

County anticipates penny tax increase

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court voted Monday, July 24 to accept a tax rate of 42 cents per \$100 property valuation is to accommodate the proposed budget. Last year's tax rate was 41 cents per \$100 valuation and the property value base was \$1,181,682,052.00. County Auditor Gloria Parrish said that the effective tax rate (rate required to take in the same amount in taxes as in 1999) is .38807. The rollback rate is .42122. A unanimous vote set the proposed rate and

a public hearing will take place before the rate is officially set. Precinct # 2 Commissioner Bill Cox disagreed with the first draft which he felt left too little money for each precinct's operating fund. "I need more money," he told the Court. "The other guys may have quite a bit in the surplus, but we don't have any." A comment was made that they had taken care of their money and that in the past perhaps Precinct #2's money hadn't been managed properly. Cox said he'd only been there a year and a half and had come in with the problem. Also he said that his

precinct hadn't resources and gravel had to be hauled 80 to 90 miles round trip. Precinct #1 Commissioner Phil Young said he didn't feel the money was divided fairly because his precinct had no resources either. Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess said they heard the argument before. He also had to haul some gravel across his precinct. Precinct #3 Commissioner Jerry Lewis reminded them that Precinct #3 and #4 have more bridges to keep up. "I've got at least nine miles of old hard surface road that

needs overlay," Cox appealed. "There's no way I can do it. All I can do is patch. All I can do is patch holes." He said that all his equipment is old and takes a lot of money to keep running. He was reminded that upgrade and maintenance were important. Cox responded, "I think I've done a lot in 18 months, but I'm strapped for money." In a consensus decision, some of the money allocated to the general fund was designated instead to road and bridge so that there would be sufficient funds for Precinct #2. A six percent salary increase

had been proposed. Hess suggested instead a \$100 per month across the board salary increase for all county employees and officials. He reasoned that those on the lower end of the pay scale would benefit more. Young disagreed saying it would cause those with higher salaries to become less productive. Lewis remarked that year after year he hears the department heads complain that the starting pay is too low to attract employees and they have a hard time filling job vacancies.

Judge Harris noted that the county needs to spend more money on roads, the jail, etc. "My main concern is for the employees," he stated. "They're our life blood. They run this place." The \$100 pay increase was approved 4-1. Commissioner Young voted against it since he favored the percentage increase. It doesn't even amount to a tank of gas a week, said Young as he expressed his displeasure. The exceptions will be those employees who receive part of their salary from the state.

Grant approved for new MMH phone system

by Janet Felderhoff
One item on Muenster Memorial Hospital's wish list is soon to receive a check mark for accomplished. The facility's much outdated telephone system is to be replaced with a Lucent Technologies telephone system. It will be done with no cost to the Hospital District since a grant applied for to be used to install a new system was approved. It amounts to about \$39,000.

Funds for this grant were made available when in 1999 the Texas Legislature set aside \$50 million from the state's tobacco settlement to create the Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Program. Interest on the endowment provides a permanent \$2.2 million annual grant. This is the first year that money is being awarded from the grant. Muenster Memorial was among the 32 rural Texas hospitals to benefit this year.

Rural hospitals were allowed to seek money for the following capital improvements: improvements to existing facilities; construction of new health facilities; or purchase of capital equipment, including information systems hardware and software. Only 32 of the 97 rural hospitals who applied were awarded grants.

"These funds are available to rural Texas hospitals in the form of grants and zero interest loans," said Dave Pearson, administrator of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. "This type of funding is extremely useful to rural facilities that are strapped for cash and in need of improvements." Executive Director of the

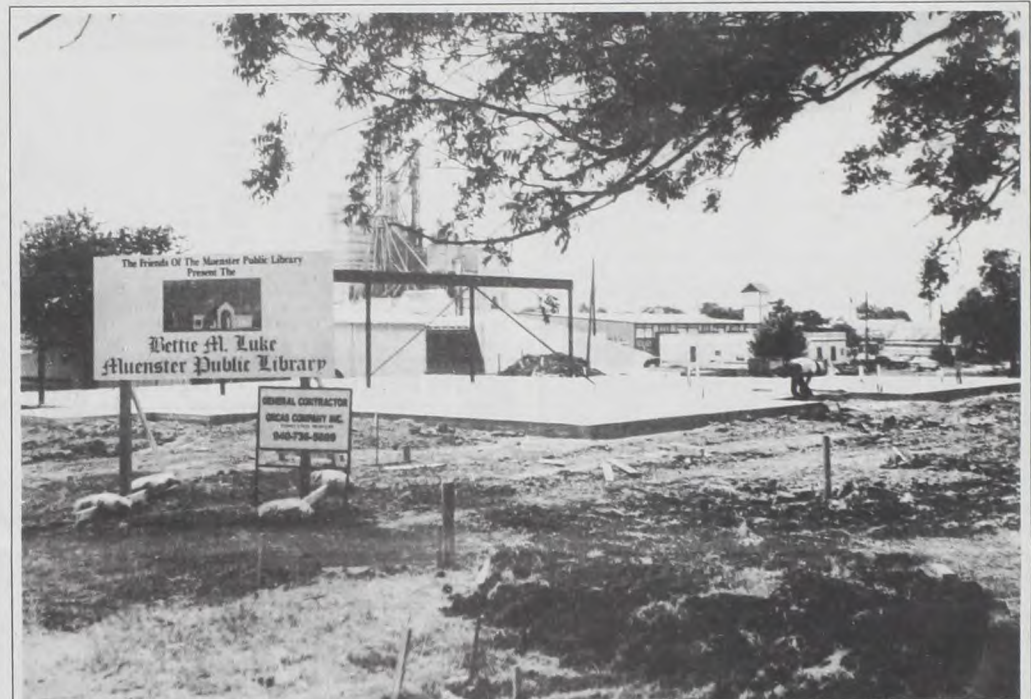
Center Robert Tessen added, "This program is an exceptional opportunity for rural hospitals to access much needed funds to deal with vexing building issues and equipment needs." Award decisions were made on eligibility requirements set by the legislature and review criteria established by the advisory committee.

A preliminary budget for the 2000-2001 fiscal year was submitted to the Board for study. It includes a proposed three percent cost of living raise for employees. The budget will be set after the county's tax rolls are certified and exact dollar amounts are known. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be set at a future date.

With no other bids submitted for the employee insurance carrier, the facility's current carrier, Phoenix, will continue as the carrier. Since there were a number of sizable claims paid last year, the company placed a 20 percent increase on premiums.

The hospital will pay the employees' part, but the 20 percent increase to dependent will be passed on to them. This is a partially self-funding plan whereby the hospital pays the incurred expense unless it is greater than a preset amount. There are currently 61 employees and 15 dependents using the coverage. Part-time employees aren't eligible.

Also approved by the Board is an increase in the amount paid to reimburse employees on mileage. Travel expense of 29 cents per mile was set in 1995. Gainesville Memorial See HOSPITAL, pg 2



The new Muenster Public Library showed a sign of going up Tuesday when the first of the frame work could be seen standing on the foundation. With the ground work complete, continuing progress should be noticeable. Janie Hartman Photo

Jail minimum security addition enters Cooke County plans

by Janet Felderhoff
After much study, the Jail Commission appointed last year by Cooke County Commissioners Court recommended building a barracks style minimum security addition to the present jail. This should include a new jail kitchen since the current one was built for a jail that housed fewer prisoners than today's facility.

Those who serve on the Jail Commission include Sheriff Mike Compton, Virgil Hess, Phil Young, Frank Lorne, John Schmitz, Patti Wallace, and Mack Barnhart, chairman. It has been known for a couple of years that the County would eventually have to address the space problem in its county jail. Designed to house 72 inmates, the county jail runs into the problem of more than the allowed number of prisoners. This could cause trouble with the Texas Jail Commission. Last weekend the count went up to 78, according to Commissioner Virgil Hess.

Hess brought rough drawings on the proposed minimum security facility to the July 24 meeting of Commissioners Court for review. He pointed out benefits of the 48 bed barracks type addition.

In a minimum security facility only one jailer would be needed to control it and still meet state requirements. The facility would be divided in half with 24 beds on each side. That would allow males on one side and females on the other or allow the closing of one side when there are fewer prisoners. Hess explained that a new kitchen facility would be built large enough to accommodate the entire jail.

That would allow the kitchen and storage areas which are in the "hard" part of the jail to be remodeled into jail cells. This would add about 16 cells to the current 72 in the regular part of the jail.

Hess noted that currently there are between 28 and 38 people housed on a daily basis that would be classified as minimum security since they are serving time for misdemeanors. They usually spend between 60 to 180 days in jail. "We could put them in this (minimum security) portion which would free up 24 more beds," Hess said. "That would give our jail pretty good life."

Those housed in minimum security could be taken out on work crews to do such duties as picking up trash. "It does two things," Hess said. "It lets them work off the fine and they get good time so if they've got 180 days and they work 40 days, it knocks it down to 120. They're not in as long and we don't have to feed them (as long) and we get some use out of them."

Judge Harris asked about the possibility of building a two story addition. Hess said that the way the terrain sloped adding a basement was a possibility.

Commissioner Phil Young stated that he feels the County EMS is located in a bad place. "Rather than purchase that extra property (to expand the jail), because we're going to have to borrow money to do this anyway, wouldn't it be better if we looked at this extension to the jail and the figure on that and not purchase that property and possibly utilize the areas where the EMS is, and possibly

move them to a better location," he wondered.

Betty Buttolph of Gainesville said she recalled that the jail was built so that a second story could be added. Hess explained that there would be no place to house the prisoners as the second floor is being built. Also building up would be more expensive.

After a 5-0 vote in favor of pursuing construction of an addition to the county jail, Judge Harris appointed Hess and Young to work on gathering construction estimates and Commissioners Bill Cox and Jerry Lewis to work on land purchase. Both groups were to include looking at the EMS property.

In an interview after the meeting, Hess said that he'd been working on the jail construction situation since April. The goal is to hold construction costs close to \$500,000. He feels that the current plans will cost around \$800,000 and hopes that they will find a way to lower that to nearer the goal. According to Hess, he's been monitoring the jail population and Cooke County has more need for minimum security prisoners since there are more of them.

Commissioners were unanimous in their decision to impose a 90 day ban on outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of the county. An emergency ban was put in place on July 18 by County Judge Bill Harris until Monday when the Court could take action. Commissioners said that if there is sufficient rain they will consider lifting the ban early. If at the end of

90 days conditions still warrant, they will vote to prolong the burn ban. Those who defy this rule may find themselves facing a judge and fines.

Bids were opened for a 1996 tandem axle truck for use by Precinct #4. There were two bids. Atlas Trucks of Texas placed a bid of \$28,000 and Bright Truck Sales Limited Partnership bid \$34,000. It was voted to accept the low bid from Atlas Trucks.

In other business addressed at the July 24 meeting Commissioners Court:

- Approved the sale of property located on south side of Timber Creek Estates. It will be sold for \$2,800 and was acquired through attorneys in tax collection.
- Agreed to enter into a Master Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. It included some changes from previous years.
- Approved request by Bolivar Water Company to place a water line across Chisam Road in Precinct #2. Will be allowed to cut through roadway, but must use sleeve for pipe and must replace gravel to satisfaction of Commissioner Cox.
- Approved preliminary plat of Kiowa Ridge Estates, Lots 11-11, located on CR 211 in Precinct #2.
- Re-appointed R.D. Cawyer to the MHMR of Texoma Board of Trustees.
- Approved Public Official Bonds for Tom Stephens of Sheriff's Department.

Fighting fire with prevention

by Jeff LaChance,
Muenster Fire Marshal
This is the first installment of what I hope will become a series of informative and helpful articles on fire and life safety issues. It is my intention to develop this series around timely and meaningful topics in an effort to help reduce the risk of fire in our community.

Remodeling and Code Compliance

Imagine for a moment the following scenario: A building owner operating a business within the city limits of Muenster decides to remodel the interior of his building. Unaware of the City's requirement for review and approval of the construction plans, he hires a contractor and proceeds with the remodel. Shortly after construction is completed, a routine fire inspection uncovers several fire and building code discrepancies. The building owner is now compelled to make corrections that may be costly in terms of both business interruption and actual construction costs.

This situation might have been avoided had the remodeling plans been reviewed for building and fire code compliance before construction took place. The

discrepancies could have been noted and corrected before the first hammer was swung. Code compliance issues are much more easily resolved while the plans are still on paper. Once construction is completed, the cost of correcting code discrepancies is usually much higher.

Building plan review services are available from the City. Anyone planning to build a new building or remodel or otherwise alter an existing structure is required to take advantage of this service. Simply submit two copies of your building plans, specifications and related documentation to City Hall at the time of your building permit application. They will be carefully reviewed for compliance with the building and fire codes and a written set of comments will be provided for you. It does not take long, most jobs can be reviewed and returned within a week. Best of all, it can save you time, trouble, frustration and money!

Remember, the building owner is ultimately responsible for compliance with all applicable city, state and federal codes. Let us help you achieve that compliance in a cost-effective and relatively painless manner.



The Kiwanis Club of Muenster helps keep Muenster beautiful by cleaning up Mesquite and Ash Streets several times during the year. The Glad Company donated the trash bags. July helpers, from left, were Christine Weinzapfel, Robert Weinzapfel, Kay Broyles, Steve Broyles, Dan Hamric, Brian Read and Brenda Read. Other workers not shown were Joey Anderson and MaryLee Alford. Littering is illegal and shameful. Someone must pick up what others are tossing on our streets. Please don't litter. Courtesy photo

House of Representatives puts 200-year Red River border dispute to rest

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed H.J. Res. 72, legislation that will ratify the Red River Boundary Compact between Texas and Oklahoma and help put an end to a border dispute that dates back 200 years.

The bill, which was introduced by U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13), was approved by a voice vote. The bill establishes the boundary between the states of Texas and Oklahoma as the vegetation line on the south bank of the Red River, which leaves the riverbed itself under the jurisdiction of Oklahoma.

In addition to establishing the boundary between the two states, the measure also ensures that the property, claims and sovereignty of federally recognized Native American tribes living in the area will not be altered by the Compact in any way. The legislation is based on the boundary compact that was approved last year by the Texas and Oklahoma legislatures and signed into

law by Governors Bush and Keating. It enacted, the Compact will take effect on Aug. 31, 2000.

"One of Congress' Constitutional duties is to

ratify agreements like this between two or more states," Thornberry said. "If there's any one thing that sets this agreement apart, it's that it's

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State cracks down on impaired driving

State officials have a stern message for Texas motorists this summer, "You drink, you drive, you go to jail." Texas is taking part in a national mobilization effort to crack down on impaired drivers and promote safe driving. Hundreds of law enforcement agencies in Texas are involved.

"Texas leads the nation in the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities," said Sue Bryant, TxDOT's (Texas Department of Transportation) director of Traffic Safety. "We're here to put the public on notice that impaired driving has got to stop."

In 1998, the Texas

Department of Public Safety reports there were more than 26,000 alcohol-related crashes in Texas, resulting in 1,058 fatalities and 27,058 injuries.

The statewide DWI crackdown is funded in part by a special grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Texas is one of only five states to receive special federal funds to reduce the number of people killed and injured in alcohol-related crashes.

First-time DWI offenders are subject to fines of up to \$2,000, 72 hours to 180 days in jail and loss of their driver's license for 90 days to one year.

HOSPITAL EYES MILEAGE RATE

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Hospital (GMH) pays its employees 31 cents per mile. Endres said that is the standard amount allowed by the IRS. Most employees affected by this are Home Health, and occasionally lab and x-ray.

Members of the Board were invited and encouraged by Endres to attend a Texas Hospital Association trustee orientation/refresher course on Aug. 3 in Austin. The cost is \$150 per person and would be

paid by the hospital for all who wish to attend. He said it is worth the money. In the future legislation may require that board members earn a certain number of credit hours.

On June 26, Don Flusche, Charles Bayer, and Jerry Hess attended a meeting with the Gainesville Hospital Planning committee. Endres and Flusche met with GMH Administrator Andy Anderson and Board President Dave Hutcherson. "Really after our

meeting today I don't think we're going to see much progress or have much to report on until Gainesville finishes their tax rate and gets through their rollback process to find out whether or not their tax rate is going to get where they need to go to start construction," remarked Endres. "They're assuming that a rollback will be attempted."

The hospital picnic was Saturday, July 22 at 6 p.m. in the Muenster City Park. Board

members were encouraged to attend.

MMH is applying for a grant from TIFB. It would be used to cover the cost of compliance with the portability and privacy act to become effective in the next two years. It deals with electronic security and will require a large overhaul of the computer system, said Endres. If approved the hospital's part is \$999 and the grant would pay \$10,000.

Tuesday, August 22 at 8 p.m. is the next scheduled meeting of the hospital board.

1998 alcohol-related traffic statistics

- Alcohol-related collisions: 26,012
- Alcohol-related injuries: 27,058
- Alcohol-related fatalities: 1,058
- 64% of DWI-related fatalities occurred in rural areas of Texas
- One person was killed every eight hours in a drunk driving crash
- Half of all drivers killed in alcohol-related crashes were between 21 and 35 years old

Source: Texas Department of Public Safety

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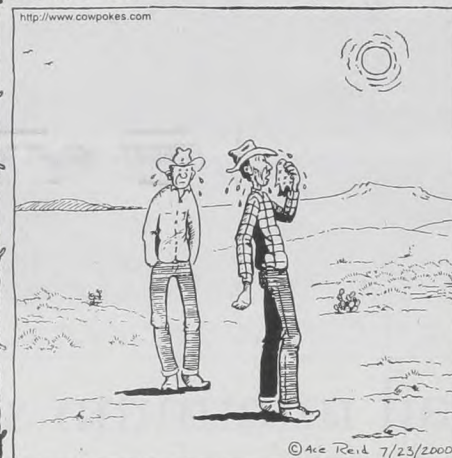
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 30, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm 7th & 8th Grade Muenster Teens Swim Party, 6 pm, City Park	Monday, July 31, 2000	Tuesday, August 1, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, August 2, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Lindsay KC meeting C of C Board 5 pm Jaycee Trapshoot, 5:30 pm, Flusche Farm	Thursday, August 3, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm / TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 am, Cooke City Electric Co-op / LISD Registration / Summer Reading Program Awards, 4:30pm, City Park	Friday, August 4, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm Muenster Hornet Football equipment issued / Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9 pm, Municipal Pool / Muenster ISD Registration 7th-12th grade (New students 8am-12), (Returning 1-4pm to pick up schedules)	Saturday, August 5, 2000 Lindsay Volunteer Fire Dept. Mystery Dinner Fund Raiser
Sunday, August 6, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm	Monday, August 7, 2000 Muenster City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm Muenster Hornets, 1st Day of Football Practice, 7 am	Tuesday, August 8, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Cub Scouts Swim Party, 7-9 pm	Wednesday, August 9, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, The Center, 7:30am / Jaycee Trapshoot, 5:30pm. Flusche Farm	Thursday, August 10, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm Muenster Elementary "Howdy" Night for parents only, 7:15pm in Cafeteria	Friday, August 11, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm	Saturday, August 12, 2000 Muenster Elementary Orientation, 8am to 12 noon

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OBITUARIES

Anna Catherine (Fleitman) Jostwerner 1906 - 2000



Anna (Fleitman) Jostwerner

by **Elfreda Fette**
Anna Catherine (Fleitman) Jostwerner died at St. Richard's Villa at age 93 on July 17, 2000 at 11:45 p.m. after a long life of service and loving help to family and many, many friends.

She was born on Aug. 27, 1906 on a farm north of Muenster, the second child in a family of eight to Joseph Fleitman and Catherine Rowee Fleitman. On May 28, 1953 she married Conrad Jostwerner in Sacred Heart Church.

A member of Sacred Heart Parish, St. Anne's Society, and the Catholic Daughters of America, she lived her entire life in the Muenster area. She loved cooking, gardening, canning, sewing, and was known as a person who would do anything to help someone else. Most of her adult life was spent in caring for her aged parents through illness, and helping young mothers in the care of new babies. She leaves a legacy of hundreds of grateful women, deeply loved by them and their families who received her gentle help.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law Bernard Sr. and Josephine Fleitman, and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband Conrad Jostwerner who died on Dec. 17, 1974; one sister Elizabeth Fleitman; five brothers August, Joe, Andrew, Tony, and Herman Fleitman.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, July 20, 2000 in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father Ed Andrews OSA, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville. Altar servers were Annie's great-niece Brianna Fleitman and great-nephews Matthew, Mark, and A.J. Fleitman.

Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by a niece Pauline Prescher and a great-niece Brandy Klement.

Liturgical Readings were given by Diane Prescher a great-niece and Patsy Hermes

laugh...the huge Sunday dinners she prepared for all the family every Sunday...they remember helping her pick up potatoes...pick up pecans...gathering eggs...seeing her pick all of Andrew's cotton...

"They remember that Annie could read, write and speak in German and English...and sometimes adults spoke only in German if they didn't want the kids to hear..."

"Lovingly, 32 nieces and nephews remember that Annie remembered their birthdays...had Christmas gifts for each one...gave them Easter Egg hunts... She was deeply loved."

"Annie went to the Saint Jo Rest Home in 1989 and moved to Saint Richard's Villa in 1990. With her when she died on July 17, 2000 at 11:45 p.m. were her niece Patsy Hermes and her niece Christine Fleitman who took care of Annie the last eleven years of her life."

Rosary Service was held at McCoy Funeral Chapel of Muenster on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., led by Caroline Hess a friend and Ben Fleitman Jr. a nephew.

Vigil at 7:30 p.m. was led by Father Ed Andrews in the McCoy Chapel.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were nephews Melvin Fleitman, Alfred Fleitman, Ray Fleitman, Charles Fleitman, Donnie Fleitman, and David Fleitman. Honorary pallbearers were nephews Gus Fleitman, Ben Fleitman Jr., Paul Fleitman, Robert Fleitman, Eugene Fleitman, Pat Fleitman, and Danny Fleitman.

Among those attending the funeral were James and Catherine Hamilton, Joe and Elizabeth Pels, Jerry and Mary Ann Pels, and William and Marcella Koerner all of Pilot Point; Andrew Morgan of Wichita Falls; and friends and family from Montague and Cooke Counties.

a niece and Prayers of the Faithful by Nancy Paynter, a niece.

Eucharistic Ministers were Carol and Ben Fleitman Jr. a niece and nephew; Miriam Caplinger and Imelda Rohmer, friends; and P.J. Fleitman, Jr. a great-nephew.

Music Ministers were Clara Neusch, a niece, James and Laura Neusch, great-niece and nephew and Barbara Rohmer, a friend. Sacred songs were "Amazing Grace," "Psalm Of The Good Shepherd," "On Eagles Wings," "One Day At A Time," "Song Of The Angels," and "How Great Thou Art."

Remarks of Remembrance were given by Beverly Fleitman, a niece. She related that Annie first attended school in a one room schoolhouse called Winterfield and then transferred to Sacred Heart in Muenster. The family home then was on Elm Street in Muenster. Though she always worked hard on chores, she also found time for fun, ball games in their back yard, and going to local dances...

"She married Conrad Jostwerner in May 1953...she met him in 1924 when he worked for her father... Conrad died in December 1974..."

"...Her nieces and nephews remember the shirts and dresses she made from flour sacks...they remember her smile and wonderful

Safe debris burning helps save lives and property

Lights flash and sirens wail as firefighters race to battle another blaze sparked by debris burning. The scene is becoming all too familiar as the summer progresses and the drought across Texas continues.

Fires caused by careless debris burning sear thousands of acres annually in Texas, destroying natural resources and endangering lives and property. Firefighters put themselves in danger every time they respond to a call.

The Texas Forest Service suggests taking these precautions to help reduce the risk of starting an unwanted fire while debris burning. Before burning, contact your local fire department or sheriff's office to make sure there is not a burn ban in place. If debris burning is done while there is a burn ban in effect, fines may be assessed. Cooke County placed a ban on outdoor burning for 90 days from July 24.

Since it only takes a second for a fire to get out of control, never leave a fire unattended. Burn in a cleared area, preferably in a burn barrel with a screen to contain the fire and its embers. Keep a garden hose, a bucket of dirt and a shovel nearby, in case they are needed. It is also a good idea to wet the area surrounding the debris before lighting the fire. Make sure that weather conditions allow safe burning. Burning should

be done in the morning hours on days that are not windy.

Have a phone within easy access while debris burning to call for help in case of an accident. If a fire does escape, immediately call 911 to have the fire department respond. Bill Davis, a regional fire coordinator with the Texas Forest Service, said quick response is vital to keeping fires small.

"Many times people think they can put out the fire themselves, but a small fire can spread quickly," Davis said. "The longer someone waits to call for help, the longer it will take for help to arrive. Lives and property could be saved during that time."

For more information on safe debris burning, contact your local fire department or the Texas Forest Service. **Do not burn in Cooke County until the ban is lifted. You will be fined if caught.**

Single family housing loans available

"Rural Housing Loans for very-low and low income applicants are available through the newly relocated offices of Rural Development," Johnny L. Tucker, RD Community Development Specialist, said recently.

Home ownership loans may be used to buy, build, improve, or repair rural homes and to provide adequate water and waste disposal systems.

Applications for assistance may be obtained through the RD office located at 1604 West Business 380, Suite A in Decatur, Texas 76234. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. The telephone number is 940-627-3531 ext. 4. The Decatur office services Jack, Clay, Cooke, Palo Pinto, Montague, Wise, and Parker counties.

Thank You

On behalf of my sister and myself, our heartfelt thanks for the many friends in Muenster and the surrounding area, who have called and written with expressions of sympathy and words of encouragement in the recent death of our father.

Your continued prayers and friendship are a true blessing.

May God return your kindnesses one hundred fold and keep you ever in the palm of His hand.

Much love and gratitude.

Becky Robertson and Gloria Driskell

7-28-15

William Daugherty Pinkston 1903 - 2000

William Daugherty Pinkston of Muenster died on Tuesday, July 25, 2000 at 12:45 a.m. at Muenster Memorial Hospital, at age 97, after a brief illness.

Survivors are his wife, Lois (Whiteley) Pinkston of Muenster; one son, William T. Pinkston of Houston, two stepsons and their spouses Herman and Gwen Carroll of Muenster and James W. and Carolyn Carroll of Tyler, and one step-daughter and spouse Vicki and Michael Gillett of Orlando, Florida. There are two grandchildren, ten step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and a number of step-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his first wife, Grace; one brother, Grey Pinkston, and one sister Sue Worley.

William Daugherty Pinkston was born in Georgia on Sept. 22, 1903. On June 19, 1984 he married Lois Pinkston in Kerrville, Texas.

He was retired from the U.S. Coast Guard - having served in W.W.II. He served for 20 years and was a First Lieutenant when retiring. He was the recipient of the Congressional Gold Life Saving Medal. A

member of the Baptist Church, he also loved fishing, traveling, golf, and music.

Graveside services were set for July 27, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. in Eldorado Texas, officiated by Rev. Bill Ledbetter of Muenster First Baptist Church. Burial was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

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been so long in coming. This boundary dispute dates back 200 years and has its roots in the Louisiana Purchase.

"So clearly, this is something that is long overdue and something that will hopefully

make things easier for those who live and work in the surrounding area."

H.J. Res. 72 must now be considered by the Senate. A date for the vote has not yet been set.

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Opinion/Editorial

Credit card fees will continue to rise

Recent reports of rising credit card fees point out the need for people to read and understand their credit card agreements and monthly statements. Fees range from just a few dollars for a small cash advance to more than \$30 for returned checks.

"Most people are concerned only with making their minimum monthly payment," said Steve Rhode, president of Myvesta.org, a nonprofit financial solutions organization. "As long as they can afford the amount that's in the little box at the bottom, they don't pay attention to details."

"It's not unusual for us to see people who are paying more than \$500 a month for late payment, over-limit, returned check and cash advance fees. For example, last month we assisted a client who was paying \$870 a month in late and over-limit fees. That's someone who needs emergency help."

When reviewing new client cases, Myvesta.org finds people are currently paying an average of \$60 in total monthly penalty fees to credit card companies. The most common are the late and over-limit fees, which typically run \$29 each.

"Late fees can be dangerous," Rhode said. "If a person is only making the minimum payment, one late fee can add an extra 20 months and \$355 in interest to the debt." This example is based on the average credit card debt of \$1,800 and a late fee of \$29.

"All fees aren't necessarily bad," Rhode said. "If you end up paying an annual fee make sure that you get value for it, such as 24-hour access to customer service, rebates and/or bonus points. Good service can be worth the extra expense."

Myvesta.org offers the following primer to help people understand the various fees and how they are calculated:

Late Fees - Get your payments in on time. In most cases, you will pay a late fee if your payment arrives just one minute past the time due. Banks have extended their mail processing hours so that payments will be posted the day they are received - a benefit to late mailers. Always mail your payment as soon as possible. It is foolish to wait until the last minute.

Over-Limit Fees - Know your credit limit. Credit card issuers establish your credit limit based on your ability to repay charges. If you exceed the limit, the issuer sees you as a bigger risk and will charge you a fee each month that you exceed the limit. Instead of incurring a fee, pay attention to your limit and call the issuers to ask for a higher credit line when you need it. Easier yet, never carry a balance that is more than 75 percent of your credit limit.

Cash Advance Fees - These fees vary depending on the card company. Be sure to understand the rules for cash advances. Some card issuers charge higher rates of interest for cash advances than they do on purchases. You'll likely pay

interest from the day you take out the money and that higher cost will continue until the card is paid in full. Be careful. Taking cash advances to pay for daily living expenses is a sign of trouble.

Annual Fees - More and more issuers are charging annual fees to make up for lost profits. The average annual fee is around \$40. Annual fees can be a smart cost if you get top-notch customer service, rebates, frequent flier miles, or other enhancements.

Balance Transfer Fees - These are becoming more popular and expensive. Some issuers will charge as much as \$50 for a balance transfer. Do the math to figure out if you'll save money. In most cases you'll save time and money by switching to a lower interest rate.

Foreign Transaction Fees - Using your credit card during foreign travel just got more expensive. Some of the largest issuers are charging a small percentage for foreign transactions. For many years that cost was absorbed by the banks, but no more.

"Most fees are for rule-breakers. It's possible to avoid all penalty fees if you pay on time, stay within your credit limit, and pay with sufficient funds," Rhode said. "Also, don't be afraid to negotiate with the credit card company to remove the fee if you accidentally pay late or go over your limit. It costs them more than \$100 in marketing costs to attract a new customer. It's likely they will remove a one-time fee rather than lose you as a customer," Rhode added.

"The best way to protect yourself from rising credit card fees is to read your statements every month and understand your credit card company's rules. You'll protect yourself from fraud and inaccurate postings on your account, too."

FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

by Ed Cler

In late September of 1996, Aileen and I accompanied by Aileen's brother Bill and wife Rita, and after touring the high spots of Yellowstone Park, spent the night in West Yellowstone, Montana.

The following morning we set out on U.S. 287, on our way to Glacier National Park.

After driving some 20 miles in the near vicinity of Hebgren Lake, a man-made reservoir on the Madison River, we came upon another lake that had a strange looking dam that effectively dammed up a long body of water in the Madison River Gorge, approximately six miles above Hebgren.

Bill remembered something about an earthquake that occurred many years before, but with all the scenery afforded by the Northern Rockies, we soon put it out of our minds and enjoyed some of God's handiwork as we drove along.

Nevertheless, I thought of that lake held back by such a strange looking dam and eventually tried to learn more of it. It has been named "Earthquake Lake."

I expressed my thoughts to Bill and Rita during one of their visits, and between us and *National Geographic*, and *Muenster Public Library*, the story came to light. Then I also remembered hearing news of the occurrence, but not enough to know any real facts.

According to a story in the March, 1960 issue of *National Geographic*, there was an earthquake, the strongest ever recorded in Montana, registering 7.3 on the Richter Scale.

It was the 13th largest quake ever recorded in the lower 48 United States. There were nine known dead and 19 missing and never heard from again, presumed dead.

The dam on Hebgren Lake, though damaged, held even though the entire lake was

tipped like a giant bowl, slopping water over the dam and shattering the spillway. It has since been repaired and is holding safely.

Mother Nature decided to make some rearrangement at 11:38 p.m., on Aug. 17, 1959.

There were some 250 campers scattered about in Rock Creek Camp ground, a beautiful area alongside the Madison River.

The Madison is one of the most famous trout streams in America. Most of the campers were asleep when the quake struck and a face of a mountain 1800 feet high and half a mile wide, some 80,000,000 tons of rock, earth, and debris came crashing down in and over the Madison River Gorge, and cutting U.S. 287 in four places, in a matter of seconds.

As this enormous quantity of earth fell into, and over the Madison River Gorge, the air and water in the Gorge was displaced with such force it literally tore the clothing off some of the people and blew campers, cars, tents, and people into the night, some are presumed buried under as much as 400 feet of debris.

Bulldozers were soon put to work cutting the new dam down some 50 feet to lessen the fall of the river water, and to form an emergency spillway, and build a road.

In Yellowstone Park peaks had come down, earth slides were numerous, some of the roads were blocked by huge boulders that were shaken down by the quake. Many geysers were covered and closed while new ones became active. Old Faithful continued to do its thing, - just added a few minutes more between eruptions.

All that was a long time ago, and if one doesn't pay any real attention passing through the area, little can be detected now of that fateful night.

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WATER WORKS

The starring role of agriculture in our state economy and a devotion to hunting and fishing have spurred Texas to take the lead in developing ways to keep our lakes and rivers clean.

This state tradition goes back to the 19th century. Agencies such as the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, the Texas Water Development Board, the Texas Clean Rivers program and dozens of local and regional organizations all are working to ensure our water is pure. Over the decades, countless farm and ranch families have achieved impressive conservation gains through voluntary, incentive-based water quality efforts.

But now the federal Environmental Protection Agency has come up with a set of proposed new regulations for reducing water pollution from farms, ranches and logging operations. Trouble is, these new rules were written without an assessment of the problem. The EPA uses "assumed" and "estimated" pollution to set one-size-fits-all regulatory policy, rather than solid data. On that questionable basis, the agency proposes to interfere with ongoing, effective state efforts to set and enforce water quality standards. Nor do these proposed new rules take into account the effort and investment that thousands of farm and ranch operators have already made to improve the quality of farm run-off water. They would be penalized just as much as people who deliberately pollute. In some instances, the proposal would require landowners and foresters to obtain a discharge permit in order to continue to do business.

Even the Secretary of Agriculture objected to the EPA proposal, testifying before the Senate Agriculture Committee that the EPA needs to refine its plan and determine how much the new rules will cost before they are implemented.

Congress has been pretty clear on this matter, too. Under the 1972 Clean Water Act, states are given the primary responsibility for identifying streams that fall short of water quality standards and for making plans to clean them up. That part of the law has not been changed.

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Texas and the entire country have made monumental strides in cleaning up the environment. Our water is far cleaner now than it was when we first rolled up our sleeves and went to work. We all want clean water. The question is: How can government at every level cooperate with those who live and work on the land to improve our nation's water quality? Without trying to answer this question, the EPA is forgetting or ignoring the important work going on in every state.

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Consumer Dispute Process

Few things are more frustrating than paying good money for a product or service and finding out that you did not get what you paid for. In some cases the product does not work or the service is not what you expected. Frequently, the business where you made the purchase or who provided the service will work with you to resolve the problem. If resolution is not possible, the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's office may offer you some assistance.

The Consumer Protection Division is available to help you if you feel you have been treated unfairly by a business. When you have a problem with a purchase, the Division recommends that you first contact the person that handled your transaction and describe the problem. If you are still not satisfied, contact the owner of the business, or, if it is a larger operation, call or write the company's headquarters.

If the business does not respond or resolve the problem, you may file a written complaint with the Texas Attorney General's office. The office has a complaint form which they will provide on request. In your complaint, give a detailed explanation about what the problem is, who it is with, and your attempts to resolve the problem. You should provide as much documentation as possible, including copies of sales receipts, warranties, canceled checks, and sales agreements. Be sure to include information on how to contact the business, as well as completely reporting the problem. Describe whether you were told something untrue or if you have a defective product. Finally, explain exactly the resolution to the problem that you want.

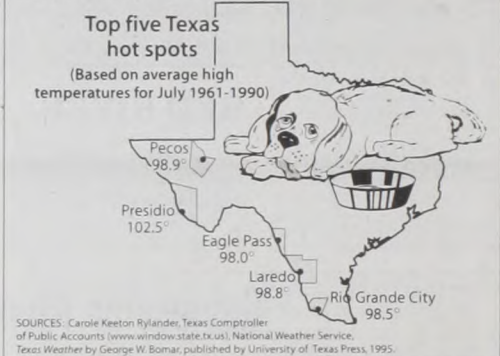
Upon submitting your complaint, the Attorney General's office will determine if the agency should intervene. If the agency decides the complaint is appropriate for their dispute resolution process, they will contact you and also request a response from the business regarding your problem. The Attorney General's office will also assist you with different methods to solve the problem and can provide information about other sources for dispute resolution, including the Better Business Bureau, local consumer offices, and small claims courts. Although the agency cannot provide legal assistance, they can refer you to resources for locating legal counsel.

You can contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's office at 1-800-621-0508 or on the Internet at www.oag.state.tx.us for more information. A complaint may also be filed on-line at the Internet web site.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Dog days of summer

As Texans begin to endure the dog days of summer, consider that on an average day in July in Presidio, Texas, the temperature is expected to rise to 102.5 degrees. That's 8.3 degrees higher than the state's average high for July-94.2 degrees.



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Lifestyle

Sandmann, Anderle exchange double ring vows in Lindsay

by Elfreda Fette

The wedding of Megan Lynn Sandmann of Lindsay and Corey Eugene Anderle of Muenster was held in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay on July 15, 2000 with Father Sebastian Beshoner, pastor officiating the Nuptial Mass and double ring vows at 5:00 p.m.

Daughter of Donnie and Linda Sandmann, the bride is a 1998 graduate of Lindsay High School and attends the University of North Texas. She is employed by Dieter Bros. Restaurant as a waitress. The bride is the granddaughter of Henry McCaul and the late Lucy McCaul of Brooksville, Florida, and the late Frank and Marie Sandmann of Gainesville.

The groom is the son of Johnny and Annette Anderle of Muenster. He is a 1998 graduate of Muenster High School and attended North Texas Central College. He is employed by Universal Machine as a machinist. The groom is the grandson of Marcus and Catherine Fuhrmann of Lindsay and Ethel Anderle of Windthorst and the late Eugene Anderle.

Presented at the altar by her father, Donnie Sandmann, the bride was wearing a white designer gown of organza and Alencon lace highlighted with beaded sequins, crystals and pearls on the fitted bodice, sweetheart neckline and cap sleeves of Alencon lace, and Basque waistline. A

detachable train, with motif accents, flowed to cathedral length over the full skirt.

Her pearl, sequin and crystal crown headpiece held a cathedral length illusion veil.

She carried a bridal cascade of fresh spray roses, lilacs, calaciea heather, limonium and bouvardia.

For sentiment and tradition she wore her Grandmother Sandmann's wedding rings and borrowed her mother's diamond necklace.

ATTENDANTS

Stephanie Sandmann of Gainesville, bride's sister was maid of honor.

Kim Neeb of Denton, Denise Neu of Denton, sisters of the groom, Amy Whaley of Sherman, bride's cousin, Carrie Hundt, and Amanda Hellinger both of Lindsay and friends of the bride were bridesmaids. They wore platinum satin gowns - each girl chose the design of her own dress. Each carried a bouquet of sterling silver and white roses, lilacs, alstromeria, bouvardia, wax flower and statice.

Flower girl was Sarah Fuhrmann, groom's cousin. Ring bearers were Trey Anderle, groom's nephew and Dawson Anderle, couple's son.

Chad Cheaney of Muenster, friend of the groom was best man.

John Anderle and Kevin Anderle, brothers of the groom, Eric Walterscheid, Jeremy Walterscheid, and Lucas Hartman, friends of the groom

and all of Muenster were groomsmen.

Coy Fisher and Jay Reed, friends of the groom, of Muenster, Craig Neu and Scott Neeb of Denton, groom's brothers-in-law, Rob Sandmann of Fort Worth, bride's cousin were ushers.

Altar servers were Jacob Fuhrmann of Lindsay, groom's cousin and Kacey McAden of Muenster, a friend.

The special wedding liturgy included Readings and Prayers by Leslie Reed, a friend, Pam Schon and Caitlin McCaul bride's cousins. Eucharistic Ministers were Darla Anderle groom's sister-in-law, Brenda Fuhrmann groom's aunt, and Jimmy Schon bride's uncle.

Wedding music was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Jones, musicians and vocalists. Selections included "Trumpet Voluntary," "Bridal March," "Bridal Prayer," "Amazing Grace," "The Rose," and "Ave Maria." Parents were seated to "Mothers and Fathers Prayer." Mothers lit the candles for the Unity Candle. The groom escorted his mother. The bride's mother was escorted by her father.

Church and altar decorations included garden baskets of mixed pastel flowers, larkspur, alstromerias, lilacs and bouvardia. Tulle bows with matching flowers and English ivy marked center aisle pews.

RECEPTION

A reception followed in Lindsay Centennial Hall

hosted by parents of the couple. Rohmer's Restaurant catered dinner and guests danced to music by The Entertainer/Tommy Huchton. Tables held photos of families. Scott Neeb, groom's brother-in-law made and showed a video of the couple's lives and memories. Darla Anderle, groom's sister-in-law secured signatures in the guest book, assisted by Christi Smith and Courtney Haverkamp, friends of the couple. The guest registry was decorated with topiaries - and held portraits of the bride.

The Italian creme, three-tiered wedding cake was made by Roger Dieter and decorated with flowers to match the bridesmaids' flowers. The chocolate groom's cake was topped with chocolate covered strawberries.

Cake servers were Karli Anderle, Tyler Anderle, Kristen Hoberer, and Laura Heers. The cakes were set under arches of grapevine, flowers and ribbon.

Claudia Zimmerer attended the snacks table.

A garden theme with topiaries and candles was carried out in decorations. Flowers matched the bridesmaids' flowers, in mauve, peach, lavender and white. A gazebo was made to enclose the wine table and snacks table, highlighted by grapevine, matching flowers, tulle and miniature lights.

The bride's table was decorated with a garland of

matching flowers and ivy. Lattice formed a background, with a matching flower garland, and miniature lights, and spiral candelabra.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, in their home.

Since return from a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico the

couple is residing in Lindsay.

Out of town guests at the wedding were, bride's aunts and uncles Steve and Janie McCaul and Caitlin and Lauren; P.J. and Dee McCaul and Zachary and Kristen all of Massachusetts; and the bride's grandfather Henry McCaul of Florida.



Mrs. Corey Eugene Anderle ... 'nee Megan Lynn Sandmann ...

Trisha Klement is design editor for Arkansas Cattlemen's Association

Trisha Klement, daughter of Lyle and Margie Klement of Bokchito, Oklahoma and granddaughter of Adam and Alma Wolf and Ray and Irene Klement of Muenster, is the new design editor for Arkansas Cattlemen's Association. On May 10, 2000 she began her new job of selling advertisements, updating and designing the *Arkansas Cattle Business Magazine* and locating information to make the magazine more helpful to the Arkansas producer.

Trisha Klement is a May 2000 graduate of Oklahoma State University, receiving a double bachelors of science degree in agricultural communications and animal science. Her activities at OSU included the Dairy Science

Club, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, Alpha Zeta, and Block and Bridge, where she held various offices in the organizations. She was also a member of the dairy judging team.

Her cattle background grew from the family dairy farm in Bokchito, Oklahoma where she was raised. Spending most of her life handling cattle, she also gained beef experience through working with FFA projects in high school.

She interned for Accelerated Genetics, working in public relations, advertising and promotion. She worked on various magazines, newsletters and brochures, and for the *Stillwater News Press*.



Trisha Klement

NOTICE

Illinois Bend Cemetery Association has announced that its annual meeting will be Saturday, August 5 at the Illinois Bend Cemetery. The 11:00 a.m. meeting will be followed by lunch at noon.

All interested persons are invited to attend and are asked to bring food, a hearty appetite, ideas, and good will.



A Quick Health Tip

(NU) - If you're a smoker, try to avoid smoking in closed or small spaces with infants and non-smoking family members. For a list of other tips, call the EPA's Indoor Air Quality Clearinghouse at 1-800-438-4318.

Fuhrmann reunion at Subiaco

The annual Henry S. And Katie Fuhrmann Family reunion was held in Subiaco, Arkansas July 21-23. Brother Louis Fuhrmann was host this year. Fifty-three descendants enjoyed visiting, playing games, picture taking, guided tours of the Abbey, swimming, reminiscing and a celebration dinner together. Brother Fuhrmann arranged for anniversary cake for Mr. and Mrs. Diamond Fuhrmann and himself, because all three had observed golden anniversaries this year.

Following the Saturday evening Mass at the Abbey Church, the group prayed a family Rosary. Brother Louis provided blessed finger rosaries for the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A family picture was taken in front of church.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, everyone gathered for a send-off for the children and their spouses of Henry and Katie Fuhrmann, as they began a trip touring Arkansas

and Tennessee. Youngest person present was Jenna Tharp, daughter of David and Deanna Tharp of Lindsay. Oldest person attending was Diamond Fuhrmann of Lindsay, son of Henry and Katie Fuhrmann.

Celebrant of the Saturday evening Mass was former Muenster pastor, Father Victor Gillespie, OSB. They all visited briefly after Mass, and Father Victor sent greetings to everyone in Muenster.

Ryan Bayer attends firemen's training school

Ryan Bayer, volunteer fireman of Muenster Volunteer Fire Department in Muenster is attending the 71st Annual Municipal Firemen's Training School July 23-28. The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students, representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, is being held on the Texas A&M University campus this week.

Firemen can choose a course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Development, Fire

Service Rescue Practices, Specialized Fire Protection and Public Safety Emergency Service Dispatcher.

Fireman Ryan Bayer is being sponsored by Cooke County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firemen are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies

in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

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As a board-certified family practitioner, Dr. Reeves brings with him a philosophy of treating patients respectfully, courteously and attentively. He provides comprehensive medical services for patients of all ages. Dr. Reeves believes preventive medicine is both life-saving and economical.

Dr. Reeves joins Holly Wellman, Certified Nurse Practitioner, at Gainesville Memorial Hospital's Neighbor Care Clinic - Lake Kiowa. Reeves will partner with Mrs. Wellman in providing quality care to residents of Lake Kiowa, eastern Cooke County and western Grayson County. Clinic hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information about Dr. Reeves or to schedule an appointment, please call today.

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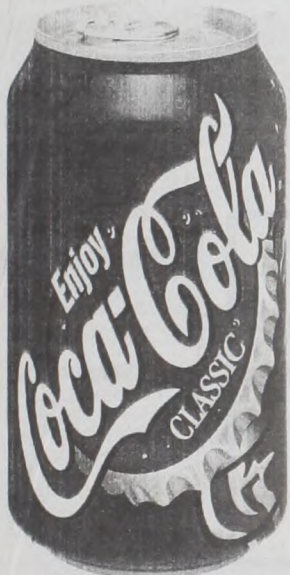
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Kimberly Rose Kupper of Valley View and Craig Daniel Stobaugh of Valley View have chosen Saturday, Aug. 26, 2000 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Billy and Lisa Kupper of Valley View. Parents of the future-groom are Tim and Debbie Stobaugh of Gainesville. The wedding will be held at 5:00 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church of Gainesville and officiated by the grandfather of the groom, Bro. Hubert Wright, and the pastor of St. Peter's Church of Lindsay, Fr. Sebastian Beshoner. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Valley View High School and a 2000 graduate of North Central Texas College. She is employed at the First State Bank of Gainesville. Mr. Stobaugh is a 1994 graduate of Gainesville High School and is a dairy farmer. The couple plans to reside in Gainesville. Attendants in the wedding will be Jennifer Popp, matron of honor; Carrie West, maid of honor; Anitra McClinton and Coty Newton, as bridesmaids; Rachel Stobaugh, junior bridesmaid; Toby Stobaugh best man; Joe Hoedebeck, Justin Bland, and Greg Wolf, groomsmen. Sara Walterscheid will be flowergirl and Tommy Stobaugh will be ring bearer.

Diabetes In-DEPTH - a Diabetes Education Program for Total Health

Gainesville Memorial Hospital is offering Diabetes In-DEPTH -- a Diabetes Education Program for Total Health. The program is designed for patients with either Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.

The two-day training series is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. August 5 and August 12 in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center at GMH. The sessions will be led by Lucy Krahl, Registered Dietitian, and Joan Walterscheid, RN, Certified Diabetes Educator. Krahl has 12 years nutrition experience and Walterscheid has over 20 years personal diabetic experience.

Participants will receive two days of group training, a free glucometer, a personal instruction manual and a goody bag. Participants will learn nutritional meal planning, and will be served a nutritious lunch both days. Krahl and Walterscheid will also meet with each individual to develop a personalized care plan. In all, the comprehensive course will offer 10 hours of education.

The class fee is \$300 with payment assistance available, and insurance is accepted.

Topics will include: nutrition

- meal planning, carbohydrate counting; medication - oral medications, insulin therapy; monitoring - keeping on track, reaching target goals; staying active - exercise, foot care, weight control; and coping skills - stress management, getting help.

"Up until now, there has been no comprehensive diabetes management program here," Krahl said. "We want to be able to help patients with diabetes in our community."

"We are trying to gain recognition from the American Diabetes Association (ADA)," Walterscheid said. "The recognition of the ADA will allow Medicare patients to take advantage of Medicare funding for this program."

The instruction manual the patients will receive includes "everything you need to know about managing your diabetes," Krahl said.

These courses will be offered quarterly, and Krahl and Walterscheid hope to have the ADA accreditation by early spring.

Family members are welcome to attend the sessions, with a small fee assessed for the meals.

The class size will be held to a maximum of 12-15 participants, to allow for

questions and interaction.

Krahl and Walterscheid agree the program is still in it's fancy, but is a vital link between patients and their physician, at half the cost of programs in larger cities.

Walterscheid, who offers a diabetic support group that meets every third Tuesday, is a 28 year nursing veteran, ventured out on her own to do

diabetic consulting. She was diagnosed as a Type 1 diabetic 21 years ago.

Krahl has been helping with diabetes since 1995. Her mother and brother have diabetes.

For more information or to enroll in the class, call Joan Walterscheid at 940-759-2395 or Lucy Krahl at 940-612-8340.



GMH diabetes education team -- Lucy M. Krahl, left, and Joan Walterscheid combine talents for GMH Diabetes In-DEPTH. The next quarterly educational series is slated for August 5 and August 12. Enrollment is currently underway. GMH courtesy photo.

July 15 meeting held by VFW Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post #6205 met in the Post Home on July 15, 2000, with Frances Bayer, president, conducting the meeting. Chaplain Ethel Hesse, Patriotic Instructor Eleanor Felderhoff, and Conductress pro tem Mary Lee Hennigan read the opening prayer. Lucille Hesse gave the treasurer's report. Ida Bindel read minutes of the June meeting, which were approved as written.

"Thank You" cards were sent to participants at the Memorial Day Service in Sacred Heart Cemetery. A "Get Well" card was sent to one member.

Frances Bayer reported on the State Convention held at DFW in June. She displayed a 100% membership plaque and a certificate of achievements, participation and reporting which were given to the Auxiliary of #6205 at the convention.

Ethel Hesse reported on Rehab activities, and Armella Cler reported on program participation.

Frances Bayer served refreshments to ten members, and Mary Lee Hennigan won the door prize. The meeting was adjourned to re-convene on August 28 instead of August 21.

New Arrivals

Fuhrmann

Pete and Marion Portwood Fuhrmann announce the birth of a daughter Melanie Ruth Fuhrmann on July 4, 2000 at 7:17 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 20 3/4 inches long, at Lake Pointe Medical Center in Rowlette, Texas. Grandparents are Joe and Marie Fuhrmann of Gainesville and the late Dr. and Mrs. John W. Portwood of Zachary, Louisiana. Great-grandmother is Catherine Schmidkofer of Lindsay. Melanie Ruth joins two brothers, William, age 5 1/2 and Matthew age 3 1/2.

Springer

Drew and Lydia Springer joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Delaney Springer, on Thursday, July 20, 2000 at 1:46 p.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas weighing 7 lb. 6 oz and measuring 19 1/4 inches in length. Katherine is also welcomed by her two older brothers, Austin age 6, and Grant age 2 1/2. Grandparents are Annette Walterscheid of Muenster, Pat Springer of Dallas, Drew Springer of Fort Worth. Great-grandparents are Marie Knauf and Mary Schilling of Muenster, Laverne Springer of Weatherford, and Leonard and Nellie Greer of Homestead, Florida.

Mennes

Sarah Alleman of Gainesville announces the birth of a son, James Dylan Mennes in Muenster Memorial Hospital on July 17, 2000 at 10:25 a.m., weighing 8 lb. 15 oz and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. He joins a sister, Payton LeRae Alleman.

Twentieth Annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival set

The Twentieth Annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Homecoming will be Saturday, August 19. The Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Forestburg School building. Trophies will be presented in the following categories: Judges Trophy - Best All Around, Riding, Clubs, Individual Horse Rider, Floats, Commercial and Business, Antique Automobiles, Antique Farm Equipment and Miscellaneous. There is no specified theme for this year's parade.

Participants in the parade should be at the west entrance of the school by 10 a.m. or shortly after to receive identification tags and be aligned. Anyone can participate in the parade; however, to be considered in the judging for a trophy, entry forms must be returned to Charles Edwards, Route 1 Box 138, Forestburg, Texas 76239, by 8 p.m. Friday, August 18. Anyone desiring additional information may write to the above address or call 940-964-2289.

Felderhoff wins beef!

Jenna Felderhoff, daughter of Billy Felderhoff, submitted the winning story in Texoma CattleWomen's Beef For Father's Day project. Students under the age of eighteen were invited to write a short story about their father - telling why he is the BEST! The stories

were collected in a box at Fischer's Market. Charla Haubold, Texoma CattleWomen representative, selected Jenna's story to be the winning entry. Fischer's Market presented the prize - 25 lb. of ground chuck - to Jenna and her dad, Billy.

Thank You

Our family would again like to thank everyone for all the generosity shown to us during Laura's surgery and hospitalization. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls, food, visits and concerns given to our family.

A very special thanks to all who prayed for Laura and the family during the past few weeks. When Dr. Votteler came out of surgery, he said, "Our prayers were answered." And they were, the surgery was a success. Laura is now doing fine and getting around better everyday thanks to all of your prayers and God's blessing upon her.

We are so very thankful to live here and have so many generous and caring friends and family who are always here for us.

Thanks for everything!

Steve, Doreen, Nicholas, Laura and Adam Taylor

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Mark Robert Klein, DO

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- Texas Osteopathic Medical Association

Gainesville Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce the arrival of a new family practitioner to our community: Mark Robert Klein, DO comes to Cooke County after completing his family practice residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

As a family practice physician, Dr. Klein provides comprehensive medical services for patients of all ages. His interaction with the patient may range from treating colds and flu to long-term management of such problems as diabetes or heart disease. He knows that communication between the doctor and patient is vital when making informed decisions about the entire family's long-term health and wellness.

Dr. Klein is currently accepting patients at his office which is located in the McLeroy and Lewis Medical Clinic, 1625 North Grand Avenue in Gainesville. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome.

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Library seeks aid for children's books

The Friends of the Muenster Public Library continue to seek financial aid from the community as the new library is being built. With the Library Board greatly involved in the building project, they are seeking support to participate in a special opportunity to acquire children's books.

The Libri Foundation, out of Eugene Oregon, has awarded the Muenster Library the Books for Children grant. The Foundation will work with the library and other local groups because they believe in community involvement and want to reward local support to libraries.

The Foundation will match any amount of money raised by any local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, the Muenster Library could receive up to \$1,050 worth of new quality, hardcover children's books, for a donation of \$350, by November 2000.

Kay Broyles, library director, will be able to select the books from a list provided by the Foundation.

If you or your organization would like to contribute to this book fund-raiser, please contact Jamie Hartman, at home, 759-4590 or at work, 759-4361.



Another plaque was put on the wall at Muenster Memorial Hospital, this one honoring Alvina Voth. Frybrant donated linens specially constructed for use on the "birthing beds." They donated six sets of linens which cost approximately \$100 a set retail. The entire process from donating the fabric to cutting and sewing the material was given in memory of Alvina Voth, a long time employee at the local sewing industry. Pictured are, from left, Laura Stoffels, Jack Endres, Bernice Sicking and Phyllis Dittfurth. Janie Hartman Photo

Shelley Klement earns Master of Science in physical therapy



Shelley Klement

Shelley Rae Klement graduated from Texas Woman's University School of Physical Therapy in Dallas on July 7, with a Master of Science in Physical Therapy. Shelley also has a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Sciences and an Associate of Science degree. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association. She is also a member of the Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Societies.

A ceremony was held in honor of the Dallas TWU Physical Therapy graduates on July 7, at the Royal Oaks Country Club in Dallas. Attending the ceremony were her parents, Robert and Gloria Klement; grandmother, Lou Zimmerer; Leslie and Chris Dangelmayr; Zonya and Scott Klement; Melody, Greg, and

Megan Rohmer; Justin Klement; and Brent Foster. Unable to attend the ceremony were grandfather, Frank Zimmerer, and grandparents, Rose and Ed Klement.

Shelley has accepted a physical therapist position at the Physical Therapy Center in Gainesville.

Auditions scheduled for NCTC Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble

Auditions for both the Jazz Band and the Wind Ensemble at North Central Texas College will be conducted August 21-23 at the Gainesville campus.

The NCTC Jazz Band performs a varied repertoire, including big band swing, Dixieland and contemporary jazz, in a variety of concert venues. The Jazz Band typically performs four full-length concerts on the Gainesville campus, as well as providing entertainment at most NCTC special events.

The group, which showcased the talents of 25-members in recent years, has opportunities for smaller combo groups to evolve, too. Age limitations for participants are nil. NCTC Instrumental Music Coordinator Dr. Michael Thrasher said students are welcome to audition with any instrument, but the need is

highest for musicians with proficiencies on the trumpet, trombone, saxophone, piano, bass, guitar, and drums.

Those wishing to audition for positions in either of these musical groups are asked to register for specific time slots at room 151 at the NCTC Gainesville campus. Audition requirements will mandate performance of two contrasting selections chosen by the student; major scales, and sight-reading.

"The auditions will serve to determine band placement," said Thrasher, "as well as qualify applicants for potential scholarship." He noted that everyone enrolled in band last year received a stipend.

For information, contact Thrasher at (940) 668-7731 ext. 454 or make contact via the college website (www.nctc.cc.tx.us) to wthrasher@nctc.cc.tx.us.

Free photography contest open to Muenster residents

The International Library of Photography is pleased to announce that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Muenster area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is October 28. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

To enter, send ONE photograph in ONLY ONE of the following categories:

People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9008, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 28.

Rural networks grant offers computer equipment, training

A \$532,477 North Texas Rural Networks Community Technology Center (NTRN-CTC) grant acquired by North Central Texas College (NCTC) is targeted at bridging the digital divide in economically distressed areas.

According to a NCTC survey, residents in both Cooke and Montague Counties perceived a need for increased information technology education in their communities. NCTC Grant Coordinator Jan Elias-Crews said recently published articles verify that residents in area void of access to communication networked find it difficult to participate in civic activities and services requiring computer usage and Internet savvy. Additionally, research shows by the year 2000, that 60 percent of jobs will require skills with technology.

"The article specifies that computer related skills are a necessary component of most viable technical careers and cut across the majority of job categories," said Crews. "Additionally, up to 75 percent of all transactions between individuals and the government will take place electronically. Governmental bodies, community organizations, and corporations are displacing resources from their ordinary channels of communication

onto the Internet, thus the information poor are becoming even more impoverished."

As America continues to prosper as an informational society, the technology gap (also described as the digital divide), continues to widen between those privy to technology and those missing this now-essential component. Dr. Lee Ann Nutt, dean of NCTC's continuing education division said, "Rural communities who are entering the information age far behind their wealthier neighbors, are in need of services and activities to reverse this trend. Many rural communities do not have an adequate technology infrastructure and don't or can't access or acquire the tools of the Information Age.

In response, NCTC collaborated with a broad-based team of community partners featuring school districts, business and industry, housing authorities and libraries, to increase the availability of technology-focused education and equipment in Cooke and Montague Counties.

"This region has a history of successful collaborative partnerships, between education, business, labor, and the community that provides the foundation for a strong network of Community

Technology Centers (CTCs)," said Dr. Nutt.

The Department of Education funding, paired with a \$300,000 commitment directly from NCTC, will provide computer and technology access to adults and children in low-income communities during a three-year period.

CTCs will be housed at NCTC's Cooke County and Montague County campuses, as well as satellite locations at the Cooke County Youth Center, The Gainesville Housing Authority, the Bowie Public Library, and Bowie ISD. The NTRN-CTC will offer after-school activities, adult education, and family literacy programs, career development and job preparation training, small business development help, and assist participants in gaining home access.

Due to the avid cooperation of network partners, technology centers at the NCTC Gainesville and Bowie Campuses are scheduled to be fully operational by September. A project manager and technology specialist have already been hired, while two lab assistants will soon be added to the list. Satellite partners will scrutinize methods for using their own personnel to help staff the CTCs, said Dr. Nutt.

Technology training is a vital component to success of the project. "It's not enough to give people the expertise if you don't teach them how to use it," noted Nutt. Within the next year Nutt anticipates that CTC technology will be used by 320 residents in the Montague and Cooke Counties. This encompasses 42 training sessions.

During the second year of the grant, monies will purchase laptops to allow the flexibility of a mobile unit. "We will be able to take the technology to the people rather than the people coming to us," said Dr. Nutt. Additionally, other communities may be able to reap the benefits of the CTC grant during the forthcoming years.

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Between the ages of 20 and 50, the average male adds seven inches to his waistline.

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School News

College-bound high school students should register for ACT exam by August 18

The next ACT Assessment will be administered on September 23. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by August 18 - the deadline for having your registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of September 1, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations.

information, such as high school grade point average, for admissions decisions and to help place students in appropriate courses for their academic achievement. The test fee is \$23 (\$26 in Florida).

Students can register for the ACT by getting information from their high school counselors or online at ACT's website -- www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials including an interactive CD-ROM, ACTive Prep, which contains actual, timed tests and helps students build a study plan.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools, and are used along with other student



Sacred Heart Junior High Cheerleaders participated in the Sacred Heart Mini-Cheerleading Camp. Pictured are from left, back - Jessica Knabe, Katie Flusche, Christine Fetsch; front - Stephanie Henschied, Rose Bartush. Courtesy Photo

Mini camp hosted by Sacred Heart Varsity cheerleaders

Sacred Heart's Varsity cheerleaders held a mini camp July 10-12 on the Sacred Heart School campus from 9 a.m. to noon daily. The 45 participants at the camp included Sacred Heart's Junior High squad and St. Mary's Junior High squad.

While attending the camp they learned a variety of cheers, chants, stunts, bleacher mania, and a dance. The squads learned the value of smart stunting and were each given pep rally ideas. Participants were evaluated for their abilities in dance, jumps, spirit, motion, safe spotting, and cheer technique. At the end of camp, each one received an award based on their most outstanding skills.

Each squad received a spirit stick and a tape of the newly learned dance and bleacher mania music. The Best All Around Cheerleader award went to Rashaë Dangelmayr for her distinguished accomplishments in all areas of

skills. Each camper also received silver pom poms.

On Wednesday the girls performed for their parents and then enjoyed a hamburger/hot dog lunch grilled by Bob Bauer at the park. Free swimming concluded the fun everyone had a camp.

Submitted by Dana Miller

Religious Ed classes start August 30

Religious Education classes (CCD) for public school students, K through 12 will begin Aug. 30, 2000 with an opening Mass at 6:30 p.m. Parents are reminded to get them registered now. Forms are in the front entrance of Sacred Heart Church. A required parent attendance is on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Community Center Main Hall.

Muenster Elementary Students are invited to Orientation Saturday, August 12 8:00 am - noon

Public Service Announcement by Muenster Enterprise

Muenster High/Junior High Registration Friday, August 4
New Students 8:00 am - noon
Returning Students 1:00 - 4:00 pm
To pick-up Schedules

Public Service Announcement by Muenster Enterprise

Health Notes

Hot baths could harm children

Few things are as relaxing as a hot, steamy bath. But don't try it with young children. Scalds are the leading cause of accidental death in the home for children under the age of four, according to the National Burn Information Exchange.

Infant skin is thinner and more fragile than adult skin so it can burn at temperatures that may feel comfortable to an adult. Most scalding injuries occur because of inadequate supervision by an adult.

Scalding injuries are preventable if adults and children take proper safety precautions. Set the hot water heater thermostat to 125 degrees Fahrenheit and when it's time to fill the bathtub, turn on the cold water first and mix in warm water. Test the water by moving your forearm through it. The recommended bath-water temperatures for babies is about 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Muenster Elementary School "Howdy Party" Thursday, August 10 7:15 pm School Cafeteria

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NOTICE

Lindsay ISD Registration Thursday, August 3, 2000

High School, Room 116

Seniors 8:30 - 10:00

Juniors 10:00 - 11:30

Sophomores 12:30 - 1:30

Freshmen 1:30 - 2:30

8th Grade 2:30 - 3:00

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K-6th Grade - First day of school (August 14th)

A public service announcement of the Muenster Enterprise

Facts about America's libraries

- Americans go to school, public and academic libraries three times as often as they go to movies.
- Reference librarians in the nation's public and academic libraries answer more than 7,000,000 questions weekly. Standing single file, the line of questioners would stretch from Boston to San Francisco.
- Federal spending on libraries totals only 54 cents per person - less than 2 postage stamps.
- There are more public libraries than McDonald's - a total of 15,994, including branches.
- Americans spend more on potato chips and snack foods than on public libraries (\$5.2 billion).
- Americans check out an average of 6 books a year. They spend about \$21 a year in taxes for the public library - less than the cost of one bestseller.
- Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school, or work.
- 74% of public libraries now offer access to the Internet.

New immunization requirements effective August 1

Some children enrolling in schools or child-care facilities this fall will face new immunization rules for hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and chickenpox (varicella) effective August 1. Plus students in public and private schools and child-care facilities must be up to date on all their immunizations, according to Kristin Hamlett of the Immunization Division at Texas Department of Health (TDH).

See chart below for new and all required immunizations:

Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Texas Children	
Age	Vaccine Requirement (at the time the child first enters the age group)
Younger than 2 months	No vaccines required
2 through 3 months	1 dose polio vaccine 1 dose DTP/DTaP vaccine 1 dose Hib vaccine
4 through 5 months	2 doses polio vaccine 2 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine 2 doses Hib vaccine
6 through 11 months	2 doses polio vaccine 2 doses Hib vaccine 3 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine
12 through 14 months	1 dose MMR vaccine received on or after 1st birthday 2 doses Hib vaccine 3 doses polio vaccine 3 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine 1 dose varicella vaccine on or after 1st birthday (effective 8/1/2000)
15 months through 4 years	1 dose MMR vaccine on or after 1st birthday 1 dose Hib vaccine on or after 15 months of age (unless a primary series and booster are completed) 3 doses polio vaccine 4 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine (4th dose required at 18 months) 1 dose varicella vaccine on or after 1st birthday (effective 8/1/2000)
2 years	1 dose hepatitis A vaccine (32 border counties only)
3 through 4 years	2 doses hepatitis A vaccine (32 border counties only)
5 through 6 years	3 doses polio vaccine, including 1 on or after 4th birthday 4 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine, including 1 on or after 4th birthday. (Proof of pertussis vaccination not required for children 5 years or older.) 1 dose MMR vaccine on or after 1st birthday and 1 additional dose of measles vaccine (may be received as part of a second MMR) 3 doses hepatitis B vaccine 2 doses hepatitis A vaccine (32 border counties only) 1 dose varicella vaccine on or after 1st birthday for children born on or after Sept. 2, 1994 (effective 8/1/2000)
7 through 11 years	3 doses polio vaccine, including 1 on or after 4th birthday 3 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine, including 1 on or after 4th birthday and 1 within the last 10 years 1 dose MMR vaccine on or after 1st birthday. Children born on or after Sept. 2, 1991, must have 2 doses of measles vaccine (may be part of a second MMR) 3 doses hepatitis B vaccine for children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 2 doses hepatitis A vaccine for children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 (32 border counties only)
12 years and older (in addition to those required at age 7)	Children born between Sept. 1, 1978, and Sept. 1, 1991, (inclusive) must show proof of 2 doses of measles vaccine within 30 days after their 12th birthday (may be part of a second MMR) Children born between Sept. 2, 1988, and Sept. 1, 1992, (inclusive) must show proof of 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine within 30 days after 12th birthday (effective 8/1/2000) Children born between Sept. 2, 1988, and Sept. 1, 1994, (inclusive) must have 1 dose of varicella vaccine on or after 1st birthday within 30 days after their 12th birthday. If first dose is received after age 13, 2 doses are required. Polio vaccine not required for students 18 and older (effective 8/1/2000)

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Sports

Diamonds in the roughs

by Jim Dillard,
Wildlife Biologist,

It's a little known fact that there are diamonds to be found all over the Cross Timbers Country. The hills are literally alive with them. Actually, people have been finding diamonds here in north-central Texas for centuries. Indians were well aware of them and early settlers soon discovered them also. They're most commonly found up under rock ledges, in holes in the ground or beneath brush piles although occasionally you might find one in the grass or just lying in the road. Often you'll find one when or where you least expect to. I've even stepped on one or two. They're easy to identify. Just listen for a loud buzzing racket from one end and a nasty disposition on the other with diamonds in between. In this case diamonds are not necessarily a gal's best friend and I wouldn't suggest picking them up.

Western diamondback rattlesnakes are an icon here in Texas and of the hard scrabble lands they inhabit in the western two-thirds of the state. Just mentioning rattlesnakes will likely elicit an emotional response from anyone who's had an encounter of the first kind with o' low shoulders himself. Even their scientific name *Crotalus atrox*

describes their less than affable character: *Crotalus* means "clapper" or "cymbal" and *atrox* translates as "savage," "ferce" or "cruel". That doesn't leave much to the imagination and pretty well covers their reputation in my book.

Diamondbacks range in size from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 feet in length although the record is a 7 foot, 8 inch specimen from Dallas County. I'll swear some I've seen underfoot looked like they were 10 feet. Males are about 10% larger than females of the same age but they all bite the same. Coloration is typically gray or brown although local soil color and chemical composition may account for variations. A series of 24-45 diamond or irregular hexagon shaped markings with light borders adorn the back. Snakes with recently shed skins have more distinct patterns as older scales become worn. Young rattlers may shed their skin 4-6 times a year until they reach maturity but frequency decreases with age and is dependent on the food supply. Other distinctive markings are cream colored belly plates, two diagonal white stripes on the cheeks, and the "coon tail" black and white stripes on the tail above the rattle. In captivity they have been known to live up to 30 years, but in the wild, 15 years is more likely.

The rattler is made of a "finger-nail-like" material and consists of a series of loosely joined segments which are added each time the skin is shed. The number of "buttons" is not a good indicator of age since some snakes may add several each year and worn ones are occasionally broken off or lost due to natural causes. Tail vibration is a defense mechanism to make their presence known although I have encountered some rattlesnakes that wouldn't rattle even when poked with a stick. Some apparently haven't read the book about when to or not to rattle.

If there's any redeeming value to these slithering serpents it's their rat and mouse killing ability. Since old buildings, wood piles, armadillo holes and rock crevices harbor their favorite food items, they're likely to set up housekeeping there. That flickering tongue is actually tasting the air for odor molecules given off by any unsuspecting prey. A structure in the roof of the mouth called the Jacobson's Organ helps pass that information on to the brain and assists in locating the victim. In addition, special openings called pits located between the eye and nostril on each side of the face detect infrared radiation given off by small prey animals and help direct their strike. Potent

venom injected by specialized teeth called fangs quickly paralyzes their prey. Bitten prey usually escapes but is tracked down and swallowed head first. Likely victims are small mammals such as cottontails, ground squirrels, woodrats, pocket mice, white-footed mice, cotton rats or harvest mice and small birds, lizards or even other snakes.

They aren't without enemies and are often preyed on by other snakes including coachwhips, indigo snakes, kingsnakes and whip snakes. Hawks, owls, roadrunners, skunks, badgers, coyotes and foxes all eat them. Every rancher and farmer I've ever been around will also summarily dispatch one if given half a chance.

Diamondbacks are most active at night or when temperatures are moderate during daylight hours and that's when most are encountered. During the winter months they congregate in dens and only venture out during periods of warm temperatures. Breeding takes place during the spring and summer following an elaborate courtship display. An average of 14 young are live-born annually at about 14 inches in length.

Rattlesnakes are hard to like but they're probably here to stay unless we do some really dumb things to the land.

Jaycees trap shoot set for Wednesday evenings

The Muenster Jaycees will be sponsoring a trap shoot every Wednesday evening, starting August 2 until dove season begins. Competition will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Flusche Farm, located on CR

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MUENSTER HIGH SCHOOL

SWARMIN' HORNETS FOOTBALL

Muenster High School will begin football practice for the 2000 season on Monday, August 7. Practice will begin at 7:00 a.m. All athletes need to have a physical exam and UIL paperwork completed before practice begins. Equipment issue will be on Friday, August 4. The following schedule will be used for equipment issue. Seniors - 9 to 10 am. Juniors - 10:30 to 12 noon, Sophomores and Freshmen 1 to 3 pm. Physical forms and the UIL forms are available at MHS in the receptionist area inside the front of the new high school building. Any questions need to be directed to Coach Martin at 759-2281 ext 689 or 759-4712.

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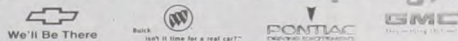
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H. MACK BARNHART
Lawyer For The Estate of Ester Grissom
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H. MACK BARNHART LAWYER
/s/H. MACK BARNHART
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Mary Ann Sheaff, a gentle, assertive person at NCTC

by Stephen Bonin
NCTC Professor of English
and
Contributing Writer

that includes scores of poems, Department Chair Mary Dell Heathington said. "She is valuable as one bonded with us, adept with the written word. And that creativity helps her deal with different personalities (faculty) in our department, from, for example, art and music areas."

Laughing and sparkling in eyes, Heathington applied her secretary's resourcefulness to helping divergent personalities in the form of "lost souls," the beloved students for whom faculty and staff alike owe their jobs.

Sheaff graciously receives Heathington's adulation and regards, as in the essay, a legacy. Besides her enthusiasm for the arts and humanities-gardening, walks in nature, crocheting, cross-stitching, watching old movies are interests—she has tried to walk a faith journey and sees clearly the conquest of several major trials. Her ability to be a professional and to be a friend is due to her conviction that Jesus Christ died for her and that God's mercy and grace vigorously stream.

Early influences of the 49-year-old Muensterite include Sister Roberta, an artskilled principal, and Father Benedict at Sacred Heart School.

"Sister Roberta had a demeanor of dignity about her. She was interested in what you were doing," Sheaff said at her neatly arranged, compact desk at the college.

"Father Benedict really took the time to communicate with everyone. He taught religion. He'd take us places; he took the kids to see a Black family, which was an educational experience for us in a one-race town. Also, he did marriage



Mary Ann Sheaff

preparation. He was on your level, interested in people, caring."

Continuing beyond her Catholic school influences, Sheaff pays tribute to the "admirable work ethic of Muenster people," which helps her practice integrity, practice doing the job right the first time at the county's 75-year-old institution of higher learning.

Prior to joining NCTC, Sheaff worked four and a half years at the bookstore of Texas Woman's University. Down in the textbooks section, she served, periodically, "wall-to-wall people"; contrarily, she enjoyed ongoing respite as the semester got going.

Smiling, she said, I liked the variety. And that's what I like about this job too."

Her job at NCTC offers those same waves of changes. During the past Spring semester, she helped with two major projects: preparing the departmental

budget and assembling the annual literary magazine of current writing contest winners, *The April Perennial*.

The April Perennial, as local educators, students and aspiring writers know, annually gathers creativity from a wide spectrum of people. To assemble the publication, Sheaff has helped with transcribing texts, editing, assisting with communication with judges, in short, anything requested by Contest Director Linda Coolen.

Coolen's exuberance about Sheaff conjures an image of WD-40 being sprayed on a bike chain. "She's very affable, very efficient, very helpful in every way," Coolen said. "This year, in addition to our routine

busyness, we faced some tragedies in the office, including the death of longtime Spanish Professor Eduardo Scheel and a child of a family Mary Ann is friends with. Through these major heartaches and day-to-day frustrations, I have admired her resilience. She laughs easily."

Sheaff responds: "The peace of the Lord enables me to deal with challenges throughout the day," guiding her role as Mom to 15-year-old Shaina, a Muenster High School student/flute player. In addition, Sheaff has two grown children in Dallas.

Phone traffic is steady. "I get questions about teachers, grades, schedules, what classes

are like. This Spring I could answer a lot of questions about Dr. Gerald McDaniel's online literature course because I was enrolled in it," said the concurrent NCTC student who has been inducted into the International Two-Year College Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa.

One minor faux pas that elicits a roaring waterfall of laughter from Sheaff and Coolen is the mistake in time posted on fliers that had been put up around campus. These fliers announcing the writing awards ceremony announced a starting time of 11 P.M. instead of 11 a.m.

"You never know what's going to come up," Sheaff said.

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During these dog days of summer, the temperature inside a parked car can climb to well over 100 degrees in just a matter of minutes. Beating the heat is extra tough for dogs because they can only cool themselves by panting and sweating through their paw pads.

Heat stroke can come on

quickly and result in brain damage or death. Watch for symptoms, such as restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, rapid heartbeat, fever vomiting, or lack of coordination. If your dog shows any of these symptoms, get them to shade immediately and call your veterinarian. Lower body temperature gradually by providing water to drink, applying a cold towel or ice pack to the head, neck and chest, or immersing the dog in tepid (not cold) water.

Prevent heat stroke by taking these precautions:

- Never leave a dog in a parked car. On a 78-degree day, the temperature inside a shaded car is 90 degrees, while a car parked in the sun can reach 160 degrees in minutes. Animals can succumb to heat stroke in just 15 minutes.

• If you see a dog in a car, take down the car's color, model, make and license plate number and have the owner paged inside the store, or call local humane authorities or police. Contact PETA for a supply of fliers on the dangers of heat stroke to leave on windshields.

• Don't carry your dog in the bed of a pick-up truck. This is always dangerous, but the heat brings the added danger of burning the dog's feet on the hot metal.

• Don't take your dog jogging — except on cool mornings or evenings — and don't force exercise. On long walks, rest often and bring plenty of water. Hot pavement can burn dogs' paws; choose shady, grassy routes.

• Trim heavy-coated dogs' fur, but leave an inch for protection against insects and sunburn. Keep an eye on areas where hair is thin, like eyelids, ears and nose.

• Keep your dog indoors. If he must stay outside, avoid the hottest part of the day. Provide shade, water, and a kiddie pool. Keep drinking water in an anchored bucket or heavy bowl.

• Be a watchdog for chained dogs. Make sure they have food, water and shelter. If you see a dog in distress, contact humane authorities. Give the dog immediate relief by providing water.

The 1996 winner of the annual North Central Texas College student essay contest excelled with an open letter to her dead father, Larry Yosten. In the essay, entitled "The Legacy," Muensterite Mary Ann Sheaff evokes both pathos and happiness. The pathos is rooted in her regret that she did not get to make friends with him prior to his death; she was 21. The happiness is rooted in a precious memory of musical quality: "The way you laughed made everyone laugh with you. It was so full of pure delight."

The former Mary Ann Yosten concludes the essay with a noble affirmation of redemptive suffering. Having walked away from his grave, she notices from a distance the fresh flowers placed by her mother, Helen Yosten. She mutters the final, poignant thought that sealed a first place: "I stand for one last moment and remember the new life just beginning to grow within me. You have bequeathed to me far more than laughter."

Laughter flowing smoothly as pouring honey, gentleness and assertiveness—these are the positive traits that have made that 1996 winner a dynamic staff member of the college since 1998. In fact, as an example of faith and fate's auspicious interworking, Sheaff is the secretary of the department that sponsors the annual creative and expository writing contests, Communications and Fine Arts.

Acknowledging Sheaff's accomplishments with writing

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Legal Notices PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The City Council of the City of Muenster will hold meetings at City Hall, 400 North Main Street, Muenster, Texas, at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, August 7, and Monday, August 14, 2000, to discuss the following: Resolution authorizing the annexation of certain tracts of land into the City Limits of the City of Muenster.

The territories to be annexed are described below:

Fleitman property: All that tract of land in Block 14 of the Gunter and Wellesley's subdivision of the Thomas Scott Survey, Abstract No. 900 in Cooke County, Texas, part of the land described in the warranty deeds from Bertha Dangelmayr Fleitman et vir to Jerry Fleitman, et al, being of record in Volume 677, Page 229 and in Volume 660, Page 495 of the Deed Records of Cooke County, Texas;

BEGINNING 80 feet East of the Northeast corner of Block 78 on the East line of Mesquite Street in the City of Muenster, Cooke County, Texas;
THENCE East 728.26 feet to point for corner;
THENCE South 1670 feet, more or less, to the North line of Fourth Street in the Fleitman Subdivision of Cooke County, Texas, filed in Cabinet A, Slide 27, Cooke County Plat Records at a point 80 feet North of the Northwest corner of Lot 14 in said Subdivision;
THENCE West 728.26 feet, more or less, along the North line of said Fourth Street to the East line of Mesquite Street in the City of Muenster Texas;
THENCE North along the East line of Mesquite Street 1670 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Fleitman Subdivision: All of Lots 1 through 13, and Lot 16; all of Second Street and Magnolia Street; and Fourth Street from Mesquite to Magnolia Street, in the Fleitman Subdivision, Unit 1 in Cooke County, Texas, as set out in plat recorded in Cabinet A, Slide 72 of the Cooke County Plat Records.

Schilling Family and Muenster Jaycees: All that tract or parcel of land located in the Thomas Scott Survey, Abstract No. 900 in Cooke County, Texas, that is part of a tract of land conveyed by Albert Schilling et al to Frank Schilling, by deed recorded in Volume 262, Page 249, Cooke County Deed Records, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point which is South 89 deg. 34 min. 47 sec. West, 533.72 feet from the intersection of the North line of Ninth Street and the West line of Mesquite Street, being the Northeast corner of the original city limits of the City of Muenster, Texas;
THENCE North 150 feet to point for corner;
THENCE West 291 feet, more or less, to point for corner on wire fence;
THENCE North 02 deg. 02 min. 00 sec. West 950 feet, more or less, with wire fence passing a set spike in middle of CR 428 and on the South line of the George Ivy Survey, Abstract No. 5116 and the North line of G. Trussell Survey to the North line of CR 428;
THENCE East along the North line of CR 428 a distance of 895 feet, more or less, to a point North of the intersection of the South line of said CR 428 and the East line of CR 423 (Mesquite Street);
THENCE South along the East line of CR 423, 1100 feet, more or less, to a point East of Northeast corner of Block 67 in the City of Muenster, Texas;
THENCE West 35 feet, more or less, to the middle of CR 423 (Mesquite Street);
THENCE North along the center of CR 423, 1065 feet, more or less, to the center of CR 428;
THENCE South 89 deg. 30 min. 00 sec. West with CR 428, 2498.1 feet, more or less, to point for corner located North of intersection of North line of Ninth Street and the East line of Main Street (EM 373) in the City of Muenster;
THENCE South 647.79 feet, more or less, to point for corner at Northwest corner of Frank Schilling tract;
THENCE East 208.71 feet to Northeast corner of said Frank Schilling tract;
THENCE South 417.42 feet to North line of Ninth Street;
THENCE East 1757.57 feet, more or less, along North line of said Ninth Street to place of beginning to close.

Bert Hesse et ux/Tom Hesse Land: All that tract or parcel of land, being a part of Tracts 23 and 24 of the George Ivy Survey, Abstract No. 516 in Cooke County, Texas, and being portions of the tract of land conveyed to Bert Hesse et ux in deed recorded in Volume 998, Page 439—and a tract conveyed to Tom Hesse, recorded in Volume __, Page __, of the Deed Records of Cooke County, Texas, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of said survey;
THENCE West along the South line of said survey 3300 feet, more or less, to point for corner in the said Tom Hesse property that lies on the North boundary line of Texas Farm to Market Road 373 at a point which is 100 feet, more or less, North of the Northwest corner of Block 97 in the City of Muenster, Texas;
THENCE North 300 feet, more or less, to point for corner;
THENCE East 3300 feet, more or less, to point for corner on the East line of said Ivy Survey;
THENCE South 300 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Farm & Ranch

Grasshopper populations continue to increase

Grasshopper populations have increased dramatically in the last few weeks, moving from fields and pastures and heading for residential areas, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Extension entomologist Emory Boring said many crops and plants have dried up, forcing grasshoppers to concentrate on greener plants in home gardens and landscapes.

"Grasshoppers are much easier to control when they are still confined to the hatching areas," he said. "Until grasshoppers become adults, they are wingless and much more limited in their movements."

Boring said it takes 40 to 60 days for nymphs to reach the adult stage. Most grasshoppers are still nymphs, but they are already moving out of their hatching areas to find food.

"When trying to protect a garden or home landscape, treatment of the surrounding area will greatly increase the probability of success," he said. "Treating a relatively large area will reduce migration of grasshoppers back into the protected area."

Boring said treatment frequency will depend on the residual control provided by the insecticide and the number of grasshoppers.

"When very large numbers are encountered, control becomes more difficult," he said. "This is because grasshoppers must feed some before they die."

Extension entomologist Cliff Hoelscher of College Station said the number of grasshoppers per square yard has increased greatly in the past few weeks.

"A few weeks ago, the populations were clumped with 12 to 15 grasshoppers per square foot," he said. "Now we are seeing 15-25 per square foot in some concentrated areas."

Hoelscher said the biggest pest of the grasshopper population is the differential grasshopper.

"The differential grasshopper has been hatching over the past few weeks," he said. "This species produces the largest number of individuals and covers the widest area."

Hoelscher has received about 30 "panic" phone calls in the last few days alone. "I think the public is confused about grasshopper hatch-out," he said. "They think every time a new hatch arrives that it is from a single species. What people don't



The grasshopper invasion to the area was full strength this weekend, as the creatures continue to attack, chewing their way through fields, pastures, gardens and yards.

Janie Hartman Photo

realize is that there are many different species, and each hatches at a different calendar date. There is only one generation per year in every species."

Hoelscher said between 15 and 20 species of common grasshoppers are seen over the course of a year and many have already developed wings this season. Trying to control grasshoppers at their immature stages will give better results, since winged adults can migrate and cover larger areas.

Both Hoelscher and Boring recommend using insecticides to help treat the populations. The best success has been from ULV malathion, but it has to be aerially applied, which leaves it out of reach for most people.

Other insecticides that can help are diazinon, Orthene, Asana XL, Karate, and Sevin. Be sure to always follow the instructions on the label before application. For additional information on pesticides and grasshopper control, you can obtain a copy of L-5201 *Grasshoppers and Their Control* at a Texas county Extension office or on the web at <http://texaserc.tamu.edu/> or visit the department of entomology website at entowww.tamu.edu.

It's A Stat! Monthly Report by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

MILK PRODUCTION
Texas milk production totaled 469 million pounds during June, up 2 percent from last year. Production for May 2000 totaled 532 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during June averaged 350 thousand head, up 4,000 head from last year and unchanged from May 2000. Production per cow averaged 1,340 pounds during June compared with 1,330 pounds last year and 1,520 pounds during May 2000.

WHEAT
The 2000 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 72.5 million bushels, 41 percent less than last year and 47 percent less than 1998. The estimate is up 6 percent from the June forecast.

Statewide yield is expected to average 29.0 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage, at 2.5 million acres, is down 26 percent from 1999.

United States winter wheat production for 2000 is forecast at 1.59 billion bushels, down 7 percent from last year and down 2 percent from June 1.

Yield is expected to average 44.9 bushels per acre, down 2.9 bushels from a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.4 million acres, down less than 1 percent from a year ago.

Grain Stocks
June 1 stocks of sorghum in all positions totaled 19.2 million hundred weight (cwt), up 73 percent from the 11.1 million cwt on hand a year ago. Farm stocks totaled 280 thousand cwt, while off-farm stocks totaled 19.0 million cwt.

Stocks of wheat in all positions totaled 68.4 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year's level of 60.4 million bushels. Farm stocks totaled 1.0 million bushels, while off-farm stocks totaled 67.4 million bushels.

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Cooke County Antique Tractor & Farm Machinery Club took the front cover of the August Fastline catalog. The group is preparing for their 15th annual show, August 26-27 in Lindsay.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

PRUSSIC ACID POISONING
Well, if the armyworms were no enough bad news then there is the potential problem with prussic acid poisoning in sorghum, sorghum Sudan grass and Johnsongrass forages.

Prussic acid is commonly referred to as cyanide, hydrocyanide or formonitrile. Fortunately, we can usually identify which plants are likely to have the potential for detectable prussic acid levels. Prussic acid is most likely to occur in young growth following clipping, grazing, frost, and drought. In particular, prussic acid may be likely in the rapidly developing new growth following a recent rain.

Prussic acid will volatilize out of plant tissue upon death, crop development, severe wilting or hay curing. We're told that generally field curing and drying will easily liberate 50-70% of the prussic acid. In baled hay, prussic acid levels are generally within acceptable concentrations after six months of storage. This time frame is dependent on bale type, density of bale, and air flow around bales. Naturally, prussic acid will volatilize out of smaller bales at a faster rate.

ARMYWORMS

We've had reports from several ranchers this past week about armyworms in Bermuda grass pastures and hayfields. These armyworms are the result of the unusually cool and rainy weather during June and the early part of July. The armyworms have been a problem over most of the southern and eastern part of the state. We thought the heat would take care of them but it doesn't seem to have much effect.

Armyworms are the immature stages of dull-colored, nocturnal moths. Armyworm larvae range in color from pale green to brown or black and are often striped with white to yellowish lines from head to tail. They are characterized by having an inverted "Y" marking on the head.

Armyworms lay their eggs in masses of several hundred egg which hatch in 2 to 3 days. The larvae feed in groups when they are young, and disperse as they mature. Full grown larvae are 1-1/2 inches long. The larvae feed for about 3 weeks before falling to the soil, burrowing (not deeper than one inch), constructing a loose pupal cell and pupating. These pests are easily controlled, but extensive damage may occur before growers notice an infestation. Improved, temporary and permanent pastures, should be watched closely, especially during rainy periods in late summer and fall.

The action level is three or more small worms per square foot.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS
Time is fast approaching for the annual State Fair of Texas. 4-H members planning on entering need to attend an entry meeting on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. At that time, entries, fees and schedules will all be completed.

If you have any questions, call the County Extension Office at 668-5412.

Texas' farmers union president calls for Ag policy change

Texas Farmers Union (TFU) President, Wes Sims, recently proposed policy changes that would provide economic stability, security and opportunity for farmers and ranchers. "The promised benefits of Freedom to Farm, the 1996 farm bill, have not been realized by independent producers," said Sims. "Declining commodity prices and producer incomes under this program have resulted in three years of supplemental assistance at a cost of \$21.7 billion - and this figure keeps rising. There is no need to wait any longer to act on legislation that will provide a more effective and predictable counter-cyclical economic safety net for independent farmers and ranchers."

Sims outlined three major policy areas that are crucial to a successful, sustainable agriculture industry. 1) The issue of market concentration and integration in agriculture must be examined. New policies must be implemented to ensure, that a competitive

marketplace is available to all producers. 2) Agricultural trade policy must accommodate a broad range of priorities including market access and fair competition. 3) U.S. agricultural programs for crops, dairy and livestock must be revised to provide an effective safety net during periods when market returns are inadequate.

"The concentration of market power among a few highly integrated domestic or multi-national firms poses a serious threat to the benefits of a private, competitive marketplace," Sims continued. "U.S. antitrust laws must be enhanced and enforced so that market competition increases rather than decreases."

Sims pointed out that even with incentives to participate in public and private risk management programs, the need for additional economic and production loss assistance has not been eliminated. Reductions in regulations failed to bring about reduced costs for producers, and reduced price competition for export markets never materialized.

"While the 1996 farm bill fulfilled in part the desire of some to unilaterally reduce or curtail the public role in U.S. production agriculture, the legislation showed little regard or understanding of the future consequences of such actions if the unique, favorable conditions of 1996 changed," added Sims.

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New farm sprayer uses half as much chemical

Ohio State University researchers have designed a farm sprayer that uses half as much chemical as conventional sprayers. Application rates are reduced by 50 to 75 percent and the sprayers improve pesticide performance without increasing pesticide drift. The sprayer is designed to be retrofitted to existing hydraulic sprayers. The new sprayer features two nozzles instead of one. One nozzle shoots a coarse spray of water. The other shoots a fine spray of water. The two spray intersect. The big drops pull the small drops along to their target, but do not carry pesticide. Scientists say the new sprayer will boost farmers' profits by cutting their pesticide bills with the benefit of reducing pesticides pollution in the air, soil and water. Prototypes are being used by six Ohio farmers. Data from the research is available at the website: <http://oardc.ohio-state.edu/pcat/efficacy.htm>

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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.20; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.10; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.13; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.00; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 95-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-95; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 88-98; Nos. 2 & 3, 77-88; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 80-86; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-80.	Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.28; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.10; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.05; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 91-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-91; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 90-96; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-90; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 80-86; Nos. 2 & 3, 72-80; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 75-82; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-75.	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, 6000-\$735; medium frame, 4475-\$600. Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$750-\$930; medium frame, \$575-\$750. Holstein baby calves, \$60-\$95; Crossbreds, \$125-\$180. Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 42-44; US #2, 220-280, 38-41. Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs., \$25-\$35; 25-90 lbs., \$12-\$20. Sows: Feeder, 400 or less, 28-32; Light wt., 400-500, 33-34; Med. wt., 500-600, 35-36; Heavy wt., 600-up, 37. Boars: 300 lb.-up, 08-10; 200-300 lbs., 10-11; Light wt., NT. Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs, 40-60 lbs., 80-85; Light lambs, 60-90 lbs., 80-85; Fat lambs, 90-120 lbs., 77-82.	Ewes: Stocker, 40-45; Thin, 30-32; Fat, 36-40. Bucks: Thin: NT, Fat, 38-40. Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$10-\$35; Ewes: \$30-\$50; Bucks: \$50-\$85. Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$30; 35-55 lbs., \$35-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$60; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$65-\$85. Nannies (per head) Stocker, \$40-\$45; Milk Type, \$50-\$65; Slaughter: Thin, \$25-\$35; Fat, \$40-\$45. Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders, \$65-\$90; Slaughter, \$75-\$110. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, \$75-\$230; Full Nanny, \$110-\$135; Full Nanny, \$200-\$370. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT, Full Billy, \$65-\$120.
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