

Muenster Jaycees present proposed plan for ball park

by Daryl Ferber

The dry conditions in July caused a heavy use of water here city council was told by Steve Broyles, at the Monday meeting. The month's total was 7 million gallons, the largest on record, even when AMPI was in operation. If water rationing becomes necessary, he decision will be made by the Mayor, Water Commissioner and City Administrator, as was authorized by the council. The clean up report showed few problems beyond a couple of yards and some tree problems. Mayor Weinzapfel

asked council to support the Alfords in their efforts in starting the "Muenster Proud" organization, encouraging residents to take pride in their community. He explained Carl and Mary Lee Alford used their own funds in mail-outs and printing of folders. The next meeting is August 13.

Tim Schneider, of the Jaycees, appeared with drawings of the proposed plan for the ball park. It was approved, in general, with some suggested changes.

Stephen Gilland, P.C. was, again, hired for the fiscal year

1997-98 audit.

The designing of the water line replacements on Main Street and U.S. Highway 82 associated with the construction of the 200,000 gallon elevated water tank is a complicated job, explained Steve Broyles. Not having the expertise or time, the city crew is not really qualified for the job, he said. The council agreed to hire Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for \$28,500.

Steve Broyles was authorized to attend the Texas Municipal League Committee meeting October 28 in San Antonio to

present three resolutions from Muenster.

Chris Yosten and city crew were complimented on the job they performed on the city pool repairs. They had to actually crawl down into a large hole to get at the problem, something several of the council members said they wouldn't have wanted to do.

A special meeting on General Fund Budget will be August 24 at 5:30.

September city council meeting was moved to September 14.

Approval was given for the monthly bills of \$53,906.56.

Luncheon hosted for Gregg Underwood

Cooke County's Democratic Club hosted a luncheon reception for Gregg Underwood, Senatorial candidate for Texas District 30 now held by Tom Haywood. The event was held at Stoolie's Restaurant in Gainesville. After lunch, Underwood commented concerning Haywood's recent such publicized budget education amendment.

During the last legislative session, when the Senate considered Governor Bush's revenue bill, Senator Haywood (R-Wichita Falls) authored an amendment to cut every state agency's budget by 5%.

During the ensuing floor debate, Republican Senator Bill Ratliff, a conservative who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, pointed out that Haywood's Amendment would have cut \$2.25 billion from public education and \$470 million from higher education - which includes funding for University of North Texas and Texas Women's University. JNT would have been cut by \$10 million and TWU would have been cut by \$5 million. Additionally, Ratliff indicated that Haywood's legislation would have undermined the finances of the state's employee and teacher's retirement systems. The Teacher's Retirement System would have been cut by \$150 million, Retired Teacher's Health Plan by \$7 million and State Employee's Retirement System would have been cut by \$25 million. The results were potentially catastrophic.

Haywood's amendment was eventually defeated on a 26-5 vote meaning a majority of Republicans as well as Democrats opposed it.

Tom's amendment represents an abdication of his responsibility as a democratically elected officeholder. Haywood tried to turn the state budgeting authority over to a bunch of bureaucrats. What's worse is our school property taxes would have to increase to make up the short fall in state



Democrat Party politicians joined to welcome Texas Senatorial District candidate Gregg Underwood last Wednesday at Stoolie's. The candidates are, from left, back row - Virgil Hess, Commissioner Pct. 4; Judy Hunter, County Treasurer; Kathy McGowan Ullmann, District Clerk; Underwood; Royce Martin, Commissioner, Pct. 2; front - Jodie Vance, Justice of Peace Pct. 4; and Evelyn Walterscheid, County Clerk. Dave Fette Photo

funding of our public schools," Underwood said.

"Tom should know that our children's future depends on a first rate education, but he wanted to arbitrarily take \$2.25 billion away from our kids.

"We shouldn't have to spend any more money in Texas on concrete and bars. We need to allocate our resources on schools to prevent people from going to prison.

"The number of dropouts could be reduced by forming stronger ties between schools and families and by starting school at a younger age. Underwood said he knows of only one state - Georgia - where all 4 year-olds can attend pre-school.

Underwood added, "I am a conservative fiscal manager, and I am strong for government efficiency. I support budget cutting effort

like the Texas Performance Review that make specific recommendations on where to cut, where to spend and how to improve. We make those same sort of specific decisions when we deal with our household or business budgets. We don't make across the board cuts - particularly not when they adversely affect our kids or our safety - and we don't pass our most important decisions onto others."

NCTC fall registration Aug. 24

Though it seems this long hot summer will never end, the Fall semester at NCTC is here and registration is set to get underway August 24.

Registration dates will be determined by campus, and with the exception of the Bowie extension, a time permit is required to register. To obtain a time permit call the NCTC - Gainesville registrar at (940) 668-4222.

Registration dates for the

Gainesville Campus is Tuesday, August 25, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Student Center in ASC (100) building.

The NCTC counseling center reminds students that Texas law now requires all students enrolling in TASP required programs to take the TASP prior to registering for any classes. To accommodate students NCTC is offering the Quick TASP. This is the same test, but students will be

allowed to register and take the test immediately on a walk-in basis during registration, or by scheduling a time with the counseling center prior to registration.

The test fee of \$29 is the same for the TASP and Quick TASP. Bring a check, money order, Visa or Mastercard, and a prepared mind.

For information on TASP or to schedule a test time call (940) 668-4216.

Time to Vote!

by Steve Broyles

Everyone in town has an opinion on the Muenster Lake project. Now's the time to make that opinion count! Evaluate the information you've heard, read, or experienced. Decide what is best for the future of your children, grandchildren, and the City of Muenster. Then, come on out and vote!

The Muenster Water District bond and maintenance tax election is this Saturday, August 8, 1998, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the front hallway of Muenster High School at 135 East Seventh Street, Muenster, Texas. Residents of the Muenster Water District (City of Muenster city limits) who are registered in District 17 or 18 with a valid Cooke County voting certificate dated before July 9, 1998, may vote. If you can't vote earlier in the day, then stop by the Muenster High School to vote on your way to the Fireman's Bar-B-Que and Auction.

Lindsay ISD hires new principal and staff

The Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent Travis Winn have announced the hiring of a new principal for Lindsay Schools and the addition of several new employees in various areas.

Gary Hamilton, of Sanderson in the Trans-Pecos area of Texas, has agreed to come to Lindsay as the K-12 principal. Hamilton is expected in the district in early August.

Hamilton has been with Terrell County Schools at Sanderson for the past four years, serving as the 6-12 principal. While at Terrell County, Hamilton has contributed to a curriculum alignment project, has seen the district's TAAS scores go from Acceptable to Recognized to Exemplary, and has implemented a Project Graduation program.

The new principal began his teaching career with Springlake-Earth School District in the Texas Panhandle as a Spanish and English teacher. After three years of teaching, Hamilton accepted a teaching position with Crane Schools in West Texas. While teaching at Crane, Hamilton completed his graduate studies at The University of Texas Permian Basin at Odessa.

In 1985 Hamilton was appointed to a vice-principal's position at Crane and was responsible for student discipline, teacher appraisal, student attendance, and UIL events. He also kept the school calendar of events, sponsored all proms, pageants, and graduations, and emceed various programs in the community.

In 1994, Hamilton and his wife, Beth, moved to Sanderson for him to accept the principalship at Sanderson High School. While at Sanderson High School, Hamilton has seen his students advance in UIL competition and he directed the district's one act play. Mr. Hamilton also taught two sections of journalism. Mrs. Hamilton will teach in the Callisburg School

District. They have one daughter, Lauren, who will be a fourth grader at Lindsay Elementary.

Hamilton graduated from Prentiss High School in Southeast Texas and received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&I University Kingsville.

He has been very active in the communities he has lived in. His civic activities include being a director in the local chamber of commerce, serving as a director in the local youth fair, working with the local unit of the American Cancer Society, directing the Miss Crane Beauty Contest, participating and directing local theatre productions, and participating in other community activities. The Hamiltons attend the Methodist Church.

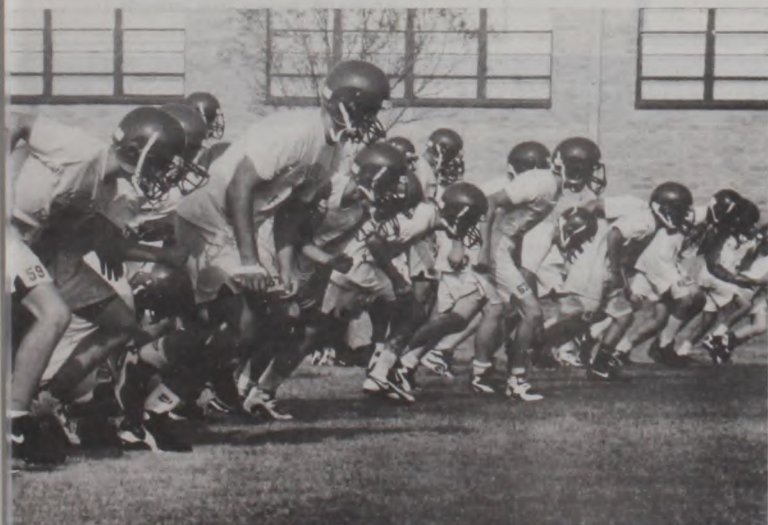
Superintendent Winn and the Lindsay trustees expressed their confidence in Hamilton. Winn said, "Gary is eminently qualified for the job. He has the education and experience to direct Lindsay Schools." Winn added, "I feel Gary has a vision of excellence and knows what it will take for Lindsay School District to continue its history of achievement and quality."

Also new to the district are: Coach John Erwin, coming to Lindsay from Thrall; Coach John Nasche from Muenster; Coach Alan Gustine from Ardmore, Oklahoma; Coach Donald Neu from Whitesboro; computer teacher Frank Hacker from Valley View; math teacher Sheila Jones from Muenster; math teach E.J. Schad from Valley View; transportation supervisor Bob Fuhrmann from Lindsay; third grade teacher Barbara Tombaugh of McKinney; and aide Dora Erwin, wife of Coach John Erwin.

Winn, commenting on the new staff members said, "We have had a number of employee turnovers this summer, but I feel we have hired quality people who will do a good job for the district."

Lindsay classes resume August 13.

Don't Forget
Muenster Vol. Fire Dept. Barbecue - Saturday,
Aug. 8, meal begins 6 p.m., City Park



Forty-five Muenster High School boys reported in Wednesday morning for the first day of two-a-day football practices. The Hornets begin regular season play against three 2A schools, then the power teams from District 10A, before going into conference action against Collinsville, Valley View, Saint Jo, Savoy and Era. Janie Hartman Photo



Sacred Heart Coach Tommy Frazier puts the Tigers through a fast-moving drill Monday morning. The team has been having long one-a-day practices in an attempt to rebuild before going into TAPPS district action with Dallas Lakehill, Balch Springs Christian Academy and Rockwall Christian in October. Twenty-nine boys reported to the field. The Tiger coaching staff also includes Dale Schilling and Fabian Ybarra. Janie Hartman Photo

Funds for rural firefighting equipment provided by Governor Bush's office

Governor George W. Bush is helping rural firefighters in their battle to protect drought-stricken Texas. The Governor's Office is providing \$200,000 to the Texas Forest Service to fund matching grants for the purchase of up to 400 dry hydrants. Dry hydrants offer firefighters quick access to fresh water, avoiding long trips to traditional fire hydrants in the nearest town. Dry hydrants are invaluable to the approximately 40,000 volunteers who serve as the primary fire fighting force for rural Texas.

"I am very concerned about the threat of fire in Texas this summer," said Governor Bush. "These hydrants are one more way Texans can be prepared to control rural fires quickly. A dry hydrant can mean the difference between saving, or losing a rural home or farm."

Dry hydrants are non-pressurized pipes that are permanently installed at water sources such as lakes, ponds, water storage tanks and irrigation wells. By attaching pumper trucks to the hydrants,

firefighters can draft water from the sources quickly and easily.

Local officials in rural areas across the state can apply for \$500.00 grants, which require 50% match to purchase the hydrants. Dry hydrants cost approximately \$1,000 each. Since it began in 1992, the Texas Forest Service's dry hydrant program has helped pay for more than 1,500 hydrants in 112 counties.

In January 1997, Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Boner established an optional dry hydrant discount. Homeowners who live within 1,000 feet of dry hydrants can save up to ten percent on their basic premiums. The dry hydrants must meet certain standards in order for homeowners to qualify for the credit.

For more information or to place an order for dry hydrants, please contact Stacey Stark (940) 627-2721, at the Chisholm Trail Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. office.



Kirk and Donna Klement

Top honor awarded to Klement Ford

Klement Ford of Muenster has been awarded the 1997 North American Customer Excellence Award from Ford Motor Company. Kirk and Donna Klement went to Phoenix, Arizona to receive the award, which is presented to dealers achieving high honors in customer satisfaction.

"You earned this award by making customer satisfaction a top priority and by taking exceptional care of your customers," said Ross Roberts, Ford Motor Company vice president and general manager of Ford Division. "This award reflects what your customers think of your dealership."

Klement Ford of Muenster was one of only a few Ford dealers nationwide to win the award and the only Ford dealer in Cooke County to be honored. "We are extremely happy to receive this high honor from Ford and we are

especially pleased because it came from our customers," said dealership co-owner Kirk Klement. "For more than 50 years our Muenster Ford dealership has worked hard to provide quality sales and service for all of Cooke County."

Klement Ford of Muenster, formerly Endres Motor Company, was founded in 1946 by Urban Endres and the late Martin L. Klement. Martin Klement's sons, Karl J. Klement of Decatur and Kirk Klement of Muenster, purchased the dealership in January of 1997. It is the oldest family owned automobile dealership in Cooke County.

In addition to the Muenster dealership, Karl Klement owns a Ford-Mercury and a Chrysler-Dodge dealership in Decatur and a Ford dealership in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

North Texan earns auctioneer contest

In a fast-talking championship contest, Mike Jones of Dallas took top honors July 15 in the 1998 International Auctioneer Championship - Men's Division conducted by the National Auctioneers Association (NAA) during its national convention in Oklahoma City. It is the third consecutive year a Texan has won the International Auctioneer Championship competition.

The competition was a grueling event lasting more than 12 hours. After a preliminary bid-calling round of more than 100 auctioneers, judges selected 22 finalists who were interviewed on their knowledge of the auction profession and the NAA. Finalists participated in another round of high-quality bid-calling, and were judged on the basis of speed, clarity, and other skills by a panel of auctioneers from across the United States.

In 1978, Jones opened Mike Jones Auction Group, Inc., in Gainesville. The company, which conducts auctions in more than a dozen states and specializes in industrial, commercial equipment, real estate, business liquidations and government sales moved to Dallas in 1992.

"Auctions are the ultimate free enterprise experience," said Jones. "From a buyer's standpoint, you have the opportunity to decide what something is worth and feel comfortable with the price you paid. From the seller's standpoint, you call the shots by deciding when you want to sell and exchange your property for cash."

The popularity of auctions is growing in today's fast-paced society, said Jones. "With the ever-growing demand for quicker results, more and more



Mike Jones

people are turning to the auction method of marketing because it offers a quicker method of turning property into cash.

As a child, Jones was introduced to auctions by his grandfather, an avid auctioneer. Jones was hooked, and when he became an auctioneer in 1978, he started a family trend; his parents and sister attended auction school and became auctioneers in the 80's.

Jones also married into an auction family, and in 1992 he and his wife, Kristy, opened an auction school in Dallas, Texas - Auction Academy. Jones is director and an instructor at the school which graduate about 50 students a year.

Is your alternator bearing noisy or locked up?
Bob's Auto can replace it.

CCEC urges caution during current heat wave

Continuing hot weather has made living conditions a danger, especially to the very young and elderly. Because of this, Cooke County Electric Cooperative is urging consumers to use the necessary means to beat the heat. CCEC realizes that this may mean higher than normal usage, resulting in increased costs to their consumers. The Cooperative asks any consumer anticipating difficulty in paying a bill to contact them to make payment arrangements.

"We know most of our members will make a sincere effort to keep their accounts current. The Cooperative will continue to work with our residential customers experiencing difficulty with payment due to this extreme heat," stressed Phil Slater, General Manager. "We understand that the heat has created critical conditions. We certainly want our customer/members to use good judgment and remain safe."

Crime, violence topics slated for BPW meeting

Statistics regarding violent crime and domestic violence tell a sad story. One woman is raped every minute. One woman is battered every 15 seconds. A violent crime is committed every 19 seconds. There is a high cost to this violence.

Crime costs victims as estimated \$450 billion a year. In addition, domestic violence, besides harming families, also affects business. US companies lose \$3-5 billion a year due to domestic violence.

Join the Cooke County Business and Professional Women to learn how Cooke County Friends of the Family aids victims. Sherry Hess, interim volunteer coordinator of Friends of the Family, will speak at the bi-monthly Cooke County Business and Professional Women. Guests are welcome. The meeting will be at the Smokehouse in Lindsay on Thursday, August 13 at noon.

For more information, call Kathy Bauer at 759-2573.

Muenster pride

by Steve Broyles
City Administrator
Visitors to Muenster often comment upon how clean the city is. Our German heritage encourages us to take pride in our city, its accomplishments, and its appearance. However, recently, some of the yards, bar ditches, and vacant lots in the

city have been accumulating trash. If we all take 10-15 minutes once a week to pick up the papers or cans in front of our house, by the curb, across the street in a vacant lot, etc., we could have even more pride in the appearance of Muenster!!

FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW

Fair housing is a national policy of the United States. It's the law, and it's your right. It is the right of all citizens to live where they choose, when they choose, and for as long as they choose and can afford to do so. Yet, people who want to rent or buy a home may be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, families with children, or national origin.

You can do something about housing discrimination. The City of Muenster, Texas has passed a Resolution designating August 1998 as Fair Housing Month. Complaints may be filed locally with the Municipal Court or by reporting violations to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Toll-Free at 1-800-669-9777, or 1-800-927-9275 (TDD).

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, makes discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin illegal in connection with the sale or rental of most housing and any vacant land offered for residential construction or use.

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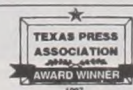
2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, August 9	Monday, August 10	Tuesday, August 11	Wednesday, August 12	Thursday, August 13	Friday, August 14	Saturday, August 15
SH Red 'N Motion Dance Team Hamburger Supper, 5:30 P.M., Comm. Ctr. Cafeteria Reception for Lindsay ISD admin., staff, faculty, 6 P.M., School Cafeteria Muenster QB Club - Meet the Coaches - 2 P.M., The Center	VFW Meeting, 8 P.M. Misd Teacher Prep Day	Muenster ISD - Classes Begin SH - Orientation & Open House for Kindergarten, 6:30 P.M. SH - Preschool Parents Orientation 7:00 P.M.	C of C Breakfast, 7:30 A.M., The Center Restaurant SH Alumni & Friends Meeting, 7:00 P.M., CC Cafeteria	MISD School Board Meeting 7:30 MISD '98-99 Budget Hearing, 8 P.M., Adm. Building SH 1st Gr. Open House, 6:7 P.M. SH - Freshman Parents' Open House, 7 P.M. Muenster Proud Meeting, 7 P.M., Cooke Co. Elec. Co-op Lindsay ISD begins classes	Public Hearing on MMH Tax Rate, noon, MMH	Forestburg Watermelon Festival - Homecoming - Parade 10:30 A.M., Lunch 11:30
SH Alumni 4-Man Scramble, Gainesville	VFW Auxiliary Meeting, 8 P.M. Sacred Heart School Begins Rel. Ed. Parent Orientation Meeting, 7 P.M., Comm. Ctr. SH Jr. High - 1st Day of Football Practice	Muenster Library Board Meeting, 7 P.M.	MMH Board Meeting, 8 P.M.	SH - Scrimmage at Chico, 6 P.M. MHS - Scrimmage vs. S&S	Kiwanis Swim Night, 7-9 P.M., Muenster Pool	
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

On page 25 of the Muenster Centennial History book it states: "By the end of October 1889, the Flusches hired a German carpenter...to come...and build three structures... Three Germans, a G. Koll and two Wiesman brothers, Theodore and Joseph, helped with the construction. These three men, who did stay on, have the best claim to being the first settlers of the new town." One of those men, Joseph B. Wiesman, was my great-grandfather. My roots in this town go deep. I love my hometown, and only want the best for it. I do not believe that building a lake will be good for our town.

According to page 20 of the Centennial book, in an article describing the soil types of our area it states: "Locally these soils, when wet, are referred to as 'gumbo,' but when this soil is dry, it is rock-hard." I couldn't have said it better myself. Growing up just across the fence from the proposed lake area, I feel I have a good picture of what a lake might look like. It's not a pretty picture.

As a child I swam in the area ponds and lakes. You sink in the black, sticky mud trying to reach water that is murky at best. Folks, this will not be the same as going for a dip in Lake Texoma! Leaches and cotton-mouth (water moccasin) snakes thrive in the mucky water.

The booklet put out by the Muenster Water District concerning the proposed lake is filled with misinformation and twisted facts. Persons who once served on the board now admit that the average depth will be much less than we have been led to believe. Remember, the depth at the dam is figured in, making the overall depth seem greater than it will be. Another person admitted that the whole scheme was a mistake, but once begun, especially with government funding involved, they just did not know how to get out of it. I think it is never too late to turn back! Yes, a lot

of money has been spent. But that does not justify throwing good money after bad--and lots more. It is not too late to pull out.

We were once a fairly rich community, with many dairies and oil wells. But dairymen have gone down in spades, and one or two oil wells can only support so many in growing families of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The fact is, many in our town are struggling, and cannot afford such a long-term debt. It might be different if the proposed lake would be a good lake, built on sand and having a river or even a good flowing creek running through it. But having hiked along this creek virtually every day of my childhood I can tell you that it rarely has running water, and much of the time has no water at all.

Our farrier, who lives in Nocona and has clients as far East as Sherman and as far South as Dallas once remarked on our black soil. He noted that you can go any direction (North, South, East or West) just a short way and find sand. It's just this small area, where Muenster sits, that has this black soil. He thought that was interesting. And it is. Our ancestors found this soil to be great farmland. But it does not make good ponds and lakes.

Three articles in the July 1998 TEXAS CO-OP POWER talk about water sources. One conclusion states: "If we allow our groundwater reserves to become depleted or contaminated, surface sources cannot make up the loss." I believe that. If we ever really did truly need to rely on this lake, it would never be enough. It could only replenish itself one way--with rainwater, and that would never be enough to supply our whole town on a permanent basis.

Additionally, the lake would not even be good for recreation. Did you see the picture in the Muenster paper a few weeks ago of an area pond drying up? That is what the shoreline or

any beach area would look like. Even if they hauled in a ton of gravel, which they would have to do, the water would still be muddy; not fit to swim in. And the claim that the lake would be stocked with rainbow trout was just too much. There's a very good reason you have to go to the cold river waters of the mountains to trout fish; that is their habitat! You won't find them thriving in any area pond or lake, I guarantee it. Just more misinformation that was found in the Water District's booklet.

The other day I was in City Hall to pay my water bill when I saw a new map, on the wall, of the proposed lake. The town was walnut sized and the lake was watermelon sized. According to that map, County road 426 and my dad's entire farm was smack dab in the center of the lake. I wonder why no one ever informed him! (Seriously, we are wondering if they will ever come after his land, too). It seems we have been told a lot of conflicting information, to make things sound a lot better than they will really be.

One last point: I don't know why the City thinks it can successfully operate a large recreation area when it can't even properly pave a street. Just ask anyone who lives along Oak Street, or come look at my tar-stained carpet. At any rate the cost to operate a recreation area would be so great, that we would have to pay a fee to use a lake that we already paid for with our tax dollars! If you have been to Paw Paw or Rock Creek Resort on Lake Texoma lately, you will know that they have begun charging a fee just to unload your boat, even though they are not State Parks.

Remember, your vote really does count. Don't be apathetic now and sorry later. It is not too late to show them how you feel. Vote "NO" this Saturday.

Janette Hess
521 North Oak Street
Muenster, Texas 76252

Dear Editor,

As time has passed one thing has remained unchanged over the last 20 years, Muenster needs to finish the proposed lake project. The size, depth, water evaporation, water run off, and tributaries to the lake have never changed.

The need for the lake has not changed. It is a proven fact that the water levels in all the Trinity water wells are dropping every year. Even before the wells run dry, contamination from salt water may occur.

The Muenster lake has been in the works since 1972. Every council member and every mayor since that time has worked to achieve and see this project done. It is odd that it was suggested that the number of men and women that served to better the City of Muenster are accused of a plot to hurt our community. It gives me confidence in this project to know that every council has endorsed this project through this length of time.

If the lake is not built, where

will Muenster turn for water? Additional water wells are not the answer. Any new additional water wells will have to be drilled to the Southeast of Muenster. The cost of easements, legal fees, and water lines will be higher in the long run than the lake and Muenster will still not have a reliable source of water.

The Muenster water bonds were purchased by New York Trust Company of Florida. The bonds were processed by the Texas Water Development Board. No one involved in the lake project has gained anything personally by the lake project. I have spent hundreds of hours working on this project as a council member, water commissioner, and mayor. I have traveled to Austin, met with surveyors, engineers, regional development boards and soil conservation board members. The lake is needed and is a viable project. There is a large enough watershed with enough depth in the lake to provide Muenster with good drinking water.

Just 30 miles West of Muenster, Nocona has a lake to provide their community with water. Gainesville is making plans to start pumping water from Moss Lake. Windthorst, Texas is using water pumped all the way from Lake Arrowhead. None of these communities wanted to switch from well water to lake water. The change was made due to necessity.

Through all the years of discussions not one viable alternative to the lake has been presented to provide Muenster with a reliable water source. The true facts are additional water wells will be costly and unreliable, a pipeline from any existing lake would be more expensive to build than the current lake project. Building the lake is the BEST answer to Muenster's water needs.

I urge you to vote FOR the Muenster Water District Bond Package.

Thank you,
Ronnie Felderhoff
903 N. Elm Street
Muenster, TX 76252

Sen. Haywood receives honors from educators

State Senator Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, was honored in his hometown, with the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas (VATAT) Distinguished Service Award. The award recognized Haywood for his outstanding leadership in the Texas Legislature and for services rendered in the advancement of Agricultural Science and Technology programs in Texas. The presentation was made by Executive Director Guy Finstad and President Scotty Windham at VATAT's Annual Agriculture Teacher's Professional Development Conference July 29 at the Holiday Inn Texoma Ballroom. Other recipients of the Legislative Awards included Aaron Alejandro of Wichita Falls, Larry Combest of Lubbock, Rep. David Counts of Knox City, Scott Hochberg of Houston, and Rep. Rob Junell of San Angelo.

Dear Editor,

With recent stories concerning a budget surplus of \$2.7 billion and the various talk of how that revenue might be spent, I want to make sure my constituents understand my view of this so-called "Pot of Gold."

In the last legislative session, I authored an amendment to the state budget for a 5 percent across-the-board cut in state spending. With a two-year budget in excess of \$80 billion, I felt it was reasonable for our state agencies to find a way to reduce their department budgets by this small amount without impacting services to the people of Texas. What I learned was a sad commentary on the mindset of those bureaucrats who feed at public trough. They view it as their money, not ours - the taxpayers of Texas.

Families and businesses in Texas reduce spending when necessary as a means of wisely managing their money. People do it everyday and we should expect no less from those

people who are stewards of the public funds. The sad commentary to this episode of good times is that the surplus has been spent several times over in the minds of policymakers. I can understand keeping up with the true cost of education or maintaining public infrastructure, as these investments lead to a strong economy. But, I cannot support throwing money at state agencies that are riddled with inefficiencies.

I will vote we return these funds to the taxpayers of Texas. I will be the first to concede our system of taxation is a nightmare and should be reformed, but the bigger problem is the spending. My message will be that government should learn to do more with less and I hope my constituents will join me in this effort to send the same message to those in Austin.

Sincerely,
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State Senator District 30
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Wichita Falls, Texas 76307-8552

1998 Property Tax Rates in MUEINSTER WATER DISTRICT

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for MUEINSTER WATER DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$135,796
Last year's debt taxes	50
Last year's total taxes	\$135,796
Last year's tax base	\$54,558,599
Last year's total tax rate	0.2489 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$135,796
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$56,637,265
= This year's effective tax rate	0.2397 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$135,796
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$56,637,265
= This year's effective operating rate	0.2398 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.2589 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.2943 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.5532 /\$100

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M & O	\$128,299
I & S	\$865,000

Schedule B 1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Series 1983 Bond	\$25,000	\$31,160	\$0	\$56,160
Series 1996 Bond	\$5,000	\$32,060	\$0	\$37,060
Series 1999 Bond	\$0	\$114,844	\$0	\$114,844
Total required for 1998 debt service				\$208,064
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$38,718
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1998				\$169,346
= Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 1998				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$169,346

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 200 W. California, TX 76240.

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The Proposed Lake "Facts?"

1973 - 1981 - 1983 - 1998

Facts taken from Muenster Enterprise except where noted (*)

Oct. 5, 1973:	(Concerning election for Water District) - The council acknowledges that this is not a now or never proposition. Water District and water rights do not expire.
Feb. 27, 1981:	The district's goal is to have actual construction of the dam in progress before its Water Rights permit expires on Nov. 1.
* Capital Improvement Plan Booklet: Water District may lose its water rights permit to the reservoir.	
Oct. 5, 1973:	The goal is getting the project underway early while the SCS is still promoting its FLOOD PREVENTION and RECREATION Program in this area.
June 26, 1981:	Muenster lake site has been designated a high priority project and among the first to qualify for watershed construction funds out of SCS appropriations in the 1982 fiscal year.
Oct. 5, 1973:	Estimated cost is \$640,000 to the city and \$627,000 to SCS. This does not include the city's cost for a treatment plant or pipe line to town.
Oct. 7, 1983:	Cost of project to Muenster has not changed since the initial cost estimate of just over \$1.5 million.
July 3, 1998:	Cost of project to Muenster is \$3,688,774.
Oct. 26, 1973:	4 to 5 ft. drop annually in water table level has engineers estimating that wells will go dry in 10 to 20 years.
June 5, 1998:	Average annual water table loss is 2.9 ft.
Oct. 19, 1973:	Water level declining with signs of hardness or pollution by salt and oil.
June 5, 1998:	With the water table dropping, oil or salt may eventually get into the ground water system.
Oct. 7, 1983:	City Council Meeting: Mayor reluctantly admits that average depth of lake will be around 6 ft.
* Gainesville Daily Register, Feb. 24, 1984: Average depth of the Muenster Lake will be 49 ft. with a capacity of 60 ft. in depth during flood stage.	
June 5, 1998:	Average depth will be 15 ft.
Nov. 16, 1981:	Metes and bounds finished. Land negotiations to begin.
Aug. 5, 1983:	Land purchase about to begin. Dam to be completed by end of summer 1984. Construction of plant and pipeline (no time frame).
June 12, 1998:	Designing and building dam takes 3-4 years, plus 1-7 years to fill reservoir. Building of treatment plant can be done in 1-2 years.
July 3, 1998:	Bond election for lake was held in 1980 to finance Muenster's share of the lake project.

Costly mistakes have been made, supposedly making it necessary to spend everyone's hard-earned tax dollars unproductively. We could have purchased the railroad right-of-way to the east and drilled wells (knowing the water is there), or we could have purchased the lake east of town for \$750,000, including 1,100 acres of land. Forces in Muenster nixed that idea for their own personal motives, whatever they were. The encyclopedia says that we will never run out of water. It is used over and over again. The key to maintaining a constant supply lies in conservation and good sense.

Consider the facts before you vote, not the "promises" made since 1973.

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OPINION

Will it be Muenster Lake ... or Monster Lake?

by Janet Felderhoff

For weeks you have been bombarded with the city and water district's views of why you must vote yes in this weekend's election. What about the negatives? They do exist. In fact, with the closing of AMPI, many feel that the lake will never be used for water consumption. What a tax burden to bear if it isn't necessary.

How many people really comprehend what building a lake is going to mean? Have you been to City Hall to see that map of the proposed lake? It looms larger than the town! Do you know how many acres of land will be covered with water? You will be forever changing the landscape, where healthy trees now stand, dead stumps will leer from the water. You will be re-writing people's futures, taking on a tax burden that will be with you to some degree from now on. Do you know whose land was taken for the project? How many acres each owner had to relinquish? Does anyone even care?

There are those who smugly tell you, "You really have no choice." Wrong. There is always a choice. I will tell you up front that I am, and have always been, dead set against building a lake in the location selected. There are several reasons - some of which I will try to share in my limited space.

First of all, it is gobbling up rich, productive bottom farm land. Already farming has ceased on much of the property involved. Soon, if the yes votes win, one very successful dairy will be forced to close so that construction on the lake can begin. Should the lake be built, it will only be a matter of time before the two dairies remaining in the area northwest of Muenster will be forced to fold. Why? To prevent the run-off of fertilizer, both natural and chemical, elaborate systems will have to be built to catch the manure, etc. This is quite costly and dairymen have been struggling for some time to stay afloat with high feed prices, low cattle prices, and low prices offered for their product. Look at all of the dairies that went out of business in Stephenville when they were forced to comply with such regulations. That would be three family dairies forced to close directly or indirectly by the proposed lake.

What about all of the farm land? Already a number of the farmers and ranchers involved have had to reduce their herds or give up farming because their fertile bottom lands were taken. How far will this reach? The Brushy Elm Creek and its numerous tributaries would feed into the proposed lake. Muenster is not supported by Muenster residents alone. A good part of this town's economy is derived from residents in the outlying areas. Can the town survive if more and more farms and ranches fail? Yes, the land could be sold to bedroom community residents. Do you think these people would have any loyalty to local businesses. They would (do) shop on the way home from their jobs in the Metroplex.

Since the AMPI plant closed, Steve Broyles, Muenster's city manager, has had to reveal that the plant used between two and three million gallons of water per month. That's a lot less water being used in the city. It also means a lot less revenue to the city's water department.

How can Muenster continue without raising taxes more? The streets are in sad shape. Sewer lines are crumbling and what will happen when the new water tower is erected and pressure increases in the town's water lines? As I recall, someone who should know said that to withstand the pressure caused by the higher tower, the old lines would have to be replaced. Money, money, money!

Many citizens of Muenster have the impression that it is too late to get out of the lake tangle. That is what pro lake promoters have been preaching for years and I've always asked, "Why is it too late?" Now we find that it really isn't too late. In the booklet put out by the Muenster Water District, it says that if Saturday's bond issue fails, "Muenster Water District may cease action to build a lake." It also claims that there could be legal action since federal funds were used. Why would the government bother to take legal action as long as the money is repaid. Where would the money come from to make the repayment? Gee, why not sell the land back to its rightful owners? According to the booklet \$1,132,837 has been paid for land and right-of-way acquisition. Selling it back to the owners, even at the cost paid, should easily take care of the \$224,014 federal funds received to date.

If the water district is so concerned about funds, why, with the election such a short time away, would they go ahead with the expense of changing the roadway on CR 426 to put in a raised bridge to accommodate traffic at times when the proposed lake floods? Also the moving of utilities could be delayed until the water district knows if there will be funds to continue with the lake. Is it another ploy to make voters feel that they must vote yes?

Perhaps it is saying that no matter how people feel the lake is going to be built. When the last bond election passed it was by a minimal 273 to 239, only 34 more yes votes. Ironically that was in 1980, another year like this one with little rain and many hot days. Water rationing was initiated early and each week front page headlines featured water rationing reports and a story on why we had to build a lake to save the town. If people weren't scared into voting, there was an underground campaign promising wonderful recreation opportunities. That was very soon after the voting age dropped from 21 to 18. I wonder how many young people ran to the polls to vote yes for a local party place to drink beer, swim, boat and fish. Oh, I almost forgot, there was supposed to be a golf course built nearby! I wonder some 20 years later how many of them regret that vote when tax time rolls around.

Now the truth is there won't be anything but small boats allowed. There will be no skiing or ski craft, says Steve Broyles in his third in a series of articles. This is due "to the trees which will be left mostly in place for fishing holes." (See the beautiful photo of Lake Ray Roberts for our future lake scene.) He also states that the Natural Resource Conservation Service estimates that 11,000 people will visit the lake each year. Why would they? We have Lake Ray Roberts, Texoma, Lake Nocona, Amon Carter, Moss Lake and Arrowhead. All much larger than the proposed Muenster Lake. Why would 11,000 people use a small lake with little recreation to offer?

Another question occurs to me. Muenster is responsible for the upkeep of any lake it puts in, so will they be hiring another police officer? Moss Lake has become a hangout for some thuggy looking people. There is gang graffiti on roads leading to Moss Lake. Without good policing Muenster could have the same problems. \$\$\$! It costs money to mow, clean restrooms, buy insurance, upkeep buildings, ramps, etc. \$\$\$!

Some seem to think recreation is what this lake is about. There is an ad running on Channel 2 that about sums up how many people think. It says, "Ensure Muenster's future. Preserve our water rights. Boat, Fish, Swim, Picnic. Vote yes on Aug. 8." Since when does a town have the right to take



This was once a beautiful wooded area graced with healthy trees. It now bears witness to man's "progress." Some may recognize this desolate area. It's part of Lake Ray Roberts. Will Muenster soon have the same lovely scene on Muenster Lake? Plans are to let most of the trees stand. There are hundreds of trees on those 619 acres of condemned land. Janie Hartman Photo

What do you believe?

by Dave Fette

When Muenster Water District residents go to vote on Saturday, August 8, they will have had a lot of information on which to base their decisions. Some of that information has been heavily researched, some just guessed at. Some of it based on a fear of running out of water or the assurance that we'll always have enough. Some of the information derives from a disgust at seeing someone's farm land lying under a lake.

So, what do you believe? Things change. Future costs will almost always be higher than present estimates. The proposed lake might have an average depth of 15 feet. But it may be a little more or less. We may have years of heavy rain, or drought. Do you know? Are you making a careful guess? So, who do you believe? An out-of-town engineer who doesn't care if we have water or not? A rancher who has a dried-up stock tank during this drought? A city resident speculating on the future? Or how about me? I live outside town - I don't get to vote. Why listen to me?

So, enough of this round and round stuff. I believe there is no status quo. We either grow or shrink. Staying just the same in Muenster might be nice, but I don't want to shrink. I believe that most people, businesses and industries who would consider moving to Muenster want to know if we're concerned about the future. That concern, I believe, includes a reliable source of municipal water.

I believe the lake is necessary and the people working toward its completion are doing the very best they can under very difficult circumstances. I also believe some area residents like it just the way it is around here. They believe things can stay the same.

I wish I could vote FOR this effort to improve Muenster's future.

acree away from people just to have a place to play? God help America and Muenster - we've lost our way.

What about ensuring that the town will have sufficient water in the future? First of all we need to re-think the way we live. I can't tell you how many times I've driven down a street in Muenster and seen water running down the curb. Since people are so worried about their water supply I, and others, have over the last few years made it a point to see who the offenders are and it is usually the same ones. It is also not surprising that they are often the close relatives of members (past or present) of the Muenster City Council or Water District Board.

If there is true concern, then as a community Muenster should learn to conserve water. That means planting more native plants so that the landscape around homes requires less water. Lawns only require water once a week. Fertilize less and water slow and deep once a week so that the roots of grass and trees grow deep and strong. Do larger loads of laundry, wash the autos less often, install water conserving shower heads and commodes, etc., etc. It was once feared that the Ogallala Aquifer north of us was going dry. People of the area changed the way they irrigated, etc. and water is still being drawn from Ogallala.

Second why not drill water wells to the east of Muenster where the Trinity is deeper? When asked for proof that the Trinity will dry up, figures are spouted, mostly from Muenster's wells, but who really understands them. I know I don't.

What I do know is that I've seen geological graphs from drilling done for oil wells east of Muenster and the Trinity sands looked deep and productive. I was told by two men involved with drilling that there is no way that the Trinity will ever go dry. One said that there is a ridge in the Trinity that goes through Muenster. The water on one side is bad and the water on the other is good for drinking and the sands are deep. I am told that if you follow the creek to the east the sands run deep. Four examples: First an oil well drilled 1 1/4 miles east of Muenster revealed a Trinity sand running to depth of 625 feet. The present pumping level is about 400 feet so 625 minus 400 leaves 225 feet of productive Trinity sands. Second an oil well drilled 1 3/4 miles east of Muenster had Trinity water all the way down to 685 feet. That's 285 feet of water to pump from. Third two miles east of Muenster an oil well log showed the Trinity sand with good production down to 660 feet. Fourth three miles east of Muenster the Trinity went down to 710 feet. By my math that is 319 feet of Trinity water! If there is a minimum 225 feet of Trinity sand and the water level drops four feet a year, it will take at least 56 years to dry up. They say that the drop off per year slows the deeper you get. So

that would add more time. Maybe before then the people who are running water down creek 24 hours a day except when watering their golf course or wasting it to keep their recreation lake full will be curtailed by the government.

Also, why must all the water come from the Trinity sand? At my house we have great tasting well water and it isn't from the Trinity.

Possibly some of the Trinity's water will become bad tasting. Use it to bathe, water lawns, wash and clean with and buy your drinking and cooking water by the bottle. Most people won't drink the nasty tasting lake water anyway. Can you swallow water from Dallas? I go on a strict soft drink diet when in those towns.

What happened to the lake and property east of Muenster that was offered for sale (to the city for the purpose of building a lake and recreation area) in the early '80s? As I understand it from those who recall that time better than I, the city could have bought it (lake and acreage more than sufficient for their playgrounds) for \$750,000 from Mr. Bill Day. There is already a dam in place and not nearly as much expense would have been involved to enlarge the lake. It is fed by the Dry Elm Creek which flows over rockier ground than does the Brushy Elm. There is less land in the area being used for farming or dairies and where the creek runs, there are more trees so the runoff is slower and erosion lessened. Although water would have to be piped some distance, that couldn't be as expensive as the delay caused by lawsuits, cost of the lawsuits, moving utilities and pipelines, etc. That doesn't even address all of the bad feelings generated by the present proposed deal.

Research through all of the back copies of the Muenster Enterprise during that time failed to yield a mention of such a possibility. Too many people know too many details for this not to have existed, yet, I could find no official mention of it. One person told me that it was because someone who had an inside track didn't want the lake in the location east of Muenster. The site west of Muenster was selected by the Soil Conservation Service and what the decision was based on is anybody's guess now since most of those people are deceased. I don't know that suggestion to be a fact, but the more I learn about the politics of such things, the more I realize it's who you know and what you've got the nerve or lack of morals to ask to be done.

There is a lake practically in my back yard that is fed by the Brushy Elm. It was built in the late '50s and after 25 to 30 years of catching runoff from the area above and around it, the lake had to be drained and dredged of all the silt that had accumulated. It was very costly and will only silt in again in a few more years. The dam of that particular lake is back to back with the back waters of proposed Monster Lake, excuse me, Muenster Lake. An isolated incident? No. For another example ask the people who use Sycamore Lake. It was silted in so badly that it couldn't be used. Finally, last year it was drained and all of the accumulated silt hauled out so that members could again swim and fish there. \$\$\$

Again I question the location. Have any of you checked out the polluted land around the old Arco (now KOCH) pump station on property located south of CR 426? It will be submerged and be a part of the water that Muenster's residents are supposed to drink, cook with, and bathe in. No thank-you. There's nothing in the booklet being circulated by the water district to tell you if they ever bought that particular parcel and who will be responsible for what must be a costly clean up. Even with the spills cleaned up, and they haven't been, I can tell you I won't be partaking of any of that water. What other secrets he hidden from you? Cancer, birth defects? When an area north of Muenster was proposed as a dump for the city, a map was displayed showing numerous unplugged wells. Many are part of the drainage area for the Brushy Elm. Who knows what has filtered into them?

The results of core tests have not been released - possibly because they haven't been done yet. People who know the soil of that area strongly suspect that sand stone will be found where the dam is to be built. If that is the case, dirt will have to be hauled in and the cost of building escalates.

Does anybody realize that a part of the town's history will be buried under the mucky waters of Muenster Lake? We proudly spout off about our German heritage. How many of you realize that many of the early parish activities took place on the Parish Picnic Grounds? These were located on land that was eventually bought by the Bayer family and is now owned by the Water District with plans to submerge them, forever to be lost to the future generations.

Speaking of heritage, many people wonder why the issue of the lake affects some families so deeply. If your family hasn't had land or a home that was in the family for generations, it is hard to understand. That home place represents the accomplishments, joys, blood, sweat, and tears of past generations and the hopes and dreams of future generations. A piece of land can be the glue that binds families together. As a child I could sense this and knew that the family farm was something worth standing up for. If you have seen families furious with being forced to give up all or a part of their heritage, remember what it represents to them and know that what is taken can never be replaced and you'll understand their anger, hurt, and sense of betrayal.

In a letter to the editor in this week's paper Ronnie Felderhoff talks of the 100s of hours he personally spent on the lake project. Only a drop in the bucket in comparison to the years, even generations of work that went into some of the farms affected by the decision to build where it was decided. He had a choice, unlike the affected families. If the people who made the original decision even now had an idea that maybe it wasn't the best decision, would any of them admit it publicly? Bad business decisions have been made before and this could easily be another whopper.

Another point of question in Mr. Felderhoff's letter. He said that every council member and every mayor since 1972 has worked to achieve the lake project and that it gives him confidence in the project. When being in favor of the project is a stipulation of being on the city council that doesn't carry much weight, except suspicion. In the May 8, 1998 issue of the Muenster Enterprise is a story by Daryl Ferber on a city council meeting. Felderhoff had submitted his resignation to become effective May 31. The story reads, "The vacancy will be filled by appointment of the city council. Members were asked to make suggestions of possible candidates. The person needed must be dedicated to the city, new well and the lake project, he (Mayor Henry Weinzapfel) said."

Even though the building of the lake touches my little corner of the world, I have no say in the matter. Nor did, or do, the people who were ordered to sacrifice their livelihood, treasured home places, hard-earned land to the imminent domain. Those of you who live inside the city limits of Muenster and are registered voters are the only people who will have a say in the matter. Don't abuse that privilege. Consider the matter carefully. Don't just do what those who place themselves in dominant positions tell you to do. Think carefully, weigh the pros and cons, and go the poll on Saturday. If you don't care one way or the other, maybe you could vote for someone who will be affected, but doesn't have a vote. Given the opportunity I know I would place a dark X on the "No" box. Do what your mind and heart tell you, not what the local "powers who be" tell you to do. If you vote yes, do it because that is really what you feel is right and what you want.

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Lifestyle

Fette, Dangelmayr exchange vows on July 25 in Sacred Heart Church

by Elfreda Fette

The wedding of Amy Marie Fette, daughter of Steve and Marla Grewing Fette and Darrell Dwayne Dangelmayr, son of Paul and Patsy Klement Dangelmayr all of Muenster, was held in Sacred Heart Church on July 25, 1998. Father Eugene Luke OSB, pastor of St. Peter's Church officiated the Nuptial Mass and double ring vows. He is a lifelong family friend.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Muenster ISD, attended North Central Texas College and is a 1998 graduate of Grayson County College with an Associate of Science degree. She is a registered nurse employed by Columbia of Denton.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Sacred Heart High and attended North Central Texas College. He is co-owner of Dangelmayr Construction Company. Presented at the altar by her father, Steve Fette, the bride was wearing a traditional puffed white satin wedding gown designed with off-shoulder sweetheart neckline, cap sleeves, fitted bodice, embroidered with seed pearls and iridescents, dropped waistline, and full bouffant skirt, embellished with Schiffler lace appliques lace style cutouts and pyramid hem lace, and a semi-cathedral train. She wore a fingertip length illusion veil, held by a coronet of pearls and sequins, and a bouffant in back, sprinkled with pearls.

She carried an arm bouquet of long stem white calla lilies, hydrangeas, lisianthus and roses. Also a rosary given to the bride on her 16th birthday from Grandma Juliana and

Grandpa, the late Steve Grewing. Also a handkerchief from a friend Marguerite King; and a Miraculous Medal, a gift from Great-Grandma Fuhrmann and a Sacred Heart badge from Grandpa Grewing and an angel figurine from Amanda Dangelmayr, all woven into the bouquet.

ATTENDANTS

Becky Fette was her sister's maid of honor.

Polly Fette, bride's sister, Kay Grewing bride's cousin, Deann Bayer bride's cousin, and Brandi Grewing bride's cousin were bridesmaids. Kara Kleinert, bride's cousin was junior bridesmaid. They wore floor length, navy crepe, sleeveless A-line gowns with flared princess seams. Each carried a hand bouquet of bridal white roses tied with a tulle bow.

Amanda Dangelmayr, groom's niece and godchild was flower girl. Andrew Koesler, bride's cousin was ring bearer.

Daniel Kleinert and Evan Koesler were page boys.

Brian Klement, groom's cousin was best man.

Mike Dangelmayr, Ron Dangelmayr and Chris Dangelmayr brothers of the groom, and Darrell Charles, bride's cousin were groomsmen.

Ushers were Cory Charles bride's cousin, Kenneth Walterscheid groom's cousin, Deano Bayer groom's cousin, John Fangman and Chad Fleitman, friends of the couple. Rasha, Shelby and Kalyn Dangelmayr, nieces of the groom carried Unity candles to the altar.

Mass servers were Adam Dangelmayr and Frank Klement.

Participating in the special Nuptial liturgy were Scott Hudspeth, Gummy Thorwaldson and Daniel de la Mata who gave the First Reading and Response, Second Reading, and Prayers of the Faithful respectively.

Offertory gifts of bread and wine were brought to the altar by the groom's godparents, Joyce Bayer and Bill



Mrs. Darrell Dwayne Dangelmayr ... 'nee Amy Marie Fette ...

Dangelmayr. Intention for the Mass was for the late Steve Grewing, bride's grandfather.

Wedding music was presented by organist Joe Bob Jones; vocalist Mikki Jones; Dr. Edd Advincula on the ukulele; and John Martin on the trumpet.

Prelude music included "You Are The Wind Beneath My Wings" and "The Rose." Also "One Hand, One Heart," "How Beautiful," "Wedding Song," "Beginning Today," "Unchained Melody," and "Hail Mary Gentle Woman." Instrumental solos included "Canon in D,"

Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary" and Clark's "Trumpet Tune."

Eucharistic Ministers were Debbie and Clinton Endres, Glen and Connie Grewing, Carol Grewing, Debbie Hess, Claude and Mary Bayer, and Carrie Hundt.

Church decorations included a pair of tall spiral candelabra with lighted candles in the altar space, and white magnolias with tulle and navy bows attached to hurricane globe candle stands marking center aisle pews.

RECEPTION

A reception and seated

dinner followed in the Sacred Heart Community Center, hosted by the bride and groom and their parents Steve and Marla Fette and Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr.

Guest book attendants were Angela Hennigan, Grace Rippey, and Tracy Westbrok who registered 500 guests.

The wedding cake was an elegant cathedral-shaped cake with a steeple and cross; three round layers at the base with an archway and couple figurines; a lighted entrance to a "chapel" and bridesmaids figurines. The groom's two layer chocolate cake was decorated with strawberries.

Reception assistants were Marlene Walterscheid, Shannon, Carrie and Megar Grewing, Alisha Walterscheid, Ashley Walterscheid, Brianna Klement and Mindy Walterscheid.

A display table held photographs of the couple in

their growing up years; their engagement photo; nostalgic treasured pictures of the couple's late grandparents, Steve Grewing, Sis and Steve Fette, Herman and Elfreda Dangelmayr.

Decorations in the reception area included hurricane globes with lighted ivory tapers, English ivy and white rose rings in tulle, white magnolias and navy ribbon marking the center length of the tables.

An ice sculpture of a bride and groom graced the center of the hall.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents in their home, for the wedding party, parents, grand-parents, and godparents. A special guest was Brother Thomas Moster, who offered the meal blessing.

Since returning from a wedding trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado the couple resides in Muenster.

Warning to flea market shoppers about plants

Every day across Texas, shoppers flock to flea markets in search of bargains. However, the joys of a "good buy" can quickly disappear if you didn't get what you thought you were buying.

This is true whether people are buying nursery and floral plants by the pot or fresh fruits and vegetables by the pound. One way to be sure that you get what you pay for is to only buy from licensed vendors at open-air or indoor flea markets.

People selling nursery and horticultural products in Texas are inspected and licensed by the Texas Department of Agriculture to assure that their plants are free from harmful pests.

Quite often, folks will root a few plant cuttings on their patio, and pot them to sell at a local flea market.

Unfortunately, that's a good way of spreading plant pests and diseases to other homes and gardens.

The license must be displayed so it's visible to shoppers. If not, ask to see it.

Shoppers should also be alert and not buy plants that look unhealthy.

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The department inspects weighing devices to make sure that when consumers are paying for a pound they are actually getting a pound.

Customers and vendors who have any questions can call the Texas Department of Agriculture at 1-800-TELL-TDA (835-5832).

New Arrivals

O'Connor
Dana and Mike O'Connor of Columbus, Indiana, announce with joy the birth of their son Colin Patrick born July 1, 1998. He weighed 10 lb. and 4 oz. and was 22 1/2 inches in length. Colin is welcomed by a sister Emily, and a brother Garrett. His maternal grandparents are Jeanette and Travis Wickliffe of Irving, Texas, and Judy and Gerald O'Connor of Arnold, Missouri.

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Taylor and Valentine united in marriage July 18



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Valentine
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by Elfreda Fette

Sandra Marie Taylor and Paul Valentine, both of Denton were married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on Saturday, July 18, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., with Father Tom Craig officiating the Sacrament of Matrimony and double ring vows.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Jane Taylor of Muenster. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mason of Corinth and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Valentine of Lake Dallas.

For her wedding, the bride was wearing a white silk suit with self embroidery trim, and a brief, wispy, illusion veil. She carried a round bouquet, made by her mother, of blush full-blown roses, and a rosary, a treasured keepsake carried in the bridal bouquets of all brides in the family of Angel and Arthur Endres, the bride's maternal grandparents. The bride also carried a handkerchief belonging to the groom's mother, Mary Mason.

It had been carried in all weddings for three generations of the groom's maternal relatives.

Wedding music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff organist and Emily Klement vocalist, including, "Come and Journey With Me," "Father Make Us One", and "The Edelweiss Blessing".

A reception and luncheon followed in the home of the bride's parents. Attending were relatives and a few close friends. The two-tiered all white wedding cake was made by Betty Rose Walterscheid, and decorated with the same roses as the bridal flowers.

Reception assistants were cousins of the bride Jennie and Becky Endres and Jacob Endres.

The bride is a dental hygienist employed in Fort Worth. The groom is in business in a Lake Dallas car dealership with his father. The couple resides in Denton since returning from a wedding trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dillon Bayer celebrates birthday twice

Dillon Bayer, son of Deano and Jeannene Bayer celebrated his fifth birthday twice. The first party was held on July 24 at Burger King Kid's Club. Attending were his sister Kendi Bayer, David and Daniel Fleitman, Kameron Heady, Tyler Pagel, Tyler Acuna, Shelby Hess, and Kelsey and Derek Pagel. Unable to attend was Brianna Klement.

On July 29, his actual birthday, Dillon celebrated with a Looney Toon birthday cake, and homemade

Butterfinger ice cream. Attending were Dillon's parents, Deano and Jeannene Bayer; his sister Kendi; his grandmother Alice Walterscheid; his grandparents Claude and Mary Bayer; and Tina Klement, Erik Walterscheid, Courtney Haverkamp, Amy Bayer, Janet Fisher, Coy Fisher, and Shane Sparkman. Unable to attend were Kenneth Walterscheid, who also observed a birthday on July 29; and Vickie Bayer and Kelly Bayer.



Dillon Bayer

Auditions set for Nunsense, the Jamboree

Auditions for the zany musical comedy, *Nunsense III: The Jamboree*, will take place at Butterfield Stage on August 3 at 4 at 7 p.m. at the theater, 201 S. Denton. Needed for the season opener are four women and one man.

Production dates for *Nunsense III: The Jamboree* are set for October 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, and 18 with rehearsals beginning August 17. Also, anyone interested in participating as production personnel is encouraged to attend auditions. For information about the auditions, or the upcoming 1998-99 season, please call the theater at 940-665-8152.

Baptism

Fleitman

The baptism of Catherine Marie Fleitman was celebrated on Sunday, August 2, during the 8 a.m. Mass, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Tom Craig officiating.

Catherine is the daughter of Ben and Carol Fleitman. Baptismal sponsors are Maurus and Lynn Hacker. Catherine's baptismal gown was specially made for her by her Grandmother, Evelyn Fuhrmann. She also wore a gold cross necklace from her maternal grandparents and a miraculous medal from her Godparents.

After the services, family members gathered at The Center Restaurant for breakfast. A special guest was Catherine's great-aunt, Lucille Hess. The group then proceeded to the home of Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus for a chicken spaghetti dinner. A special "lamb" cake, baked by Evelyn Fuhrmann, graced the table as a centerpiece.

Those celebrating Catherine's baptism were her parents; brothers Matthew and Mark; grandparents Damond and Evelyn Fuhrmann, and Ben and Josephine Fleitman; Maurus and Lynn Hacker, Luella Fuhrmann, Christine Fleitman, Leo, Peggy, and Patrick Lutkenhaus. A very special guest was Father Tom Craig.

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Pre-menstrual syndrome (PMS) is the cause of many emotional, physical, psychological, and mood disturbances that occur after ovulation and normally end with the onset of the menstrual flow. The most common mood-related symptoms are irritability, depression, crying, oversensitivity and mood swings with alternating sadness and anger. The most common physical symptoms are fatigue, bloating, breast tenderness, acne and appetite changes with food cravings. Two to 25% have severe symptoms to significantly impact work, relationships or lifestyle.

Recognition of PMS has attracted a broad range of research interest in treatment and management of the diverse symptoms of PMS. Although there is no "cure" for PMS at this time, there are many options in managing its symptoms. It is important to first have an accurate diagnosis. Other medical or psychological conditions should be identified and treated. Proper diet, exercise and lifestyle changes can help symptoms before resorting to medications. Many women can have their symptoms successfully controlled and lead healthy and productive lives.

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Jeremy Hess turns one

Jeremy Hunter Hess, son of Tim and Vickie A. Hess, celebrated his first birthday on August 1 in the Muenster park. The theme was little cowboy and farm animals. Guests were served hamburgers and hot



Jeremy Hunter Hess

dogs cooked by Jeremy's dad. Dessert was cake and ice cream.

Those in attendance were Jeremy's parents, his brother Tracy and Jesse Hess; Carv and Donna Moseley; Pat and Tommy Sue Hess; Virgil, Jud Nathan and Heather Hess; Clarence, Kellee, Chad and Brooke Hess; Earl and Ma Ann Hess; Darlene William and her two children; John and Lenora Barnes; Ernest and Johnnie R. Bragg; Melvi Shelby and Justin Hess; Bra Lisa, and Reese Richey; Jayr Hunter; Maurus and Lynn Hacker; Ben, Carol, Matthe Mark, and Catherine Fleitman; Dustin Felderhoff; Han Bayer; Michelle, Johnatha and Brett Morris.

Jeremy's great-grandparents are Johnnie R. and Ernie Bragg, grandfather and grandmother Agnes Hess, and grandparents Richard and Joyce Price.

Zoo opens early to help guests avoid summer heat

Looking for a cool spot this summer? Try the Fort Worth Zoo! Now open at 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day, the Fort Worth Zoo is the perfect place to chill out during the cooler morning hours. In addition to the Zoo's tree-lined, shady paths, guests will also enjoy cool-water misting stations and several air-conditioned exhibits throughout the Zoo.

Special "early bird" activities will also take place during weekend mornings. Guests can see an early presentation of Wild Wonders, the Zoo's live animal presentation, watch as keepers feed the penguins breakfast and catch the pachyderms taking a "popsicle" break!

How about breakfast with the animals? Zoo guests will be able to enjoy a variety of breakfast treats ranging from breakfast burritos, bagel goey cinnamon rolls and much more. So, munch with the monkeys, snack with the snakes or eat with the elephants - the choices are endless!

Plus, visitors will want to say g'day to the Zoo's newest inhabitants - koalas! The new Koala Outback exhibit features several animals from "down under", including koalas; kangaroos and wallabies. The Fort Worth Zoo is the only Zoo in Texas and one of the ten in the nation to house koalas.

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Bailey Walterscheid accepted by NSCAR

Bailey Walterscheid, two year old daughter of Wade and Rhonda Walterscheid, has recently been accepted into the National Society Children of the American Revolution (N.S.C.A.R.). She is a member of the Colonel Robert Dickens Society, a local chapter sponsored by the Rebecca Crockett Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The N.S.C.A.R. was organized in Washington D.C., April 5, 1895 by founder Harriett M. Lothrop and the NSDAR to instill patriotic values in the youth of America. "Any boy or girl under the age of twenty-one is eligible for membership in the National Society Children of the American Revolution who lineally descended from an ancestor or woman who, with unflinching loyalty, rendered aid to the cause of American independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United States, provided that the application is personally acceptable to the society." (Article III, National Bylaws) Bailey was eligible for membership through her mother's lineage. Rhonda has been a member of the Rebecca Crockett Chapter NSDAR since

1986. The local chapter was organized June 25, 1903 by descendants of Rebecca Crockett - her husband John Crockett was a soldier in the American Revolution. Rebecca Crockett is most recognized for being the mother of David Crockett, hero of the Alamo.

The Walterscheids celebrated Bailey's membership on July 4. The celebration was held at Possum Kingdom Lake where several family members were taking a vacation. Mike and Beverly Fuhrmann, Bailey's aunt and uncle, hosted the celebration for Bailey and for birthday celebrations for aunts Elaine Schilling and Francine Walterscheid. Others attending the party were uncles Dale Schilling and Jesse Walterscheid; great-aunt and uncle Yvonne and Bob Ambrose; cousins Leslie, Derek, and Travis Fuhrmann, Jon Ambrose and Mark Gehrig; and special friend Neil Berres. The night ended with the family watching the spectacular fireworks show on the lake.

Each year the N.S.C.A.R. creates a National Theme and Project that will benefit America - this year's theme is "Restore America." The Original Star-Spangled Banner

desperately needs help and the N.S.C.A.R. will do exactly that. The original Star-Spangled Banner is the flag that inspired Frances Scott Key to write a poem that would later become our National Anthem. Contributions to the National Project will purchase a pollution control monitor essential for the specially built labs where the flag will be cleaned and repaired. Funds will be used for conserving and displaying the flag so that future Americans can continue to see its glory. Throughout the process, the flag will continue to be on display at the Smithsonian Project in Washington D.C. The N.S.C.A.R. encourages anyone to donate to this great project. Local contributions can be made through Colonel Robert Dickens Society, N.S.C.A.R. c/o Anna Beth Perkins Senior President, 76 County Line Church Rd., Whitesboro, Texas 76273-5122. For further information on joining the N.S.C.A.R. either contact Anna Beth Perkins or contact the National Society at: N.S.C.A.R.; 1776 D. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006; Telephone (202) 638-3153, Fax (202) 737-3162 or visit the web @ www.nscar.org.



Bailey Walterscheid

Saint Jo Opry set for Aug. 8

Sponsors of the Saint Jo Opry announce that their next show is scheduled for Saturday, August 8 in the school auditorium. Starting time will be 7:30 p.m. The Opry is sponsored by The Country Cut Ups and is held the 2nd Saturday of each month. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, with 12 and under free.

Volunteer training begins soon for CC Home Hospice

by Kelly Lamkin, L.S.W. Social Worker/Volunteer Coordinator

A laugh between friends. An errand run. A household chore completed. A confidence shared. Time taken to listen to fears. A gentle touch. A burden eased. These are descriptions of experiences of a Home Hospice volunteer. Home Hospice is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to the care and treatment of terminally ill persons and their families.

When facing a life-limiting illness, a person needs more than physical care alone. Therefore, using a team approach, Home Hospice cares for patients not only physically, but emotionally and spiritually as well. Home Hospice staff includes medical personnel, personal care providers, and social workers. Additionally, a very important part of that team is the Home Hospice volunteer. Volunteers provide emotional support as well as practical help for patients and families who are facing a very difficult time of life. Home Hospice volunteers help add life to days when days cannot be added to life.

Home Hospice will be conducting a volunteer training in September. The dates for this training are September 1,

3, 8, 10, 15, 17, and 22. The sessions will be held at the Home Hospice office, 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville at 6:00 p.m. each night. This training seminar is necessary to become a patient care volunteer and a bereavement volunteer.

During this training, volunteers will be instructed in ways they can assist patients and families who are dealing with a life-limiting illness. Areas to be covered include an overview of the Home Hospice concept, possible spiritual concerns of the patient, HIV/AIDS awareness, the progression of various terminal illnesses, emotional and psychological issues which patients and families face, support for the bereaved, active listening, and volunteer experiences are included to help provide understanding of this final step in the journey of life and to help each individual better understand his/her own feelings about living and dying.

Anyone interested in attending this Life Awareness/Death Awareness Volunteer Training Seminar should contact Kelly Lamkin, L.S.W. Social Worker/Volunteer Coordinator for Home Hospice of Cooke County at (940) 665-9891 for more information or to sign up.



Joining Dr. Audrey Morrill during Open House Sunday at Muenster Memorial Hospital Family Health Clinic were, at left, her parents, Paul and Jan Carr; her husband Rick and Dr. Morrill holding son John Paul; and members of Muenster Hospital Auxiliary - Laura Pagel; and in front - Carol Klement, Kathy Bauer and Denise Pagel. Dave Fette Photo

MMH Auxiliary welcomes Dr. Morrill

It is not often that one can walk into the MMH Family Health Clinic and be greeted with a cool cup of punch and an array of muffins, breads and other snacks. However, that was the case last Sunday morning when the Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary hosted an Open House for Dr. Audrey Morrill. Joining her were husband Rick and sons Kit, 11, Pierce, 7 and John Paul, 16 months.

Members of the Auxiliary provided the repast and spent the morning greeting the many friends who came by to socialize with Dr. Morrill.

Interested visitors were led on a tour of the clinic by Dr. Morrill. In between emergency calls, she was on hand to visit and get acquainted with those who came by specifically to meet her.

The reception lasted from 9:00 until 1 p.m. Sunday. It was estimated that 100 people of all ages attended. Dr. Morrill's parents, Paul and Jan Carr, drove up from their home in Denton to visit as well. They were pleased with Audrey and Rick moving to Muenster. Audrey is now their nearest child geographically. When you visit the clinic, you

might notice the newly added water colors painted by Jan Carr. In addition to adding art, Dr. Morrill has other plans in store for the clinic as well.

Dr. Morrill expressed pleasure being in Muenster. One obvious benefit is its nearness to her hometown of Denton, but also appreciated is the warmth of this community. She looks forward to working here and serving the community for many years to come.

Dr. Morrill's specialty is family medicine. The hours at MMH Family Health Clinic are 8:30 - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

It Was News Then ...

50 YEARS AGO
March 12, 1948

Eighteen community members organize for convass in annual Red Cross Drive, with Mrs. Ben Luke as community chairman. Lawn Mower Factory, Muenster's Manufacturing Company ships ten gasoline powered lawn mowers to Houston dealer. One hundred motors are on order to be mounted on the mowers as soon as they arrive. That weather is here again! with a mid-winter attack of sleet, snow and 16 degree temperature. Fields and gardens are in urgent need. Muenster Post Master warns of growing chain letter craze.

30 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1968

Report from Cooke County Tax Assessor - Collector shows voting strength in Muenster of 1073. Meeting is set to organize Brucellosis Eradication Program adopted by Cooke County stockmen. Lindsay receives final approval on grant from Farmers Home Administration to be used for new sewer system. Rugged winter weather brings rain, light snow, and a night time drop to 23 degrees and worries about fruit trees damaged, but pasture lands are soaked, and ponds and lakes got a good fill. New arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sicking announce adoption of six day old baby boy to join their other three sons and two daughters.

Albert Henscheid, Frank Yosten, E.S. Lawson, C.G. Clayton on the board. City elections puts Ben Seyler, John Wieler, John Fisher, Andy Hofbauer, Dick Cain, and Mayor J.M. Weinzapfel on City Council.

50 YEARS AGO
March 26, 1948

Building of a Cooke County Centennial marker at old Fort Fitzhake and dedication of the marker are highlights of the celebration on March 20; and former Governor Coke Stevenson attends. More than 100 county Boy scouts helped. President Harry Truman sends greetings on Cooke County's Centennial. Muenster's quota in Red Cross drive reaches \$577.00 is almost complete. Mayor's Proclamation asks observance of Good Friday.

Booklet provides advice on discussing illness

It's tough to talk about fears specifically about cancer and the possibility of death - with children. For parents in this position, a new booklet published by The Methodist Hospital's Cancer Program in Houston offers some guidance.

How to Talk to a Child When You Have Cancer, written by The Methodist Hospital Cancer Program Coordinator Gretchen Curry, deals specifically with cancer but its approach and advice is universal enough to apply in many situations.

The 16-page booklet explains, in English and Spanish, how children of any age can react to the news that a parent has cancer. It breaks its advice into helpful stages, tailored to every age group including the 19-and-over "adult child" category.

"The adult child is easy to overlook," says Curry. "Kids seem to be a lot more grown up nowadays and people assume that a certain age makes an adult. Try and put yourself back into that age - you'll see that that fear is tough to deal with no matter how old you are."

The book stresses the importance of being honest in discussing serious illness with family members. It also offers tips on how to muster family support and lists a number of organized resources that people can call.

"Cancer is an enormous personal journey," says Curry, "but it doesn't have to be a lonely one."

The project is personal for Curry. When she was 19 years old her mother died of ovarian cancer. "Nobody in my family

talked about it before my mother's death. You think your parents are going to live forever," says Curry.

She remembers and regrets the things that went unsaid on both sides, and the lost opportunities. "When a family doesn't deal honestly with an illness like cancer," Curry explains, "children are left alone with their own imaginations and fears."

"My greatest hope is that it helps parents start talking with their children," she says. "That is the first step in eventually leaving a legacy for your family."

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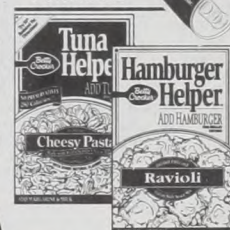


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Brenda Rotramble seeks District 61 seat

Brenda Rotramble is running for the seat vacated by Ric Williamson, Texas House District 61. Brenda worked her way through the University of North Texas and then graduated from South Texas College of Law, affiliated with Texas A&M University. She and her family moved to Wise County in 1979, when she was appointed county attorney and later became the first County Court at Law Judge of Wise County. She says that she made a commitment to the County Commissioners who appointed her that she would work full-time with no side practice. She honored that commitment and says that she is prepared to make a commitment to the residents of the 61st District that she will make the District her priority. As a widow and mother of a son who will soon graduate from college, she is prepared to work for the district full time, as if it were her family. In fact, her philosophy is that we should strengthen our families

and treat one another as family, regardless of party differences. "We must deal with the circumstances given us and work together to strengthen those families. We strengthen our families by providing quality education, good health care and quality long-term care for seniors; and safe neighborhoods. I am deeply concerned that we are spending more money on our prisoners than on our teachers and school children. Further we need to be able to choose our doctors, and not be forced to let some HMO make our health decisions." Brenda says that she has the background to deal with these issues as she attended and taught in public schools; sent her son to public schools; served on a hospital board and served as President of a literary board. Further, she worked for Medicare at its inception and has operated her husband's oil lease after his death. She has practiced law

for 25 years, some of those years working as Bowie City Attorney, and now is a solo practitioner in Decatur. She states that all of this background has given her the education and experience to serve the people of the 61st District as their representative.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Anyone old enough to remember the Great Depression of the 30s will know how hard it was to eke out a living and provide food and shelter for their families.

Many young men whose parents were unable to give them work or to provide for them, urged their growing youngsters to find work where they could and earn whatever monies they could while the parents helped by furnishing them shelter, and often food.

Two young men of the area, willing workers, but often unable to find jobs, resorted to trading a few cattle and horses in an effort to make a few shekles.

They had an old beat-up pickup and soon built a two-wheeled trailer to haul their stock in-trade.

These two enterprising fellows bought a fairly good looking horse from one of the area ranchers for the sum of \$40.00, which they paid with a personal check.

From that point things just didn't go their way. They had just gotten the animal into the trailer, when in a fit of fear it reared up, and in an effort to get out of the contraption, tried to turn around, when it fell backward over the endgate and then lay still, dead of a broken neck.

Well, as the two dejected brothers looked at their \$40.00 investment gone awry, the rancher who had, in my opinion, an unearned reputation as a hard man to deal with, reached in his pocket, pulled out the young men's check, and while tearing it to shreds said, "Boys, I think I can stand this better than you two can!"



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7. 36 Sucker Rods - Rohmer's Well Service & Drilling
8. Work Light - McCoy's Building Supply
9. 3 bags Insulation Blown In - V & H Insulation
10. 2 Steak Dinners - Rohmer's Restaurant
11. Bicycles - Muenster Park Board
12. Security Light - Cooke County Electric Co-op
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15. 16 yards Gravel (10-mi. radius) - G & H Backhoe
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21. 4 Round Bales Sudan Hay - Roy and Carol Klement
22. 20 joints 2-3/8 Construction Pipe - Felderhoff Drilling Company
23. 1 Day Use of Host Dry Carpet Cleaning System - Stevens Floor Coverings
24. Barbecue Grill - Joe and Laura Pagel
25. 2-year Subscription - Muenster Enterprise
26. 1 Hog - Anonymous (Processing by Fischer's Meat Market)
27. 1/2 Beef - Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept. (Processing by Fischer's Meat Market)
28. TV-VCR Switch - Karl Barnhill
29. 12-volt Air Pump - Muenster Building Center
30. 500 lbs. Deer Pellets - Tony's Seed & Feed
31. Triple Dresser - Hess Furniture
32. 20 Bales Alfalfa Hay - Paul Hess
33. 4 Chairs & Bench - Uniflex
34. 6 dozen Donuts - Bayer's Kolonialwaren
35. Case of Grease - M&W Oil Field Supply
36. 3-gallon Water Can - M&W Oil Field Supply
37. 1000 lbs. Steer Feed - Muenster Milling
38. 6 - 40-lb.-bags Perfect Balance Dog Food - Muenster Milling
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47. John Deere Child's Wagon & Trailer - Pettit-Ward Machinery
48. Oil Change for Gas Engine - Brown Motor Company
49. 4 Sensor Ducks - Muenster Garden Center
50. Angel Statue - Christi's Jewelry
51. Golf Clubs - Anonymous
52. 1989 F700 Ford 1500-gallon Tank Truck - Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept.
53. Picnic Table - Flusche Enterprises
54. Fireman Throw - Lora's Flowers & Gifts
55. One Week-night Stay (Mon.-Thur.) at Horseshoe Casino in Bossier City - Associated Travel
56. 3 - \$20 Gift Certificates - The Center Restaurant
57. 50th Anniversary Nascar Collector's Book (\$40 value) - Klement Ford of Muenster
58. 3 Hours Dozer Work (20-mile radius) - Paul Becker Dozer Service
59. Handmade Crib Cover - Eileen Vogel
60. Oak Hutch & Base - Kim & Kenny Felderhoff
61. Golf Drivers - Brent Hess
62. Pipe Wrench - Wilbert Vogel
63. Bicycle - Henry Knabe
64. Portable Cassette Player - Cooke County Appliance
65. Stained Glass Angel - Mary Lee and Carl Alford

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	<p>1996 Chevy Tahoe \$20,988</p>
	<p>1994 Ford Explorer XLT loaded, 1 Quarter \$14,995</p>
	<p>1996 GMC Sierra Ext Cab 4x4 \$17,600</p>
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School News

Lunch program requirements discussed

The Muenster and Lindsay Schools take part in the National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program. Meals are served every school day. Meals at each of these schools are also available free or at a reduced price.

At Muenster, students grades Kindergarten through 12 may purchase a lunch for \$1.25. Breakfast is served for 50 cents. Reduced price for lunch is \$.40 and \$.30 for breakfast.

At Lindsay, children in grades K through 6 may buy lunch for \$1.00 and grades 7 through 12 for \$1.25. Extra milk is sold for 25 cents. Reduced price lunch is 40 cents. No breakfast is served.

If the family now gets Food Stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) for a child, that child can get free meals.

If the total household income is at or below the amounts on the income Chart below, the child can get free or reduced-price meals.

If the family has a foster child, the child may be eligible for benefits regardless of the family income.

How to apply:
To get free or reduced-price meals for children, carefully complete the application and return it to the school. If the family now gets food stamps or AFDC for the child, the

application must have the child's name, the food stamp

Household Size	Ann.	Mo.	Wkly.
1	14,893	1,242	287
2	20,073	1,673	387
3	25,253	2,105	486
4	30,433	2,537	586
5	35,613	2,968	685
6	40,793	3,400	785
7	45,973	3,832	885
8	51,153	4,263	984
For each add'l member	+5,180	+432	+100

or AFDC case number and the signature of an adult household member. If this is not listed, the application must have the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member now gets, where it comes from and how often it is received, the social security number of either the primary wage earner or the household member who signs the application or the word "none" if the member does not have a social security number and the signature of an adult household member. An application that is not complete cannot be approved.

Other information
- Verification: Eligibility may be checked by school

officials at any time during the school year. Information may be requested to prove that the child should get free or reduced-price meals.

- Fair hearing: If the family is in disagreement with the school's decision on the application or the results of verification, a discussion may be set up with the school. The family also has a right to a fair hearing. Information for this can be obtained by calling or writing: (Muenster) Carol Klement, P.O. Box 608, Muenster, TX 76252, phone 759-2281; (Lindsay) Robert Reese, P.O. Box 305, Lindsay, TX 76250, phone 940-665-1673.

- Reporting changes: If a child gets free meals based on income information, the school must be notified if the household size decreases or income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If a child gets meals based on AFDC/food stamp information, the school must be advised if the family no longer gets AFDC or food stamps for the child.

- Confidentiality: The information given on the application will be used only to allow the children to get free or reduced-price meals and to verify eligibility.

- Reapplication: Application may be made for free and reduced-price meals at any time during the school year. If a family is not eligible now but has a change, such as a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, becomes unemployed or gets food stamps or AFDC for a child, an application may be filled out then.
- In the operation of the child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. If there is any question or discrimination, write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

The family will be notified when the application is approved or denied.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF AUG. 10-14

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - No School!

Tues. - Sub sandwiches, potato wedges,

lettuce/tomato/pickles, fruit, cookies.

Wed. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, corn, fruit, rolls.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad, green beans, fruit, bread, cake.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream, fruit.

LINDSAY ISD

Thurs. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

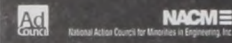
Fri. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, bread.

ERA ISD

Fri. - Sub sandwich, potato chips, pickle spears, trimmings, ice cream.

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Gainesville Factory Shops sponsor event for back to school preparation

As Cooke County gears up for the 1998 Back To School season, Gainesville Factory Shops is hosting "Getting Primed for Back To School" week through this Saturday, August 8.

The center will collect school supplies throughout the week for donations to local schools, libraries, and charities supporting families otherwise unable to purchase the necessary supplies and accessories to send their children back to school. Patrons can bring new school supplies to the Back to School drop box, located at the Information Booth in the Food Court at the center.

Gainesville Factory Shops back to school supplies drive is

tied to the national America Goes Back to School initiative which focuses attention on improving education across America during back-to-school months. The program encourages families and businesses to play an active role in supporting and improving education in the communities.

For more information on America Goes Back to School 1998, visit www.ed.gov/Family/agbts.

Center hours are Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gainesville Factory Shops 1-35, Exit 501 is one of the outlet centers owned and operated nationwide by Price Retail.

German students seek host

German students with excellent English skills and motivation are arriving this August to experience the "American way of life." Families in Muenster willing to open their hearts and homes to a student are invited to participate. Call today to be part of this exciting opportunity to host a German student and learn about Germany, its culture and language without leaving your

home. Many wonderful students are eager to hear which special family Muenster has chosen to host them!

Academic Year in America (AYA), sponsored by the not-for-profit American Institute For Foreign Student Foundation, has been bringing international students and American families together for the past 17 years. Students range in age from 15 to 19 years old and arrive from Germany and many other countries, such as Brazil, Poland, Italy, Japan, and Hungary. They attend the local high school for a semester or academic year and have their own medical insurance and spending money.

If you would like to volunteer to open your heart and home to one of our international students or know of someone who would, please call Andrea at 1-800-322-4678 ext. 607. Your decision to host will benefit your family and make an international exchange student's dream come true.

Health Notes

Back to school wake up call

A simple pleasure of a teenager's summer vacation: Stay up late and sleep late the next day.

When summer vacation ends and school begins, kids of all ages have difficulty getting up in the morning and going to bed at an appropriate time, said Dr. Joel Steinberg, director of the sleep disorders clinic at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

According to Steinberg, many adolescents develop a tendency to fall asleep one to five hours later than usual, which is called delayed-sleep syndrome. That sets up a skewed circadian rhythm. He says the condition is treated with a consistent morning awakening time and exposure to bright light upon awakening.

Muenster ISD Career & Technology Program

- Muenster ISD offers career and technology education programs in Agriculture, Homemaking and Industrial Arts. Admission to these programs is based on grade level pre-requisites.
- It is the policy of MISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- It is the policy of MISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices, as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- MISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
- For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Gwen Trubenbach at 940-759-2281, ext. 620 and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Emily Klement, at 940-759-2281, ext. 605.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The MUENSTER HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 3.00 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 14, 1998 at 12:00 PM at Muenster Hospital.

FOR the proposal:

Don Flusche	Gerald Hess
Charles Bayer	Werner Becker Jr.
Duane Knabe	Margie Starke
Phil Endres	

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Dennis Hess Jack Murdock

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$55,150	\$56,422
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$55,150	\$56,422
Tax rate	0.26498	0.26145
Tax	\$146.14	\$147.52

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$1.38 or 0.94 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by \$0.00353 per \$100 of taxable value or 1.33 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

1998 Property Tax Rates

in MUENSTER HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for MUENSTER HOSPITAL DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$337,707
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$337,707
Last year's tax base	\$127,446,362
Last year's total tax rate	0.26498 / \$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$339,494
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$132,187,349
This year's effective tax rate	0.25682 / \$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$339,494
This year's adjusted tax base	\$132,187,349
This year's effective operating rate	0.25683 / \$100
x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	0.27737 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.00000 / \$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.27737 / \$100

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Schedule B	Balance
1998 Debt Service		
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).		
Total required for 1998 debt service		\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$0
- Excess collections last year		\$0
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1998		\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 1998		\$0
- Total debt levy		\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 200 W California, Tx 76240.

Name of person preparing this notice: Doug Smithson

Title: Interim Chief Appraiser

Date prepared: August 4, 1998

Problems? *Who me??* SACRED HEART RED 'N MOTION DANCE TEAM

Many people complain about how they find it difficult to get along and communicate with other people.

It generally is about the issue of not being respectful when in conversation with another person, or a spouse or a child. Since this happens so frequently, here are a few guidelines for getting along with others and making those kinds of exchanges uplifting, rather than the other way around.

Guidelines:

When you are communicating to another person, say things in a way in which you would like to be spoken to. If you think you can't do that at the time, take a break and get your thoughts together and try to be respectful.

Never complain or criticize others.

Try and show honest and sincere appreciation of others.

Be the kind of person that builds people up, rather than tears them down.

Avoid arguments, try for expression of the truth in straightforward ways that are not hurtful, harmful, or demeaning.

Make sure when someone comes in contact with you, they feel the better for having spoken to you or for having spent time with you.

Be interested in others.

Smile a lot, it won't hurt you. It generally makes others feel good when they are around you. So, Try for sincere smiles that come from the heart.

Think of things to smile about.

Be patient and listen. Remember, good communication includes a great deal of listening.

When you are wrong, say so. It isn't a bad thing to recognize that you make mistakes - it makes you more human.

Let others know their ideas are important and you are willing to listen and learn from others.

Juanita L. Sanchez, M.S.W.L.S.C.S.W. Psychotherapist



10 YEARS AGO
March 18, 1988

According to Muenster Chief of Police Helen Tompkins, incidents of law-breaking had a wide swing of the pendulum since March 11: large rock thrown through large plate glass window at Dairy Inn; counterfeit money run through DI Car Wash; vehicle struck from behind in accident on Division and Main Street; officers are called to Muenster Memorial Hospital to investigate gunshot wound; hit and run accident on North Main Street breaks off telephone pole - there were no witnesses; accident on Main Street in front of The Hut is



Members of the Sacred Heart Dance Team spent Aug. 27-30 at Day Camp. The 29 members learned five dance routines for halftime performances. Shari Jurak was their instructor. The group is sponsoring a Hamburger Supper this Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. to help pay camp expenses. At left, Jackie Bartush and Diane Becker; above, from left, Kristin Zimmerer, Kendall Sellars, Kristen Knauf and Audrey Barnhill; below, Jenny Hess and Jessica Koesler.



YEARS AGO

March 19, 1948

Death strikes three residents, John N. Wimmer at age 70; Anton J. Noggler at age 44; Professor W.J. Linnen at age 92 (who was a beloved teacher here in Muenster Public School for 21 years). J.B. Wilde and Gerald Stelzer, out hunting coyotes from Wilde's plane, bag one on their first trip out. Muenster Boy Scouts have overnight and campout at old Fort Fitzhugh, three miles south of Gainesville. Bert Hamric will represent the Muenster Troop with other county members in building a centennial marker. Fort Fitzhugh was prominent in early Cooke County history as an outpost to defend against Cherokees and Comanches.

30 YEARS AGO

March 22, 1968

Federal grant of \$28,680 is authorized for Muenster's

sewer plant expansion program. The rest of the cost will be paid by the city. Muenster 4-H Boys display six champions at County 4-H Livestock Show. Lindsay High School wins big at Cooke County Science Fair: Barbara Fuhrmann of Lindsay High School had outstanding display in the astronomy division, entitled "The Moon". Sheila Arendt of Lindsay High School is first place winner in girls physical division, on "Effect of Temperature on Specific Gravities." Lindsay Students won five of 12 medals offered. From Muenster High School, Herbie Fette won the first place award on his display: "Bernoulli's Principle" in the boys physical division. Area experiences wettest first quarter - long wet winter still hangs on. Soil surface never got dry during past ten weeks.

caused by north-bound driver who struck a parked car, which in turn struck another parked car which was subsequently knocked into one of the large redwood planter boxes on Main Street, completely destroying it. Grass fire alert is issued by Muenster Volunteer Fire Department. Obituary: John Kupper dies at 81; Anthony J. Haverkamp dies at 54; mother of Charles F. Bartush dies in Michigan at age 94. Wedding: Debra Dawn Anderson and Bert Miller marry in Sacred Heart Chapel of Our Lady of the Lake University. Daryl Ferleer presents program on "Preserving Nature's Beauty With Dried Arrangements" to

Muenster Garden Club. New Arrival" Adam Joseph Dangelmayr to Pam and Joe Dangelmayr.

30 YEARS AGO

March 29, 1968

Muenster Jaycees sixth annual banquet will feature installation, selection of community's outstanding citizen of the year, and outstanding member of the Jaycees. Twelve Muenster Public School students place in UIL Literary events. Lindsay Grade School wins trophy for most points in UIL Literary meet. Peggy Endres is District 4-H Food Show Winner. Quality was the leading feature

of the Muenster High School FFA project show. Most animals won blue ribbons. Tom Hess sets new track record in Red River Relays running the mile in 4:40.5 New Arrivals: Dolle Dee Ann Pagel; Laura Ann to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Flusche; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fleitman.

10 YEARS AGO

March 25, 1988

Cooke County Junior Livestock Show ends on a successful note with annual auction. Scot Vogel has Grand Champion Suffolk ewe, and his brother Rodney Vogel has Reserve Grand Champion Suffolk ewe. Muenster High School seniors Staci Walterscheid and Brian Hess are first players in Hornet History to be chosen for the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches post-season honor teams. Feature story written by Jean Pagel tells about care to terminally ill given by Home Hospice. Obit: Raymond R. Endres dies at 67. New Arrivals: Erin Elizabeth Wyrick to Larry and Joanie Wyrick; Hannah Katherine Hess to Doyle and Debbie Hess.

1998 Property Tax Rates in MUENSTER CITY

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for MUENSTER CITY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$228,454
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$228,454
Last year's tax base	\$54,393,809
Last year's total tax rate	0.4200 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$230,203
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$56,637,265
= This year's effective tax rate	0.4064 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$226,859
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$56,637,265
= This year's effective operating rate	0.4005 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.4325 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.4325 /\$100

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
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Schedule B

1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Total required for 1998 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1998	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 1998	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 200 W California, TX 76240.

Name of person preparing this notice: Doug Smithson

Title: Interim Chief Appraiser

Date prepared: August 4, 1998



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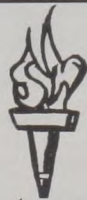
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Sports

'98-99 hunting, fishing licenses on sale

Hunting licenses go on sale August 11, and Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) is encouraging dove hunters to purchase their licenses well in advance of opening day - which begins September 1 in much of Texas - to avoid peak sales periods.

All 1998-1999 licenses will be printed on Valeron, a durable plastic product, instead of the flimsier "receipt paper", which has been used for licenses, since electronic licensing was introduced in 1996. The new Valeron licenses should prove to be sturdier and will not require a plastic pouch to keep the license intact.

The new license was designed in response to problems with the old electronic printout format - too bulky, not durable and most users had to keep up with several pieces of the license once game tags were used.

Customers should make sure that merchants are using the new Valeron stock, and that they are given a license valid through August 31, 1999. During the month of August, merchants can sell either the '98 or '99 licenses.

It might take longer for merchants to issue a license because they must accurately align the paper in order for all the hunting tags to print properly. License purchasers should check their new licenses carefully to be sure the perforations and printing are in line at the time of purchase.

New this year to the license buying process are Harvest Information Program (HIP) questions that must be answered by anyone who plans to hunt migratory game birds. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified in order to hunt migratory birds.

The objective of HIP, which was initiated by the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service, is to create a database of duck, dove, goose and other migratory bird harvest. This is the first year Texas has fully participated in this federally mandated program.

For the avid outdoorsperson, the "Super Combo" license includes a resident combination hunting and fishing license, plus all seven state hunting and fishing stamps for \$49. Sold

separately, the face value of the package is \$82.

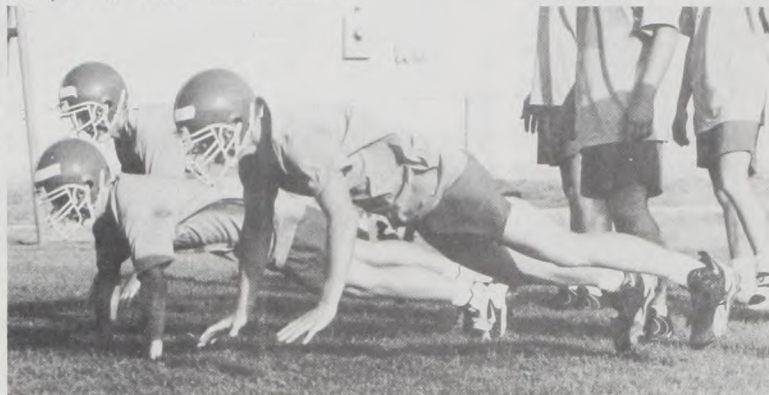
The \$40 Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH) provides access to 1.4 million acres of land for public hunting and over 100 public dove hunting lease areas.

August 11, new year licenses will be available from more than 3,100 license outlets statewide. TPW sells approximately 3.5 million hunting and fishing licenses annually.



Hornet Coaches Randy Tankersley, Gordon Martin and Jeff Teague give the players a pep talk after their first workout together as a team Wednesday morning. Joining Muenster's coaching staff this season is Glen Swirczynski.

Janie Hartman Photo



The Sacred Heart Tigers prepared for the physical challenge to get in top shape for this season's football contest. Workouts began Monday morning under new Head Coach Tommy Frazier.

Janie Hartman Photo

Fishing Report

NOCONA: Water clear; 84 degrees; Black bass are fair on plastic worms and spinnerbaits fished in 15 to 25 feet of water. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

TEXOMA: Water clear; 88 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigged worms fished shallow early and deep late. Crappie to 1.5 pounds are fair on minnows fished in 25 to 30 feet of water around boathouses. White bass to 3 pounds are excellent on Tiny Torpedoes fished in 30 feet of water. Strippers to 8 pounds are fair on topwaters early and late and 1/2 oz. slabs fished mid-day in 80 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 8 pounds are excellent on cut shad fished in 10 to 20 feet of water.

Quarterback Club meeting

There will be a Quarterback Club meeting, to meet the coaches, Sunday, August 9 at 2:00 p.m. at The Center Restaurant.

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People need to drink water before, during, and after exercise to replace the two to three liters of water they can lose in an hour of activity. By the time your body experiences thirst, you can already be dehydrated. You will never replace as much fluid as your body loses if you drink only when you're thirsty.

It's recommended that athletes drink one glass of a sports drink to replace electrolytes and sodium for every three glasses of water. Salt tablets can cause problems, and caffeinated and alcoholic beverages should be avoided because they are diuretics, causing more frequent urination and a net loss of water.

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According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, if you were born on or after September 2, 1971 and you are age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a Hunter Education Course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older; or under 12 years of age, you must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older.

Any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements.

The course is open to adults and youngsters and will include instruction in rifle, shotgun, handgun, and primitive sporting arms handling and safety; outdoor responsibility and ethics; laws and regulations; wildlife conservation and identification; hunting traditions; field care of game; and wilderness first aid and survival.

The minimum age for certification is 12 years. Students 12 years of age or older successfully completing the course will be issued a Hunter Education certificate from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Those less than age 12 will receive a certificate of attendance, but must take the course again after turning 12 for proper certification.

For more information, contact Jim Gehrig at (940) 759-4112.

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Wheat prices on the down side

Wheat prices are in the tank and market analysts are looking for a "scapegoat," noted Kim Anderson, OSU extension economist. "The Asian economy and the India and Pakistan situations are possible suspects. Each scapegoat negatively impacts price, but in my opinion, the real culprit is wheat production and supply. It may be two years before wheat prices recover to profitable levels," Anderson said.

The Department of Justice issued a ruling that 65 M loans are not exempted from the U.S.

trade sanctions applied to Pakistan and India.

"If history repeats itself, then wheat prices should be near the bottom," Anderson said. "Higher wheat production and stocks cause wheat prices to fall." World wheat production for the 1998/99 wheat marketing year is predicted to be 22 billion bushels and U.S. wheat 2.4 billion.

World and United States ending stocks are projected to remain high or increase.

"Steady world wheat ending stocks and higher U.S. wheat stocks imply that wheat prices will stay low at least until the

1999 harvest and possibly the 2000 harvest," noted the economist. "Low prices should reduce both U.S. and world wheat planted acres. If bad weather occurs, lower planted acres will increase the impact of adverse growing conditions."

"Whatever the price outlook or the marketing strategy, the number one thing to remember this year is to not get scared or greedy. The next thing to remember is that wheat prices have been this low three times during the last 10 years and each time prices recovered," concluded Anderson.



The area continues to witness the destructive outbreak of grasshoppers, one of the most widespread and damaging pests in Texas. The grasshopper population has reached intolerable levels, threatening and destroying crops and other plants, including these normally hard-to-control weeds. Janie Hartman Photo

Can a gift be depreciated?

It depends on the basis of the gift. A farmer wanted to know if he could depreciate farm equipment his mother gave him. The equipment had been completely depreciated out.

The short answer is "no." If someone gives something with a zero basis, you get that zero basis. But if the son buys the equipment at fair market value, then he could depreciate that price but could not use Section 179 expensing. This is because the property is acquired from a related party.

If the fair market value of the gift is \$8,000, the mother might sell it to the son for \$3,000. In that case, the son can depreciate \$3,000, and the \$5,000 is a gift from mom.

If she gave him the equipment that still had a basis, then that is the basis he can use for depreciation. For example, let's say she bought a \$20,000 tractor and took \$8,000 in depreciation before she made the gift. The son would then be able to depreciate the \$12,000 basis.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

SENATE DROUGHT SURVEY MEETING

Senator Phil Gramm's Office will have a representative in Cooke county on Friday, August 7, at 11:30 a.m., at the Cooke County Farm Bureau Building. The Farm Bureau Building is located on the south side of West Highway 82 in Gainesville. Senator Gramm is soliciting farmers and ranchers from various areas of the state to give input as to the current drought situation and its affect on crop and livestock production and sales. In addition, farmers and ranchers are invited to offer suggestions for agricultural policy development for now and in the future.

All farmers and ranchers are invited to this meeting.

DROUGHT CULLING STRATEGIES

Ron Gill, TAMU Center at Dallas, and Bill Pinchak, TAMU Center at Vernon, have developed a plan designed to cull animals of least immediate economic benefit and maximize production of remaining animals. Cull in the following order: 1) open fall-calving cows; 2) dry spring- and summer-calving cows; 3) open replacement heifers; 4) short-bred fall/winter-calving cows; 5) bred replacement heifers; 6) wet cows with poor teeth or other unsoundness; 7) wet, historically poor producers; 8) wet, open cows and heifers; 9) wet, bred individuals in poor body condition, cows below

BCS4 and heifers below BCS5; 10) wet, bred cows over 7 years old; 11) wet, bred first- and second-calf heifers; 12) remaining wet, bred cows, 4- to 7-year-olds, as conditions require.

BEEF HERD MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The USDA has published data from a 1997 survey of the 23 states with 86% of the nation's beef cows. Hot iron brands are used for herd identification by 27% of herds. There is no herd ID in 49% of herds. About 53% of herds identify individual cows, mostly with plastic ear tags. Over 88% of herds raise replacement heifers. Only 28% of calves are born horned, of which 61% are dehorned. Bull calves are castrated by 64% of herds. Weaning weights are 515 lb at 221 days of age. Almost 65% of calves are born during February to April. Calf crop percent is unrealistically high at almost 93%, almost surely due to respondents not accounting for all exposed females. Local auctions are used by 85% of producers to sell calves, with another 10% using private treaty. Over 53% of herds have no set calving season.

Of those with calving seasons, they are most often determined by either tradition or weather. AI is used in only 7% of herds. The number of females per bull is only 17.5, varying little by size of operation. On purchased bulls, 57% of herds semen test and 46% measure scrotal

circumference. Assistance at calving was required by 17% of heifers, but only 3% of cows. Deworming is done in 73% of herds. Calf death loss (at birth through before weaning) is 5%. Calves are creep-fed in 29% of herds. Barely 14% of herds implant suckling calves.

CRICKET PROBLEMS

The grasshoppers are still plentiful and now they've been joined by their cousins the crickets. People all over Texas are reporting problems with the chirruping creatures. The adult cricket lays from 150 to 400 eggs and Extension entomologist Dr. Cliff Hoelscher says because of the dry conditions, most of those eggs are hatching. He says we need rainfall to encourage the growth of fungi and bacteria that kill the young, developing crickets.

Hoelscher says we experience three generations of crickets each year. The first comes in April, the second in mid-summer and the third in September. Other than the annoying chirruping and the smell, if crickets get into your house, they will eat cotton and wool fabric. So what do you do about them?

Hoelscher says cutting down on outside lighting will help since crickets are attracted to light at night. He also recommends dusting around your house and garden with Sevin dust. And keep that insecticide handy because Hoelscher predicts another heavy infestation in September if this drought continues.

Metroplex Cattleman's Conference in September

The Cattle industry in Texas continues to struggle with producing quality beef in the face of volatile markets, high feed prices and weather, all of which are related," says Dr. Ron Gill, livestock specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Beef producers in North Texas who attend the Dallas Metroplex Cattleman's Conference can gain valuable information on how to deal with these difficult issues."

Scheduled for Friday, September 11, at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 17360 Coit Road in Dallas, the conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. Registration and a trade show open at 7:45 a.m.

Dry weather, poor markets, high feed prices, and pressure from competing meats continue to force herd liquidation

throughout Texas. Dr. Gill will address what producers can do to maximize salvage value of cows and bulls with minor management changes.

For the first time, producers will be able to earn CEU's toward their pesticide applicator's license during the conference. One CEU can be obtained in IPM (integrated pest management) by attending the conference and one additional CEU in Laws and Regulations can be obtained at an optional one-hour training following the conference.

Advance registration is \$15 (must be received before September 4) and \$20 at the door. Registration fee includes proceedings, breaks, and lunch. For more information, contact Fred Burrell at the Dallas County Extension Office (214) 904-3050 or 3051.

Corn growers are ready to tie Cong. Archer to an oil rig

Arch ethanol foe Congressman Bill Archer (R-Texas) is out to kill ethanol again. An he has made the National Corn Growers Association really angry.

Archer says corn ought to be for people, not cars. That's easy for an oil patch congressman to say.

Archer overlooks the fact

that about 20% of all corn production has shifted to industrial uses.

Without the industrial uses category, corn prices would probably have slipped below \$2 per bushel years ago. Corn growers know that and will fight hard to maintain tax breaks for ethanol. The battle is far from over.

Higher cattle price?

Recent changes in feedlot inventories, suggesting breeding herd liquidation may be slowing. This point in the cattle cycle, where placement of heifers into feedlots declines rapidly, may mean cow-alf producers may keep more heifers this fall. This reduction in feeder supply, should push feeder cattle prices higher.

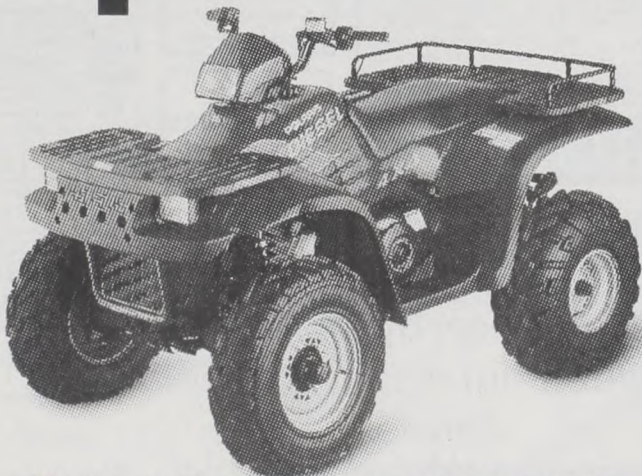
Feedlot operations may want to look for opportunities to lock in feeder cattle prices in any setback in the fed market or rally in grains," commented economist John Lawrence, Iowa State University.

Hay hotline

The Texas Department of Agriculture has set up a Hay Hotline to help connect farmers and ranchers who need hay with those producers who have hay for sale.

The Hay Hotline numbers 1-877-429-1998 (1-UPS-HAY-1998). The hotline is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is a toll call.

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Feeder Cattle Steers, medium & large frame, 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 80-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-80; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 80-90; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-80; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 75-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-75; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 70-78; Nos. 2 & 3, 63-70; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 65-74; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-65; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 63-70; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-63. Heifers, medium & large frame, 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 75-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-75; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 70-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-70; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 70-80; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-70; 500-600 lbs.: No.	1, 62-70; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-62; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 60-70; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-60; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 60-67; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-60. Slaughter Cattle Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 40-48. Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, 20-30; cutter, 30-38. Stocker Cows Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$475-\$525; medium frame, \$300-\$475. Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$500-\$665; medium frame, \$350-\$500.	Holstein baby calves, \$35-\$55; other baby calves, \$55-\$200. Hogs (cents per pound) Barrows & gilts: US 1-2, 220-275, \$33-\$36; US 1-3, 220-275, \$30-\$33. Sows: US 1-3, 300-650, \$18-\$25; US 1-3, 200-650, \$9-\$15. Feeders: US 2-4, 100-175, \$20-\$40. Sheep Lambs: \$58-\$72. Ewes: \$15-\$38. Bucks: \$20-\$35. Goats Kids: \$15-\$45. Nannies: \$20-\$100. Billies: \$40-\$125.
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