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Costs escalate for county, tax rate 44.5¢

By Janet Felderhoff
Members of the Cooke County Commissioners Court were in a quandary Monday, Aug. 12 as they scrutinized the Preliminary Budget for 2002-2003. They were juggling employee needs, growing expenses, and a desire to keep tax increases at a minimum

while keeping an emergency cushion for the County. Even with a proposed tax rate of 44-1/2 cents per \$100 property valuation they were looking at dipping into the general fund balance for \$1.3 million. Currently there is about \$2.8 million in the reserve fund. The rollback rate is .4495,

according to County Auditor Gloria Parrish. Judge Bill Freeman remarked, "There's a little bit of fat in here we can trim up, but there's no million dollars here." "I tried to find places that I thought we could cut, but I couldn't come up with many," said Parrish.

Repair of the west steps of the courthouse is in the budget and all agree it couldn't be put off any longer without becoming a safety issue. Parrish said there is money that has been saved for the step repairs.

Workman's comp insurance is increasing by about 30% and self-insurance by 18.5%. Those are things we can't control, Parrish noted. Most of the proposed 7.9% increase to the general fund is due to insurance and employee

costs, she added. The county pays the employee's insurance, but they must pay their family's cost. With what they are paid it is hard for them to pay the increase, said Parrish. A 6% salary increase was factored into the proposed budget.

Commissioner Bill Cox stated, "We don't want to get in the shape Dallas city is in."

As far as revenue, the County took a \$100,000 loss on investments this year.

After a session that took the better part of the day,

Commissioners Court cut almost \$10,000 from the Proposed Budget. This budget is a 9.4% total overall increase from last year. It was approved by a vote of 4-1. Commissioner Phil Young voted against it for what he said was the same reason he was against it last year. He considers the division of the road and bridge fund to be unfair.

Commissioners set the proposed tax rate at 44-1/2 cents per \$100 valuation. Last year's tax rate was 43-1/2 cents. Hearings on the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m.



Kyla Haverkamp did not want her mother, Penni Haverkamp, to leave the classroom Wednesday morning as school bells rang in the first day of school at Muenster ISD. After mom left, Kyla enjoyed her first day in kindergarten.

Janie Hartman Photo

Muenster ISD Board meets to discuss taxes

by Janie Hartman
The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees held a called meeting last week Wednesday, Aug. 7. Four items were on the agenda to be discussed or considered.

Dr. David Brewer, School Finance Director, Region XI from the Education Service Center, discussed the financial situation for the up-coming year and the next three years. Brewer noted that this year's tax rate will effect how much money Muenster district will get from the state through 2005. He informed the Board on what can be done to maximize income from the state. Brewer also discussed the District's extra cost towards the

health plan as the State drops its support.

The Board also approved increasing the pay for extended leave substitute teachers - after 10 days, pay will increase from \$55 to \$100.

Superintendent Clyde Steelman made the Board aware that every classroom on campus is full. There are no extra classrooms. After improving the budget, the Board will move forward on the most urgent needs in the district's Capital Improvement Plan.

The Board also did a walk-through of the campus to see the improvements made during the summer. Steelman noted that everything should be completed as needed.

Muenster has new physician

Muenster Memorial Hospital and MMH Family Health Clinic have announced the addition of Mike Minodin, M.D. to their staff. Dr. Minodin is a board certified family practice physician.

Dr. Minodin is at the clinic to see patients from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To make an appointment call, 759-2226.

Watch next week for a more detailed story on Dr. Minodin.

CCAD approves its 2003 budgets

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) held a Public Hearing on Thursday, Aug. 8. There was nobody present to offer opinions. The Board approved the \$725,150.00 Appraisal and \$196,750.00 Collection budgets for 2003 unanimously. Members present were Leon Klement, Mike McHorse, Monta Sewell, and David Clifton. Mac Barnhart was absent.

Taxing entities in the County pay the CCAD budget expenses according to the entity's tax base. The CCAD budget is broken into two parts- Appraisal and Collection. Some entities use the Appraisal

department, but not Collection since they collect their own taxes. They are charged accordingly.

The increase this year on the Appraisal side is \$12,499.98 and on the Collection side it is \$9,550.01. For Muenster ISD that means an increase of \$594.85 Appraisal and \$461.62 Collections over last year. Muenster Hospital District will pay \$315.74 (Appraisal) and \$245.03 (Collection) more than last year. Muenster City will pay \$97.77 (Appraisal) and Muenster Water District \$95.99 (Appraisal) more than last year. For Lindsay ISD the increase over last year is \$345.36 (Appraisal) and \$353.37 (Collection).

It takes a vote of seven of the 13 entities to approve or disapprove of the budget. Entities that take no action are approving the budget by taking no action. The Budget will stand as approved by the CCAD Board unless a majority of the entities cast disapproving votes.

At 7:45 p.m. the Board held their regular meeting. Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson reported that only one bid had been submitted on the CCAD's surplus equipment and it wasn't for all of the advertised equipment. J. P. Services of Wichita Falls bid \$96. The Board decided 4-0 that if he would take all of the other equipment off their hands he could have it at no charge since it had little value.

The Prime Outlets of Gainesville last year had an appraised value of \$19 million. That was dropped to \$18.5 million this year. The owners have protested saying it should be appraised differently, said Smithson. This is one of the unsettled protests.

The Board held some discussion, and then decided to place it on the Sept. 12 meeting agenda.

Smithson reported that a Lorie Hendrickson had been hired as business manager.

Community garage sale is Sept. 14

The Muenster Chamber of Commerce has announced that the annual community-wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14. Those who wish to participate need to go by the Chamber office to fill out paperwork and pay the \$10 fee. The \$10 helps to pay for the printing of maps of garage sale sites and advertising.

Chamber Secretary Margie Starke said that the combined money allows advertising in a wide area including Durant and Denton. Sign up deadline is Friday, Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. This allows time to have the maps printed. Let the Chamber know if you have any unusual or bigger items so that they can put them on the advertising posters. The Salvation Army will again pick up items not sold at the garage sale on Monday and Tuesday if necessary.



Head cook Ed Schneider and Father John Ohner discuss the barbecue and beans at the Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept. Annual BBQ fundraiser at the city park Saturday. The firemen

were rewarded with a large crowd and pleasant weather. Though a storm threatened in the afternoon, it only helped cool things off for the evening.

Dave Fette Photo

Gainesville alcohol election Sept. 14

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Tax Assessor Collector Billie Jean Knight presented a petition at the Aug. 12 Commissioners Court meeting asking for an election to consider the sale of alcoholic beverages in the City of Gainesville. She said that there were 3,671 qualified signatures on the 472 pages of the petition. Knight said that she checked each and every name before certifying the petition. There were 361 signatures disqualified. She said that 3,310 signatures were required for the election. Commissioners Court unanimously accepted the petition.

An election to determine if the sale of alcoholic beverages would be legalized in Gainesville was scheduled for Sept. 14, 2002. Poling places will be the standard places in Gainesville. Early voting begins Aug. 28 and ends

Sept. 10. Votes may be cast from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the courthouse.

Presiding judges and alternate judges, as named by County Clerk Evelyn Walterscheid, were approved. Commissioners approved three workers for each voting place. They approved an additional worker, if needed, and gave Walterscheid the final say on determining the need.

At the request of Justice of the Peace Dorthy Lewis, discussion was held regarding the observance of Sept. 11. Judge Freeman asked her to coordinate with the cities in the county. He will assist in the plans, which they hope to keep subdued and respectful. Commissioner Virgil Hess suggested a moment of silence. Church bells tolling at the same time was another suggestion. As plans are finalized they will be announced.

Commissioners agreed to

transfer the title of the "Cascade Vehicle" from the County to the Cooke County Fire Fighters' Association. It is an old County EMS vehicle that was given to the Fire Fighters' Association, but the title wasn't transferred. It is still on the County's insurance. With the transfer of the title the Fire Fighters can then insure it.

The Fire Fighters Association asked that it be arranged so that the insurance could be paid in January when the organization receives its money from the County. The insurance would be paid from that before the money was divided among the County's volunteer fire departments. It was agreed that the County would transfer the title now and pay for the insurance until Jan. 1 when it will become the responsibility of the Fire Fighters.

The Cascade Vehicle is used mostly during big grass fires. It is air conditioned and provides a place for the fire fighters to rest, cool down, and catch their breath. It is currently stationed at the Valley View Volunteer Fire Department, but the Fire Fighters want to move it to the Lindsay VFD. That is a more central location said a group representative. Judge Freeman said that it is their vehicle and they can do with it what they want.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved Judson Perry's certification as a Veteran's Service Officer for Cooke County.
- Approved Southwestern Bell's request to install a telephone line along CR 16 and CR 103 in Precinct #1
- Approved Southwestern Bell's request to install a telephone line across CR See COMMISSIONERS, Pg. 2

Sacred Heart School prepares for 112th year

By Janet Felderhoff
Sacred Heart School's campus will again be alive with the sound of children as the local parochial school begins its 112th year at 7:50 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19. In addition to the teachers who have served Sacred Heart School for many years, there will be several new faces.

Joining the staff are Katherine Vickers Putnam, Linda Eggleton, Billie Becker, Michael Becker, and Betty Miller.

Katherine Vickers Putnam, a Sacred Heart graduate, returns to her alma mater to teach the Home Economics program. Vickers earned a degree in Home Economics from Tarleton State University. She taught at St. Mary's in Gainesville the last two years. Linda Ellender will be teaching at Saint Jo, but promises to visit Sacred Heart regularly and assist with the Home Economics program if needed.

Linda Eggleton joins the staff to teach high school religion. She has teaching experience in both public and Catholic schools. She is certified as an English teacher and is certified as a Master Catechist in Ohio. She replaces Stephanie Whaley who will be working toward a Master degree in Theology at Notre Dame University this fall. Mrs. Eggleton is the mother of three grown children. She and her husband live in Corinth. He is an executive with Fleming.

Teaching seventh and eighth grade math, science and religion will be Billie Becker. She will also be the

eighth grade homeroom teacher. Billie earned her degree from West Texas A&M in Canyon and is now attending the University of North Texas to complete a Masters degree in Education. She is married to Michael Becker, a graduate of Sacred Heart. He is a volunteer football coach for Sacred Heart this year. Michael played football for West Texas A&M University while attending college there. Billie has stepped in for long-time Sacred Heart teacher Dorothy Bengfort who is too ill to teach this year.

Nellie Martin served as cafeteria manager for many years. She has retired and Betty Miller has accepted that position. Betty Stoffels Miller is a Sacred Heart graduate. She is a certified dietary manager. She was food manager at Muenster Memorial Hospital for many years.

Principal Jack Murdock said, "I am pleased to report that again this year we won the State TAAPS AA Overall State Championship. This is the seventh consecutive year that we have won the Class AA Overall State Championship in academics, art, music, and athletics. It is a remarkable achievement that our students, parents, and faculty have been able to maintain such an incredibly high standard of excellence for so many years."

At 8 a.m. Monday all teachers and students will celebrate the beginning of a new school year with Mass.

The community is welcome to join them at Mass.

After Mass the elementary students return to their homerooms. High school seniors report to Jo Bedowitz in Room 5. Juniors are to go to Angela Smith in Room 4. Sophomores are to report to Joe Caserta in Room 7 and the freshmen go to Room 6 with Marilyn Barrick. Reviews of the school handbook, regulations, and expectations for the year will be done and schedules provided.

Teachers began in-service on Monday, Aug. 12. Time was spent preparing classrooms, reviewing philosophy, mission statement, procedures, elimination of bullying, teaching of better manners, liturgy planning, etc. On Friday evening the Advisory Council will host a reception and dinner for the faculty and staff.

On Monday, August 26 a meeting of the Sacred Heart Alumni and Friends will be held in the Community Center at 8 p.m. This annual event provides an opportunity for parents of

Sacred Heart students to meet teachers and to become better acquainted with organizations that help support the school. "It takes the involvement and commitment of everyone to make Sacred Heart School successful," noted Dr. Murdock. "It is also a great time of fellowship. Please plan to attend."

Each family should have received a copy of the 2002-03 school calendar. Notices of additions or changes will be sent home via notes with the students or in newsletters to parents.

"As we approach the beginning of a new school year I want to ask every member of the Sacred Heart School family to pray daily for the school, the children, the teachers, and me," remarked Principal Murdock. "This is God's school! We are His mouth. We are His hands. We are His feet. We are here, first and foremost, to teach about Jesus and to learn how to be more like Him. Because Jesus wants our best, we strive for excellence in every area of endeavor. It is through the prayers of our

school family that we receive the guidance, strength, direction, and success that only God can provide."

Faculty and staff of Sacred Heart School for 2002-2003 are:

- Pam Dangelmayr, Preschool Instructor
- Kathy Berres, Preschool aide
- Susan Yosten, Preschool aide
- Annette Bayer, Kindergarten
- Laneta Martin, Kindergarten aide
- Anne Poole, Grade 1
- Michele Knauf, Grade 2
- Cecilia Ashley, Grade 3
- Jennifer Fuhrmann, Grade 4
- Debbie Endres, Grade 5
- Janice Stalling, Grade 6
- Glenda Mitchell, Grade 7
- Billie Becker, Grade 8
- Ruth Felderhoff, Music Sr.
- Lillian M. Reiter, O.S.B., Religion
- Sr. Jeanette Bayer, O.S.B., Resource & Religion
- Linda Eggleton, Religion
- Beth Bartush, Business Instructor, Softball Coach
- Patti Bayer, Computer
- Jo Bedowitz, English
- Carmen Bonin, Art

Joe Caserta, Social Studies, Spanish

- Dolores Hofbauer, Librarian
- Katherine Putnam, Home Economics
- Marilyn Barrick, Math
- Angela Smith, Science/Chemistry
- Cassie Lee, Counselor
- Jon LeBrasseur, Athletic Director, P.E., Coach
- Kristopher Hogan, Dean of Students, Coach
- Keith Barrick, Coach
- Dale Schilling, Coach
- Kip Callahan, Coach
- Michael Becker, Coach
- Fr. John Ohner, O.S.A., Pastor
- Barbara Rohmer, Director of Religious Education
- Monica Koessler, Business Manager
- Stacie Forshee, Secretary
- Dr. Jack Murdock, Principal
- Mary Bayer, Administrative Assistant
- Betty Miller, Cafeteria Manager
- Nellie Martin, Hilda Sicking, Lucille Hess, Gladys Gieb, Cafeteria aides
- Ernie Martin, Facilities Manager
- Mike Stoffels, Janitor
- Joe Reynolds, Janitor

Agencies join efforts, host conference

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) recently announced it has teamed up with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to host a conference dedicated to redefining economic development in rural Texas. Presentations will cover current and future trends in rural economies, opportunities for entrepreneurs, rural infrastructure, and real world development examples.

The conference is designed to broaden the scope of conventional economic development processes to include the creative application of unique practices that reflect distinctive nuances and

personalities of individual communities. The concept brings economic development back to the local level, encouraging a review and exploration of local resources for opportunities instead of looking to external prospects.

"ORCA and TDA share a common goal of supporting rural Texans," said Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, MS, ORCA's Executive Director, "so we've come together to facilitate the growth of new perspectives towards economic development in rural Texas communities. One way our partnership can accomplish this goal is to bring community leaders together to share considerations, ideas, and encouragement to nurture existing prospects, and diversify, expand and create new opportunities. This conference is our first step."

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said, "TDA

and ORCA are bringing state, academic, and professional resources together to explore opportunities for rural communities to 'grow their own' entrepreneurs, expand existing businesses, and establish new businesses. This is a great opportunity to strategize about rural community development beyond the traditional means."

Anyone interested and concerned about rural economic development are encouraged to register to attend the Sept. 10, conference, titled, "Redefining Economic Development for Small Rural Communities". Registration for the one-day event will begin at 8 a.m. at the new Killeen Civic and Conference Center, 3601 South W.S. Young Drive. Pre-registration, encouraged for planning purposes, will be accepted through Sept. 6. A nominal registration fee of \$10 will be taken at the

door for all registrants.

To register, simply send your name, organization, mailing address, phone and fax numbers, your email address, and the number of people attending to: Email: cstone@orca.state.tx.us


For more information contact Charlie Stone at ORCA: 512-936-6737 or Judy Fort at TDA: 512-475-1608.

Services set for Rosa Driever


Funeral service for Rosa Driever will be held Friday, Aug. 23, at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Rosary will be Thursday evening at 7:00 PM at McCoy Funeral Home Chapel in Muenster.

Rosa Driever died on Friday, July 26, 2002.


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Letters to the Editor

Editor,
I recently had the misfortune to spend a considerable amount of time in the Denton Regional Hospital. I had some serious medical problems ending with surgery.

The reason I am writing you is to praise and publicly thank a couple of your Muenster residents. These nurses were more than nurses to me. I felt that I had my own guardian angels taking care of me.

I would just like to thank them and let them know how much they are appreciated.

Jodie Vance
7436 East F.M. 922
Valley View, Texas 76272

Dear Editor:
A six-foot by six-foot sign was taken from my drive a week ago. It is yellow, black, and green. It is a business sign that says, "Bob Bauer Graphics". Bring it back, no problem. If I catch you, it's GRAND LARCENY... Looking forward to finding my sign.

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285 (6853) located in Precinct #2.

- Approved Southwestern Bell's request to install a telephone line in four separate areas across CR 189 in Precinct #1.

- Approved bond for bailiff J.P. Patterson.
- Approved sole bid of \$30,395.00 for Tandem axle dump truck for Precinct #2 from Buckner Truck Sales of Fort Worth.

- Approved transfer of funds from FM Lateral Road and Bridge fund to Cooke County Commissioner Precinct #2's budget for the purchase of dump truck.

- Approved sale of property at Pioneer Valley as requested by Jim Robertson due to non payment of back taxes. The \$10,000 being offered will not cover all back taxes, but will get the property back on the tax rolls.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, August 18, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, August 19, 2002 Era ISD classes begin Sacred Heart School begins, opening Mass 8AM SHS Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30PM VFW Auxiliary Meeting, 8 PM	Tuesday, August 20, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Senior Pictures	Wednesday, August 21, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Pre-K to 11th school pictures St. Peter's Celebration honoring Benedictines, Mass 6PM, Reception after Mass in Centennial Hall	Thursday, August 22, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM MMH Blood Drive, KC Hall	Friday, August 23, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SH Tigers scrimmage Lindsay, here	Saturday, August 24, 2002
Sunday, August 25, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, August 26, 2002 SHS All Parents Meeting, Community Center, 8 PM	Tuesday, August 27, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board Meeting 8PM	Wednesday, August 28, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Consecration to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary, 8 AM, SH Church Religious Ed classes begin, opening Mass 6:30PM	Thursday, August 29, 2002	Friday, August 30, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Deadline 5 PM to sign up for C of C Garage Sale	Saturday, August 31, 2002 Antique Tractor & Farm Machinery Show, Lindsay J.W. Hart PBR Challenge, Gainesville Riding Arena

Obituaries

Roy Martin 1925 - 2002

Roy Martin died at Merle West Medical Center in Klamath Falls, Oregon on Aug. 8, 2002. He was 76.

A memorial service will be held at the Beatty Community Center in Beatty, Oregon on Sunday, Aug. 18 at 2:00 p.m. Cremation was held at Eternal Hills Crematory.

Mr. Martin was born on Aug. 30, 1925 in Lindsay, Texas to Frank and Rosa Martin. He grew up in near Muenster and attended school at Hays until the 8th grade when he had to stay home to help his dad on the family farm. He did that until he was in his 20s, and then moved to Oklahoma.

He later moved to Colorado where he met Joan Larson. The two were married on June 23, 1951 in Montrose, Colorado.

They later moved to Yuma, Arizona and then to

Salinas, California, and Redondo Beach, California where Roy worked for Garrett Air Research. They then moved to Bly, Oregon in 1971. The couple then bought 80 acres in Beatty where Roy built their home. He worked for Weyerhaeuser in Bly operating a front-end loader until the mill there closed. Roy and Joan attended the Beatty Valley Gospel Mission Church in Beatty, and he served as an usher there and was said to not miss very many Sundays. He enjoyed working on and restoring old cars including a 1919 Ford Model "T" and building.

Survivors include his wife, Joan "Cookie" of Beatty, Oregon; brother, Ed Martin of Dallas, Texas; sister, Amanda Hillyard of Manistee, Minnesota; sisters-in-law, Agnella

Martin of Muenster, Texas; Evelyn Martin of Cleburne, Texas; nephews, Doug Martin of Myra, Texas, Ernest Martin of Muenster, Joey Martin; nieces, Estelle Gilpin of Lindsay, Texas, Barbara Witkowski of Cleburne, Texas, Vonnie Sandmann and Joyce Higgins; grandchildren Crystal Rodriguez, Audrey Russel, and Amanda Winters; great-grandchildren William and Brian Russel.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Colleen Winters in 2000, brothers Richard, Herman, and Lawrence, and sisters Irene Martin, and Frieda Gardner.

Memorial contributions may be made to Klamath Hospice, 437 Main St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601.



Construction is in progress in and around Muenster, including the future home of the Kenny Rohmer family, being built by the Rick Reynolds Construction crew. Janie Hartman Photo

NCTC Regents propose new tax rate for 2002 - 2003

Members of the North Central Texas College board of regents have indicated their intention to set the 2002-03 college tax rate at 10.428 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The action came on a unanimous vote in a special meeting here Monday, Aug. 5.

"Tonight's meeting was the first in a series required by law as part of the tax rate adoption process," explained Heidi Ellis, NCTC vice president of financial services. "The law also stipulates that official adoption of the new tax rate, because it would be more than three percent above the effective rate, must be preceded by a public hearing and publication in local media of various official notices of the proposed new rate."

"That public hearing is scheduled for August 12 at noon in the board

conference room on campus. Then, at a subsequent meeting, set for August 26, the board will officially adopt both the new tax rate and the college's 2002-03 budget."

The proposed new rate is only slightly higher than the current rate of 10.355 cents, but it represents an increase of 7.5 percent over the effective rate of 9.7 cents. The effective rate, according to the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD), would generate the same dollar amount of revenues as the current tax rate due to growth in the countywide tax base.

Figures supplied by CCAD show that under the proposed new rate, taxes paid to the college on a residence valued at \$70,199—the countywide average—would go up by \$8.84 for the year.

"I consider our tax rate to

be remarkably low considering what we have out here and what this college means to the economy of Cooke County," said Karon Sullivant, regents vice chair.

Dr. Milton Dickson, board chair, pointed out that the proposed new rate will finally close the gap between local tax revenues and "what they are supposed to cover fully but never have"—the cost of maintaining and operating the Gainesville Campus. That gap amounts to about \$97,000 in the proposed new budget without a tax increase.

When local tax revenues don't fully cover maintenance and operation costs for the home campus, Dr. Dickson added, that money has to come from somewhere else in the budget. Unfortunately, he

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From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

Was pleasantly surprised to receive a call, this morning, Aug. 10, from a Mr. Crawford, who teaches school in Denton.

Mr. Crawford was visiting relatives in Forestburg, and in a conversation he had with Kate (Knabe) Reynolds, she showed him an article I had written for the *Muenster Enterprise*, "From My Side of the Fence."

In the article, I mentioned an old acquaintance, Doc

Crawford, who lived in Muenster for some years. Turns out this Mr. Crawford is a grandson of Doctor Crawford. His father was Sonny Crawford, who will be remembered by many in our town.

Mr. Crawford told me his Aunt Dorothy, who, some in Muenster will remember as "Girle" Crawford, married Bill Herr, who also was raised in our town.

Aileen and I met them after Mass, in Arlington,

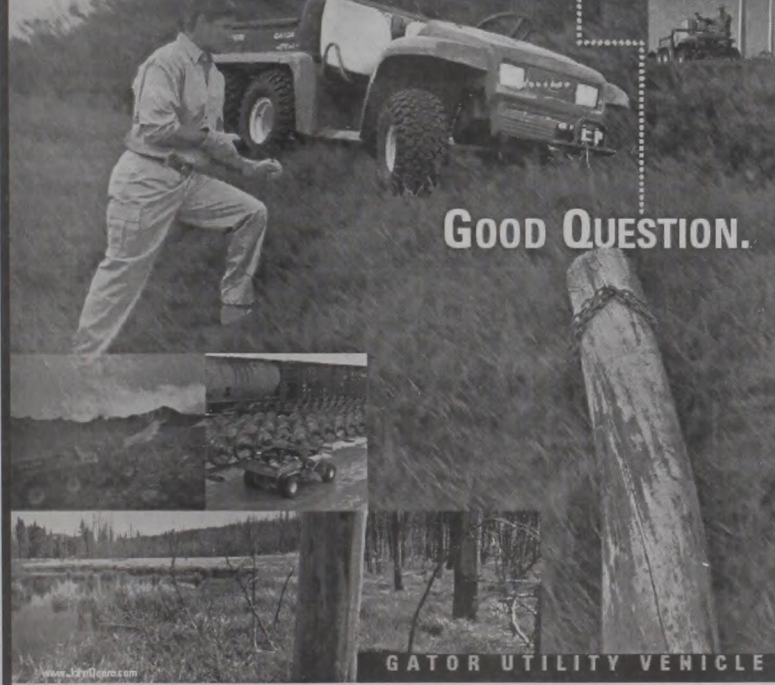
where they lived in the forties. The Sunday we talked to them, they told us that Doc, who lived with them, was out fishing.

Today I learned that the Herrs having a large back yard, built a one bedroom house in it, and that is where Doc Crawford lived until he passed away.

I truly appreciated the call, and hearing a bit more about a family that I once knew, to some extent, and learning what had become of Doc.

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Kory A. Killgo is ordained a deacon on June 29

Kory A. Killgo, son-in-law of Arthur and Evelyn Felderhoff of Muenster, was ordained a permanent deacon at Dallas' Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe on June 29, 2002, by the Most Reverend Charles Grahmann, Bishop of Dallas, through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit. Deacon Kory is married to the former Sherie Felderhoff; they are the parents of two children, Philip John, 3, and Kristin Grace, who just celebrated her first birthday.

Deacon Kory was one of 11 men ordained. Symbolizing the importance of the spousal support required to function as a married deacon, all candidates processed into the cathedral with their wives and remained seated with them throughout the Liturgy of the Word. Before the homily, each candidate stood and announced to the congregation that they were "present" as Deacon Arnold Picon, Director of the Dallas Diocese, called their names. There was overwhelming applause for all the men after Deacon Picon testified that they had been found worthy of the order of deacon.

Following the homily, all candidates individually approached Bishop Grahmann and while kneeling before him promised their obedience and respect to him and to his successors. Then the candidates prostrated themselves before the altar with their wives kneeling

behind them as the Church asked for the prayers of the saints in the singing of the Litany of the Saints.

At the conclusion of the Litany, the men arose from prayer and waited their turn to kneel again before Bishop Grahmann as he placed his hands on each man's head and silently prayed for the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is the ancient sign of ordination and the most solemn moment of the rite. After praying for all the men individually, Bishop Grahmann recited the Prayer of Consecration.

The newly ordained deacons then received the vestments of their order, the stole and dalmatic. Each wife presented their husband's vestments to the deacon who had been asked by their husbands to vest them. Each deacon then knelt before Bishop Grahmann one last time as he presented them the Book of the Gospels with the solemn charge, "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." The ordination rite concluded with the Bishop and all of the deacons present offering the sign of peace to each of the newly ordained.

After the Liturgy of the Eucharist and closing prayers, the deacons processed out and attended a reception at the Cathedral. During the reception, Deacon Picon announced each new deacon's parish assignment.



Bishop Charles Grahmann ordains Deacon Kory A. Killgo

Deacon Kory was assigned to Holy Family of Nazareth Parish in Irving. As a way of thanking family for their support, that evening Deacon Kory and his wife hosted a dinner for their immediate family at Celebration Restaurant in Dallas.

Special out of town guests attending the ordination included Deacon Kory's parents, Jack and Nell

Chamberlain of Littleton, Colorado; and Brian and Cindy Lewis of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Deacon Kory came to Catholicism as an adult, being received into the Church at St. Patrick's Parish in Dallas during the Easter Vigil in 1991. He and Sherie were married at St. Patrick's in 1992. They served in volunteer ministry at the parish and at diocesan Engaged Encounter presentations, moving to St. Ann's Parish in Coppell in 1996. At St. Ann's they continued their Engaged Encounter work and also helped with marriage preparation in the parish.

Deacon Kory and his wife began diaconate formation in August of 1997, after completing an inquiry process earlier in the year. Each formation year began with an August retreat, which was followed by classes the second weekend of each month through May. Classes began Saturday morning and ended Sunday afternoon, requiring an overnight stay on formation weekends. In an effort to ensure that the wives fully understood the commitment asked of their husbands, the program required that the candidates' wives participate in the first full year of academic studies. Thereafter, the wives were invited to attend all classes but required to attend the annual retreats and community meetings held one evening each month.

While in formation, Deacon Kory studied

scripture, theology, Church history, liturgy, and spirituality. He also completed a 10 month internship at Zale Lipshy University hospital in Dallas as a volunteer chaplain. He found most rewarding the times he spent visiting in pre-op. Kory usually arrived at the



Deacon Kory A. Killgo

hospital around 6:00 a.m. once a week and visited with patients before their surgery. After being instituted as an Acolyte on Sept. 9, 2000, Kory also assisted at Mass at St. Ann's during Sunday and holy day Masses.

Butterfield announces theater classes for fall

Butterfield Stage will be offering theatre classes for the 2002-2003 season. Classes are open to area students ages 6-18, and adult classes for anyone 19 and older. Classes slated for the fall include *Creative Dramatics*, *Young Performers*, *Teen Acting*, *Advanced Acting*, *Film Acting*, and adult acting classes.

Class size is limited, so early registration is encouraged. For more information or to obtain registration/scholarship forms, contact Butterfield Stage at 665-8152 or bsp@nortexinfo.net or in person at 201 S. Denton Street. Butterfield is open 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Baptisms

Huchton
Madison Rose Huchton, daughter of Travis and Elizabeth Huchton, was baptized in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay on July 28, 2002 with Father Camillus Cooney OSB officiating. Madison wore her great-grandmother, Mary Evelyn Hermes' baptismal gown. Baptismal sponsors are Amy Huchton and Hank Huchton. Margie and David Huchton hosted a dinner celebrating Madison's baptism. Madison's grandparents are Alyce and Charles Cler and Margie and David Huchton. Great-grandparents are Mary Evelyn and William Hermes, Armella Cler and Billye Huchton. Great-great-grandmother is Cecilia Hermes.

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Court of Honor, family picnic held Aug. 4



Sarah Morgan of Lubbock and Tommy Joe Dankesreiter of Lubbock are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The wedding will be held in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on October 19, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. with Father John Ohner OSA officiating. The bride-elect is the daughter of Tom and Debby Morgan of Colorado Springs, Colorado and the future-groom is the son of Tom and Rosemary Dankesreiter of Muenster. Sarah is a 1995 graduate of Midland Lee High School in Midland and a 2000 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. She is a process engineer for X-FAB Texas, Inc. of Lubbock. Mr. Dankesreiter is a 1995 graduate of Muenster High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He is employed by X-FAB Texas, Inc. as a process engineer. The couple will reside in Lubbock.

The annual summer Court of Honor and family picnic was held for Troop 664 on Sunday, Aug. 4 in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Master of Ceremonies for the event was Senior Patrol Leader, Brad Endres with the assistance of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader John Crabtree and Instructor Ryan Hennigan.

Opening flag ceremony was conducted by Ricky Bell, Adam Dangelmayr and Chad Endres, members of the Cougar Patrol. Ryan Hennigan lit 12 red candles, representing each point of the Scout Law.

Brad Endres, assisted by John Crabtree and Ryan Hennigan presented 95 Merit Badges and 21 Rank Advancements to fellow scouts culminating many months of hard work.

Merit Badges presented were as follows:
Jon Ambrose - Cooking, Forestry, Pioneering and Space Exploration.

Ricky Bell - Archery, Camping, Citizen in the Nation, Cooking, Genealogy, Horsemanship, Shotgun Shooting, Small Boat Sailing, Lifesaving, and Wilderness Survival.

Brandon Bindel - Canoeing, First Aid.
Kyle Caldwell - Camping, Cooking, Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Motor boating, and Rowing.

John Crabtree - Archery, Camping, Citizenship in the Nation, Cooking, Fish and Wildlife Management, Genealogy, and Rifle Shooting.

Paul Crabtree - Canoeing, First Aid, Genealogy.
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Wilderness Survival.
Tom Eddowes - Archery, Fish and Wildlife.

Brad Endres - Camping, Citizenship in the Nation, Cooking, Environmental Science, Fish & Wildlife Management, Motor boating, and Rifle Shooting.

Chad Endres - Camping, Citizenship in the Nation, Cooking.

Kirk Felderhoff - Canoeing, First Aid.
Karl Fisher - Personal Fitness.

Mark Gehrig - Camping, Citizenship in the Nation, Cooking, Indian Lore, Rowing, and Soil and Water Conservation.

Joe Hesse - Canoeing, First Aid.

Evan Koesler - Camping, Citizenship in the Nation, Cooking, Fish & Wildlife Management, Motor boating, and Rifle Shooting.
Josh McAden - Fish & Wildlife Management, Reptile/Amphibian Study, Rifle Shooting, Wilderness Survival and the World Conservation Award.

Matthew McAden - Canoeing, First Aid.
Shawn Moore - Coin Collecting, Collections, Genealogy, Home Repairs, Painting, Stamp Collecting.
Seth Pierce - Canoeing, First Aid.

Daniel Rohmer - Personal Management, Family Life.

John Rohmer - Canoeing, Soil & Water Conservation.
Jeffrey Schniederjan - Canoeing, First Aid.

Richard Sweeney - Canoeing, First Aid.
Michael Valliere - Camping, Citizenship in the Nation, Cooking, Environmental Science, Fish & Wildlife Management, Motor boating, Rifle Shooting, and



Brad Endres presents merit badges to Evan Koesler while Ryan Hennigan and John Crabtree look on. Courtesy Photo

Computers.
Rank Advancement awarded was as follows, with each Scout presenting his mother with a miniature pin of his rank. Ryan Hennigan lit a white candle representing each rank.

Mitch Felderhoff, Troop 664's newest Eagle Scout, lit the Eagle Scout candle.
Scout - Joe Hesse, Brandon Bindel, Paul Crabtree, Kirk Felderhoff, Ryan Bartush, Matthew McAden, Seth Pierce, Jeffrey Schniederjan, Richard Sweeney.

Tenderfoot - John Rohmer.
Second Class - Adam Dangelmayr, Chad Endres.

First Class - Kyle Caldwell, Adam Dangelmayr, Brad Endres, Mark Gehrig.
Star - Jon Ambrose, Ricky Bell, Evan Koesler, Michael Valliere.

Life - John Crabtree.

Scoutmaster Chuck Bartush presented Tom Valliere with the Charter, honoring the Knights of Columbus as the Troops Chartering Organization. Scoutmaster Bartush also presented Dwayne Rohmer and Tom Valliere with a James Ray hat in appreciation of their time spent at summer camp with the Troop. Each of them spent the entire week at camp.

During summer camp Ryan Hennigan sealed his membership in the Order of the Arrow by attaining Brotherhood. During Friday evening call out ceremonies John Crabtree, Dustin Felderhoff and LaQuita

Moore were called to the Order of the Arrow.

Troop Elections were recently held and positions of responsibility for the next six months will be as follows: Senior Patrol Leader, Brad Endres; Assistant SPL, John Crabtree; Troop Guide, Shawn Moore; Instructor, Ryan Hennigan; Quartermaster, Kyle Caldwell; Scribe, Michael Valliere;

Historian, Adam Dangelmayr; Librarian, Mark Gehrig; Chaplain Aide, Chad Endres; Dragon Patrol Leader, Dustin Felderhoff, Ryan Hennigan as assistant; Cougar Patrol Leader, Ricky Bell, Chad Endres as assistant; Knight Patrol Leader, Evan Koesler, Josh McAden as assistant; Bobcat Patrol Leader, Matt McAden, Richie Sweeney as assistant; Wolverine Patrol Leader, no election held at this time.

Assistant Scoutmaster Gary Fisher presented a plaque of appreciation to Scoutmaster Bartush in recognition of his tenure as Scoutmaster. Bartush along with Fisher will be concentrating on preparing Scouts for the upcoming Philmont Trek in 2003.

Dwayne Rohmer will assume the Scoutmaster duties. Bert Hesse has agreed to serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

All enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. Sparky Flint of Troop 668 in Gainesville conducted a Friends of Scouting presentation.

New Arrivals

Knabe

Darrell and Carrie Knabe of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, on Monday, August 5, 2002 at 9:18 p.m. in Wilson N. Jones Hospital of Sherman. They have named her Meredith Elaine Knabe. She weighed 8 lb. 4 1/2 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. Grandparents welcoming Meredith are Margie Maughan of Rosston, Davey Covington of Forestburg, and Arnold and Aileen Knabe of Muenster.

Warren

Brenton and Jennifer Warren of Hurst, announce the arrival of their first child, a son, on Monday, Aug. 5, 2002 at 4:22 p.m. at Medical Center of Arlington. They have named him Lane Silas Warren. He weighed 5 lb. 10 oz., and was 17 3/4 inches long. First time grandparents are Mark and Linda Fuhrmann of Muenster. Also grandparents, Eddie and Teresa Warren of Arlington. Great-grandparents are Ray and Lou Voth of Muenster, Marcus and Cathy Fuhrmann of Lindsay, Lillie Warren of Arlington, and Jack and Mamie Spain of Fort Worth.

Grewing

Two-year-old Jocelyn Catherine Grewing of Lindsay is happy to announce the arrival of her baby sister, Cassidy Ann-Martin Grewing. Cassidy was born Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 3:05 p.m. in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. She weighed 9 lb. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Brandon and Abbie Grewing also of Lindsay. Grandparents are Will and Catherine Bezner of Gainesville, Kellye K. Hess of Muenster, and Donnie and Lori Grewing of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Edna Klement of Muenster and the late Martin W. Klement,

Theresa Grewing of Myra and the late Joe Grewing, Margaret Bezner of Wheeler House, Gainesville, and the late William Bezner. Also the late Marie and Leonard Bogner of Pittsburg, Kansas.

Fisher

With pride and joy, Steven and Penny Fisher of Muenster announce the birth of their second daughter, Mary Elizabeth Fisher, on Aug. 9, 2002 at 8:54 a.m., weighing 7 lb. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. She joins Ashleigh Margaret, age 2, at home. Their grandparents are Butch and Eileen Fisher of Muenster and Roy and Connie Purcell of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are the late John and Margaret Fisher and the late John M. and Ruth Ward, and William and Dorothy Purcell of Gainesville, and the late George and Paula Bush of Angleton. The great-great-grandmother is Myrtle Harrison of Angleton.

After lunch, games, including egg toss, balloon toss, and watermelon seed spitting will be held. At 2

Hogan

Billy and Debbie Hogan of Muenster announce with joy the birth of a son, Koby William Hogan, on Monday, Aug. 12, 2002 at 11:41 a.m. in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Dr. Roane McLaughlin delivered him. Koby weighed 7 lb. 12 1/2 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. Sisters Karli Anderle, Raynee Hogan, and brother Clay Hogan welcome him. Grandparents are Harvey and Della Schmitt of Muenster, Rose and Michael Woods of Nocona, and Bill and Jani Hogan of Wichita Falls.

Save water indoors

Instead of waiting for tap water to get cold enough for drinking, keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator.

Forestburg Watermelon Fest slated for Saturday

The annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival will be this Saturday, Aug. 17 in Forestburg. The fun begins with a parade at 10:30 a.m. A barbecue lunch will be served in the Community Center after the parade. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

A quilt show and drawing will be at the old bank building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At the arena, free watermelon will be given away.

After lunch, games, including egg toss, balloon toss, and watermelon seed spitting will be held. At 2

p.m. there will be a mule jump. Throughout the afternoon, booths selling crafts, t-shirts, lemonade, and other items will be open, with live music adding to the entertainment.

Raffle ticket chances will be sold at the Community Center and at the arena. A rodeo highlights the evening on Friday and Saturday beginning at 8 p.m.

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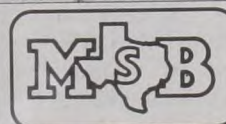
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School



Dana Fredrick, Muenster ISD Kindergarten teacher, welcomes Emily Fette and Parker Sicking to her classroom as school began Wednesday. Janie Hartman Photo

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said, it has to come from funds that should be spent in direct support of instruction.

"I just believe very strongly that while we should be responsible and prudent in regard to the tax burden we impose on county taxpayers," said board member Russell Duncan, "we also owe it to them to take care of their property."

"Because the campus is aging, it is even more important that nothing related to maintaining the facilities be let go or neglected due to a shortfall in tax revenues."

Turning to non-action items on the agenda, the regents heard a report on summer enrollment which shows both headcount and

contact hours—upon which state funding is based—was up at all three campuses over last year.

For all 2002 summer sessions, headcount totaled 1,195 system wide compared to 1,076 last summer.

In other business, the regents voted to extend employment contracts to Wilton Knight, precision machining instructor; Paul Compton, music department instructor and director of the NCTC Jazz Band; and Debbie Bell, special populations coordinator.

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Garden Tips

Grower's Tip: Keep your garden beds looking their best by applying a layer of mulch on top of the soil. Mulch suppresses weeds (so you don't have to pull them) and conserves moisture in the soil (so you don't have to water). In perennial beds, bark chips are attractive and long-lasting mulch. You can also use dried grass clippings, shredded leaves, straw (not hay—it may have weed seeds) or shredded hardwood as mulch.

Spreading the mulch is just about the only chore left to do when you grow a low-maintenance garden. But keep that little secret to yourself when passers-by stop to envy your landscape.

Vanessa Felderhoff graduates



Vanessa Felderhoff

The degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with an emphasis on Animal Science was conferred upon Vanessa Suzanne Felderhoff at Texas A & M University-College Station, Reed Arena at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2002. President Dr. Ray M. Bowen conferred undergraduate degrees at this the 125th graduation.

Vanessa is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, the Texas A&M Equestrian Club and Texas A&M Horsemanship Association. She received Scholarship Awards in 1999 and 2000 from the American Society of Animal Science for

scholastic achievement. She was a volunteer for the Foal Team 2000 & 2002 programs of the Texas A&M equestrian facility.

The graduation party with a buffet of sandwiches, salads and a decorated graduation chocolate cake was held at Vanessa's home. Vanessa is the daughter of Gus & Loretta Felderhoff of Muenster. Other guests included Sr. Phyllis Bunnell, CDP from San Antonio, Julie Felderhoff of Dallas, James Felderhoff of Muenster, and other friends from College Station, Bryan, and Houston.

Vanessa is employed as stable manager by Prescott Farm in Anderson, Texas. Prescott Farm operates as importers, breeders, and trainers of Irish Draughts and Irish Sport Horses.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF AUG. 19-23

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Ham sandwich, trimmings, fruit cocktail, chips and salsa.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic breadsticks, mixed vegetables, peach cobbler.

Wed. - Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit salad, hot rolls.

Thurs. - Ham, blackeyed peas, cheesy potatoes, pineapple, salad.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, dessert bars, French fries, applesauce.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Soft beef tacos, shredded cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes, pinto beans, peaches, brownies.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad, w/dressing, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.

Wed. - Sub sandwiches (ham, turkey, and cheese), lettuce and tomatoes, chips and salsa, oranges, cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken fried

steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, pickles and onions, French fries, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Corny dog, baked beans, salad, peaches, bread.

Tues. - Lasagna, corn, lettuce salad, pears, bread.

Wed. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, peas, pineapple, bread.

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

Fri. - Fiesta salad, applesauce, mixed fruit, bread.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Salisbury steak or fish sticks, new potatoes w/gravy, sliced pears, tossed salad, hot roll.

Tues. - Sausage, or cheese pizza, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, sugar cookie.

Wed. - Crispy tacos, trimmings, pinto beans, cornbread, chocolate pudding.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, or chicken strips, green beans, peaches, tossed salad, breadstick.

Fri. - Chicken sandwich, trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

MUENSTER ISD BREAKFAST MENU

(Same each week - will be published only once - so save for your files)

Mon. - Biscuits, ham and gravy, cereal (variety), milk, apple juice or orange juice.

Tues. - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, cereal (variety), milk, apple juice or orange juice.

Wed. - Pancakes and sausage, cereal (variety), milk, apple juice or orange juice.

Thurs. - Breakfast burritos, cinnamon toast, cereal (variety), milk, apple juice or orange juice.

Fri. - Scrambled eggs w/toast, cereal (variety), milk, apple juice or orange juice.

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Butterfield holds auditions

Butterfield Stage will hold auditions for *Over the River and Through the Woods*, on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 19 and 20. All auditions will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. at the theatre located at 201 S. Denton Street, Gainesville.

Performances of this comedy are slated for October. Needed for the cast are three men and three women starting at age 18. Auditions are open and anyone wishing to serve as production personnel are encouraged to attend auditions. For more information, contact Butterfield Stage at 940-665-8152 or bsp@nortexinfo.net.

Oops!

The quote in last week's Muenster ISD story attributed to McAlister was actually from Scott Reed. Reed, a first time teacher said, "This is my first year of teaching and I am really looking forward to it." My sincere apologies gentlemen.

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Sports



The Tigers of Sacred Heart High School ran drills and practiced plays this week, getting ready to tangle with the Tom Bean Tom Cats this weekend. In photos below - extra point punts were booted and defended.
Janie Hartman Photos



The Muenster Hornets worked out in full gear this week in preparation for their first opponent - Alvord. Muenster will be on the road Saturday morning to scrimmage the Bulldogs. Above - Coach Monte Endres instructs the defense. Below right - the quarterback gets sacked; left - Tyler Walterscheid almost picks off a pass. Janie Hartman Photos

Game Warden Field Notes

From owls to hawks -- A Travis County game warden received a call regarding an individual who was in possession of several life size mounts of hawks, owls, herons, and other non-game species. The warden and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service contacted the owner, who allowed them to enter the residence/business to photograph the mounts. No permits were located and a warrant was obtained and served. Woodpeckers, herons, curlews, cardinals, kingfishers, various hawks, and owls were seized. All cases will be filed in federal court.

PWC hits house -- A Llano County game warden worked on an unusual jet

ski accident on Lake LBJ recently. A young man had tied his lanyard around the throttle to keep it wide open to help him make faster turns. He hit a wake and was thrown from the PWC, which continued on to hit the seawall, fly 20 feet through the air and hit a house. The operator was cited for negligent operation.

Making the search easy -- Hardeman and Wilbarger county game wardens assisted in a manhunt recently. A 17-year-old Wyoming resident was stopped by the Department of Public Safety as a suspect of an armed robbery near Chillicothe. He escaped on

foot near Vernon. During the search, the suspect walked up to some officers and asked who they were looking for.

Boat wreck -- A Grayson County game warden responded to a report of a boat accident on Lake Texoma recently. The boat apparently ran into a pole sticking out of the water. Of the five occupants, four received serious injuries. The investigation continues.

Beware the sweaty football jersey, etc.

A sweaty athletic jersey is a favorite hangout for some pretty unathletic - and unfriendly - bacteria and viruses that can grow quickly and possibly become a source of illness.

Dr. Luis Palacios, assistant professor of family practice at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, recommends athletes change and shower

immediately after a game or workout. "The moist, warm clothes you are wearing after a workout are a prime breeding ground for germs," Palacios says. "Whenever athletes come in who are getting sick repeatedly, this is my first piece of advice. Exercise and working out are definitely part of a healthful lifestyle, so continue to exercise. Just change clothes when you're done."

Barrel racing begins in September

The Gainesville Riding Club will once again sponsor an Open 3-D barrel race series at the riding club arena. The fall series will be held on Thursday nights beginning on Sept. 5 and running through Sept. 26. Buckles will be awarded to the 1-D, 2-D, and 3-D champion upon completion of the series. Entrants must

enter at least three of the four races to qualify for prizes.

Exhibitions for the jackpot start at 7 p.m. and the gates open at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 for jackpot entries and \$3 exhibitions. For more information, call Jane Martin at (940) 665-2671 or Donna Love at (940) 668-8712.

Texas heart doctors fear athletes' use of dangerous dietary supplements

With two-a-day football drills less than a month away, Texas cardiologists are sounding an alarm about the drug ephedrine.

George Rodgers, MD, FACC, acting president and governor of the Texas chapter of the American College of Cardiology, worries that "ephedrine is a dangerous drug, is easily abused, and has killed people. We're concerned about anyone, including athletes, taking over-the-counter substances that can

have serious cardiac consequences." Student athletes mistakenly may take ephedrine as a shortcut to

increased performance on the field. What they don't know is that severe adverse reactions can happen even on their first or second dose of ephedrine and even taken at the recommended dosage.

More than 90 percent of adverse events reported to the FDA occur at recommended doses or less. Dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids are marketed for unapproved indication and used by lay people who may have unknown underlying medical conditions.

Get ready to throw some shoes!

The Lindsay Knights of Columbus are hosting a horseshoe tournament this Saturday, Aug. 17 at 12:30 in the Lindsay Park. Everyone is welcome. There will be several brackets of competition and one special KC members. Food will be available. For more information call Pat Bezner at 665-6609 or Steve Fuhrmann at 665-9369.

The NCAA took steps last year to address the problem by allowing voluntary workouts for incoming student athletes and by providing them with education about the risks of taking dietary supplements. It is time to warn students about the grave risk they take with their health and their lives by using ephedrine.



Michael Voth, a senior at Sacred Heart High School, has been selected as one of the Dale Hansen/McDonald's Scholar Athletes. The honor is given to students with outstanding accomplishments in grades, community service, and athletics. The studio taped Michael for Hansen's program on Monday, July 8. The segment featuring Michael will air Sunday, October 13. Courtesy Photo

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Tragedy prompts inventor to create innovative home safety, security product

It's a product Mike Lucas wishes he didn't have to invent. But, a tragedy years ago led Lucas on a mission to create a product called Herbie Hydrant that would help in home emergencies all over the world. Herbie Hydrant is a kid-friendly, multi-dimensional unit designed to be perched beside a child's bed. In the event of a home emergency, natural disaster, storm, power loss, fire or home intrusion children are taught to grab Herbie to help them find their way to safety. Once lifted from the mounted base, Herbie's flashlight shines, an alarm bellows and strobe lights flash. The

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safety education accessories, including a colorful booklet that provides multiple home safety preparedness tips for kids AND adults. Herbie Hydrant can be incorporated into a family's overall home safety plan and can be used to practice fire drills, severe weather/natural disaster preparedness, even what to do in case a home intrusion or burglary occurs. Herbie Hydrant is already receiving rave reviews from some of the top product development experts nationwide as well. Out of more than 550 entries, Herbie was named Best Consumer Electronics

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Texas' cattle TB action plan focuses on "high-risk" animals

Texas livestock health officials have presented a compromise plan to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) that, if approved, would eliminate a federal regulation requiring steers to be identified with approved ear tags, and feeder heifers to be tagged and tested for cattle tuberculosis (TB) when they leave Texas after January 1, 2003. The "Texas Cattle Tuberculosis (TB) Action Plan," which is under review by the USDA, would instead target surveillance on "at-risk" cattle populations within Texas. Cattle TB is a bacterial disease that can cause infected cattle to develop internal lesions in the lungs, lymph nodes or on other organs.

"In June, Texas lost its 'free' status for cattle tuberculosis (TB), because, during the past year, two of the state's 153,000 cattle herds were found to be infected. These two herds—a dairy and a purebred beef herd—have been depopulated and another 150 nearby or epidemiologically linked herds have tested negative for the disease," said veterinarian Dan Baca, who is the TB epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"Nonetheless, under current federal regulations, Texas breeding cattle now must have a TB skin test and be officially identified with an ear tag prior to being transported out of state. The TB test can be waived only if the breeding animals originate from a TB accredited-free herd, are going directly to a slaughter plant or are transported to an approved (restricted) feedlot. About 150,000 breeding cattle are hauled from the state each year," said Dr. Logan. TAHC executive director and Texas state veterinarian.

Dr. Logan explained that, when the USDA downgraded Texas' cattle TB status in June, the federal agency delayed its implementation of interstate movement regulations for feeder cattle until January 1, 2003. She said more than 1.5 million steers, feeder heifers and feeder bull calves are moved from Texas each year, and the federal regulations would require official ear tags be placed on the animals prior to movement.

"We have worked closely

with Texas cattle associations, which formed a Texas TB Working Group, our neighboring states and the USDA to formulate an alternative plan that would eliminate the feeder regulations involving tagging and testing in 2003, while still providing for cost-effective disease surveillance tailored to our state's needs," said Dr. Logan.

During the past five years, less than one in three million Texas feeder cattle have been found to have TB, so we see these animals as a negligible risk for the disease," said Dr. Baca. "On the other hand, we will continue to support the testing and identification of breeding cattle destined for a herd out of state. Breeding animals reside in herds for a number of years, and we certainly don't want to put receiving states or herds at risk."

"In the Texas TB Plan, we have asked that additional USDA inspectors be added in US slaughter plants, to ensure that carcasses are thoroughly examined for internal lesions indicative of cattle TB. Meat inspection is the basis for finding cattle TB cases, and enhancing this disease surveillance method could help us find any remaining infection in Texas," said Dr. Logan. She pointed out that abnormal tissue is collected and forwarded to USDA laboratories for confirmation. Positive cases then are traced to their herd of origin.

"Because cattle TB in Texas was detected during the 1st 12 months in a Texas dairy and in a purebred beef herd, we believe targeted live-animal testing should be conducted in these 'at-risk' populations," she said.

The Texas TB Plan calls for testing the state's 880 dairies, as well as about 2,400 of the state's purebred beef cattle herds. Because testing efforts of this magnitude would overwhelm the TAHC veterinary staff, we would seek cooperative funding with the USDA to compensate accredited private veterinarians for 'fee-basis' work, in order to minimize the cost of testing for producers."

"We also see a need to strengthen requirements for feeder cattle entering Texas from Mexico," said Dr. Baca. He explained that, from 1997-2001, 109 cases of

cattle TB were detected in Mexican feeder cattle that were grazed or fed in Texas. "The USDA in April implemented more strict entry requirements for Mexican feeder cattle. However, these animals do present a risk, and the 12 TAHC commissioners proposed a regulation at their meeting July 30 that would allow these animals to go only to approved pastures, quarantined feedlots or to designated pens within feedlots.

These restrictions would reduce the chance of Mexican feeder animals commingling with Texas breeding or dairy cattle and possibly spreading TB."

Dr. Logan said the 12 TAHC commissioners will vote on the proposed regulation at their next meeting in October. The commissioners also have proposed additional regulations for Mexican-origin roping and rodeo steers.

"Mexican horned steers, which are frequently used for roping or rodeo stock, pose a cattle TB risk to our domestic livestock, as these animals are often commingled with domestic herds when they're not being used for recreation," said Dr. Logan. "Six of these Mexican rodeo animals slaughtered last year were found to have TB."

She said the TAHC commissioners also proposed regulations July 30 that would require that Mexican horned cattle (these are most often used for rodeos and roping events) originate from herds that had tested negative for cattle TB within 12 months before importation. This is in accordance with the new USDA interim rule, published April 20, 2002, that covers Mexican cattle importation. At the port, the horned animals would be required to be tested again by a USDA veterinarian and moved under permit to a premise.

After being held for 60 to 120 days, the animal would be permanently identified and retested for cattle TB at the owner's expense prior to being allowed to move freely. Owners of the Mexican horned cattle would be required to have the animals retested annually for cattle TB. "We are working with the roping and rodeo steer groups to raise the level of awareness about these new proposed TAHC regulations and are seeking their cooperation to ensure that recreational cattle are TB-free," said Dr. Logan.

"By developing the Texas TB Plan with the cooperation of our cattle industry TB working group, we have addressed the intent of the USDA's regulation to prevent the spread of tuberculosis and to find and eradicate the disease within our state, if there are additional infected herds," said Dr. Logan. "If the USDA approves our plan, we believe we can enhance our disease surveillance in a cost-effective, efficient manner, with minimal disruption to Texas' largest agriculture industry."

Keep plants watered for drought recovery as well as winter survival

Much of Texas found rainfall scarce throughout the summer, so gardeners need to make sure their landscape plants have an adequate supply of moisture before winter arrives.

Most plants could benefit by a deep watering every couple of weeks or so, right up until the ground freezes. But some plants will need even closer attention. Newly planted trees and shrubs may have limited root systems and may need a weekly watering. Evergreen plants are particularly subject to winter drying since their leaves continue to lose moisture all winter long. Once the ground is frozen, little water is taken up by the roots to replace that which is lost through the leaves. Broad-leaved evergreens, such as rhododendrons and hollies, have more leaf surface exposed and are most subject to injury.

It's best to water deeply occasionally, rather than frequent shallow sprinkling. Apply 1 to 1.5 inches of water around the root zone of the plant. Be aware that the roots may spread farther than you think. The size of the root system varies, depending on the plant species, its age and the soil conditions. In general, the roots extend quite a distance beyond the drip line of the tree or shrub.

For newly established plantings and shallow-rooted plants, a winter mulch can be helpful not only in conserving soil moisture, but also in keeping plants in the ground. These plants can be heaved out of the ground if the soil tends to alternate frequently between freezing and thawing. Apply winter mulch after the plants have become fully dormant, generally by late November or perhaps December. Use a 3- to 4-inch layer of coarse

material such as straw, chopped leaves or shredded bark.

Many woody plants may continue to show effects of the drought next spring and beyond. Some branches may die back during the winter and fail to leaf out next year. In the case of twig injury, rather than death, the stems may leaf out, but die back later in spring or summer as that branch becomes stressed. Prune out any dead or damaged branches by cutting back to their point of origin.

If plants appear to be dead, cut away the outer bark and look for green tissue underneath, an indication that there is still hope for regrowth. Also, check for the presence of buds, which, likewise, should be green in color when cut open. Dead plant twigs generally will break clean when bent; live twigs should still be somewhat flexible.

USDA creates new biotech unit

USDA announced Friday it has created a new unit within the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service called Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) to focus on USDA's role in regulating and facilitating biotechnology.

The new program will focus on regulation of biotechnology, risk assessments and permitting. BRS also will work with foreign governments to help create compatible biotechnology standards and will follow industrial trends and forecast scientific advancement to better regulate the biotechnology industry. In addition, the reorganization better positions USDA to address the recommendations provided by the National Academy of Sciences in its February 2002 report "Environmental Effects of Transgenic Plants: The Scope and Adequacy of Regulation."

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