze out but these two showed excellent cold tolerance following the December freeze.

We're looking at a barley again for an alternative crop in our area. Breeders are trying to control the old problems of test weight, beards, and breaking down from poor straw strength. Currently several varieties are being developed for the blacklands that are hull-less.

And finally, weed and grass competition in fields is still there. The continued problem of ryegrass reduces yields in the area. The herbicide selections available to us work fairly good but should be used in combination with crop rotation practices. Resistance is showing in ryegrass to the current chemistry available in herbicides. This year's wheat and other grains look good in the county. There are a few problems with freeze damage but in all our county's crop potential is favorable.

Loan deficiency payments update

For 1999 crops such as wheat, oats, barley, corn, and rain sorghum mechanically harvested for hay, silage, nsilage, cracked, rolled or rimpled will be eligible for loan deficiency payments. To arrive at a grain value for crops harvested for other than grain, the production harvested for grain on the same farm or three similar farms will be used. Once the crop is sold or

fed, it is no longer eligible for LDP. To be eligible for LDP's a farmer must be in the Freedom to Farm Program, have an accurate acreage on file and file the necessary paperwork at the FSA office. Wheat grazed out is not considered eligible. If you have any questions about this program, call the Farm Service Agency in Gainesville, at 665-4397.

Caution advised when dealing with pesticide peddlers by phone

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs advises farmers and ranchers to be cautious when dealing with solicitors peddling pesticide products over the telephone.

The Texas Department of Agriculture already has heard from producers who have been contacted this year at home by telephone offering pesticides.

Legitimate pesticide dealers may call to see what you're going to need this year, but most don't initiate sales through telemarketing. Combs cautions, "Products that are pushed over the phone are usually touted as more concentrated, more effective or just cheaper. In many cases, producers who take up the offer end up very disappointed."

Combs noted that TDA also recently gets calls from pesticide applicators that are unhappy after purchasing products over the phone. In some instances, the product is not even labeled for use in Texas.

The commissioner also reminded producers that if they want to know if a pesticide product lives up to the hype from a phone salesman, they can call the Texas Department of

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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,094 head of cattle compared to 1,129 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 283 goats, 70 sheep and 157 hogs. The numbers for last week were 204, 68 and 72 respectively. Results of both sales follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 94-110; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-94; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 90-105; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-90; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 85-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-85; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 80-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-80; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 72-82; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-72; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 67-71; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-67.	Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 80-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-80; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 75-84; Nos. 2 & 3, 62-75; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 75-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-75; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 70-77; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-70; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 65-78; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-65; 700-800 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., 42-52. Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, 28-33; cutter, 33-41. Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$500-\$575; medium frame, \$425-\$500. Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$625-\$680; medium frame, \$500-\$625. Holstein baby calves, \$40-\$90; Crossbreds, \$80-\$190.	Hogs (per lb.) Barrows & Gilts: US 1-2, 220-275, 33-35; US 2-3, 220-275, 31-33; Sows: US 1-3, 300-650, 18-32 Boars: US 1-3, 200-650, 10-21. Feeders: US 1-3, 100-175, \$30-\$35 per head. Pigs: US 1-3, 25-90, \$7.50-\$35 per head. Sheep (per lb.) Lambs: 90-95 Ewes: 35-47. Bucks: 30-35. Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$15-\$35. Ewes: \$30-\$40. Bucks: \$60-\$95. Dairy Goats (per head) Kids: \$15-\$35. Nannies: \$30-\$90. Billies: \$50-\$90. Meat Goats (per head) Kids: \$15-\$45. Nannies: \$30-\$60. Billies: \$50-\$90.
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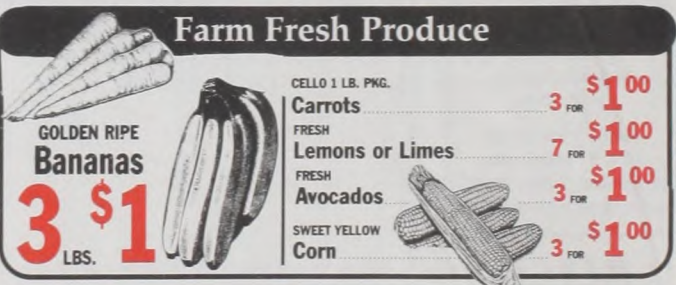
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Soil Survey Centennial

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the National Cooperative Soil Survey. Texas Governor George W. Bush recently signed an official memorandum proclaiming April 1999 as Soil Survey Centennial Month.

In Texas, the centennial will be celebrated by activities that include a display at the State Capitol, an exhibit at the State Fair of Texas in October, educational programs and other special activities throughout the state. "These will emphasize the theme, 'Soil the Foundation of Life,'" said Mike Golden, State Soil Scientist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "Because the soil is such a

vital resource, the soil survey is a valuable tool for all types of users. One hundred years ago, we served mainly agricultural interests, but today the soil survey has a wide variety of users."

The first soil survey report in Texas was published in 1901 for the Willis area in Montgomery County. Since then, soil surveys have been completed for 241 of the 254 counties in Texas.

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District covers three counties, each having published soil surveys. The Montague County survey was published in June 1978, Cooke County in May 1979 and Grayson

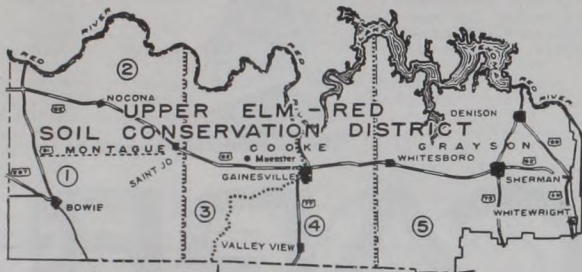
County in February 1980. A copy of these surveys is available at the local NRCS office of these respective counties.

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors a grass and seedling tree program each year for area land users. Grass seed is available for sale at any time, orders for the seedling trees are taken starting in October each year and the trees are delivered in February of the next year.

The grass seed is usually ordered by producers for pasture planting, range seeding and critical area planting. Grasses such as plains bluestem, sideoats grama, alamo switchgrass and kleingrass along with many other varieties are available. Once it's ordered, the grass seed usually arrives at the local NRCS field office within one to two days.

Available trees usually include such conifer and hardwood species as Afghanistan pine, Arizona cypress, Austrian pine, Shumard (red) oak, pecan and green ash. Wildlife packets are also available to enhance game habitat and provide food for quail, deer and turkey.

For further information on the seed and tree programs, contact the Upper Elm-Red SWCD at 940-668-7794 or 940-894-3976 ext. 101.



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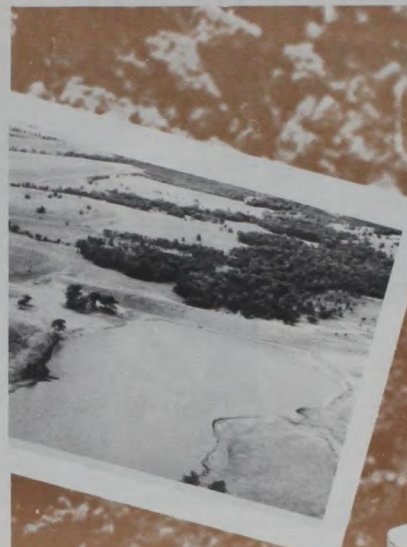
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50th Awards Banquet

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Erosion problems prompt Billy Vicari to join conservation team

This year's Zone I Outstanding Conservationist is William J. (Billy) Vicari of Montague. The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to present Billy with the award as he has been battling erosion problems for almost 40 years.

Billy and his wife, Nelda, began farming in the early sixties. They farmed cotton, peanuts, and wheat on over 300 acres of cropland while raising five children. The Vicaris own over 500 acres in all. The land was previously owned by Billy's parents and grandparents.

Little had been done to solve serious erosion problems except to try and keep up some old terraces. Gullies were rapidly developing over many parts of the farm. In March of 1967, Billy became a cooperator with the Upper Elm-Red SWCD.

A plan was developed, a dozer purchased, and work began. Over a period of several years Billy constructed 23 acres of bermudagrass waterways. Old terraces were replaced with over seven miles of parallel terraces. In 1971, one of the worst gullies on the farm was treated with a 14,000 cubic yard grade stabilization structure. Today the dam is still a very effective erosion control structure. It supplies irrigation water for a nearby coastal field, provides family recreation, and

provides excellent wildlife benefits.

In 1990 another large grade stabilization structure was built below their farmstead to halt a rapidly moving gully adjacent to the highway. Later one of the first dry fire hydrants in Montague County was installed. This hydrant is unique in that when the dam is full it is a water-charged hydrant.

Today much of the cropland has been converted to improved pastures of Coastal bermuda. The rangeland was once cut up by numerous gullies. Many acres were shaped and established to native grass mixtures. Any one pasture today will carry more livestock than the whole farm would years ago.

The Vicaris have worked closely with the district and soil conservation personnel over the years. Billy is currently putting the finishing touches to one of the last of Montague County's Great Plains contracts by establishing a few more acres of grass. Billy and one of his sons, Michael, will continue to battle erosion problems as conservation contractors. Over the years they have constructed over 300 grade stabilization structures throughout the county. Billy stands as an outstanding example of what being a steward of the land is all about.



Zone I Outstanding Conservationist William J. (Billy) & Nelda Vicari of Montague

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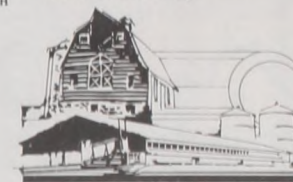
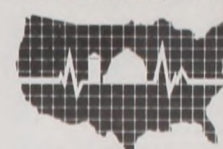
The directors of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Water Conservation District awarded winners at the 50th annual banquet. This 1979 photo shows Zone III winner Earle Otto of Muenster with his wife, Jewel, and presenter Earl Fisher.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

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| 1963- Nancy Kemplin, Valley View | 1989- Scott Whitaker, Bowie |
| 1964- Kenny Case, Whitesboro | 1990- Christine Streuber, Denison |
| Barbara Fuhrmann, Lindsay | 1991- Melissa Durham, Nocona |
| 1965- W.R. Tucker, Jr., Prairie Valley | 1992- Jeff Cox, Bowie |
| 1966- Craig Williams, Gainesville | 1993- Stephanie Sandman, Gainesville |
| 1967- Debby Dyer, Whitewright | 1994- Lance Wood, Gunter |
| 1968- Mark Rice, Denison | 1995- Heraclio Fraire, Gunter |
| 1969- Jane Stoffels, Lindsay | 1996- Jerry Maples, Gunter |
| 1070- John Dornstadter | 1997- Jennifer Otto, Lindsay |
| 1971- Robert Winter, Prairie Valley | |
| 1972- Colleen Murphy, Denison | |
| 1973- Terry Cobb, Prairie Valley | |
| 1974- Becky Leeke, Sherman | |
| 1975- Stephan Hundt, Lindsay | |
| 1976- Wes Dick, Era | |
| 1977- Carla Haverkamp, Lindsay | |
| 1978- | |
| 1979- | |
| 1980- Denise Fuhrmann, Lindsay | |
| 1981- Debbie Moore, Denison | |
| 1982- Jeff Augustine, Denison | |
| 1983- Amy Pitzinger, Cooke Co. 4-H | |
| 1984- Vicky Thurman, Lindsay | |
| 1985- Kimberly Kay, Denison | |
| 1986- Phillip Davis, Denison | |
| 1987- Lucy Fuhrmann, Lindsay | |
| 1988- Fred Boggs, Denison | |

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Pictured on Page 1 (clockwise)

- 1950 - J.W. Hess and J.M. Weinzapfel, pioneers of soil conservation
- 1956 - J.W. Hess and one of the district owned grain-fertilizer drills. Cost to use, 50¢ per acre
- 1956 Herman and Shorty Zimmerer using district owned two low sprigger on Dangelmayr Farm
- 1955 - Elm Fork detention reservoir 5 miles west of Muenster

OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION FARMER

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ZONE III

- Tony Walterscheid, Muenster
- Ike Fulton, Muenster
- Bruno Fleitman, Muenster
- Alfred Bayer, Muenster
- J.H. Bayer, Muenster
- J.W. Fleitman, Muenster
- Wilford Reiter, Muenster
- Mrs. W.W. Sicking, Muenster
- Felix Becker, Muenster
- Al Wiesman
- Alois Trubenbach, Muenster
- Martin Trubenbach, Muenster
- W.W. Otto, Muenster
- Ray & Theo Voth, Muenster
- Tony Wimmer, Muenster
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- Arendt Brothers, Gainesville
- Jay Pybas
- Norris Dill, Rosston
- Werner Becker, Gainesville
- Ed Knauf, Muenster
- Kenneth & Robert Klement, Muenster
- Arthur Bayer, Muenster
- Harold Bindel, Muenster
- Jake Biffle, Myra
- Weldon Bezner, Lindsay
- Julius Sandmann, Lindsay
- R.A. Davis, Gainesville
- Frank Haverkamp Jr., Lindsay
- Earle D. Otto, Muenster
- Waddy Billion, Dallas
- J.M. Ruckett, Era
- Henry Popp, Gainesville
- Tony Trubenbach Jr., Muenster
- Glenn Hollman, Lindsay
- Joe B. Hundt, Lindsay
- Mrs. Gregory Bundt, Lindsay
- William & Mary Hermes, Hood
- Frank A. Sandmann, Lindsay
- Thomas C. Binford, Gainesville
- Dangelmayr Ranch, Muenster
- James R. Cole, Gainesville
- Fuhrmann Bro. Limousin, Lindsay
- Cyril Walterscheid, Muenster
- Erwin & Arnold Fuhrmann, Lindsay
- Garry Fetsch, Muenster
- Clyde Yeatts, Gainesville
- Kenneth & Gene Sicking, Gainesville
- Roy & Myrna Brawner, Saint Jo
- Albert Zimmerer, Hood

ZONE IV

- 1949 John Alexander, Gainesville
- 1950 James Abner Enderby, Era
- 1951 C.L. Davis, Valley View
- 1952 Carl Blount, Hood
- 1953 Keith Kemplin, Valley View
- 1954 Lawrence Sicking, Gainesville
- 1955 John Kupper, Valley View
- 1956 E.F. Carson, Valley View
- 1957 Julius Hermes, Lindsay
- 1958 Tony Rieter, Gainesville
- 1959 Ed Anthony, Era
- 1960 Ed Hacher, Valley View
- 1961 Richard Cartwright, Gainesville
- 1962 Richard Arend, Gainesville
- 1963 Isaac Stevens, Gainesville
- 1964 J.E. Hobbs, Valley View
- 1965 Homer Roens, Valley View
- 1966 Reuben Rieter, Valley View
- 1967 Vernie L. Cook, Pilot Point
- 1968 Hugh Collums, Jr., Whitesboro
- 1969 David R. Smith, Gainesville
- 1970 R.L. Brown, Valley View
- 1971 Chester Calhoun, Valley View
- 1972 Doyle Selby, Era
- 1973 F.R. Stephenson, Jr., Era
- 1974 H.H. Mooney, Valley View
- 1975 Andrew Enderby, Gainesville
- 1976 Mark I. Burnett Jr., Era
- 1977 Maxey Conaway, Gainesville
- 1978 Ben Fortson, Gainesville
- 1979 Lacey Wheeler, Gainesville
- 1980 Ray Dowse, Gainesville
- 1981 Jackie Newton, Denton
- 1982 J.T. Barker, Gainesville
- 1983 Virgil Welch, Dexter
- 1984 Merwin Delashaw, Callisburg
- 1985 Vern & Betty Brewer, Gainesville
- 1986 Billy P. Farr, Gainesville
- 1987 Larry Corbett, Dexter
- 1988 Wendell Proffer, Gainesville
- 1989 Kupper Bro. Dairy, Valley View
- 1990 Jack House, Era
- 1991 John Holt, Gainesville
- 1992 Pete Prescher, Gainesville
- 1993 Victor Lewis, Callisburg
- 1994 Herbert Stobaugh, Gainesville
- 1995 David Schniederjan, Gainesville
- 1996 Carl Kemplin, Valley View

ZONE V

- 1949- C.L. McConnell, Gunter
- 1950- Milton Pierce, Tioga
- 1951- Harold Scaggs, Sherman
- 1952- Johnnie Schmitt, Dorchester
- 1953- George Conner, Sherman
- 1954- W.R. Childs, Collinsville
- 1955- Charlie Nolan, Whitesboro
- 1956- Joe P. Myers, Whitesboro
- 1957- J.H. Whiting, Bells
- 1958- Ruben Brooks, Sadler
- 1959- C.M. Kelsoe, Denison
- 1960- R.J. Block, Gunter
- 1961- Arthur Dietrich, Dorchester
- 1962- Clarence Grigg, Sherman
- 1963- Ernest Gant, Sherman
- 1964- George Vrla, Whitesboro
- 1965- Sam D. Turner, Denison
- 1966- Joe Mashburn, Denison
- 1967- Rush A. Stewart, Sherman
- 1968- J.R. Cave, Sherman
- 1969- Preston Lawrance, Pottsboro
- 1970- J.W. Carney, Whitesboro
- 1971- K.D. Merriman, Sherman
- 1972- Bob Light, Collinsville
- 1973- Ele Neasbitt, Sadler
- 1974- W.L. Kincaid, Sherman
- 1975- C.J. Cordell, Sadler
- 1976- W.H. Boven, Sherman
- 1977- William F. Powell, Howe
- 1978- Calvin Bledsoe, Whitesboro
- 1979- M.C. (Cliff) Hestand, Sherman
- 1980- Helen Keene Wilson, Sherman
- 1981- Morris F. Franklin, Howe
- 1982- John K. Hynds, Van Alstyne
- 1983- H.H. (Rusty) Gray, Sherman
- 1984- Mrs. W.O. Hunt, Sadler
- 1985- Leon Pelzel, Pilot Point
- 1986- Ernest B. Strawn, Howe
- 1987- Sam Norton, Whitesboro
- 1988- Ernest Bennett, Dorchester
- 1989- G.W. (Dub) Roland, Whitesboro
- 1990- George Cavender, Howe
- 1991- Billy Neal, Bells
- 1992- Ernest Melton, Sherman
- 1993- Bruce & Marc Wetzel, Tom Bean
- 1994- Jame Jones, Tom Bean
- 1995- James E. Moore, Sherman
- 1996- David Catching, Howe

NEWS MEDIA AWARD

- 1976- C.E. Cole
St. Jo Tribune
- 1977- Warren Flowers
Gainesville Register
- 1978- Rudy Dockray
KXII-TV, Sherman
- 1979- Bowie News, Bowie
- 1980-Muenster Enterprise
- 1981- KGAF Radio
Gainesville

Zone II Winner Charles Dennis

Charles Dennis of Saint Jo is the Outstanding Conservationist for Zone II. Charles owns and operates around 400 acres of land near Saint Jo and in the Mountain Creek watershed. An additional 313 acres is leased.

Charles and his wife, Barbara, live on their place located just south of Saint Jo where Charles grew up. Here they raised five children as well. Over a period of time they were able to purchase the family farm and about five years ago built a new home there. The Dennis' enjoy ranching and working with their horses.

Charles tries to run 50 mother cows on their ranch and complements the operation by adding 150-200 head of stockers when wheat pastures are in good shape.

Charles' home place was mostly open grassland and a far cry from the heavy oak timber covering his other place. In 1987, Charles sought advice from the Soil Conservation Service and signed up as a district cooperater in March. That same year a Great Plains Program contract was approved. Through this excellent

program, Charles cleared brush on 41 acres leaving strips along the creeks and drainage ways. Thirteen acres of severely eroded areas were shaped and then all disturbed areas were established to Coastal bermuda. During the contract, 124 acres of Coastal was established on his own place and an additional 88 acres on a leased place.

With a good fertilizer and weed control program Charles has taken a place that would barely run 20 steers in 1960 to one which easily can run up to 200 stockers and provide excellent haying opportunities as well.

While controlling erosion and improving the overall forage production on his land, Charles has also had an eye on wildlife. Clearing brush in patterns has increased the browse available to deer around timbered areas and still allows access to escape cover. His deer and turkey numbers have increased over the past few years.

Charles' interest in improving his places has earned him the recognition as an outstanding conservationist.



Zone II Outstanding Conservationist Charles & Barbara Dennis of Saint Jo

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- 1994- Emmy Schad, Valley View
- 1995- Head Start Class, Fred Douglas School
Carrie Nichols-Ferguson, Teacher
Don Thorpe, Tom Bean
- 1997- Jeremy Kimbrell, Denison

CLAUDE JONE AWARD

- 1969- J.H. Bayer, Muenster
- 1970- Mrs. K.B. Yost, Whitesboro
- 1971- Toney Reiter, Gainesville
- 1972- Werner Becker, Gainesville
- 1973- Isaac Stevens, Gainesville
- 1974- Kemplin, Valley View
- 1975- Dr. I.L. Thomas, Gainesville
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Essay, poster contest winners

First Place essay

by Gretchen Schmoker
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Agriculture is very important to our economy. It is also the main system of feeding our own people. In order to grow all the foods necessary, we plant enormous amounts of seed on the same fields. After many years of crop growing on one field, the soil in it becomes over used. Its minerals are depleted because of all the plants soaking them up. It takes sometimes millions of years for these minerals to be replaced back into the soil naturally. Although it is now possible for man to speed up the process of soil mineral regeneration, it is usually expensive and most farmers wouldn't be able to employ such a method.

One way to conserve the natural minerals in our soil is to use the methods of crop and field rotation. In the technique of crop rotation, different crops are planted each year on the field. This way the soil is not depleted of the minerals that one plant needed to grow. Field rotation, on the other hand, requires that the farmer plant on one field for a certain time and then plants on a different one for a certain time. This gives the first field a chance to recuperate.

Contour plowing is a way of plowing that reduces the erosion of the soil and its properties. For example, the farmer will first determine if the field is on a slant or a slope. Then, he will plow terraces that contradict the angle of the slope. This helps to keep rainwater from flowing down the slope and eroding away the minerals.

The use of natural fertilizers also contributes to the conservation of the soil's minerals. Since the fertilizers are naturally made, the soil tends to respond to it positively without the use of harsh chemicals.

Chemicals like phosphorous and nitrogen are sometimes added to soil. These chemicals are not usually harsh on the soil and are commonly used throughout the U.S. But the use of several chemicals on one field will more than likely cause the soil to reject the chemicals. Therefore permanently poisoning the field or destabilizing the minerals in it.

Water is needed in our economy to quench our thirsts and to irrigate our crops. Although water goes through a continuous cycle of replacement, it picks up several unhealthy by-products along the way. There are various ways of cleansing that are now being used. One way is to send sewer water to special facilities that process the water and sift out most or all of the harmful substances. This method is rather expensive but is in widespread use. It sometimes still doesn't get out all the poisonous agents.

Another way to prevent the pollution of our water is to set up special areas to dump damaging chemicals. It is also being employed throughout the United States. Both methods are great ways of reducing pollution.

People also waste huge amounts of water everyday without even realizing it. To obstruct this, many



1st Place Essay Contest Winner
Gretchen Schmoker

systems can be used. Some simple things that a person could do around home are to take shorter showers, run full loads of dishes in the dishwasher, don't leave the faucet running while they're away and to disconnect the main water lines to the house if they are on vacation. This helps to cancel out the possibility of the line breaking and spewing water uncontrollably. Dams can also be built to regulate the amounts of water to specific regions.

Practices of good soil and water conservation need to be put into use around the world. If so, the economies of most all countries would rise. The earth would also be a better place for the future generations to enjoy.

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District chairman William Hermes recently announced the winners of the district's essay and poster contests.

"There were many excellent essays and posters entered from all over the three-county district, and all students and teachers are to be commended for their interest and participation," said Hermes.

In the essay contest, Gretchen Schmoker of Sacred Heart School in Muenster captured first place, while Nicholas Taylor won second and Janet Fetsch placed third.

In the poster contest Angela Schad won first place. Second was Laura Zimmerer, and third was Levi Hermes. All three students attend Lindsay Elementary School.



First Place Poster Contest Winner
Angela Schad

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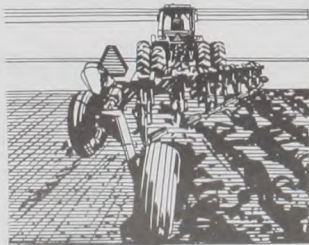
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Rich Land Poor Land, by Stuart Chase, 1936



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Rotation of crops. In a given field, sow corn the first year, a grain crop the second, to clover the third and back to corn the fourth.

Terracing. Scooping broad embankments along the contour lines of a tilled field to catch rain water.

Contour plowing. This gives the effect of many little parallel terraces and is a less expensive job.

Strip cropping. Leaving broad strips of grass or nontilled crops along the contour lines between plowed fields.

Check dams. These are for building up gullies. The dams may be concrete, lumber or just plain trash. Runaway soil settles in back of each dam, hopefully filling the gully.

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Bill Harris, last years Zone III conservation winner continues the practice on his farm north of Saint Jo. The diversion and grade stabilization structure should help control erosion and run off so the damaged can be dozed and repaired.



Photos by Janie Hartman



Harris & McPherson win SWCD's Zone III Award

Rebecca Harris and Lewis McPherson of Saint Jo were recently chosen for the 1998 Outstanding Conservationist award in Zone III of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Harris and McPherson, partners with Lewis' brother, Walter, run a 2500 acre commercial cattle ranch in northwest Cooke County near the Red River community of Bulcher. Rebecca is the elementary principal in Saint Jo and Lewis retired six years ago from Churchill Truck Lines.

The ranch has worked with the Upper Elm-Red SWCD and SCS/NRCS personnel since the early '70s. This working relationship began when Rebecca's late father-in-law, Prentis Harris, had the place. When Prentis passed away, Rebecca was dating Lewis and they assumed operation of the ranch five years ago. A lot of improvements have been made to the lay out in a short time. The countless hours of work and dollars invested in applying conservation practices on the land is evident when touring the spread.

The biggest hurdle the newly formed partnership faced was a glaring need to control the erosion on cropland. The areas sandy soils are very fragile and was easily susceptible to washing. To make matters worse, most of the fields have steep slopes making it hard to slow down damaging runoff water. Deep gullies and washed and scoured areas were widespread.

Rebecca and Lewis immediately began converting the damaged fields back to productive Coastal bermudagrass pastures. They also initiated a program to construct numerous diversion and grade stabilization structures. Having their own heavy equipment, such as a D-6 dozer and an earth mover, made it easier to slow runoff water and plug gullies. Three hundred acres have been sprigged to Coastal thus far with another 200 acres planned in the next three to four years. Lewis will continue to battle the washing problems with additional diversion and erosion control structures.

Maintenance on the grass, diversion and structures is a tremendous responsibility due to the erosive properties of the soils. Rebecca and Lewis closely monitor the pasture land and use regular fertilizer and Grazon P+D weed control applications to produce lush forage. A grazing management scheme is also used so cows can be rotated through pastures allowing the grasses an occasional needed rest. In a effort to provide much needed livestock water, four ponds were recently cleaned out using the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP).

The partners maintain 450 acres of cropland on the areas where better soils exist and slopes are less severe. If a portion of the cultivated land

develops an erosion problem, Lewis won't hesitate to sprig it to Coastal to prevent further loss of valuable topsoil. Wheat is seeded annually to provide cool season grazing for the livestock. Some of the wheat crop is cut for hay on occasion. Lewis keeps a watchful eye on the cropland to prevent washing. After the wheat is grazed out or baled, he leaves plenty of crop residue and stubble on the surface to deflect and break up potentially harmful rain drops.

A large portion of the ranch is rangeland consisting of native grasses and dense oak timber. Sound grazing techniques in these pastures allows the most desirable forage to thrive. With good native rangeland along a scenic two mile stretch of the Red River, important wildlife species and their critical habitat are both able to prosper. Lewis is proud of the fact that deer, quail, and turkey are plentiful and have abundant food and cover.

Rebecca and Lewis will continue to better their operation's productivity. An old EZ-flow fertilizer distributor was recently acquired so Lewis can plant fluffy-seed native grass mixtures. The native species will offer more flexibility in his grazing management program. The ongoing construction of diversions and erosion control structures provides a two-way benefit. In addition to obvious erosion prevention, some of these structural measures impound water and allow cattle better drinking access without having to walk a long way.

Rebecca and Lewis faced an almost impossible task when they began ranch improvements five years ago. Their erosion problems were both numerous and severe. A devotion to stewardship of the land and a sincere conservation ethic has turned the ranch around. There is plenty of work yet to be done. Rebecca and Lewis have a well-conceived plan for conservation and a genuine desire to protect the ranch's precious natural resources.

The Upper Elm-Red SWCD is honored to recognize Rebecca Harris and Lewis McPherson for their outstanding efforts to conserve soil and water.

Jack Lambrey, a lonely sheep herder in Texas, is speaking: "It's a screwy life. But anyway, you get the open air. You get time to get acquainted with yourself. You get to use the grass. And grass is what counts. It's what saves us all - far as we get saved. Men and towns and such as that, don't amount to a particular damn nohow. Grass does. Grass is what holds the earth together."

Harper's Magazine, February, 1936



Zone III Outstanding Conservationists Rebecca Harris and Lewis McPherson of Saint Jo

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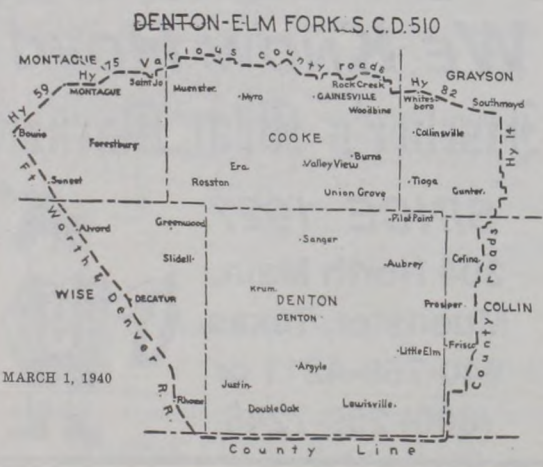
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MUENSTER ENTERPRISE

County makes move for soil conservation May 19, 1939

Elect precinct representatives for county soil conservation board, western Cooke County elected John Klement and J.O. Aldridge.

Petition now circulating seeks soil conservation project for community May 26, 1939

Petition requesting a project for the watershed of the three Elm Creeks. An area of about 250 square miles, comprising principally the communities of Muenster, Myra and Lindsay, makes up the proposed project. Named the Elm Creeks Soil Conservation District, it covers watersheds of Big, Dry and Brushy Elm Creeks from Saint Jo to Gainesville.

One hundred land owners endorse petition for local Soil Conservation District June 2, 1939

Gainesville to assist in Soil Program June 9, 1939

Abandons its own flood control plan.

Farmers and business men propose Soil Conservation Program for entire county June 30, 1939

Their first objective is to sell county farmers on the idea of soil conservation, then to organize a district and be in the position to carry on regardless of whether help is received from a federal agency.

Local Soil Conservation District may be nucleus of vast North Texas project July 28, 1939

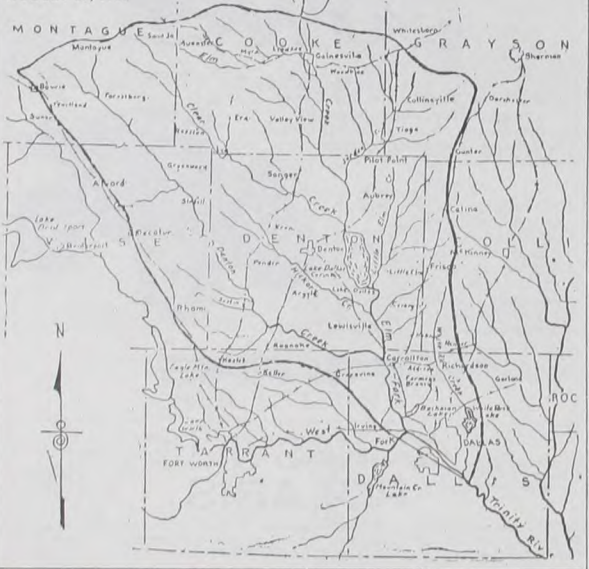
Counties affected would be Cooke, Denton, Montague, Grayson, Collin, Dallas, Tarrant and Wise.

August 4, 1939

J.M. Weinzapfel, local leader of soil conservation project. Name given to proposed district is the Denton - Elm Fork - White Rock Watershed, comprising all of Cooke County, except about one fourth which drains into the Red River, all of Denton County, and portions of Grayson, Collin, Dallas, Tarrant, Wise and Montague counties.

PROPOSED SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AUGUST 25, 1939



County landowners to vote March 9 on soil conservation February 23, 1939

Two thirds majority needed for acceptance.

Soil district fail to pass by 25 votes March 22, 1940

The total vote was 985 for and 530 against the creation of a district. Muenster votes in favor, 89-12.

Muenster leads county, district in conservation vote March 29, 1940

The entire county is deserving of credit for giving the project a favorable vote, but Muenster gave the punch that put the county over. They had the greatest number of favorable votes. Rumors offer some hope that a conservation project may still be brought to this area.

County men work on new soil project April 19, 1940

Smaller district would be located in Cooke, Grayson and Montague counties. The proposed district is called Elm Fork Drainage Areas.

County farmers get almost \$50,000 for soil improvements April 26, 1940

An increase of more than 50% over any previous year, farmers of Cooke County earned nearly \$50,000 in soil improvement under the 1939 farm programs. Turning under oats, barley, sudan and cane as green manure crops earned \$27,606. Terracing constituted the second largest at \$7,906.

Other practices carried out that earned dollars included straw mulch, tank and dam construction, reseeding pasture, seeding legumes, alfalfa and pasture mixture, contour ridging and seeding.

One or more of the practices were carried out on 2,016 of the county's 2,800 farms.

Hearing set for another soil project June 28, 1940

The project known as the Upper Elm-Red District includes all of Cooke County, parts of Montague and Grayson counties. In this second attempt, part of county that drains into the Red River will be included.

Favorable decision expected on soil project hearing July 5, 1940

Five aids to farmers that are available through a conservation project are: 1. technical assistance. 2. CCC camps. 3. NYA or WPA projects. 4. small equipment will be loaned. 5. heavy equipment will be loaned on cost basis.

Probable date for next soil election will be October 19 July 26, 1940

Weinzapfel to supervise soil election September 6, 1940

December 14 set as official date of conservation vote September 27, 1940

3598 to vote, Cooke County has 2768, Montague - 600 and Grayson County 230 votes.

First in series of soil project meetings held November 15, 1940

Almost 200 Cooke County land owners, including 12 from Muenster attend.

Local vote favors soil program 59 - 9 December 20, 1940

Only 68 votes cast in Muenster area, last spring, Muenster polled 101 votes.

Farmers vote 546 - 87 for soil district December 27, 1940

State soil board pronounced district is practical and feasible.

From the files of the Muenster Enterprise, 1939 - 1940
R.N. Fette, owner and publisher

Pastures need time to recover from '98 drought

The USDA Natural Resources Service (NRC) recognizes that most of the native range and improved pastures have been grazed harder over the last year than most would like to have done. For the most part it was an economic necessity. Now what will happen since winter is over and forage begins to grow again?

Pastures need time to recover from the hard grazing use. With normal forage growth and proper management, pastures should return to normal after a couple of years. but, without time for recovery, problems could persist for many years to come. Grasses need time to re-grow roots lost from the hard grazing during the drought and to do so they need to grow a lot of foliage. If these stressed plants are not rested, they will not be able to increase the roots systems to support the growth and health of the plant.

Some pastures may have even experienced loss of plants and they will need time for seedlings to germinate and become established to fill in any bare spots that may have developed. This will require some pastures to receive a complete rest at least during the spring growing season and possibly even longer.

Starting around early April, pastures that could be rested for about four months will show improvement in plant health and have time to germinate and establish seedlings, if normal spring rains occur.

For some to be able to do this, it will require a change in management strategy. More than likely, it will require putting livestock in one herd and rotating through pastures rather than having cattle in all pastures all of the time.

Once pastures have been able to grow some forage and build up a reserve, stocking rates that should have been lowered over the last year or so may begin to increase again.

Pastures are an important resource for livestock operations. The productivity of an operation is dependent on the health and productivity of its resources. Pastures can be kept productive or they can be depleted until they are non-productive. It's all dependent upon the management techniques of the land user! With care and management now, pastures can be lush and productive again.

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Grass

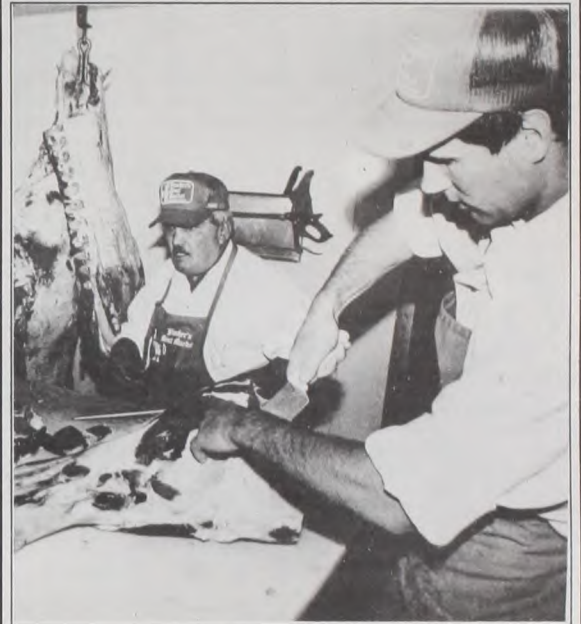
Many hymns have been sung to trees, but grass, which meant so much to the vitality and beauty of the continent, has been neglected. The waving grasses of the prairie covered one-sixth of all America, tall, luxuriant and deep rooted. In the spring the whole area was a sea of flowers. Across these meadows the buffalo moved in herds of ten thousand strong.

Farther west, the grasses begin to shorten - waist high, knee high, ankle high. The short grass of the Great Plains grew grama, galleta, buffalo, wire, and other native grasses, sturdily holding the soil against wind and water. Even in dry years the plains looked like an endless smooth carpet.

Still farther west, where the mountains blocked off moisture, other types of grass were found, adapted through the centuries to live with a minimum of water. here were the bunch grass, sagebrush, mesquite, and others that held the sands in place.

Rich Land Poor Land, Stuart Chase 1936

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The main effect of a grass carpet is to keep rain water *clean*. On plowed ground the water muddies at once and soon the earth pores close. Then the rain, shut off from percolation, goes rushing downhill.

The first effect is *sheet* erosion. This is a general skinning of the rich topsoil under the momentum of the water. In time the farmer finds his yield per acre declining as plant food is being washed away. Sheet erosion is the most serious, though not the most dramatic, form of soil wastage today. It can be measured but it cannot be seen.

After sheet erosion comes *finger* or *shoestring* erosion. This is visible. It is as though one let one's fingers drift through the soil down the slope in an elaborate system of tiny furrows. It marks the beginning of grave danger.

After the fingers come the *gullies*. One furrow becomes a main channel. The others feed into it like twigs into a branch. It cuts deeper and deeper and as it goes down it cuts back. It grows like compound interest. When a gully system goes far enough it is practically incurable.

With hard work and great patience, the area *may* be brought back to grass, but not for centuries.

Erosion is an earth disease, and it spreads.

Rich Land Poor Land, Stuart Chase, 1936



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Spaeth is Zone IV winner

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District has chosen Henry Spaeth as the Outstanding Conservationist for Zone IV. Henry and his wife, Mickey were born in Cooke County and have raised two children, David, and Patsy Henry. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Spaeths were married in 1947 and for their 50th wedding anniversary took the entire family on holiday to Hawaii.

Farming is a way of life for Henry. His family raised cotton, oats and milo and later they produced wheat and milo. In 1950, they began renting the property that has become the Spaeths home. At that time the land looked very different and required a lot of work to reclaim it. "It had so many boulders you couldn't walk through it, and what wasn't rock was grown up in sunflowers and cockleburrs," said Mrs. Spaeth. All the rocks were removed and nearly all the buildings had to be either torn down or repaired.

The farmland was also in horrible condition. The Spaeths noted that previous farmers had neglected to improve or restore the land. Henry himself dozed and terraced much of the eroding fields. Henry admits that the first few years were tough. The land would only produce about 4-5 bushels of wheat per acre and 7 bushels of oats. "The ground was just so sorry it couldn't produce," said Henry.

In 1952 the Tennessee Valley Authority was introducing a new product and, as a promotion, sponsored a five year trial program. The county agent was asked to find four producers with the poorest soils to try their product. Henry Spaeth was one of those producers. The product was phosphate fertilizer. Under the program the Tennessee Valley Authority provided the fertilizer and Henry applied it mixed in the seeder with the wheat and oat

seed. The results were amazing. Henry said he took a lot of grief for using the chemicals...some old-timers warned him that he was "taking a whip to a worn-out horse." They said that while he would get an increased production at first, over time it would harm the soil and eventually ruin it.

"That program got us going," said Henry. "We were then able to get the production that was on par with other farmers." After a few years of using the phosphate fertilizer, the production began to level off. He then began topdressing with nitrogen. As a result of his success, Henry promoted the use of fertilizers and was one of the original organizers of the Red River Farm Co-op.

By the mid '80s Henry retired from full-time farming. Since then, he has divided much of his properties with his children. But even so, Henry has not stopped being a good steward of the land. Henry still helps with the management and encourages improvements of the land. He still runs a few head of mixed cattle and can be seen on a 4-wheeler spraying brush regrowth. Much of the property has been leased to local farmers and ranchers who have the same respect for the land as Henry, and have maintained his improvements.

In 1996, the Spaeths acquired more land near the Illinois Bend community along the Red River. This property was in extremely neglected condition with nearly total encroachment of brush and numerous active gullies. The Spaeths have leased this property to the Fish Creek Ranch and with the assistance of their manager, Tim Bartel, the Illinois Bend property is currently being restored. Mr. Bartel has cleared over 200 acres of brush and immediately plants the acreage to wheat. Mr. Bartel believes that farming for several years prior to planting grass will stop most of the brush regrowth. Tim constructed a



Zone IV Outstanding Conservationist Henry & Mickey Spaeth

pond and plans to plant the wheat fields to improved grasses and intends to clear 70 more acres of brush. The Spaeths are extremely thankful to Tim and the Fish Creek Ranch for enabling them to fulfill their goals of returning this land to productivity.

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Tony Walterscheid adjusting float on completed water trough - 1968

Grass Lands to the dust bowl

from *Rich Land Poor Land*, by Stuart Chase, 1936

Cattle made the first frontier and grass made cattle. The cowboy came into his own. The western saga was born.
Big fortunes were made in hard cash, and bigger ones on paper. Grass was their foundation, building more wealth than coal or oil. The plains began to fill. Nothing checked the concept of infinity; there was always grass beyond. Most of the range was government owned, and the public domain was early considered a great grazing common on which no control or regulation existed. By 1885 the range was full and many areas were overstocked. Grass which carried comfortably one steer to forty acres was trying to carry three or four. Intense cold of 1886 wiped out half the cattle population and relieved the pressure.

The early cattlemen had grazing rights rather than ownership. The cattleman was responsible for living animals. He knew that grass and water had to be conserved, and he realized that an overstocked range ultimately killed the sod. Not having title to pasturage, he was exposed to the strong temptation to take his profit while he could get it.

In the early nineties the sheep arrived, and with them bitter war between the sheppmen and cattlemen. There were few truces in this war. Winchesters barked; salt peter was scattered around water holes; blue vitriol was sifted on the range.

Over wide areas the sheep won out. It was a victory not only at the expense of the longhorn and the whitefaces, but also at the expense of the grass. Overgrazing by cattle checks growth since the foliage is eaten off; sheep kill the living nub. The grass lost its vacation. Summer ranges were invaded by sheep, which tore out the young grass.

Then appeared the last and worst destroyer - the plow. It came with the railroads. The standard gift of the government - 160 acres to the homesteader - was too small for farming. In 1909, it increased to 320 acres, in 1916 to 640 acres, a full section. The railroads, assisted by the Department of Agriculture, advertised the wonders of dry farming on the plains. Between 1910 and 1920 North Dakota put ten million acres under the plow. Nature helped: 1914, 1915 and 1916 were well watered years. The war helped, it brought high prices for wheat. The plow came in and behind the plow came settlers, speculators, traders, moneylenders and rising land prices. Cattlemen gave ground to farmers as the plow destroyed the range. The balance was again upset.

A team of horses and a plow can rip the sod, but a tractor drawing a battery of plows can rip it twenty times as fast. A wet cycle and war prices gave tremendous impetus to dry farming by power machinery. Cattlemen sold their herds and went in for wheat with great gang plows on the flat, loose and friable soil. Yields per acre were low but cost were lower.

The wet cycle turned to dry in the early '20's and the combines rotted like buffalo bones on the plains. Presently dust came and covered them. Factory farms may be on the books of the future, but not in lands which nature sets specifically aside for pasture.

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- Cecil H. Studebaker, Bowie 1956
- Herman Heard, Bowie 1957
- Clarence Newsome, Bowie 1958
- W.M. Green, Bowie 1959
- L.B. Clement, Sunset 1960
- Levi Perryman, Montague 1961
- Boyd Barjenbruck, Bowie 1962
- W.M. Gibson, Saint Jo 1963
- J.C. Donnell, Saint Jo 1964
- Webb Reynolds, Forestburg 1965
- W.C. Sockwell, Forestburg 1966
- Ross Littell, Forestburg 1967
- Howard Sledge, Forestburg 1968
- Fred Williams, Montague 1969
- Roscoe Raymond, Saint Jo 1970
- Clifford Hudspeth, Forestburg 1971
- Glen Lynch, Forestburg 1972
- H.W. Tompkins, Saint Jo 1973
- Danny Deaver, Bowie 1974
- J.C. Duncan, Bowie 1975
- E.L. Edgins, Bowie 1976
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- Waldo Roth, Bowie 1978
- Allen Taylor, Bowie 1979
- Paul L. Burks, Bowie 1980
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- Lloyd Hinkle, Bowie 1984
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- C.R. Riggs, Sunset 1987
- Garlin Scroggins, Bowie 1988
- Hundley Ranch, Montague 1989
- George M. Blackmon, Bowie 1990
- Barbara Hardin, Bowie 1991
- Steve Pickens, Montague 1992
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- H. Hestand
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- Henry Grewing, Valley View
- 1960- Joe Cobler, Whitesboro
- George Light, Whitesboro
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- C.E. Hall, Dorchester
- 1962- Leo Hoedebeck
- H.E. Myers, Gainesville
- 1963- Junior Hudspeth, Era
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- 1975- Gene Sitzes, Pilot Point
- 1976- W.H. Bowen, Sherman
- 1977- William F. Powell, Howe
- 1978- Calvin Bledsoe, Whitesboro
- 1979- M.C. (Cliff) Hestand, Sherman
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- 1982- John K. Hynds, Van Alstyne
- 1983- H.H. (Rusty) Gray, Sherman
- 1984- Mrs. W.O. Hunt, Sadler
- 1985- Leon Pelzel, Pilot Point

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Jack & Alton Norman named outstanding conservationists



Zone V Outstanding Conservationists Jack & Alton Norman of Howe

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District has selected Jack and Alton Norman of Howe, Texas as the Zone V Outstanding Conservationists for 1998. Zone V covers all of Grayson County.

Jack and Alton's farming operation, known as "Norman Farms," is headquartered on Mackey Road about 4 miles west of Howe just south of the Dorchester Community. Jack and his wife, Texanna have a son, David, who is a Pioneer Seed dealer and real estate agent, and a daughter, Jana, who teaches school. Alton and his wife, Jean, have a son, Jay, who is a farmer and DeKalb Seed dealer, and two daughters, Kerri and Kelli. The Normans' grandfather moved to Grayson County around 1900, and their father bought the home place in 1946. It has been home to both families ever since.

The Normans first became district cooperators with the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District in 1968. Since that time they have requested assistance from the Upper Elm-Red SWCD and the USDA/SCS and NRCS offices on many occasions. Highly erodible soils occur on 14 of the farms operated by Norman Farms and each one has had a conservation plan developed and carried out to adequately protect the natural resources.

Norman Farms is a successful farming business that operates land in Grayson, Fannin, and Hunt counties. It is one of the largest farming operations in Grayson county with some 55-60 landlords scattered from California to Florida to New York. Norman Farms owns about 1/4 of the land they farm, and rents about 3/4 of the land, mostly on a crop-share basis.

About 50 percent of the farmland is usually planted in wheat, 30 percent in corn, and 20 percent in milo. Three farms that have shallow soils are planted to wheat each year with the remainder of the farms rotated between different crops to help eliminate insect, disease, and other pest problems.

Several of the farms they operate have some pasture land and hay land acreage. They operate a small commercial cattle herd to make beneficial use of these acres.

The Normans maintain a full arsenal of farming equipment that enables them along with the help of two full-time employees and a couple of part-time seasonal employees to cover a large amount of acres when weather permits. Jack and Alton are quick to admit that their successful operation is a team effort. "Good timing is essential with the types of soil we farm and the weather patterns we get in Grayson county," says Alton. "Many times it takes plows, planters, and combines all going at the same time on different farms."

Jack said, "Each farm we operate is a little different, each one has special needs. We are only stewards of the land. One of our main roles as farmers is to communicate with the landlords the need for conservation."

Alton said, "We try to treat every farm as if we owned the land ourselves. We want each of our landlords to feel that they are special and that are being treated fairly."

"We have been very lucky over the years that our landlords have been willing to participate with us on installing conservation practices. All our landlords have been very receptive to our suggestions on the conservation needs of their farms," Jack added.

Steve Uselton, Resource Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service said, "Over the years Jack and Alton have installed many grassed waterways, terraces, and grass plantings. They do an excellent job of maintaining soil health and protecting our natural resources." New technologies have enabled them to plow less and leave more crop residues on the soil surface for protection against erosion.

Jack and Alton are very environmental and safety conscious when using different pesticides. Not only is it environmentally unsafe to use more chemicals and fertilizer than is needed, economics also come into play. Jack said, "Years ago we used gallons of chemicals per acre, now with modern technology we use fractions of ounces per acre to solve the same problem."

For several years the Normans participated with the Renner Foundation conducting field tests on various seeds, fertilizers, chemicals, and farming techniques. Data was collected and provided to area farmers that would aid in making economic decisions for their farms. In 1993 the Normans were recognized by the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* for the Texas Wheat Award.

When asked what changes may take place in the future that will effect farming in Grayson county Jack said, "Economics will dictate what changes take place in farming in the future. In all reality, all full-time farmers in our area are doing an equally good job or they would be out of business." To sum it up in a nutshell, Jack said, "We are cautiously optimistic about farming over the next ten years."

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Carolann Corado, District Manager

Carolann Corado, a Montague County native, works for the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District as district manager and technician.

Carolann works mostly out of the Montague Natural Resources Conservation Service office, but also works in the Gainesville office on occasion. She manages the district's tree and seed sales programs and also oversees the day to day operation of SWCD activities including clerical and administrative tasks. She also assists with such field work as surveying, practice lay out and check out and conservation planning.

Carolann lives in Montague. She has one son, Kevin, and one daughter and son-in-law, Krista and Chad Duvall.



Todd Marek, NRCS Engineer

Todd Marek grew up on a farm in east Bell County, Texas. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1988 with a degree in agricultural engineering. He began working for the Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service, in 1990 in the Lubbock field office as an ag engineer.

In 1993 Todd was selected to assist six field offices in the Terrell area and work out of the Denton field office. All three field offices of the Upper Elm-Red SWCD are served by Todd.

Todd has been happily married to his wife, Kimberly, for 14 years and has two children, Kevin and Jenna.

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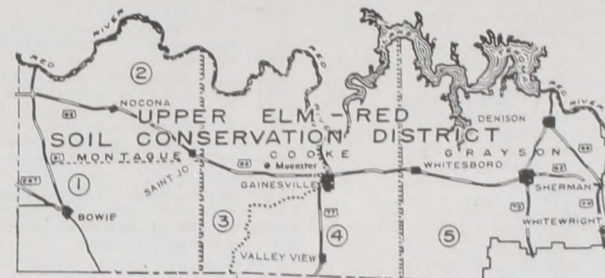
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Zone I Director

James K. "Rooter" Brite, Jr. currently serves as Zone I director of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). He has held this position for the past 18 years and has served as vice-chairman for 14 of these years.

Rooter is currently serving as Area V State Board member. He continues to serve as director for the Chisholm Trail RC&D area. He has previously served as president of the North Central Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and as Area V vice-chairman of the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

In his spare time, Rooter is both farmer and rancher on his 3271 acre ranch located four miles southwest of Bowie. He is assisted by his wife, Lynda, son, J.K., and one hand in running the stocker, cow-calf, and small grain operation.



W.T. Meador
Zone II Director

Bill Tom Meador of Saint Jo serves as director of Zone II of the Upper

Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Zone II includes the northern half of Montague County.

Bill Tom is a rancher and land manager with a strong conservation background. His ranching operations include land in Clay, Cooke, and Montague Counties. Bill Tom graduated from Texas Tech University in 1964 with a degree in range management. He became a cooperater with the Upper Elm-Red SWCD in the 1960s.

Bill Tom manages one of the largest blackland prairies left in Texas. He takes great pride in the beauty and diversity of the 2000 acres of virgin prairie the Meador family operates south of Saint Jo. Bill Tom has been recognized by the National Conservancy as an outstanding land steward for his work in managing his native prairies. Recently, Bill Tom was recognized with the Excellence in Grazing Management award presented by the Texas Section of the Society for Range Management. Bill Tom looks forward to serving the people of the district in carrying out its conservation programs.



Charles Bayer
Zone III Director

Charles Bayer of Muenster is the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District's director for Zone III. He has served in this position for four years.

Charles is president of J.H. Bayer and Sons, Inc. In addition to Charles, the cooperation consists of brothers, Claude, Clinton, Dan, and Leonard. The Bayer brothers' dad, the late J.H. Bayer, served for many years on

the Upper Elm-Red SWCD board.

The Bayers' farm and ranch covers over 5,000 acres, spanning 25 miles from Hwy. 82 in Muenster to Illinois Bend in northeast Montague County. They raise wheat, oats, hay crops, grain sorghum, corn and soybeans and run a cow-calf operation.

Charles and his wife, Carolyn, have four children and three grandchildren.



William Hermes
Zone IV Director

William Hermes serves as Chairman and Zone IV director for the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District. He has been on the board of directors since November of 1987. Prior to this, he served for nine years on the Cooke County ASCS County Committee.

Hermes farms small grain, grain sorghum, corn and hay crops and

runs a cow-calf operation near the Hood community in southwestern Cooke County. He and his wife, Mary Evelyn, were recognized by the SWCD as Outstanding Conservationists for Zone IV in 1984. They have nine children and 14 grandchildren.



Donnie Martinek
Zone V Director

Donnie Martinek of Gunter serves as Zone V director of the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District. Zone V covers all of Grayson County.

Donnie is owner and operator of Martinek Grain in Gunter. He is also involved in farming and ranching. His operation consists of more than 2500 acres of owned and leased land. Primary crops grown include wheat, corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans. Donnie also runs several head of cattle.



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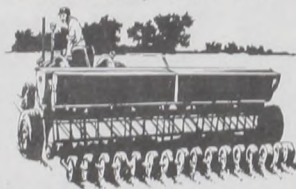
Here is a sloping cellar door. Take a watering can and sprinkle a quart of water on the top of the door. Measure the amount which slides off. Except for a little evaporation, the whole quart will be at the bottom, and it gets there almost instantly. Now tack a piece of thick carpet on the door. Fill the can and pour a quart of water on the top of the carpet. Your measuring trough at the bottom will be lucky if it receives the merest trickle at the beginning. Observe that the trickle continues for a long time as the water slowly filters through the mat.

This is the story of erosion in its simplest form. The cellar door is any land with a slope; a can full of water is rainfall; the bare boards are bare fields, or fields cultivated between the crop rows with the rows running down the slope; the carpet is natural cover, either grass or forest. In the first case, most of the water comes down, dissolving the top soil and taking it along. In the second case, the cover absorbs the water, puts much of it into ground storage, to be slowly released. Almost no soil comes down. Broadly speaking, American agriculture is a bare cellar door without any carpet on it.

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Gainesville Staff

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service staff in Gainesville includes, Richard Connett, resource conservationist, and Sandy Nobile, soil conservationist. In August 1989 Connett moved to the resource conservationist position after serving for two years at the Denton field office. Prior to this he worked for the service in Pearsall and Hallettsville. He and his two children, Brent and Lauren, reside in Lindsay. Nobile has been at the Gainesville field office since April 1991. She transferred here from the Victoria field office where she began her career in 1989. Sandy and her husband, Scott, and their two boys, Hunter and Ryder, live in Nocona.



Montague Service Office

Staff at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Montague include Gary Conner, Carolann Corado, Danny Russell, and James Luton. Gary serves as resource team leader for Montague, Cooke, and Grayson Counties. Carolann works for the district as the clerk and technician. Danny, a civil engineering technician, handles design work for the Montague and Cooke County areas. James is the range management specialist, assisting farmers and ranchers with planning conservation work on their land. In 1998 all three counties were united into a resource team to tackle conservation concerns across the three county area.

Sherman Field Staff

The staff in the Sherman Field Office consists of both Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel and Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation district personnel. Staff members are Paul Calhoun, SWCD technician; Chris Patterson, NRCS soil conservationist; Randy Watson, SWCD watershed maintenance technician; and Steve Uselton, NRCS resource conservationist. The Sherman Field Office work area covers all of Grayson County. Staff members provide assistance to local landowners in the conservation of our natural resources: soil, water, air, plants, and animals. Emphasis is placed on conserving natural resources and preventing erosion and enhancing water quality. Programs and services of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Upper Elm-Red SWCD are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regards for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or handicap.



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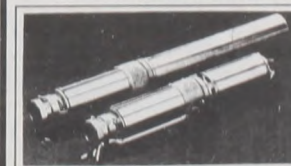


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