



North Main Street improvements continued this week as the final curbing was set into place and fill dirt packed in. The City now waits for the new, smooth paving of Hwy 373 through town.  
Photo by Janie Hartman

## Hopper resigns as Muenster ISD principal

The Muenster ISD Board of Directors met Thursday, June 15, with all board members present, along with new superintendent Clyde Steelman, the principals, and eight guests.

Mr. Steelman opened the meeting by explaining to the board his agenda format. He then noted the resignation of three staff members, James Hopper, Rudy Koesler, and Patricia Lozoya. Mr. Koesler will still teach the 2000-2001 school year on the teacher retirement system.

Steelman announced that the AG Department will no longer sponsor a junior FFA, because the students have an opportunity to join the local 4-H Club. Also, he and Rick Walterscheid are working their way through the grounds in a summer maintenance program, looking for any problems that can be corrected by the district's maintenance staff.

In the principal's reports, Gwen Truenebach told of four elementary staff personnel that attended a development workshop on the Wellness Program, paid for by the American Cancer Society. Also six teachers attended a workshop on developmental skills.

Truenebach then told the board of some changes in the

elementary student handbook, adding under the dress code, oversized clothing, "sagging" pants are not permitted. Shorts and skirt lengths must be closer to the knee cap than mid-thigh. No oversized arm holes, mesh shirts or see-through shirts or blouses. Also strapless, tube tops, halters, and tops with narrow straps will not be allowed. It was also noted that no body piercing is allowed with the exception of girls' ear piercing.

High school-junior high principal James Hopper also noted a few changes in the handbook. "We want to clarify the language, if involved in extra-curricular activities, so students and parents understand the policy." Basically the rule is set up for every extra-curricular activity outside the classroom, not only athletics, but everything that falls under that umbrella - FFA, student council, academics meets, etc.

Hopper also reported that Deanna Hellman will attend a workshop in Austin; and that teachers' phone extensions will be included in the new handbooks, to be printed by the *Muenster Enterprise*. "Once you agree to the handbook, it becomes policy," Steelman said.

Discussion items at the board meeting included:

- Credit by Examination with prior instruction. "Any student that fails a class by a 60 plus grade can take a credit by exam," explained Steelman. "A lower grade must take summer school to pass." Any student interested in taking a credit by exam needs to contact a school administrator.

- Mr. Steelman pointed out to the board that some school policies are over 10-15 years old, and that the manual has not been reviewed since 1990. "We need to update to make sure the manual is current with state laws."

- The TASB State convention will be in Houston, September 22-25. Steelman feels that every district should send a representative. "It gives you a vote - let's you learn what's going on in the state," said Steelman.

- Set a June 22 date for the board to discuss primary budget. "We have talked to department heads who have submitted a budget request," said the superintendent.

- The administration has been compiling goals for the 2000-2001 school year, to be discussed at the next board meeting.

The board took action on the following seven items:

1. Okayed a two year inter-local agreement with Hibbs-Hallmark and Company as a

Health Insurance purchasing agent. The district has been dealing with the company since 1992.

2. The district received three bids for employee health insurance - Blue Cross/Blue Shield, UniCare, and Texas Association of School Board TASBs. The majority of the teachers were in favor of the UniCare policy, with 30 of the 58 full time employees now covered by the district. The board voted for UniCare Policy.

3. Okayed Claims Administrative Services, Inc. for district's workers compensation.

4. Addendum to the Superintendent's contract that the district supply the Superintendent with a cellular phone for district use.

5. Approved student handbooks for the 2000-2001 school year with minor changes as addressed by principals.

6. Approved four transfers for the next school year.

7. Approved changing two in-service days to comp days for teachers that choose individual training in the summer.

In executive session, the board discussed personnel and contracts for the 2000-2001 school year.

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## Aesthetics of new gravel yard questioned

by Janet Felderhoff  
At their June 5 meeting the Muenster City Council had to make a decision on a zoning change request. Matt Sicking wanted to put in a sand and gravel yard on property located at the corner of Ash Street and Hwy. 82, south of property owned by Bob and Kathy Bauer. The property

was zoned for local business. To enable Sicking to put in the business he wanted, a zoning change would have to be made to light industrial. With two of the five members abstaining, the request for the change was approved 3-0-2.

Community aesthetes and the Bauers are unhappy with the City Council's decision. "I am vehemently against a new gravel pit or any new eyesore on Highway 82 or Main Street," remarked MaryLee Alford, president of Keep Muenster Beautiful. "The reason is these areas are visual to travelers through

Muenster and what they see will impress them regarding our city. The impression will be that of an industrial city or an attractive one in which tourists would like to stop and visit. If we can attract tourists, we can get more tax revenue from shoppers and diners and create a quality of life for residents made possible with a clean and beautiful city."

Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel said, "I am very sympathetic with Bob and the Alford's and anyone else concerned with the approaches to Muenster. We want the entrances to Muenster to look

nice." He added that the property in question has for many years had a set of oil tanks, pump jacks and has been grown up in weeds which doesn't look very nice either.

Weinzapfel noted that Sicking may keep an attractive business, may even decide to fence it. "There is nothing to say he won't take care of it," he stated. The mayor noted that location is in a flood area and he wouldn't be surprised if any building put there would have to have flood insurance.

Muenster does have ordinances which deal with junk, old equipment, and other

unsightly or unhealthy things. If a business is found to be in violation a letter or notice is sent. If there isn't compliance within the given time, then a citation is issued. All businesses in the city limits are expected to comply with the city's fire codes and business regulations, said Weinzapfel.

Bauer agreed that the City Council has done a good job of getting businesses to tidy up for a more attractive look. "They've in a most delicate way managed to get the people to go ahead and make some strides in beautifying Muenster as an approach," he remarked.

"Sand and gravel storage (and perhaps buildings) is not the most attractive," Weinzapfel noted. "Muenster already has a sand and gravel yard on the east approach. The

addition of a business will bring in sales tax and community property tax. This is a step forward, a step the City Council decided to take." City councilman Troy Sicking abstained from voting since he is related to Matt. Councilman Dennis Hess also abstained.

Mayor Weinzapfel said all parties concerned had an opportunity to speak at the meeting and all did so very well. A decision had to be made the mayor said. It's a done deal and other than a petition that convinces them to change the decision stands, he said.

Bob Bauer contends that the proposed gravel yard might be in violation of the conditions listed for the light industrial zoning. He points to Section 10.2 that reads: "...industrial operations shall not

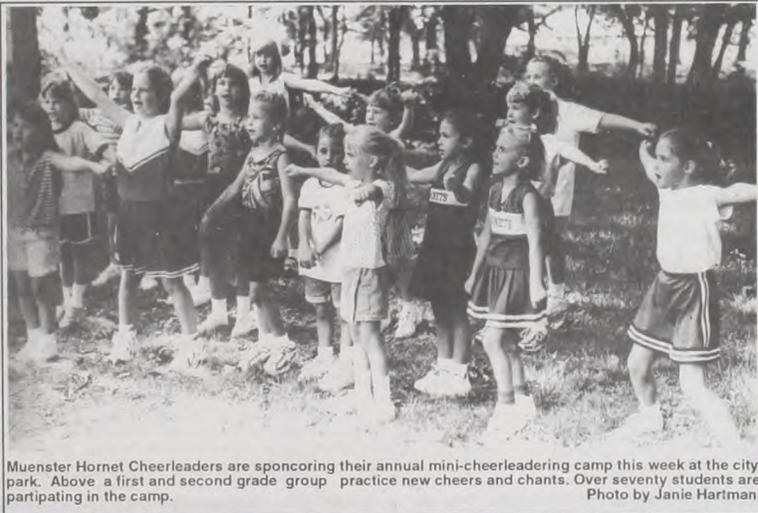
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## Mayor reminds citizens to keep ordinances

by Janet Felderhoff  
Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel said that recently there has been some noticeable lack of compliance with certain city ordinances. Eighteen wheelers shouldn't be parking on residential streets. Not all yards are being kept mowed as they should.

"I've noticed, too, that not all citizens bother to clean cut grass from the streets," remarked Weinzapfel. "It is an eyesore and will eventually destroy the pavement." He urged people to either use Round-up or keep the grass clipped along the pavement in front of their homes and businesses. Grass clippings left along streets attract dust and dirt. Eventually seeds become lodged there and sprout. Roots grow into the pavement and cause deterioration of the pavement.

The City is busy preparing streets in Muenster for an extensive paving project this summer, said Weinzapfel.



Muenster Hornet Cheerleaders are sponsoring their annual mini-cheerleading camp this week at the city park. Above a first and second grade group practice new cheers and chants. Over seventy students are participating in the camp.  
Photo by Janie Hartman

## Commissioners praise proposed CCAD budget

by Janet Felderhoff  
After reviewing the budget submitted by the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) for 2000-2001, Cooke County Commissioners Court had only good things to say. "I'll say one thing, that's about as good a budget as they've come up with in the 10 years that I've been here," Hess remarked. "They've done, it seems to me like, an excellent job on it." Commissioner Phil Young stated, "Doug's (Smithson, who is chief appraiser) doing a good job."

Hess praised the way the pay raises were being done. "The lowest on the totem pole got the largest pay raise, about a \$1,000 for the lowest and then \$500 and \$400," he said.

Commissioners Court approved the budget unanimously.

Monty Sewell is the county's nominee as a board member of the CCAD. Jane Carlton's resignation due to health reasons left an opening on the five member board. All entities were asked to nominate someone to serve. After nominations are in the CCAD board will select Carlton's replacement from the list of nominees.

County Auditor Gloria Parrish explained that the county's mailing machine meter will become outdated in August. After reviewing their options, Commissioners voted to lease a new up-to-date mailing machine from state contracted Pitney Bowles for \$4,500 a year including maintenance. The county now owns the seven year old mailing machine being used, but still has to pay \$2,700 a

year on a maintenance contract. Parrish noted that the new machine has an automatic weighing system which will save money.

Commissioners Court accepted the lowest bid submitted for a 1995 or newer crawler loader for use in Precinct #2. Total cost will be \$137,500 including interest for the piece of equipment. Cox agreed to pay DARR \$30,000 down when the machine is delivered and annual payments of \$30,725 for four years. The old crawler loader is in need of extensive and expensive repairs according to Cox. He said he plans to trade it in for a mower which his precinct also needs. The trade in allowance is \$10,000 plus.

Hess reported on a meeting that he and Commissioner Jerry Lewis had with the

Texas Preservations of Courthouses. They learned that three of the counties that received grant money did so because each had passed bonds for courthouse preservation. Gray County received the highest number of points and had passed a \$5 million bond to restore the Gray County courthouse.

Some of the counties hired specialists to do all the research, put the masterplan together, and to do the application for them, said Hess. That allowed them to get the maximum number of points possible. What will be done with the remaining seven million dollars was yet to be decided. Hess said that he'd suggested that the counties be put in divisions for fairer scoring purposes.

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## Sacred Heart captures TAPPS All-Around Championship

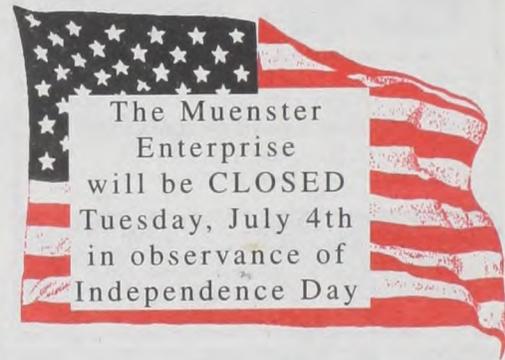
For the fourth consecutive year and the seventh time in the past eight years Sacred Heart School was crowned the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools All-Around Champions. The TAPPS award is given to the school who earns the most points in state academic, music, art and athletic competition.

The Tigers and Tigerettes earned 68 points to squeeze by Ovilla Christian with 65. Third place went to Jesus Chapel with 64 and fourth was won by Allen Academy who scored 48.

The Tigerette cross-country team scored 8 for their runner-up spot in the TAPPS Championships. Girls and boys

swimming each picked up 2 points for their fifth place finish. The Tigerettes scored 30 more points as they won State Championships in basketball, track and softball. The vocal music squad claimed its first state title and added 10 points along with the academic team which scored a third place and 6 points. The art department scored a fourth place good for four points. The girls golf squad scored 6 for their third place finish.

The TAPPS All-Around trophy was presented to the school at the TAPPS Summer Convention held in San Antonio last week. The title and trophy will remain at Sacred Heart for another year.



# Margie Knabe Endres: a chipper, efficient registrars office worker

by Stephen Bonin

One morning during the week following 2000 Spring Commencement at North Central Texas College, Margie Knabe Endres, Degree Audit/Graduation Coordinator, was startled by a ghost!

Indeed, the halls, parking lots and classrooms at the county's normally bustling community college seemed like a ghost town, what with all the students gone. But this ghost was not in any of those places; it was right behind where she sat in the Registrar's Office! In an unprecedented happening, perhaps in the history of the college, a "ghost" seemed to be tapping certain keys on her electric typewriter. She called in her coworkers in the Registrar's Office, and they enjoyed a hearty laugh!

Muensterite Endres' office is anything but frightening, with a cute, cuddly bear motif played out on an afghan, in figurines, including a set of the Wizard of Oz characters, which is her favorite. Other collectibles fulfill the theme—a videotape, stamps, and more, at home that she shares lovingly with husband Roger, a house painter, and son Brady, 2 1/2.

Endres has worked at the college three years, in nursing, in agriculture, and, since January, in the Registrar's Office. The opportunity to earn a better position all-around based on her college degree prompted her to internally transfer.

Endres' sister Melissa Walter of Muenster says Endres has always set high goals and achieved. Both sisters enjoyed playing volleyball, basketball and running track. "Most important," said Walter, "she has a strong will to do what she thinks is right."

Her Catholic faith gives her



Margie Knabe

the strength to bear her cross. On her filing cabinet is a cluster of studio photographer miniatures of her and family shaped into a cross, providing the reminder of the victory won for her sins by Jesus Christ.

Crosses along her path most recently included graduation, when some of the students were teasing her. There were so many students to be concerned about, and it was her first year to coordinate. Moreover, the room they were waiting in was un-airconditioned. She concentrated on the goal of having a nice ceremony, and soon the ceremony was over—myriad happy people milling about was music to her ears.

Music-to-her-ears at home is Brady, with whom the Endres parents "play ball a lot—baseball, football, basketball." As many in the area know, the former Knabe who went to Era schools married one of 13 children, many of whom are contributing dynamically to the local economy. Brady is interested in bulls! He says "buuuuuus". He stays at the Tender Loving Care Center in Muenster.

Praising the college, Endres said, "Insurance is great for all three of us. Before being hired, Roger had a "sky-high" insurance as an independent. Secondly, the location is close. Third people here are wonderful. One person she praises is Debbie (Zimmerer) Pounds, who did an outstanding job decorating at Commencement.

Condoa Parrent, Endres' Supervisor, praises this star Muenster citizen as "definitely bright and cheerful, energetic, an extremely quick learner. I like to hear her say, 'Is that my job?'" Parrent enjoyed a laugh pertaining to Commencement. The Dean of Students asked Endres to get her a mortar board, the ceremonial hat worn by higher education people. Not familiar with that term, Endres thought she said a "mother board" from a computer!

The staff has enjoyed teasing her about that! "We never have down time," Parrent said, reiterating Endres' value to the college community.

Endres knows the value of NCTC in her life, and her access to students. As a high school athlete, she was a start basketball player. An injury took her out of the season and out of hopes for a career. "It was my life. You never know what's going to happen," she says wistfully. Endres had to learn to be resourceful with her wits.

T.J. Davidson, Chair of the Agriculture and Equine Science Department, speaks fondly about her. His wife, a 31-year educator at Era School, was Endres' teacher. And Margie's mother, he remembers, was a teacher's aide. "She worked as a work study secretary several years ago, part time, before I had a full time. Recently when my secretary left, I contacted Margie. She became my secretary for six months."

Her strengths: "Very efficient, computer knowledge, excellent personality. I would not have to ask her to do tasks. She has a background in agriculture.

Endres laughs about her own agricultural background—showing sheep and chickens, locally sixth grade to eighth grade. It just does not strike her as "cool" in light of her sports—including cheerleading, volleyball and track—excellence.

While her friendly ghost continued to tap her typewriter keys, Endres provided a friendly presence to prove the Scriptural message from Romans 8:28: "All things work for the greatest good."

On the counter outside her cheery office, a plaque spoke her philosophy: "Learning opens the world to minds ripe for the journey."

## 13th Annual Ruth Hess Golf Tourney July 9

The Thirteenth Annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, July 9 at the Indian Oaks Golf Course in Nocona. Tee time is 8 a.m. for the 4 Person Scramble. The fee is \$220 per team (includes green fee, cart, and t-shirt). Proceeds will benefit City of Muenster Baseball Complex.

All participants will be put in one group and prizes will be awarded in four different flights. There will be prizes for closest to the pin on all par 3s.

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disseminate dust, fumes, gas, noxious odor, smoke, glare, or other atmospheric influence beyond the boundaries of the property the average intensity of the noise of street traffic at that point and provided that such use does not create fire hazards on surrounding property."

Alford remarked, "We can control the future industrial locations with proper zoning. It is incredible that three people on the City Council have the power to give Muenster such a black eye. Last year these same people sat and listened to a report from a well paid consultant who specializes in community planning. He stressed upon them the importance of controlling zoning to insure that future industrial business is restricted to areas reserved for industry. It is important to plan space for residents, industry, parks, business, etc. Most well planned cities have industrial parks and those

have minimum landscaping requirements to ensure the industrial parks are clean and attractive. The consultant's report is available at City Hall to those who would like to read it."

Bauer stated, "In this case I see this (the rezoning) as a black eye for Muenster Beautiful. I see it as a black eye for that property and a nuisance with dust and noise and so on. I see it as a black eye for South Town and right now with the bridge out there is only one entrance and access to South Town and that is on South Ash and that is right across from what is intended to be a gravel yard."

Muenster currently has three sand and gravel yards inside the city limits and one outside. One has been a part of the community for many decades. Asked if it was a bother one person who has lived next door to it for many years remarked, "We've not been bothered. There is a fence and an alley between us. Sometimes we hear the truck flow, but other noise from neighbors is more annoying. I haven't noticed any dust. I can't say it really bothers us and I haven't ever heard any of the neighbors say anything about it." The neighbor added that motors being revved is much noisier than the sand and gravel yard noise. A comment was made that the yard was nicely kept.

Another neighbor to the south agreed that in all their years of living there the sand and gravel yard hadn't been a bother. "It doesn't bother us one bit. There's no noise or other problem here," the neighbor noted.

The intersection of Ash and Hwy. 82 is the fastest intersection in Muenster, according to Bauer. He said he fears that the gravel yard will be an additional traffic hazard to the city of Muenster because by the time traffic is leaving Muenster at that corner it is going 70 mph. It is the same with traffic coming into Muenster from the west, he added.

Bauer noted, "I said all this at the meeting to the City Council and I pleaded with them at the end. I said, 'Please, don't do this to Muenster and don't do it to me.' They voted as they did."

"I have no faults with this, Council. They've made some great decisions and so on and they're naturally upstanding and straight forward people. I unfortunately do not feel that they gave enough consideration to what I tried to impart with them at the meeting because they gave it such a little amount of time," Bauer said that there wasn't enough time to consider all of the ramifications. The topic was limited to 15 minutes with each person having two minutes to state their concerns.

Bauer has started a petition to have the City Council reconsider the zoning change. He hopes to submit it at the July 3 City Council meeting.

\* Please note that this proposed business is a sand and gravel yard for the storage of same. It is not a gravel pit which is a hole dug into the ground for the purpose of extracting gravel. One is much larger, messier, and unsightly than the other. There seems to be some confusion by residents on this fact.

## OBITUARY

### Cecil A. Lawler 1918 - 2000

Funeral services for Cecil A. Lawler of Saint Jo were held Tuesday, June 27 at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Saint Jo, officiated by Rev. Mel Caraway.

Cecil A. Lawler was born on July 10, 1918 in Saint Jo to Andrew Carrol and Pearl (Lawson) Lawler. He was involved in the grocery business until retirement. He was married to Lorene Simpson on Jan. 19, 1938 in Saint Jo. After retirement, he busied himself in Arts and Crafts. Passersby enjoyed and appreciated his arts and crafts that were displayed in his yard.

He was a Mason and received his 50 year pin and Lifetime Membership three years ago, having served as Past Master in Saint Jo Lodge #483.

Survivors are his wife, Lorene, a son Kenneth R. Lawler of Lake Kiowa, a sister Rosa Tucker of Arlington, a brother Roy Lawler of Saint Jo; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents, a sister Lois Lawler and a brother Floyd Lawler.

Burial in Mountain Park Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Masons from Lodge #483 served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Charles McGrath and Neal Thompson.

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In a called meeting Tuesday night, the Muenster ISD board hired Phil Newton, a Gainesville native as the high school and junior high principal. More information will be available in next week's Enterprise.

## City Council Agenda

The following is the amended agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, July 3, 2000.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on June 5.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Receive petition from Bob Bauer regarding recent zoning change on property located at the corner of Highway 82 and Ash Street.
2. Consider and act upon approving construction of a ramp at the Seyler Museum.
3. Consider and act upon the city's sale of North Hickory Street between Sixth Street and Seventh Street at the Fair Market Value to Sacred Heart.
4. Consider and act upon water line extension to property owners on North PM 373.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open sealed bids for police car. Consider and act on accepting low bid.
2. Consider and act on beer and wine permit for Dos Amigos Restaurant.
3. Consider and act on passing a resolution authorizing:
  - a. The submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs requesting grant funds from the Community Development Fund of the Texas Community Development Program (TCDF).
  - b. The specific use for which the grant funds may be used.
  - c. The Mayor to execute all documents in conjunction with the application, and
  - d. The commitment of local resources in support of the proposed project activities.
4. Consider and act on passing a resolution confirming:
  - a. The hiring of an administrative/grant consultant and project engineer for the proposed project, and
  - b. Designating which source(s) of funds will be used to pay the project professionals.
5. Consider and act on the following:
  - a. Expansion of Fire Department;
  - b. Repairs to City Hall building;
  - c. Disposition of old museum property at 201 E Third Street.
6. Consider and act upon cost of portable bathroom facilities at new baseball park.
7. Schedule a FY 2001 budget workshop.
8. Review and act upon monthly bills.
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.074. Personnel Matters.
10. Return to open session. Act upon approving any actions from the executive session.

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Sunday, July 2, 2000	Monday, July 3, 2000	Tuesday, July 4, 2000	Wednesday, July 5, 2000	Thursday, July 6, 2000	Friday, July 7, 2000	Saturday, July 8, 2000
Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm	City Council meeting, 7:30 pm	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5:00 pm	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm / TDH Immunization Clinic 9-11am, Cooke City Electric Co-op / Grief Support Seminar, 6-8pm, Home Hospice Office	Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9 pm, Muenster Pool	
Sunday, July 9, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm	Monday, July 10, 2000 VFW meeting, 8:00 pm	Tuesday, July 11, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, July 12, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, 7:30 am, The Center Restaurant	Thursday, July 13, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm Grief Support Seminar, 6-8pm, Home Hospice Office	Friday, July 14, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm	Saturday, July 15, 2000 St. Francis Golf Tournament, Turtle Hill



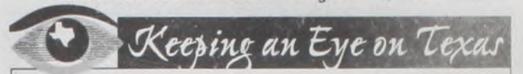
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# Raegan Koesler wins Keep Muenster Beautiful essay contest



Raegan Ann Koesler won an award and a \$100.00 savings bond for her entry in the Keep Muenster Beautiful sponsored essay contest. High school juniors and seniors were invited to write an essay on their desires for the future of Muenster, stressing the importance of a clean and beautiful city and its effect on economic development. To win, students had to adhere to very strict rules regarding margins, spacing, font size, and were limited to 26 lines. Copies of all essays submitted are being presented to the City of Muenster, Chamber of Commerce, and the newly formed, special economic development committee, whose mission is to study and improve the economic development of Muenster.

The following is Ms. Koesler's winning essay entitled *Muenster - The Shining Star*:

My desire for the future of Muenster is to preserve its many advantageous qualities for future generations. This aspiration can be likened to a five-point star, with each point characterizing Muenster as sanitary, scholarly, safe, scrupulous, and small. By emphasizing the significance of keeping Muenster clean and beautiful through the carrying out of these five qualities, our town's booming economic development will be strengthened.

The first point of the star refers to keeping Muenster

sanitary. Because my family and I have grown up in this neat and beautiful town, I appreciate its tidiness, and I want Muenster to stay clean in the years to come, not only so that others can enjoy it, but also because a clean town will draw more business, thus helping economic prosperity to flourish. Since I have been a participant in the Adopt-a-Highway program to beautify Muenster, I hope those who come after me will continue this pristine tradition.

The second point of Muenster's star involves preserving the scholastic ability of the people in the town through the two school systems. It is unusual to find two separate schools with such great reputations of success in a small community. Because Muenster is aesthetically appealing, visitors will come and enhance it economically.

A third important apex on the star of Muenster stresses the need to keep Muenster safe. In a clean and visually inviting area, it is easier to detect problems because anything unusual is an obvious red flag. Consequently, Muenster's safety is best protected by keeping the town beautiful and clean. As a result of being secure, Muenster will, in turn, draw more tourists to help the town's economy.

The fourth element on the star calls for keeping Muenster scrupulous. If rarity increases the value of something, then



Raegan Koesler and Mary Lee Alford

morality is priceless. The citizens of Muenster have always been strongly religious and devoted to morals, and a town of ethical people is naturally more attractive to those who wish to relocate. Therefore, although the town's beauty and cleanliness will likely attract visitors to help its economy, the trust in the integrity of the people in Muenster can only bolster the economic prosperity of the region.

The final point on the star of Muenster underscores the necessity of keeping the town small. Some city dwellers leave their fast-lane neighbors for the more peaceful surroundings of our small town. So, it is important to maintain Muenster's quaint image in order to continue to draw new friends to our town and its economy.

The five points of Muenster's star will keep it sparkling into the future.

## Fireworks Safety

Obey local fireworks laws this July 4. Some cities prohibit personal fireworks use, and due to widespread drought, many counties are discouraging personal fireworks use this year. If fireworks use is permitted in your community, observe these safety guidelines:

- Only adults should handle fireworks.
- Discuss safety procedures with children.
- Read labels and carefully follow directions.
- Never use fireworks indoors.
- Never aim or throw fireworks at others.
- Never try to reignite fireworks that malfunction.
- Keep a bucket of water handy.
- Light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from buildings, dry vegetation and flammable materials.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Health.

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In other business conducted at the June 26 meeting, Commissioners Court:

- Gave approval for Sprint Telephone Company to install a buried cable on CR 435 near CR 436 in Precinct #4 in the Bulcher area.

- Approved renewal of contract with City of Muenster for Fire Protection. It is unchanged from last year.
- Approved public official bond for Anthony J. Ward as deputy constable.

## American Red Cross offers life-saving classes in July

The American Red Cross will offer two Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes and one Babysitter's Training class in Gainesville during July as part of its Safe Family/Safe Schools campaign.

The CPR classes will include instruction in adult, child and infant CPR and basic first aid. The course covers a variety of emergency situations and provides hands-on skills practice in both first aid and CPR. The class is approximately 8 hours. Class dates are Tuesday and Wednesday, July 11 and 12, from 6 to 10 p.m., or Saturday, July 22, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sessions will be at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. Successful completion of the course entitles the participant to Red Cross certificates in CPR and First Aid.

The Babysitter's Training class will be Saturday, July 15, at Hillcrest Church of Christ, 1712 O'Neal, Room 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This popular Red Cross course is designed to help young people learn how

to be responsible babysitters. It is designed for students who are in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades of school. Skills include practice of basic child care and demonstrating the ability to act and think safely. Participants also learn Red Cross First Aid and Rescue Breathing.

Two additional short courses will be offered in July, a CPR Review class for persons currently certified in Red Cross CPR who need to renew their certification, and a CPR Challenge class for those who wish to "challenge out" CPR certification by completing written and skills exams. The CPR Challenge date is Thursday, July 20, at the Red Cross office in the Cooke County Courthouse, by appointment only. The CPR Review Class will be Friday, July 21, at a location to be determined.

Pre-registration and pre-payment is required for all of these classes. To register and for more information, call the Cooke County office of the Red Cross at 665-4365.



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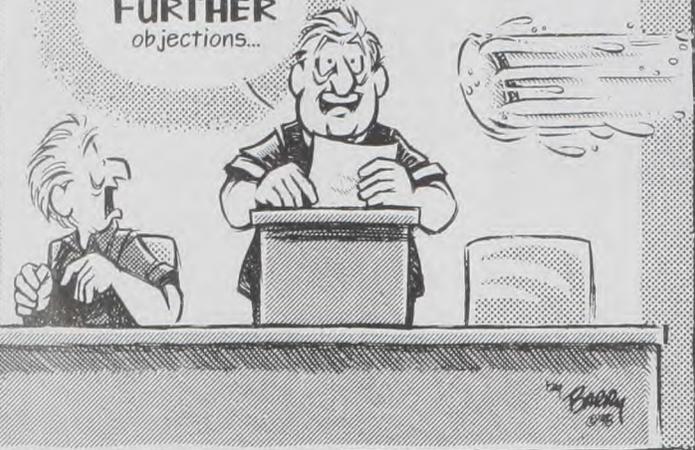
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# Opinion/Editorial

## Letters to the Editor

**J.P. Doodles**

—if  
there are no  
**FURTHER**  
objections...



Dear Editor:

I am circulating a petition to ask the City Council to reconsider the zoning change allowing a gravel yard at Ash Street and Hwy. 82 (Division). If you feel this is not a direction Muenster should go inside the city limits, please support me in this. Come by or call 759-4441.

Thank you,  
Bob Bauer  
128 Ash Street  
Muenster, TX 76252

Now It Comes With A List of Ingredients.



Dear Editor

There was a letter written and published recently concerning the topic of salvation and what is required for one to get to heaven. I would like to address some common misconceptions which are timeless and can be dated to the days in which Jesus walked this earth.

I will use as a reference the words of Jesus, not a religion or tradition as a basis for addressing the issue of salvation. You see in the days of Jesus they also had a religious establishment that believed that righteousness, holiness, and salvation came by works and adherence to religious observance and ceremony performed ritualistically. So I will therefore focus on Jesus and His response when approached by Nicodemus in the gospel of John - chapter 3. Jesus said you must be 'born again', then went on to explain to Nicodemus in verses 15-18 that belief (faith) is the key. What you see here in this brief yet wonderful exchange is Jesus Christ himself answering the question of salvation, Now Nicodemus was obviously astounded for Jesus told him in verse 7 "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

Sounds quite familiar doesn't it? The same religious establishment which rejected Jesus and crucified him still exists today. The battle cry is "It's just not that simple. You must work, you must perform, you must do this or that. To think one could believe on His name and be saved as Jesus said in John 3: 15-18 is preposterous, yet that's what Jesus said.

Now to believe in Jesus is to believe that apart from Him, and His death and resurrection there is no other way to enter heaven. Belief is faith, not works, works follows faith. When works follows faith it is the essence of faith. When faith follows works it is the essence of works.

One must believe that first they are a sinner and can in no way atone for their own sin through penance. The early Jews in the book of Leviticus had the sin sacrifices given of God, through Moses, for the levitical priests to perform yet it was not the ritual or the priest which gained atonement for the sin. It was the shed blood of the animal which foreshadowed the shedding of blood of our Savior Jesus Christ on the cross! The soul that sinneth it shall die (last sentence of Ezekiel 18:4). The Father placed on Jesus at the cross the sins of mankind - mine and yours!

The Perfect Sinless Sacrifice which knew no sin took on sin that through the shedding of His blood there may be remission of sin, reconciliation with God through belief in Jesus - as Jesus told Nicodemus in John chapter 3. Jesus Christ died in our place but we may only receive this if we accept it through exercising our free-will to choose to accept it.

Taking our sins to the cross, triumphing in His resurrection over death to live eternally with the Father - so if anyone would repent of their sin accept they are a sinner and that is through Jesus's death and resurrection that they were forgiven for their sins. Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Galatians 2:21 do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness came by the law, then Christ died in vain.

If you look closely at the New Testament you will see if led of the Holy Spirit that the Last Supper is given four verses each in Matthew and Mark, two verses in Luke, and not mentioned in John. The rest of the New Testament is focused on the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. The relationship of the believer to this fact resulting in a transformed life in Christ which naturally without effort produces good fruit. I challenge you to pray in the name of Jesus;

Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved Acts 4:12.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus 1 Timothy 2:15.

Pray that God would reveal to you why so much attention is given in the book of Hebrews as well as Galatians, and Ephesians that it is through grace by faith that we believe and are saved, and that Christ Jesus died for us that we might live, and that so little attention only ten verses speak of the Last Supper.

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law, for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. Galatians 2:16.

Jesus said in John 6:44, 'You must be drawn of God unto Him.' I pray that you will pray in Jesus name that you be led by the Spirit of God unto Jesus Christ who provides truth and spirit for the Father is truth and spirit, and desires those that worship Him to do so in truth and spirit in order to discern what has been written in this letter.

Last I will close with an invitation. If you truly desire to know what salvation entails, here is what God has provided in scripture.

1. Gods purpose: peace and life  
Romans 5:1, John 10:10
2. Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God has planned for us to have?  
Ezekiel 18:4, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23
3. People have tried through religion and ritual to bridge this gap. What does God's Holy Word say?  
Proverbs 14:12, Isaiah 59:2
4. God provided a bridge to Him from our sinful nature:  
The Cross - Jesus Christ  
1 Timothy 2:5, 1 Peter 3:18, Romans 5:8
5. Jesus says He stands at the door and knocks. Where are you?  
Revelation 3:20
6. We can become sons and daughters of God.  
John 1:12
7. If we confess and believe with out hearts we shall be saved  
Romans 10:9

Our sins were nailed to the Cross - the handwriting of ordinances against us.  
Colossians 2:13-14

Now if you wish to invite Jesus Christ into your heart as Lord and Savior resulting in the true knowledge of salvation through Christ, provided of God through His immeasurable grace unto us. Here's how:

1. Admit your need. ('I am a sinner')
2. Be willing to turn from all your sins. (repent)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins on the Cross.
4. Confess that there is no other way except through Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins by His death on the Cross.
5. Through prayer invite Jesus Christ to come into your life and control it through the Holy Spirit.  
(Receive him as Lord and Savior)

Dear Lord Jesus,  
I believe you died for my sins years before I was born to commit them. I believe there is no other way for forgiveness than through you. I am a sinner and I turn from my sin to you Jesus. I believe you rose from the dead triumphing over my sin and I accept that forgiveness. Please Jesus come into my life as Lord and Savior. I can't live another minute without you.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Note: The 5 steps were material provided by as well taken from a gospel tract entitled "Steps to Peace with God". All other material as prior to attempting this letter and throughout, reliance on prayer for inspiration through Jesus Christ.

I will close by saying, Yes I am a born again Christian, and Yes, I love Jesus. Above all I pray that this is most helpful concerning the topic of salvation and what is required for one to get to heaven.

Sincerely,  
Chris E. Moster  
308 N. Pecan  
Muenster, TX 76252

## FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

by Ed Cler

from Ed Cler: I submit this viewpoint on the current petroleum situation for your consideration.

**Clinton approves oil-price hikes**  
Official: Administration backs increases to help Russia, Indonesia, Mexico, Iran  
By Charles Smith  
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Oil ministers from OPEC nations have quietly told national security advisors on Capitol Hill that the oil production cutbacks - and resulting price increases - are being implemented at the request of the Clinton administration on behalf of Russia, Indonesia, Mexico and Iran.

Russia, Mexico and Indonesia are reported to be directing their increased oil profits toward paying back overdue Western loans. According to one government defense adviser, the windfall profits are part of a larger scheme to use the American public to pay off faded and corrupt investment schemes in the three countries.

"The American public is paying off bad loans to bad countries made by bad bankers," stated the national security adviser. The largest Middle Eastern oil producers reportedly agreed on the cutback of oil production in order to increase income for weapons purchases. Several oil states have announced major weapons buys from the West, including a recent multi-billion-dollar purchase of Lockheed/Martin F-16 fighter jets.

"Iran is also trading oil to China in exchange for missile technology," stated the national security adviser.

The gas hike has raised several concerns about the Clinton energy policy and U.S. national security.

In recent years, OPEC has flooded the market with oil, lowering prices worldwide. The lower prices, according to Denise Bode, a commissioner on the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, were designed to discourage investors in U.S. domestic oil production, maintaining a world monopoly for OPEC.

"The OPEC cartel clearly understands that the Clinton energy policy is based on instant gratification," stated Bode, "seeking low gasoline prices and ignoring future consequences with a foreign cartel in charge of our national energy resources."

"In 1997, OPEC acted to consolidate the American market by sending much cheaper oil, dumping it at historically low prices. The most significant energy policy initiated by the Clinton administration is a 4.3 cent increase in the gasoline tax," said Bode.

"Another 30,000 Americans have lost their jobs. Domestic oil production has moved from holding steady to a 5.4 percent decline. Even though OPEC has recently cut back production and raised the price of oil to \$30 a barrel, there has been no increase in domestic production."

"It's very clear what OPEC should do if they want to retain control," stated Donald Hodel, former secretary of energy and secretary of interior during the Reagan administration.

"Periodically, they should announce they are going to produce excess volumes of crude oil. The announcement itself will scare away some capital investment from new production. Secondly, if that doesn't work, and from time to time to prove their point, they would have to overproduce, drive the price down dramatically, so that marginal wells in the United States will be shut down and new investment will be shut down worldwide."

"According to Hodel, the "green" movement has combined with OPEC to "erect straw arguments" against the U.S. energy industry.

"I've never met anyone who said I want to breathe dirty air or drink polluted water," noted Hodel "Yet, the green movement has succeeded in using clean air, clean water and garbage control as a means to seek deindustrialization in the U.S."

"The problem is that the schools have been captured by the flaming environmentalists," noted Hodel. "We are not doing a decent job of getting the educational establishment to acknowledge the facts about the importance of energy production to our economy."

"If we were rational about our energy policy, we would have a growing component in our society of nuclear power. The people who fought nuclear power have successfully stopped coal. They are now turning toward natural gas and oil. We made the point over and over that offshore drilling is less of an environmental hazard than transporting imported oil by tanker."

Hodel concluded, "Our dependency on foreign oil affects our national security and our environment."

Charles Smith is a national security and defense reporter for WorldNetDaily.



## ISSUE UPDATE

with  
Mac Thornberry

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### Declaration of Independence Ignited Spark of Freedom That is Still Burning Brightly Today

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

With these words written in 1776, the 13 United States of America embarked upon a grand experiment. That experiment was based upon the belief that each individual was created by God with certain rights, and that the people then created government to guarantee those rights.

It took a Civil War and a Constitutional amendment or two to clarify that "all men" means "all men and women." It awes me to think about the residents of our Nation. Americans are so diverse in cultures, races, and ideas. Yet, we are united in our love of liberty.

As we near our Independence Day, I wonder if the Founding Fathers knew what a great

success their experiment would become. That spark of freedom, lit here in the United States, has caught on across the globe. In 1987, there were just 69 electoral democracies around the world. Today, that number stands at 117 countries, and that increase is largely due to the leadership America has provided.

As the world's leading democracy and lone superpower, we must not be complacent. We cannot and should not be the world's policeman or a tool for some international organization. But we should resolve to keep our Nation strong and our people secure and do everything we can to make sure that the freedom and democratic ideals we cherish continue to spread around the world.

Most of all, as we celebrate the Fourth of July, we should resolve to teach our children and grandchildren what a special place America is so they never take freedom or our other God-given rights for granted.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 131 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515, or through his website at [www.house.gov/thornberry/](http://www.house.gov/thornberry/)

## Law suggests county appraisal coordination

The Property Tax Code requires county appraisal districts (CADs) to work together in appraising and listing property that lies in more than one CAD's boundaries. Beginning Jan. 1, 2000, the law changed that process for CADs. House Bill (HB) 1037 repeals most of the law changes added by the 75th Texas Legislature in 1997. HB 1037 adds language to have CADs coordinate their appraisal activities "to the extent practicable" so as to "encourage" and facilitate the appraisal of the same property at the same value.

Beginning with the 2000 tax year, CADs do not have to agree on a proposed value for a property by May 1. Again, CADs are "encouraged" to appraise the same property at the same value, but are not required to arrive at the same appraised value.

HB 1037 repeals the provision that a property owner could protest the proposed value of a property located in more than one CAD to only one Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

Beginning in tax year 2000,

property owners must file protests with each district's ARB if they disagree with that CAD's proposed value.

HB 1037 also eliminates the provision that a homeowner may apply only at one CAD and receive the exemptions in the other CAD. Beginning in tax year 2000, these homeowners must file in each CAD office that appraises their applicable exemptions.

Property owners still are required to file changes in current mailing address, property ownership, or any other information that helps the CAD list and appraise the property with each CAD.

To receive special appraisal for agricultural or timberland based on the land's productivity value, or any of the other special appraisals, the owners must apply to each CAD.

Owners required to render their property must do so to each CAD in which their property is located. A property rendition lists an owner's property and allows the owner to give an opinion of value.

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# Justin Conrad Hartman graduates TAMU College of Veterinary Medicine

Justin Conrad Hartman was among the 118 graduates at the commencement exercises for the Class of 2000 of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, held in the J. Earl Rudder Auditorium, in College Station, at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 12. Justin received both a Bachelor of Science Degree in Veterinary Science, graduating Magna Cum Laude and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree, graduating Cum Laude.

The Commencement Address was given by the world-renowned cardiologist, Dr. Michael DeBakey, who spoke of using one's talents through living a life of service to mankind. H. Richard Adams, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, presented the diplomas, and Mary A. Herron, Associate Dean of Professional Programs, bestowed the doctoral hoods upon the graduates. The administration of the oath was led by Dale S. Lonsford, President of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association.

Attending the ceremony were Justin's parents and sister and brothers, Roy, Irene, Ashley, Lucas, and Grant Hartman; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Don J. Fazzino of Bryan; his Godmother, Diane Patranello of Austin; Sara Fazzino of Steele Store; Joe, Liz, and Sam Hartman of Austin; Don and Kathy Hartman of Muenster; Steve and Lu Scarmardo of Bryan; Ed, Sherry, and Christy White of Houston; Stormy King of Lancaster; Scott Hamby and Lynette Breedlove of Houston. Following the ceremony, a



Justin Hartman

reception was held in the Exhibit Hall for the graduates and their guests.

Later that evening, Justin was honored with a barbecue buffet hosted by his parents at the Fazzino ranch house in Wheelock. It was attended by many relatives and friends. A maroon and white Aggie theme was carried out in the decorations. A poem called "Good Things Come to Those Who Wait," which recalled special moments of Justin's life, was composed and read by his mother, Irene Hartman.

As an undergraduate, Justin was a member of the Alpha Zeta agricultural honor fraternity, the Saddle and Sirlin Club, the McInnis Hall Council, and was regularly on the Dean's List. During his years in Vet school, Justin was a member of the following associations: SCAVMA, Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical

Association; AABP, the Student Chapter of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, serving as class representative for two years; AAEP, the Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners; and Phi Zeta, an honorary veterinary fraternity. In 1999 Justin attended the SCAVMA Symposium in Washington state and placed third individually in the nation in the bovine palpation competition.

Justin was a 1993 graduate of Muenster High School. He is the grandson of Herman Hartman and the late Della Hartman and Mary Fazzino and the late Don Fazzino. He is currently in practice with the Refinery Road Veterinary Clinic in Gainesville.

## Betsy Fleitman and Pat Bowden attend Delta Kappa Gamma Convention

Representing Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority International at the State Convention in Corpus Christi on June 8-10, two Cooke County chapters sent several members, Betsy Fleitman, incoming president of Mu Epsilon, of the Cooke County Schools, and Pat Bowden, incoming president of Gamma Sigma, of the Gainesville Schools. In addition, other local members attending were Beverly Neal and Susan Smith.

They attended special interest workshops, program workshops and other services, and were present for presentations of service pins at the official luncheon, presentations of Achievement Awards and enjoyed pre-convention tours to points of interest in the Corpus Christi area.

Members of Delta Kappa Gamma are active and retired teachers and administrators, representing all levels of education, kindergarten through university, from various parts of Texas. The organization, formed to honor key women teachers, was formed in 1929. Its membership now includes more than 160,000 members in 14 countries. The next convention will be held in Toronto, Canada.



Amy Sturm

# Amy Sturm graduates from San Diego State University

Amy Renee Sturm received her degree with distinction on May 27, 2000 from the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts at San Diego State University in San Diego, California. Amy finished her studies in Foods and Nutrition in December 1999 but had to wait for the traditional commencement ceremonies in May.

Amy was joined in beautiful San Diego by family and loved ones Mike and Joni Sturm, Yancy Culp, Tom and Renee (Wilde) Martin, and Paul and Joyce (Sicking) Dostart. Following the ceremonies, lunch was enjoyed at Rancho el Nopal in the Old Town district of San Diego. A graduation celebration beach party followed on Saturday, May 28 and was enjoyed by many of Amy's family and friends.

Amy is a 1994 graduate of Muenster High School. She left Muenster after graduation to attend Texas Tech University and transferred to San Diego State University in 1997. While at SDSU, she was the president of the Student Nutrition Organization. During her presidency, membership increased and she created various volunteer opportunities for students to experience educational and professional growth.

One such volunteer project, Harvest for Health, resulted in a published abstract. Amy and one of her professors wanted to start the Harvest for Health project to allow "city kids" to get their hands dirty and learn sustainable agriculture techniques. Volunteers from the Student Nutrition Organization went out to a local sustainable agriculture organic farm once a week and harvested fresh fruits and vegetables. The fresh produce was then packaged and delivered to local Women, Infant and Children (WIC) programs.

While at SDSU, Amy also received honors and distinctions at SDSU such as the Dean's List (all semesters), two scholarships, Golden Key Honor Society, and as an essay contest recipient (2 consecutive years). Her most prestigious achievement was being named the Outstanding California Dietetic Student of the Year by the California Dietetic Association for 2000.

Amy plans to continue her education in the field of nutrition by attending the dietetic internship at the VA San Diego Health Care System in La Jolla, California beginning in August. Upon completion, Amy will take the registration exam to become a registered dietitian.

## New Arrival

### Nogglor

Kenny and LaNell Nogglor of Lindsay announce the birth of a daughter, Alyssa Nicole Nogglor in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on June 16, 2000 at 8:23 a.m., weighing 6 lb 13 oz and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. She joins a sister, Mariah Nogglor, age 2 1/2. Grandparents are Victor and Frances Sicking of Muenster and Virginia Nogglor of Lindsay.

## Reunions

The Alois and Elizabeth Hoeng and descendants reunion and covered dish meal will be held Saturday, July 22 in Conrad Hall in Lindsay beginning at 3:00 p.m.

## Valerie Bartush is on Dean's List

Benedictine College of Atchison, Kansas has named Valerie Bartush, daughter of John and Lanie Bartush on the Dean's List. She is a sophomore, carrying a full load this semester and has maintained a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.99. Valerie is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School.

# Adrien is four!

Adrien Rohmer, daughter of Greg and Melody Rohmer, celebrated her fourth birthday on June 24. Guests were treated to a party at Burger King in Gainesville. Kid's meals and birthday cake were served. Gifts were also opened and pictures taken.

Guests included her parents; sisters Lauren and Megan; grandmother Gloria Klement; aunt Zonya Klement and cousin Tressa; aunt Leslie Dangelmayr and cousins Kaly and Travis; aunt Cheryl Rohmer and cousin Christina; aunt Shelley Klement; and friends from Tender Loving Care Daycare.

Adrien also shared ice cream

one cupcakes with her friends at Tender Loving Care Daycare.



Adrien Rohmer

# GMH offers July weight loss/exercise program

There is still time to register for Gainesville Memorial Hospital's popular "Get Fit For Fall" weight loss and exercise program.

"Get Fit" is a four-week program which features four workout sessions in GMH's first-class cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation center, four healthy meals, four nutrition classes, four weeks of menus, and 40 recipes.

Classes begin Thursday, July 6, and continue each Thursday through July 27. Participants arrive at the William F. Powell, M.D., Rehabilitation Center at Gainesville Memorial Hospital - dressed to work out - at 5:30 p.m. The 30-minute exercise session includes work on treadmills, stationary bicycles, and a variety of other exercise equipment.

Workouts are not supervised by medical staff and participation requires a physician waiver. All participants must abide by Center rules.

Following the exercise sessions, "Get Fit" participants enjoy healthy, low-fat meals while dietitian Lucy Krahl discusses weight loss basics, calorie accountability, behavior modification, and working through food challenges.

Each participant is provided with an easy-to-use manual full of selections from the American Heart Association, sugar-free recipes, tips to increase your fruit and

vegetable intake, plus low-calorie menus you can live with.

Cost of the four-session course, meals, and manual included, is \$50 per person; \$75 per couple. Reservations and a physician waiver are required. Payment is due by July 3 and is non-refundable. Space is limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call 940-612-8340.

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# 71 area Cub Scouts have a blast at Space Camp 2000

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Blast Off! Cub Scouts from packs 664, 659, 1167, 670, 110, and 1653 soared into space for their annual day camp, sponsored by Frontier Trails District of the Longhorn Council. This year's theme was about space, and was entitled "Space Camp 2000."

Traveling to a faraway galaxy, they explored new worlds and learned celestial skills. Upon arriving at an uncharted planet, the scouts were surprised they had been transformed into Vulcans, Druids, JarJars, Zorads, Klingons, and Vuldaks. Strangely enough, the terrain closely resembled that of the Muenster City Park. The boys spent the week of June 19-23 learning, playing, and working on achievements. Zero gravity training (swimming lessons), shooting stars (archery), alien shoot out (BB gun target practice), engineering lab (crafts), and space travel training center (games) were the core of the program.

Each day began and ended with a formal flag ceremony, with a different den acting as color guard. This instills pride and respect for our flag and nation. In every direction of the park, boys were having a wonderful experience. The games were bottle bowling, Frisbee golf, kickball, and wrist rockets (sling shots). The crafts were fun and educational. They included kaleidoscopes, rocket banks, bug houses, space shuttles, and planet mobiles. The Webelos also learned about science through experiments they performed and about engineering. As the scouts moved from one area to another, they yelled their den chant.

A child's fantasy came true when an airplane, piloted by Dan Combs of Texoma Flight Center, passed overhead, raining down hundreds of pieces of candy. This enchanted moment will live forever in the minds of all present. Mr. Combs was assisted by James Damron and was in ground radio contact with Brad Barrett, both of Barrett Aircraft Maintenance, Inc. As the boys enjoyed their

treats, Jeff Bilyeu, Gainesville Airport Director, spoke about the airport.

The next day as the boys were finishing lunch, the siren of the Muenster Fire Department's pumper truck could be heard as the truck winded through the park. As the siren became louder, the boys eyes brightened and the smile of anticipation spread across their faces. There was no cause for alarm because Fire Chief Herbie Knabe, and Firefighter and Cubmaster Ben Bindel were coming to give the scouts a cool down when they opened the valve on the top of the truck and sprayed water into the air. The boys danced in the downpour with pure happiness.



Sam Sparkman works on his bug house. Courtesy Photo

Another noontime presentation was water rocket launches by David Dietz. As Mr. Dietz pumped pressure, the scouts enjoyed yelling the countdown.

The camp closed Friday evening with a family picnic and campfire. The second year Webelos were given the honor of raising the U.S. flag. Each group performed skits and songs. The evening came to an end with the official retirement of an old U.S. flag, following guidelines as prescribed by Congress. The song "God Bless the U.S.A.," by Lee Greenwood was played,

with the campfire blazing as a backdrop, while the entire audience stood at attention.

A camp of this size could not be conducted without many volunteers. Directing Mission Control were Allison Crabtree, Kim Felderhoff, and Boy Scouts of America District Executive Don Long. Staff, walkers (chaperones), and preliminary work volunteers were Tina Bindel, Terri Barrett, David Dietz, Diane Dietz, Linda Walterscheid, Donna King, Patty Hale, Rachel Kirby, Jan Nielsen, Kelly Nix, Kyle Nix, Peggy Sparkman, Laurie Valliere, Deanna Hennigan, Linda Vogel, LaQuita Moore, Jill Drake, Scott Drake, Susan Hughes, Jerry McMinn, Kathy McMinn, Bernadette Moritz, Kim Pierce, Cheryl Rohmer,

Dwayne Rohmer, Greg Taylor, Bill Johnson, Janet Johnson, Cindy Voth, Barbara LaChance, Jeff LaChance, Lauren LaChance, Dana Coleman, Curtis Pagel, Will Bezner, Jenny Bezner, and Kammie McCoy.

Boy Scouts helping the Staff were Joseph Coleman, John Crabtree, Eric Endres, Ryan Hennigan, Thomas Hughes, Riley McMinn, Shawn Moore, Kit Morrill, Dustin Felderhoff, Michael Valliere, Roman Vogel, Matthew Wells, Daniel Bartush, and Mitchell Felderhoff.

Junior staff assisting in the tot lot (Tribbles) were Danielle Bindel, Caitlyn Barrett, Emily Endres, Jennifer Endres, Kara Felderhoff, Hailey Reeves, and Natalie Valliere.

submitted by Cheryl Rohmer



Police officer Greg Taylor instructs scouts on BB gun safety. Courtesy Photo

## York accepted to Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science

Christopher York, who recently finished his sophomore year at Muenster High School, has been accepted to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science. He is the son of C. Ed. and Margie York of Muenster.

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

York will enter TAMS this fall, live in a UNT residence hall and attend UNT classes with college students. He should graduate in May 2002 with 60 hours of college credit and the equivalent of a high school diploma.

The academy admits up to 200 new students each year. Selection is based on Scholastic Aptitude test scores, academic records from seventh through 10th grades, an academy mathematics



Christopher York

diagnostic test, a student essay, demonstrated interest in science and mathematics, teacher recommendations, a personal interview, and parental support and commitment.

## In the Service

Air Force Senior Airman Wade E. Fleitman has graduated from the Airman Leadership School at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, New Mexico.

The five-week course focuses on preparing and better equipping senior airmen to serve as supervisors, managers and rating officials as they progress in their enlisted military careers. It is the first of three levels of professional military education programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills, and is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of

staff sergeant. Airmen learn to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, an communications skills, and the need for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers.

Fleitman is a munition systems crew chief assigned to the 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

He is the son of Robert A. and Wanda L. Fleitman of 49 County Road 173, Gainesville, Texas.

The senior airman is a 199 graduate of Gainesville High School.

## Lutkenhaus attends Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo

Kristie Lutkenhaus attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 37th annual Citizenship Seminar here June 5-9.

Sponsored by the Cooke County Farm Bureau, she was among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Edwin Knight of Era, the county Farm Bureau president.

"Farm Bureau - Your Host" was presented by Vernie Glasson, Texas Farm Bureau Executive Director, after the students were welcomed to Angelo State University.

Coleburn Davis (TFB Field Representative), Traci Gohmert (1999 Miss TFB), and Kelli Stuart, the 1999 TFB Speech contest winner, presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities."

The students also participated in a program called "Congressional Insights," which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Basics of Free Enterprise"; Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution"; and Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker "Press on Regardless."

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The students were entertained on Thursday evening by Sky Shivers, a cowboy storyteller and western humorist and recipient of the Will Rogers Award for Storyteller/Humorist of the Year, which is presented by the Academy of Western Artists.

In addition, the student participated in a panel discussion led by Roy Trowbridge and David Vernon followed by a question and answer session on "Our Rights



Kristie Lutkenhaus

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# Sports

## Three MHS girls selected on NCA All-American Team

The Muenster Varsity Cheerleading Squad recently returned from a National Cheerleaders Association summer camp where three of their team members, Keri Felderhoff, Kristian Koesler, and Alicia Walterscheid received top recognition as being selected on the NCA All-American Team. The camp was held at the University of North Texas in Denton.

attend NCA camp and receive this award.

Kristian and Alicia were selected as All-American Cheerleaders. The winners for

The girls' names will be added to the plaques in the MHS trophy case with previous All-American winners from Muenster High School. As an NCA All-American



All American - Kristian Koesler, Keri Felderhoff, and Alicia Walterscheid. Photo by Janie Hartman

The National Cheerleaders Association is selecting the "All-American Team" award at each of over 1,100 camps it administers across the United States. As a member of this team, the girls represent the top ten percent of all students attending NCA camps.

Keri was selected as an All-American mascot. The award is based on mascot skills involving character antics, leadership, and her ability to get the crowd involved. This was Keri's second year to

this award were based on their cheerleading technique, leadership, and all around cheerleading ability. This was their first year to attend NCA Cheerleading Camp.

Team" member, cheerleaders and mascots are eligible to travel with NCA and will be featured in various Bowl games throughout the U.S.

submitted by Joni Sturm

## Boaters urged to use caution during holiday weekend

Three boating-related fatalities were reported in Texas over the Memorial Day weekend, compared to none the same weekend in 1999. The Fourth of July goal for the Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens is that all boaters return home safely.

This is the first summer in which a new blood alcohol content law is in effect for Texas boaters, which lowered the blood alcohol content limit from 0.10 to 0.08 for boat

operators as well as automobile drivers.

Game wardens made 412 boating while intoxicated arrests between May 22 and June 4.

The following boating and water related incidents illustrate the need for safety on the water. The items are taken from game warden reports since May 1.

--On May 27, a boat with seven passengers capsized on Lake Palestine during a thunderstorm. Six people were retrieved, ages 4,6,12,20,33, and 38, from heavy swells. Some of the victims were in the water for more than two hours. All six survivors were wearing life jackets, including the 4 year old, who fell asleep while wearing a Type II life

jacket. The only fatality in the incident was the 27 year old operator who was not wearing a life jacket.

--On May 6, on Sam Rayburn Reservoir, a boat propeller became tangled in a trotline, swamping the boat. Fortunately, all three passengers were wearing life jackets.

--A man drowned on Lake Ray Hubbard on May 22 when he attempted to swim to his personal watercraft. The man removed his life jacket to swim faster. His body was recovered three days later.

--A 22 year old California man drowned May 6 on Lake Lavon while making a promotional video for a waveboard company. He was not wearing a life jacket.



## The bolt from the blue

Lightning is a threat to not only turkey hunters but all springtime sportsmen. Never underestimate the danger or power of lightning nor ignore an approaching storm.

If you do get caught out, don't succumb to the temptation to take shelter under a tall tree. Lightning strikes the tallest object around and even if the bolt doesn't get you, pieces of the exploding or falling tree might. Likewise, it is smart to avoid metal towers, windmills, telephone poles, metal buildings and fences.

Seek cover low, avoiding taller trees, ridge lines, hilltops and standing water. However, don't go out into open fields and meadows where you become the tallest object in your immediate area. Lay your gun (or fishing rod) aside, squat down on the balls of your feet, and put your hands on your knees for minimal contact with the ground. Don't lay down flat. Wet ground can conduct the current from a nearby lightning strike. If with a group, disperse because lightning can jump from one person to another.



Batting from the tee for the Gray team, Kelsey Pagel gets a base hit. Photo by Janie Hartman



Elizabeth Endres gets a hit for the Blue Team against Saint Jo. Also pictured is Meagan Scott, hind-catcher for the Rangers. Photo by Janie Hartman

## Golf tournament July 15 at Turtle Hill Course

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Men's Club, Whitesboro, Texas, will be sponsoring a golf tournament on Saturday, July 15. This is a four-person team event to be held at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Proceeds from this outing will be used for the new religious education building. All are welcome to enter this fun filled event. The deadline for entries is July 1. For information contact Mike Pack 903-564-6708, Jimmy Ferguson 903-564-6476, Ron Roszkowski 903-564-1584, or John Cunningham 940-665-4622.

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## Golf scramble set for July 2 at Turtle Hill Golf Course

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**SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY** - Teach 30 semester hours in two different social science disciplines. Participation in distance education when appropriate. Serve on departmental and college committees. Perform other duties as expected of NCTC faculty. Assignment is to the Gainesville/Bowie Campus but travel may be required to other off-site locations. Minimum of Master's degree in one of the following: History, Political Science, Economics, Psychology, Sociology. Additional 18 graduate hours in a second social science discipline required. Community College teaching preferred. Position #10053  
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# Farm & Ranch

## Cattle, beef prices on record pace

Retail prices for Choice beef are on a record-setting pace, but the supply of higher grading beef has been very tight for the increasingly strong demand for high-quality beef with more consistent eating characteristics, report economists with USDA's Economic Research Service.

First-quarter retail prices of Choice beef were up 6 percent from a year ago and reached a record \$3.05 per pound in April.

Fed Cattle prices are expected to average in the low- to mid- \$70s per hundredweight (cwt) in 2001, the highest since the early 1990s. The economists say they could go even higher if

the economy and consumer confidence remain as strong as they are at present. Yearling feeder cattle prices are likely to challenge the 1990 record of \$88.27 per cwt.

Cattle-on-feed inventories on May 1 were 9 percent above last year and up 13 percent from May 1998. Although fed beef supplies remain large, the supply of higher quality beef to satisfy the strong hotel-restaurant-export market continued tight in May.

Large numbers of calves on feed, requiring more days on feed to reach higher grade have led to strong competition for the available supply of higher grading beef.

Prices for heavy Choice beef boxes in May approached 1993's record of \$128.60 per cwt., with the price spread between heavy Choice and Select boxed beef ranging from \$14 to \$16.

Stronger international demand is also contributing to the increase in beef prices, the economists say.

Excluding Russia, beef exports in the first quarter of 2000 were up 10 percent from a year earlier. The economists say the increase reflects generally strong economies, favorable exchange rates and reduced herd sizes in the major beef-importing countries.

Mexico and Korea led in first-quarter export growth with increases of 29 percent and 25 percent, respectively. The Mexican economy has been helped by a three-fold increase in oil prices over the past 18 months, while the Korean economy has undergone some reforms and restructuring since the financial crisis that began in late 1997.

Exports of both live cattle and beef to Canada were up from last year in the first quarter. Live cattle exports were up nearly three-fold, to 91,552 head. Imports of live cattle from Canada were down by 15 percent. Beef exports to Canada increased 10 percent.

## Recent moisture reduces fire risk, some danger remains

Recent moisture has reduced fire danger across much of the state, but the wildfire risk hasn't been totally eliminated statewide. Wildfire danger remains of greatest concern in areas missed by significant rainfall.

Rainfall in the state has been spotty. Some areas have been missed by significant rains and have little or no green vegetation in evidence. Other areas have been on the receiving end of heavy downpours and experienced minor or major flooding.

"The range in fire danger and vegetation conditions across Texas testifies to the state's vast size, varied topography and climatic differences," says Bobby Young, associate director of forest resource protection for the Texas Forest Service. "This year is not the first that Texas has experienced fires and floods at the same time."

Recent moisture has reduced the ease of accidental fire starts, a major cause of wildfires in the state, according to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for the Texas Forest Service in Huntsville.

"Additional moisture is needed in many areas, but across most of the state, wildfires will not start as easily," said Spencer. "It will take more of a spark or flame to ignite vegetation, and the presence of green vegetation in most areas will buffer the dead fuels present, thereby reducing

wildfire intensity and rate of spread."

The precipitation has come at an opportune time, the fire risk coordinator noted. Increased recreational use of the outdoors during the summer months creates opportunities for carelessness to ignite wildfires. Spencer suggested several fire safety precautions for outdoor users. Check with local authorities to see if any fire-related restrictions are in effect, and comply with these restrictions to help avoid wildfires. Construct firebreaks around campfires or cooking fires before igniting. Thoroughly douse all coals before leaving any fire. Never transport mobile barbecue pits with live coals or embers. Use barbecue grills over bare ground or other nonflammable surface and extinguish coals completely. Avoid parking or driving vehicles in areas of tall, dry grass or weeds, so hot catalytic converters won't come into contact with flammable vegetation. Completely extinguish and properly dispose of all smoking materials. Celebrate the upcoming Independence Day holiday safely by using fireworks responsibly, away from dry vegetation and buildings.

Spencer suggested additional fire safety tips for landowners to take to help avoid wildfires. Keep mufflers on gasoline-powered outdoor equipment in proper working order and avoid setting hot equipment in dry grass. Use care when mowing or brush hogging to avoid hitting rocks or other surfaces that could cause sparks. Avoid using welding or other spark-producing equipment around dry grass, or thoroughly wet vegetation prior to and during welding operations. Also, keep a pump-up sprayer or field sprayer handy in case sparks should blow into nearby vegetation. Where and when outdoor burning is allowed, establish fire breaks down to bare soil around trash burning barrels, brush piles and other debris to be burned. Gradually add debris to a fire rather than ignite a very large pile of material all at once. Burn household trash only in trash receptacle covered with a metal mesh or grid to contain burning trash.

The bad news is that people cause most wildfires in Texas. The good news is that because people start most wildfires in Texas, most of the wildfires are preventable.

## House committee guts trade compliance measure

The House Appropriations Committee's rejection of \$21.2 million requested by the White House to establish compliance with China with trade agreements is an affront to family farmers and ranchers.

"TFU has long insisted that any trade pact with China must be accompanied by a mechanism for swift, meaningful responses to unfair trade practices and violations of trade agreements by this nation that has a history of noncompliance," said TFU President Wes Sims. "It is TFU's position that the United States must have the means to take immediate action if ongoing verification efforts demonstrate that China has not fully complied with the terms of their trade agreements. This can only happen with a commitment to fairness and the funding to carry it out."

The measure, sponsored by Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., would have added \$21.2 million to an appropriations bill funding the Justice, Commerce and State Departments. The funds would be utilized to provide for accelerated investigations of compliance on the part of the Chinese government.

"This vote is a slap to family farmers and ranchers who, in exchange for their increased exposure to the effects of world market imports, were promised increased export opportunities and the chance to boost crisis-level farm incomes," said Sims. "With China already dumping commodities on the world market, we need to be diligent in our efforts to ensure they live up to their part in this landmark trade pact."

TFU has consistently emphasized the need for mechanisms to ensure China's compliance with PNTR. This includes annual reviews that monitor compliance in the areas of tariffs and tariff rate quota reductions, elimination of export subsidies, and any use of non-tariff trade barriers. The family farm organization also emphasized the need for accurate data regarding the terms of compliance.

"We cannot expect America's farmers and ranchers to bear the risk of this sweeping economic experiment without appropriate safeguards," added Sims. "By not funding this important initiative, efforts to create a more fair trading arena for family farmers and ranchers is fundamentally compromised."

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## County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

**FORAGE USE BY HEIFERS VS. COWS**

The US Meat Animal Research Center has studied utilization of high and low quality forage by heifers and mature cows. Compared to heifers, cows consumed, in relation to body size, about 25% more high quality forage and about 50% more of low quality. Rate of fiber digestion was faster in cows. What does this mean? As forage quality declines, heifers will need nutritional supplementation sooner than cows or else performance, efficiency, and profit will be reduced.

**THE COW/CALF INDUSTRY IN 2010**

A recent survey was conducted of beef industry leaders to predict the next 10 years in the cow/calf business. Most think: (1) the number of producers will decline 10-20%; (2) most of the reduction will be in "medium-size" (100-500 head) operations; (3) average herd size will stay about the same (35-40 head); (4) operations on public land will decrease drastically; (5) large operations will be more allied with other segments of the industry; (6) desired cattle will be the standard; and not receive any premiums, while the undesired will receive significant price discounts; (7) more dollars worth of high-quality beef will be exported and more low-quality, processed product will be imported; and (8) adversarial relationships will continue to exist between current industry organizations.

**CORN AND SORGHUM TOUR**

Recent rains have certainly helped feed grain crops in the county. The critical water requirements during boot 'til dough stage of these crops has been met for the most part over the county.

The county Corn and Sorghum Tour will be held Thursday, July 6, 2000 beginning at 8:30 A.M. at the grain sorghum variety demonstrations located on the Aloys Fuhrmann and Son Farm north of Lindsay. The demonstration is located on County Road 407 off FM 1199, approximately 4 miles north of Highway 82. Following this stop we will tour the corn demonstration at Frog Bottom. Seed company representatives will be on hand to discuss and answer questions concerning various hybrids. Two CEU's will be avail-

able to producers to apply toward recertification requirements of TDA pesticide license for private, commercial and non-commercial users.

**KANSAS CITY BOARD OF TRADE TOUR**

Blake Bennett, Extension Economist, has scheduled a tour for area agriculture producers of the Kansas City Board of Trade for August 21, 22, & 23, 2000. The tour begins in Gainesville with a stop and tour of a feedlot near Oklahoma City and on to Kansas City, Kansas.

The second day, ADM will provide a seminar before participants tour the Kansas City Board of Trade facilities and view trading activities. After trading ceases, two floor traders will discuss market trends, signals, and trading strategies used while trading futures and options. Then they will get "hands on" experience by participating in a mock trading exercise where all participants will be allowed to trade futures and options on the floor.

All travel and hotel arrangements have been made. Participants will be required to pay for all expenses incurred during the trip. Costs of the trip is approximately \$210 for transportation and hotel. Participants will be responsible for their meal expenses.

Registration forms to participate in this tour are available at the County Extension office. Registration forms with a check for the bus fee need to be returned by Monday, July 31, 2000 to: Blake Bennett, Extension Economist, Texas A&M Dallas, Research and Extension Center, 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, Texas 75252-6599.

There will be two CEU's offered to participants toward recertification of private, non-commercial and commercial TDA license requirements.

## Farm numbers

The number of farms in the United States in 1999 is 2.19 million, according to USDA statistics. The rise is due to an increase of small farms. In fact, the total farmland of 347.3 million acres is down approximately 6.2 million acres from last year. So the decline of land being farmed continues its downward trend.

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200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.37; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.15;	<b>Stocker Cows (per head)</b>	<b>Ewes.</b>
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.26; Nos. 2 & 3, .90-1.10;	pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$780; medium frame, \$475-\$600;	Stocker, 45-50; Thin, .35-40; Fat, 40-45.
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.17; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-1.00;	None; Crossbreds, \$90-\$265.	<b>Bucks</b>
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .95-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-.95;	<b>Holstein baby calves.</b>	Thin: NT, Fat, NT.
600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .86-.96; Nos. 2 & 3, .77-.86; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .79-.90; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.79.	None; Crossbreds, \$90-\$265.	<b>Barbados (per head)</b>
<b>Feeder Heifers (per lb.)</b>	<b>Barrows &amp; Gilts: US #1.</b>	Lambs: NT, Ewes: NT.
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.22; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.10;	230-270, 43-46; US #2, 220-280, 41-43.	Bucks: \$65-\$110.
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.17; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.00;	<b>Feeder (per head)</b>	<b>Goats (per head)</b>
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .90-1.04; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.90;	100-175 lbs., \$50-\$60; 25-90 lbs., \$15-\$30.	Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$30; 35-55 lbs., \$35-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$70; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$70-\$100.
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .88-.98; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.88; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .86-.91; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.86; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .75-.84; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.75.	<b>Sows:</b>	<b>Nannies (per head)</b>
<b>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)</b>	Feeder, 400 or less, 28-32; Light wt., 400-500, 32-33; Med. wt., 500-600, 33-34; Heavy wt., 600-up, NT.	Stocker, \$45-\$50; Milk Type, \$50-\$75; Slaughter: Thin, \$30-\$35; Fat, \$35-\$45.
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	300 lbs. up, 79-110; 200-300 lbs., 115-15; Light wt., NT.	120 lbs. up
	<b>Sheep (per lb.)</b>	Breeders, None;
	Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 90-100; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 80-115; Fat lambs: 90-	Slaughterers, None.
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<b>PUNCH Cilantro</b> 4 FOR \$ 1 00	<b>LARGE CALIFORNIA Peaches</b> LB. 99¢
<b>AMERICAN BLEND Dole Salad</b> 10 OZ. BAG \$ 1 99	<b>LARGE CALIFORNIA Nectarines</b> LB. 99¢
<b>FRESH WHITE OR SWEET YELLOW Corn</b> 4 FOR \$ 1 00	<b>NEW Red Potatoes</b> 3 LBS. \$ 1 00
<b>FRESH Green Beans</b> LB. 99¢	<b>ZUCCHINI OR YELLOW Squash</b> LB. 89¢
<b>1 LB. PKG. GREEN GIANT CELLO Carrots</b> 3 FOR \$ 1 00	

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