

NO SPY IN THE SKY - It is expected that the new traffic lights installed at the intersection of Hwy. 82 and Main Street in Muenster will be operational within the next two weeks. There are only two traffic lights of this type in the Wichita Falls district of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), Muenster's and one in Wichita Falls. According to Mike Hallum, assistant area engineer, this VIVDS system detects vehicles and signals the light to change. It is a camera always taking pictures and realizes when a vehicle is there. Although the VIVDS system has the capability of taking pictures of drivers breaking traffic laws, there aren't any plans to use it in that manner. This camera system is replacing the old system where wires coiled under the pavements created a magnetic field which was disturbed when a vehicle drove over it thus signaling for a light change. Once operational the VIVDS system will undergo a 30 day trial period. Photo by Janie Hartman

Sacred Heart Parish welcomes Father John Ohner O.S.A.

by Elfreda Fette

Father John Ohner O.S.A., newly assigned to Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, arrived here during the third week of August. Parishioners met him at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Aug. 19, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass and 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday morning, Aug. 20, and at welcoming receptions in the Community Center following each Mass. Response following Father John's homily at Mass each day was heartfelt, enthusiastic applause from those attending, receiving, in return, his grateful smiles.

Father John Ohner O.S.A., a native of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois comes to Muenster, Cooke County, Texas at age 55 to become pastor of Sacred Heart Church.

He has one older brother, one older sister and two younger brothers. He attended Augustinian grade school and high school in his home parish and planned to attend Northwestern University. Instead, in 1964, he detoured to enroll in the Augustinian Seminary. Holding major Bachelor of Science degrees in Philosophy, Biology, and



Father John Ohner O.S.A.

Theology, he taught high school science while in graduate school, and he earned his Master's Degree from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He was ordained and left Chicago in 1994. Stationed for three years in Detroit, Michigan, he served the St. Clair Parish in Grosse Pointe, Michigan until he was

transferred to St. Joseph's Church in Pekin, Illinois, a small town for the next eight years. He was then sent to St. Gregory's Parish in Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, serving them as pastor for fifteen years.

His next assignment is here in Muenster, as pastor of Sacred Heart Church. "I have loved everyone of my parishes, and I am so happy to be here with you!" he said. "I enjoy my priesthood. I came here for you. I must ask your patience in getting to know you, learning your names, the parish and the town. Your welcome to me has been warm and beautiful. I have read your 75 year parish history and am impressed by your faith record."

His other interests include classical music, wood carving, and target archery.

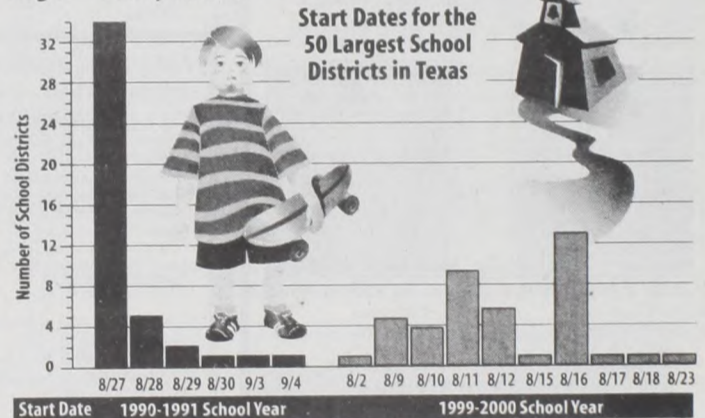
In reflection, Father John Ohner O.S.A. said: "You will get to know me better as you come to church. I hope you will like my good points and forgive my lesser points!"

O.S.A., the Order of Saint Augustine, also staffs Saint Mary's Church in Gainesville and Saint Thomas Church in Pilot Point.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

The Shrinking Summer

The days of summer are shrinking for most teachers and school-age children in Texas. In 1990, most schools started classes on Aug. 27, as compared to 1999-2000 when most schools started on Aug. 16. The earliest start date in 1990-91 was Aug. 27, in 1999-2000 it was Aug. 2 — 25 days earlier.



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Education Agency

Does the dwindling length of summer vacation for school children concern you? Many parents and teachers would like to see the back to school date fall nearer Sept. 1 like it did a decade ago rather than the Aug. 1 date as it does now. Please see related article on page 9 for their reasons and suggested solutions.

MMH Board ups budget to provide salary boost

by Janet Felderhoff

About a dozen people attended the 8 p.m. Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 22 for Muenster Memorial Hospital's budget and tax rate hearing. There were no comments made.

Last year's taxable property value was \$130,758,106.00 and this year's is \$136,314,642.00, an increase in value of \$5,556,536.00. To achieve the Board's anticipated 2000-2001 budget, a three percent increase is needed. A tax rate of .27119 per \$100 of property valuation was proposed.

Currently the tax rate is .2745 per \$100 dollars valuation. The rollback rate is .2843. Taxes are expected to bring in \$369,549.00, a small portion of the entities revenues.

Administrator Jack Endres noted that the increase was to keep up with inflation and salary increases. He remarked that salary increases are needed just to keep the employees from leaving to accept jobs at other facilities.

What was not in the budget were funds appropriated for the coming fiscal year to be

used for paying on the lease agreement for a CT scanner. Administration has notified the company, Shared Imaging, that the funds weren't appropriated by the Board and that the lease will be canceled in three months in accord with the lease agreement.

Board members present for the public hearing and vote on the tax rate were Jack Murdock, Phil Endres, Duane Knabe, Don Flusche, and Chas Bayer.

Watch next week for the complete report on the regular Aug. 22 board meeting.

Lindsay ISD budget takes hit from insurance

by Janet Felderhoff

Lindsay ISD will be paying more money in insurance premiums for its participating employees. Trustees voted 5-0 to increase the budget by \$4,300.00 to accommodate the anticipated expense. Last year's insurance cost was \$163.00 per month per employee. The district paid \$90.00 and the employee paid \$73.00. With the increase imposed by the insurer, Pacific Care, the cost per employee will be \$210.00 with the district paying \$126.00 and the employee \$84.00 per month. "This is about a 28 percent increase overall," reported Marilyn Sieger, secretary.

Some discussion was held as to whether the district should consider paying dental insurance for the employees who chose not to participate in the medical plan. This is the first time that this option is

being made available by an insurance company. Employees will have the option of taking the dental plan in addition to the insurance for an extra \$25. This doesn't require any contribution on the district's part.

Marilyn pointed out that some of the employees are covered under a spouse's insurance and so they don't take the district's insurance. Many of their insurance policies don't offer dental or eye insurance and they could take advantage of the coverage offered through the school's insurer this year. Winn said that some places pay the dental or eye premiums for those not taking part in the health insurance. Board President David Arendt remarked that he didn't think that would be possible this year considering the budget.

Parent Tom Huston inquired about a change in one of the school bus routes and the short notice that was given to parents of transfer students who would no longer be picked up along the route as they had in the past. Huston said that they were informed only the Friday before school started. He said it impacts about 12 students.

Huston said that economical reasons were stated as the cause of the change. He wondered how backtracking and making two turn arounds could be more economical or time saving.

Superintendent Travis Winn told Huston that the decision was made because by law the district can't pick up transfers that are beyond the district's limits. He said that if they made routes to accommodate all transfer students they could

potentially have 130 more stops. The school picks up transfer students if their parents will bring them to an arranged turn around point, Winn explained.

"Districts are reimbursed by mileage by route and I can only count that mileage that goes to where our last students live," said Winn. He noted that the week before school they were still building the bus routes and up to the last week they were trying to even the routes by mileage and time. He invited the transfer students' parents to bring them to a turn around point to catch the bus.

The Board asked Mr. Winn to have someone look into the situation to see if the new route was really more economical and time saving and if any changes could be made without breaking any laws. He will report the

findings at the September Board meeting.

Principal Jerry Metzler reported an excellent start to the new school year. "I'm very pleased with the staff and the students," he noted. "There have been some changes this year and I think that everybody got into the routine very quickly."

Metzler gave the Board a list of classes and the number of students enrolled in each. Sept. 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. an Open House is planned at the school. That is also Homecoming Week.

Bids were awarded to Borden on milk; Blue Bell for ice cream, and to Enderby for fuel.

Lindsay ISD's Board of Trustees met Monday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Present were David Arendt, Bruce Bezner, Carol Conaway, Donna Hess,

and Mike Kendall. Danny Nortman and Earl Cunningham didn't attend.

Other business conducted included:

- A unanimous adoption of the Cooke County Appraisal District's 2001 proposed appraisal and collection budget.

- Tabling of review or consideration of Policy 63 Update as prepared by the Texas Association of School Boards.

- Heard report from Mr. Winn that scrimmage at Marietta was moved from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Adopted teacher appraisal calendar 5-0 as submitted by Jerry Metzler.

- Approved minutes from the July 17 regular meeting and special meetings of August 3, 8, and 15.

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Last month more than forty public and private organizations, including sixteen state agencies, united to form an Alliance Against Underage Drinking. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) and the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) developed the idea for the new initiative as a way to better coordinate the resources devoted to preventing underage drinking in Texas.

Underage drinking is one of the most serious health threats young Texans face. Almost 700,000 Texas school children use alcohol. More than half a million are considered heavy users, meaning they binge drink at last once a month. Alcohol is often a factor in teen automobile crashes, homicides and suicides, which are the three leading causes of teen deaths. In 1998, alcohol was blamed in the deaths of 640 Texans under the age of 21, which is almost five times the number of young deaths due to all illicit drugs combined.

The Alliance Against Underage Drinking will coordinate a statewide effort to combat underage drinking through education and public awareness. The organization plans to bring a variety of new programs and ongoing efforts into one coordinated, high-profile campaign. This effort can only succeed with strong support at the local level. With this in mind, the Alliance is offering a Media Kit designed to help communities and other interested groups raise public awareness of the dangers associated with underage drinking. The information is free and may be duplicated to help meet the individual community needs. To receive the media kit, contact the public information office at TCADA: (800) 832-9623, ext. 6601.

In addition to the Media Kit, the Alliance is in the process of working on several elements of the campaign against underage drinking. A new Internet site, which will be available in the near future, will offer one-stop shopping to communities working to prevent their youth from drinking. This site will include ready-made presentations and brochures that can be downloaded as well as advice for parents in English and Spanish. Also planned is a series of stories about underage drinking on the Texas Drug-Free Radio News Network, which delivers weekly prevention stories to 150 radio stations across Texas.

The Alliance Against Underage Drinking would like input from concerned citizens. Please write my Capitol office at P. O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768 with your suggestions for the Web page.

Cooke County BPW recognizes Women's Equality Day

Saturday, Aug. 26 is Women's Equality Day, which has been proclaimed in Cooke County by Cooke County Judge Belvin R. Harris. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution granting women the right to vote. In 1971, Congress designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day to honor women's continuing efforts toward equality. The Cooke County Business and Professional Women encourages all women to register to vote and to vote in all elections.

"It took American women almost 75 years to win the vote - from 1848 when women's rights advocates met in Seneca Falls, New York, until the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920... Texas supported this effort and

worked for decades circulating petitions, setting up booths at the State Fair, holding mass meetings, raising funds, making speeches, writing articles and lobbying. In the face of tough opposition, the women finally succeeded.... The Texas Legislature ratified the 19th Amendment on June 28, 1919, the first in the South to do so. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect on Aug. 26, 1920. It

reads, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." (Texas Women Win the Right to Vote; Women's Suffrage Timeline, <http://www.governor.state.tx.us/women/suffrage.html>).

Cooke County Business and Professional Women, founded in 1940, is a member of BPW/Texas, a 2200+ member

organization affiliated with BPW/USA, the most powerful organization in the United States for working women. Members benefit from the organization's networking opportunities, resources, career positioning, educational programs and visibility. Founded in 1919, BPW/USA has continually created equity for women in the workplace. With a powerful network of members and more than 2000

local organizations nationwide. The focus of Cooke County BPW is "Women helping women." This is accomplished through such activities as mentoring, networking, and community service. If you would like to become involved in Cooke County BPW, contact Christine Weinzapfel at (940) 759-4749. Meetings are scheduled the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

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Susan Campbell scheduled to speak to Muenster Economic Development Group

Bowie Economic Development officer, Susan Campbell is scheduled to speak to the Muenster Economic Development Group (M.E.D.G.) on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 11:30 a.m. at the Center Restaurant. Campbell will counsel the M.E.D.G. with suggestions and recommendations regarding a

properly planned approach to the growth of the community. Bowie recognizes the future growth that will occur in both Montague and Cooke County as the Metroplex expands into more rural areas. The Highway 287 corridor places Bowie in the path of much of this growth and Campbell will discuss their growth planning.

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Identity Theft - Prevention & Resolution (5 of 5)

- Review Your Information**
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 - Check your Social Security Earnings and Benefits statement once every year to make sure that no one else is using your Social Security number for employment.

- Over 400,000 cases of identity theft have been reported and the trend is growing.
- The FTC Fraud Hotline expects to receive 100,000 calls next year and 200,000 calls the following year.
- Fraud losses on credit cards alone are up to \$3 billion annually.

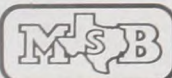
The participants in the recent National Summit on Identity Theft stressed its Key Message: "greater consumer education and increased awareness by the private sector" are the ways to reduce the incidence of identity theft.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm	Monday, August 28, 2000 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8pm SHS All Parents meeting/ Social, 8pm, Community Center Muenster Booster Club meeting, 7:30 pm - new gym	Tuesday, August 29, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, August 30, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Jaycee Trapshoot, 5:30pm. Flusche Farm Religious Ed Class, Mass 6:30pm	Thursday, August 31, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm MEDG meeting, 11:30 am, The Center Restaurant MISD Town Hall meeting, 7 pm, Jr High Auditorium	Friday, September 1, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm Muenster V/JV scrimmage, State School, Here, 5pm Sacred Heart at Era, 7:30pm	Saturday, September 2, 2000 Class of 1950 Reunion
Sunday, September 3, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm Yosten/Swirczynski Reunion, 11 am, City Park	Monday, September 4, 2000 NO SCHOOL - MISD or Sacred Heart CDA meeting, 7:30 pm, KC Hall	Tuesday, September 5, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center SHS Diocesan In Service - NO SCHOOL City Council meeting, 7:30 pm	Wednesday, September 6, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm Sacred Heart Elementary Awards breakfast Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5 pm	Thursday, September 7, 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 County Electric Co-op	Friday, September 8, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4 pm	Saturday, September 9, 2000 Muenster Community Wide Garage Sale, 8 am - 7

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OBITUARIES

Joe Weston Powell 1915 - 2000

Joe Weston Powell, a former resident of Muenster and Moss Lake and long-time resident of Denver City, Texas, died on Aug. 19, 2000 at 12:53 p.m. in Yoakum County Hospital of Denver City, at age 84, after a brief illness.

He was born on Dec. 22, 1915 to Oscar B. Powell and Lilly Mae Hite Powell in Prairie View, New Mexico. He graduated from high school there at age 16 and then continued his education in Pasadena, California and learned several trades.

On Feb. 6, 1941 he married Gwen D. Mobley in Carlsbad, New Mexico. They became parents of two sons, Robert Ray Powell, born in Hobbs, New Mexico on Dec. 3, 1940 and Wes Powell born in Rankin, Texas in July 18, 1954. Joe Powell served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in W.W.II until 1946.

They moved to Muenster in June, 1968 and resided at 323 North Hickory for a while, then on South Highway 373, after leaving Farmington, New Mexico in 83 degree weather and arriving here in 104 degrees. They had bought oil interest in Cooke County as an investment. He was an independent oil operator. They were members of Muenster First Baptist Church. After retiring in 1995, Mr. and Mrs. Powell moved to Denver City. By this time Robert had moved to Dallas and Wes was a

medical student in California. Much of the above information was received from the *Muenster Centennial History*, written by and received from Mrs. Powell in 1989 when the *Centennial History* was published.

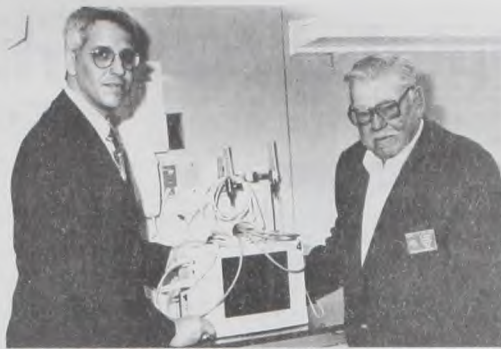
The following information was received from the Brownfield Funeral Home of Brownfield, Texas. Survivors in addition to his wife of Denver City and two sons, Robert of Muenster and Wes of Pasadena, California, are two brothers, Marvin Powell of Lovington, New Mexico, and Norman Powell of Hobbs, New Mexico, and two sisters Rosie Lawson of Big Spring and Lawanda Ellis of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Services were held in Brownfield Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, officiated by Rev. Bill Wright of Plains, Texas on Monday, Aug. 21, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Sacred music presented included "I'll Fly Away" and "Because He Lives" sung by Patrick Hamilton and Joe Sears.

Burial, directed by Brownfield Funeral Home, was in Plains Cemetery of Plains, Texas.

Sympathy cards may be sent to the family home on 518 E. First, Denver City, TX 79323.

Among Muenster friends attending the funeral were Karl and Kim Klement and John Yosten.



Muenster Memorial Hospital acquired a new bedside ambulatory cardiac monitoring system in December 1999. The new system has the capabilities of blood pressure, cardiac and oxygen saturation monitoring at the bedside also displayed at the nurses' station. It also monitors with a small transmitter that is received at the nurses' station. It has a 24 hour recall with arrhythmia detection. This helps if the patient complains of a problem earlier in the day or night, what was happening at that time can be reviewed. It also has the capabilities to detect any ventricular arrhythmias to assist the nurses in detecting a life-threatening condition. This updated equipment was funded in part by a bequest in the will of Charlie and Violet Stelzer. Charlie and Violet Stelzer were long time supporters of the local hospital, as well as its home care. Accepting the plaque from hospital administrator Jack Endres, was the couple's nephew, Andy Stelzer from Post.
Photo by Janie Hartman

Knights of Columbus running of the silver rose

In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the 100th anniversary of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, a silver rose is being run by all the Knights of Columbus and friends from Tulsa, Oklahoma, through Texas to Laredo, and then down to Monterrey, Mexico. The Knights and their friends are either running, walking, or roller blading with the silver rose one mile at a time. It started in Tulsa on Saturday, Aug. 12 and has progressed from town to town along the designated route.

Plans call for the silver rose to be passed from the Oklahoma Knights to the Texas Knights at a special ceremony at Marietta Oklahoma on Saturday, Sept. 2. The celebration will start with a Mass at the Good

Shepherd Catholic Church celebrated by Archbishop Eusebius Beltran at 10 a.m. which will be followed by the passing of the silver rose from Oklahoma State Deputy J. Leroy Wiesmann to Texas State Deputy Bill Quintanilla. The church is located at NW 7th and Broadway in Marietta.

The Texas Knights will commence running with the silver rose at the State Line and proceed along Interstate 35 to the Dallas/Fort Worth Area. All the Knights and their friends are invited to come to Marietta and join in on this historic occasion which is the first time that the silver rose has passed through this area.

Submitted by J. Leroy Wiesmann
Knights of Columbus State Deputy,
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4,000 staff. In Cooke County, more than 15 volunteers work with the ACS staff to impact the lives of others.

There are many different opportunities for volunteers to serve with the ACS. Volunteers are matched with specific jobs, depending upon their skills, interests, and time availability. They organize special events, coordinate patient support groups, advocate for cancer legislation, drive patients to treatment,

help schools educate children about the dangers of smoking, chair various committees...the list is endless. Training opportunities, new and challenging experiences, and recognition are all a part of the Society's volunteer experience.

Volunteers touch the lives of everyone. Come join the ACS team in the fight against cancer and make a difference

in the Muenster community. Learn new skills, gain valuable work experience, increase awareness of cancer, make new friends, and save lives. Receive the personal satisfaction that only comes through helping others.

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Area briefs of business

Big D Properties signed a contract to buy the Texas Instrument building in Denton, planning to pump \$6 million to \$7 million into renovating the 553,324 square foot property and make it available to multiple tenants.

Dallas Business Journal
Dallas' non-agricultural employment totaled 1.9 million people as of June. Of that figure, only 9,200 were employed by oil and gas extraction businesses. In 1981, that figure was 24,500 people.

Dallas Business Journal
Antique Land USA will be a new tenant at the Denton Factory Stores. The Austin based retailer will occupy more than 30,000 square feet, leasing the mall to independent dealers.

Dallas Business Journal
A Rand study comparing public school student achievement across the U.S. from 1990-1996 found that Texas ranks number one among the 44 states and California ranks last. The study found that Texas's success owes a lot to higher spending on small classes and on preschool.

Texas state accountability program began in 1991 by Governor Ann Richards. In 1995, when George W. Bush took office, he kept the system and added a new reading initiative and a tougher high school exit exam.

US News & World Report

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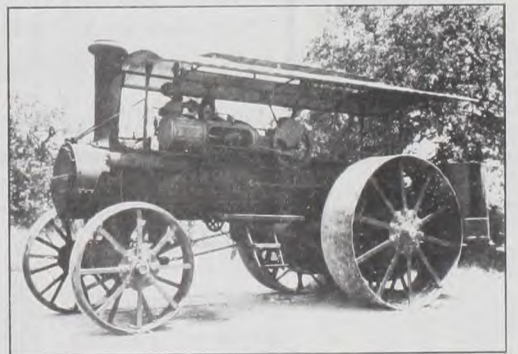
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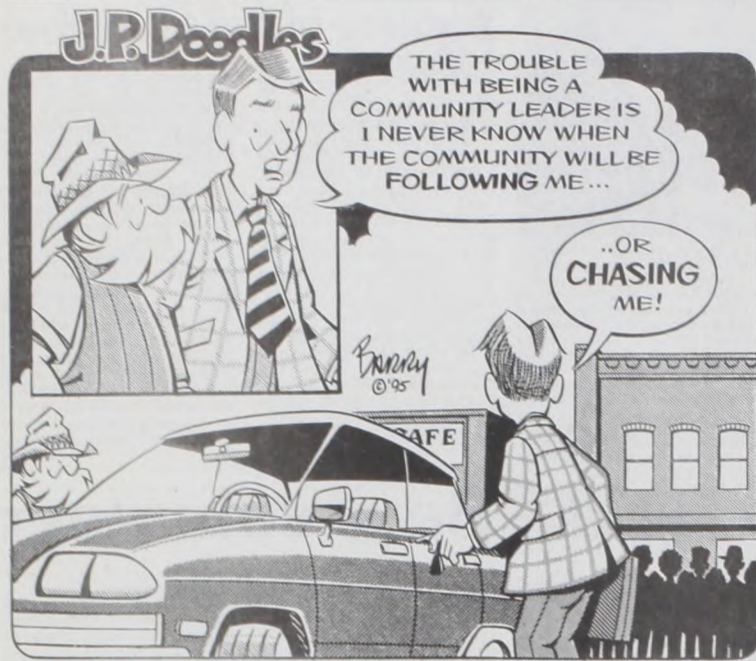
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LETTERS to the Editor

FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

by Ed Cler

Visiting with Leo Hess is always good for a laugh or two. Ran into Leo at Fischer's, and in the course of our conversation he told of his father-in-law, Joe Vogel, planting a tree years before, to shade part of the house.

It was a mulberry, and after it matured it produced great quantities of berries. Well, mulberries make good shade but the ripening berries attract hordes of flies, that are not only an aggravation around the house, they also lay their eggs in the ripe fruits, producing more flies.

Joe told Leo he would cut the tree down, and that he would never plant another mulberry tree, as long as he lived. True to his word, the tree disappeared and one winter day Joe found a likely looking sapling, pulled it up and planted it near the house. Leo said he asked Joe what sort of tree it was, and was

told it was an ash.

Later, Leo spent a couple years in the Service, and after his discharge, he and Mary Lou temporarily moved in with Joe and Frances, until they could get settled in a job, and a house of their own.

Meanwhile the new tree had thrived, and was large enough to make some shade. One evening Leo took note of the tree's size, and also noticed quite a number of berries hanging midst the leaves.

After picking a few of the berries he showed them to his daddy-in-law. "What are these?" he asked. Joe looked at the berries and without blinking an eye said, "Why anyone can see they're ashberries."

Nonetheless, Leo said when he came in that evening the young tree had been cut off at ground level and had disappeared.

Mr. David Fette, Editor Muenster Enterprise

During the past several months I have had the opportunity to read letters, published in your newspaper, from a variety of citizens in the Muenster Hospital District, calling themselves the opposition to the Hospital Merger Plan. I read these articles with great interest to explore and study them to see if there were any plans or ideas that I might use to avoid closing the hospital and keep our present facility in a viable profitable mode. Well, to date, I have not seen any inspiring ideas that the hospital board has not already examined.

Many facts have been presented to anyone wishing to attend the community forums held after the announcement of the possible merger of our hospital district with our friends in the eastern part of Cooke County. It seems the facts presented are now being challenged or conveniently forgotten rather than fresh ideas being brought forward for a beneficial review. During the past several hospital board meetings a few visitors have been making themselves available to find out more about the happenings and updates on the possible merger. However, the message these folks are presenting to the public, by way of your newspaper, is not necessarily what was said in the meetings. It seems doom and gloom is easier to report and more stirring than the truth. I, as a member of the board, must tell the truth and be accountable for my actions. The opposition to the Hospital Merger Plan can report anything that comes to mind especially if it sounds devastating.

It has been said by the opposition to the Hospital Merger Plan that they know the hospital cannot flourish in the coming years with the income shortcomings from the hospital's biggest customer, the US Government, because the government is dictating to the hospital what it will pay for services. It is true that the next Congress may pass bills to turn this around, but it is highly unlikely that our government will want to maintain small hospitals such as ours because in their minds we are too expensive to keep afloat and we are duplicating services within our county. Congress wants to only maintain hospitals that offer more services and have larger patient bases. Our administrator, Mr. Jack Endres, was fortunate enough to be invited to Washington with other TORCH (Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals) members and this group

was told first hand that there was no light at the end of the tunnel for small hospitals because party leaders were focused on providing prescription drug benefits for senior citizens and were not interested in providing more relief to hospitals. TORCH and the Texas Hospital Association have started a grassroots effort to win additional relief from Congress, but with election year politics gearing up, success is far from certain. With this in mind, it only makes good common sense to cooperate with our friends in eastern Cooke County to build a state-of-the-art hospital where we can all afford to go for our health care needs near home.

The opposition to the Hospital Merger Plan continues to say they know the hospital will not have a chance for survival and all they want is to maintain our Hospital District so we can reopen the hospital in the future if we need to. What for? Once we surrender our license to operate as an acute care hospital, it will be impossible to reopen our old facility as a hospital due to changes in hospital licensure requirements over the years. If the voters in the district decided to keep the hospital district we would remain liable for the charity cases that come from within our district. That means we would have to continue to charge an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay another hospital for these services. Presently our hospital collects about \$350,000 in tax and charges off most of that amount to bad debt and charity patients. To me this does not make good sense and certainly not good business sense or good use of yours and my (taxpayers) hard earned money. If the voters decided to merge we would reduce our liability and substantially lower our taxes, while maintaining most of our outpatient services right here in Muenster.

Mr. Fette, if anyone has any questions about the Facts it would be my pleasure to explain in detail what the Facts really are. I welcome a call or visit from anyone with an interest in any hospital issues.

Sincerely,
Don Flusche, President
Muenster Memorial Hospital
PO Box 417
Muenster, Texas 76252
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Letter to Editor,

I read with unusual interest Mr. Steelman's announcement regarding school prayer policy, not only because of content, but mostly because he deems it important to keep us informed. That is important. In the recent past there was an exceptional job of communication emanating from the office of the Muenster ISD Superintendent. I certainly hope that page from the book of past administrations was clipped and saved. The importance of our public officials' keeping us, the public, informed cannot be over stressed. I not only felt adequately informed about the school happenings, taxes required and how utilized, problems and solutions, but progress in general. The periodic articles presented in this paper by former Superintendent Cooper were the best, most informative attempt at good communication I have ever experienced, anywhere!

I urge Superintendent Steelman to continue that mode of keeping us updated and informed. We are interested in the operation of the school, including the problems, and of course we need to know everything there is to know regarding any changes in school tax rate. After all, school taxes are the most significant part of our property taxes. Open lines of good communication with the public is the best ally public officials have. They should give

the community the opportunity to understand and work together on all projects and problems. It goes a long way in preventing discord.

John G. Aytes
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Date and Time: August 31, 2000, 7:00 p.m.

Place: Muenster High School Auditorium

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FACT: The projections with respect to repayment of the bonds were based solely on the past performance of the Gainesville Memorial Hospital and a very conservative estimate of future revenues after the new hospital is up and running. These projections are so conservative that they do not even take into account the revenues of the Muenster Memorial Hospital. Finally, I should note that these projections were made by the certified public accounting firm of Parrish Moody & Fikes, P.C., arguably the premier healthcare accounting firm in the state. Perhaps Mr. Aytes will tell us which accounting firm supports his claims?

FACT: The projected tax rate of \$0.18 per one hundred dollars taxable value was again based solely on the past performance of the Gainesville Memorial Hospital and assumed that the new hospital made absolutely no profit from operations. Again, the projections are so conservative that they do not assume any profit from operations and further, do not even take into account the revenues of the Muenster Memorial Hospital. These projections were also made by the accounting firm of Parrish Moody & Fikes, P.C., a firm specializing in the healthcare industry. Perhaps Mr. Aytes will tell us which accounting firm supports his claims?

I couldn't help but feel that Mr. Aytes was referring to his previous letters and the so-called hospital support group when he said that so far, all we, the public, have been offered are political statements, pie-in-the-sky promises... but no facts! If you have questions regarding the proposed merger or the operation of the Muenster Hospital District, please call me or one of your Hospital Board members because you won't get any facts from Mr. Aytes or his opposition group. Better yet, attend the Muenster Hospital District board of directors meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.

Sincerely,
Jack R. Endres
Administrator,
Muenster Memorial Hospital

Lifestyle

Mosman, Martin exchange vows in Sacred Heart Church

by Elfreda Fette

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ernest Martin have returned from a wedding trip to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico and are at home in Gainesville. They were married in Sacred Heart Church on July 22, 2000 in a Nuptial Mass with double ring vows officiated by Father Michael Olsen at 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart is the groom's childhood church.

Daughter of Jimmy and Barbara Mosman, the bride is the former Jeanie Marie Mosman of Gainesville, and granddaughter of Norbert and Ella Mae Rohmer and Leo and Bernadine Mosman. She attended Lindsay ISD, graduating in 1996, and North Central Texas College. She is employed as a waitress at The Center Restaurant.

The groom is the son of Ernest and Laneta Martin of Muenster and the grandson of LaVonne and Peggy Reid and Agnella Martin of Muenster. His great-grandmother is Hattie Reid of Gainesville. He is a 1996 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and attended North Texas Central Texas College, and is employed as a machinist at Valentin.

Presented at the altar by her father, Jimmy Mosman, the

bride was wearing a white satin formal gown designed sleeveless, with a square neckline, and lace and pearls enhancing the waistline. Her layered illusion veil was held by a narrow white ring band. She carried a bridal bouquet of candlelight roses and plum alstroemeria with burgundy and silver ribbons.

For sentiment she borrowed a pearl necklace and earrings from a friend, Melissa Walter.

ATTENDANTS
Lisa Mosman, bride's sister, of Gainesville was maid of honor.

Shanna Mosman of Gainesville, bride's cousin, Yvonne Martin of Muenster, groom's sister, and Sabrina Nagy of Lindsay, bride's friend were bridesmaids. Sarah Whitecotton of Montague, bride's cousin was junior bridesmaid.

The maid of honor wore a burgundy, sleeveless full length gown; bridesmaids wore plum, short sleeved three quarter length gowns; and the junior bridesmaid wore a burgundy three quarter length gown.

Ring bearer was Mark Whitecotton of Montague, bride's cousin.

Bradley Fisher, of Muenster,

a friend of the groom was best man.

Michael Walter, Cory Knabe, and Greg Fisher,

friends of the groom, all of Muenster were groomsmen.

Ushers were Ronald Mosman of Gainesville, bride's

uncle, Gene Rohmer of Gainesville, Michael Mosman of Gainesville, bride's cousin, and Ricky Walterscheid of Muenster, friend of the groom.

Altar servers were John Mosman of Gainesville, bride's brother, Thomas Whitecotton of Montague, bride's cousin, and T.J. Krebs of Lindsay, bride's cousin.

Liturgical Readings were given by Linda Knabe, friend of the couple, Prayers of the Faithful by Helen Whitecotton, bride's aunt. Eucharistic Ministers were Monica Laux, Dale Hofbauer, Dolores Hofbauer, Viola Rohmer and Annette Bayer.

Wedding music was presented by organist Stephen Bonin, flutist Cindy Carter, and Amber Stone and Amber Jenkins, vocalists. Selections included "The Lord Is Kind and Merciful," Schubert's "Ave Maria," "Where There Is Love," "Air by Handel," "Canon in D" by Pachelbel, "The Rose," and "How Great Thou Art."

Church decorations included lighted candles on the altar, and white satin bows on family pews.

RECEPTION
A reception and buffet dinner followed in Sacred Heart Community Center for 300 guests.

Carol Weatherhead, bride's aunt and Telisha Yosten, groom's cousin presided at the bride's book.

The bride's table was covered in white, with gathered lace skirts. An arrangement of spring flowers, including white daisies, candlelight roses, plumeria and alstroemeria, with babies breath formed the centerpiece. English ivy and potpourri were accents. White lattice formed a background with miniature lights.

The wedding cake, made by Della Rose Voth, bride's great-aunt, with four layers on crystal pillars, was iced in white, with a top keepsake layer carrying a corsage of candlelight roses.

Cake servers were Chelsea Laux, Kelly Laux, Michael Whitecotton, and Cathy Weatherhead all cousins of the bride and Shanna Peer, a friend of the bride.

Guest tables were decorated with English ivy, lighted candles and potpourri. A white lattice with tulle wall decoration was behind the guest registry.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Center Restaurant for the bridal party, their parents and grandparents.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ernest Martin
...nee Jeanie Marie Mosman...

NEW ARRIVALS

Neu

Craig and Denise Neu of Denton announce with pride and joy the birth of their first child, a daughter, Macie Louise on Sunday, July 30, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in Denton Community Hospital. She weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. Her grandparents are Johnny and Annette Anderle of Muenster and Leroy and Dolores Neu of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Marcus and Catherine Fuhrmann of Lindsay, Ethel Anderle of Windthorst and John Hess of Lindsay.

Hyatt

Marty and Julie Hyatt of Arlington proudly announce the birth of their second daughter, Brianna Nicole Hyatt on Aug. 8, 2000 at 4:20 p.m. in Arlington Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lb. 14 1/2 oz. and was 19 inches long. Brianna Nicole joins a sister, Mallory Lynn age 3 1/2. Their grandparents are Paul and Maxine Sandmann of Lindsay, Roxie Gibeson of Ada, Oklahoma and Terry Bick of Coalgate, Oklahoma.

Huston

Tom and Kelly Huston, of Myra, proudly announce the arrival of their third child, a son, Nathan Benjamin Huston was born Sunday, Aug. 13, 2000 at 11:49 a.m. at Harris Methodist HEB Hospital in Bedford. He weighed 6 lb. 6 oz. and was 18 inches long. Nathan joins a sister Caitlyn, age 6 and a brother Matthew, age 4. Grandparents are Bob and Jolene Fuhrmann of Lindsay and Ben and Mary Huston of Sanger. Amanda Fuhrmann of Muenster welcomes her sixth great-grandchild.

Personal

Sarah Hess, graduate of Sacred Heart High School is attending LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, where she will major in sports medicine and minor in English. She will play basketball and softball and would enjoy hearing from friends and family while away from home. Her college address is: Sarah Hess, LeTourneau University, P.O. Box 7001, C.P.O. 864, Longview, TX 75607-7001

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50th Wedding Anniversary celebrated by Gosneys in Belton

by **Elfreda Fette**

Surrounded by family and friends, Bob and Jean Gosney of Belton observed a major milestone in their life when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with two events on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19 and 20, 2000.

Their children, spouses, and grandchildren are Pam and David Fette, and Russell and Elizabeth; Mark and Nicole Gosney; and Jahiah and Elah; Molly and Ronald White, and Robert, Tyrell, and Natalie; Amy and Eddy Lange.

Their children, spouses, and grandchildren were hosts for the 50th wedding reception attended by 250 relatives and guests held at Wildflower Country Club Saturday afternoon. Granddaughters Elizabeth Fette and Natalie White presided at the guest book. Son-in-law Eddy Lange was master of ceremonies for a special program during the reception giving the welcome and introductions. An opening prayer was led by daughter Molly White. Elizabeth Fette, granddaughter sang Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer." A musical medley followed, by Pam Fette, daughter, David Fette, son-in-law, and Elizabeth Fette, including "When I Fall In Love," "Always," and "Wind Beneath My Wings."

A review of family history included: "The Era of their Marriage" by son Mark Gosney; "Family Life" by Pam Fette; "Special Notes" by Amy Lange, daughter; and "Family Remembrances" by Dr. Gary Gosney, brother. Molly White led a prayer over the couple. Robert White, grandson lit

individual candles, preceding the lighting of the Unity Candle by the golden anniversary couple, symbolizing 50 years of love, devotion, and commitment, as Sharon Murrah sang the "Hawaiian Wedding Song."

David Fette offered the toast to his wife's parents.

The anniversary couple cut their three-tiered, pillared, celebration cake, made by a friend in Belton, consisting of the top keepsake coconut layer, the middle lemon layer, and the third vanilla layer. Iced in white, it was decorated with gold lilies and leaves.

Jackie Bartush of Muenster, a family friend made the elegant chocolate groom's cake decorated on top with handmade chocolate truffles.

Cake cutters and servers were Jackie Bartush, Scooter Gosney a niece, Elizabeth

Fette, Robert White grandson, and Tyrell White grandson.

Natalie White granddaughter and Thumper Gosney a niece, gave mementos to guests as they departed.

David Fette and Ronald White were photographers. Tyrell White and Vance Royal a nephew, and Nifty Gosney a niece managed family videos, guest recordings and video photographs. Family and friends enjoyed at a meal Saturday night in the banquet room of El Conquistador in Temple.

For the celebration on Saturday, the goldenwed bride wore a Victorian antique gold-on-gold formal dress designed with an empire waist, layered in tiers. Her corsage was of cream colored roses. His boutonniere was a cream colored rose tied with gold

ribbon.

Family members wore handmade name tags that held their baby picture, tied with gold ribbon.

On Sunday morning, friends, family, and guests attended a Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church in Belton at 11 a.m.

The anniversary couple processed up the aisle with Father Harry Dean, pastor, and lit the Easter candle. They also presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar. Pam, David, and Elizabeth Fette, and Jackie Bartush sang "Hear Us Now, O God Our Father" at Offertory. Pam gave the Scripture Readings.

During the Mass, the honor couple renewed their marriage vows and received a special golden wedding blessing.

Bob and Jean Gosney were married August 18, 1950 in Weatherford, Texas. Upon graduation from Texas A&M University, he entered military service in the U.S. Army. He served from Fort Hood, Texas to Germany, to two tours in Vietnam and one in Korea, to Monrovia, Liberia, Africa to Kansas, Oklahoma, and in Virginia at The Pentagon. After serving 31 years, and upon his retirement, the Gosneys moved to Belton, Texas, bought a home, and have lived there for 27 years.

The Gosneys anniversary trip, accompanied by two grandchildren, Robert White of Belton and Elizabeth Fette of Muenster, was traveling to Mount Rushmore, Custer Battle Field, Banff and Lake Louise, Canada, and Yellowstone National Park.



Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Robert R. Gosney



The special extended military display at the Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum will be taken down next week. Anyone interested in the exhibit need to visit the museum on Thursday, Friday or Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. The museum will continue having an armed forces arrangement, but will not include many of the items temporarily on loan. At right, with the installation of new traffic lights in Muenster, the museum has in its collection Muenster's first "red light".

Photos by Janie Hartman

Weekend reunion held by descendants of Henry and Elise Hennigan in Albuquerque

Pat and Alice Hennigan spent the last weekend in July in Albuquerque attending an informal reunion of the Henry and Elise Hennigan children. All the living members, with the exception of Wm. Neil (Therese's husband) were in attendance. Mary Nell and Marvin McColpin of Greenwood, Indiana were first to arrive. They came through Muenster and visited with Rosa Driever and the Pat Hennigans for two days. Also attending were Andrew and Rose Johnston of Danville,

California; Therese Neil and Alma Hennigan of Grass Valley, California. Attending from Albuquerque were Rose Marie Endres Hennigan, Martha and Bennie Montoya and Rita and Edward Baca. Also several of the Frank Hennigan children and the Edward Baca children were in attendance.

One of the highlights was a dinner hosted by Rita and Ed at their new home located in the foothills in the eastern part of the city. Special guests were cousins: the Ben Seyler

daughters, John Ann Seyler Bezner, Mary Evelyn Seyler Adams, and Sister Mary John Seyler. Along also was their aunt Marge Fette Ratliff of Lubbock. The cousins and their Aunt Marge were enroute to Colorado to visit relatives. One night the birthday of Edward Baca was celebrated; and another evening Andrew Johnson's was observed. A good time was had by all. The weather was beautiful with afternoon showers, this being their monsoon season.

Allie Rae is two

Allie Rae Walterscheid celebrated her second birthday on Sunday, Aug. 20 with a Winnie the Pooh party. The family shared in an enchilada dinner followed by cake and ice cream. Allie enjoyed opening gifts, having pictures made, and playing bubbles with her cousins.

Attending the part were her parents Mel and April Walterscheid, her sister Amber

and brother Cole. Also grandmothers Peggy Walterscheid and Carla Truebenbach; great-grandpa Carl Schilling; aunts Amy and Jana Truebenbach and uncle Clayton Truebenbach; aunts and uncles Tim and Ramona Felderhoff, Glenn and Jean Walterscheid, Mark and Carol Grewing, Lloyd Walterscheid, and Curtis and Vicki Eldridge. Also cousins Kelly, Lisa, Derek and Travis Felderhoff, Melinda and Collin Walterscheid, Rebecca and Blake Grewing, and Morgan Eldridge.

On Allie's actual birthday, Aug. 13, she enjoyed swimming and burgers with her family.

NOTICE

North Central Texas College (NCTC) Chorale meets every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. to rehearse for its upcoming concerts. They meet in the 200 building music room on the NCTC campus unless otherwise specified. Dr. Michael Linder is the director.



Allie Rae Walterscheid

Baptism

Bishop

The baptism of Devin Thomas Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Bishop was held on July 16, 2000 in St. Pius X Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, officiated by Father Tom Hildebrand. Baptismal sponsors are Bryan and Sally Wiesman. Grandparents are J. Leroy and Dolores Wiesman and Ed and Janet Bishop all of Tulsa. The infant was born on the anniversary of the death of his great-grandfather, at approximately the same time in the morning. Devin weighed 8 lb. 10 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches long. He joins one brother, Caleb.

Reunions

The annual Yosten-Swirczynski Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 3, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Muenster Park.

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School News

Texas parents and teachers join forces to buck trend of early-August school starts

submitted by Tina Bruno

As a majority of students return to the classroom this week, Texans for a Traditional School Year is questioning the soundness in starting school during the hottest part of the year. The group is also urging parents to let their school districts know if they are unhappy with the current school calendar.

"Our phones have been ringing off the hook," said Tina Bruno, the group's executive director. "Parents are upset about starting school in early August. Not only are they upset about losing valuable weeks of summer, they are concerned about their children riding buses with temperatures inside the bus registering over 100 degrees. If research showed there was an educational benefit to starting school early, I think our supporters would understand. But the fact is research shows there is no educational reason to start school in early to mid-August."

The statewide coalition says starting school during the hottest part of the summer provides headaches, hardships, and heartache for Texas families and teachers while providing no proven educational benefits. And according to the August 2000 issue of *Fiscal Notes*, a report published by the Texas Comptroller's Office, starting school in early August also takes a toll on school budgets. In a report titled, "Summer in School," the Comptroller's Office estimates \$6 million in school electric costs could be avoided with a later school start date.

"During the past year, parents and teachers across the state joined together and lobbied school districts to start school later. In many cases they were successful, gaining back anywhere from two to six days of their summer vacation," Bruno said. "Unfortunately, many parents' time and effort went without notice."

Bruno said parents in many districts became frustrated after spending hours collecting signatures on petitions and gaining widespread support for later starting calendars, only to see no response from their local school boards. "In some cases, parents simply asked for a survey to be sent home to see what parents wanted and they were even denied this simple request," Bruno added.

Opponents of a uniform school start date for Texas public schools say parents need to work within the system the district has developed for setting calendars. But according to parent Norma Ebbitt of San Antonio that doesn't always work. She said she tried to work within the guidelines of her school district but to no avail. "The principal of my child's elementary school was supportive. She allowed us to have a meeting of concerned parents in the school cafeteria, but other than that, our voices were pretty much ignored." Ebbitt's children returned to school Aug. 7 this year.

"I wish I could say Ms. Ebbitt's frustrations were outside the norm," Bruno said. "But her experiences mirrored those of hundreds of other parents around the state."

Traditionally, back to school meant a post-September 1 start date. But in recent years, Texas school districts have moved the start of school to early or mid-August, with the end of class falling in middle to late May.

State law requires that school districts provide 180 instructional days a year for students, plus seven additional days for in-service teacher training. State law added five of those teaching days in 1993, contributing to the pressure for an earlier start of the school year for teachers. However, this alone does not account for the two to three week shift in start dates for students.

Bruno said a study on school calendars released by the Texas Association of School Administrators hits the nail on the head. According to the study the average number of non-instructional days during the school year, excluding Christmas break, is 20. "It's not that our kids are getting more days of classroom instruction, we are simply adding more holidays and disruptions to the school year," Bruno said.

While opponents of a later school start date say shorter, more frequent breaks throughout the school year are better, a recent story by the *Dallas Morning News* finds no strong conclusions. The newspaper offered this summary: "The benefits of scheduling shorter, more frequent breaks for students has yielded varying results. Most studies have shown little or no improvements in student performance because of shorter vacations."

"We are not complaining about 180 days of classroom time for our kids. What we are complaining about are the number and lengths of breaks throughout the school year. There is no reason for it. My kids are back in school and they can't even play on the playground because it is so hot. The kids will get burned if they go down the metal slide," Ebbitt said.

Ebbitt is not alone in her desire for a later school start date. The August 1999 Scripps-Howard Texas Poll showed 64 percent of Texans polled feel all public schools should start school on the same day and 86 percent favor a school start date between the last week in August and two weeks after Labor Day.

"Since our inception last year, Texans for a Traditional School Year has increased its supporter base by 1000 percent. We currently have over 5000 supporters around the state," Bruno said. "Parents and teachers are working together to show school board members that there is wide support for returning to a traditional September school start date."

According to Bruno the biggest hurdle the group has to overcome is the false notion that when you administer mid-term exams impacts what a child learns. "Administering mid-term exams after the Christmas holiday has been done for years. In fact, it is being done that way in many parts of the nation right now," Bruno said. "Research shows that when a test is administered does not impact what the student has learned. We need to remember tests don't teach our children...teachers teach our children."

Based in San Antonio, Texas for a Traditional School Year is a non-profit coalition dedicated to raising awareness about the consequences of a non-traditional school calendar. The group can be reached toll-free at 877-531-9011 or via their web site www.traditionalschoolyear.org.

Is your child eligible for NSLP low cost lunches?

Area schools offer students healthy meals each school day. Some offer breakfast and lunch, some only lunch. Families meeting certain income standards are eligible for low cost or free meals for their children. Application forms are sent home with all students. They can also be obtained at the school office.

Schools announcing their participation in the National School Lunch Program include Muenster ISD, Sacred Heart School, Lindsay ISD, and Era ISD. Reduced lunches are offered by each of the above at a cost of forty cents each. Muenster ISD and Era ISD also offer reduced cost breakfast for thirty cents.

Anyone applying for the program who is turned down and still feels they are eligible should contact the following persons depending on the school their child attend: Muenster - Clyde W. Steelman Jr., P. O. Box 608, Muenster, TX 76252 Telephone 759-2281; Sacred Heart - Fr. John Ohner, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Muenster, TX 76252; Lindsay ISD - David Arendt, Board President, 231 Willow Street, Lindsay, TX 76250 Telephone 665-4760; Era ISD - Mr. Kit Mason, P. O. Box 98, Era, TX 76238.

Applications can be submitted for free and reduced cost meals at any time during the school year.

Town meeting at Muenster ISD Aug. 31 on school issues

There will be a Town Meeting in the Muenster ISD Junior High Auditorium, Thursday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m. Community members, parents, students K-12 grade are encouraged to attend. The Superintendent will

discuss changes in curriculum requirements, graduation requirements, new assessment requirements, long range plans for Muenster ISD, Supreme Court ruling on school prayer at football games and other school issues.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF AUG. 28 - SEPT. 1

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Tacos, shredded lettuce and cheese, diced tomatoes, pinto beans, pineapple tidbits, pumpkin bread.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, lettuce salad w/dressing, peaches, green beans, hot rolls.

Wed. - Sub sandwiches, chips, lettuce and tomatoes, oranges, cookies, carrot sticks.

Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, cheese slices, French fries, applesauce, ice cream.

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Tues. - Salisbury steak, potatoes, corn, apples, bread.

Wed. - Fiesta salad, ranch style beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, corn chips, fruit, bread.

Thurs. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, cinnamon bread, peaches.

Fri. - Cheese pizza, beans,

lettuce, fruit.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Lasagna, fried okra, carrots, pineapple, bread.

Tues. - Pizza pockets, salad, corn, peaches, bread.

Wed. - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, bread.

Thurs. - Crisпитos, corn, Mexican rice, mixed fruit, bread.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, pinto beans, oranges.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Crispy tacos, shredded cheese, trimmings, pinto beans, wacky cake.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, tossed salad, peaches, breadsticks.

Wed. - Pizza: sausage or cheese, tossed salad, corn, fruit mix, rice crispy treat.

Thurs. - Country fried pork steak or barbecue wieners, mashed potatoes, gravy, strawberry applesauce, tossed salad, hot roll.

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Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews and Commissioner Tony Garza urges parents to discuss propane gas appliance safety measures with their children if they are home alone after school.

"Teaching kids basic propane safety rules will help them if there is ever an emergency when an adult isn't home," said Williams. "We need to keep kids informed that if they smell gas, they should exit the home immediately and not use any electric switches or appliances."

"Teaching children propane appliance safety is a good lesson to learn," said Matthews. "Children should know to keep all objects away from gas furnaces, space heaters and fireplaces, and stay away from tanks and valves. Propane appliances aren't toys and should never be turned on without adult supervision."

"Teach children to use their heads and their noses when dealing with propane," added Garza. "They should learn to sniff out trouble by recognizing its distinct odor and should learn to recognize common noises made by propane appliances."

Propane gas has an odorant added to help identify any gas leak. Show your child how to identify that "rotten egg" smell by using a "scratch and sniff" brochure available from Texas propane suppliers.

The Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) can provide consumers with basic safety tips, as well as additional propane uses and rebates by calling toll-free, (800) 64-CLEAR (800-642-5327).

Propane safety tips can also be accessed via the Railroad Commission of Texas' Internet site at www.rrc.state.tx.us.

Muenster ISD freshman class elects officers, favorites

On Aug. 17, the freshman class elected student officers, favorites, and freshman princess. Robyn Hermes was elected president; Melinda Walterscheid, vice president; Deann Dangelmayr, secretary; and Chelsea Felderhoff, treasurer. The favorites are Kristian Koessler and Kyle Endres.

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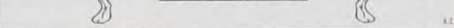
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Sports

Jace Koelzer wins at state meet Aug. 5

Jace Koelzer of Muenster won the 80m hurdles with a time of 14.34 at the State Meet held at Texas A&M University on Saturday, Aug. 5.

She has been competing in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation program for the last five years. This is the second time Jace won state in 5 years.

Jace is the daughter of Smoke and Carol Koelzer. She runs with Southlake Carroll track team. She is coached by Nikki Gilley and her dad Smoke.

Those cheering Jace on at the track meet included her aunt and uncle Terry Grewing and Danny Gilbreath from Houston and her family Smoke, Carol, Wes, Demi, and Dalton Koelzer.

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department golf tournament Sept. 10 at Turtle Hill Golf Course

The Muenster Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring their 7th Annual Golf Tournament Sunday, September 10. The four person scramble will tee off at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Hill Golf Course.

There is a \$240 entry fee per team, which includes green fees, carts, t-shirts, four mulligans, cool cup, golf towel, hot dogs and drinks. Also a BBQ meal after the tournament at Muenster City Park.

A limit of 30 teams will participate. For more information call Bert or Delanna Walterscheid at 759-4785. To prepay, mail check to Bert, 619 East 2nd Street, Muenster, 76252.



Jace Koelzer

Hornet hamburger supper set for Aug. 25 in City Park

All Muenster Hornet team members and parents are invited to a hamburger supper on Friday, Aug. 25 at the City Park Pavilion. Hamburgers, trimmings, and drinks will be served after the Red/White scrimmage played at Hornet Stadium.

The annual hot dog social will be Friday, Sept. 1 after the scrimmage with Gainesville State School. All players from both teams are invited to this social.

Texas Parks & Wildlife rates dove hunting prospects good

Conditions are ripe for better than usual hunting in the upcoming Texas dove season, according to wildlife officials. In a state that boasts a dove population of more than 40 million birds, that equates to plenty of wingshooting action. Mourning dove season opens Sept. 1 locally. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit is 15 dove in the aggregate.

"We expect hunting success to be as good or better than last year," said Jay Roberson, Texas Parks and Wildlife dove program leader. "We've received reports of good numbers of birds except in the west central part of the state where a prolonged drought may have hurt production and doves tend not to persist in areas without adequate feed."

Last season, 393,000 Texas dove hunters spent a combined 1.2 million days afield and took 4.5 million birds.

"I believe those numbers will go up this year," Roberson added, "but it really depends on the weather we get between now and the season opener."

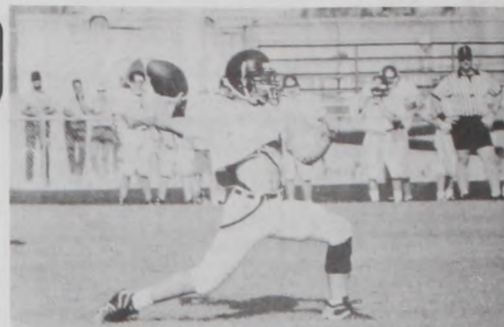
Cold fronts in late August tend to push locally produced doves south, and more rain means the dove may disperse over a greater area, making it tougher on hunters hoping to concentrate their efforts around stock tanks, he explained.

Hunters are reminded to renew their hunting licenses, which expire Aug. 31, before heading out on opening day. Dove hunters must answer Harvest Information Program questions while buying their license.

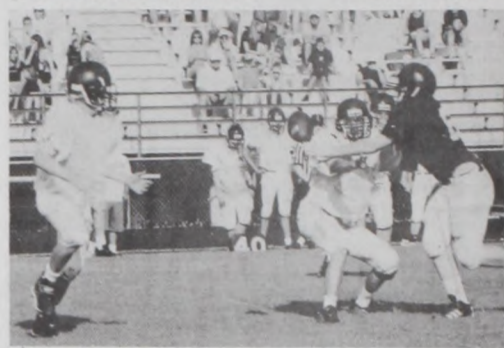
HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of purchase after a brief series of questions have been answered. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified in order to hunt migratory birds.

Booster Club meet

Muenster Booster Club meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the new gym.



Muenster's junior variety Hornets were first to scrimmage against the S&S Rams last Saturday morning. The local teams got in practices last week and will be scrimmaging again this week in preparation for the regular season. Photo by Janie Hartman



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County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

WILDLIFE FOOD PLOTS

Recently I attended a wildlife trade show with numerous exhibitors and eager spectators. It seems hunters today are bombarded with about as much gadgetry now as fishermen. I remember the days before camouflage of all styles when we just wore dark clothing, before heated and vented blinds when we just backed up against a tree to break up your outline and before four wheelers and 4 wheel drives when we just walked to our favorite hunting spot. Times do change and I must admit these comforts are nice.

One of the hottest topics for today's hunters center on developing supplemental food plots for wildlife nutrition and attracting deer. There are many considerations you should keep in mind before you begin your food plot plantings.

White tailed deer are ruminants like cows, but their diet selection is radically different. Cattle are grass-roughage eaters, and depend heavily on grasses for their diet. Grasses are relatively low in crude protein and digestibility when compared with legumes or forbs, which make the largest percentage of a deer's diet. Only highly digestible grasses such as wheat, oats, or ryegrass are used to any extent by deer.

When planting food plots hunters need to consider the area of the state, soil type, moisture availability, and temperature extremes. All of these factors need to be taken into consideration when choosing cool season legumes, and grasses for food plots.

Larry Redmon and Monty Rouquette are Extension and Experiment Station researchers at our Texas A&M Station located at Overton. They have recently published a very informative bulletin titled "Wildlife Forage Areas for White-Tailed Deer". The following map and tables list major vegetative areas of the state and possible planting materials for those areas.

Take time to understand your soil and climate conditions before planting.

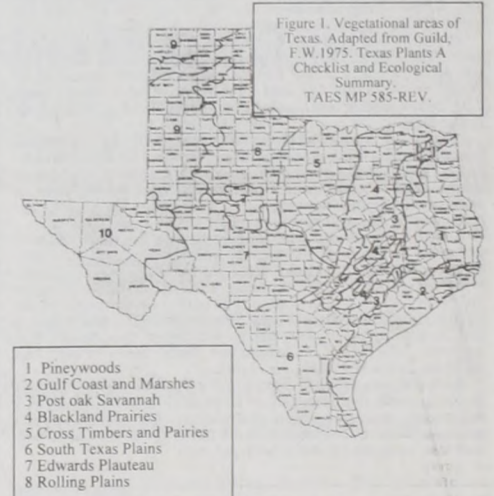


Table 1. Cool-season Forages used for Wildlife Forage Areas for White-Tailed Deer

Forage Species	Preferred Soil Characteristics	Seeding Rate (lb/acre)	Seeding Depth (inches)	Planting Season	Growing Season	Resource Zone*
Annual ryegrass	5.5-7.0 wide range	20-30 [†]	1/2"	Nov-Jan	Feb-May	1,2
Archie	6.5-7.5 sandy loam	20	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Mar-Apr	1,3,4
Arrowleaf clover	6.5-7.0 sandy loam	8-10	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Feb-Mar	1,3,4,5
Australian white clover	5.5-7.5 wide range	25-40	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Nov-Dec	1,7
Bull clover	5.5-6.5 loam, clay	2-3	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Feb-May	1,5
Bermuda clover	5.5-6.5 loam, clay	12-18	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Feb-Mar	1,4
Burr medic	5.5-6.0 wide range	10-15	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Feb-Mar	1,5,7,8
Clemson clover	5.5-7.0 clay	18-20	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Feb-Mar	1,4
Healy vetch	5.5-7.5 wide range	20-25	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Feb-Apr	1,4
Orch	5.5-7.5 wide range	80-100	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Nov-Dec	1,7
Prairie clover	6.0-6.5 clay	12-18	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Mar-May	1,4
River clover	5.5-7.5 wide range	80-100	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Feb-Apr	1,5,7,8
Rye	5.5-7.5 wide range	80-100	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Feb-May	1,10
White clover	5.5-7.5 sandy loam	20-25	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Feb-Mar	1,4

*Risk of establishment decreases from east to west in the state due to decreasing moisture availability. †Use the higher seeding rate if broadcast applying seed.

Table 2. Warm-season Forages used for Wildlife Forage Areas for White-Tailed Deer

Forage Species	Preferred Soil Characteristics	Seeding Rate (lb/acre)	Seeding Depth (inches)	Planting Season	Growing Season	Resource Zone*
Abasco	5.5-7.0 loam	20-25	1/2"	Oct-Nov	Mar-Oct	1,5,8
Archie	5.5-7.0 sandy loam	20-25	1/2"	Nov-Jan	May-Oct	1,5
Clayton	5.5-7.5 sandy loam	20-25	1/2"	Nov-Jan	May-Oct	1,5
Compadre	5.5-7.5 sandy loam	20-25	1/2"	Nov-Jan	May-Oct	1,5
Stonewall	5.5-7.5 wide range	20-25	1/2"	May-Jan	Mar-Oct	1,4

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PROPERTIES FOR SALE

The estate of Florence Grewing is taking bids on several parcels of real estate as follows:

Parcel #1- Residential Building Site north side of Sixth St. at Ash St. in Muenster city limits. (Corner Lots) Site measures approximately 150' along Sixth St. and 125' along Ash St. Utilities already on property.

Parcel #2- Adjoining residential building site to north of Parcel #1 also 125' x 150'. Utilities already on property.

Parcel #3- Combined bid for Parcels #1 and #2

Parcel #4- Single-family residence - 422 W. Sixth St., Muenster, TX. Approximately 4500 Sq. Ft. Well built and well kept home on pier and beam foundation. Home has brick veneer and consists of 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, sun room, office, formal living room, large utility room, outdoor storm cellar. Spacious home surrounded by well-established lawn with many nice trees and underground sprinkler system. Home and lawn situated on approximately 1.12 acres.

Parcel #5- Additional land adjoining Parcel #4 to north and to east consists of approximately 9.5 or more acres. This land has residential development potential on approximately 5.5 acres, other approx. 4 acres in flood prone area with creek and several large Pecan trees dividing this parcel near center of property. Situated on this property are a covered mobile home and carport. 2 older out buildings. Also, deep trinity aquifer water well with well house and approx. 3,000 gallon water tank, pressure tank and controls all in good condition.

Parcel #6- Combined bid for Parcels #4 and #5

Parcel #7- Commercial building @ 506 N. Maple St., Muenster, TX. Approx. 1200 Sq. Ft. building constructed primarily of masonry blocks with masonry block exterior walls. Roof is flat with tar-gravel surface cover. Building currently houses beauty shop with restroom and an office with restroom- 2 leaseable units. Building and adjoining land have frontage on Maple and Fourth Streets. Location measures approx. 125' x 55' or 6,875 Sq. Ft. offering room to expand current building or room for additional building site.

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Parcel #8- Approx. 2.414 acres of land located - N.W. corner of South Main Street and Cross Street. This irregularly shaped parcel of land currently is being leased to G&H Backhoe, is zoned industrial and has typical city services.

Parcel #9- Approx. 139.02 acres of land located along the north side of U.S. Hwy. 82 and along the East side of County Rd. 447, approx. 1 mile east of the city of Muenster, TX.

This parcel has approx. 10-12 acres of U.S. Hwy. 82 frontage with significant potential for light commercial/industrial use. The remaining approx. 127 acres would have good potential for housing development. This remaining acreage has two earth stock ponds, several older barns and livestock working corrals and includes an older small farmhouse.

Bids will be taken till Sept. 17, 2000 - marked by appropriately numbered parcel.

Bids should be sent to Florence Grewing Estate P.O. Box 605, Muenster, TX. 76252

All bids in the current market value range will be given serious consideration. All rights reserved to accept or reject any or all bids. For more information on properties, Contact Wayne Grewing (940) 759-4119.

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This will serve as notice that Saint Jo Independent School District is re-scheduling the due date for roofing proposals from Tuesday, August 15, 2000 to Thursday, August 24, 2000. Sealed proposals will be received at the Superintendent's office until 4:00 p.m., C.D.S.T., Thursday, August 24, 2000. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 4:10 p.m. Any bid received after closing time shall be returned unopened. The bids will be studied and presented at the School Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 30, 2000, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Bids will be accepted for each of the five (5) projects individually and/or for the five (5) projects under one (1) comprehensive bid. Specifications can be obtained by contacting Mr. Phillip Hall, Superintendent at (940) 995-2668. Technical questions should be addressed to Mr. Mike Barton at (972) 874-1388.

Proposal Guaranty in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid proposal or bid proposals combination thereof in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or bid bond shall accompany the proposal.

No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Saint Jo Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all formalities in bidding.

Any bid over \$25,000 will require a performance and payment bond.

MUENSTER WATER DISTRICT MEETING

The Water District will hold a meeting at 8 am on September 5, 2000, at Muenster City Hall, 400 North Main Street to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2000. The proposed rate is \$0.38 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Muenster Water District by 4.6 percent.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MELVIN CLINTON MYERS

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COUNTY OF COOKE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MELVIN CLINTON MYERS were issued on August 15, 2000, in Cause No. 15150, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas, to Tommy Joe Myers, Executor.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of MELVIN CLINTON MYERS
c/o: THOMAS L. CLAXTON
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 329
Gainesville, Texas 76241

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

August 15, 2000
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Record spending helps boost beef demand

Consumer spending for beef set a new record during the first half of 2000, indicating continued increase for overall beef demand, beef industry officials announced.

The announcement was made during the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Summer Conference in Denver, Colorado, and confirms industry projection that spending, consumption and overall demand are on a steady pace for the remainder of 2000.

According to the Beef Demand Index, which is calculated by independent economic and industry experts using USDA per capita beef consumption data and USDA Choice retail beef prices adjusted for inflation, beef demand has remained strong during the first half of 2000.

Incorporating recently released preliminary second quarter data, beef demand

during the first half of 2000 averaged 5.2 percent higher than demand during the first half of 1999.

Cattle-Fax, a private market research firm, says the current state of beef demand correlates with several economic factors, primarily increased consumer spending and higher per capita consumption.

Consumer spending for beef during the first half of 2000 totaled nearly \$26.2 billion - up nearly \$2 billion (or 8%) from only a year ago, despite record beef production. Second quarter spending of \$13.4 billion is the largest quarter on record and the first quarter to exceed \$13 billion.

Per capita beef consumption for the first half of 2000 increased 0.6 pounds (or 2%) to 35.1 pounds compared to a year ago.

This is happening at a time when average retail fresh beef prices for the first half of 2000 are expected to be up slightly - 14 cents per pound (5%) compared to the first half of '99.

Total beef spending in 2000 is expected to grow by more than \$2.6 billion and total about \$52 billion - making it record large and about \$65 billion larger than 1997. Larger beef production and slightly higher average retail prices have helped increase total spending.

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United States totaled 10.18 million head on Aug. 1, 2000.

MILK PRODUCTION

Texas milk production totaled 426 million pounds during July, up 1 percent from last year. Production for June 2000 totaled 469 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during July averaged 348,000 head, up 2,000 head from last year but down 2,000 head from June 2000. Production per cow averaged 1,225 pounds during July, unchanged from last year but down from the 1,340 pounds during June 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.72 million head on Aug. 1, up 10 percent from a year ago, but down slightly from the July 1 level. Producers placed 520,000 head in commercial feedlots during July, up 8 percent from a year ago and up 16 percent from the June, 2000, total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 520,000 head during July, unchanged from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the

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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.10; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.08-1.17; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.08; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.05; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 95-1.04; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-95; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 88-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 77-88; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 80-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-77	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$700; medium frame, \$450-\$600 Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$700-\$800; medium frame, \$575-\$700 Holstein baby calves, \$35-\$110; Crossbreds, \$140-\$185	Ewes Stocker, 47-62; Thin, 32-37; Fat, 40-46 Bucks: Thin: NT, Fat, NT
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.09; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.00; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.09; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.00; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 91-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-91; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 88-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-88; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 80-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 72-80; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 75-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-75	Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 38-40; US #2, 220-280, 37-39 Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs., \$40-\$60; 25-90 lbs., \$10-\$25 Sows: Feeder, 400 or less, 25-28; Light wt., 400-500, 30-31; Med. wt., 500-600, 32-33; Heavy wt., 600-up, NT	Goats (per head) Lamb: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$30; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$70; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$65-\$85 Nannies (per head) Stocker, \$40-\$50; Milk Type, \$50-\$70; Slaughter, Thin, \$30-\$35; Fat, \$35-\$50
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 47-52; Slaughter cows: #1-3, 39-45; Cutter, 32-39	Boars: 300 lb. up, 08-09, 200-300 lbs., 10-12; Light wt., 15-18 Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs 40-60 lbs., 85-88; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 78-80; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 72-75	Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, \$75-\$120, 3/4 Nanny, \$85-\$140; Full Nanny, \$150-\$315 Buer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, \$60-\$85; 3/4 Billy, \$85-\$125; Full Billy, \$125-\$200

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AG BRIEFS

EPA leapfrogs Congress on TMDL rules

Although Congress passed a bill with provisions that would temporarily prevent the environmental Protection Agency from using funds to implement new Total Maximum Daily Load rules for non-point sources, the new rules were finalized before the bill was signed. The rules affect producer management of irrigation and rainfall water run-off from their fields. Personnel from the EPA and the Office of Management and

Budget worked overtime

through a weekend to get the new rules finalized before President Clinton's deadline for signing the bill that would block them. The president subsequently signed the bill, delaying execution of the rules until after October 2001. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest (R-TX) and Ranking Minority Member Charlie Stenholm (D-TX) sharply criticized the action, saying, "EPA's rule change is a public policy debacle with the potential for a national cost in billions of dollars and lost credibility."

House saves predator program

An attempt to do away with the government program that controls livestock predators was soundly defeated 228-190 during U.S. House of Representatives consideration of the 2001 farm spending bill. The U.S. Department of Agriculture spends about \$10

million a year killing about 100,000 predators, including coyotes, foxes, wolves and mountain lions.

Senate committee has voted to pass CARA

The measure was approved 13-7 by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on July 25 and is expected to create a guaranteed annual appropriation of nearly \$1 billion for land acquisition and wildlife conservation for each of the next 15 fiscal years, with \$900 million allocated each year for new federal and state land acquisitions. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association says CARA represents bad fiscal policy because it places federal funds outside of the normal congressional budget process, which is not done for education, Medicare or other critical national programs.

Southwest & Texas Cattlemen's Association

AgLead candidates wanted

The Texas Farm Bureau has announced that it is accepting applications for the fifth class for its popular AgLead program for young farmers and ranchers in Texas.

The Cooke County Farm Bureau is lending its support to the effort, according to Demps Knight, county president.

AgLead V will begin in November 2000, with 12 participants.

Candidates must be no younger than 25 and no older than 40 as of September 1, 2000. Those applying must derive a major portion of their income from production agriculture, and be TFB members at time of application and throughout the program. Applications must be in TFB's Waco office by Aug. 31, 2000.

AgLead V, like the previous four classes will participate in an aggressive training program that includes presentation skills, media training, and extensive background on agricultural

issues and practices. Five interstate trips as well as visits to California, Illinois, Washington, D.C. and Northern Europe are spread out over the two-year curriculum.

Interested participants should contact the Cooke County Farm Bureau office for specifics on the financial requirements of the program.

Ag info on the Net

A checklist to help feedlot managers conduct inspections on waste storage is available from University of Nebraska extension specialist.

The one page form provides comparisons and early identification of potential problems.

The form can be found at <http://www.janr.unl.edu/manure/resources.html>

The National Crop Growers Association's insect resistance management education plan can be found at www.ncga.com

Check out how to manage insects and requirements for the farm.

A guide to estate planning for farmers and ranchers is available from American Farmland Trust at www.farmland.org/merch/public.htm

To know more about your water rights check out the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us or the National Cattlemen's Beef Association at www.beef.org

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