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Proudly displaying their Community Achievement Award are, from left, Carl Alford, Janie and Henry Weinzapfel and MaryLee Alford. Courtesy Photo

## Muenster wins the KTB Sustained Excellence Award

The community of Muenster won the Governor's Community Achievement Award of Excellence for three consecutive years, thereby earning the prestigious Sustained Excellence Award. The award was presented to Muenster at the annual Keep Texas Beautiful convention in Ft. Worth on June 29th.

The next meeting of Keep Muenster Beautiful is vitally important to the community of Muenster because Muenster is again eligible to win \$65,000.00 next May. Committee Chairmen and all those interested in participating in committees will receive the annual training where the goals and a plan are defined to ensure Muenster wins the \$65,000.00.

Keep Muenster Beautiful's (KMB) mission is to continuously ensure and improve the cleanliness and beauty of the community in such a way

that it is attractive and appealing to tourism, business and residents. This past year KMB received support from the City, businesses, public and private schools, senior citizens, civic organizations, Texoma Council of Governments and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. These relationships helped Muenster accomplish the KMB mission by helping with cleanups, improving business properties, improving ordinances, participating on the Board and/or funding projects. In our community volunteers worked 1,882 hours this past year, adopted streets and highway areas, participated in fundraisers and cleanups, and donated prizes and food. Muenster is an official Keep Texas Beautiful Proud Community. KMB is staffed and supported by an all-volunteer Board and a full-time volunteer

coordinator. Membership dues, private donations and the sale of The Game of Muenster fund the Keep Muenster Beautiful program.

The committees formed by KMB that have ensured the success of the community over the last three years and will work toward winning the \$65,000.00 this year are: Cleanup, Public Awareness, Beautification, Law Enforcement - Municipal Operations and Solid Waste Management, Education and Schools, Business & Industry, Recycling, Civic & Neighborhood, and Finance & Fundraising. Keep Muenster Beautiful welcomes and encourages the participation of anyone interested in serving on any of these committees.

The next meeting will be held at the Cooke County Electric Cooperative auditorium on Thursday, August 9th at 6:45 PM.

## MISD School Board presented building reports from consultants

Two reports were presented to the Board of Trustees at a Called Meeting, June 27. Paul Trautman, Project Director for Genesis Partnership, presented his findings of a facilities evaluation and projected needs. Jack McGovern, Project Consultant of Armo Industries, Inc., presented an inspection report on the condition of the roofs and vertical walls. Both consultants are working with the district architect Mike King of Huckabee & Associates in collecting information to determine the population trends, condition and capacity of the school plants, and renovation/building options. These reports will be used by the architect to advise the Board in developing the district's Master Plan for educational and facilities needs.

Both analyses were conducted during April and May 2001. The facilities report focused on (1) a demographic analysis of school population information and enrollment forecast; (2) an objective evaluation of physical and educational features of the total school plant; (3) a uniform capacity analysis

and space inventory of the existing facilities; and (4) an evaluation of the best use of existing facilities based on information obtained from on-site visits and information provided by the school district.

The roof and vertical wall inspection report focused on a comprehensive analysis of (1) interior/exterior roofs; (2) cross-section of core samples of the roof membranes; (3) insulation and top side of roof deck; (4) moisture meter readings; (5) bitumen chemical analysis; (6) tracking of vertical wall areas of water penetration; (7) expansion joints, control joints, metal to masonry joints, etc.; (8) analysis of waterproofing requirements; and (9) establishment of roof priorities.

A partial list of findings from the reports included: Facilities Report (1) MISD will continue to grow modestly over the coming decade, growing more rapidly during the first part of the next 10 years; (2) current facilities are overcrowded with some buildings economically and/or educationally obsolete; and (3) except for the high school, other buildings and shop areas

are 30-50 years old and do not meet the needs of the changing curriculum requirements and technology needs of See CHANGING NEEDS, Pg. 2



Butterfield Stage premiers "Grease" at the State Theater in Gainesville this weekend. The rockin' and rollin' '50s era musical features lots of area talent, including the students above from Muenster and Lindsay: from left, Jessica Koesler, Scott Neu, Rachel Lively, Elizabeth Fette, Mary Eberhart, Andrea Bonin and Melissa Carpenter. Showtimes are 7:30 pm July 20, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 28. Call Butterfield Stage, 665-8152, for tickets. Dave Fette Photo

## Commissioners urge caution when burning

By Janet Felderhoff

"I'd like for the general public to exercise caution on burning," said Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess. "It's starting to get pretty dry and I think that we need to be made aware of the dangers." County Judge Bill Harris agreed. "If it doesn't do something between now and the next meeting we might consider a burn ban."

During the July 9 meeting of Commissioners Court, the holiday schedule for 2002 was approved as follows: Jan. 1, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 29, May 27, July 4, Sept. 2, Nov. 11, Nov. 28 & 29, and Dec. 24 & 25.

Approval was given for Sunny Oaks Subdivision to take Lots 3, 4, and 5 and divide them into two lots of 4.5 acres each.

## Klement named director of NCTC's Bowie campus

Emily Klement was recently named director of North Central Texas College's Bowie Campus.

Klement, who grew up on a farm in Windthorst, Texas, as Emily Conrady, spent the past thirty years in Muenster with her husband Andrew, where they have been engaged in the family agriculture business. For the past five years, she had been the school counselor in the Muenster ISD.

Being a non-traditional student herself, she has great insights and enthusiasm for her students at NCTC. She went back to school after her last child went off to kindergarten, and has never stopped being involved in education.

"I hope to accomplish the mission of community colleges by working hard to establish more educational opportunities for the citizens of Montague County, and to forge partnerships with business and industry and surrounding educational institutions," Klement said. "The staff and I have a common goal and that is to provide quality service and assistance to everyone who makes the decision to attend NCTC - Bowie Campus. It is also important for us to expand our programs so that there will be more career opportunities for our students."

After attending North Central Texas College, she earned her undergraduate degree in counselor education and



Emily Klement

communications at the University of North Texas. She has a Master's degree from UNT in Vocational Education and Counseling. Previous to her stay at Muenster, she was the academic counselor for the football program at her alma mater. She taught at Sacred Heart School in Muenster, as well as being the youth director at the school and church for many years.

While in the UNT graduate program, she worked part-time in the counseling center at North Central Texas College. While working in the UNT athletic program, Emily was an IMAGE award recipient given by the Morse St. Baptist Church in Denton. She was honored by her community of Muenster as the Jaycees Outstanding Citizen of the Year for her work with the youth of the community and other projects in which she was involved. Muenster ISD

recently nominated her for the prestigious Dennie K. Richardson Excellence in Counseling Award sponsored by Weatherford College Counselor Connection Network.

She has designed and presented counseling and career programs at the local and state level, and belongs to the Texas Counseling Association, College Board, and American College Counseling Association and the Texas Association for College Admission Counseling. She recently was invited to be a College

Board consultant for small and rural school issues in the Southwestern Region.

Klement says NCTC Bowie Campus will be a vital part of Montague County and of the future of the people who live and work in the county's various towns.

"I see NCTC's role in the

educational process of Montague County residents as very important and crucial," she said. "We want to keep the history and character of this county forever, but the truth is, the times are changing around us."

"Technology and education drive most careers and jobs, so we must provide it so people can make a better living. Jobs that used to exist, no longer do, so we have to assist our community in finding ways to work and still live in this area. This is vital for the survival of rural America, and that includes towns in Montague County."

Her other interests include music ministry, collegiate athletics, reading and traveling. The main focus of her life will always be her family. She and her husband, Andrew, have four children and two grandchildren.

## Search for counselor continues

by Janet Hartman

The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 11. The meeting began with a public recognition of Rudy and Martha Koesler for the construction and donation of benches in the high school commons area.

Superintendent Clyde Steelman reported that work continues on the painting of the stadium bleachers. Also the field's light poles and flag poles in

front of school have been painted. Principal Phil Newton noted everything is going well and that the custodians have done an excellent job. The floors are waxed and sealed and the junior high carpet shampooing is almost complete. "It may be up to the last minute, but we'll have it all finished for opening day," Steelman added.

Several applicants for junior high/high school

counselor have been reviewed, but the district is still searching for a replacement for Emily Klement.

Several reports were discussed and reviewed by Board members.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that due to SB 596, the Attorney General changed the rule on Pre-K tuition, noting that districts are allowed to charge tuition. "If we don't charge, we'll have to cut the

budget somewhere else," noted Steelman. Last year's charge was \$2.50 per student per half day, costing \$50,000 out of the budget. "If we don't charge we will be approximately \$65,000 out of budget." The Board approved raising the cost of half-day preschool to \$4.00, plus \$1.25 a lunch, or \$26.25 per week. The cost for the district will be \$25,000 - \$30,000, based on 36 students already registered.



Muenster's annual swimming lessons concluded this week with a total of 364 students registered, and over 60 volunteers assisting in the classes. Crystal Hess helps John Wyrick improve his diving skills. Cory Pumphrey waits his turn. Janie Hartman Photo



# MaryLee Alford wins state individual leadership award

MaryLee Alford won the first place award in the State of Texas for individual leadership. Keep Texas Beautiful presented this lifetime award at its annual convention in Ft. Worth on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Clarice Tinsley of Fox 4 News, pictured with Alford, was mistress of ceremonies during the presentation luncheon.



Clarice Tinsley and MaryLee Alford

Alford welcomes every opportunity to get the Keep Muenster, Texas and America Beautiful message out. As an official Keep Texas Beautiful ambassador she travels and speaks to encourage others to take pride in our Great State. Since receiving her award she has, at the request of representatives from the Texoma Council of Governments and the late Senator Haywood's office, given speeches to the Sherman Rotary Club, the City of Howe Chamber of Commerce, and representatives from Van Alstyne where State Representative Ron Clark was present. MaryLee also speaks locally to civic organizations encouraging participation in local cleanup and beautification projects to help Muenster win another \$65,000 this year.

Alford is certified to teach the Waste In Place curricula to K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.

Teachers attending the 6-hour, hands on seminar receive valuable TEEAC credit. Her volunteer services are available to all Cooke County school districts.

As founder and president of Keep Muenster Beautiful, Alford notes that this non-profit organization is an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful. These organizations empower citizens at the grassroots

level to take responsibility for their environment. Cleaner, more beautiful cities are healthier places to live and are more attractive to residents, businesses and tourism. Anyone desiring more information on Keep Texas Beautiful or the Waste In Place program for teachers may contact MaryLee at (940) 759-2368.

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## CHANGING NEEDS

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students. Roof and Vertical Walls Inspection Report: (1) leakage in the Elementary building is mainly contained to the vertical wall assembly, namely, through the cracks in the brick veneer, foundations and window frames; (2) there were several problems with the roof and interior walls in the junior high buildings, especially the gymnasium roof; and (3) the cafeteria and library roofs were also noted to have many leakage problems and water penetration into the existing facilities.

Some general conclusions and recommendations of the report include the following: (1) establish long-range policies/goals regarding school organization and school size; (2) develop educational program statements for each school organization level (completed during the Spring of 2001, Academic Needs Assessment); (3) relocate the elementary school program to a new facility on a separate site; (4) plan improvements for the secondary campus to include a new library/media center, suitable space for band, drama, and shop classes, athletic field house, cafeteria, upgrade of athletic competition fields,

improved practice fields for all extra-curricular activities; (5) build a new cafeteria/cafetorium; (6) provide adequate housing for all special needs programs; (7) make all buildings and improvements technology-ready; and (8) several roofs need replacing and major maintenance.

Both consultants and the architect stressed to the Board that some of the buildings were built over 50 years ago. These problems are typical when any structure reaches this age. Since the Board is forming a Master Plan, any construction of new facilities and/or renovation will be phased in before major overcrowding and/or safety issues are involved.

This information is intended to be a brief and does not illustrate all details of the reports. Over the next several months the Board will continue to work with the architect in designing a Master Plan for the district. Any citizen may review the reports or if any organization would like the Superintendent to discuss these reports at a club meeting, please call the Superintendent at 759-2281.

Submitted by Clyde W. Steelman, Jr., Superintendent, MISD

# Hall receives Science Coalition Award

Rep. Ralph Hall (D/TX) received the Champion of Science award recently on Capitol Hill from the Science Coalition, an alliance of more than 400 organizations, institutions, and individuals dedicated to sustaining the federal government's commitment to U.S. leadership in basic science. Hall is the first Texas Member of Congress to receive this prestigious award.

Hall is Ranking Democrat of the Committee on Science and a long-time advocate of funding for scientific research. "This award means a lot to me, as it comes from a highly dedicated group that includes university officials and professors, Nobel laureates, medical groups, businesses and others who recognize the important role of science in our society," Hall said.

"Investments in science, space, and technology have accounted for at least half of our nations' productivity growth over the past 50 years -- and continued investments are critical to sustaining America's prosperity," Hall added. "The Congress and the private sector look to the Science Committee for leadership in defending our investments in space research, biomedical research, energy research, and other critical areas."

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## 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 22, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, July 23, 2001	Tuesday, July 24, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7 - 9PM	Wednesday, July 25, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, July 26, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, July 27, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM K of C Swim night, Hotdogs 6:30PM, Swim 7-8:30PM	Saturday, July 28, 2001
Sunday, July 29, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, July 30, 2001	Tuesday, July 31, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, August 1, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Immunization Clinic, 9-11AM, Cooke County Electric Co-op	Thursday, August 2, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, August 3, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, August 4, 2001

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# Obituaries

## Sr. Geraldine Homer 1915-2001

Sister Geraldine Homer, 86, of Jonesboro, Arkansas died Friday, May 25, 2001 at St. Bernard's Medical Center. Born in Rhineland, Texas, she entered Holy Angels Convent in January 1931 and made her first vows as a Benedictine Religious in 1932 and her final vows in 1936. She celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1982 and her Diamond Jubilee in 1992.

She graduated from Holy Angels Academy and received a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics from Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas, and a Master of Arts in Latin with a minor in Spanish Education from Creighton University of Omaha, Nebraska. She also received a master's degree in theology from St. Mary's College, Maraga Valley, California.

She spent 32 years of her life as an educator and principal at Holy Angels Academy in Jonesboro, Sacred Heart School in Muenster, and St. Paul's



Sr. M. Geraldine Homer, OSB

School in Pocahontas. From 1966 to 1969, she was Subprioress of the Olivetan Benedictine Sisters.

She spend the next 35 years in parish religious education in Northeast Arkansas, El Dorado and Stuttgart.

Rosary and visitation were at Holy Angels Convent Chapel, with Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the chapel. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery under the direction of Emerson Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

Pallbearers were the Knights of Columbus of Blessed Sacrament Church. Memorials may be made to the Holy Angels Retirement Fund.

## Sen. Tom Haywood 1940-2001

State Senator Tom Haywood died at his home in Wichita Falls at age 61 in the early morning of July 12 after an apparent heart attack.

He considered the past session as a member of the Texas Senate his most successful. The Associated Press named him one of the six "Movers and Shakers" of the 77th Legislature.

A former associate professor of physics at UNT in Denton and MSU in Wichita Falls, he left the education field to become vice president of North Texas Oil and Gas Association. In public office, family values, tax incentives, agricultural issues, education, natural resources, economic development, and state and military affairs were prime focus.

One of his lasting contributions was the way he inspired people suffering from debilitating illness.



Senator Tom Haywood

Tom Haywood battled Parkinson's disease for years.

Survivors are his wife, Pat, and three daughters and seven grandchildren. His son, Tommy, preceded him in death on May 27. Funeral services were held on July 14 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls.



Muenster Scouts Pack 664 received a donation of \$500.00 from the Gainesville Wal-Mart. Accepting the check is Cub master Ben Bindel from Wal-Mart manager Jack Steed.



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We would like to "Thank" all the people who helped my wife and I when I had my accident and surgery. The Fire Dept., Dr. Currier, the hospital staff, Rosalee Bayer, Joyce Reed, Florence & Johnny Rohmer, Steve Hess, and many others. So glad the Muenster Memorial Hospital was here for us. "Special" "Thank You" to my daughter Debbie Larson. Joe & Carolyn Hoyt

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## Grayson Co. MHMR has new service site

Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma announces a change for a service site for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services for Grayson County. The new address is 2300 West Morton, Suite J, Denison. The telephone number remains unchanged- 903-463-8596.

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services provide services to children and adolescents ages 17 and under who are residents of Cooke, Fannin, or Grayson counties. Services are

available to children and adolescents with severe emotional, behavioral or mental disorders.

Crisis services are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for individuals in severe psychiatric crisis.

For more information on screening and assessment, call Grayson County- 903-463-8596; Cooke County- 940-665-0755 at the Cooke County Mental Health Center, 310 West Broadway, Gainesville; and Fannin County- 903-583-8583 at the Fannin County Mental Health Center, 1221 East 6th Street, Bonham.

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### Diabetes Support Group

There will be no support group meeting in the months of July and August. Meetings will resume the 3rd Tuesday in September.





# Letters to the Editor

**Mr. Editor,**  
Muenster people are great, on both sides of the Hospital District issue, with facts and figures we should not ignore. Most of us have considered all the issues and have tried to see both sides. Many have become confused.

But One fact that highlights most is the provision in the new House Bill 2132 just recently passed, that gives us the option to vote again at a later date. Since we can vote again at a later date we can wait and see just what our neighbor Hospital does before we actually jump in the fire with both feet. We understand they still have many decisions before they begin building a new hospital, IF they build a new hospital. No definite plans have been presented, location being questioned, Bonds not sold.

Why should we jump into such a situation before we know for sure what we are going to get. Many think this Merger question is going way too fast. We have made it through good and hard times with our local health care, we can wait a little longer, then decide if we must.

I can personally remember when we had only enough funds for two months of operation. We had no resident doctor, and no tax money to back us up for operation, but we managed to pull through. DOOMS-DAY is only here if we merge before we know the whole picture. Why buy into a situation that cost many MILLIONS for our young people to pay, most sure in higher taxes.

Many promises have been made that are meant well by outside interests, that have no future guarantee and very possible cannot be kept.

Lets Vote **NO** to MERGER at this time.

Rufus Henscheid  
P.O. Box 456  
Muenster, TX 76252  
**Paid Letter to the Editor**

**Dear Mr. Fette, Editor to the Muenster Enterprise**

I am very confused by a letter submitted, and printed in your paper on July 13, 2001, by one person opposing the hospital merger with his statements. In the past, the opposition to the merger have repeatedly stated that we cannot trust Gainesville with anything they say. Now, that seems to have changed by the statements in his letter to the editor. Let me quote his letter, "We have just recently been visited and told by a top Gainesville Hospital official that we are very welcome to use their facilities, they will work with our Doctors, and work with us any way they can, either way the Merger question goes. **THEY WANT OUR BUSINESS.**" My confusion is, why the change in trust?

Your BOD has negotiated a well thought out plan to merge our district into a Cooke County Hospital District. The plan was written into Legislation, HB 3132, the bill was presented and passed both the House and Senate then signed into law by the Governor. It had to be signed into law before we could have the election to bring it before the people in both districts to decide on the future health care for everyone in our district. A copy of this Legislation is available for anyone to read and study. You will find the written guarantees for Muenster to have a Clinic with Doctors, Laboratory, X-ray, Mammography, CT Scan, these services will be here from now on. It also states the service will be comprehensive which means that we will have quality care and testing procedures here in Muenster and not second rate. You will also find where there will be 2 directors elected from each Commissioners Precinct and one director at large so you will have equal representation. With this Legislation you are beyond trust, **THIS IS FACT.**  
Signed,  
Al Felderhoff  
Muenster, Texas  
**Paid Letter to the Editor**

**Dear Editor,**

I worked almost 15 years as bookkeeper at Muenster Memorial Hospital and feel a great sentiment toward the hospital and the people I worked with. When I started in July 1979, things were going pretty well. We had several good doctors admitting local patients and an orthopedic surgeon who brought in patients from all over the U.S.

Then, after a few years, the situation changed. Medicare began telling the hospital what and how much they would pay for and how long the patient should stay in the hospital. For instance, if a patient's bill was \$1,000.00, Medicare might only approve \$700.00 of it. Of that, Medicare would pay 80% or \$560.00. The patient was responsible for the other 20%, or \$140.00, and the hospital had to write off the other \$300.00. That \$300.00 is a **loss** to the hospital. What small business could survive if it had to contend with the same rules and regulations?

In my heart, I really do not want to see the hospital discontinue inpatient care, but I understand the situation and feel that the merger of MHD and GHD is the best option, while maintaining the lab, X-ray, CT scan, mammography and the doctors' clinic in Muenster. We have excellent, compassionate doctors here and we want to keep them.

I feel that Jack Endres, the present board, previous administrators and boards, as well as all of the faithful employees have done a good job in keeping our hospital operating as long as they have under the circumstances. Muenster is a great community of really good people. Just take note of how they help each other in times of serious illness and sorrow. I just hope and pray daily that this can all be settled in a peaceful, friendly and Christian manner.

Thank you,  
Eleanor Felderhoff  
P.O. Box 61  
Muenster, TX 76252  
**Paid Letter to the Editor**

**Dear Editor,**

When I returned home from college last May, I was truly shocked by the turmoil that our community is in over the proposed merger of MMH and GMH. This issue has aroused some very strong emotions on both sides, and sadly many people have allowed these emotions to erupt. It saddens me to think that a community as close-knit as Muenster could be so divided as to resort to insults, accusations, and even violence.

I would like to take this time to applaud Dave Fette and the staff of the Muenster Enterprise for eliminating all the negativity from the newspaper's print. Mr. Fette has refused to print many editorials and columns because of their derogatory nature. I believe this action took a lot of courage and forthrightness on his part, especially when you consider the risks Mr. Fette has taken in doing so.

Through the course of the merger debate, as well as during every other debate our community has been through, Mr. Fette and the Muenster Enterprise have suffered innumerable slanders and ill-opinions. Everyone seems to believe that Mr. Fette is on their opponents' side, when in reality he is printing everyone's side. David Fette tries his best to present an unbiased edition of the Muenster news, free from negativity and full of unpartisan truths. He has worked hard to uphold the dignity of every debate that our community is in. This is a job he does well and I commend him for it, and I think it is time that the people of Muenster give the editor the respect he deserves.

Gina L.C. Yosten  
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Muenster, Texas 76252

**Letter to the Editor**

Recently I received a newspaper called the Concerned Citizen News in the mail. I was thoroughly disappointed that adults within this community would stand behind something of this nature. Prior to this issue of the Concerned Citizen News I tried to steer clear of the hospital issue itself because of family members on both sides. But it did not take long after reading that particular newspaper to decide who I will stand behind. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion - it's the hospital issue we are disagreeing upon or is it? When grown people can depict others within this community in a cartoon someone is taking things a bit far or a bit too personal. That is the most tasteless bit of information I have ever seen. A quote within the paper - "and all we can expect to accomplish is offer our side of this issue without distortion, fabrication nor rancor" is all I needed to read. Look up rancor in the dictionary and you will read-bitter hate, ill will, deep spite. Look at the cartoon alone- if that's not rancor please tell me what is.

I do think it's sad when issues like this come between families and I hate that it has happened that way. But remember we are all entitled to our own opinions, as for myself I will not stand behind a group that will provide trash like that in hopes of getting ahead. I will stand behind the merger group who is doing an outstanding job using good, honest, clean information. Keep up the good work!

Judy Biffle Trubenbach  
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**Paid Letter to the Editor**

**Letter to the Editor,**

With all due respect to everyone, for or against the Merger, I truly feel we must give careful consideration to the lasting results of this vote--the decision to give up the Muenster Hospital District can never be reversed. The prospects of high quality, State-of-the-Art medical facilities in Gainesville is encouraging, but we will give up control of the medical facilities in our part of the County. Is this something that we really want until we are assured that every effort has been made to maintain the very important services that we depend on and people worked so hard to obtain.

Please consider all aspects and then exercise your privilege to vote.

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**Paid Letter to the Editor**

## Why hospitals are merging all over the United States:

I spent 25 years in the medical field. In the last 9 of those 25 years I specialized in medical practice management consulting. I taught highly specialized medical management seminars to physicians and medical staff in universities throughout the United States on behalf of 32 state medical associations, including the Texas Medical Association, of a division of the department of the Navy and for numerous, prestigious specialty societies. The specialized subjects I taught and consulted in include insurance fee-for-service and capitation managed care analysis, relative values used to determine reimbursement, Medicare, financial management, procedure and diagnostic coding which determine reimbursement, and starting a medical practice. The dynamics of the medical field and reimbursement, how hospitals and other providers of medical care get paid for their services, are extremely complicated and beyond the comprehension of the average citizen who is left with the awesome responsibility of voting for or against a merger. This article attempts to explain why reimbursements to medical providers have been cut and how this has caused the need for hospitals all over the United States to merge.

The medical field is dynamic, constantly changing. In order to have community collaboration we must understand what is driving the change and that it is inevitable. The Federal government looks at population data and responds to anticipated problems years before a problem turns into a crisis. The Federal government recognizes that the largest age population group, which is the "baby boomers", those born between 1946 and 1964, is soon to become Medicare eligible. The elderly typically have greater need of costly medical services. It is predicted that the Medicare system will go bankrupt and the sooner they are able to change the way healthcare is provided and paid for, the more likely they are able to stave off bankruptcy. As a result we see Medicare HMO's and stricter reimbursement policies, which are cost cutting measures. Recognizing the cost cutting measures, what Medicare does, other insurance companies follow. Insurance companies are driven to stricter reimbursement policies by big business that want lower premiums because high insurance premiums are eating into their profits. Reimbursement is now reduced fee for service and is projected to become capitated. Capitation means a provider of medical services will receive a flat rate PMPM (per member per month). With reduced reimbursement and increasing cost of providing services, a provider of medical services must do so as efficiently as possible to be viable.

Managed care contracting and reimbursement policies are extremely complicated. It takes an extremely knowledgeable staff to deal in the current reimbursement environment. It is necessary to have sophisticated systems and administration, which are expensive.

Medical providers are required to improve efficiency and lower costs while maintaining good service, patient satisfaction and a high level of quality. Managed care contracts are awarded to those who qualify in 3 major outcomes criteria: 1) Reduced cost of medical services to the plan, 2) Quality medical care and services, and 3) Patient satisfaction. All of these are measured to determine who gets to participate in a plan or, if already contracted with the plan, who gets to remain as providers of healthcare. In addition to measuring outcomes, insurers look closely at the facilities in which services are provided. Providers must be able to get a good balance of the better paying contracts to offset the indigent care. The bigger, more modern facility that can provide services within the restrictions of the contracts will be awarded the better contracts.

Explosion of managed care requires medical entities to manage costs effectively to stay viable. It is less expensive for one major hospital with satellite services, group purchasing, centralized human services, centralized billing and centralized administration to provide services to a community than it is for numerous, individual hospitals to each incur the cost of administration, billing, etc. For example, if the cost of the best computerized billing system necessary to deal with complicated medical billing is \$100,000.00, it is more cost effective to have the expense of one computer system in a centralized hospital than it is for each individual hospital to incur the same expense per hospital. This is why hospital mergers are the trend all over the United States. This is why you see more group practices and less private practice than you did in the 70's. The cost of administration and operation hurts less if shared by two or three than burdened on one.

From the insurance companies point of view, it is more cost effective to measure outcomes, contract with and administer reimbursements to a single, larger entity than it is to do the same with numerous, small, individual entities.

It is unimaginable that there is a single person who would not want a hospital within blocks of their home. However, one must use objective, intellectual data and reasoning to accept and cooperate with the inevitable changes of the health care industry. We live in the days of a changing health care environment. We must strategically build communication and collaboration to work toward well-managed health care that accepts and supports the change.

submitted by MaryLee Alford

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- 3 Attend the fire until it is completely out.
- 4 Burn only natural vegetation or untreated wood products.

Source: Carole Brerton  
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Natural Resources.

My family has always used the medical facilities in Muenster when possible. If the medical care that we needed was not available in Muenster, we would then go to Gainesville. If its facilities could not provide what we needed medically, we would travel on to Denton or Dallas. Many residents of the Muenster District have been doing the same thing through the years. Never have we been asked by the neighboring hospitals if we were paying taxes to their districts. They were always glad to have us as patients.

After Gainesville builds its new hospital, they will welcome any Muenster area resident as a patient whether we have or have not merged with them. We have the option to merge districts every year, but once it is done that is the end of our district forever.

The three new board members were elected by a majority of the voters. They are dedicated and committed to make every effort to save our district and hospital. Let us give them an opportunity.

**VOTE  AGAINST THE MERGER**

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Mrs. Matthew Fuhrmann  
...nee Leah Rimmer ...

## Rimmer, Fuhrmann wed in St. Peter's

**by Elfreda Fette**  
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Mark Fuhrmann are at home in Lindsay since returning from their wedding trip to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico (Aventura Palace).

They were married in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay on June 16, 2001 in a 5:00 p.m. Nuptial Mass celebrated by Father Mel Bessellieu. Altar servers were David Walterscheid and Jacob Fuhrmann.

The bride is the former Leah RaChelle Rimmer, daughter of Bert and Tammy Rimmer of Gainesville, and the granddaughter of Carlton and Emma Holland of Plainview.

The groom is the son of Mark and Linda Fuhrmann of Muenster and the grandson of Marcus and Cathy Fuhrmann of Lindsay and Ray and Lou Voth of Muenster.

Presented at the altar by her father, Bert Rimmer, the bride was wearing a formal white satin wedding gown designed by Maggie Sottero. It featured a strapless, corset-style, heavily jeweled bodice with embroidered waistline. The skirt featured single box pleats and double jeweled and embroidered tails and was encircled with matching jewels and embroidery, sweeping into a chapel

length train. To complete her attire, the bride chose a fingertip veil of illusion, edged with narrow white satin, and gathered softly to her headpiece of pearls. She carried a clutch bouquet of white Vendella roses, white tulips and white stephanotis tipped with pearls. Flower stems were hand-wrapped and braided with white satin.

### ATTENDANTS

Amy Jo Sandmann of Lindsay, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Kelli Goree of Weatherford, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Warren of Hurst, groom's sister; Melissa Holland of Atlanta, Georgia, bride's cousin; Kendra Williams of Plainview, and Tiffany Watson of Plainview both friends of the bride. They wore strapless black satin formal gowns designed with fitted, elongated bodices, accented with black satin rosettes across the top of the bodice. Skirts were full and sweeping. Each carried a smaller clutch bouquet similar to the bride's.

Sara Fuhrmann of Lindsay, groom's cousin was flower girl. Samuel Stoker of Whitesboro and Paydon Stoker of Whitesboro, bride's cousins, were ring bearers.

The best man was Aaron Hess of Muenster, friend of

the groom. Groomsman were Derek Fuhrmann of Muenster, groom's cousin; Brad Schilling, groom's friend; Clint Fuhrmann, groom's brother; Rhett Rimmer, bride's brother; Chris Fuhrmann, groom's brother all of Muenster.

Ushers were Brentton Warren of Hurst, groom's brother-in-law; Corey Anderle of Lindsay, groom's cousin; Waylon Hess of Muenster, groom's friend.

Wedding music was provided by Vince Bonin of Gainesville and Christy Hesse of Muenster. Selections included "Sunrise, Sunset," "Bridal Prayer," "I Offer Thee," "Greatest Gift," "Hail Mary Gentle Woman," and "God Who Creates Hearts To Love." Organ solos were "Pachelbel's Canon in D" and Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary."

### RECEPTION

A reception followed in Lindsay's Centennial Hall.

Presiding at the guest book were Sarah Knabe of Lindsay and Stephanie Fleitman of Lindsay. Reception assistants were cake cutters Pam Hoberer of Lindsay, Annette Anderle and Jeannene Walterscheid of Muenster; and cake servers Lauren Creed, Melissa Neu, Kristin Hoberer, and Emily Hoberer. Also assisting at the reception were Melinda Dieter, Kathy Creed, and Brenda Fuhrmann of Lindsay, and Janet Voth of Muenster.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Lindsay High School and is currently attending North Central Texas College. She is employed at Plaza Pharmacy in Gainesville. The groom is a 1998 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and attended North Central Texas College. He is employed by Fuhrmann and Zimmer Builders, Inc.

## Allison Endres receives high honors at Texas A&M

Allison Dawn Endres, daughter of Jim and Shirley Endres, has been inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Texas A&M University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically. The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service. Allison Endres is being given the opportunity to join other high-achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility.

During her freshman year she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average (GPA).



Allison Endres

She was named on the Dean's List of Coury Mays Business College. She was accepted to the Coury Mays Business College Honors Program, and to Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She received the Texas A&M CR Smilo Mallison Scholarship, and the Award of Excellence Scholarship. Allison is a 2000 graduate of Muenster High School.



Local youth attended the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) sports camp July 9-12 at the University of Oklahoma. They participated in daily Bible studies along with intensive sports clinics. They were instructed by the OU staff and players and professional athletes. Pictured are, from left, Lindsey Watson (basketball), Jordan Ledbetter (basketball), Tim Baird (golf), Jared Ledbetter (football), Micah Grissom (golf), Whitney Watson (basketball) and E.J. Grissom (basketball).

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### GMH Blood Drive

The Texoma Regional Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive at

Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, July 25, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center at GMH.

For more information call Gayla Blanton at 612-4641.

### Love Fund

The Social Concerns Committee has opened a Love Fund at all three banks in Muenster for Richard Knabe of Muenster who is hospitalized in Colorado following a truck accident there.



Karissa Hall of Bowie and David Rohmer of Muenster have chosen Aug. 18, 2001 for their wedding day. Parents of the bride-elect, David and Judy Hall of Bowie, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage. Parents of the future-groom are Maurus and Pat Rohmer of Muenster. The couple will be married at 2:00 in the afternoon in the Carter Lake Road Church of Christ in Bowie. Karissa attended Texas A&M University and currently is attending Midwestern State University, majoring in Elementary Education. David graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He is employed with the Texas Department of Transportation. The couple will reside in Muenster.

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**WHAT WOULD FOUNDERS THINK?**  
by Don Feder, Boston Herald

# From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

Wednesday, July 4, 2001  
From: The Founding Fathers  
To: The current generation of Americans

On this the 225th anniversary of our independence, those of us you call the Founding Fathers have assembled in Continental Heaven to assess the condition of the republic we bequeathed to you.

It's true America has become the wealthiest, most powerful nation on earth. But so was the British Empire in 1776.

We must confess that we are annoyed by your habit of misinterpreting our words. Take the First Amendment, where we said Congress shall make no law

"respecting an establishment of religion." You usually neglect the other half of the injunction, "or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

As anyone in the first Congress could have told you, "establishment of religion" means an established church, which all are forced to support. We never intended to create a virtue-less republic, by prohibiting public expressions of faith. In the Declaration of Independence, we acknowledged that rights are endowed by our Creator. Absent a Creator, there are no inalienable rights.

In the Second Amendment, we said the right to keep and bear arms

shall not be infringed. In our day, if citizens hadn't owned guns there would have been no battles at Lexington and Concord.

Why would we bother guaranteeing a collective right to arm state militias? The rights enumerated in the first 10 amendments are restraints on government, not grants of power to it.

We viewed elective office as a sacrifice. For your politicians, it's an opportunity. We rid America of a monarchy. You've established an elected aristocracy. We were farmers, merchants and professionals who resumed our careers after a brief term of service and never lost touch with our constituents. You are governed by an elite so different from you as to almost constitute a separate species. Your elected rulers hold office for 20 or 30 years, becoming increasingly detached from their roots, while rewarding

themselves lavish emoluments and pensions.

We revolted over a modest tax on tea. Your burden is staggering. Despite the enormous expenditures of your politicians, even they can't spend it all. And still, many resist returning the surplus to its rightful owners. We rejected taxation without representation. You condone your own serfdom.

In the Declaration, we complained that King George III had "sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance." You complacently tolerate a bureaucracy that resembles all Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

Today, almost one in 13 Americans works for a branch of government. Harass our people? There are bureaucrats to tell you how to run your business, build on your property and raise your children. Government makes

decisions for you regarding your health, safety and welfare.

We envisioned the judiciary as a coequal branch of government that interprets laws based on the clear meaning of language. Your courts have become a law unto themselves - raising taxes, deciding elections, ordering private relationships and substituting their will for that of legislators.

We warned you against entangling alliances. You are eager to form defensive pacts with postage-stamp countries whose security couldn't conceivably be related to your own. This will only serve to drag you into their petty quarrels, sapping your strength.

We recognized that government and society must rest on divine wisdom. George Washington observed, "Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in

exclusion of religious principle."

You cultivate national immorality, in the apparent belief that abortion, adolescent access to pornography, cohabitation, public distribution of prophylactics and compulsory acceptance of perversion will somehow lead to a society whose citizens have the self-discipline to sacrifice for the common good.

Ben Franklin said we gave you a republic "if you can keep it." From our vantage point, it does not look promising. Were we alive today, we'd raise another rebellion.

When Ed Cler read this, he thought, "That's most appropriate! I like it! I want you to have a chance to read it too! Bet you'll like it too!" He read it in Printer Friendly; Public Guest Book; Boston Herald; "What Would Founders Think?" by Don Feder, on July 4, 2001

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# County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

## Much To Do With Mulch

Things are beginning to show drought stress this summer just as in the past two dry summers. It is becoming even more important to conserve soil moisture. We came across some good information on mulches in the recent Horticulture Update from Texas A&M and want to pass that along in this weeks column.

Are you aware of the advantages of using a mulch in your garden? In one stroke you can reduce weed problems, improve soil structure, attract beneficial earthworms, keep the soil moist and cool, prevent erosion, and add nutrients to the soil. In short, good gardeners have much to do with mulch.

Texans should be thoroughly familiar with mulch; after all, nature has been depositing it for years on the floor of our Texas forests. Mulch is a ground

covering, and the springy carpet of the forest floor is a natural example. The forest carpet decomposes, adding nutrients to the soil beneath. An organic garden mulch does the same thing for the garden, adding humus to the soil and improving its structure. Man simply takes his cue from nature, applying his own ground covering, natural or inorganic.

By depriving developing weed seedlings of light, mulch minimizes weed problems in the garden. The occasional weed that does appear is easier to pull. This easy weeding is the result of another benefit: moisture retention. Mulch slows moisture evaporation, protecting tender new roots from overheated soil while also lessening the watering chore.

A mulch can consist of inorganic or organic materials. Organic mulches include straw, pine needles, and bark. Inorganic

mulches include gravel, stones, and even plastic. Availability is one factor to consider in selecting a mulch. Your choice of mulch depends on your personal preferences as to what looks the best and will be readily available. Of the materials listed, sawdust is probably the least desirable (even though it is available in most parts of Texas) because of its ability to rob nitrogen from the garden plantings. The key to using sawdust successfully as a mulch is to find well rotted and aged material. If you are tired of seeing the weeds in your garden doing better than the plants, or if you want to reduce your water chores and your water bill, give mulch a try in your garden.

Below is a list of mulching materials, along with their advantages or disadvantages (if any).

- Ground Bark - Inexpensive, attractive, long lasting. Available in chip

size or finely ground.

• Peat Moss - Expensive and somewhat difficult to prepare. Initially attractive, but it can dry out, lose aesthetic appeal, and shed water.

• Pine Needles - Durable, resist wind disturbance, locally abundant. Potential fire hazard when dry.

• Grass Clippings - Available to most gardeners. Mat quickly, generating heat; disagreeable results if initial application is too thick. Spread thinly, allow to dry before applying to the garden. Do not use fresh clippings in your garden.

• Straw - One of the best choices. Long lasting, can reduce moisture evaporation by as much as 70 percent. Will deplete soil nitrogen, which should be replaced by adding nitrogen fertilizer or blood meal.

• Sawdust - Easily obtainable in many areas. Easy to handle, but can

severely deplete nitrogen if not well rotted and aged. Supplemental nitrogen fertilizing may be necessary.

• Plastic Film - Black polyethylene film is an excellent mulch, but unattractive where aesthetics are a consideration (it can be covered with decorative bark). Keeps soil temperatures even, eliminates weeds entirely. Punch holes in it for water penetration.

• Newspaper - Readily available, builds humus. Can be used shredded or in sheets to desired thickness. Can be held in place by rocks, bricks, soil, etc., and covered for better appearance. The ink actually contains trace minerals beneficial to plant growth.

The man who makes the first bad move always loses the game.

## News from St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay

Saint Anne's Society will have their annual induction of new members on Sunday, July 22 at the 8 a.m. Mass. A reception will follow in Conrad Hall.

The Lindsay KCs are sponsoring a servers party on Sunday, July 22. Meet at the church parking lot, leaving at 5 p.m. to go to the Muenster Pool. All KC members and families are also welcome.

Lindsay Youth ministry will compete at the diocesan-wide softball tournament in Arlington on Saturday, July 28. After the tournament, they will leave for New Braunfels for a day at Schlitterbahn.

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Miss Stephanie Ann Byrd of Euleess and Mr. Kelly Eugene Zwinggi of Lindsay have chosen August 4, 2001 for their wedding day. The couple will be married in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay with Father Sebastian Beshoner, OSB, officiating the ceremony. Parents of Miss Byrd are Thomas and Patricia Milford of Salado. Parents of Mr. Zwinggi are Rosalee Zwinggi and the late Kenneth Zwinggi of Lindsay. Grandparents of Mr. Zwinggi are the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grewing Sr. of Muenster and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zwinggi of Lindsay. Miss Byrd is a graduate of Irving MacArthur High School and the University of North Texas. She is employed by Barbara Zang Interiors as a Professional Interior Designer. Mr. Zwinggi is a graduate of Lindsay High School and Texas A&M University. He is employed by Denton County as the County Engineer and Director of Public Works.

## Lively receives scholarship

Rachel Lively received a \$1,000 scholarship from Cooke County Farm Bureau. This scholarship was awarded on the basis of application information, high school grades, GPA, standardized test scores, extracurricular activity, and potential to succeed in post-secondary educational goals. Applications were accepted by many high school seniors from Cooke County.



Rachel Lively

Rachel is the daughter of Joe and Rhonda Lively of Gainesville. She is a 2001 graduate of Lindsay High School. Rachel will be attending North Central Texas College this fall and transferring to the University of North Texas in the near future. Her major is Kinesiology with a minor in Secondary Education. After graduation, Rachel plans to coach at a local high school or college.

Miss Lively's achievements include: UIL regional, district and state awards; 4H awards in State Photography, recipient of the Gold Star Award, Dan Forth - I Dare You Award, Farm Bureau Leadership Award, and second in state for the Poultry Record Book, recipient of the Voices of Democracy Certificate of Merit as well as honored three times in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Rachel was most active in many school and community organizations including: FCCLA President, Drama

Club Secretary, Speech Club President, Science Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Annual Staff Head Photographer, Drill Team Squad Leader, Varsity Tennis Captain, Lindsay Sr. 4H Club Council Delegate, Cooke County 4H Council Delegate, member of Butterfield Stage Players, member National All-Star Dance Team, as well as winning class awards in various subjects.

by Elfreda Fette

The golden jubilee of Sister Fidelis Rohmer OSB as a member of the Olivetan Benedictines at Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro, Arkansas was celebrated there Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. with Mass officiated by Most Rev. Bishop James Peter Sartain DD, of Little Rock, Arkansas. The jubilee was celebrated again in Sacred Heart Church in her hometown on Sunday, July 15, with a Mass at 10:30 a.m. offered by Father Timothy Cuny OSA and concelebrated by Father James Meinrad, a visiting Holy Family Missionary.

Altar servers included John Rohmer and Alex York. Lector was Betty Rose Walterscheid. Music Ministers were Pam and Dave Fette, Elizabeth Fette, Brenda and Philip Flusche, and Ruth Felderhoff. Sacred music included the prelude "Give Me Jesus"; the entrance song "Ubi Caritas"; the song at Offertory "Christians, Let Us Love One Another"; the song at Communion "You Are The Center Of My Life"; and the "Edelweiss Blessing" as the Communion Meditation; and "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" for the recessional, with parishioners joining in.

Father James Meinrad gave the homily. At the conclusion of Mass, Father Timothy Cuny gave a special blessing to Sister Fidelis, requesting that all stand and raise their extended right hands to participate in the blessing. The parishioners also gave Sister Fidelis sincere appreciative applause.

A family reunion and celebration followed in the VFV Hall, with dinner catered by Rohmer's Restaurant. Linda Robinette, a niece, presented a résumé of Sister Fidelis' life. Lisa Hess Rohmer, a niece, baked and decorated a large, double-layered jubilee cake. There was a display of family pictures, enjoyed with special delight and reminiscences.

Attending from out of

town were family members: Joe and Loretta Spaeth and Linda Robinette of Longview; Everett, Becky, and Michael Spaeth of Dallas; Alan Spaeth of Dallas; Morton and Dorothy Wright of Irving; Michael, Wanda, Angela, and Kathryn Wright of Southlake; Steve, Kim, Nicole, and Michelle Rohmer of Coppell; Chris, Kathleen, Michael, Emily, Sarah, Matthew, and Kyle Rohmer of Magnolia; Theresa Hesse of Gainesville; Jane Myrick of Lindsay; and Karissa Hall of Bowie. Ida Rohmer of Fort Worth was unable to attend, but family members visited her Monday.

Also family members Victor Rohmer of Gainesville; Agnes Rohmer; Johnny and Florence Rohmer; Tony and Marjorie Rohmer; Sister Romana Rohmer of Pochontas, Arkansas; Maurus and Pat Rohmer; Dwayne and Cheryl Rohmer and family; Tom and Lora Hennigan and family; Troy and Dina Sicking and family; Greg and Melody Rohmer and family; Rick Stewart and family; Alisha; Kenny and Cindy Rohmer and family; Bill and Laurie Rohmer and family; Terry and Lisa Rohmer and family; Adam and Renee Schniederjan and family; David Rohmer; Jeff Flusche; Allison Endres, and other friends.

The résumé of high points in Sister Fidelis' life, given by Linda Robinette, Mistress of Ceremonies, included many references to family history. Sister Fidelis was born in Muenster to Mr. and Mrs. John (Mary Hesse) Rohmer, community pioneers, the sixth of 12 children. She was given the name Margaret in Baptism. She had seven brothers (two of whom died in infancy), Victor, Emil (now deceased), Johnny, Tony, and Maurus. Also four sisters: Ida Rohmer, Loretta Spaeth, Dorothy Wright, and Teresa (now Sister Romana Rohmer). They lived on a farm, working together

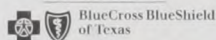
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## Golden Jubilee observed by Sr. Fidelis Rohmer



Sr. Fidelis Rohmer

during the Depression. "Faith and trust in the Lord saw us through" recalled Sister Fidelis.

She received her education in Sacred Heart School, entered Holy Angels Convent in 1949; made first vows in 1951 and final vows in 1955. Sister Fidelis dedicated herself to a ministry in Food Service. She received a certificate from the Food Service Research Center for Catholic Institutions held at Notre Dame University, Indiana, and also attended the Food Service-Preparation and Purchasing Program directed by the Christian Brothers College in Austin, Texas.

She served in a number of places beginning with Holy Angels Convent; then St. John's Seminary of Little Rock; then St. John's Hospice in Hot Springs; then at New Benediction Manor.

Later she supervised the hospital Dietary Department at St. Bernard's of Jonesboro; at New Iberia Parish Hospital in Louisiana; and Carroll County Hospital in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

She worked in Sacred Heart Convent of Muenster and also assisted in caring for her elderly parents for 12 years. Her next ministry assignment was at Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent in Pochontas and then at Our Lady of Fatima

Convent in Benton, Arkansas for six years. Returning to Jonesboro, she was asked to accompany Sister Geraldine to Holy Rosary Convent in Stuttgart, Arkansas for two years.

Back at the mother house in Jonesboro she has time for delight in nature walks of the convent grounds, enjoyed music and reading, cultivate indoor and outdoor plants and African Violets, and occasionally trying out and sharing different recipes. She has the sincere admiration of members of the Olivetan Order, and love from her many relatives of several generations.

Sister Fidelis attempted to "retire" several times, but was persuaded to "please continue and help us just a little longer." "We all call it 're-cycled,'" said her sister, Sr. Romana Rohmer, with a sly smile.

Among those participating in the special liturgy for the Mass of jubilee celebration in Jonesboro on July 11 were Sister Romana, Mrs. Teresa Hayden, Sister Mary John Seyler, Tony Rohmer, Dorothy Wright, Maurus Rohmer, Linda Robinette, Sister Lenore Dust, and Sister Georgia Felderhoff. A keepsake place marker was at every plate at the luncheon, relating to the "Legend of The Pearl." A small beautiful half-shell held a tiny pearl. These keepsake place markers were brought back to Muenster, and used to decorate the main table at the catered dinner Sunday.

Of special note, included in the printed keepsake program honoring Sister Fidelis at the luncheon that day were the words of the State song "The Eyes of Texas" and a listing of Texas Facts and Data including: capital - Austin; statehood - Dec. 29, 1845; the 28th state; nickname - The Lone Star State; motto - Friendship; bird - Mockingbird; flower - Bluebonnet; and the seal of the State of Texas.

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## Raintree Hunting Tips

### Sight-In Time

His tip appears every year, with good reason. Every serious hunter should verify his hunting rifle's zero prior to the hunting season, and do so soon enough that any problems can be corrected.

A rifle can shift its zero for many reasons. A bump, shrinking or swelling of a wood stock, loose bedding or scope mounting screws - all these things can throw Old Betsy off her established point of impact.

Obviously a new scope or a new rifle requires sighting in. Changing the brand or bullet weight of your hunting ammo requires re-sighting in.

For safety's sake do your rifle shooting where there is a solid backstop. You can't be flinging bullets across the countryside in today's crowded world. Wear eye and ear protection while sighting-in. All deer-adequate cartridges produce enough muzzle blast to damage your hearing.

Be sure to use a solid shooting rest. And once you establish the exact bullet type and brand that works best in your gun, be sure to stock enough to get you through the season.

### Pre-Season Scouting

There are two good reasons for scouting early. One, the area can settle down from disturbance you cause by your presence. Also, you can go ahead and select stand sites and cut some shooting lanes and let that disturbance settle down as well.

If you know the area and the deer habits there, it's simply a task of confirming that the areas of high use are still being used. On new areas, you are looking for the staples: feeding areas, bedding areas and the trails that connect these places.

The real trick is to know what areas and kinds of plants will be producing deer food when you will be hunting.

Bowhunters should focus on fruits and other soft mast that are

available in early fall. Gun hunters should focus first on hard mast, particularly acorns, that are available later.

In case of a poor crop of a preferred deer food, find out where alternatives are available. Except during rut, food is a driving force of deer behavior.

### Shooting in 3-D

Remember that the deer you are shooting at is not a flat paper target. There are the matters of depth and angles through the target area to be considered.

Everyone knows to hold on the vital area for a clean kill. The angle of the animal's body or your shooting angle must be taken into account. Your goal, with either bullet or arrow, is to put the projectile through as much of the vital area as possible.

When the animal is facing you, a "center of mass" hold is good. If the body is angled, hold slightly into the angle. When the animal is facing away, hold to hit the shoulder on the far side of the body, even if it means holding off the near shoulder entirely.

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The following child is subject of the suit: HEATHER ROMINE, female, DOB: 10/22/1991, in Bridgeport, Texas.  
The Court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.  
Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Gainesville, Texas, this the 13th day of July, 2001.  
Attest:  
Pat Payne, Clerk  
235th District Court,  
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/s/Joy Huddleston, Deputy

**IN THE INTEREST OF ROBERTO GALLEGOS BONILLA, A CHILD, Plaintiff**  
Vs  
Defendants  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to WIT: NAME CHANGE REQUESTED and further orders as the Court deems advisable as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUENSTER HOSPITAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
To the Registered Voters of the Muenster Hospital District:  
AN ELECTION HAS BEEN ORDERED OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF MUENSTER HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2001, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:  
The dissolution of the Muenster Hospital District and creation of the Cooke County Hospital District, providing for the levy of a tax not to exceed 75 cents on each \$100 valuation on all taxable property in the Cooke County Hospital District, and providing for the transfer to and assumption by the Cooke County Hospital District of all outstanding bonds and indebtedness issued or refunded for hospital purposes by the Muenster Hospital District and the transfer of the existing Muenster Hospital District's assets to the Cooke County Hospital District.  
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted weekdays in the Muenster City Hall at 400 North Main Street, Muenster, Texas 76252, during the hours from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning July 25, 2001, and ending August 7, 2001, on each day except Saturdays and Sundays and official state holidays.  
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Don Flusche, President,  
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**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank everyone who helped us with the funeral arrangements of my Mother-in-Law, Mrs. Veronica Hoagland. People who helped with food, offerings for Masses, the Catholic Daughters, music ministers, Fr. John, Dr. Advincula, Imelda Rohmer, Muenster Hospital staff and all those others, known only to you. You will remain always in our memories.  
Maria McCoy & Family

**Thought For These Times!**

"May those who love us, Love Us and those that don't love us, may God turn their hearts; and if He doesn't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so we will know them by their limping"  
A Gaelic Blessing  
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# Farm & Ranch

# Farm Bureau praises EPA

## Farm bill draft released by committee

The House Agriculture Committee has released its preliminary farm bill proposal that would keep some aspects of Freedom to Farm on the books—including its popular planting flexibility provisions and transition payments—while putting into place a new countercyclical income support program and bumping up conservation expenditures.

Chairman Larry Combest (R-Texas) plans to move the farm bill forward quickly, eyeing a late-summer/early-fall deadline for floor consideration—a plan that bucks conventional wisdom and Senate watchers who don't expect a completed farm bill until at least 2002. The committee will hold hearings on the proposal beginning this week, when American Farm Bureau Federation Vice President

Steve Appel will testify on behalf of the organization. Initial reaction to the plan was mixed, with many members of Congress calling it a "good start." In a prepared statement, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman called the plan "an important beginning" and noted that USDA "is currently developing principles related to future food and agriculture policy that meet the objectives outlined by the president, which include ensuring a strong income safety net, pursuing more market-oriented U.S. farm policy, and opening up new trade opportunities abroad."

The American Farm Bureau Federation today praised the Environmental Protection Agency for stopping litigation over water quality regulations affecting farms and ranches and reviewing those rules.

"Farmers and ranchers have made much progress over the years in improving water quality through voluntary, incentive-based programs," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "We welcome EPA's decision to further involve stakeholders as the agency reviews the regulations."

Stallman said Farm Bureau was disappointed last year when EPA

finalized the agency's proposed rule regarding Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL). He said that plan was unwise and the inclusion of non-point sources would cripple farms, ranches and forestry operations at a time when producers could least afford new regulations.

"It was unfortunate Farm Bureau and others had to challenge in court EPA's authority under the Clean Water Act to include non-point sources in the TMDL regulatory water program," Stallman said. "However, we agree with the 18-month stay of the litigation and look forward to working with EPA to revise the regulations."

The Farm Bureau president said it has become necessary several times in recent years for the organization to step in when the federal government has threatened to impair farming and ranching, particularly cases involving water quality and landowners' rights.

"When we determine that federal regulations exceed the intent of the law, we look to the courts to set

matters right," Stallman said. "Under the previous administration, the agency repeatedly and determinedly tried to usurp water quality enforcement power of state and local agencies. We are encouraged by this new approach by the EPA, which we hope will focus on goals and accomplishments rather than on process."

Congress divided point and non-point source control on jurisdictional grounds: Point sources are regulated at the federal level; non-point sources are managed by the individual states. Farm Bureau believes the final TMDL rule must be redesigned since the Clean Water Act does not authorize EPA to regulate non-point sources of pollution.

"Congress did not want EPA involved in local land use issues," Stallman said. "Given the care and attention Congress gave to non-point source issues in writing sections of the Clean Water Act, it is evident the lawmakers did not intend for agriculture to be faced with such a dilemma."

## Animal health courses offered

Each year, American farmers and ranchers, from one end of the country to another, are robbed of their profits in livestock production.

Robbed by diseases and parasites, inevitably, those losses are passed along to consumers, where they add substantially to the cost of food and fiber. It is conservatively estimated that annual U.S. losses from diseases, parasites and pests of livestock and poultry are equivalent to about 15 percent of the cash receipts from the marketing of livestock and livestock products.

Livestock producers need to develop an overall plan for maintaining the herd of livestock herds. The key to the success of the health plan is the prevention of problems. Being familiar with the diseases and parasites that affect livestock helps farmers plan preventive programs that reduce health problems and increase profits.

An important part of the health plan is developing a good working relationship with a veterinarian.

NCTC Agriculture Department will be offering the course AGAH1443 Animal Health, at the Gainesville campus this fall. The class will meet on Thursday afternoons at 12:30-5:30 p.m. and will be instructed by Dr. Gordon Yeagan, retired veterinarian. The class provides four

hours of college credit for the person interested in obtaining college credit. People wishing to take the course without receiving college credit, can participate in the activities by registering for the course through the continuing education process at the college.

The broad field of animal health will be treated under such topics as internal and external parasites, principal diseases of livestock, their importance, identification and control, handling diseased animals, working with the veterinarian and preventive livestock medicine. Students will study basic anatomy and physiology of farm animals. Hands-on experience will be provided to students in the lab sections of the course.

For more information regarding this or other agriculture courses, contact T.J. Davidson at the Gainesville campus office at (940) 668-4217, ext 353.

## Ag Briefs

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## Redistricting plan criticized

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) has sharply criticized the Texas House redistricting plan introduced by Texas Attorney General John Cornyn.

President Donald Patman said, "We believe the Attorney General's redistricting plan appears to be partisan and we see it as very unfair to rural Texas."

Cornyn's plan pairs incumbent Democrats in 10 new districts and pairs two Republicans in only one district. Nine new districts would have an incumbent Democrat facing a Republican incumbent. There are 22 open seats in the plan, creating new districts where no incumbent currently resides.

In two cases, in Galveston and Travis County, three incumbent House members would face off in elections against each other. Harris County and Houston would grab 25 seats under the Cornyn plan. Those gains in Harris County proposed by Cornyn would be primarily at the expense of rural West Texas.

It is not unexpected that agriculture and rural Texas

would lose seats during this redistricting process," Patman said. "But under the Cornyn plan rural Texas is being shorted. There are very substantial communities of interest in rural Texas, including the agricultural industry."

"Cornyn's plan is unacceptable. Farm Bureau is non-partisan," Patman said. "Agricultural issues are neither Republican or Democratic, and we will oppose any attempt to gerrymander a partisan House at the expense of rural issues."

The Farm Bureau leader said that the most over populated district in the Attorney General's plan is district 83, which includes the West Texas counties of Cochran, Gaines, Hockley, Yoakum and part of Lubbock. In Harris County, 23 of the 25 proposed seats are under populated, according to constitutional guidelines. The effect of the under populated districts would create more urban districts, at the expense of rural Texas.

"It makes no sense to force an already dwindling representation in rural Texas into fewer seats than is justifiable," Patman said.

## It's A Stat!

Monthly Report by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

**MILK PRODUCTION**  
Texas milk production totaled 476 million pounds during May, down 11.7 percent from last year. The number of milk cows during May averaged 335 head, down 15,000 head from last year and down 4,000 head from April 2001. Production per cow averaged 1,420 pounds.

**GRAIN STOCKS**  
June 1 stocks of sorghum in all positions totaled 6.4 million hundredweight (cwt), down 67 percent from the 19.2 million cwt on hand a year ago. Farm stocks totaled 280,000 cwt, the same level as last year, but off-farm stocks, at 6.2 million cwt, were 68 percent below June 1, 2000.

Stocks of wheat in all positions June 1, totaled 55.4 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year's level. Farm stocks totaled 700,000 bushels, down 30 percent from a year ago; off-farm stocks totaled 54.7 million bushels, down 16 percent.

**WHEAT**  
The 2001 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 102 million bushels, 55 percent higher than last year but 17 percent lower than 1999. The estimate is up 10 percent from the June forecast.

According to a July 1 survey, statewide yield is expected to average 34 bushels per acre 4 bushels above last year and 2 bushels above the June forecast. Acres harvested was 3.0 million.

United States winter wheat production for 2001 is forecast at 1.37 billion bushels, down 13 percent from last year but up 3 percent from June 1. Yield is expected to average 43.2 bushels per acre, with acreage to be harvested for grain expected to total 31.7 million acres, down 10 percent from a year ago.

Texas's harvested acreage for all hay is estimated at 5.44 million acres, up 32 percent from last year.

## Texas crop and weather report

Dry conditions throughout Texas have caused the sorghum crop to suffer, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Dr. Travis Miller, Extension agronomist in College Station, said producers across Texas have seen a low yield due to drought conditions.

"The far South region had an extremely short crop," Miller said. "The sorghum crop in the Plains hasn't been harvested yet, but it is suffering from the drought and we don't know how well it will turn out."

Miller said the sorghum crop in Central Texas is being harvested with an excellent yield. Sorghum is a warm weather crop that usually fares well in drought conditions, Miller said.

"We typically plant sorghum after we plant corn and cotton," Miller said. "It is more drought tolerant and that's why it is popular in areas where drought enters into the equation."

Sorghum, a grass crop that producers in Texas harvest for grain, is exported to other countries for use as food and feed.

"While in the United States sorghum is used for feed and hay, worldwide it is a food crop and a popular feed source for poultry," Miller said. "In the United States, we use sorghum primarily for feed, but in many countries they make bread and tortillas with it."

Miller said Texas is usually number one or two in the United States in sorghum production, and that the crop is grown throughout the state.

"The biggest sorghum

crop is in the Gulf Coast from the Rio Grande Valley north to Wharton," Miller said.

Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist in Lubbock, said conditions have been typically hot and dry, causing stress on this year's sorghum crop.

"The early planted sorghum was planted when we had good soil moisture, and it did well but now lacks the moisture during grain fill to make a decent crop," Trostle said. "The late planted crop is suffering from lack of rain."

Trostle hopes rain will come soon enough to save the late planted sorghum, which will be harvested in September.

Although producers are concerned with the lack of moisture, Miller said insects and disease haven't caused too many concerns this year.


The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

**NORTH TEXAS:** soil moisture is very short to adequate. Crops need rain. High insect pressure in all areas. Spotty sorghum fields will interfere with yields. Peaches continue to do well with little insect damage. Grasshoppers are a significant problem.

**CENTRAL TEXAS:** soil moisture is short. Pastures are in poor to fair condition. Producers are either selling cattle or starting supplemental feeding. Dryland peanuts are doing poorly. Grasshoppers continue to infest pastures.

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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,156 head of cattle compared to 946 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, July 17, the market conducted the sale of 377 Goats, 224 Sheep and 101 Hogs. The numbers from last week were 614, 224 and 108 respectively. Results of both sales follow:

<b>Feeder Steers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.15; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.27; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.02-1.10; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 98-108; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-98; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 93-104; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-93; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 86-103; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-86; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 81-86; Nos. 2 & 3, 72-81.	<b>Stocker Cows (per head)</b> Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$690; medium frame, \$550-\$600. Cow-calf pairs/walves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$750-\$890; medium frame, \$550-\$750. Holstein baby calves, \$55-\$80; Crossbreds, \$115-\$210.	<b>Barbados (per head)</b> Lamb: \$25-\$40. Ewes: \$40-\$50. Bucks: \$50-\$170. Ewes: Stocker, 48-52; Thin, 32-36; Fat, 36-42. Bucks: Thin: NT, Fat, NT.
<b>Feeder Heifers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.09-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 98-109; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 98-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-98; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 92-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-92; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 89-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 82-89; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 81-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 71-81; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 79-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 63-79.	<b>Barrows &amp; Gilts:</b> US #1, 230-270, \$2-56; US #2, 220-280, \$0-52. <b>Feeders (per head):</b> 100-175 lbs., \$60-\$90; 25-90 lbs., \$35-\$60. <b>Sows:</b> Feeder, 400 or less, 28-32; Light wt., 400-500, 38-40; Med wt., 500-600, 40-42; Heavy wt., 600-up, 42-44.	<b>Goats (per head)</b> Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$15-\$30; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$65; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$70-\$90. <b>Nannies (per head)</b> Stocker, \$50-\$60; Milk Type, \$60-\$70; Slaughter: Thin, \$25-\$35; Fat, \$35-\$45.
<b>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)</b> Slaughter bulls, yield grade 1-2, 200-250 lbs., 46-55; Slaughter cows, #1-3, 38-47; Cutter, 27-38.	<b>Beers (per head)</b> 300 lb. up, 15-17; 200-300 lbs., 22-24; Light wt., NT. <b>Sheep (per lb.)</b> Feeder lambs 40-60 lbs., 80-85; Light lambs, 60-90 lbs., 75-80; Fat lambs 90-120 lbs., 70-75.	<b>Boer Goats (per head)</b> 1/2 Nanny, \$65-\$75; 3/4 Nanny, \$75-\$90; Full Nanny, \$150-\$210. <b>Boer Goats (per head)</b> 1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT, Full Billy, \$75-\$125.

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