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Final certified tax roll released

by Elaine Schad

The Appraisal Review Board of the Cooke County Appraisal District has approved a final certified property tax roll for Cooke County and for area taxing authorities that will be used in calculating property tax rates for 1993, officials said this week.

The ARB finalized the rolls July 23 after holding their annual series of appeal meetings to hear taxpayer protests. CCAD Chief Appraiser Ross Fry said fewer than 100 protests from taxpayers were heard

during the ARB hearings, which are held when taxpayers are unable to resolve questions about the appraised value of their land with CCAD staff. Fry said the number of protests is down slightly from last year.

Area school districts may be setting their tax rates somewhat later this year due to the new education financing law. Fry noted that the County Education District will officially dissolve as of Sept. 1. The CED board will meet in August to assign responsibilities to some

other agency. Area school districts are still waiting on final word from the Texas Education Agency and from the state comptroller's office on how the new education finance law will be implemented later this summer.

While 1993 property values in Cooke County have shown a slight increase over 1992 values, several areas of the county dependent upon oil for their tax bases are reflecting decreased property values, according to the certified roll released this week by the Cooke

County Appraisal District. Fry said the decline in oil and gas properties were reflected countywide. The hardest hit areas were the City of Muenster, which lost 27 percent of its oil and gas value, and Walnut Bend, which showed a loss of 9 percent in its oil and gas values. The value of the county's oil and gas reserves are appraised for tax purposes, and the decrease in values means that more reserves are being used up than new reserves being discovered, Fry said.

In the final certified tax roll, the

City of Muenster showed a slight increase from \$31.6 million to \$31.8 million in real and personal property when compared to the 1992 certified tax roll. With the loss of oil and gas values, however, the City of Muenster shows an overall 3.5 percent decline in property values. The story is about the same for the Muenster ISD, which shows 3 percent decline in overall values, and for the Muenster Water District which showed an overall 3.7 percent loss in value.

Countywide 1993 certified totals and comparisons to the 1992 certified tax roll are listed below.

--Cooke County: \$817 million compared to \$816.5 million, a .06 percent increase.

--Cooke County College: \$827.2 million compared to \$821 million, a .75 percent increase.

--Cooke County Education District: \$653.9 million compared to \$654.7 million, a .12 percent increase.

--City of Muenster: \$45.97 million compared to \$44.37 million, a 3.5 percent decrease.

--Muenster ISD: \$90 million compared to \$87.35 million, a 3 percent decrease.

--Muenster Water District: \$45.76 million compared to \$44.1 million, a 3.7 percent decrease.

--Lindsay ISD: \$49.2 million compared to \$49.3 million, a .27 percent increase.

--Sivells Bend ISD: \$32.4 million compared to \$32.54 million, a .3 percent increase.

--Era ISD: \$32.9 million compared to \$32.5 million, a 1.1 percent decrease.

--Valley View ISD: \$48.4 million compared to \$50.7 million, a 4.8 percent increase.

--City of Gainesville: \$317.6 million compared to \$317.4 million, a .05 percent decrease.

--Gainesville ISD: \$326.4 million compared to \$330.3 million, a 1.2 percent increase.

--Gainesville Hospital District: \$699.4 million compared to \$708.2 million, a 1.3 percent increase.

--Callisburg ISD: \$140.4 million compared to \$142.3 million, a 1.4 percent increase.

--Walnut Bend ISD: \$18.5 million compared to \$17.6 million, a 5.3 percent decrease.

Muenster Hospital features fun, informative day on Aug. 7 with Health Fair

Muenster Memorial Hospital is reaching out to the community with a Health Fair on Saturday, August 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Many free services, informative exhibits, and low cost tests will be available.

Children are welcomed and should enjoy touring the hospital, viewing the emergency vehicles, visiting with Bandaid the Clown, and getting their faces painted.

Among free services being offered are periodontal screening or dental examinations by Dr. Gerald Graham; glaucoma screening by Dr. Margie York; and prostate screening by Dr. Dan McBride. Also there will be a Brown Bag Review by a pharmacist with the Texoma Community Partnership. These Brown Bag Reviews are an excellent tool for reducing the adverse effects of multiple medicine use and non-prescriptive medication. It can detect problems which are easy to solve, but if left undetected, can lead to negative consequences for a person's health. It is called "brown bag" because people are encouraged to bring their medications in a bag. The interviews are confidential and done with the help of drug therapy screening software and a laptop computer.

A number of lab tests are available at reduced cost for those who are interested. Some require fasting. Please see ad on page 3 for more information.

Educational exhibits will provide information on topics ranging from

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ROBIN HERMES, Deann Dangelmayr and Kristian Koesler show their spirit at the Muenster Mini-Cheerleading Camp. The annual event is being held this week at the City Park and is sponsored by the MHS Hornet Cheerleaders.

Janie Hartman Photo

CCC trustees hear financial report

Cooke County College's financial health remains excellent, according to reports given to college trustees during their regular monthly meeting held on campus Monday evening. CCC Business Manager Heidi Ellis reported that with the end of the college's fiscal year still two months away, income is barely seven percent short of budgetary projections for the entire year.

Officials, in fact, are projecting that by the end of the college's

current fiscal year, income may exceed budgeted expectations by enough to enable a significant addition to reserve funds. Due to extraordinary enrollment growth, however, some of the extra money will be needed to balance the 1993-94 budget which includes several additional instructors.

The new 1993-94 budget will be up for final adoption by CCC trustees at their August meeting.

This meeting will also include a public hearing on the budget, and trustees will set the 1993-94 tax rate. No increase in college taxes is being requested to fund next year's operations.

Trustees also were told at Monday's meeting that enrollment for the second summer session at CCC has dipped slightly for figures recorded a year ago, ending an extended string of successive increases. Most of the 6.5 percent decline in headcount was experienced at off-campus extension sites, according to Eddie Hadlock, dean of student services. Another significant factor contributing to the decline, he said, was a more stringent policy regarding minimum enrollments for classes to "make."

"Because of state requirements and cost efficiency considerations, we held very strongly to a minimum class size of 15 students this summer," he reported, "and as a result, we had to cancel considerably more classes than we did last summer. In a long semester we can put many of the affected students in alternate classes; however, because fewer classes are offered in the summer and because students normally take only one or two classes anyway, it's much more difficult to 're-locate' a student when a summer class is canceled."

Dr. Hadlock also reported to trustees the results of a student survey conducted each year to measure student opinions about the quality of various services offered by the college, as well as the attitudes displayed by college personnel in delivering those services.

"We experienced a slight decline in favorable responses to several questions this year as compared to

last year," he reported, "and we have already begun taking steps to do a better job in those areas. We take this survey very seriously, and we want students to understand that we value their opinions highly."

Trustees viewed a new slides-on-video presentation prepared by the CCC Community Relations Office about the college. The 14 minute program begins with brief historical commentary and then describes CCC's various programs and facilities.

CCC Community Relations Director Rodger Boyce said the tape is available for showing to local and area civic and service organizations and that individuals may also check out copies of the VHS format tape from the CCC Library. For more information contact Boyce or his assistant Mary Bourque at (817) 668-4274.

Also adopted by the board, in response to recently enacted state law, was a property deposit fee of \$10 which will be collected from all students beginning this fall. This deposit is a one-time fee which will be applied to any damage, loss or breakage caused by the student while enrolled at CCC. It will be kept in trust for four years from the date of payment. After that time, students may request that it be refunded to them. Deposit funds unclaimed after four years will be applied toward need-based scholarships.

Trustees concluded their business by approving of the hiring of Diana R. Reed to fill the para-professional position of financial aid advisor. She is a graduate of Hill College in Hillsboro and most recently has been working there as a student affairs clerk in the admission/financial aid office.

MISD approves teachers' raises

by Elaine Schad

The Muenster school board has approved a \$300 increase in the local supplement paid to district teachers.

During their regular July meeting, trustees approved the increase after a study found that the Muenster ISD paid a lower local supplement than other area school districts. The supplement was also increased to help prevent staff turnover, according to Muenster Superintendent Steve Cooper.

Teachers in the Muenster ISD with a bachelor's degree will receive \$1,300 above state base while those with masters degrees will receive \$1,800 above state base. The increase will cost the district about \$4,500 additional as some state career ladder and teacher compensation monies will be used to fund the increases, Cooper said.

In another matter, the board rejected the proposed 1994 appraisal and collections budgets of the Cooke County Appraisal District. Trustees were concerned that proposed salary increases were excessive and that a contingency set aside for the possible addition of a new employee was unnecessary, Cooper said. The budget was sent to the area taxing entities for their input and is not expected to be considered by the CCAD board until next month. If a majority of the county's taxing entities disapprove the budget, the CCAD must submit a new budget.

Both the appraisal and collections budgets include a proposed 4

percent cost of living salary increase for all staff, except the Chief Appraiser. In addition, those earning \$25,000 or above will receive an additional \$25 per month and those earning \$20,000 or below will receive an additional \$50 per month. The proposed budgets also provide for a 10 percent increase in Group Health Insurance premiums for employees only.

The board received an update on the gymnasium and classroom project. The classrooms could be completed within the next week, and the floor is being put down in the gymnasium. The dressing rooms should be ready by the time two-a-day football drills begin, and the gym should be in use by the time school starts. The board approved a revised cost estimate on the classroom project, which is coming in slightly under the \$35,000 cost projection.

The board hired Eddie Green as the new principal for junior high and high school, Marlene Fisher as a part-time nurse, Anna Baxter as a special education aide and Patsy Bayer as a part-time curriculum aide. The board accepted a student transfer, approved insurance for student activities, approved group health with Hibbs-Hallmark, and approved participation in the Texas Association of School Board revenue cash flow program which could help the school district with its cash flow situation within the first couple of months of implementation of the new state financing legislation.

County budget for 93-94 almost final

by Elaine Schad

Cooke County Commissioners are getting closer to formulating a final budget for Cooke County for fiscal 1994, officials said this week.

Commissioners have set a public hearing on the proposed budget for 10 a.m. Aug. 23. Commissioners have completed a series of workshops where they have been listening to budget requests from the various county departments and are now working to decide which items will be included in the final proposal, according to County Auditor Gloria Parrish.

In a budget item of interest to the Muenster area, Parrish said the county may be able to continue the \$4,000 in funding to the Muenster Public Library. There had been some concern about the expenditure complying with state law, but Parrish said the county may be able to work out a contract arrangement with the library so it can retain the funding.

In a budget-related matter, commissioners during their meeting this week approved a budget amendment for fiscal 1993 to for \$40,000 for expenses incurred through the Solid Waste Task Force. Most of those expenses were

in the form of legal fees and represented the county's share of total expenditures of \$67,000. The cities of Gainesville, Valley View and Muenster are also paying a share of the costs. The county had budgeted some of the expenses, but the remainder will come from the general fund.

In other business, commissioners: --Approved bonds for the sheriff's department.

--Tabled consideration of amending subdivision regulations.

--Approved final bid specifications for a ballot counting machine which will automate vote tallying in the county. Bids will be open Aug. 23.

--Approved a request by Muenster Telephone Corporation of Texas to bury phone cables in precincts 2, 3, and 4.

--Appointed Al Mulrean as the county's representative to the Tri-County Senior Nutrition Project, Inc.

--Appointed election and alternate judges for the elections for next year.

--Approved a request from General Telephone to bury telephone cables in Precinct 2.

Saint Jo begins high school construction

by Elaine Schad

Construction began this week on a new \$1.8 million high school in Saint Jo. School trustees hired D. S. A. of Cleburne as the construction manager to oversee the project. The board has awarded some 40 bids for various parts of the construction, but rejected the bid on the concrete foundation. That bid is expected to be awarded Aug. 12, Saint Jo Superintendent Tony Daugherty said. To date, the project is about \$90,000 under the estimated project cost, but that could change when more bids are awarded, he said.

The 35,000 square feet of new facilities will include a new high school, media center and

gymnasium. The new facilities are being built in an L-shape northeast of the existing high school building. Approximately 18,300 square feet will include the new gymnasium and cafeteria. The remaining 16,700 square feet will include six general classrooms, an art room, two business and computer rooms, a science laboratory, homemaking room and media center. Construction is expected to be completed by the summer of 1994, officials said.

The buildings will replace a 70-year-old high school which will be torn down after the new buildings are completed. Voters in November

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Good News!

For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38-39

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Early Wednesday morning, July 14, 1993, I had severe angina and severe rapid fibrillation. Thank God that I was only two blocks from our good local hospital and staff. I speak from some experience since I was a hospital administrator in World War II. Dr. Kralicke and staff had me stabilized in a very short time. Fr. Victor was on hand for communion and last sacraments, which gave a very great calming feeling. The next situation was obtaining ambulance service for transport to Denton. We could not depend on our local tax-supported ambulance service to get transferred for the necessary treatment. Dr. Kralicke ably handled securing American Ambulance from Denton. I am sure they appreciated the very large fee paid to them. We used them again for transporting between Community Hospital and Regional Hospital in Denton. I believe they made money for the \$500.00 fee charged.

My attending physician, Dr. Qureshi, told me had it not been for the able treatment in such a short time I would have had heart damage. Dr. Anwar had told me just previously that heart patients that took an hour to get to treatment would be 60% fatalities. Do we need ambulance service in Muenster, and our Muenster Memorial Hospital? Are we going

to quietly stand back and let our community die?

I was very pleased to hear that Dr. Qureshi will be in Muenster and can be reached from a Muenster telephone, 759-4442. I am very satisfied with the qualifications and ability of Dr. Qureshi. I had been using another doctor in Denton about 15 years ago for my heart condition, but he did not help me in anyway. I changed to Dr. Qureshi and after the very first visit I had improvements and lived a fairly normal life up until my overexertion on the 14th, and resulting eight days in the hospital. He also kept my mother living for many years, until her cancer condition. I highly recommend our support to him for his effort in coming to Muenster.

Previously, in June, I had another occasion to appreciate having such good hospital service readily available. I was walking behind my house and fell, falling on a piece of tin. It cut very deep on the inside of my wrist and caused profuse bleeding. My son-in-law, Chris, carried me to the hospital and there was Dr. Antonetti who very proficiently sewed it up with 19 stitches.

Sincerely,
Ray J. Wilde
1012 N. Cherry Lane
Muenster, TX 76252

P.S. The people's prayers were a great help. Visitors are very welcomed.

July 11, 1993

Dear Muenster from Down Under,

The Nullarbor of South Australia and Western Australia (in the south of both states) is renowned for frequent UFO sightings. And now let me tell you my story of it. This is the truth. It doesn't matter whether anybody believes it or not. I know it happened. I saw it.

It was just after sundown and the last glow of light had already disappeared over the horizon. We had a 3/4 moon up, heading to full moon in a couple days. As the team was rolling along the Eyre Highway of South Australia heading to Chandada, we started team prayer. And since we had just started, we were all singing away. As I am often want to do, I was looking out the window whilst croonin' a tune beneath the moon. As I was watching the stars, a little bitty one started to move. I thought, "Cool! A falling star!" But it moved too slow, and it never disappeared. It stopped. Then a much brighter "star" started moving. It dipped down out of position, did a loop-the-loop a

couple times and then shot off to the east at a rather extreme speed, dipping down and bobbing back up now and then as it headed out into the space and dark of night.

Now, the speeds and antics and distance of the moving white lights easily ruled out airplanes, jets and helicopters. Also, the fact that no blinking red or blue wing lights or belly lights of aircraft were flashing adds to fuel of the flame of mystery. It was definitely an object which was not a meteor, star, comet, etc. It was definitely flying. And it was positively unidentified. Therefore, on the Nullarbor Plain of S.A., I did see a UFO. Nobody else on the team saw it. I just happened to look at the right section of sky at the right time. Needless to say, I was a bit freaked out by it. It was weird. But what an experience it was, definitely cool.

So anyway, at Chandada, we went Roo-shootin'. And like I promised in last week's letter, I'll tell you about it now. Paul Carey pulled out his old trusty .243 bolt action and about a bit after sundown, Paul, his cousin Matthew, all six of us Net boys, plus 2 of the girls jumped into a 4x4 pickup with a spotlight and hit the bush. Paul did all the shooting, for safety's sake, but we all took turns at the spotlight. We saw a couple wallabies, one of which is no longer amongst the living. We saw lots of big gray kangaroos, two of which bit the turf that night. We spotted numerous rabbits, a few red foxes, bunches of night-time falcon-like birds called tawny frogmouths. Lots of stuff got away due to speed, trees and the peculiar habit of roos to jump to run. It was a cold crisp night with a bit of a breeze (a bit of a wind in the back of the truck). It was absolutely marvelous to be out on the range again. I got some of my old skunk adventure memories coming back to me. It was very enjoyable.

Then there was Boolf, a big roo dog. He was bigger and tougher than a greyhound, but I can't remember the type of dog he was. Paul had him trained to take down roos. If Boolf saw a roo within 100 yards, then that roo would be down for the count inside of 30 seconds. It was amazing. But Boolf was a very gentle timid dog, extremely loving and happy around people. He just didn't like roos. But that's okay, because God sure put a lot of them there around Chandada in the Eyre Peninsula of Australia.

More big stories coming soon. Stay tuned. God bless you all.

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Australia 4006

School finance picture still dim

by Steve Cooper,
MISD Superintendent

The school finance picture continues to develop and the developments aren't making the picture any brighter. Information from Austin continues to be updated and districts are beginning to get a better idea of what they will be going through, the next few months, during the budgeting process. One interesting tidbit, from the comptroller's office, concerning truth in taxation laws, is a new ruling on an old requirement that mandates districts to publish, in the local paper, proposed tax increases from one year to the next. The new "twist" is that this year districts cannot use last year's CED rate in the calculations required in the notice, so what this will do is give greatly distorted percentages. For example, if a district had an \$.83 CED rate and a \$.09 local rate last year, this year since all taxes go

back to the local entity and the state requires a minimum tax rate of \$.86 cents, this would translate in the public notice as a 955% increase. (\$.86/last year's local rate of \$.09). Just another example of the system we deal with and its complete lack of common sense.

The past 4 or 5 years have seen MISD's tax rate fluctuate (I addressed this in my last article). Tax rates in MISD the past 4 years are as follows: 89-90, \$.62; 90-91, \$.72; 91-92, \$.98; 92-93, \$.92.

You will note 90-91 was the first year a required tax rate (or local fund assignment) was mandated before a district could receive state funds, also the \$.26 jump in taxes from 90-91 to 91-92. 91-92 was the first year of the last finance plan (SB1) that established the CED's. The second year of the CED plan, MISD was able to cut taxes \$.06. We are now embarking on another

new finance scheme and history will be repeating itself, although not to the extent it did in 91-92. What is happening to our district? Simple, above average wealth districts are receiving less state money with each new finance plan. MISD has an average wealth per pupil of approximately \$230,000 (divide the total taxable value of property by the number of students in average daily attendance). The state average is approximately \$178,000 per pupil, this makes us an above average wealth district and we will no longer be able to enjoy statistics like the 8th lowest tax rate in the state if we want to maintain a quality education for our youngsters. The mechanics of the new finance bill simply redistribute wealth and since we have more than the average wealth we will lose state monies.

In closing, as promised in my last article, I would respond to questions I've heard or that have been passed on to me. One question or comment is that taxes will be raised to pay for the new gym. Paying for the construction of the new gym has been provided with money accounted for in this fiscal year. Reserve funds, capital acquisition funds, and money available from this year's (92-93) budget are being used to pay for the gym. The 93-94 budget has been developed to reflect

additional costs in insurance, utilities, etc. for the new construction. Funds for maintenance and capital outlay are included in this year's budget as we do each year. Most of our anticipated tax increase can be directly attributed to \$100 less per pupil put into the state funding formula - this translates to at least \$40,000 less in state money (about a nickel in taxes) (actually we've been projecting even more than the \$40,000 because of reduction in the transportation rate and other ADA concerns) and an approximate difference of \$5 million from the comptroller's estimate of the value of property in our district and Cooke County Appraisal District's value (the comptroller always wins) (this translates to about \$48,000, about 6 cents in taxes). Most districts in the state are having to contend with the first scenario above, even those districts the bill was designed to help are looking at significantly higher taxes to make up the short fall.

As always, MISD's School Board will do all they can to keep costs and taxes down.

BTU tax: the sequel?

by James E. (Jim) Nugent
Chairman, Railroad Commission

If the BTU tax were a movie, it would already be on the shelves of your local video store. The reviews came in quickly and so overwhelmingly "thumbs down" that the Senate pulled it from public screen. That is an encouraging sign.

Yet, in politics, as in the movies and sports, "it isn't over, until it is over."

Now is the time to pay close attention to what happens with the Clinton Administration's \$500 billion budget deficit reduction package. It is time to make certain that the "BTU Tax: The Sequel" does not make it to a wallet near you. The sequel could be more frightening than the original.

Texans were hit hard by the recent recession, but we are steadily climbing our way out of the economic ditch. For example, the 139 new factories built in Texas last year led the nation according to *Site Selection* magazine. In addition, the 405 new or expanded corporate facilities built in Texas last year tied us for first in the nation. The Department of Commerce announced earlier this year that between 1991 and 1992, Texas added 95,700 new non-farm related jobs. This was 75.4 percent of all the new jobs created in the United States during this time frame. Furthermore, San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin were in the top 10 job growth markets in 1992.

A BTU tax would wipe out more than half of the recent job gains. The State Comptroller's Office estimates almost 49,000 Texans would lose their job if the BTU tax is adopted. Other studies have shown an estimated 400,000 to 600,000 jobs would be lost nationwide.

Consumers would be hit where it hurts the most - their pocketbooks.

MISD sets hearing for Aug. 12

Muenster ISD will have a public hearing on the results of the Academic Excellence Indicator System report for the '92-'93 school year. This is an overview of the district's academic, financial, and educational status for the year in question. This is a yearly requirement by TEA. The hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. on August 12, prior to the regular monthly board meeting in the district's administration building.

Immediately following the AEIS hearing will be a hearing on MISD's proposed budget for '93-'94. This will begin at approximately 8 p.m. on August 12 in the district's administration building.

MISD will not have a town bus route this year because of cuts in state funding for transportation.

A typical family of four would spend \$475 more per year on higher energy costs. In addition, the poorest among us, who already spend roughly 22 percent of their income on energy costs, would end up paying the most.

Whatever emerges from the House-Senate Conference must not be just another version of the BTU tax - the old movie with a few scene changes and new title. Whatever you call it, this type of tax destroys jobs, slows economic growth, singles out the lower- and middle-income families, falls unfairly on certain regions of the country and makes American products less competitive in the trading world.

The Conference Committee will iron out the differences between the two versions of the deficit reduction package. Several powerful House leaders went out on a limb to support the BTU tax, and they have indicated they are not going to hand the Senate a chainsaw to cut the limb out from under them. They will fight to preserve the BTU tax in the Conference Committee.

Everyone agrees that reducing the federal deficit is vital to the nation's economic well-being. All of us will be required to share in the sacrifice to achieve this goal. Moreover, President Clinton should be commended for forcing this national debate.

However, the best way to cut the deficit is not through an unfairly and unequally applied BTU tax.

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approved \$1.975 in bond money to fund the project. The Saint Jo ISD has an enrollment of 340 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12, which includes 140 in the high school. The new high school, when completed by the fall 1994, will house 200 students.

In another matter, Richard Gibson began his duties this week as the new principal at Saint Jo High School.

Gibson has been principal at Windthorst High School for the past seven years and is a former high school principal at Henrietta. He will replace L. T. Bailey, who has taken a position with the Texas Education Agency.


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poison prevention and prescription information from Bob Pels, RPH, Drugs/Alcohol/AIDS information from Muenster Police Dept., breast cancer awareness, organ donor information, Home Hospice and Advance Directive information, cancer education and supportive services by Mary K. Endres, and much more.

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As God in His mercy will lift this grief from us, so too will He help us to find the right time and the right way to extend our heart felt gratitude to the generous outpouring of love and comfort our family, friends, church, and this community have shown and continues to show in the death of our little Amanda. She was as angel on loan and if you listen you can hear the joy in Heaven at her return. Thank you and God bless you all.

More gratitude than words can express is especially due to:

Father Victor Gillespie who came so quickly, prayed so hard, comforted with such love and wisdom.

Herbie Knabe who counted every breath, cried every tear and prayed. God bless you and God grant you peace.

Edna Knabe who came from the darkness, took hold and let her courage flow. God bless you, renew your courage, and comfort you.

Bill Bivin who with God's courage and wisdom and strength personally tended to a grief that would not go. Who was chosen as the one to say God has taken another rose for Heaven - and who keeps bringing God's answers to our prayers. May He hold you in His hands forever.

Jeannine Flusche who simply appeared arms open wide and lead us in prayer till dawn. God bless you for your friendship, your love, your faith.

Gladys Harrison for being here and lifting our burdens and for taking such good care of so many things for us.

Father Victor Gillespie and Father Frowin Schoech for the beautiful and comforting Mass.

Ruth Felderhoff, Dave and Pam Fette, Christi Hesse and Bill Bivin who filled the church with such angelic voices. You share God's gifts so beautifully.

To our good neighbors for all their help.

To those who stepped forward from the past to offer comfort and condolences to Joseph - God bless you.

To the K of C and Catholic Daughters for their thoughtfulness and kindness.

To Mac McCoy and Dennis McCoy for their comfort far beyond the call of duty.

And most gratefully, Dear Father for the two children who remain with us and who are so strong and courageous.

God bless you all, you are in our prayers.
Joseph M. Fenton and Family

2 WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, August 1	Monday, August 2	Tuesday, August 3	Wednesday, August 4	Thursday, August 5	Friday, August 6	Saturday, August 7
	Homet Band Practice 7 p.m. City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Ag Issue Deadline	Pro-Life Meeting Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, 7 p.m. JAM Summer Retreat 6:30 p.m.	KC Adult Swim Night 7-9 p.m.	C of C Board Meeting 5 p.m.	Enterprise's Tribute to Agriculture published today Kiwanis Free Swim Night 7-9 p.m.	MMH Health Fair 9-11 Forestburg ISD Potluck Supper, Comm. Center 7-9 p.m. Lindsay VFD Rummage Sale 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Gun Club Hall
Sunday, August 8	Monday, August 9	Tuesday, August 10	Wednesday, August 11	Thursday, August 12	Friday, August 13	Saturday, August 14
St. Anne's/St. Joseph's Societies Covered Dish Supper 6 p.m. to honor sisters and priests SH Alumni Golf Tournament		C of C Luncheon, noon, The Center Restaurant	Forestburg ISD Registration			Sunbum Saturday/Camp Sweeney Bike Rally Muenster VFD Barbecue

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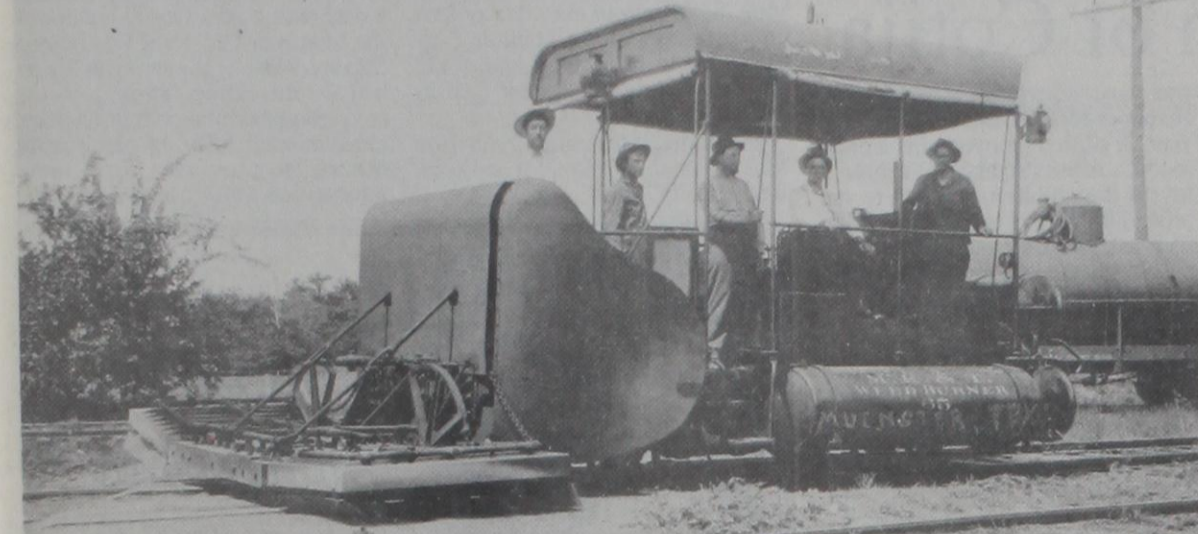
Memories of Katy Railroad relived

The MKT Railroad's operation through Muenster began in 1887, two years before the community was settled. It was one of the factors that induced people to move to Muenster. At that time, there were no depot and no station. "MUENSTER" was a piece of paper tacked to a post on the prairie to inform passengers on the Katy train that they had reached their destination. The railroad thereafter had a vital part in the town's first half century of development.

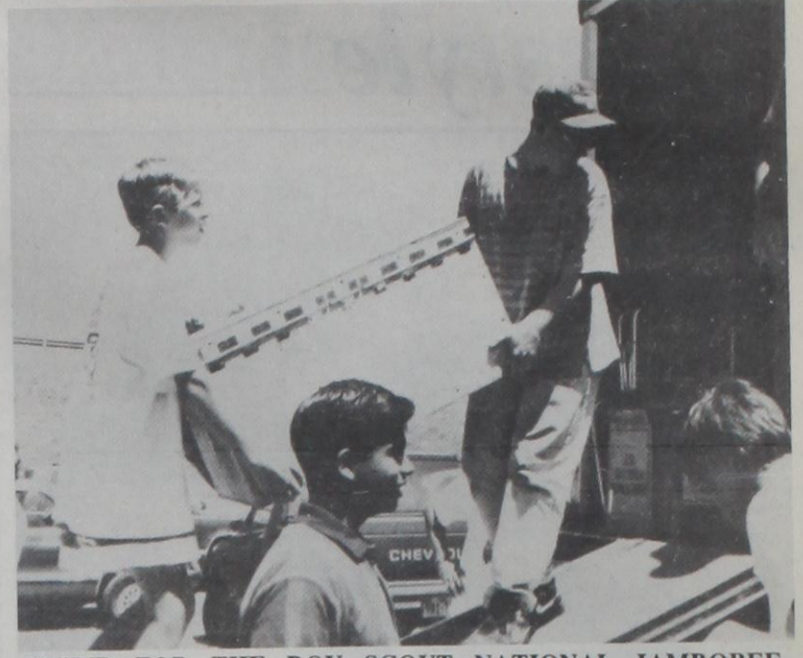
community surrounded by diversified agriculture, cattle and oil business over a vast rural area. In 1989, Muenster celebrated its Centennial, dedicated to its pioneers who made history, and to its people who cherish, preserve and share it. Always keenly interested in preserving history and tradition for coming generations, Muenster citizens experienced a renewed upsurge in collecting, sharing and restoring old photographs and their related histories, as the 100th birthday drew nearer. This resulted in a wealth of

material for the Centennial History of Muenster, published in 1989, and for the Muenster Museum born also in 1989. Even now as the years go by since 1989, more photographs are discovered. Unfortunately, information rarely accompanies old pictures. One such photograph heads this article. It is the property of Leonard (Spike) Yosten who shared it with **The Muenster Enterprise**. The MKT (Missouri, Kansas, Texas) Railroad ceased to exist on Aug. 12, 1988. It was sold to the

weeds and grass would grow so tall that when a train passed over, the vegetation would be mashed on the rail and cause the engine drive wheels to slip, thus retarding the movement of the train. When going up hill and pulling cars or tonnage, this could cause the train to slip down or stop, making it necessary to back down the hill, cut the engine off and send workers up and down the hill, scrape, clean and dry off the rails. Then get back to the train. If they could not pull the hill with all the train, part of it had to be put on the next siding, then come back to pull part of the train over the hill, and go back for the rest, finally being able to couple the train together and proceed. Incredible delays were encountered. So came the weed burner to prevent such delays.



THIS PHOTO FROM THE PAST, made in 1905, was submitted to The Muenster Enterprise by Leonard (Spike) Yosten. Clearly shown, plainly visible and painted on a side-tank is "MKT WEEDBURNER 65, Muenster, Texas." It was definitely operated on Muenster tracks. This huge piece of equipment was a staple on the tracks. Workmen were not identifiable. They were Engineering Department employees with a Conductor Pilot. The Muenster Enterprise sought information from several KATY sources in Waco and Denison, the Katy Historical Society and the Red River Railroad Museum. Help and information were also received from J.M. O'Brien, Executive Director of the Museum.



BOUND FOR THE BOY SCOUT NATIONAL JAMBOREE, Scott Poole and Royce Knabe load a footlocker aboard a truck in Sherman Saturday before departing for Alexandria, Virginia for the two-week Jamboree. Also attending from Muenster Boy Scout Troop 664 are James Felderhoff and Scout Leader Waylen Poole. *Photo courtesy Shirley Knabe*

Affordable workers comp on the way

The Texas Workers Compensation Insurance Fund proudly announces that effective July 15 they began accepting applications for Workers Compensation designed specifically for small businesses. This is a "first" for the Fund, which was established by the Texas Legislature as part of the reform of the Workers Compensation system in 1991. The program will be implemented in stages over the remainder of 1993. During this first stage, the Fund will accept only clients with an annual premium under \$5,000, but over \$4,000. Businesses with smaller premiums will be considered as the Fund will gradually decrease the \$4,000 minimum through Jan. 1, 1994. The Fund will concentrate now on businesses which have been in business a minimum of two years. Clients do not have to wait for their current expiration to apply. In fact, the goal of the Fund is to pull policyholders out of the Facility or Small Premium Plan as quickly as they can to save them surcharges associated with those plans. Business owners who do not have Workers Comp, or who dropped coverage in the past because it was too expensive, are also qualified. Application can be made to the Texas Workers Compensation Insurance Fund through any Independent Insurance Agent licensed with the Texas Department of Insurance. A local agent licensed to write through the Fund is FMW Insurance Agency located on Main Street in Muenster. Texas employers who were previously part of the Workers Compensation Pool or Small Premium Plan should realize a 15% savings on premiums when they sign up with the Fund.

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Union Pacific and became part of the UP system on that date. This information was received from Mr. T.C. Burlison of Waco when he responded to one of our inquiries. Burlison added that he went to work on July 18, 1946 in DeLeon as a fireman, and became an engineer about two years later, working between Waco and Rotan. He said he saw an old weed burner work on that division. He was later a road foreman for the MKT.

Seeking more information, we contacted KATY sources in Waco and Denison, the KATY Historical Society and the Red River Railroad Museum. We received outstanding assistance and information from Mr. J.M. O'Brien, Executive Director of the Museum. O'Brien began his employment with the KATY on May 1, 1929 as a station attendant at St. Paul, Kansas. During his service, he held other positions of agent-operator; train dispatcher; assistant superintendent operating department; assistant to the general manager; and superintendent rules. All of which are reasons to be well acquainted with all equipment, even to singling out the Katy Weed Burner. He retired on May 31, 1978 at age 65, with 49 years and one month service.

Information he graciously sent to **The Muenster Enterprise** follows: To control vegetation in the tracks between the rails and along the ballast line, during the years of the early 1900s, the Katy Railroad developed and operated a weed burner until the 1930s. Oil was used to create a flame to overheat, burn and kill the vegetation on the main track and auxiliary tracks. There was a problem associated with the operation of this equipment. It could, in many instances, set the ties on fire. Probably one of the tanks in this picture was a reserve water tank. But the weed burner was operated during the vegetation-growing season for several years. In the early years of the railroad industry, ballast was not used in the tracks. Unless some measure was taken to control the vegetation,

Tax Talk

by: Duane Knabe, CPA

Duane Knabe will discuss a different topic each week. Any questions should be directed to him at 759-4010.

This week's topic is Simplified Employee Pensions (SEPs), which are basically group IRAs established by employers. A SEP is a retirement plan that is ideal for small businesses. Even if there are no employees, the owner may be covered. Payments into a SEP are deductible by the business and deferred by the recipient. The employer makes equal contributions for each employee limited to 15% of pay or \$30,000. All employees who are at least 21 years of age and have worked in 3 of the last 5 years must be covered. The employer decides each year whether to make contributions to the SEP. There is also a salary reduction SEP available to employers with less than 26 employees. The employees themselves can choose to set aside part of their earnings tax-free (until withdrawn).

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Lifestyle



JULIE LYNN FUHRMANN of Lindsay and Dale Alan Martin of Gainesville have chosen Aug. 28, 1993 for their wedding day. They will be married at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay, with the bride-elect's uncle, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, OSB, and Father Eugene Luke, OSB, officiating for the Nuptial Mass. The bride-elect is the daughter of Aloys and Marge Fuhrmann of Lindsay, and the future-groom is the son of Earl and Marge Clement of Gainesville, and Bill and Linda Martin of Nocona. Julie is a 1990 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 1993 graduate of Cooke County College. She is a graduate nurse employed at Denton Regional Medical Center Women's Pavilion. Mr. Martin is a 1988 graduate of Lindsay High School, a 1992 graduate of Cooke County College, and is currently attending the University of North Texas. He is a machinist employed at Valenite in Gainesville. The couple will reside in Gainesville.

4-H'ers jam at camp with "celebrities"

by Shellie Jupe, County Extension Agent, H.E.
"Cooke County 4-H Camp." For weeks those words were followed with feelings of anticipation and some uncertainty. I have always enjoyed camp, but I had no idea what Cooke County 4-H Camp entailed. Wow, was I surprised! The activities that the 4-Hers participated in centered around the theme "Rockin' N Rollin and Jamin' N Jivin'." The Texoma State Group Camp in Kingston, Oklahoma was

visited by many celebrities such as Dolly Parton, the Brady Bunch, Clint Black, Garth Brooks, Mike Love of the Beach Boys, the California Raisins, and their cousin, the Bruised California Raisin. These and many other stars were present at camp through costumes that were put together by the 4-Hers themselves.

As the days swept by, the youth ate wonderfully with Fiesta Stack-ups, hamburgers, and snacks galore.

Between meals there was volleyball, softball, swimming, beaded jewelry making, and musical workshops. A costume contest and home-made musical instruments contest were both highlights of camp with the 4-Hers really showing their camp spirit. The days were filled with learning and the nights were filled

with fun and dancing. What a great combination!
Fifty-six 4-Hers participated in this year's camp. 4-H County Camp would not be what it is without the help of 4-H adult volunteers. Our 4-H leaders serve as camp cooks, cabin leaders, workshop leaders, and much more.

Donations needed for children of Cotija

Judy Flusche and Herman Carroll, employees of Muenster Memorial Hospital, are once again joining Drs. Antonetti, Vanagas, Berry and other physicians and nurses on their annual medical mission of mercy to Cotija, Mexico. There the team expects to perform about 200 surgeries on the underprivileged. This will be Herman's third and Judy's second times to participate.

Donations of clothing, animal toys and money to pay for the medical supplies necessary for the trip are needed. "Everyone last year

was very generous," Herman said. He hopes for the same response this year. A stuffed animal helps a child recover from surgery. "We give a toy to the children just before the procedure and it is the first thing they ask for after recovering from the anesthetic. The children are also very appreciative of clothing," he said.

Donations may be sent to Herman Carroll or left at the Muenster Hospital until Wednesday, August 11. Everything will be greatly appreciated.

Ray Swirczynski feted on 80th birthday

Ray Swirczynski, a native of Muenster, and his wife, Mattie, who are now making their home in Nazareth, Texas, were the honored guests at several parties held during the past weekend. They included a long visit in Ray's hometown as part of their summer of traveling.

Leading events of the family reunion weekend were observances of Ray Swirczynski's 80th birthday of July 26, hosted by his children and their spouses, Carolyn and Charles Bayer of Muenster; Donny Swirczynski of Gainesville; Tom and Paulette Swirczynski of Muenster; Ken Swirczynski of Muenster; Cindy and Dean McMahan of Lewisville; and Jeanne Swirczynski of Dallas.

First event was a family reunion Saturday at the Pavilion of Muenster City Park from 4 until 10 p.m., attended by the Swirczynski/Yosten relationship. Ray is a son of the late Joe and Maggie (Yosten) Swirczynski. More than 125 attended the covered dish bountiful feast. The pavilion was decorated with a huge "Happy Birthday" banner, and carried dozens of individual signatures and good wishes. Videos and taped recordings were made, and guests enjoyed viewing old family pictures.

Sunday morning, most of the relationship attended the 10:30 a.m. Mass together in Sacred Heart Church, and then met for a noon dinner at The Center Restaurant.

Sunday afternoon, Open House between 2 and 4 p.m. honored Ray's 80th birthday in the meeting room of Sacred Heart Community Center. More than 100 relatives and friends signed the guest register. Decorations included decorated balloons, floral arrangements, banners with greetings, old family pictures and a floral centerpiece with a family-treasured Blessed Virgin statue.

Refreshments of Italian Cream Cake and punch, with German Sweet Chocolate Cake and coffee were served by Cheryl and John Pollard, Curt Bayer, Prudy Matlock, Craig Bayer, Jeri Craig, Michael and Bill McMahan and Paul Swirczynski.

Guests from out of town included: Loffie and Edna Smith of Carrollton; Steve and Jill Kralicke of Carrollton; Donny Swirczynski and Jeri Craig of Gainesville; Glen Swirczynski of Wichita Falls; Rodney and Tammy Swirczynski and sons of Gainesville; Pauline Spires of Gainesville; Clarence and Catherine Erpelding of Colorado Springs, CO; Jerry Knauf of Colorado Springs; Dean and Cindy McMahan and Mike and Billy of Lewisville; Jeanne Swirczynski of Dallas; George and Juanita Swirczynski of Dallas; Pam Dees of Winter Haven, FL; Sister M. Helen Swirczynski, OSB, of Jonesboro, AR; Ed and Hazel Swirczynski of Fort Worth; Stan and Rose Yosten of Fort Worth; Paul Yosten of Fort

Worth; Joel Yosten of Fort Worth; Rita Miller of Austin; John and Cheryl Pollard and Kalyssa of Schertz, TX; Kevin and Virginia Swirczynski and Scott, Shannon and Blake of Greenville; Cyril and Angie Yosten of Greenville; Sonja Swirczynski of Bedford; Marlene Moore and daughter of Bedford; James Swirczynski and daughter of

Bedford; John and Joan Swirczynski and Greg of Wylie; Allene Doty of Mesquite; Fr. Harry Fisher, OSB of Valley View; Beverly Stephens of Valley View; Charlotte Zimmerer of Lindsay; and Alice Swirczynski of Dallas.

Attention!

If you are a minority or woman, own a small business and are interested in working with or selling to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), there is an important meeting you should attend. TxDOT will be in the Wichita Falls area to recruit women and minority businesses for its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program on August 5. There will be representatives from the different TxDOT divisions, the area TxDOT districts and the TxDOT DBE Supportive Services Program to discuss business opportunities and help with certification.

The meeting will be held at the Midwestern State University, Small Business Development Center in Room 204 from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information about the program contact the DBE Supportive Services Program at 800-962-3413.

Reunions

Tempel

The Joe and Katie Tempel family reunion will be held on Sunday, Aug. 8, at noon in the Lindsay Park in Lindsay. Those attending are reminded to bring food and drinks for their families, and their favorite folding chairs.

For more information, call Ella Mae Rohmer at 759-4399 or Gloria Becker at 759-2552.

Stoffels

Descendants of Nick Stoffels, Henry Stoffels and Annie Stoffels Knabe will hold a family reunion at the Muenster City Park Pavilion on Sunday, Aug. 1, beginning at 3 p.m. Those attending should bring covered dishes and cold drinks, and are reminded to bring pictures for others to review. For more information, call Rose at 736-2336.



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Record books judged

by Shellie Jupe, County Extension Agent-H.E.

The almighty 4-H Record Book fever has struck Cooke County 4-Hers once again. On July 1, 15 4-Hers from across the county turned in their 4-H Record Books. For some of you readers out there who may not know what a record book is, just relax, sit right back and let me tell you.

For 4-Hers it is an extremely important and time-consuming task to put together a record book. A record book consists of a list of projects, activities, community services, leadership and experiences that they have been involved in during their 4-H careers. For the young 4-Hers, the list may be short, but for the 4-Hers who have been members for a while, the list may be amazingly long. It really is quite incredible to think that these 4-Hers could accomplish so much, but they do.

Besides the long hours that go into record books, they also teach 4-Hers many things. Record books help 4-H youth learn how to and the importance of keeping accurate, well-organized records. Record

keeping is an activity that they will be doing the rest of their lives, whether it's a checkbook, budgets, income taxes, mileage, or school work.

Entering the Junior Division and going on to compete on district level were: Danny Felderhoff, Gardening and Horticulture, blue ribbon; and Mark Lutkenhaus, Food and Nutrition, blue ribbon.

Entering in the Intermediate Division were ("D" indicates going on to District): Bonnie Brooks, Rabbits, blue ribbon, "D"; Emily Felderhoff, Food and Nutrition, blue, "D"; Amanda Hitt, Food and Nutrition, blue; and Randal Paclik, Poultry, blue, "D."

Entering in the Senior Division were: Clifford Lutkenhaus, Achievement, blue, "D"; Greg Brooks, Achievement, blue; Sara Flusche, Family Life, blue, "D"; Charlene Lutkenhaus, Bread, blue, "D"; Michael Becker, Dairy, blue, "D"; Sean Herbold, Santa Fe, blue, "D"; Robert Lutkenhaus, Food and Nutrition, blue, "D"; Rachel Cravens, Fashion Revue, blue, "D"; and Rebecca Miller, Horses, red, "D."

These 4-Hers' record books will be judged on July 20 at the District competition in Dallas.

JAM date changes to August 3

The JAM Summer Retreat scheduled for Wednesday, August 4 has been changed to Tuesday, August 3. The change was made after it was learned that football two-a-days would start on August 4.

Participants are to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the Community Center parking lot. The retreat will be held at the Road Runner Ranch.

Doug Weisbruch, Christian recording artist and youth retreat specialist will lead the retreat. He is a former NET member. Mr. Weisbruch will minister at the retreat with music and with sharing and music.

JAM members are reminded to bring snacks to share. Drinks will be provided.

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Mountain Springs presents 'Pete and Repeat' Aug. 6-7

by Elaine Schad

It's been a decade since the people at Mountain Springs came up with the idea of an outdoor summer musical under the stars and also a decade since Director Sue Viktor first took on the charge of guiding a host of young people and adults toward top-notch performances.

Memories of the past will be woven throughout this year's 10th summer musical production, entitled, "Pete and Repeat," set to start Friday. Performances will continue on Saturday, and again the weekend of Aug. 6 and 7 on the outdoor stage of the Mountain Springs Community Center. The musical will include some of the most popular numbers from years past, when area actors and actresses presented titles ranging from, "Music, Mayhem and Madness" to "Mountain Springs Presents Broadway Hits".

The musical will get underway about 8:30 p.m. each weekend at the Mountain Springs Community Center, located at the intersection of FM 922 and FM 902 about eight miles east of Valley View. Those attending the performances should bring their own lawnchairs.

There are about 75 performers in this year's musical who hail from Grayson, Cooke, and Denton counties and from even farther, including Dallas and Decatur.

All proceeds from the community musical goes to the upkeep of the Community Center, which has been designated a state historic place and formerly served as one of the county's earliest one-room school houses.

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children under age six.

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Special events mark Hartman Campout

The annual Hartman family weekend campout-reunion was made more exciting this year due to special events included with the customary golf, horseshoe, fishing and marble tournaments.

Kathryn (Hartman) Gremminger and her husband, Ted, of Denver renewed their 40th anniversary wedding vows at the reunion. Ted and Kathryn were married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster in 1953. All of their four children, their two sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law and their seven grandchildren were able to attend and participate in the celebration of the Sunday Mass. The Gremmingers' four children Wayne, Kay, Robert and Brenda sang a special song composed by the couple's oldest child, Wayne.

Haverkamps, Schillings see grandsons in Little League

Mickey and Benny Haverkamp and Jake and Freck Schilling have been making frequent trips to Fort Worth during the past several months to watch their grandsons, Kody and Kirk Haverkamp, play Little League Baseball. Both play for the Richland Youth Association. Kody's team, the "Marlins," came in second in their division; Kirk's team, the "As," came in first in their division. Both Kody and Kirk were selected in the All-Star teams, and played in several tournaments. Kody is a pitcher and Kirk is shortstop. The boys are sons of Monica and Roger Haverkamp of North Richland Hills.

A baptism also graced the reunion. Jess Micah Halbert, newest member of the Hartman clan, was baptized by Father Bob Lewandowsky. Micah is the son of Terry and Deanna (Wolf) Halbert. Godparents were uncles, Craig and Kevin Wolf.

Another event, a "name" shower honored Vickie Schmitt, bride-elect of Doug Fleitman. Vickie is the daughter of Harvey and Della (Hartman) Schmitt.

Traditionally, Margaret Hartman, matriarch of the Hartman family, was proud to reign over the festivities.

Winners of the sports tournament were: Horseshoes, Brad Wolf and Jeff Fedor; Golf, Janie Morrow and Kenny Hartman; Fishing, Stephen Schmitt; Marbles, Gene Hartman. A jelly bean guessing contest was held for the children and won by Micah Halbert, and a bean guessing contest was won by Carla Wolf.

The coveted title of "Entertainer of the Year" was won again by Col. Terry Halbert.

Those attending the campout and reunion included Margaret Hartman; Alvin and Joanie Hartman; Monica, Jon and Kristin LeBrasseur; Bobby, Sharlene, Shannon and Dainah Hartman; Chris Pagel; Kenny, Rhonda, Holly, Courtney and Nolan Hartman.

Edna Tompkins; Mike, Jeff and Dana Fedor; Jim, Debbie, Kate and Keith Tompkins; Scott, Karen and Mark McMonigle; Brian and Jennifer Tompkins; David and Christine Tompkins.

Kathryn and Ted Gremminger; Wayne Gremminger; Kay, Randy, Angela, Sarah and John Morrow; Robert, Andi, Maggie, Elizabeth

and Anna Gremminger; Brenda, Carl and Christian Cooney.

Carol Hartman; Mary Grace and David Caster; Margaret Doubrava.

Walter and Georgia Wolf; Deanna, Terry, Shawna, Abby and Micah Halbert; Chris, Marla, Brad, Jackie, Jory, Marty and Christin Wolf; Carla, Scott, Craig and Kevin Wolf.

Gene and Judy Hartman; Jeana, Tim and Lance Sutton; Pam, Dana, Kimberly and Trent Bloedel; Doug Hartman.

Della and Harvey Schmitt; Stephen and Michelle Hartman; Vickie Schmitt and Doug Fleitman; Debbie Schmitt.

John, Pat, Paula and Christy Yosten; Melinda Otwell; Janie Morrow; Mario Escalante.



MINDY WALTERSCHEID, daughter of Rick Walterscheid and Diane Walterscheid, takes part in Cheerleading Camp this week at the City Park. Janie Hartman Photo

Rashae Lynn is one!

Rashae Lynn Dangelmayr, daughter of Mike and Kerry Dangelmayr was the honoree at two parties that observed her first birthday. She was one year old on June 24. A party at the Muenster Park that day included a hamburger cook-out. A cake decorated with balloons and one candle was also served. Gifts were opened and displayed. Guests included the grandparents, Mickey and Benny Haverkamp and Patsy and Paul Dangelmayr; and aunts, uncles and cousins Jeanie and Glenn Hess and Shawn; Karen and Ron Dangelmayr and Amanda; Chris Dangelmayr and Darrell Dangelmayr.

The next day Rashae's mother brought cupcakes for the birthday girl to share with her playmates at Sylvia Herr's home.

On July 4, another party at Lake Texoma to share with Jeanie Hess whose birthday was June 23 and her son Shawn Hess whose birthday was June 22. There was a decorated cake for all of them plus a hamburger and hot-dog cookout. Joining family members and



RASHAE DANGELMAYR

relatives who were present for the first party were Monica and Roger Haverkamp and Kody and Kirk; Leslie Klement and April Truebenbach, and Jake and Freck Schilling.

Forestburg ISD to hold registration August 11

The Forestburg ISD will hold registration for 1993-94 school term on Wednesday, Aug. 11, according to the following schedule:

Seniors, 8-9 a.m.; juniors, 9-10 a.m.; sophomores, 10-11 a.m.; freshmen, 11 a.m.-12 noon.

All new 7th and 8th grade

students entering the Forestburg ISD for the first time will register from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11. All other 7th and 8th grade students will pick up their schedules the first day of school. The first day of school will be Aug. 16, beginning at 8 a.m.

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Children help produce theater performances

Children are not only acting in this year's Children's Theater, they are producing it as well, with three performances set July 29, 30 and 31 at Cooke County College.

The annual production is sponsored by CCC Continuing Education and the Butterfield Stage Players, this year featuring an

adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's "Just So Stories -- A Musical Tale."

"We're involving the kids in several aspects of the production -- something different from anything we've ever done," said Sandy Geyer of Butterfield Stage. She said a more abstract approach is being taken toward the production this year,

including vivid masks and a less defined set. "With this approach, we hope to encourage children to use their imagination," she said.

Coordinator Thom Talbott, also of Butterfield Stage, said the settings in which Kipling's six "Just So Stories" take place span the globe. The selections include: "How the Elephant Got His Trunk;" "How the Camel Got His Hump;" "The Beginning of the Armadillo;" "How the Leopard Got His Spots;" "The Butterfly Who Stamped;" and "How the Kangaroo Learned to Hop."

"This is not just fable -- it's classical literature for the children

that's entertaining and educational at the same time," Talbott said. He explained that the story is built around the author's idea that, "there was a time many years ago when the world was not just so."

Tickets must be purchased in advance, and are available beginning July 22 in the CCC Continuing Education office. Adults are \$3 and children ages 12 and under are \$2. Reserve seating is not available. Tickets should be purchased as soon as possible. For more information contact Mary Bourque, (817)668-4274.

DID YOU KNOW

Saturday, July 31 is the last day to submit recipes for the cookbook being sponsored by the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary. Response has been great thus far note sponsors and they have high hopes for more. The more recipes submitted, the greater profits will be for the MM Hospital Auxiliary. All proceeds go to the organization and are used to purchase special need items for the hospital.

New residents of Muenster are Cheryl and John Pollard and daughter, Kalyssa, age 2 1/2. They are moving from Schertz, Texas during the weekend.

No meetings will be held in July for St. Anne's and St. Joseph's Societies. However, a covered dish supper on Sunday, Aug. 8, at 6 p.m. will honor priests and sisters in the meeting room of the Community Center, and will be hosted by members of both societies. New members are especially urged to attend the supper.

It Was News Then...

50 YEARS AGO
July 30, 1943

30 YEARS AGO
July 26, 1963

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Derichsweiler is razed by fire - destroying house and all furnishings. Spontaneous combustion is blamed. House was scarcely one year old. Community sponsors miscellaneous shower since all was lost. There are five children. Third War Loan Drive set for September. All restrictions for planting of cotton to be removed for duration of war - cotton is classed as major food and feed crop. Locally, the cotton crop has shown little effects from the weather, continuous hot, dry days, lack of moisture, high winds; but vegetation, corn and feed crops suffer and victory gardens are a thing of the past. Temperature tops 100 degrees. High winds tore up a few telephone lines and knocked phones out. Muenster Fire Dept. will burn grass and weeds off vacant lots and alleys next week as a health and sanitation measure as well as fire safety measure. Residents told to trim closely around shrubbery to hold back flames and protect greenery from scorching and searing. R.L. McNally re-elected fire-chief; Joe Luke and P.J. Rollman returned to office - fire captains are newly appointed: Frank Hoedebeck, Leo Sicking, Paul Nieball and Henry Schmitz.

Mrs. Alfons Koesler Jr. dies at age 25. She is former Carol Voth. Frank Bergman dies at age 50. Ed Endres is appointed Rt. 1 Rural Mail Carrier. Sister Remigia Dietsche, former Sacred Heart School teacher, dies in Holy Angels Convent. Muenster Jaycees are praised for community involvement at charter banquet. New arrivals: a son for Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rohmer; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. James Whitt; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Otto; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dieter; a daughter, Dana, for Mr. and Mrs. Choice Stephens; a son, Paul Gregory, for Mr. and Mrs. James Bass; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Mayer; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Vaughn.

10 YEARS AGO
July 29, 1983

Mrs. Billy (D'Ann Haverkamp) rescues two in water accidents at water sports park. She is a strong swimmer and was able to render aid in two separate incidents on July 18. Temperatures at or above 100 recorded on July 24, 25, 26 and 27. Summer vacation is almost over and schools are getting set for opening. MISD will open Aug. 16 and SHS will open Aug. 22. Miller Lite slow-pitch softball team will compete in Class C state tournament in Tyler. Wedding: Melvin Hess and Theresa (Terry) Edmunds marry in Sacred Heart Church. Seven brothers and three sisters, members of the family of Ben and Mary Luke, attend weekend reunion. Silver Jubilee of Sister Lillian Marie Reiter and Sister Jeanette Bayer are observed with celebrations at Holy Angels Convent and in their hometown.

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Baptism

Klement

Taylor Catherine Klement, daughter of Mark and Carol Klement, was baptized June 6, 1993, in Sacred Heart Church, with Father Victor Gillespie, OSB officiating.

Diane Zimmerer, an aunt, served as godmother. Doyle Klement, an uncle, served as godfather.

Taylor wore the baptismal gown worn by her mother and handmade booties given to her by her great-great-aunt, Sr. Ann Theodore Wiesmann. She also wore a gold baby medal, a gift from Ginny Schneider, which belonged to her mother, the late Catherine Walterscheid.

Following the ceremony, lunch

was hosted by Mark and Carol Klement in their home. Those in attendance were Taylor's special guests, her grandparents, Frank and Angela Haverkamp of Lindsay and Walt and Eleonore Klement of Muenster. Other guests included Billy, Sharon and Amber Wolf; Wayne, Tudor, Chris, Misty, Jeff and Kami Klement; Claude, Deb, Aaron and Ashley Klement; Doyle, Carla, Stevie and Jackie Klement; Donna Haverkamp; Janelle Haverkamp; Tommy, Maymie, Emily and Ryan Haverkamp; Sammy, Diane and Erin Zimmerer; Greg, Amy and Haley Haverkamp.

After lunch, Taylor's christening cake was served and gifts were opened.

July 18 marks 80th birthday celebration

The home of Raymond and Magdalene Zimmerer was the scene for an observance of his eightieth birthday and birthday dinner, planned and prepared by his children and grandchildren on Sunday, July 18.

Attending the dinner at his home were Pat Zimmerer; Val Tabor; Ray J. Zimmerer Jr. and three foster children; Lawrence and Marie Zimmerer; Margaret Koerner; Mrs. Julius (Marie) Sandmann; Mrs. Lena Zimmerer; Henry and Jeanette Popp; Mrs. Norbert (Marie)

Zimmerer; Alma M. Moster; Richard and Delores Zimmerer; Cliff Zimmerer and Charmaine Larrimore and Cliff's daughter, Michelle, and a friend from Wales, Great Britain.

Also Tim and Elizabeth Zimmerer and Blake and Kristen; Tech. Sgt. US Air Force David and Belinda Zimmerer and Hollie and Amber; Anthony and Desira Zimmerer and Adam, Ashley and Nicholas; Doug and Lisa Zimmerer; Matt and Kelly Zimmerer; and Scott and Angie Zimmerer.

Lindsay Volunteer Fire Dept. ...

Rummage sale Aug. 7

Members of the Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a Rummage Sale on Saturday, Aug. 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Gun Club Hall on Main Street, across from the Lindsay Grocery in

Lindsay. Proceeds will benefit a fund for equipment, and to anticipate the need for a new fire truck. For more information, call 665-6328.

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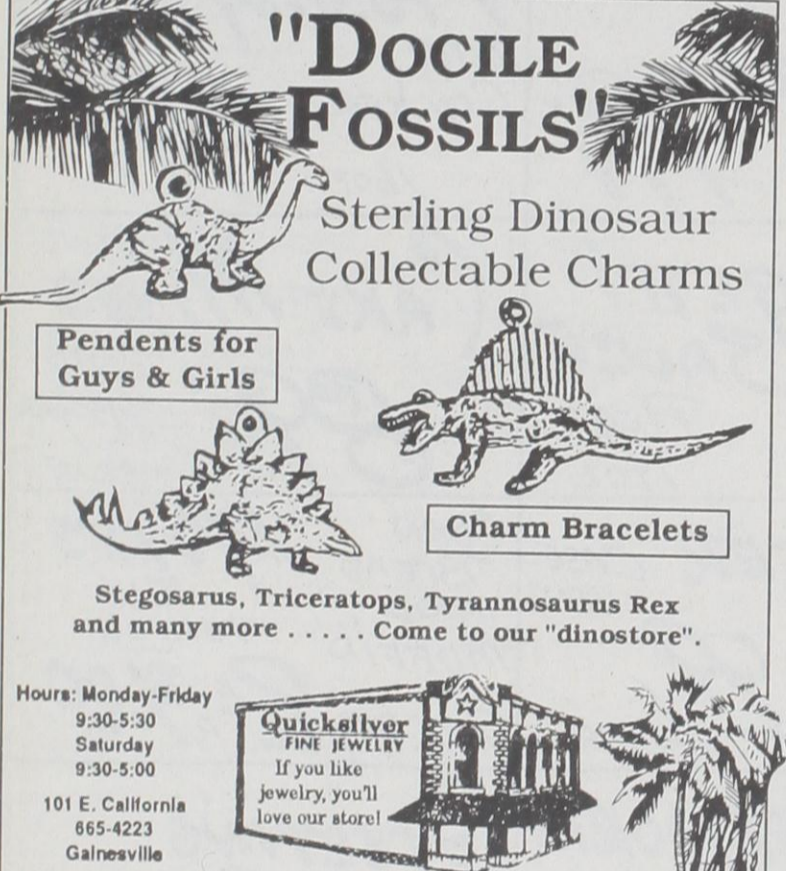
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Country Tidings
by Ruth Smith



The Singing at the Forestburg Baptist Church Sunday evening was well attended and there was a lot of good singing.

The next Singing will be at the Forestburg United Methodist Church Oct. 31, 1993.

Stanley Lovette was host in his home for a fish fry Sunday. The fish were all home-grown and they had all they could eat. Those attending were his children Barbara and Dennis Pellet of Lake Dallas; Jeff and Corey Pellet of Denton; Debbie Hill, Amy and Ashley; and Jason Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur DeBorde and Mrs. Wilma Thurman have recently returned from a visit with Mrs. Hallie Berry and her daughter and son-in-law, Nell and Bill Johnson, and other relatives Kay DeBorde and Deanna, Rayland and Lona Thompson of Amarillo. They report a very enjoyable visit, cooler temperatures and 4 inches of rain.

Wanda and Wilbur visited Odessa and Jack Berry Thursday afternoon.

Clifford and Merle Hudspeth attended the Ranger ballgame Friday evening in Arlington.

Maxine and Archie Peers of Krum visited Merle and Clifford Hudspeth Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Josephine Berry, accompanied by Mrs. Martha Joe

Dale of Carrollton and Mrs. Veda Magee of Bowie, left Wednesday for Lubbock where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conkright, then they drove on to Silver City, New Mexico where they attended the McCracken and Loring reunion, with approximately 56 people attending from seven states. Myrtle Flaye Thompson of Dilly, Texas, a relative, also attended the reunion. Mrs. Berry reports they saw a lot of pretty country and copper and silver mines. The ladies returned home Monday.

Joe Frank Berry is in the Denton Regional Hospital for treatment at this writing.

Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde visited Gene and Cindy Ferguson Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian, after attending church Sunday, drove to Springtown and spent the day with the Jimmy Christian family.

Marvin Maberry made a business trip to Sherman Monday.

Mrs. Louise Shults and Mrs. Joyce Hanson attended the Totty-Prather-Wall reunion Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Holiday Inn in Elk City, Oklahoma, with about 100 relatives attending. Louise and Joyce returned home Sunday evening.

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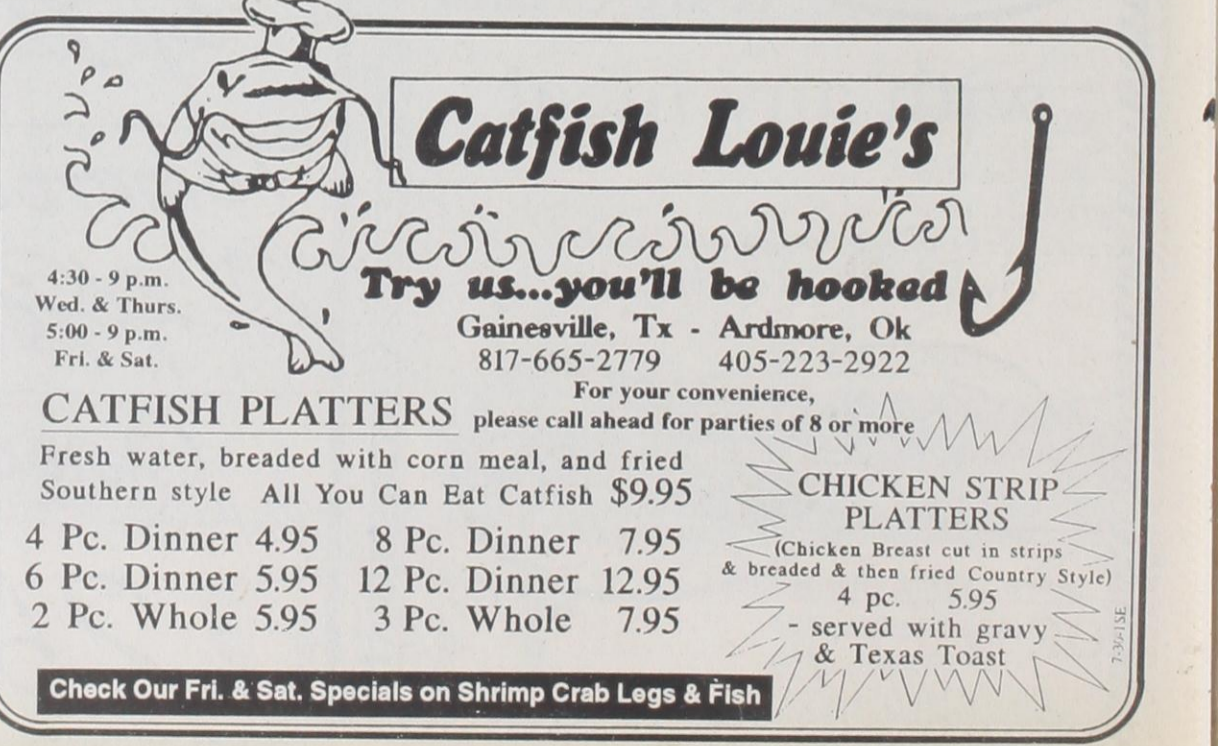
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Sports

Camp Sweeney sponsors Bike Rally August 14

On Saturday, Aug. 14, the Southwestern Diabetic Foundation, Inc. is sponsoring Sunburn Saturday, a bike rally benefiting Camp Sweeney, a summer camp for children with diabetes located in Gainesville, Texas.

The rally begins at 9 a.m., rain or shine, with registration from 7 to 8:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$10.00 prior to Aug. 6 and \$12 on the day of the rally. Rest stops with fruit and water will be placed every five

miles on the course. Free beer and watermelon will be provided after the rally. Camp Sweeney is located one mile north of U.S. Hwy. 82 on FM 678 (nine miles east of IH-35).

Rally distances are 10 miles, 25 miles and 50 kilometers over a very scenic course. All entrants will receive a Sunburn Saturday/Camp Sweeney T-shirt.

For more information, call 817-665-9502.

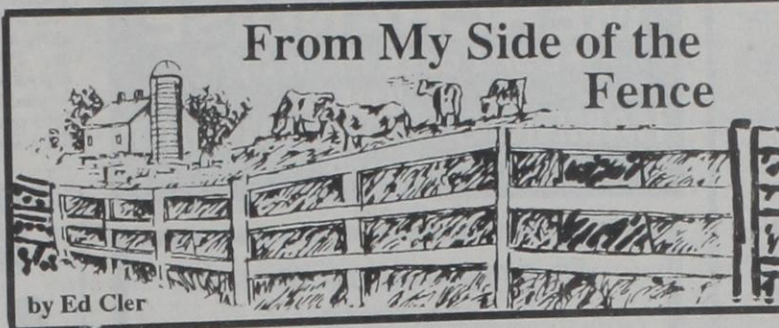


CHRISTI McADEN gets a 1st base hit for the Reds.



ORANGE TEAM member Cassie Sicking takes off to 3rd base.

Janie Hartman Photo



From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

The fact that dinosaurs once roamed over a great part of the USA is evident in a number of places, from Glen Rose, Texas, to Colorado, Wyoming and Utah and, likely, in other states, but the ones mentioned are popular tourist attractions and draw many thousands of visitors each year.

National Dinosaur Monument is one of the sites we had decided to visit at some time so, in June 1992, driving west on US 40, we came to Dinosaur, Colorado, where we took a small paved road leading to the park, expecting to soon find some diggings and old bones. Well, the park extends from well in Colorado over into Utah and, after driving for miles through some beautiful scenery, the road went through one of the largest prairie dog towns we had ever seen. The little animals were everywhere beside the road and, at any moment, one or more would dart across the road, usually in front of the car. They would dash wildly over the road and then suddenly stop, so that it was impossible to avoid running some of them over. Aileen was driving at the time and, after hearing the thump of the third one hitting the tires, I

thought she was going to cry. I assured her it was no fault of hers, just something that couldn't be helped.

After leaving the prairie dog town, we ran into something we had never seen or heard of - a cricket migration. Suddenly, the whole road was crawling with crickets, and we could hear them crackling under the tires. The dead ones attracted more and more of them. For some reason, Aileen didn't seem at all sad about the many dead bugs left behind.

After talking to some people at a rest stop, we found that while we were in Dinosaur National Monument, we would have to go back to US 40 and on to Jensen, Utah and then to the Visitors Center in the Utah end of the park. Here, we boarded a bus that took us to the exhibits, a sight I am glad we were privileged to see. The main attractions are housed in a huge glassed-in building that is attached directly to the side of a cliff that nature has tilted at a steep angle, and contains dinosaur bones, from a single bone to entire skeletons. The bones, still partially embedded in sandstone, are uncovered just enough so that they are plainly visible to those who come to see.

There are quite a number of entire skeletons of different dinosaurs set up in natural stances, for visitors' viewing pleasure.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the park, and must say it is well worth seeing and most interesting.

MGA holds tournament

The Muenster Golf Association will hold its monthly tournament on Sunday, Aug. 1, at Nocona Municipal Golf Course. Tee-off time is 8:30 a.m.

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Bobwhite quail in North Texas are in the nesting stage. Numerous pairs and whistling males can be seen almost everywhere. In some areas, so many males are whistling at daybreak, which is one indication that it will be another good year.

Summer range and weather conditions will determine the annual production. Abundant quail hatches are probable with adequate brood stock, good range conditions and adequate moisture during the critical nesting period. Survival of young quail into the fall is dependent on availability of food and favorable climatic conditions.

The Artificial Reef Program received an addition in late May when Smit Americas Inc. donated two rig structures in shallow water close to Port Mansfield.

The rigs were placed at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Liberty Ship artificial reef site 15 miles southeast of Port Mansfield (latitude 26° 25' 29.6," longitude 97° 01' 20.7") in 100 feet of water. Hal Osburn, TPWD's coastal fisheries policy director, said to meet U.S. Coast Guard water depth clearance requirements, the rig structures had to be cut, creating four structures that were placed at the site.

Bennie C. Cotten of Texarkana caught a bluegill weighing 1.02

pounds May 22 at Lake Fork. The fish measured 10 5/8 inches long.

Three weeks later, on June 12, James R. Sides of Canton caught a 1.81 pound bluegill from Purvis Creek State Park Lake. The new record measured 11.5 inches.

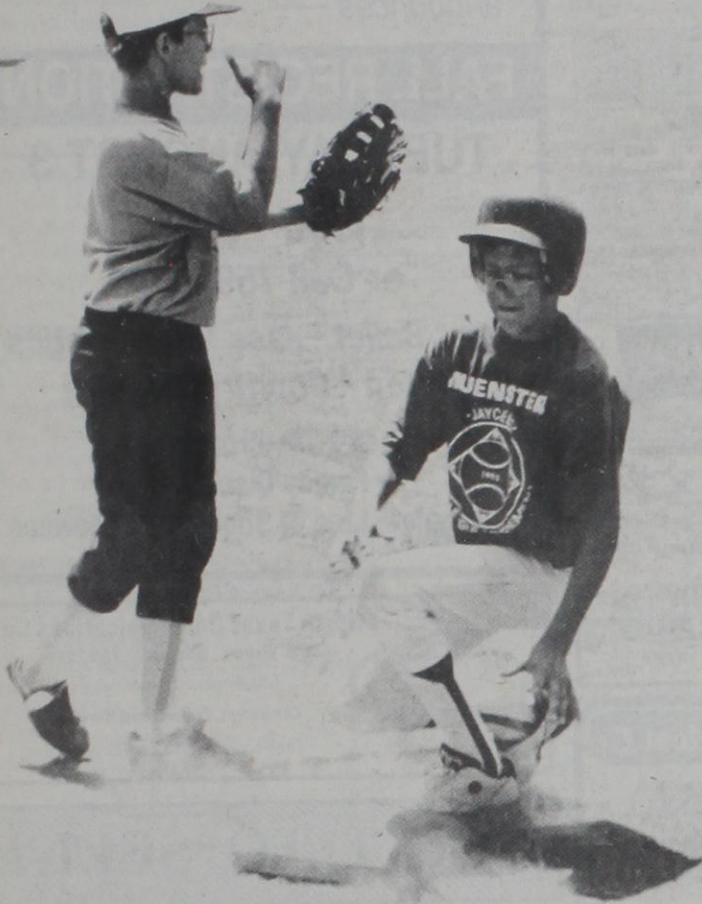
The largest bluegill caught in Texas on record is a 3.25 pounder caught April 25, 1966, by Winfred Hoke of North Zulch. Hoke's 14 inch-long fish was caught in a private lake in Madison County.

SH Alumni sponsor 2-person scramble Aug. 8

The Sacred Heart Alumni will sponsor a golf tournament at Turtle Hill Golf Course on Sunday, Aug. 8, 1993. The 2-person scramble, a he/he or she/she event only, will have a.m. and p.m. tee times, shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The \$80.00 per team fee includes green fees, cart, prizes, mulligans, beverages and dinner.

Deadline for registration is Aug. 2, 1993. Call Neil Hesse 759-4821 or Joe Hoedebeck 759-4947.



ERIK WALTERSCHEID safely gets to second base in recent Little League action. Janie Hartman Photo

Pro Fishin' Tips

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7-30-1-EL

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GERTRUDE SIMS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gertrude Sims were issued on July 1, 1993, in Cause No. 13,743, pending in the Probate Court of Cooke County, Texas, to Flora Mae Knabe, who resides in Cooke County, Texas, and whose mailing address is: Flora Mae Knabe, P.O. Box 12, Muenster, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 1st day of July, 1993.

Respectfully submitted
/s/ Flora Mae Knabe
7-30-1-EL

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Joe Milam Jones, Winifred Jones Smith, Billy John Jones, Scott Jones and Willie Robert Jones, and if any of the defendants are deceased, then named defendants herein are the respective deceased defendants' unknown heirs and unborn heirs as well as the personal representative of any deceased defendant and the personal representative of said deceased defendant's unknown and unborn heirs, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the District Court of Cooke County at the Courthouse thereof, in Gainesville, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 16th day of August, A.D. 1993, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of July, A.D. 1993, in this cause, numbered 93-341 on the docket of said court and styled Richard S. Stark, Plaintiff, vs. Joe Milam Jones, et al, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: the partition of: EXHIBIT "A":

All that certain tract or parcel of land consisting of 53-1/3 acres of land out of the Crawford Yarborough Survey, in Cooke County, Texas, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of Division No. 5 of said survey;

THENCE South 448 varas to the Southwest corner of said Crawford Yarborough Survey;

THENCE East 672 varas to the Southwest corner of Division No. 3;

THENCE North 448 varas to the Northwest corner of Division No. 3;

THENCE West 672 varas to the place of beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT: The following tract of land and easements taken in two tracts of land described in Schedule "B" in Judgment on Declaration of Taking in Cause No. 5-85-179-CA-MF-1521-66 styled United States of America, Plaintiff vs. 16.31 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Cooke County, State of Texas, and Stark & Associates, Attorneys, Inc., ET AL and Unknown Owners on the docket of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (Sherman Division) as the same is filed of record in Vol. 725, pages 296-304, Deed Records of Cooke County, Texas, and more specifically described in said Vol. 725:

Tract No. 1527 containing 7.55 acres in fee on page 299
Tract No. 1527E-1 containing 5.29 acre easement on page 300
Tract No. 1527E-2 containing 3.47 acre easement on page 301
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Bobbie Calhoun, Clerk of the District Court of Cooke County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Gainesville, Texas, this 1st day of July, A.D., 1993.

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Heat stress related crop problems reviewed

by Craig Rosenbaum
County Agent

During the past several weeks, crops have experienced a lot of heat stress. This has come from both the hot, dry winds of several weeks ago and now the extremely high day time temperatures. This stress coupled with the lack of moisture is going to cause some problems in county crops growing now.

Soybeans

County producers have planted basically two types of soybeans -- those being the early group 4's and the later planted group of 6 and 7 maturity beans. The early group 4 beans that were planted the first part of April stand a good chance of making some crop. Those early beans that were planted later along the latter part of April or first part of May are going to need some help from the weather in order to make. This heat can cause beans to degrade rapidly. Each node on a bean plant has a potential of five to seven blooms. If conditions get too hot and dry, plants will slough some of these blooms. Producers should evaluate this bloom to see if it is setting pods or has sloughed the bloom and pod. Those early planted beans that are in the one half to three fourths full pod stage can probably go ahead and make beans. Soybeans under extreme drought conditions will begin to shed their leaves from the bottom of the plant up. Should we get a rain in the near future, these early maturity beans can recover and make some crop. Yield potential, however, would be moderate to low. With these factors in consideration, producers need to decide whether they want to leave their beans for a bean crop or cut them for hay.

The latter group 6 and 7 determinate growth type beans stand a little better chance during the drought. Those that are growing well will take the drought stress fairly well until it rains; then grow and set blooms. In either instance, a rain now or in the near future would be welcomed.

Grain Sorghum

Dry conditions also are causing a problem in grain sorghum. This is caused by a fungus called Charcoal Rot. Charcoal Rot Fungus actively invades plants when they are under drought stress during grain formation. The drought stress does not cause the fungus but it permits the fungus to invade the plant's

tissue. Once Charcoal Rot has established itself in a grain sorghum field, the plants become weak and fall or lodge easily. The fungus also causes grain to not fill properly. The drought stress on the grain sorghum will also cause the grain to be of a smaller size. Producers should monitor their fields fairly close and look for Charcoal Rot problems and harvest those field areas as soon as possible.

Corn

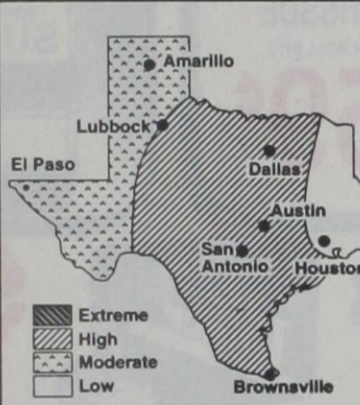
Corn yields in the county have been excellent the past several years and the potential looks good for high yields this year. Producers need to monitor their moisture to harvest corn at the right stage to help prevent Alfatoxin problems. Also, small cracked grain needs to be blown over in the combining process. A little time spent in combine adjustment can help reduce some of the Alfatoxin potential.

Hay Crops

Don't forget that in any stress situation, the sorghum or sudan type hays have potential for various toxicity problems. These include both nitrate accumulations and prussic acid.

It is a very stressful period to both crops and producers. Now is the time that we need to make decisions as to what to do with some of the county crops. Additional information concerning any of the topics discussed is available at the County Extension Office.

Wildfire Danger Report



The fire danger in Central Texas is increasing due to high winds and no moisture.

Source: Texas Forest Service and Texas Agricultural Extension Service 07-21-93

Grain bin safety ... vital for farmers

Grain farmers need to take steps to ensure they do not star in "Indiana Jones and the Grain Bin of Doom," a story of life-threatening hazards that often has very real consequences.

Suffocation and mold spore inhalation are all-too-real risks faced by farmers working in grain bins. Producers, therefore, should take steps to ensure proper safety procedures are followed at all times, according to Ron Noyes, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service agricultural engineer.

"The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health reported at least nine farmers have suffocated this year after being buried alive in stored grain," Noyes said. "The risk of being suffocated this year actually may be higher than usual."

Last year's wet summer means that grain was stored wet, possibly for longer-than-normal periods. Moisture can cause grain to cake or crust at the surface. This often is

called "bridging." "Bridged grain is extremely hazardous because it prevents grain flow and hides underlying pockets in the grain. Farmers walking on the bridged surface or attempting to break up the material may fall through, becoming engulfed in grain," said Noyes.

Farm workers also may be buried when grain is emptied from the bottom of the bin. Much like quicksand, flowing grain can pull a worker completely under in a few seconds. The force created by the unloading grain is so great that once a person is waist deep in grain, he is unable to escape, even with the aid of a safety rope. Typical unloading rates can bury a person in less than 30 seconds.

Another serious hazard may occur if grain cakes along the bin walls. When workers try to break the caked material from below the grain level, large sections of grain may break off, burying the workers.

In addition, producers must maintain a watchful eye for spoiled grain. Suffocation risk increases as grain spoils, Noyes said. Spoiled grain gives off carbon dioxide, which may displace oxygen in the bin. Even if a worker is not buried completely, he may suffocate because of lack of oxygen above the grain surface.

"Moldy grain, especially in high moisture milo or sorghum, corn and wheat may develop molds such as A. flavus. This can produce aflatoxin, a highly toxic substance whose spores are extremely hazardous to grain bin workers," said Noyes.

Exposure to aflatoxin left one state farmer acutely ill, while his co-worker lapsed into a coma, after cleaning out a southern Oklahoma grain bin in March.

To avoid potential mishaps, Noyes said surface crusts should be broken up from outside the bin. Surface crusts may be broken through the roof door with a weighted line or a pole made from wood, plastic or other material that does not conduct electricity.

"Conductive poles should not be used because they may contact power lines near the bin," Noyes said. "In addition, workers should wear safety harnesses and have a safety rope tied to the roof ladder when using long poles to break surface crusts."

Farmers must take steps to ensure safety lines will keep workers above the stored materials in case of a fall.

If a worker must enter a bin, he should stay above the material at all times. Under no circumstances should a worker stand on top of stored material, nor should anyone ever enter a storage area from the bottom when material is caked to the sides or is bridged overhead.

In addition, the bin should be ventilated thoroughly with unheated air prior to entering.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

Dr. Mike Merchant, Extension Urban Entomologist has just finished reviewing the 1993 June beetle trap catch data recorded by TAMU Entomologist Dr. Robert Crocker and wanted to update you on recommended treatment times for this summer. There were two major flights this year at the Dallas Center, the first on June 14-15, and the second on June 28-29. Little adult activity has been seen since this time due to lack of rainfall in July.

White grub treatments this year should ideally be made between July 24 and August 15. Applications made during this time will be most effective because grubs should be in the more vulnerable 1st- and 2nd-instar life stages. Although treatments can be made after this time, grubs will be more difficult to kill (because of their larger size) and visible feeding damage is more likely to occur. Should a substantial rainfall (1/2 inch plus) occur within the next few weeks it's possible that another large flight period could occur; but based on current long-term weather forecasts, this does not seem likely.

Given the extremely hot, dry conditions of the past few weeks, grub survivorship and development is expected to be minimal in unirrigated turfgrass sites. Where artificial watering occurs, however, grub development should be ideal for chemical treatments now.

Not all lawns need treatment for white grubs every year. At least some white grubs will be found in most yards every year in North Texas, however, relatively few yards contain the four to five grubs per square foot needed to cause noticeable damage. Even in years when white grub damage is relatively common, probably less than one in five lawns need protection from white grub attack. The best way to determine whether an insecticide application is necessary is to dig up several sites in the lawn and estimate the number of grubs per square foot.

A single UV-light trap at the Dallas Center captured 1,200 to 1,300 adult June beetles in the nights of peak emergence in mid and late-June. According to Dr. Crocker, these are typical trap catches for our locale.

Ag Briefs

The Texas Department of Agriculture has proposed an amendment to the fire ant code concerning quarantines of newly infested areas, according to the June 11, 1993 Texas Register. The amendment adds parts of Montague County to the list of quarantined areas. Comments on the proposal may be submitted to Darrell Williams, Plant Quality Programs, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

The North American Free Trade Agreement is expected to be approved by the end of the year and put into effect by Jan. 1, said Jaime Serra Puche, Mexico's Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Development, during a meeting with U.S. business executives. The United States will consider the pact after the Clinton Administration completes separate agreements with Canada and Mexico on labor and environmental issues.

Rio Grande Valley onion shippers have just closed out one of their best seasons ever, thanks in part to a poor season last year. South Texas produced 14,252 acres of onions this year compared to 15,266 acres last year. Despite a drop in acreage, more onions were produced this year than last, a result of more favorable weather conditions.

Almost four million 50-pound sacks of onions were shipped out of the Rio Grande Valley this year, with an estimated value of \$48 million. Last year's shipments totaled 3.7 million sacks.

State meat processors are wondering what the bottom line will be when the U.S. Department of Agriculture makes regulatory decisions based on its recent nationwide review of slaughter houses and desire to toughen meat inspection standards.

USDA currently is holding regional hearings on meat inspection around the nation. Any concerns or ideas a processor has about the proposed meat inspection system need to be presented during this comment period.

Processors still can make their concerns known by sending written comments to the Food Safety and Inspection Service, c/o Linda Carey, hearing clerk, room 3171-S, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

It is estimated that for each \$1 invested in the Beef Check Off program since it began in 1968, producers are receiving \$5.80.

Texas Agriculture Facts

Texas dairy farmers produced 5.59 billion pounds of milk during 1992, up 3 percent from the previous year. Texas accounted for almost 3.7 percent of the total national production.

Total value of the state's milk production increased 11 percent from 1991 to \$765.83 million.

Texas producers sold 5.55 billion pounds of whole milk to plants and dealers, 3 percent more than they did a year earlier. Producers fed 36

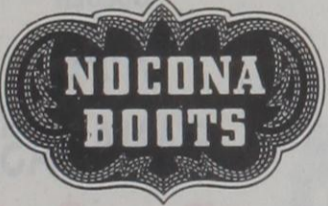
million pounds to calves during 1992, up 3 million pounds from 1991, while on-farm use accounted for 5 million pounds.

Texas production of ice cream totaled 56.03 million gallons during 1992, up 6 percent from the previous year. Total production of ice milk also increased 6 percent to 20.60 million gallons. Production of milk sherbet decreased 11 percent to 2.27 million gallons.

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