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County hears comments on tax rate budget

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court held Public Hearings on its proposed budget and tax rate on Aug. 26. The proposed tax rate is .445 or 44 1/2 cents per \$100 property valuation.

Wylie Lewis, Sr. of Gainesville commented on the commissioners, judge, and other elected officials getting salary increases. "I think this a very inappropriate time for that," he said. His reason was that some of the entities, such as the hospital and college, plan to increase their tax rates. "For elected officials (raises), I think it ought to be put to the county for a vote. That's my opinion," Lewis stated.

Bob Wickersham of Lake Kiowa had some thoughts

on the proposed tax rate. Reflecting on the last four years, considering the assessed value of property and the tax rate and the corresponding change when taking both of those into account, he noted increases from the budget standpoint. He claimed it increased 9 1/2% in 1999; 11 1/2% in 2000; 13 1/4% in 2001; and 13 1/2% this year. "It would appear that any municipality, like any industry, should be working a managed budget level and hold it to approximately a 5% increase," he remarked. "I would encourage the Commissioners to review the Budgets and work to see what could be done to hold the effective change to 5% which will then reduce the tax rate and the impact to each of the individual

property owners." County Judge Bill Freeman questioned Wickersham's 13 plus percent increase. He said it was to be an increase of 7.45%. Wickersham responded, "Seven and a half percent is too much. There's absolutely no reason why we should not be managing to a maximum of a five percent increase. ... I think it is incumbent upon any individual who manages a business or a municipality to manage to that level and not to assume that taxpayers are deep pockets and no other source of income to keep it running."

Bill Cox, Precinct #2 commissioner, noted that the county was having a tough time keeping employees at the salary

being paid. The Sheriff was losing employees to Dallas and Denton Counties and the precincts were also losing them. Commissioner Phil Young agreed. Wickersham said that area businesses were in the same position.

"This year's budget is dipping \$1.3 million out of reserves," said Judge Freeman. Wickersham said, "What we need to do is be more creative in terms of how we manage the budget, how we reduce the cost. What are the alternatives?" Freeman said, "We have a problem living right on the border of the Metroplex. We're a small rural county setting right beside two or three of the fastest growing urban counties in the county."

The public hearings were

closed and Monday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. was designated as the meeting date when Commissioners Court will vote on the tax rate.

Sheriff Mike Compton reported that one his department's patrol cars was struck in the rear while assisting the Highway Patrol by blocking traffic. The insurance company will pay \$11,230.19 to replace the vehicle and another \$900 for striping and to reinstall the equipment for a total of \$12,130.19. Judge Freeman said that he had looked up the price and it was good. Acceptance of the insurance payment was unanimous.

Commissioners also agreed to give the Sheriff permission to purchase another car with proceeds from the insurance company

and funds remaining in the current new car budget.

Eight Scouts from Cooke, Grayson and Denton counties and Washington state attended the meeting with Robert Hickman of Fish Creek Ranch and two other Scout leaders. After the meeting they met with Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess to ask questions about county government. He showed them a film, "The Glue That Holds the County Together".

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved the preliminary plat for Heritage Meadows Subdivision, Lots 1-6 located in Era Precinct #3.
- Approved minutes of the August 2002 Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

9-11 observance planned

The Student Councils of Sacred Heart and Muenster High Schools will lead a prayer service commemorating the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002 at 8:00 AM in Sacred Heart Church. All are invited to attend.

911 observance planned for county

By Janet Felderhoff
The first anniversary of the Sept. 11 tragedies takes place next week. Cooke County officials have collaborated with the city of Gainesville to plan a joint observance of events. It will be held on the east steps of the courthouse beginning at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday. To mark the event, there

will be prayer, patriotic music, periods of silence at significant times, and bell signals to honor firefighters and others serving to keep the public safe.

All residents of the County are encouraged to attend. Anyone with questions should contact Dorothy Lewis, Justice of the Peace.

MISD budget up despite cuts

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, Aug. 28 to announce the 2002 proposed Maintenance and Operation (M&O) budget for the Muenster Independent School District. The proposed budget was \$32,216 (0.93%) more than the 2001-2002 budget. Even with the mandatory salary increases, fees and dues, contract service agreements, etc. the administration staff trimmed over \$30,000 from the original budget submitted in June.

Clyde Steelman, superintendent, stressed to the Board that mandatory increases of \$143,100 for insurance premiums and

\$45,242 for salary increases were added to the budget before any other adjustment could be considered.

The proposed Interest and Sinking (I&S) budget was \$2,520 less than last year.

The Board continued the discussion from previous Board meetings regarding the state financial school district formula for state funding and how more responsibility is placed on the local school districts to maintain the same amount of funding as the previous year. This responsibility is due to the increased property values in the district. As a district's local tax base increases, more of

the financial responsibility is placed on the local school district. Also, the tax rate that is set will dictate the amount of Tier II funding during the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school year.

The Board also discussed the following issues currently facing the school district:

1. Building the fund balance - MISD has approximately \$200,000 in fund balance. The state recommends that school districts have a minimum of three months operating monies in fund balances. MISD would need approximately \$800,000 to meet this requirement.

2. Each year the state will reduce the funding for health insurance and place this responsibility back on the local districts. State monies will cease during the 2008 school year.

3. Mandatory state salary increases each year.

4. Continue to provide advanced course offerings not only to meet graduation requirements, but to provide an educational foundation for students seeking a post-secondary education.

5. Over-crowded facilities, major renovations, and capital improvements needs. Because of MISD taxable property values, the See SCHOOL BUDGET, Pg. 3

LISD adopts 2002-03 tax rate

By Janet Felderhoff
Lindsay ISD's Board of Trustees met at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 for a Public Hearing on the 2002/2003 budget and proposed tax rate. Two people attended it.

After the Public Hearing, the Board considered and adopted the proposed budget. It includes money designated for a building fund. The Board adopted it by a vote of 5-2. Voting for the budget were Danny Nortman, Dave Arendt, Wayne Fleitman, Bruce Bezner, and Damian Krahl. Carol Conaway and Richard

Connett cast the two votes against.

A tax rate of \$1.3511 was adopted by a vote of 5-2 with votes cast the same as for the Budget. Last year's rate was \$1.157. The board could have gone as high as \$1.3811 without being subject to a rollback election.

Superintendent Travis Winn noted that the rate adopted is what will be required to fund the budget, which was adopted by the Board. He remarked that federal funding had been reduced and that the school district had to make up the difference.

In her quest to offer patients the best eye care possible in this area, Dr. Margie York of York Eye Associates, P.C., has enlisted two new associates for her staff. Paige Pollard, O.D. and James Baker, O.D. are now seeing patients during office hours Monday through Saturday.

Dr. York said that she ran advertisements in Optometry Journals from the fall of 2001 to May 2002 seeking competent associates. She interviewed many applicants on the phone and in person. "I found the best way to judge a doctor's clinical knowledge and expertise was to work alongside them for a day or two," remarked Dr. York. "Dr. Pollard's easy chair-side professional manner and efficient clinical assessments were immediately recognized. Her work with a surgical ophthalmologist had already trained her for the pathology and post-operative care that we have such a high volume of."

"I also interviewed many students who have just finished their education and externships. Dr. Baker was definitely a shining star among those applicants. His clinical skill and recognition of pathology far out-weighted other student applicants. Faculty members at the University of Houston College of Optometry gave glowing recommendations for him as well. Also the fact that he was a registered nurse for four years before optometry school gave him much more experience than the average new optometry graduate."

Paige A. Pollard, O.D. is a therapeutic optometrist who received her degree from the University of Houston, College of Optometry in 1997. She graduated with honors from the University of North Texas with a



James Baker, OD, and Paige Pollard, OD

Bachelor's degree in Biology in 1993. While at UNT she was in the NT Forty Student Foundation, Golden Key National Honors Society, Order of Omega Honors Society, Chi Omega Fraternity, and the premedical honors society. She was also on the Dean's List for academic excellence. When Dr. Pollard was at the University of Houston, she was a member of the Student Texas Optometric Association, American Optometric Association, Fellowship of Christian Optometrists, and Student Volunteer Optometrists in Volunteer for Humanity. She worked as a counselor during the summers for the Special Camps for Special Kids and Camp John Marc for children with chronic illnesses.

Dr. Pollard did externships at the Cornea Associates of Texas and the Contact Lens Center in Garland. At these sites she received training in postoperative cornea and cataract surgeries, complicated contact lens fittings, low vision examinations, ocular pathology, and primary eye care.

Prior to joining York Eye Associates, Dr. Pollard worked for four years with an ophthalmologist whose offices were in Desoto and Waxahachie. At these locations she performed routine eye exams on adults and children. She's also had extensive experience with ocular pathologies. Postoperative care, minor surgeries, contact lens fittings, and low vision evaluations.

James N. Baker, O.D. graduated from the University of Houston College of Optometry in May 2002. He graduated in the top quarter of his class and was honored as Teaching Assistant of the Year for the 2001-2002 academic year. He obtained his Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston earning highest honors and making the Dean's List every semester during the program.

Dr. Baker served four years in the United States Air Force as a registered nurse prior to entering optometry school. He is currently in the process of continuing his military service as a Reserve optometrist with the U.S.

Air Force at Carswell Reserve Base in Fort Worth.

While at the University of Houston, he was actively involved in many organizations including the Student Texas Optometric Association, American Optometric Student Association, and Student volunteer Optometrists in Service for Humanity (SVOSH). During his third year of optometry school he traveled to Honduras with SVOSH on a humanitarian mission providing eye care to the local population.

Dr. Baker participated in externships at Mann Berkeley Eye Institute in Houston and Family Eye Care in Marble Falls where he received extensive training in pre and postoperative care of patients undergoing refractive, cataract, and glaucoma surgeries, ocular pathology, contact lenses, and primary eye care.

Dr. Paige Pollard and her husband, Mark, have recently moved to Muenster. They have two children, Zachary, age 6, and Nicholas, age 1. The couple is in the process of adopting a baby girl from China. They anticipate traveling to China to get their daughter in late September of early October.

Dr. Baker and his wife, Marie, are currently living in Arlington, but are actively looking to move closer to the Gainesville area. They have one child, Gwyneth, and are expecting another daughter in the near future.

"I am so pleased to have both Dr. Pollard and Dr. Baker join our team of top-notch eye care providers," said Dr. York. "I am sure that they will continue the tradition of excellent eye care that Dr. Fleitman and I have become known for."

York Eye Associates, P.C. is located at 2020 West Highway 82 in Gainesville.

Myra VFD welcomes your support Sept. 7

The Myra Volunteer Fire Department hosts its annual Bar-B-Que and Auction on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Myra City Park. Tender and flavorful sliced BBQ beef brisket will be served with Suzie Q fries, baked beans and all the trimmings along with tea, kool-aid, pies and cakes. Myra VFD has received many compliments over the past years as serving the best tasting brisket this side of the state. Doug Martin and the Rustlers will provide live entertainment!

Please come out and help support your local volunteer fire department. Not only does Myra VFD answer fire and medical calls within the Myra Fire District, it provides regular backup assistance to Muenster, Lindsay, Era and Moss Lake Fire Departments on structure and grass fires.

Over the last year, Myra VFD has added eight Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs), Medical Oxygen, a Pulse Oximeter, and other medical response gear to their fire/rescue vehicles. Myra VFD's medical staff includes two Emergency Care Attendants (ECAs), three Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and 18 first aid trained firemen.

Myra is currently working on changing out its 1953 model all wheel drive tanker to a newer all wheel drive tanker-pumper combination. With a newer vehicle and cost-sharing assistance from the Texas Forest Service, Myra VFD will have another foam capable tanker-pumper outfitted with 2 1/2 and 1 3/4 hoses supplied by a new 4 cylinder Kubota pump. See MYRA BBQ, Pg. 3

Coffee, conversation with Counts Sept. 12

A morning reception for State Representative David Counts will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12 in Rohmer's Restaurant in Muenster from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. The reception is free and everyone in the community is welcome to attend. Under the 2001 Restricting,

Representative Count's new district will include Cooke County. The veteran lawmaker currently serves as Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, and as a member of the State Affairs Committee and Rural Caucus.

NCTC to hold tax workshop Sept. 12

North Central Texas College/Small Business Development Center will be offering a Tax Workshop for Small Businesses. IRS representative Doris Morris will be providing information on free IRS services available to small businesses and will explain

basic tax requirements. The program will be Thursday, Sept. 12 at the NCTC/Gainesville Campus, LYCEUM from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. There is no charge for the class.

For more information call 668-4220.

House Committee hears water security issues

Federal money for making our state water systems more secure after the September 11 attacks has arrived according to testimony the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources heard at a public hearing Tuesday.

The committee heard testimony that Texas has received \$1.16 billion in federal grant monies to help coordinate counter-terrorism activities and conduct vulnerability assessments for water systems across the state.

"We have heard great recommendations to improve water security," said Chairman David Counts of Knox City. "We are also making progress in putting together contingency plans on how to protect our water resources from terrorist attacks. A recent truck spill in the Metroplex demonstrated how important it is to have a plan to contain these sorts of situations on a domestic level as well."

Other recommendations to the committee included ensuring a point of contact for water systems in an emergency, better

coordination among local, state and federal governments, increasing water testing technology, and providing resources like water supply tankers if a water system could not operate after an attack or other disaster.

"We have dedicated a tremendous amount of time and money to develop our state's water resources to meet our growing needs," stated the veteran lawmaker. "We now realize that our efforts will be in vain if we do not have safeguards to protect those resources and ensure their viability."

The Natural Resources Committee is a 9-member standing committee of the Texas House of Representatives. Members include: Chairman David Counts (D-Knox City), Vice-Chairman Tracy O. King (D-Uvalde), Robert "Robby" Cook (D-Eagle Lake), Frank Corte (R-San Antonio), Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville), Ruben Hope (R-Maui), Ron Lewis (D-Mauriceville), Robert Puente (D-San Antonio), and Gary Walker (R-Plains).

OSHA record keeping - new rules and prevention planning

The Workers' Health and Safety division of Texas Workers' Compensation Commission will present a one-day educational seminar on OSHA Record Keeping - the New Rules and Accident Prevention Planning on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The seminar will

take place at Texas Christian University, Brown Lupton Center, Room 222, Fort Worth, Texas. The cost is \$90 per person.

For more information or to register, call 512-804-4632 or register online at: www.twcc.state.tx.us/services/seminartraining/safetydu/trng/emailregistration.html.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Cutting across Wyoming from Yellowstone Park to Laramie offers many sights not found in any other place. This state is made up of many large ranches, considerable agriculture, and some real fine cities.

Leaving the Yellowstone/Teton areas on U.S. 287, we found a large herd of bison, or buffalo. This was a commercial herd being raised for their meat. I ate a buffalo-burger and found it very good. Many of the ranchers are now raising these animals for the meat market.

Just riding along, and about half asleep, I felt the car breaking suddenly and swerving to the left. Jim had avoided hitting three Pronghorn Antelope that had bounded over a fence and attempted to cross the road, but they turned and ran back on the right-of-way. The fear in their eyes was plain to see, and we also felt a thrill. These three animals were so beautiful with their white tails and reddish tan bodies - it would have been a shame to do them harm.

Driving on through Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico we were able to view many more antelope, usually in groups of four and six, and at times in herds of 25 or more. These beautiful animals are hunted in season. It is the only way to keep their numbers in check, and the ranchers have another way to supplement their income.

I don't believe we saw more than four deer on the trip, as well as a number of elk.

Eagles build many nests atop some of the electric line posts. It is rewarding to see the young standing in the nests awaiting their elders, who are away hunting for food.

All these sights were almost forgotten as we drove east, a few miles west of Wichita Falls. Tony was driving, and he said he thought he saw a camel grazing close to the road.

Sure enough, I counted eight or nine of the beasts as they grazed like cattle.

Well, why not? This is a better country than a lot of Asia.

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The Real Accounting Problem

By Edwin Feulner

Is it me, or have recent business stories begun to resemble episodes of VH-1's "Behind the Music"?

Think about it: Executives cook the books and make millions. The live fast and high on the company dime, buying items such as \$6,000 shower curtains and African safaris. Meanwhile, magazines praise their gutsy, maverick styles and hail them as the new captains of industry. Then financial reality bursts the bubble and everything comes crashing down. Kenneth Lay, meet Milli Vanilli.

It's an old script. Unfortunately, President Bush and Congress didn't seem to see it that way.

So this summer they created new laws governing corporate fraud. The new measures, which among other things would quadruple sentences for accounting misdeeds, were the "most extensive assault on corporate fraud since the Depression era," according to The Associated Press. President Bush said he signed the law in response to acts that offended "the conscience of our nation."

I agree that what many executives did, was offensive. To put thousands out of work, destroy their pension funds and weaken confidence in our economy just as we're trying to get out of a recession isn't just bad corporate citizenship. It's flat-out wrong, and it should be punished severely.

But the government's response to this wrongdoing is nothing to be proud of. As my Heritage Foundation colleague David John recently pointed out, there are already tough laws on the books designed to deal with the type of fraud committed by those in charge at Enron, WorldCom and others. Congress and President Bush merely followed the "Great Perception Rule" of Washington: If there's a national problem, real or perceived, the government must try to fix it—or at least be perceived as trying to fix it.

The perceived problem here is that the private-enterprise system has flaws that shady companies such as WorldCom exploited. But what happened with Enron & Co. didn't come about because of holes in our private-enterprise system. If anything, the scandals show that our system really works.

Remember, Enron and WorldCom executives weren't busted by government agents in some raid. Private stockholders and board members figured out that they were being duped and handled the situation appropriately. They fired the executives involved. They cut off their multi-million salaries. And in doing so, they put a serious hex on the executives' chances of working at that level of management (and pay) ever again.

That's a pretty serious punishment—indeed, if you're a CEO, it's the worst—but Congress and President Bush decided to pile on anyway so they would be perceived as being on top of this perceived problem. "In their zeal to look tough, House and Senate 'reformers' even tried to outbid each other," John said. "One senator joked that a majority favored simply executing corporate executives."

Ironically, as Congress and President Bush congratulate themselves for "fixing" this problem, many of the government agencies they're in charge of preside over so much waste that it's a scandal all its own. But instead of shutting down the agencies, like angry shareholders did to Enron, policymakers make a few muted complaints—and all too often give them millions or even billions more in tax dollars.

Such waste is a real problem in Washington. Too bad it's usually perceived as nothing more than the way government does business.

While the politicians are on their soapboxes calling for "corporate accountability," how about some real "government accountability"?

Note: Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (www.heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

Texas schools shortchange non-college-bound students

By Jeff Clark, NFIB/Texas State Director

The beginning of the school year is just around the corner, and students across Texas are preparing to return to their academic work. Many recent high school graduates are preparing for their first semester in college, but many more of them are becoming part of our state's workforce - often unskilled, under-trained and apathetic. Our state's education system should be preparing Texas students to succeed in the future they choose. Unfortunately, the system is leaving many non-college bound students behind.

Small-business owners in Texas are concerned about this education crisis, because one of the biggest challenges they face is finding qualified workers. Small employers are frustrated with the current system's inability to graduate students who have the skills and technical training necessary to enter the workforce straight out of high school. They are disheartened to find that many graduates lack basic skills that allow them to learn a trade. In a recent survey of its small-business membership conducted by NFIB/Texas, 87 percent of respondents indicated that they believe our state's school systems should increase the availability of skills and technical training to non-college bound students.

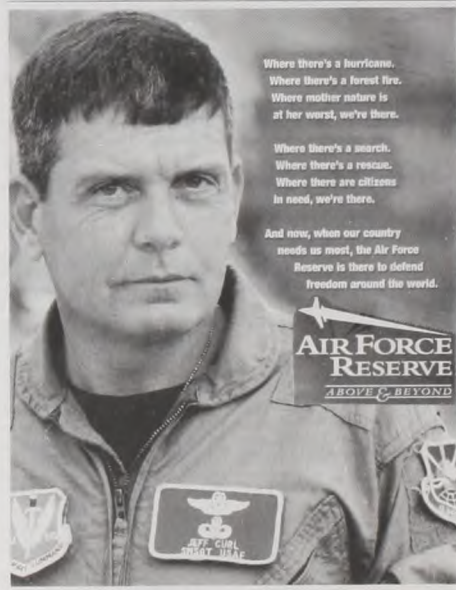
Education should enable one to achieve his or her greatest potential. For some students, moving on to college to gain degrees essential to a chosen profession will be necessary. Many, however, will enter the workforce directly relying on the skills they have acquired in high school.

This second group of students is being left behind. Too many of our state's students do not have the opportunity to enter high school programs that offer training in important fields like agriculture, the building trades, printing, automotive technology, cosmetology, computers or other professions. Degree plans are structured to offer the option for few elective classes during which to take on these courses, and in some cases, guidance counselors discourage students from broadening their knowledge with these courses for fear that they will mark the student as an "underachiever."

We must make certain that our school systems serve all of our state's students. Not only will increasing the availability of these types of programs prepare students to embark on careers directly out of high school, but they will also help to decrease our state's alarmingly high drop out rate. Students drop out of school because they see no value in continuing their education. They feel that their high school diploma gives them little or no advantage, and they see the skills they are learning as "worthless." Restoring the value of a high school diploma by giving it some relevance in the workplace for all students will help encourage students to remain in school.

While some fear that supporting skills education is supporting "dumbing down" our state's core academic curriculum, these opponents fail to realize that supporting strong skills programs and supporting strong academic programs go hand-in-hand. Providing a quality education to all Texans makes all Texans productive members of society. The reality is that not all students are college bound. Those that see college preparation as the only noble goal for our educational system are closing their minds to the practicality that most of the jobs in our nation require no college degree.

NFIB/Texas has joined other business organizations to establish the Texas Business Alliance for Skills Education (TBASE), a coalition dedicated to promoting skills and technical education. We will make the fight for skills and technical education one of our highest priorities for the 2003 legislative session. In the end, we must make certain that all of our state's lawmakers recognize the value of these programs and the difference they will make in the lives of so many Texas students. To learn more about this effort, visit www.skillseducation.org.



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

Sunday, September 8, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM St. Anne's Meeting, 3PM, SNAP Room of Comm. Ctr.	Monday, September 9, 2002 Bereaved Parent / Grandparent Support Group, 7PM, Home Hospice Office VFW Meeting, 8PM	Tuesday, September 10, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Pesticide Applicator Training, 8AM-1PM, Legend Bank, Bowie Muenster 4-H Club Meeting, 7PM, Comm. Ctr. Pavilion	Wednesday, September 11, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center C of C Breakfast Meeting at Rohmer's, 7:30AM 9-11 Observances , 8AM, SH Church, 8:45AM, east side of County Courthouse SH Alumni/Parents Meeting, 7:30PM, Comm. Ctr. Mtg. Rm. MISD Board Meeting, 7:30PM	Thursday, September 12, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SHJH/JV vs. Saint Jo SHJH/JV @ S&S DIALOGUE Cancer Support Group Meeting, 7PM, Home Hospice Reception for State Rep. David Counts, 7:30-8:30PM, Rohmer's Restaurant	Friday, September 13, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Meeting, 11:30AM, Stanford House, Gainesville MHS vs. S&S, 7:30PM SH @ Saint Jo, 7:30PM	Saturday, September 14, 2002 C of C Community-wide Garage Sale Montague VFD Fish Fry, Bake Sale, 5-8PM, Auction 7PM, Montague Fire Hall
Sunday, September 15, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Defensive Driving Class, 1-5PM, Stanford House	Monday, September 16, 2002 SHS Advisory Council, 7:30PM VFW Auxiliary Meeting, 8PM	Tuesday, September 17, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center CITIZENSHIP / CONSTITUTION DAY - Flags Fly! Diabetes Support Group Meeting, 7PM, GMH Roberts	Wednesday, September 18, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, September 19, 2002 MHS vs. Callisburg SHJH/JV @ Alford	Friday, September 20, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SHS - No School, Inservice SH vs. Alford, Homecoming MHS @ Callisburg, 7:30PM	Saturday, September 21, 2002

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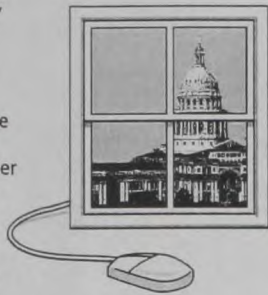
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Window of Opportunity

Back in 1992, before the World Wide Web and dot-coms were everywhere, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts experimented with a new technology as a way to provide information to the public. The agency launched a computerized bulletin board system (BBS) that enabled users with a modem to dial in and view and download data. Times have changed, and the BBS is all grown up as the Comptroller's Web site, Window on State Government, www.window.state.tx.us.

In September 2002, Window on State Government celebrates its 10-year anniversary. "Starting out, we could have called the site 'Comptroller.org' or something like that," Deputy Comptroller Billy Hamilton says. "Instead, the name we chose, Window on State Government, reflected our intention to provide a single window on information about Texas government."



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

SCHOOL BUDGET

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Districts would probably not be eligible for any of the Instructional Facilities Allotment monies available from the state. The only avenue available to the district in acquiring additional state funding is through Tier II funding. Mr. Steelman presented an M&O tax rate of \$1.37500 for the 2002-2003 budget. Due to continual loss of state revenue, the Board discussed the financial implication of maximizing Tier II. With the outlook of losing additional state funding during the next biennium, all school districts are struggling with tax rates to

receive the maximum amount of state funding. The Board discussed an M&O rate of \$1.48000. After reviewing the financial information on Tier II funding the Board saw no additional Tier II state benefits above a \$1.4500. This rate would maximize the Tier II funding during the next biennium (2003-2004 and 2004-2005) increase funding approximately \$300,000. Additional funds would be used to increase the fund balance and pay for smaller improvement projects.

The proposed I&S tax rate of 0.077500 that is required to meet the district's

obligation for debt payments, was also discussed.

The Board then approved the 2002-2003 M&O budget, I&S budget, M&O tax rate, and the I&S tax rate.

Mr. Steelman informed the Board that one of the HVAC systems in the Junior High was working at 50% capacity and due to the age of the system, it cannot be repaired. All of the other systems on this building were installed at the same time and may also start developing problems in the near future. Several options were discussed and further discussion will continue at the next Board meeting.

Doug Smithson reports on new formula, tax rates to LISD Board

By Janet Felderhoff
Doug Smithson, Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) chief appraiser, attended the Aug. 19 meeting of the Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees. Superintendent Travis Winn said that the State is using a new formula this year and that business manager Marilyn Cox and Smithson had repeatedly gone over it.

This year's taxable value in Lindsay ISD is \$103 million. Smithson said there is about \$6 million in new construction, which doesn't count against the District. The net taxable value this year is roughly \$97 million, he noted. The effective tax rate is \$1.1776. Smithson described a worksheet that is completed to determine local revenue per student. The amount of revenue the State is contributing per student is down this year.

Smithson said that the State would like all school districts to have a tax rate of \$1.50. The average tax rate in the State of Texas was \$1.48 in 2001.

"Regardless of whether it's the school districts, the appraisal district, attorney, we should all be a team to work together for the betterment of the kids in collecting all the money we can," noted Smithson of the system of collecting unpaid taxes.

In the Superintendent's report, Travis Winn told of problems with gas in the gymnasium. Numerous

leaks were found in the line going to the boys' dressing room. "We're going to have to do some real intensive testing as soon as school's out this next year on regulators and things because they're using such a high pressure test now," said Winn. Gas is used in the cafeteria, gymnasium dressing rooms, and for the furnaces in the upper elementary school.

A bus driver/custodian, Buddy Rogers has been hired. He is a retired engineer whom Superintendent Winn said has good mechanical skills.

Principal Jerry Metzler reported that total enrollment is 473.

Metzler said that a letter has been sent to the Commissioner of Education appealing the rating on the high school campus. "The special analysis that they use is supposed to include your past record, your performance on other tests, the performance of that group of students, who you tested, your school's reputation, all of that is supposed to go in there," said Metzler. He said that LISD tries to test all students and does prepare all to take the test. The decision as to if a student must take it is made on an individual basis. Some schools don't test special ed students so that they get a higher rating, noted Board member Dave Arendt.

A request for a hazardous bus route inside the city of

Lindsay as requested at the previous meeting received no action. Research showed that the route could potentially have 39 riders. That made it not feasible for the District to do. Robin Rose who requested the route agreed to pursue a solution with the City.

In other business the LISD Board:

- Approved one transfer student for the second grade and denied one for the 10th grade.
- Agreed to review proposed TASB 68 updates and vote at September meeting.
- Approved LISD Teacher Appraisal System Calendar for 25 teachers and approved Metzler and Monica Parkhill as appraisers.
- Discussed maintenance list.

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Cooke County CSA Elder Rights coordinator changes as of Sept. 1

Shirley Rector, CSA Elder Rights Coordinator of the Area Agency on Aging of Texoma/TCOG, has accepted the Director of Marketing position at Gainesville Convalescent Center, 1900 O'Neal, a long term care facility in Gainesville. With this move, there will be a new person taking the CSA Elder Rights Coordinator position at Pecan Creek Village SNAP Center, 1100 Lawrence.

Benefits Counseling will continue at the center, as well as the Cooke County Medication Assistance Program. If you need help, continue to contact the CSA Program at 668-1858. Wanda Sherman is staffing the office daily in the mornings and will be there with the medication volunteers all day on Tuesdays. The hours may change after everything starts settling into a routine for the new staff person

currently in interviews with the Director of the Area Agency on Aging.

If you still need or want to discuss any issues with Shirley Rector, she will be available and will return all calls for her at 665-2826 as of September. "I fully intend to become more involved with the Gainesville and Cooke County community in my new role," states Mrs. Rector. "This is my home and I want to continue seeing programs developed which assist our residents."

MYRA BBQ

Myra VFD hopes to raise enough money to buy the new hoses, nozzles, reels and fittings to outfit the new tanker-pumper. Additionally, Myra VFD hopes to be able to buy bunker gear for those firemen who must share with others, maintain its medical gear with state of

the art rescue equipment, and replace the engine in its unit 134.

Food for the BBQ will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 years and under. The auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. A children's barrel train will

be on location to give rides to kids of all ages. Raffle items include a Weber outdoor grill, a Remington 870 shotgun, a VCR-DVD player, and various other cash prizes. Tickets are available at many local businesses and Myra VFD firemen. Please plan to attend the annual Myra VFD fundraiser.

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2002 Property Tax Rates in Muenster Hospital District

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for Muenster Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$411,759
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$411,759
Last year's tax base	\$160,074,209
Last year's total tax rate	0.257230/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$411,758
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$168,494,059
= This year's effective tax rate	0.244300/\$100
1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.251629/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$411,758
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$168,494,059
= This year's effective operating rate	0.244300/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.263800/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.263800/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If Muenster Hospital District adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.244300 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2001 taxes by \$ 18,150.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 201 N. Dixon, Gainesville, TX 75240.
Name of person preparing this notice: Doug Smithson
Title: Chief Appraiser
Date prepared: July 31, 2002

BUSINESS REVIEW

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Mike's Place Mike & Donna Guthrie, Owners

A unique selection of gifts is available in this area at Mike's Place, located in Gainesville at 504-A North Interstate Highway 35, phone 612-3223. You will find a fine line of gifts, cards and novelties of all types for all occasions there. Whether you have a particular gift in mind or you are just browsing, you'll not want to miss the selection of items featured at this unique family-owned shop. You will be sure to find the perfect gift for even the most discriminating person.

As we all know, selecting just the right gift for that special occasion is easier said than done. Many people in this area have come to rely on Mike's Place for helpful, friendly advice in choosing a gift that will be cherished for many years to come. For your convenience, Mike's Place also offers a complete smoke shop featuring cigars, herbal cigarettes, tobacco and accessories including a wide range of collectibles and conventional pipes.

For graduation, Mother's Day, spring weddings or for any occasion, that very special gift—one you can give with confidence—can surely be found at this leading shop. Remember the name Mike's Place for fine gifts that will surely please anyone. Stop in soon and receive a savings card which saves you \$10.00 off a \$20.00 or more purchase.

Enderby Gas, Inc. "Dependable Service At All Times"

Fall is a favorite time of year to rev up the RV and explore the changing seasons. For the most complete year-round propane service, Enderby Gas should be your first stop. They are located in Gainesville at West Highway 82, phone 759-4628 or toll-free 1-800-772-5921. Take your tank in for a refill of top-quality propane gas, or purchase a tank to keep on hand as a spare. Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Fall also brings about thoughts of fresh venison roasting on the grill, or quail or turkey on the rotisserie. Enderby Gas is committed to serving their customers every season of the year. See them for refills for your gas log fire or construction or camping heater. They can also order replacement parts for your convenience. Propane is a viable alternative to more costly energy sources. Whether fueling your equipment, warming your home or cooking your food, Enderby Gas offers the propane service you can count on.

Comfortably warm days and cool, crisp nights offer a whole new set of activities for the autumn. Point your RV out toward for a fall foliage tour or gas up the grill for that ten-point buck. Enderby Gas will be there to serve your bottled propane needs.

Akins Construction William J. Akins, Owner

Akins Construction, located in Gainesville at 1700 North Weaver Street, Suite C, phone 668-6500, is noted throughout this area for first-class contracting work. They have a reputation for getting a job done properly and quickly. Akins Construction handles many aspects of general construction work—excavation, foundation and concrete work, commercial and residential buildings, remodeling and additions, and metal buildings for any application.

It is good to know that when you employ a contractor, you can depend on him to do the job according to your specifications, or to advise you on the most cost-effective and high-quality products and design to use. The management of Akins Construction will gladly sit down with you to discuss your project, work out all the details and present you with an accurate cost estimate of the materials and labor. Their experience and proper equipment enables them to tackle any contracting job and complete it on time with expert craftsmanship. They will handle any part of your project or take care of the entire construction job.

Call them when you need a contractor for any reason. If you are contemplating any type of building project, you'll be more than pleased with the work of Akins Construction.

Lakeview Custom Machine

Woody Rains, Owner • Over 40 Years Of Machining Experience

Large and small industrial and commercial customers throughout the area depend on Lakeview Custom Machine, located in Valley View at 281 Milam Drive, phone 637-2660, for all their machining needs.

They have been serving the industry for many years and are fully experienced in tool and die, custom C.N.C. machining, milling and lathe work, E.D.M., jig and fixture work, custom prototypes, short runs and production runs. Bring them a concept design and these professionals can produce the item you need.

Lakeview Custom Machine has gained their knowledge from the school of experience and their services are sought after by many businesses throughout the state and nation. They can help you maintain quality control and all contracts are executed on time and within budget. They are capable of small or large runs on the components you may require.

When your business calls for experience in machining, contact Lakeview Custom Machine at 637-2660 or fax 637-2327. They have the experience to get the job done right. After they complete the first project for you, a long-term business relationship is sure to develop.

Bonilla Moving, Inc.

Vincent Bonilla, Owner • Over 10 Years Of Moving Experience

Featuring every type of packing, moving and storage service available for residential and commercial purposes, Bonilla Moving, located in Era, phone 665-8708, is the area's local moving expert and is proudly owned by Vincent Bonilla, an active firefighter who serves the Fort Worth area.

A moving company should be chosen with as much care as you used when you selected your home and furniture. Don't just pick a name out of a hat—choose Bonilla Moving. They have earned an excellent reputation for reliability, careful handling, courtesy and promptness. Their years of experience and their impeccable reputation are your guarantees of a job well done. Don't take chances by doing your own moving. Let these moving experts do the job quickly and efficiently, and you'll be glad you did.

All their employees are dedicated to one major objective, and that is to take the worry out of your moving problems. For all types of local moving, call Bonilla Moving. They provide the most dependable moving and storage services at the most reasonable rates. Remember, whether it's across town, across the county or across the state, call these trusted professionals and take the first step to ensure a perfect move.

Interstate Roofing

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The weakest link in your business is probably right over your head. Preventive maintenance and effective repair of your roofing system will save you thousands of dollars in the long run. Interstate Roofing, located in Muenster, phone 759-5246, specializes in flat, commercial and industrial roofing. They can provide cost-effective technology in maintenance, reinforcement, restoration and new roofing systems.

The experts at Interstate Roofing have carefully studied the various roofing products available and can suggest the best application for your particular needs. Interstate Roofing is your local provider of the fine Conklin Roofing Systems products including the durable Elastomeric Roof Coatings considered by many to be the best coating on the market for commercial purposes. With years of experience and many durable, weather-resistant roofs to their credit, they realize that their reputation rides on every project they undertake. This firm carefully estimates every job, quotes a reasonable price and completes the work in a minimum amount of time.

Remember, a good roof isn't luck. It is the result of durable, quality products, accurate bids and experienced professionalism. So when you have roofing worries in your business, contact Interstate Roofing, because their excellent reputation is your assurance of a quality roof that will last for years to come.

Felderhoff, Hoffman marry in Sacred Heart Church

by Elfreda Fette

The wedding of Emily Felderhoff and Brian Hoffman was held in Sacred Heart Church on July 27, 2002 with Father Don Brennan OSA officiating for the Nuptial Mass and traditional double ring ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Becky Felderhoff of Muenster. She is a graduate of the University of North Texas, and also attended Oklahoma State University and North Central Texas College, and is an elementary teacher employed at Valley View ISD.

The groom is the son of Ursula and Ron Vigil of Cheyenne, Wyoming and the late Steven Hoffman, and Kayte Hoffman of Bowie. He is employed by Klement Ford of Muenster.

Presented at the altar by her father, Tom Felderhoff, the bride was wearing an elegant white wedding gown, designed strapless, with a heart-shaped bodice enhanced with pleated tulle on top and lace and pearl overlay on the lower part. Her full tulle skirt was highlighted with a lace and pearl pattern along the hem line. The train was simple with a similar lace and pearl border. Her double illusion veil was held by a pearlized coronet of tiny

flowers and tiny silver butterflies and fell to fingertip length. She carried a clutch bouquet of pink roses, white roses, and sterling heather with pink tint.

ATTENDANTS

Diana Felderhoff of Muenster was her sister's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Amy Davidson of Perry, Oklahoma, bride's aunt, Stephanie Hoffman of Cheyenne, Wyoming, groom's sister, and Kira Vigil of Cheyenne Wyoming, groom's sister.

They were identically attired in formal rosebud pink, full length gowns, designed with round neckline and V-shaped back, with scarf drape in back.

Danny Felderhoff of Muenster, bride's brother was best man.

Groomsmen were Chris Loggins of Lawton, Oklahoma and Josh Cook of Colorado Springs, Colorado, friends of the groom, and Stephen Ford of Midland, step-brother of the groom.

Ushers were Matthew York and Christopher York of Muenster, Kurt Brorsen and Russell Brorsen of Stillwater, Oklahoma, all cousins of the bride.

Altar servers were Nicholas Bezner of Lindsay and Alex York of Muenster, cousins of the bride.

Presenting wedding music

were Ruth Felderhoff, pianist, and Pat Gilliland, bride's aunt, and Christy Hesse and Jack White.

All church flowers and decorations were white.

Participating in the special wedding liturgy were Jessica Bezner of Lindsay, bride's cousin, with the First Reading from the Old Testament; Jackie Henscheid of Muenster, bride's cousin, with the Second Reading from the New Testament.

Godparents of the bride, Margie and Ed York of Muenster, presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar. Andy Bezner of Lindsay and Margie and Ed York were Eucharistic Ministers.

RECEPTION

A reception, catered dinner, and dance followed at the Sacred Heart Community Center, hosted by parents of the couple for 180 guests. Rohmer's Restaurant catered dinner. Special music, including "I Hope You Dance" was sung by Pat Gilliland, aunt of the bride. Guests danced to music by Cory Anderle and The Entertainer.

Presiding at the guest book were Lydia Felderhoff of College Station and Kerri Felderhoff of Muenster, cousins of the bride.

The three-layered, white wedding cake, made by Betty Rose Walterscheid

was decorated in a pink ribbon design with soft green accent, and roses along the side. Atop the cake was a porcelain Seraphim Classic Eternal Love ornament, gift from the bride's godparents. The chocolate, basket weave groom's cake was decorated with chocolate-covered strawberries.

Reception assistants were Kathy Brorsen of Stillwater, Oklahoma, bride's aunt; Laura Davidson and Jennifer Davidson of Greenwood, Arkansas; Rose Brorsen of Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Michelle Henscheid of Muenster, bride's cousins.

Decorations on the bride's table included roses, ivy, and pink tulle with white bows and candles. The toasting glasses were gifts from the bride's Aunt and Uncle Susie and Andy Bezner.

Guest tables were decorated with candle-filled ivy vases and wreaths of ivy and roses.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents Ursula and Ron Vigil at The Dutchman in Lindsay.

Since returning from a wedding trip to Destin, Florida and Biloxi, Mississippi, the couple is residing in Gainesville, Texas.



Mrs. Brian Hoffman
...nee Emily Felderhoff ...

Zachary is five!

Zachary Klement celebrated his 5th birthday with the theme of "Buckaroo Buckout Birthday!" The kids had a "Rootin' Tootin' good time" riding a buckin' barrel made by his dad with help from Cody Hart, a World Champion bull rider and good friend! They enjoyed a roping, piñata, and hay-ride. A hot dog supper was served with a cake decorated as a bull and ice cream.

Family and friends that attended were Zachary's parents Bubba and Melinda Klement, and his sister Brianna. Also grandparents Robert Klement, Shirley Perryman, Laujuana and Dale Scott; great-grandparents Tony and Sis Klement; aunt Leasha Perryman; great-uncle and aunt Kevin and Terri Klement; cousins Rodney Beverage, Koby and Kyle Klement; friends, Cody, Shawna and Clancy Hart; Floyd, Tammy, Avery, and Garrett Truebenbach; Brad, Joanna, Allison and Bradly Henscheid; Frank, Rhonda, Clayton, and Natalie Fangman.

Unable to attend but sending birthday wishes were Craig, Connie, Emily, Sadie, and Andrew Stoffels, Charles and Linda Smith, and Wade Perryman.



Zachary Klement

Jeff Felderhoff named to Dean's List

Jeffrey W. Felderhoff has been named to the Dean's List at Southwest Texas State University for the Spring Semester 2002, in the College of Science. The

Meeting Notice

DIALOGUE
DIALOGUE, an ongoing support group for cancer patients and their families and friends will meet Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Home Hospice office, 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville. For more information call Kelly Lamkin, L.S.W. at 665-9891.

Muenster 4-H Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. They will meet under the Community Center pavilion.

Bereaved Parent/Grandparent Support Group will meet Monday, Sept. 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Home Hospice Office, 1001 East Broadway in Gainesville. For more information call Kelly at 940-665-9891.

New Arrival

Hess

Aaron and Amie Hess of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of their first child, a son, Aaron Cole Hess, on Aug. 22, 2002 at 6:01 p.m. weighing 7 lb. and measuring 19 inches in length, at Denton Regional Medical Center. Grandparents are Doyle and Debbie Hess of Muenster, and Bill and Cathy McCourry of Sivells Bend. Great-grandparents are Ted and Sue McCourry and Evelyn Grier and the late Carl Grier, all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Caroline Hess of Muenster and the late Gary Hess, and Kate Wilson of Muenster and the late L.D. Reynolds.

Notice

St. Anne's Society annual supper scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 8 has been postponed. There will be a regular meeting held Sept. 8 at 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center S.N.A.P. room instead. All members are urged to attend.

Save water outdoors
Avoid sprinklers that spray a fine mist, which increases evaporation.

Sr. Roberta Hesse to be honored Sept. 8

Sister Roberta Hesse will observe her golden jubilee as a Sister of St. Mary of Namur on Sept. 8 at Sunday Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow about noon in Sacred Heart Community Center. Sister

Roberta will return after Jan. 1, 2003 temporarily to her mission in Africa. Any donations she receives will be devoted to her pharmacy project. After completion of her project, she will return to Our Lady of Victory Convent.

Grayson County College offers real estate course

In just six weeks you can have completed all the required core real estate courses and have taken a review class, and be ready to take your Texas real estate salesperson license exam. Classes begin Sept. 20.

Classes are designed for the individual who has decided on a career in real estate and who does not want to take any more time acquiring his/her license than is absolutely necessary. Classes are fast-paced and will require an individual who can devote the necessary time for class preparation as well as attendance.

To acquire your Texas Real Estate Salesperson license requires the completion of all Texas Real Estate Commission requirements. Check the TREC web site for complete requirements @ www.trec.state.tx.us.

Registration must be in person at the Registrar's office at Grayson County College or by telephone with an approved credit card: 903-463-8731. For more information call Joe Henderson with the GCC's Continuing Education Department @ 903-463-8653 or Jim Jacobs @ 903-870-6011.

14th ANNUAL Sacred Heart Preschool & Sacred Heart Alumni and Supporters

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002
Sacred Heart Community Center
7:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

The event will have a Country Store
*Donation of craft items and goodies are needed
To donate an item or goodies, call Sandra at 759-4050.
Items range between \$5 - \$20

\$2500 per person
Includes \$2,000 in Chips, Pick-up Foods & Drinks

Blackjack - Craps - Roulette - Slot Machines and Video Poker

COUNTRY STORE OPENS AT 10:30 P.M.
AUCTION BEGINS AT 11:15 P.M.

TOP PRIZE: Trip to Las Vegas

NO COOLERS NO SET-UPS
Tickets may be purchased at the door

For More Information,
Call 759-2410 or 759-4052

Sacred Heart Parish Rummage Sale 9/14

Sacred Heart Parish will hold a rummage sale at the Community Center during the Muenster City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, September 14. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the rectory and replacement of the A/C unit in the church.

Appeal for Donations: In order to have a successful sale, we need an abundance of quality items to sell. We need your help.

What all do you have in your home, closets and garage that is too good to throw away and that you would like to see go to a good cause? What do your family and friends have that they would like to donate? Furniture? Electronics? Equipment? Antiques? Collectibles? Linen? Kitchen or Glassware?

Donation Pick up: Until 9/8, we will gladly arrange a date and time at your convenience to pick up donations. We can even provide boxes and packing materials if needed. Please contact Anna at 964-2609 (or Stacie at 759-4932 or Dolores at 759-2528) to schedule pick-up.

Donation Drop off: Please bring donations to the Sacred Heart Community Center between 3:30 and 7 pm Sunday 9/8 through Thursday 9/12.

We need strong helpers 3:30 pm Sunday 9/8 to move items to the Community Center from storage. We need helpers Monday 9/9 through Thursday 9/12 for organizing and pricing. Then on 9/14 we need buyers. Join us!

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Thank You

A Heart-felt thank you to all who have extended kindnesses to our family upon the death of our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother, Caroline Schilling, and the affection shown to her during the last years of her life.

We all are grateful to Dr. Edd Advincula, Dr. Daniel Asadi, and Dr. Daniel Morris, the nursing staffs of Muenster Memorial Hospital, Gainesville Memorial Hospital, and St. Richard's Villa, and to the Cooke County Home Hospice for the care and concern they extended to her.

Thank you to all who participated in the rosary, wake and funeral services, especially Fr. John Ohner, O.S.A. for the inspirational homily, and to Fr. Jim Sheridan, O.S.A., also Chris Schilling, Christy Hesse and Charles Dicky whose music was both beautiful and divine.

Our appreciation is extended to all who gave gifts of food, flowers, cards, and visits and especially for those who prepared, donated, and served the family meal after the funeral and to the Knights of Columbus for the use of the Hall. Many thanks to the McCoy Funeral Home for their considerate and helpful support to the family. If we failed to mention a thank you to anyone please consider this as a most sincere thank you.

"We were truly blessed to have her in our lives.
Time will heal our loss but memories of her will last forever"

Virgilla & Tommy Herr Charlotte & Bill Dangelmayr
Frank Jr. & Eileen Schilling DiWayne & Sharlene Schilling
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Kimberly Walterscheid of Gainesville and Bert and Delanne Walterscheid of Muenster announce the engagement of their daughter, Gayle Nicole Walterscheid, to Christopher Brian Bevers, son of Vernon and Jo Bevers of Gainesville. Miss Walterscheid is a 1999 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of North Texas. She is employed by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. Mr. Bevers is a 1998 graduate of Gainesville High School and attended North Central Texas College. He serves as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. He is also employed as the art director of graphic design for Design Flex. The couple plans to wed at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14, 2002 at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden with Rev. John Hare officiating. Afterwards, they will reside in Denton.

Cooke County Arts Council has new president

Jan Fox was named new president of the Cooke County Arts Council at the annual meeting held Thursday, Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gainesville Civic Center. Jan is replacing Billie Ruth Blackburn. Billie Ruth has been the Arts Council on-going president for many years and through her efforts has brought the Arts Council to a major organization in the community. She will still be very active as an "at large" officer. Jan, who is already a member of two of the groups, the Gainesville Swing Orchestra and the North Central Texas Chorale, is very art-minded. She wishes to continue the leadership working with the officers and getting to know the groups better personally. Other officers of the Arts Council are Ned Newman, vice president; Bud Pawless,

treasurer; Carolyn Tompkins, secretary; and Linda Coursey, reporter. The six groups of the Arts Council are Butterfield Stage Playhouse, Gainesville Area Visual Arts, Gainesville Council of Garden Clubs, Gainesville 49'ers Square and Round Dance Club, Gainesville Swing Orchestra, and the North Central Texas Chorale. The Arts Council is a member of the Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts and the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. The Arts Council has given \$12,500 to the Endowment Fund of North Central Texas College and \$5,000 to the Greenhouse project of the college. The Council is dedicated to enriching the public with the arts. *submitted by Linda Luthenhaus Coursey*

Step right up! Circus day around the corner

The Muenster Kiwanis have joined the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus to bring America's favorite Big Top circus to Muenster on September 25. Featured most recently on the A&E Channel, this traditional one-ring circus provides 1 and 1/2 hours of great family entertainment in each performance. Elephants, clowns, aerial artists and all the magic of the circus are presented in the confines of a circus Big Top that is erected the same way it has been done for 200 years, with elephant power! The public is invited to watch the tent raising between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Circus Morning and to stay for the FREE endangered species show at

10 a.m. and learn about the animal performers in the circus. Advance tickets for the circus will be on sale at Muenster Chamber of Commerce, Fischer's Market, Muenster State Bank and Nortex Communications. Prices for advance tickets are \$5.00 for kids 12 and under and \$7.00 for adults. For more information contact any member of the Muenster Kiwanis Club. The circus will be held at the Muenster Ballpark on the corner of 2nd street and Walnut. Proceeds from the event will go to the construction of new playground equipment at the Muenster Park.



Heath Lynn Johnson and Johnna Jean Dowd, both of Saint Jo, would like to announce their upcoming marriage on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002. The groom is the son of Jim and Judy Moore of Saint Jo and Floyd Johnson of Sanger. The bride is the daughter of Johnny and Judy Dowd of Saint Jo and Norma Clifton of Muenster. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Saint Jo High School and a 1999 graduate of North Central Texas College. He is employed at Superior Machining in Muenster. The bride is a 1991 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a 1996 graduate of Tarleton State University. She is employed at Saint Jo Elementary as a third grade teacher. The couple plans to reside in Saint Jo upon returning from a Caribbean cruise.

Krahl is UNT grad

Alexander Nathan Krahl graduated from the University of North Texas in Denton on Saturday, Aug. 10. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance. Attending the commencement ceremony were his parents, Gary and Cathy Krahl, his sister Sara and his brothers Jared and Royce of Callisburg. The following day, his family hosted a party in their home. Attending were his grandparents Martin and Nancy Krahl of Valley View and Mary Ann Arendt of Lindsay. Also David Arendt, Donna Reed, Kelli and Matt; Damian and Lucy Krahl, Lucinda, Travis, Louis and Maggie all of Lindsay; EJ Schad and Eddie, Tommy, and Angela of Valley View; Tim and Janie Hartman and Jessika; and Phillip and Brenda Flusche and Jacqueline,



Alexander Krahl

Nicholas, Adria, Kevin, Zachary, Kendra, and Nathan all of Muenster. Alex is a 1998 graduate of Lindsay High School. He is employed as an insurance and financial services agent for the Farmers Insurance Group of Fort Worth.

Hogan family holds reunion on Sept. 1

The children and grandchildren of the late Edna (McDonald) and Spencer Hogan gathered together for their annual family reunion on Sunday, Sept. 1 at the V.F.W. Hall in Muenster. This is a tradition which spans more than sixty years. Four of the couple's eleven children were there this year: Eula Grace (Hogan) Cain of Muenster; Frank Hogan of Saint Jo; Naomi (Hogan) Smith of Lubbock; and Jerry Hogan of Kingsland, Texas. There were children and grandchildren there to represent all but three, of the other seven brothers and sisters. More than two hundred people gathered for the event. The children of one of the deceased sisters, Leona (Hogan) Rhone, played for the group after their noon meal. Their band is known by many of the local Muenster people as the Cherry Rhone Band. Billy and Jana Hogan, son and daughter-in-law of the late Jack Hogan, also entertained. Billy and Jana have sung in clubs in

Nashville, Tennessee, for many years, and Billy thrills everyone each year as he plays the saxophone. Bill Clinton's talent on the saxophone pales compared to Billy's! Keith Smith and his wife, Betty, sang several gospel songs. The Smiths sing for many church services, weddings, and funerals in the Lubbock/Amarillo area. Judy (Cain) Hartman, who usually sings "Won't You Come Home Billy Bailey" gave everyone a break this year as she had laryngitis! Her uncle, Jerry Hogan, called her before the reunion to ask what they couldn't talk. Judy whispered and told him there would be a lot of people who would consider it a blessing (namely, Chris Cain)! Ha! A marvelous time was had by all! Each year the Hogan clan leaves looking forward to next year, when they can gather again to share precious memories and build new ones. *submitted by Judy (Cain) Hartman*

Forestburg Watermelon Festival parade results

The twenty-second annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival Parade opened the 2002 Watermelon Festival and Homecoming at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 17. The Forestburg Riding Club, first place winners in the Santa Rosa Roundup in Vernon, Saint Jo, Weatherford, Jacksboro, Terral, Oklahoma, Furthorste traveled at Vernon and Weatherford and a second place finish at Bowie, served as host riding club and led the parade. Wassie Reynolds assisted by Tony Desmuke announced the parade. Kris Barnett, pastor of the Forestburg First Baptist Church, gave the invocation. There were 57 registered entries in seven categories and many non-registered

participants. Winning entrants were: The Judges trophy for Best-All-Round entry was awarded to the Forestburg Country Store Coffee Drinkers float depicting an old brush arbor meeting. The Forestburg Riding Club, host club and not normally judged was given the riding club trophy by default since no other riding clubs were entered. The float trophy was won by the First Baptist Church of Forestburg. Antique automobile trophy went to Eli and Shirley Harvill's 1931 Ford Model A Roadster. The Forestburg Volunteer Fire Department W. E. C. S. unit won the commercial division. Samantha Reynolds, daughter of

Wesley and Danielle Reynolds of Forestburg, attired as the Statue of Liberty, won the individual rider trophy. The Antique farm machinery trophy went to Butch Pennington of Roanoke with a 1938 John Deere Model "B" tractor and sickle mower. The Miscellaneous trophy went to Beth Ann Hyde of

Forestburg, riding "Awesome," a 3-year-old Longhorn steer. Judges for the parade were Ron Bailey, Forestburg; Margaret Woodyard, Nocona; and Max Latham, Bowie. Assisting with registration and lining up entries were Charles Cook and Dick Ellzey.

Germany - years ago

For decades in Germany, August was the traditional month when Volkswagen employees took a vacation.

King George I of England was a native of Germany and could not speak English.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department for their fast action in saving my home from major damage and for consideration in taking care of my treasured keepsakes close to the origin of the fire. Also, thank you to the Myra Volunteer Fire Department for coming to assist. I am so thankful that my neighbors enjoy maintaining a beautiful yard which enabled them to call 911 before the fire had advanced. I appreciate so much the help of my family, friends and co-workers with the cleanup, etc. following the events of Tuesday. You all will always have a special place in my heart and prayers. Thank you again, *Janet Hoenig*

Mouse nets pets

People in Cooke County can now use a mouse to find a pet - computer mouse, that is. Noahs Ark Animal Rescue has joined 298 others in Texas as a member of Petfinder.com, the largest and oldest virtual animal shelter. The Web site represents about 86,800 homeless animals at any one time in more than 4,200 shelters and rescue groups nationwide and in Canada. Potential adopters can extend their search beyond the local area by entering search criteria on the Petfinder home page. The computer generates a list of potential pets, ranked by proximity to the visitor's Zip code. All that's left to do is click on the animal's name

for more information. Each shelter or rescue group handles its own adoptions. Petfinder.com has taken some of the uncertainty out of adopting a pet. Every dog and cat adopted from a Petfinder.com member shelter or rescue group in licensed states is eligible for a gift of the first two months of ShelterCare pet health insurance, paid for by Petfinder.com. Petfinder.com has partnered with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) for shelter outreach. The ASPCA also provides an extensive library on the site giving pet owners a one-stop resource for pet related issues.

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Williams can teach us one final lesson

Many Americans are mourning the death of baseball legend Ted Williams. His life exemplified qualities we value: hard work, service to community and country, determination, and talent. The controversy surrounding his death and the conflict within his family is unfortunate to say the least. But as media coverage of the Williams family and cryogenics prompts conversations about life and death - we all have an opportunity to act now to avoid the anguish now experienced by Ted Williams' family and his countless fans as the situation drags on.

From the perspective of hospice doctors, social workers, nurses, chaplains and volunteers who care for patients and families at the end of life, this is not really a debate about cryogenics or cremation. It is about reflecting upon and clearly expressing our end-of-life wishes to our families - to protect our loved ones from

what Ted Williams' family is going through now.

It's not an easy conversation to have. Research by the National Hospice Foundation (www.hospiceinfo.org) shows that Americans would rather talk to their children about safe sex and drugs than talk to their parents and loved ones about the end of life. Yet, such conversations have never been more critical. As our nation ages, Baby Boomers are the first generation that will spend more time caring for their parents than for their children. So it is vital that thoughtful, serious, personal conversations take place about the kinds of experiences we would want for ourselves and loved ones.

Funeral arrangements, wills, and advance directives are essential. But there are other end-of-life choices to be considered, too. For instance, would you like to die at home or in the hospital? Are you

considering organ donation? What do you want your family to know about your beliefs regarding quality of life "spirituality." Whatever your wishes, the time to talk is now, before the crisis hits.

Let's learn another lesson from Ted Williams: to put our end-of-life wishes in writing and sit down with our families to talk openly about how we want our wishes carried out. There are several good resources to help you with this. Copies are available at no charge at Home Hospice, 1001 W. Broadway, Gainesville, or on the web at www.hospiceinfo.org, or call toll-free 800-658-8898. Home Hospice will be glad to offer assistance and information to help families get started with these important conversations. To schedule a program for your church group or community organization or for your employees - anyone who needs to hear this valuable guidance, call 940-665-9891.



Dave and Joan Walterscheid of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Julie Michelle Walterscheid of Lewisville, to Michael Lee Anderson of Lewisville. Parents of the groom are Dennis Anderson of Menomonee, Wisconsin and Celinda Anderson of Lewisville. The couple will be married on Sept. 28, 2002 in Fellowship Church of Grapevine. The bride-elect is art director of the Graphic Design Department of Graphic Network in Dallas. The future-groom is a specialized mechanical technician for Automotive Concepts, Inc. in Carrollton. The couple will reside in Lewisville.

Oktoberfest Oct. 4-6 in Fredericksburg

Fans of festivals fortunate enough to find themselves on the grounds of the 22nd Annual Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg will be able to hoist their glass and waltz their partner to the music of 30 bands at this famous celebration of the Old World in the Texas Hill Country, Oct. 4, 5, and 6. Oktoberfest hours are 6 p.m. to 12 midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 midnight Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6, \$1 for children 6-12, and under 6 free. Two-day passes are \$10; three-day passes are \$15.

For more information call 830-997-4810 or go to www.oktoberfestinfbg.com.

Daniel celebrates first!

Daniel Gene Luttmir celebrated his first birthday on Aug. 18 with a party at the home of his grandparents Alfons and Mary Ann Koessler. His actual birthday is Aug. 20. After cake, ice cream, and kool-aid were served, everyone enjoyed watching Daniel open his gifts.

Guests included Daniel's parents, Gene and Carol

Luttmir; sisters Abby and Amy; grandparents Alfons and Mary Ann Koessler; great-grandparents Ben and Bertie Voth; uncles, aunts and cousins Joe, Kristy, and Ben Koessler; James, Sue, Jonathan, Kristen, and Debra Yosten; Barbara Koessler; Duane, Mary Lin, Diana and Amanda Knabe; and Max, Cindy, Samantha, and Stephanie Koessler.



Daniel Luttmir

Van Alstyne teenager spends summer volunteering

"I feel like I've helped out a lot in the office," said Cassie Weber, age 15 of Van Alstyne. "My volunteer position this summer with ECI (Early Childhood Intervention), has helped me gain valuable office skills and has let me look at a field that I am interested in studying when I attend college."

Cassie spent two to three days each week since the first of June being a girl Friday for ECI. Whatever was needed she did. "I've entered data, copied materials to be made into packets and handed out during meetings or special programs, and anything else that I could do to help out. It was good for me to get the experience of working with other people. I have really enjoyed it."

Cassie attends Van Alstyne High School and will be a junior this fall. A good student, her favorite subjects are Math, Science and English. She also participates in athletics and plays volleyball, basketball and runs track. She enjoys swimming in her family pool. She is active in Student Council, the Gifted and Talented Program, Junior Classical League and the Latin Club.

When asked why she decided to work as a volunteer this summer she gave the following answer, "Basically I decided to do volunteer work to gain office skills and I'm interested in some of the professions like occupational speech and physical therapy, so this kind of introduces me to all of that."

The Early Childhood Intervention Program serves Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Delta and Hopkins counties and is headed locally by Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma. The program is an affiliation of the Texas Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention. It provides developmental therapy and support services for infants and children (birth to age three) with developmental delays.

"Cassie is a quick learner," said Horton, "and I'd like to stress that there are a bunch of good kids out there doing good things. We hear a lot about the bad kids but not always about the good ones. Cassie is a good example of those who do a lot of good for others to benefit their community."

Submitted by Jacqueline White

Vendors wanted for Festival

October 5, Burkburnett is the place to be. Burkburnett Development Corporation has announced the Friendship Festival will be held in the new Friendship Community Park that boasts a 16-acre complex.

Planned activities for the day include 100 plus shopping and food booth spaces in Royalty Park, tournaments and games in the sports complexes of the park, an antique car show, youth activities in Permain Park and FREE entertainment beginning at noon and lasting until 9:30 p.m. in the 2700 seat amphitheater. The headline entertainment will begin at 8:00 p.m. starring Vince Vance and the Valentines. Admission to the park is free.

Persons interested in renting a \$25 booth space should contact Anita Owen, 940-569-1690, 940-631-9497 or aowen@academicplanet.com. Fee is refundable in case of inclement weather.

2 attend Catholic University

Elizabeth Fette of Muenster and a graduate of Sacred Heart High School is now enrolled at Catholic University of America with classes beginning on Aug. 26. Elizabeth was the recipient of the Archdiocesan Scholarship, full tuition for four years.

Accompanying Elizabeth for parent and student orientation were her parents, David and Pam Fette, and her grandparents, Bob and Jean Gosney.

The family spent three days in New York City touring and then four days in Washington DC. Elizabeth is enrolled in the Honors Program and is majoring in Musical Theater.

She has a part-time job in the Music Department. She chose the Catholic University of America not only for the outstanding education it provided, but also for the opportunity to serve her fellow man and the Church, in an aura of religious significance.



Elizabeth Fette



Sara Sepanski

Sara Sepanski is attending the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where she will pursue a master's degree in architecture.

Enjoying all subjects in high school, Sara chose architecture as a field that would incorporate a broad range of subjects. She is very excited to be at CUA, home to an excellent school of architecture, and is also looking forward to attending courses afforded her in the Honors Program, participating in the vibrant spiritual life of the campus, partaking in the special opportunities and experiences available in our nation's capital, and foreign travel.

Sara will be working part-time on campus as an office assistant in the Edward M. Crough Center for Architectural Studies.

Sara is the daughter of Bob and Linda Sepanski of Muenster, and a graduate of Sacred Heart High School.

Montague Days Rally scheduled for Sept. 14

On Saturday, Sept. 14, the 3rd Annual Montague Days Motorcycle Rally will be held beginning at 7 a.m. featuring a county-wide scavenger hunt. Other events that day will be an old fashioned hot breakfast and Lone Star BBQ Society Cook-off and a fish fry,

and a bake sale from 5-8 p.m. to benefit the Montague VFD. A motorcycle light parade around the square will be held after dark.

For more information contact James Weaver at 940-894-5887.

Meeting Notice

Diabetic Support Group

"What you need to know about Type 2 diabetes and the number 140" will be the featured topic at the Tuesday, Sept. 17 meeting of Diabetic Support Group. They meet at 7 p.m. in the Roberts Meeting Room of Gainesville Memorial Hospital. For information call Joan Walterscheid at (940) 759-2395. Persons with diabetes and anyone interested in learning more about diabetes are encouraged to attend.

AARP, INC.

AARP, INC. meeting will be held Sept. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Stanford House in Gainesville. Bring a covered dish and 9 volt batteries. The program includes Card Bingo. Bring a wrapped or bagged gift not to exceed \$5.00.

Defensive driving class offered by AARP

AARP Defensive Driving Class is set for Sept. 15 and 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Stanford House in Gainesville. Pre-register with Joyce at 665-5470.

Former Tiger coach, Stock, hospitalized

Eddie Stock, 52, assistant coach at Bryan Adams High School and former coach of the Sacred Heart Tigers, is a patient at Doctor's Hospital in Dallas, for treatment of a mild heart attack. He will remain hospitalized through the week. Friends and former local students who wish to send get well cards may contact friends of the Stock family, Alvin and Joanie Hartman for a mailing address.

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Financial responsibility 101: crash course

Call it Financial Responsibility 101.

Taking care of personal finances can be a shock, especially when you've just left home for the first time. College freshmen and other young adults leaving the family nest might find the experience a little daunting.

It doesn't have to be that way, said Dr. Lynn B. White, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist. Learning how to take care of your own finances can be a liberating lesson in adulthood.

First, she said, "Know exactly how much money you have to spend each month" on personal expenses above and beyond necessities such as rent (or room and board), tuition and other college costs. Accept the challenge to figure out ways to limit yourself to that amount of money to pay for food, clothing, utilities, entertainment, car costs including fuel and insurance, and any other expenses you need to meet.

In general, learn how to balance your needs and activities with your cash flow, she said.

Next, "be willing to be creative in how you meet your needs," she said. "Rather than thinking you can just go buy everything you want," decide which options are the most important to you.

For example, White said, you might decide to save money by walking places instead of driving or going by bus or taxi. Walking is the cheapest form of transportation, after all, and saves a lot of money that can be used for something else.

Decide if cell phones, calling cards, land-line phones or even no telephones at all will best fit in your budget and meet your personal communication needs.

Getting together with a group of friends for pot luck meals can reduce everyone's food costs.

Comparison shop for groceries, plan meals ahead, and save a bundle. Decide how much you can spend and what you are going to buy and stay out of the supermarket between paydays, White advised.

"If you share rental property, it's wise to have a written agreement between roommates as to how the bills will be paid," she said.

Decide who is responsible for which bills or what each person's share of the bills is, and get it in writing, because "the palest ink is better than the greatest

memory. People forget," White said, especially when one roommate leaves, and the others are left with the bills.

"Get receipts for everything, whether you're paying by check or by cash," she advised, because that proves you've met your part of the obligation.

And speaking of obligations ... many young adults, even those without incomes, find letters in the mail from credit card companies telling them that they've been "pre-approved" for a credit card. White advised against taking these companies up on their offers "at least until you have learned to live within your income."

"It's highly recommended not to get a credit card until you are a young professional" with a job and an income, she said. Too many financially inexperienced young adults find themselves in too much debt from using "the plastic" when they don't need to.

The wiser course of action is to wait until your income can support "and justify some credit card debt," White said. "Believe me, they (credit card companies) will still be back for you" once you are out of school and working.

If you're tempted by these companies' offers, instead "ask yourself: 'Why do I need a credit card?'" White said. Will it be used to buy something that will outlast the payments? Or will it be used for food, entertainment, clothing or some other item that you'll still be paying on long after it's gone?

"Recognize that any time you use a credit card, you have just spent future money," she said. "It's not like more money to spend. You are committing future income to pay for something now. Ask yourself how critical it is to have it right now?" Figure what the total cost will be "payments per month multiplied by how many months the payments are spread out" and decide what the actual cost of the item will be. Then determine if it's worth the expense. If not, save a little each month so you can pay for it later.

All this advice might sound like a lot, but, White said, it really is pretty simple. It boils down to this: Save money every chance you can.

"Start developing thinking habits like the millionaire next door, because these are the principles that help people have money for what they

need, when they need it," she said.

For example, new is not always better, she said. Used "not new" vehicles can be more cost effective because they have lower insurance rates, lower payments "and less likelihood that your friends will want to borrow your car, run up your mileage and use your gasoline."

"Shop for the used vehicle that comes closest to meeting your needs," she said.

When choosing a residence, "live in a less expensive place than you can afford," White said. That way, your bills will be lower, you will have less of an image to live up to, and saving money will be easier.

And finally, "never base your decision on what you think you are going to earn." When it comes to financial responsibility, stick with funds you know you have.

Pinching pennies doesn't sound like much fun, especially to young adults away from home for the first time. But experts point out that a little bit of wise money management can prevent years of financial hassle.

According to Extension statistics: Somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 percent of college graduates enter the job market already \$10,000 to \$25,000 in debt to credit cards.

In 1998, nearly 5 percent of personal bankruptcies were filed by young adults age 25 or younger.

In 1999, the average college undergraduate had \$2,748 in credit card debt.

College students need to concentrate on their studies first, White said. But first-hand learning about personal finances can be an education in itself.

Kids! Come experience great outdoors Sept. 14

The Cross Timbers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be hosting a JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) event on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be at the Valley View Group Use Camp on the LBJ Grasslands near Decatur. JAKES is designed to introduce kids to different outdoor activities and to develop a strong conservation ethic of our natural resources.

Activities will include target shooting, archery, turkey calling, basic



The Muenster High School Queens' Court for the 2002 Homecoming are, from left, back row - senior candidates Jami Gerstberger, Megan Lippe, Lisa Felderhoff and Shanna Jones; front - princesses Shannon Growing (sophomore), Abby Endres (freshman) and Allisha Walterscheid (junior). Hornet Homecoming will be Friday, Sept. 27, against Chico. Pregame festivities begin at 7:00 p.m.

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* Keep the feeder and surrounding area clean to minimize disease and improve the food's taste. Clean the feeders on a regular basis - at least once a season. Soak tube feeders in a bucket of hot water and a 10 percent bleach solution, then brush them clean and allow to dry before refilling. Wooden feeders should be scrubbed with soap and water and then allowed to dry for at least half a day to be completely free of any moisture, which can spoil food. Courtesy of ARA Content

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School Lunch Menus

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Tues. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Sub sandwiches (ham and cheese), lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, carrot sticks, pears, cookies.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, bananas, hot rolls.

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

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Mon. - Chili dogs, cheese sticks, potato salad, pineapple chunks.

Tues. - Beef stew, biscuits, banana pudding, salad.

Wed. - Chicken spaghetti, salad, green beans, peach cobbler, bread sticks.

Thurs. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, salad, fruit cocktail.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimming, apples, corn

chips, salsa dip, ice cream bar.

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Mon. - Crispito, pinto beans, lettuce salad, pineapple, bread.

Tues. - Ham sandwich, potato salad, lettuce, pickles, mixed fruit.

Wed. - Beef tips and rice, green beans, vegetable sticks, pears, bread.

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

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, French fries, pickles, onions, oranges.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, jello w/fruit, Texas toast.

Tues. - Lasagna or steak fingers, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, garlic hot roll.

Wed. - Turkey pot pie, or egg roll, broccoli and cheese, peaches, rice krispy treat.

Thurs. - Burrito, green beans, fruit mix, tossed salad, fresh apple.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, French fries, pickle spears, ice cream.

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Sports

Tigers get big victory over Era

The Sacred Heart Tigers brought home a 40-7 season opener victory over Era last Friday after scoring 22 points in the 3rd quarter.

"Defensively, we played real well. We had one slip-up on a long pass play, but overall we're excited with the way we played," Tiger Coach Kris Hogan commented. "Our defensive line had a great game against the run and the pass, while our cover men did a good job on Era's receivers."

Jeff Reiter began the action with the opening kickoff. Era gained a first down before the Tigers shut down their offense, forcing a punt. Sacred Heart's drive ended quickly when Era's Scott Johnson picked off a Tiger pass.

Again the Tiger defense made the Hornets punt, putting the ball on the Tiger 21 yard line. Runs by Paul Bartush, Johnny Krahl and Chris Hoedebeck took the ball to the two yard line. With 1:52 on the clock, Bartush scored on a quarterback keeper. The PAT kick failed for a 6-0 score.

Penalties delayed the Hornet drive into the second quarter, that ended with a short punt to the Era 44. Krahl gained 15 yards, with a Bartush to Hoedebeck pass taking the Tigers to the 15 yard line. A flag moved the ball to the 7, but a fumbled ball was recovered by Era's John Whitlock on the 8 yard line.

Sacred Heart's defense again forced a punt. The first play of the drive, the Tigers fumbled to Era's John Enderby. An Era fumble the next play was recovered by Andy Davis to give the Tigers possession on their own 34 yard line. Runs by Hoedebeck, Krahl, and Bartush and a screen pass to Hoedebeck put the Tigers on the 8 yard line. Krahl found the end zone with 3:32 remaining in the first half. The PAT pass failed for a 12-0 score.

Era's offense took the Tigers by surprise when an Andy Crenshaw pass to Kahle Mason turned into a 69 yard touchdown. The extra point by Scott Johnson closed the score to 12-7 with 3:09 still on the clock.

Both teams handled the ball before the half-time break that ended with Era's quarterback getting sacked.

The third quarter opened with a Tiger touchdown. Bartush took the kickoff, then handed it to Hoedebeck, who returned the ball 80 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Bartush and Hoedebeck hooked up for the extra points and a 20-7 lead.

Era's offense again struggled, giving the Tigers the ball on their 30 yard line. A Chris Hoedebeck run for 70 yards lit up the scoreboard again. Bartush ran in the extra points and Sacred Heart had a 28-7 lead. Four plays later,

Michael Voth intercepted a pass, returning the ball to the 11 yard line. The Tigers then fumbled, with Jacob Tuggle covering the ball on the 18. The Hornets lost yards in three runs and punted.

Starting on the Era 43, runs by Hoedebeck, Bartush, and Reiter got the ball to the 2 yard line. On 2nd down, Bartush found Clint Fuhrmann in the end zone for the touchdown. The PAT kick was blocked for a 34-7 score with 8 seconds remaining in the 3rd quarter.

Again the Tiger defense was on the attack when Paul Bartush picked off a Hornet pass, returning it to the 6 yard line. The next play, Johnny Krahl put the icing on the cake with a touchdown. Again the PAT was blocked and Sacred Heart had a 40-7 lead with 9:35 remaining in the game.

The teams exchanged punts, as the final minutes of play became a defensive battle ground with very little gain.

Coach Hogan noted that the Tiger offense was able to get the job done, despite some sloppiness that usually comes with the first game of the season. "I think there was some concern about our offense, but we did a pretty good job of executing, and the score reflects that. We'll be happy any game we score 40 points."

Hogan also noted that the kick return and punt teams did a good job, but not as sharp on kickoff and punt return. "To reach our goals, we'll need to show big improvements in the kicking game."

SH	6	6	22	6	40
SH	0	7	0	0	7

TEAM STATS		
SH	E	
15	1st downs	2
41/265	Rushes/yds.	22/7
20	Passing yds.	111
2/4/1	Comp/att/int	3/8/2
2/31	Punts/avg.	7/26
93	Fumbles/lost	6/2
7/46.5	Penalties/yd.	7/37

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: SH - Chris Hoedebeck, 10/115; Johnny Krahl 15/97; E - Kahle Mason 3/7. **TACKLERS:** Thomas Whitcotton, Johnny Krahl, Andy Davis. **TURNOVERS:** Andy Davis, Paul Bartush, Michael Voth.

Next Action
 The Tigers will host the Bells Panthers, a 2A football team, this Friday night. The Panthers shut out Argyle 27-0 last week and expect to be in the playoffs.

"Offensively, they run a combination of schemes that is very difficult to prepare for," said Coach Hogan. "You must be playing smart defensively or Bells can really put up some points in a hurry." Hogan noted that the Panthers have four or five tough runners and a big offensive line that will challenge the Tigers. Defensively, Bells has completely stopped their scrimmage and first game opponents.

"Hopefully, we can use some of our speed to neutralize their size advantage on both sides of the ball. We will have to be hitting on all cylinders Friday night, but we are looking forward to it."

Action begins at 7:30 p.m.



Sacred Heart quarterback Paul Bartush (10) cuts in for a good gain against Era. Bob Sepanski Photo



Kevin Walterscheid (making tackle), assisted by other Tigers, stopped the Hornets' rushing gain to only 7 yards. Bob Sepanski Photo



Jonny Krahl (30) gets the Tiger rushing attack started with a 52-yard run in the first quarter. Bob Sepanski Photo

Saint Jo Cheerleaders sponsor golf tourney Sept. 14

The Saint Jo Cheerleaders will be hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002 at Turtle Hill Golf Course in Muenster beginning at 2:00 p.m. It will be a four-man scramble with a shot gun start. Entry fee is \$60 per person and includes green fees, cart, and barbecue meal. There will be cash prizes and door prize drawings. The tournament is limited to 30 teams. To sign up, call Tina Dunham at 995-2311.



Chris Hoedebeck (2) led the Tigers' rushing game with 215 yards in 10 carries. Bob Sepanski Photo

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 For more info, call 759-2772 or 759-5027

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Pizza Feast and Swim Party at Lindsay, TX, Sept 7, 2002. Meet at First Baptist Church at 5:00pm, Pizza and Swimming from 5:30-8:30. Clubbers will arrive back at Church around 9pm. All 7th through 12th graders are invited!
 For more info, call 759-2772

JV Tigers squash Era 36-0

The Sacred Heart Junior Varsity Tigers opened the season last Thursday with a dominating 36-0 victory over the Hornets of Era.

The teams exchanged possession a couple of times as the first quarter clock ticked off the minutes. A good punt by Jeff Reiter put Era on their 14 yard line. Tackles by Adam Taylor, Stephen LaChance, and David Walterscheid kept the Hornets from advancing. A fourth down fumble put Sacred Heart only 7 yards from pay dirt. A pass from Mikey Bayer to Adam Dangelmayr put the Tigers on the scoreboard. Bayer ran in the extra points for a 8-0 score with 25 seconds on the clock.

A flag and an incomplete pass by Era was followed by Bayer stealing the ball from a Hornet and running it 32 yards for another Sacred Heart touchdown. Aaron Krahl ran in the points after and the Tigers had a 16-0 lead as the first period of play ended.

Sacred Heart fumbled their first drive after five plays, forced Era to punt twice, then starting on their own 41, scored after three runs - 10 yards by Krahl, 15 yard gain to the 17 by Reiter, and the scoring run by Krahl, behind the blocking of LaChance. The extra points pass failed for a 22-0 score with three minutes remaining in the first half.

The Tiger defense, including a tackle by Therakul (Min) Pulpunyawong, a Tai exchange student, forced another punt. Mikey Bayer returned the ball to the Era 34. Reiter gained 13, then ran the other 21 yards for another Tiger touchdown. A Bayer to Neil Bayer pass put Sacred Heart ahead 30-0 with 46 seconds on the clock.

A fumble covered by M. Bayer ended Era's first drive of the second half. The teams then exchanged punts. Runs by Reiter and a pass to Timmy Otto put the Tigers on the 5 yard line. Two plays later, Krahl scored. The PAT failed for a 36-0 Tiger lead with 3:02 on the 3rd quarter clock.

The remainder of the game ticked by quickly with the teams exchanging punts without first downs until the last Sacred Heart drive when Jon Pels got 16 yards in three carries.

Other members of the team playing tough defense were Wes Wimmer, Daniel Bartush, and Arlie Bayer.

The JV Tigers traveled to Bells Thursday, Sept. 5, for a 6:30 game.

- Class 1A Ranking**
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Hornet defense defeats Hounds

The Throckmorton Greyhounds traveled to Muenster last Friday night to take on the Hornets in the 2002 season opener.

The Hounds surprised the Hornets with an early score, then 21 points in the second quarter gave Muenster the edge until a final quarter touchdown by Throckmorton threatened Muenster's victory.

"I was pleased with the way we played," noted Coach Monte Endres on the Hornets' two penalties and one turnover. "I am proud of the overall effort - to come from behind, then hold them off when they made a run in the 4th quarter."

Endres commented that Muenster played a good game, but not a perfect game. "Everybody did a good job."

Muenster's offense took to the field after the opening kick, moving from their 23 yard line to the Throckmorton 18 before running out of gas. Two plays later, Monty Scrogum broke away for a 77 yard scoring run. The extra kick put the Hounds on the board 7-0 with 6:52 remaining in the first period of play.

Muenster could not get the needed 10 yards and punted. Tackles by Josh Freeman, Dustin Walterscheid, and Tyler Walterscheid forced a punt on 4th and 14.

From Throckmorton's 44 yard line, runs by Justin Wolf, Cody Cory, and Dustin Hiser took Muenster to the 15 yard line as the 2nd quarter began. Two more Cory runs and Muenster was on the scoreboard. The PAT kick failed for a 7-6 score with 11:27 on the clock.

Mitch Felderhoff booted the ball 41 yards, then the Hounds fumbled on the return with Cameron Walterscheid covering on the Throckmorton 22 yard line.

Runs by Cory, Wolf, and Daniel Russell carried the Hornets to the 5. Dustin Walterscheid then scored on a 4th down play from the five yard line. Cory ran in the extra points to give Muenster a 14-7 lead with 6:18 remaining in the first half.

Another Felderhoff kick put the Hounds on their 23 yard line after no return. Two plays later, C. Walterscheid covered another fumble to set up Muenster's next score.

From the 25, D. Walterscheid, Wolf, and Cory took the ball to the 6 yard line. Cory then scored the touchdown and D. Walterscheid booted the extra point for a 21-7 score with 3:59 on the clock.

Muenster's defense and two flags forced a punt on 4th and 18. Cody Cory returned the kick 51 yards to the Hound 4 yard line. Three unsuccessful plays and time ticking away saw Muenster attempt a field goal that failed as the first half of play ended.

Throckmorton took the 3rd quarter kick, but could not gain 10 yards and punted. Muenster moved the ball on short runs and a D. Walterscheid to Hiser pass, but ran out of downs. Jared Ledbetter's punt put the Hounds deep on their 2 yard line. Ten plays later, Throckmorton was on the

Hornet 40 yard line as the final period of play began. Three consecutive runs lost yards as Freeman, Nathan Hess, and Clint Miller were among the Hornet defense causing 9 lost yards and forcing a punt.

Muenster's next drive ended after four plays with a fumble, giving the Hounds possession 31 yards from pay dirt. Seven plays later, Throckmorton scored on a one yard run. Nathan Hess blocked the extra point

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: M - Cody Cory, 20/122; Justin Wolf, 10/58. T - Monty Scrogum, 16/142.
RECEIVERS: Dustin Hiser 2/41. FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Cameron Walterscheid (2), Dustin Walterscheid. CAUSED FUMBLES: Kyle Endres, Nathan Hess, Clint Miller.
LEADING TACKLERS: Jake Freeman, Kyle Endres.

Next Action
 The Hornets travel to



Justin Hess (77) pulls down a Hound as Kyle Endres (54) and Kirk Hartman (75) move in to assist. Janie Hartman Photo

attempt for a 21-13 score with 4:22 remaining on the clock.

A fired-up Throckmorton defense forced Muenster to punt from the Hornet goal line. The kick was returned 13 yards to the 25, keeping the Hounds very much in the ball game. But again the Hornet defense came through, causing a fumble which D. Walterscheid covered on the 36 yard line. A Wolf run took the ball to midfield, where Muenster's offense took a knee twice to kill the clock and celebrate a 21-13 victory.

M	0	21	0	0	21
T	7	0	0	6	13
TEAM STATS					
M	15	1st downs	8	T	8
	42/191	Rushes/yds.	26/185		
	3/8/0	Comp/att/int	0/1/0		
	35	Passing yds.	0		
	3/25	Punts/avg.	3/28		
	1/1	Fumbles/lost	4/3		
	2/15	Penalties/yds.	6/45		

Nocona this Friday to Battle the Indians of District 7-AA.

"Nocona is a much improved team. It should be a good ball game, coming down to one touchdown," said Endres, noting that the Indians ran a wish-bone offense. Nocona has had a 1-9 season the past two seasons.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Last Week's Scores District 11A

- Muenster 21 Throckmorton 13
- Era 7 Sacred Heart 40
- Collinsville 34 Alvord 12
- Lindsay 36 Chico 13
- Saint Jo 42 Savoy 6
- Petrolia 19 Holliday 22
- Others**
- Callisburg 0 S&S 50
- Valley View 24 Anna 40
- Gainesville 27
- WF Hirschi 13



Coach Kenny Mann makes an equipment adjustment for Hornet Justin Wolf on the sidelines of last Friday's game. Janie Hartman Photo



The Throckmorton extra point kicker saw nothing but a big #53 as Nathan Hess blocked the ball for no point. Janie Hartman Photo



The Hornet defense - including Clint Miller, Jared Ledbetter and Nathan Hess - wrap up a Throckmorton ball carrier. Janie Hartman Photo

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Knights slay Dragons

Knights Field in Lindsay was attacked by Dragons last Friday night, but the Knights were ready for battle and defeated Chico 36-13.

"I felt like we played a very good first half, but the second half we got a little tired," Lindsay Coach John Erwin said about his Knights. "We do not have real depth. Some of our guys had to play the entire game."

Action began when Ryan Kasperek booted the opening kick. Three plays later Keith Dieter intercepted a pass to set up Lindsay's first touchdown.

Runs by Chris Horner, Dieter, and Sam Hellinger took the ball to the one yard line. Keith Dieter had the honor of scoring with 8:48 on the clock. The PAT failed for a 6-0 score.

Kasperek, after kicking the ball, covered a fumble on Chico's attempt to return, setting up score number two. From the 27 yard line, it took the Knights five runs to find pay dirt. A 3 yard Chris Horner run and a Hellinger to Cody Anderle pass put Lindsay in the lead 14-0 with 6:16 remaining in the first quarter.

The Knight defense continued their attack, when three plays later Sam Hellinger picked off a Dragon pass and returned it 50 yards for 6 points and a 20-0 lead.

Chico recovered from the shock of three unanswered TDs and began a 55 yard

scoring drive. Taking a dozen plays, one a fumbled punt return, the Dragons carried the ball into the second quarter. A 14 yard pass play put the Dragons on the scoreboard. The PAT kick was good for a 20-7 score with 10:14 on the quarter clock.

The Knights bounced right back scoring seven plays later on a 37 yard run by Chris Horner. A Hellinger to Anderle pass added 2 more points for a 28-7 score.

The Dragons threatened to score on their next drive, moving to the five yard line, but a loose ball, covered by Horner set the Knights 99 yards from pay dirt. Two good Horner runs moved the ball to the 27, but another loose ball was covered by Chico on the 15. Five plays later and the score was 28-13. Lindsay fumbled the kickoff, but time ran out for the Dragons to score before half-time.

The teams exchanged possession through the 3rd quarter with Kasperek, Garrett Jones, Joey Arendt, Trinity Otto, Hellinger, and Mark Schreiber all getting tackles. The period ended with a Schreiber quarterback sack.

The final quarter battle continued as the defenses held most drives to three plays and punt. The Knights' final drive of the game took seven plays to go 49 yards to the end zone. With one minute on the clock, Keith Dieter ran an 18 yard touchdown play. Hellinger added the extra

points for the final 36-13 score.

"Overall I was real pleased with the way the team performed," concluded Erwin.

L	20	8	0	8	36
C	0	13	0	0	13

TEAM STATS

L	C
11	9
40/223	Rushes/yds. 30/75
0	Passing yds. 71
0/6/0	Comp/at/int 8/17/2
5/36	Punts/avg. 5/28
32	Fumbles/lost 2/2
5/44	Penalties/yds. 7/34

Individual Stats

RUSHERS: L - Chris Horner, 16/120; Keith Dieter, 12/68. C - William Finley, 17/73.
TURNOVERS: Keith Dieter, Sam Hellinger, Ryan Kasperek, Chris Horner.
TACKLERS: Ryan Kasperek, Sam Hellinger, Keith Dieter.

Next Action

The Knights travel to Sadler this week to face the S&S Rams of District 13AA. The Rams lost 19 seniors from a 6-4 team.

Leading the Rams backfield will be Marcus Athey, John Scarborough, and Connor Williams with Athey leading the tackles.

"This will be a tough challenge. S&S is a big 2A school with lots of players. We will have a battle to stay in the game, as they will have fresh players coming off the bench. S&S is a better ball club than Chico," noted Coach Erwin.

The Knights will have two starters out this Friday. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



Lindsay Captains Joey Arendt (88), Chris Horner (35) and Ryan Kasperek (55) discuss the coin flip as the 2002 season gets underway. Anitra Anderle Photo



Lindsay Knight center Josh Mabry and the offensive line wait for the signal from quarterback Sam Hellinger. Anitra Anderle Photo

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by Jeff Mikus, Graduate Student
Texas Tech University
Animal Science and Food Technology

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My opinion is, they are looking to save money at our expense. The sad thing of it is that the people of the USA are the ones who made McDonald's successful in the first place, but we are not good enough to purchase beef from.

We personally are no longer eating at McDonald's, which I am sure does not make an impact, but if we pass this around maybe there will be an impact felt. Please pass on your opinion.

Just to add a note, all Americans that sell cows at a livestock auction barn had to sign a paper stating that we do NOT EVER feed our cows any part of another cow. South Americans are not required to do this as of yet.

McDonald's has announced that they are going to start importing much of their beef from South America. The problem is that South Americans aren't under the same regulations as American beef producers and the regulations they have are loosely controlled. They can spray numerous pesticides on their pastures that have been banned here at home because of residues found in the beef. They can also use various hormones and growth regulators that we can't. The American public needs to be aware of this problem and that they may be putting themselves at risk from now on by eating at good old McDonald's.

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The City of MUESTER is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Program grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$250,000 for a citywide water system improvements project. The application will be available for review at City Hall during regular business hours after September 9, 2002.

Published on September 6, 2002.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Voith Operating, Inc., 603 N. Sycamore, Muenster, Texas 76252 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn Formation on the Klemme Lease, Well Number 5. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles north of Muenster, Texas in the Cooke County Regular Field, in Cooke County, Texas.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1624 to 1644 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967, Telephone: 512-463-6790.

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Illegal nets Polk County game wardens conducted a trotline dragging operation on Lake Livingston after getting complaints from anglers about unattended lines. The wardens confiscated 11,250 feet of illegal lines. Seizure notices were posted at the courthouse.

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"The older, more mature bucks are less likely to be seen during the times when hunters are out there," said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, who has collected thousands of pictures at deer feeders throughout East Texas during the last seven years using automatic cameras triggered cameras.

"It's a constantly reoccurring theme. Evidently, the bigger, better bucks learn to lay low between dawn and dusk in the hunting season," he said.

Since 1995, Higginbotham has been setting up the remote-sensing cameras in deer habitats on East Texas ranches varying in size from a few hundred to a few thousand acres. The pictures have provided census data on white-tailed deer feeding habits at a level of accuracy not

normally obtainable by traditional means, such as spotlighting or surveying by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft. Moreover, these traditional means are blinder in most East Texas deer habitats because of heavy tree canopies and thick brush.

The cameras favored by Higginbotham are triggered by either motion sensors or infrared detection of the animal's body heat. Higginbotham's primary interest is to determine deer demographics, such as estimates of population density, buck/doe ratios and fawn counts. These data can then be used to tailor management strategies. Landowners can adjust their deer harvest strategies to maintain correct buck/doe ratios for a better crop of deer.

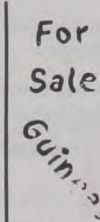
Incidental to the demographic data come revelations such as the lay-low behavior of older bucks during hunting season. Usually placed near deer corn-feeding stations, the automatic cameras provide other revelations about local wildlife behavior.

"A number of surprising results occur when cameras are out there collecting information for you 24 hours a day over a 14-day period," Higginbotham said.

One of these surprises is the amount of feed consumed by non-target species. Based on seven years of observations, Higginbotham estimates that as much as 75 percent of feed at the stations are consumed not by deer but by other wildlife such as raccoons and feral hogs. Other varmints show up on film at the feeding stations: squirrels, rats, opossums and even the occasional human trespasser. Coyotes and bobcats make regular spot checks at feeding stations to see what's on the four-legged menu.

Since no remote camera is going to capture images of all deer on a site, behind the demographic estimates lie some fairly sophisticated science and statistics.

During one study where the cameras were set up before and after hunting season, the difference between the counts matched the number of deer taken, Higginbotham noted.



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