

MUENSTER: JUNE 2012 'POSTCARDS'

City:

Muenster, Texas was founded in 1889 by German Catholic settlers Carl and Emil Flusche (and Anton?). One of several small towns in Texas founded by the Flusche brothers, this one was in western Cooke County just aside the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad which ran from Gainesville to Henrietta. The railroad ceased operation in the 1960's. Muenster is currently situated along Hwy 82 about 15 miles west of Gainesville and Interstate 35. German was spoken until the mid 1930's after which English became more common.

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In 1887 the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad constructed a line from Gainesville to Henrietta that passed through the site that would become Muenster. The town was subsequently founded in 1889 by German Catholic settlers Carl and Emil Flusche, who invited other German Catholics to join them. The town was originally to be called Westphalia, but since the name Westphalia, Texas was already taken, Muenster was selected instead in honor of Münster, the capital of Westphalia, but these cities are not sister-cities.

Many residents still spoke German in day-to-day life up until the First World War, after which the language was no longer taught in the schools and steadily declined in use.

With more than 90% of the population German and Catholic, the town did manage to preserve many German customs, and still produces traditional foods at the local meat market and bäckerei. There is an annual festival in April, Germanfest, which includes lots of beer, BBQ, German food, music, and bike and footraces

Weinof Winery of Muenster is at the east end of the Trail located on Highway 82 just west of the Hwy 82 and FM 373 intersection in the German village of Muenster. Weinhof specializes in quality Texas Fruit wines and small batches of specialty grape wines. Our tasting room provides a welcome atmosphere that entices folks to relax and stay a while. Enjoy a glass of wine while browsing our Gift Shop or relaxing in our Weingarten in the shade of the Alpine Pine trees.

Weinhof Winery of Forestburg is located south of Saint Jo off Highway 82 down FM 677, approximately 15 miles to its end in Forestburg. Turn left and you will find Weinhof Winery, the original production facility of Weinhof. Enter the old-world German-style "Weinstube" tasting room and enjoy a taste or glass of Weinhof Wine. Weinhof Winery produces small, hand-crafted batches of grape and quality Texas Fruit wines.

Arché is an estate winery located 6 miles from the Saint Jo intersection of Hwy 82 and FM 677.

www.ArcheWines.com

As you head north on FM 677 you will experience breathtaking vistas of the Red River Valley. At six miles from The Square in Saint Jo, turn right on Wagner Rd, then turn into the first driveway on the right with the stone pillars and gate. You'll find the winery & tasting room situated in the middle of the vineyard.

Arché specializes in dry reds, whites and rosé wines.

Our Glockenspiel consists of the playing of traditional German celebration music and the **rotation of seven animated characters**. Fischer's Glockenspiel is played during operating hours, every hour on the hour. The Glockenspiel is designed with seven traditional figures, **1)a sausage man 2)a milkmaid 3)a cow 4&5) fraulien dancers 6)a bear and 7)a king**.

---full sized fully stocked grocery store... Fischer's homemade products. They are made from secret recipes that are unique to Fischer's. These items include a variety of jams, jellies, fruit butter, syrups, dressings, sauces, dips, marinades
--We supply meat for our store from our personal farm
--Imported beers

Rohmer's Restaurant

217 East Division; 940-759-2973
Troy & Dina Rohmer-Sicking; Jason Sicking

Emil Rohmer, Father of Dina & Grandfather of Jason, started his restaurant career in **1953**. He bought his furniture and equipment from Sis Walterscheid and rented the building from the Truebenbach Estate. In February, he opened the **Ace Cafe on Highway 82 in the building across the street from Rohmer's Restaurant present location**. The cafe had seating capacity for 40 people. Emil, with the help of six employees, operated the business, which was open from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight, seven days a week. When Emil started his business, hamburgers were 25 cents and cheeseburgers were 30 cents. With a coke, it was a nickel extra. He offered two sizes of lunches, a small one for 45 cents and a large for 70 cents. A piece of pie was 15 cents and coffee or tea was 5 cents. In 1959, Emil purchased the **Walterscheid house** across the highway. After removing walls, remodeling and adding on, he opened Rohmer's Restaurant, with a seating capacity of 88.

Bayers Kolonialwaren

824 E. Hwy 82 or 824 East Division Street; 940-759-2822
Convenience store and **bakery**.....esp. strudel...distb to DFW outlets

Doc's Bar and Grill

113 North Main, Muenster, TX
940 759 3627
closed Wed...lunch and dinner

Weinhof Winery

www.weinhofwinery.com
Growing up in a very German family in Perry County, Missouri, **Brenda (Moll) Thompson** was exposed to traditional old-world winemaking her entire life. Every year, her Grandfather, Simeon Moll, would make two barrels of Concord grape wine, while other family members made various other fruit wines. Brenda began making wine in 2000 after she obtained the 'family recipe' from her uncle, Willie Bruckerhoff. She attended classes at the T. V. Munson Enology and Viticulture Center at Sherman. In 2003, Brenda and her husband Larry founded the North Texas Winemakers Guild, a group of non-commercial winemakers and grape growers. In August, 2005, Larry and Brenda purchased the building on Lots 5-8 in Forestburg. They found that the history of this building ranged from being a car repair shop, a service station, a diesel truck

repair shop, and a restaurant. Weinhof Winery opened its doors to the public on February 17, 2007.

123 West Division St. (highway 82)

Muenster, TX

(940)-75-WINES

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1:30-2 PM

36th annual **Germanfest**, sponsored by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, **John Broyles 940) 759-2227 1000 East Division Suite D**

Muenster was founded in 1889 by people of German heritage and Catholic faith. This unique German community located in North Texas, of approximately 1,500, is a close-knit family in both kinship and kindred spirit.

This family, of common heritage and faith, throws one of the biggest parties in Texas, Germanfest, the last full weekend in April. This three-day festival attracts thousands to mouthwatering German sausage, scrumptious apple strudel, hearty cheeses and homemade bread, cakes and pies. So, come to Muenster and let us be your host for food, fun and frolic. Be sure to bring a "guten appetit."

Plan to participate in one or more of our exciting activities. Events include a 5k and 15k Germanfest Fun Run, a Metric Century Bicycle Rally, a Sausage and Rib Cook-Off, and other assorted competitions. There will be entertainment for the whole family, including mimes, magicians, clowns and storytellers, or the Karneval and Kinder Theater for the children, while Mom and Dad delight in dancing, music, arts and crafts, a rock-climbing wall, folk dancing, and two stages with non-stop entertainment.

www.germanfest.net

www.germanfestpark.org

Muenster Museum....call ahead ...Fri pm

Housed in the home of Ben Seyler, Muenster's first fire chief. Among prized collections are 1890 Edison Victrola, 1876 Mason Hamlin pump organ used in city's first school, and other exhibits of

memorabilia related to Muenster and Cooke County. Open noon–4 p.m. Thu.–Fri. or by appointment. 420 N. Main St. 940/759-4788;

Nortex Comm Telephone museum

--Self-sufficient town attitude....Alvin Fermin started telephone co., now hi-tech,

Bob's Automotive; Main St., across from Fishers
rockhound runs it; large stone collection; old wagon

The Center; 603 E. Division; 940-759-2910; owners: Jacob Pagel, Bryan and Glenda Pagel Russell, and Dwayne Pagel; biergarten & tavern; family sausage

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Elm Creek Manor

Innkeepers: Bradford & Marcia Scarbrough

+Spa and gourmet dining

farm to table experience...What started with a garden, cattle, and a few hens has now become an evolution of food; an endless pursuit to accomplish more... Produce is grown & harvested from our land and the animals are raised on our property.+Giant Outdoor Checkers, hiking, etc

Phone: 940-759-2100; Email: info@elmcreekmanor.com

2287 FM 2739

Muenster, TX (5 miles from town...n.e.)

<http://www.elmcreekmanor.com/>
