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MMH keeps same budget amount

By Janet Felderhoff
There should not be a tax rate increase for taxpayers of the Muenster Hospital District this year. At the Tuesday, June 25 meeting of the Board of Directors unanimously voted to adopt a budget for 2002-03 that incorporated the same amount, \$411,286.00, of tax revenue as the previous year. The budget had to be adopted by July 1.

"I don't think that we need to increase taxes for this coming year," remarked Arnold. "If it (tax rate) goes down so be it. We're not looking for more than the \$411,000.00."

Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) Chief

Appraiser Doug Smithson explained to the Board how tax rates are figured. He said that it could be increased up to eight percent without risking a rollback election. He explained that if property values increase and the tax rate stays the same, taxpayers would still be paying more tax money.

Stephen Fisher asked, "Don't you think you need to have a little cushion? Why cramp yourself? If you really need to go down, you can go down next year."

Arnold responded, "You can raise it by three percent and you don't have to do anything but just approve it. If you raise above three

percent but less than eight percent, you must have a public hearing and allow people the opportunity to talk about it." He explained that if you keep the same rate and valuations have gone way up then you have actually increased the taxes.

Board member Angelo Nasche said, "Really I don't think we ought to have a cushion. For this year we ought to be strictly what we need." Fellow Board member Kenny Klement agreed saying that they know they can get by on the \$411,286.00 amount this year. He feels the Board needs to get a better grip on what items the hospital really needs to purchase

and it would be best to wait and get input from the department heads.

A tax rate can't be set until the CCAD certifies the tax roll. That will be done sometime in July or August.

Each department head was asked to submit a

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- MMH Administrator Arnold

Capital Budget Wish List of their biggest needs for capital improvements. These were listed in order of priority by department. "We'll try to have from the department heads a priority

list to bring back to you on a regular basis and ask for approval," Arnold explained. He said that an anesthesia machine had already been approved. Whatever is deemed the next priority will be the next requested item.

Estimated cost for all listed items of all departments was \$839,667.00.

CCAD staff Smithson, Judith Barnhill, business manager, and Peggy Moore, head of collections, attended the meeting to explain CCAD's role in the tax refunds resulting from the Rollback for MMH District. The tax rate was rolled back from 4982 to 25723.

Former MMH Administrator Jack Endres, Smithson, and Barnhill met and determined that MMH had neither the staff nor the computer capability to handle the rollback refunds. Moore and another employee, Shirley Hock, coordinated with True Automation, Inc. to modify the MMH tax rates. New statements were printed out and sent to Barnhill to create a refund report and coordinate entering the refunds into two computer systems, one to post the refunds into the CCAD data base and the other to print the refund check.

Barnhill explained that complications arose when Endres filed to get the checks for writing the refunds to the CCAD by March 1 as requested. The system had to be circumvented to ensure that the refund checks were

During the three weeks all refunds were entered into the QuickBooks program, statements folded, envelopes stuffed, and mailed. This required the staff to work seven days a week for the three-week period. Smithson said they had to do this evenings and weekends since their CCAD work had to come first.

"It was imperative to the CCAD staff that since they were given the responsibility of this rollback, that all checks be postmarked by the date of April 5, 2002," Barnhill noted. "We are proud to say, this was accomplished given the continuous procrastination on getting the checks and fielding questions from the taxpayers on the effect and amounts due them from the rollback." She declared that phone calls to MMH went unanswered causing her to have to make assumptions.

Billing from the CCAD to MMH for the work was done on an original agreement with Endres. Billing continues as Barnhill continues to be required to field questions, make corrections, and reconcile incoming checks. As of June 25 there were 216 checks ranging from a penny to \$200 or \$300.

All checks were mailed by April 15. If anybody has not received their refund check they are asked to contact Ms. Barnhill at 665-7651, Ext. 11. Some have been returned due to inaccurate addresses. It is hoped to have all checks cashed by Sept. 1. At some point a stop payment will be issued on all outstanding checks. Muenster State Bank has graciously agreed to waive the usual fee on rollback checks for this process.



Red 'N' Motion poses at the end of their summer dance camp. Pictured in front are, from left, Lieutenant Katie Cox, Captain Jana Truebenbach and Lieutenant Andrea Bonin. Back left is Dance Team Coach Cheryl Mollenkopf and to the right back is the Dance Team Choreographer Ann Scaif and her assistants Francie and Libby. See inside, page 8, for story. Dave Fette Photo

Council approves application

by Dave Fette
The Muenster City Council approved the application to join the Tree City, USA program at Monday night's regular meeting. The Council passed an ordinance, required to be designated a "Tree City, USA," to be sent with the application. The ordinance, No. 261, recognizes trees as a valuable and beautiful community resource and sets rules and guidelines for their selection and maintenance on City owned and/or controlled land. It also establishes a five-member City Tree Board to serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

"Designation as a Tree City, USA is not automatic. Only 43 other cities in Texas have been named in the program," explained City Administrator Linda Webb. She acknowledged the help and leadership of Stick Lamar, urban forester with Stick's Tree Service, in applying to be a Tree City.

Under old business, the Council approved a policy for utilization of the meeting room at Muenster Public Library. The Library Board was authorized to

make adjustments to the policy when necessary. Call Muenster Public Library, 759-4291, for information on using the meeting room.

An amendment was adopted Monday night to the City code concerning mobile homes. In effect, when a property with a mobile home or manufactured house on it is sold, the occupant will not be forced to move. However, when the occupant decides to move, the mobile home must be moved away if it is not in a zone that allows mobile homes.

Items of new business receiving discussion and/or action included:

- Approval was given to the Volunteer Fire Department to purchase five new aluminum cylinders for use with their emergency breathing apparatus for \$1,800.00.
- Stephen Gilland was engaged again to perform the City audit of financial records for fiscal year 2001-02.
- All discrepancies noted on the March wastewater treatment plant inspection by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation

Commission have been corrected and the City awaits their confirmation reply.

- City employees are currently replacing water and sewer lines under one block of North Oak Street. The City may delay paving that street till next year to allow the rock fill to settle properly. Surface repairs on West First, Fourth, and Fifth Streets are currently being made before re-paving starts in mid-July. Third Street from Main to Maple will be completely ripped up

and re-formed before paving.

- The City warns that citations will soon be issued for several more dogs that are repeatedly found roaming loose. Stray cats continue to be trapped.
- The City is seeking someone who can use the cap from the old water tower and will haul it off. Not an easy task considering its size and weight of over 6,000 pounds.
- Monthly bills totaling \$81,888.50 were approved for payment.

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Doug Smithson, CCAD Chief Appraiser

postmarked no later than the April 5 deadline. She said if this deadline had been missed MMH would have been liable for penalty and interest on top of the refund. Checks were received on Friday, March 15 allowing only three weeks to process 4,500 refund checks by April 5.

Smithson remarked the Board and administrator, "You all are in a tough situation, trying to figure out what you're doing like reorganization, trying to make things more efficient. What I see is a group coming here and working like a team. It didn't get

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LISD tour cites facility needs

By Janet Felderhoff
A roomful of concerned parents, teachers, and former Board members attended a special meeting of the Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees on Friday, June 28 at 5 p.m.

Board President Danny Nortman opened the floor to Public Forum for discussion of items not on the agenda. Jim Myrick, a former Board trustee, chastised Board members for airing "dirty laundry" in public. He was referring to an article and photo in last week's Enterprise concerning a Facilities Committee report. "We as a Board have always

tried to make the school better," said Myrick. "Do any of you think this makes our school better?"

Board member Bruce Bezner replied that hopefully it would. "What we do as a Board is make policies and procedures and we give them to the administrators and they must act on them and take care of them. If they don't, fire them. ... Just that simple, but do not come up here every day and take pictures of smelly restrooms or rainy whatever. Let them take care of it. Give them the means by which to take

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Nocona stages 50th Chisholm Trail Rodeo

Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 is the 50th Annual Chisholm Trail Rodeo to be held in Nocona. Concessions benefit youth groups of the area. Rodeo competition kicks off at 8 p.m. each evening. Saturday evening opens with the Glory Riders Drill performance. Extra events such as Mutton Bustin' start at 7:30 p.m. Other

extras are Ranch Bronc, Jr. Barrels, Donkey Race, and Calf Scramble.

Books open for the United Pro Rodeo Association approved competition on Monday, July 8. Call Dale or Kelly Lyons of the Big L Rodeo Company at (580) 276-5606.

Events with added money include Bareback, Calf

Roping, Barrel Racing, Team Roping, and Bull Riding.

A Parade is set for 3:30 p.m. Saturday. That evening a dance will be held at 10 p.m.

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entertaining, fast-paced rodeo excitement with the best bucking bulls in the business.

Admission at the gate is adults \$7 and children \$5, children five and under are free. Advance tickets are adults \$5 and children \$3. They are available at Gibbs Drug, Legend Bank - Nocona and Bowie, and Wells Fargo.

Jacque Bezner slams a homerun hit in fast-pitch action last Saturday in Muenster. Hannah Hess is the catcher for the Muenster team. See page 9 for more photos. Janie Hartman Photo

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care of it. Stay away from the school. If they don't do what you want them to do, fire them. There's nothing else that has to happen."

Trustee Damian Krahl said he agreed with Myrick. "Now the public can go in this school and see the same thing during school hours, during basketball games, football games, whatever the public is involved in," he noted. "We did a Committee report. We did it in public like it should be and that's the result of it. Like Bruce said we will need to improve things and I believe it will."

Trustee Carol Conaway said that in July 2001 the Board took a walk through of the school and all those same things were noted and they tried to take care of them in-house. A year later they decided to up the level by looking at budget and other reasons to see why things can't be accomplished, she said.

Betsy Fleitman asked if Superintendent Winn had been given a list of things that needed to be done, the Board said he had. She asked how much of that had been accomplished. Winn replied about 70%. Fleitman wondered if there were good reasons that the other 30% hadn't been done.

Former Board member Earl Cunningham said that a new roof was needed and should be budgeted for. Nortman said that estimates were presented at last month's meeting.

Myrick said that he hopes

that maintenance is important, but hopes it is down the list and that education is at the top of the list is education and teachers and the things that make Lindsay school great.

Bezner remarked, "The maintenance is part of that, the environment kids go to get their education in. If it is a filthy room and it's not a functional room there's issues there. It's hard to teach and hard for kids to pay attention in. A lot of the things we're talking about are pretty well housekeeping items." He added that some things presented last year were not given time lines and they knew now they need to be more specific.

A parent said that she and her husband picked Lindsay ISD to send their children to school. They sent three children to kindergarten in a little portable building. The facilities were never very pretty until the new high school was added. "Lindsay school was never known to be real attractive, but we picked it for the education. You need to get back focused on that," she said.

Conaway said that the school's Site Based Development Committee at the elementary level includes teachers, parents, and businessmen from the community. "This year their number one goal in order to get their job done in education was improving maintenance and facilities,"

she said. "Not pretty, just getting it clean, getting the maintenance issues taken care of. It was their number one goal. That shows you there were problems. They were begging for attention."

All present at the meeting were invited to walk through an area of the school. An hour was allowed. The Board and Mr. Winn divided pairs so that the whole campus could be covered in about an hour. The Board was to take notes of needed repairs, cleaning and especially safety issues that were seen. Richard Connert and Winn covered the K-3 building, maintenance building, and cafeteria; Nortman and Bezner covered the high school and vo-ag building; Krahl and David Arendt covered the middle school and gym. Conaway and Wayne Fleitman went to cover the football field, track, and grounds. The public was invited to go with whomever they wished.

When the group reassemble, each made note of any safety issues so that those could be dealt with before the new school year commenced.

Renee Knauf toured the middle school building and remarked that in her opinion it was in good shape and had only a few minor things needing attention. Tom Zimmerer also toured the middle school where he said he'd gone to school. "It's nothing to be ashamed of,"

he noted. "Obviously there is a roofing problem." As a former school administrator he recommended that the Board get a roofing consultant's assistance and offered a reference. Zimmerer noted that he would nail the maintenance director's hide to the wall to get things done. He also offered to help with the writing of policy changes if the Board wished. He is currently performing that service for another school district. That item was on the evening's agenda.

Time was spent compiling a list of the facility deficiencies found during the walk through.

Pat and Shirley Dieter toured the K-3 building.

They have twin daughters they plan to enroll in LISD kindergarten in the fall. Pat remarked, "I found the overall conditions to be fair. It's basically cleanliness issues. There were some things that probably need to be fixed like the toilets, seals under the doors, windows that were covered with plywood. The paint in the rooms was in good condition. It's just an old building that could use some TLC. The bathrooms are probably the weakest areas. They're dirty and kind of broken down."

Shirley added, "The thing that angers me the most is that they've had this list for a year. That's what bothers me. Everything else seems

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like it's all doable, little stuff, but very doable. We had to read this article to be made aware of all this."

Currently local policy reads that the LISD administrator must get Board approval on purchases of \$25,000.00 or more. At a special meeting held June 24, the attorneys hired by the Board recommended using a lower amount. The firm is TASB approved and have represented other school districts such as Denton and Argyle. Krahl said that in his conversation with them he learned that Denton ISD has an \$89 million tax base and a \$5,000.00 spending limit. "For a small school See LINDSAY ISD, Pg. 3

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broken overnight and it won't get fixed overnight. If you all work together you'll get things done."

Klement thanked the CCAD for all of the work they did to get the refund checks out on time. He said he realized all of the things they had to go through. He inquired as to how much extra the checks being late cost the hospital district. It was about \$3,000. Smithson said that once it was realized a rollback was possible, an election should have been scheduled. Most people don't pay before Dec. 31 and an election before that time could have prevented paying the amount over the .25723 thus saving a lot of time and money.

During the Administrator's Report, Richard Arnold said that he was to meet June 26 with the Muenster Kiwanis for a focus group session. This will be their second meeting and will be a wrap up session. He encouraged Board members to get groups together so that they can move forward in the Strategic Planning for the future of Muenster Memorial Hospital. "We need to go ahead and move on that so we can get these things reduced to writing, get these meetings together

and get input from folks so we can then get this back to you in August in a form of a Strategic Plan," Arnold noted. He said it is difficult getting groups together during the summer months.

Arnold said that they were talking with three family practice physicians from Nocona and Dr. Lewis from Gainesville trying to establish coverage for pediatric call. Dr. Lewis agreed if three others could be found to cover with him. Dr. Currier is now forced to deliver babies in Gainesville until MMH can again establish pediatric services. This will require family practice physicians or pediatricians.

St. Richard's Villa has a new administrator, Zula Lawyer. She started her duties on Monday, June 24. Lawyer was officially hired after the Board met in Executive Session. Former St. Richard's Administrator Wes Fuson's contract had expired and was not renewed by the Board.

"The hospital itself showed revenue over expenses of \$3,945.88. Year to date we're \$102,426.30 to the good compared to a \$453,138.58 loss last year," Arnold reported. When St. Richard's is factored in with the hospital, the revenue over expenses becomes a

loss of \$26,134.64. Year to date the combined loss is \$109,973.91 compared to a \$57,762.82 loss last year. The figures are as of May 31, 2002.

Other stats include 18 surgeries in May and 223 this year to date compared to 19 and 223 last year at this time. Total patient days for May 2002 was 118 compared to 123 in May 2001 and total patient day YTD as of May 31, 2002 is 1305 the May 2001 YTD of 1299. As of May 31, 2002 87 babies had been delivered compared to 85 in May 2001.

Board member Dan Hamric asked if an increase in fees had been scheduled for St. Richard's Villa. "We can't afford to loose that much money every month," he said.

Nasche gave an insurance committee report. He is collecting data to determine the cost of an insurance group of local employers and businesses and possibly self-insurance.

Also approved after Executive Session was an addendum to the Physician's Recruitment agreement.

It was voted to hold the next regular meeting on July 23 at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

Congratulations!



Turtle Hill Lodge Executive Director Gary Baird and his wife Shirley (left) pose for photos with MSB President Robert Weinzapfel, John Bartush, Evangelical Development Ministry President Andy Read and his wife Brenda (right).

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| Sunday, July 7, 2002 | Monday, July 8, 2002 | Tuesday, July 9, 2002 | Wednesday, July 10, 2002 | Thursday, July 11, 2002 | Friday, July 12, 2002 | Saturday, July 13, 2002 |
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| Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM | VFW meeting, 8 PM | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Seminar, 6-8 PM, Home Hospice Office StoryTime, Muenster Public Library 10:30 AM | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting, 7:30 AM, Rohmer's Restaurant | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center | Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Kiwanis Swim night 7-9 PM Cooke Co. AARP meeting, 11:30 AM, Stanford House, Gainesville | |
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| Sunday, July 14, 2002 | Monday, July 15, 2002 | Tuesday, July 16, 2002 | Wednesday, July 17, 2002 | Thursday, July 18, 2002 | Friday, July 19, 2002 | Saturday, July 20, 2002 |
| Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM | VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8 PM | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Seminar, 6-8 PM, Home Hospice Office StoryTime, Muenster Public Library 10:30 AM | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center | Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM | Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM | Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament, 2 PM, Turtle Hill Golf Course |
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Rep. King says court ruling underscores his need for legislation

With the ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recently which overturned the 1954 act of Congress that inserted the phrase "under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance, State Representative Phil King (R-Weatherford) is calling for a renewal of his proposal that all public school children recite the pledge daily. During the 2001 legislative session King sponsored HB 88, which would have made the pledge a daily requirement in Texas schools.

"This is the most overturned appellate court in America and I'm certain that the Supreme Court will not let the ruling stand. Frankly, our pledge serves as a daily reminder of the importance of loyalty and patriotism and we should embrace that on a daily basis," King said.

Texas schools already mandate that citizenship be promoted in the curriculum and there are 32 other states which have a law mentioning school participation in reciting the pledge. King's proposed legislation last session would have required every school in the state to start the day with the pledge. However, the bill included the constitutionally mandated requirement that those students who chose not to participate could not be compelled to do so.

"In the wake of the tragedies of September 11th, on the eve of the 4th of July, and while we have troops deployed in combat, I'm shocked that anyone would even consider not allowing our schools to teach the patriotism which is embodied in our Pledge of Allegiance," King said.

Enrollment up 20% at NCTC

Enrollment continues to grow at North Central Texas College, as shown by summer totals reported to the NCTC Board of Regents at its regular June meeting Monday evening.

Headcount for the first five-week summer term, the 10-week summer session and the May-mester is up by 20 percent over corresponding numbers last summer.

"That's an increase of 356 students," reported Toby Osburn, dean of student services. "We are also up by an impressive 24 percent in

headcount over last 'base year' in 2000.

"But it's the 25.7 percent increase in 'contact hours' over last base year that is most significant," Osburn explained, "because it is our contact-hour enrollment in a base year rather than headcount which determines how much state funding we'll receive in the subsequent biennium. This is a great way to start off a base year."

Looking ahead to what can be expected in terms of enrollment for the upcoming fall semester, NCTC

officials said they believe the student population could surpass 6,000 system wide. A gain of as many as 600 to 1,000 additional students may result from the opening of the third floor of the Corinth Campus and from a unique partnership with the University of North Texas under which NCTC will deliver all developmental-level math instruction to university students on the UNT campus in Denton.

The 25,000 square feet of additional space on the third floor at Corinth, left unfinished in the first phase of construction to accommodate future growth, contains mostly classrooms and labs, along with some office space for faculty and administration.

College officials say it will roughly double the amount of available instructional space at Corinth because a significant portion of existing space, especially on the first floor, accommodates the bookstore, business office, counseling and testing, admissions, library and administrative offices.

"We were a small, rural institution for many years," observed Dr. Ronnie Glascock, president, "and sometimes it's easy, even for me, to lose sight of how far we've come. One thing is absolutely certain; we have not been a small, rural 'junior college' for quite some time."

"We have already grown into a comprehensive See NCTC, Page 7

Obituaries

Gertie Horn dies July 2

Gertrude M. (Schmitz) Horn died Tuesday, July 2, 2002 at 9:30 p.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m. in

Sacred Heart Church. Complete information was unavailable at press time. The obituary and photo will be printed in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

Sarah Lena Wilcox 1912 - 2002

Sarah Lena Wilcox, of Cleburne, former Muenster resident, passed away at age 90 in a Cleburne Nursing Home on June 22, 2002. Rosser Funeral Home in Cleburne was in charge of arrangements. Survivors

are her son, John Owens of Brunswick, Georgia, and daughter-in-law Sammie Owens of Cleburne; granddaughter Shawna Owens, and grandson Jeffrey Owens of Cleburne.

Billy Dee Hill 1932 - 2002

Billy Dee Hill, 69, of Forestburg died on June 28, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. in Denton Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were held Sunday, June 30 at Rosston Cemetery, officiated by C.E. Cole; directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.

Mr. Hill was born July 4, 1932 in Montague County to Dee Hill and Bernie Robeson Hill, and lived most of his life in Forestburg. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and served in the Korean

War. He was later employed as a Boiler Foreman for Texas Electric.

Survivors are two daughters, Charlotte Boyd of McKinney and Vickie Harris and husband Barry of Gunter, and a son Richard Hill of Houston; two grandchildren; also two sisters, Yvonne Sailing of Bridgeport and Colleen Plunk of Rockwall.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and one son, Billy Doyle Hill.

Blood Drive July 10

The Texoma Regional Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive at Gainesville Memorial Hospital Wednesday, July 10, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GMH and the Gainesville Rotary Club sponsor the drive. The mobile unit team will be set up for blood

donations in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center at GMH. The public is invited to participate.

For more information on the blood drive, contact Gayla Blanton, Director of Community Relations at GMH, 940 612-4641, or any Gainesville Rotary Club member.

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district like ourselves \$25,000.00, for that to spent without Board approval is exorbitant," he remarked.

Winn said he had no problem with that amount being reduced to \$5,000.00. Beznar noted that there was not \$25,000.00 spare money floating around.

The Board approved, 6-1, lowering the amount to \$5,000.00. Legal language will be checked by TASB and may incur a charge for the legal fees.

After the meeting Shirley Dieter said, "I'm appalled that it was \$25,000.00. At a small school like Lindsay it should be lowered to \$5,000.00. It's not a trust issue with the

superintendent. It is a checks and balances as I see it. The Board needs to do more of those to keep everybody honest and to make sure that these policies are upheld."

Coach Charlie Meurer resigned as an employee of LISD. His resignation was accepted.

As recommended by Principal Jerry Metzler and Winn, the Board approved hiring Carlene Dragg as Math and Science teacher and Kristy Dickerson as an aide.

No action was taken on local policy change, DC on the hiring of at-will employees.

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Opinion/Editorial/Letters

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

(Here's a Mom's letter to her son in the armed forces and his reply)

Hey, Mark, I almost forgot when I emailed you this morning - I would like to say "THANK YOU!" to you and all your fellow Marines @ Edwards for the tremendous job you do in keeping us safe and putting your lives on the line! I'm flying my flag proudly and, thanks to all of you, we have the privilege of doing that! Again, THANKS!

Love, Mom

I apologize for the delay in responding to your prior email. I enjoyed it thoroughly. Anyway, thanks for the gratitude. It's very much appreciated...by all! Just as you all appreciate what we do, we also appreciate what you all do, and this showing your support and kindness for what we do. Nobody wants to fight, but someone has to know how. Nobody wants to be away from friends and loved ones, but someone has to stand duty at the far posts around the world. Some people may ask "Why?" "Why do we have to have people, our sons and daughters, do these dirty little deeds?" I once read an excerpt from a speech. The speaker, I believe it was a Marine, said, "...we do violence on your behalf so that you may sleep peaceful in your beds at night." Just think for a moment that if there were no one willing to undertake these tasks, what would become of our great nation and our wonderful way of life. Would we still be able to have our Sunday afternoon barbecues? Would we still be able to go to the church of our choice and worship in any way that we see fit? Would our children have the option to go to the college of their choice or even

have the opportunity to go at all? Would society still have the right to speak their minds, gather in public places, or to keep and bear arms? I don't know for sure, but I think not. Some dictator would see our weaknesses and lack of patriotism and overrun us and claim this beautiful place for his own. Would this be due to the fact that no one was willing to sacrifice his/her time, his/her personal freedom, or even his/her own life to protect our freedom and guard against tyranny? I believe it could happen. Will it happen? Never! It simply will not happen because there are young men and women who are willing to make these sacrifices for our country, our families, and our way of life that we as a nation hold so dear. Young men and women are more willing to do these sometimes lonely, dirty, little tasks because you as a society and nation are so supportive of what the government is really trying to do. With support and appreciation from home, our young men and women are unstoppable. In closing, you see that the success of our men and women, our armed forces, and the nation as a whole can only be as good as the support that we receive from home. I hope all of this makes some sort of sense. I thank you for the kind thought and gratitude, but the pleasure is all mine. I'm grateful to have your support. I love you, Mom.

Mark C. Rigby
Sgt/USMC

Editor's note: Mark Rigby, the son, is a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps stationed at Edwards Air Force Base near Lancaster, California. Brenda Rigby and the late Phil Rigby are Mark's parents.

Letter To The Editor

My name is Don Wilson, a former resident of Muenster, 1956 graduate of Muenster Public School. I wish to compliment you on your fine article published in the Enterprise June 21st. Having served in the military as active duty, reserve and civilian working for the army from 1962 to 1999, your words meant a lot to me, thank you. I have two sons who have already completed service in the military. Oldest son, Bobby in the Navy, second son, Danny, in the Army and third son, Tony just starting serving in

the Navy. Fourth son, Bryan, is active in Jr. ROTC and plans to enter the military when he graduates next year. As with any parent I am concerned about their well being due to the possibility of going into combat. But also very proud of the boys for serving our great country. This pride is only equalled by their birth, marriage and giving me six grandchildren. Again, thank you very much for your words and GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Don Wilson Lt. Colonel
U.S. Army Retired.

To the Editor,

The citizens of Muenster rolled back the Muenster Memorial Hospital tax rate, in February of this year, from 4982 per \$100 value to .2573 per \$100 value. The election was in a convincing manner with voters supporting the rollback by a 3 to 1 margin.

The new MMH Board in its June 25th meeting voted not to forecast any new taxes for its 2002-2003

Budget. The effect of this decision, in the face of accelerated property values, will lower the current tax rate even more. The amount of the new lower effective tax rate will be finalized in August after the Appraisal District certifies the county tax roll.

Angelo Nasche
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Perry's Transportation Vision

Texas' Forward Thinking Will Lead Nation
By Wendell Cox

Vision looms large in American history. John F. Kennedy's vision took us to the moon, Ronald Reagan's vision led to the end of the Soviet Union, and Dwight D. Eisenhower's vision produced the Interstate highway system, which has done so much to make this nation one and to fuel its unparalleled economic growth.

But in the increasingly politicized environment of America, vision seems to have taken a long holiday.

That is until Governor Rick Perry's TransTexas Corridor plan, which would build wholly new transportation networks throughout the state. Perry's vision is the first serious innovative thinking in transportation in a half-century. The TransTexas Corridors would be wide rights-of-ways bypassing the metropolitan areas, providing expedited travel on separated truck and automobile roadways, while providing capacity for freight and passenger rail. Most importantly, in a time of severe funding challenges, the corridors would largely pay for themselves.

Texas and the rest of the nation is overdue for the Perry vision. The state of Texas, like so many others, is suffering from an inability to handle growing traffic congestion. To some degree this is due to the influence of those who erroneously claim that more highways create more traffic, on the assumption we sit around waiting for new roads to open so we can spend more time behind the wheel. In fact, automobile use has increased in recent decades because groups of people who have had less access to mobility in the past have or are moving into the mainstream - such as women and minorities. Progress is still required in minority auto ownership, which means that driving will continue to increase at a higher rate than population increases. This is as it should be.

Additional increases will be fueled by NAFTA-driven freight volumes, both by truck and rail. The truck traffic will be diverted to innovative "truckways," which are separate lanes designed specifically for heavy-trucks. The truckways will make the passenger vehicle lanes safer, less congested and less stressful for regular traffic.

Freight rail traffic is expected to double or triple in the coming years. Perry's Corridor plan will prevent additional rail-induced gridlock in communities that are already dissected by slow-moving freight rail lines.

Then there is the matter of money - there just isn't enough gas tax money to build all the roads that are needed. Indeed, it is time to bury the gas tax as a source of additional highway revenues. Virtually all of the highest priority expansion needs are in and around the state's largest metropolitan areas, and politics simply will not permit spending all of the tax money from around the state in just a few places.

Serious improvement to transportation in Texas requires user-pay mechanisms, as Gov. Perry is proposing. Infrastructure companies will submit proposals to build corridors across the state and around the cities using tolls and rail access fees. Even though large cost estimates are being tossed around, very little of the funding will come from the public treasury.

But there is a risk. Around the world are examples of success and failure in infrastructure development. For example, the Channel Tunnel (connecting England with the European continent) and the new Denmark bridges are self-financing, with little or no government assistance. On the other hand, high-speed rail projects in both Florida and Texas, advertised as self-financing, were abandoned after the firms reneged on their promises and sought significant government support. It will be important for Texans to tell the difference between serious infrastructure players who are prepared to take risks, and the firms that have so often played "bait-and-switch" games with taxpayer money. The TransTexas Corridor plan will need strong safeguards to ensure that commitments are kept.

Effective safeguards will prevent the infrastructure industry from dipping into money that is so needed for better metropolitan roadways.

Legitimate concerns have also been raised, about the viability of the passenger rail portions of the plan. But it is well to remember that the Perry plan is self-financing. If a private firm can figure out how to make money and provide passenger rail service, more power to it. The key, again, is to make sure that the public vault is securely locked.

Governor Perry has articulated a vision that can transport Texas and its people to a better future. It is likely that within months other governors will offer similar proposals. But Texas has led the way. More importantly, skilled administration by the governor, the legislature and Texas Department of Transportation will help propel the state to economic preeminence and a better future for all.

(Wendell Cox is a senior research fellow for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a visiting fellow of the Heritage Foundation, and a visiting professor at the Conservatoire des Arts et Metiers in Paris.)

A Texas Voice

When in the course of human events...
By Steve Martindale

"Have a happy Fourth of July," read an advertisement. True, but it somehow seems so inadequate.

No, this Independence Day should be different from any we've had in more than 50 years. Not since World War II has our nation been rebounding from an outside attack. Sure, we've been at war, but we have not had an outside enemy within our gates. This Fourth of July is definitely different.

It is a celebration, for sure, not some sort of memorial service, but it would be appropriate for us to take stock of what we're celebrating.

When our forefathers made the decision 226 years ago that the American Colonies should throw off their bond to England and cast out the tyrant king, it cast a new future for not only our fledgling nation but for the world as a whole.

Even recent history offers considerable evidence that King George III was not the worst leader one could have, but the American mindset had taken on new ideas, thoughts that people could indeed govern themselves, that they could hold their leaders responsible, that they could individually and communally achieve seemingly unreachable goals.

HAVE A ... FOURTH

Have a meaningful Fourth of July. Make some time in your day to consider some specific benefits you have derive from our nation. Much of it can be traced back to that famous phrase from the document signed on July 4, 1776, The Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness..."

Not everywhere am I free to distribute my thoughts in print, but much of the world may do so today and they can trace that privilege back to the American Revolution and the effect it has had on most other nations since the 18th century.

Have a thankful Fourth of July.

Over the past few decades, it's almost become a cliché that people have fought and died to secure our freedoms. Sure, we've been appreciative, but it hasn't been extremely tangible. Until now.

Were the World Trade Center victims fighting for our freedoms? Of course they were. Not in the military sense, but with freedom that is not claimed, that is not put into practice, is lost. You and I protect our freedoms by using them.

And then our military entered the campaign by pursuing the spectral leaders of the attack on the United States, a campaign we are assured will likely last for a long time.

NATION OF STRENGTH

Have a respectful Fourth of July. Honor the strength of our nation, which is the fact that we are so diversified, yet are able to pool our many talents and desires into a unified effort for the common good.

Most of us believe in a "Creator," as the Declaration of Independence put it, though our interpretations vary greatly. Christians, Jews, Muslims and non-believers can and do work side-by-side for the betterment of our society.

More and more, the citizens of the United States are putting behind them the fractionating concepts that some people are better than others because of their sex, race, skin color, etc., and are finding greater respect.

Have a happy Fourth of July. While considering just what all Independence Day means to us, we come back to the beginning. To live in a nation that offers such great potential, one that respects our individuality while encouraging a team effort, one that has redefined government ... it must be a happy Fourth of July.

Steve Martindale is a free-lance columnist writing out of Port Aransas, Texas, United States of America. You may write him at steve@ATexasVoice.com or visit his Web site at www.ATexasVoice.com.

From My Side of the Fence

Here we are again, over the middle. The year 2002 is already past the halfway mark. We will soon be celebrating the 4th of July, one of our nation's greatest holidays.

The nice rains of the past few days will keep the grass green so we will have less worries about fire, when the fireworks are fired off on the Fourth.

In years past, when most grains were still run through a thresher, we always looked to the first week in July to finish the job.

But as time moved on, the job of harvesting is being done faster and with far less work.

This year's harvest is mostly history, and many of the fields are already plowed or chiseled in preparation for next year's crop.

During the late spring we would take note of the growing crops as we drove

from one town to another, and the wheat looked so good, I thought the farmers would make a bumper crop.

But talking to one man who, with his two brothers, farms on a fairly large scale, the wheat really didn't ripen as fast as it seemed. He told me that most of the wheat was infected with rust that cut the yield to some extent, and also caused the kernels to shrink and shrivel.

The wheat tested anywhere from 54 to 60, and the price on the 54 test was cut by 40¢ per bushel. This can reduce a farmer's income considerably.

Oats, he said, turned out much better, the yield being good.

Well, the good rain will not only help protect from fire, but will surely keep corn, maize, and grass, etc., doing well.

We are enjoying some of the best sweet corn, courtesy of our daughter and son-in-law, but more on that later.

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Endres becomes bride of Huchton in Sacred Heart Church

by Elfreda Fette

Shauna Leigh Endres, daughter of Gary and Mary Endres, became the bride of Shane Joseph Huchton, son of Lynn and JoAnn Huchton, in a Nuptial Mass in Sacred Heart Church on June 8, 2002 with double ring vows officiated by Father John Ohner, pastor at 2:00 p.m.

The bride is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and will graduate from Midwestern State University in Spring, 2003 with a degree in Dental Hygiene. She is employed by Dickson, Dickson, and Gage.

The groom is a graduate of Lindsay High School and attended Midwestern State University. He is employed by Huchton Construction.

Presented at the altar by her father, Gary Endres, the bride was wearing a lovely gown designed by Oleg Cassini. It was fashioned with delicately beaded spaghetti straps and a Schiffler lace bodice. The flowing A-line organza skirt and chapel length train were accented with lace appliques and hand applied pearls and sequins.

She carried a bridal bouquet of candlelight ivory roses and stephanotis with pearl accents, surrounded



Mrs. Shane Huchton ...nee Shauna Endres ...

with ivory tulle. Stems were braided and tied.

In keeping with tradition and sentiment, she wore her grandmother Clara Endres' gold cross and "borrowed" her sister Nicole Hennigan's necklace and earrings.

Her illusion veil was held with a jeweled tiara.

ATTENDANTS

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Nicole Hennigan of Muenster.

Bridesmaids were Trisha Endres and Jessica Berres of Muenster, Anna Tudor of Wichita Falls, and Lisa Endres of Muenster. Junior bridesmaids were Natalie and Victoria Endres of Muenster. They were cousin, friend, roommate, and sisters of the bride, respectively.

Bridesmaids wore periwinkle blue, A-line, floor length dresses and carried smaller versions of the bride's bouquet. Junior bridesmaids and candlelighters wore the same style gown in yellow.

Flower girl was Alana Endres, bride's sister, and ring bearer was Roy Endres, bride's brother.

Brian Hermes of Lindsay,

best friend of the groom, stood with him as best man.

Shelby Bezner, a cousin of the groom of Gainesville, Zach Bowman, a friend of the groom, Hank Huchton and Jeff Bezner, cousins of the groom of Lindsay were groomsmen.

Ushers were John Stevens of San Marcos and Aaron Stevens of Dallas, cousins of the groom, Luke Endres bride's brother, and Aaron Hess, both of Muenster, bride's cousin, and Tommy Huchton of Lindsay, groom's cousin.

Altar servers were Nolan Hartman, Dylan Flusche, and Casey Coker of Muenster, cousins of the bride. Candlelighters were Dana and Valerie Huchton of Lindsay, sisters of the groom.

Assisting with the liturgy of the Nuptial Mass were Brandy Bezner with the First Reading, Stacie Bezner with the Second Reading, and Holly Hartman with Prayers of the Faithful at Offertory. The bride's godparents Phil and Marlene Endres and the groom's godparents Skipper and Barbara

Bezner presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar.

Wedding music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, organist, and Christy Hesse and Jack White, vocalists.

RECEPTION

A reception and dinner followed in the Sacred Heart Community Center, hosted by parents of the bride and groom for 350 guests. Rohmer's Restaurant catered the meal, and music for dancing was provided by The Entertainer.

Debra Voth and Candace Twilliger presided at the guest book.

The three-tiered, white bride's cake, and the two-tiered, chocolate groom's cake covered with chocolate-dipped strawberries were both made by Betty Rose Waterscheid.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Dutchman Restaurant on Friday, June 7.

Since returning from a seven day Caribbean Cruise, Mr. and Mrs. Shane Joseph Huchton are at home in Lindsay, Texas.

Hunter receives fellowship

Deborah Hunter, daughter of Agnes (Weinzapfel) Hellman of Denton and the late Paul W. (Bill) Hellman, former Muenster residents, has received a fellowship to study educational leadership and policy studies at Iowa State University. She has been named a Manatt Scholar. The honor and financial support are reserved for doctoral students who demonstrate exceptional promise for scholarship, character, and school leadership. Miss Hunter will graduate in August from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, with a Ph.D. in Educational leadership and policy studies. Her dissertation focuses on ethical issues faced by school administrators.

Jodie Lutkenhaus is UT Austin graduate

Jodie Lee Lutkenhaus graduated from the University of Texas at Austin on Friday May 17, 2002. Jodie is the daughter of James and Joan Lutkenhaus of Bedford, Texas. Commencement exercises for the College of Engineering began at 7:00 p.m. in the Frank Erwin Center. Jodie received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. She graduated with highest honors in Chemical Engineering with a GPA of 3.97. She and her parents attended the honorary luncheon hosted by the College of Engineering for all Engineering honors students on May 17, 2002. Jodie will be interning at IBM in Fishkill, New York for the summer. She has been accepted into the Chemical Engineering

graduate school program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge Massachusetts.

Attending the ceremony for Jodie in Austin, Texas were her parents, her grandmother Mary Sicking of Gainesville, her sister and brother-in-law Jessica and Adam Winter of Austin, her cousin Megan Arendt of Houston, and her godmother Lois Sicking of Upland, California.

Jodie was President of OXE, Omega Chi Epsilon the Chemical Engineering honor society during her junior year. She is a member of the Society of Women Engineers and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Jodie was awarded a three-year National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship.

Baptisms

Antonetti

Alfredo R. Antonetti VI, four month old son of Dr. Alfredo G. and Ruby Antonetti, was baptized on June 16, 2002 at the Church of the Resurrection in Rye, New York, officiated by Father Zacharias Nadackal. Godfathers and godmothers, sharing the honor jointly, were the infant's grandparents Alfredo R. and Judy Antonetti of Irving, Texas, grandmother, Alda Kemp of Ecuador, South America, and great-grandparents, Dr. Alfredo G. and Angela Antonetti of Muenster. Following the ceremony, all the family was together for a beautiful lunch, celebrating the baptism and Father's Day.

June 9, 2002 in St. Peter's Church, administered by Father Eugene Luke, OSB. Godparents were an uncle, Andy Bezner and an aunt, Paula Yosten.

Keith wore the same baptismal gown worn by his sister, Katy Bezner; and a St. Christopher medal pinned to his gown, a gift from his godmother, Paula Yosten. His white crocheted booties were gifts from his godfather, Andy Bezner. He was wrapped in a blanket used by his grandmother, Pat Yosten, when she was an infant.

Following the Baptism, the families of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bezner and Mr. and Mrs. John Yosten gathered at the home of Weldon and Rose Bezner. Lunch was served and photos taken.

Special guests included Keith's great-grandparents, L.J. and Francie Yosten and great-grandmother Gusta Waterscheid.

Bezner

Keith William Bezner, son of Dan and Christy Bezner and brother of Katy Bezner of Lindsay received the Sacrament of Baptism on



Four generation of the Antonetti family are, from left, Alfredo R. Antonetti, Dr. Alfredo G. Antonetti holding infant Alfredo R. Antonetti VI, and Dr. Alfredo G. Antonetti. Courtesy photo

Collin celebrates 5!

Collin Anthony Pagel, son of Renate and Jacob Pagel, turned five years old on May 20. On his actual birthday, Collin shared chocolate chip cookies with his classmates in Ms. Jill's preschool class. On the 25th, Collin had family and friends gather in the City Park for cake and swimming. His party theme was Looney Tunes. His mother baked and decorated a cake designed by Collin depicting Tweety and Sylvester skateboarding down a highway.

Those who attended Collin's party were his parents; his brother and sisters Kelsey, Derek, Miranda, and Logan; his grandmother Tommie Sue Hess; uncles aunts, and cousins: Stuart Hess and Annie Wheeler; Glenda Russell; Amanda Sofio; Randy, Kailob, Taylor, and Garrett Miller; Marlene Endres, Sharlene Hartman; Lisa and Macie Pagel; Denise and Nicole Pagel. Friends who shared the day were Jill and Alaina Reiter; Dustin Wimmer; Kyla Haverkamp; and Tyler and Trey Anderle.



Collin Pagel

New Arrival

Anderle

Doug and Brenda Anderle of Gainesville announce the birth of a son, Evan Quinn Anderle in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on June 26, 2002 at 2:50 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 7 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. He joins Abby, age 10 and Caleb, age 5. Grandparents are Orville and Shirley Anderle of Walnut Bend and Raymond and Louise Haverkamp of Lindsay. Great-grandmother is Mary Schenk of Scotland, Texas.



Jodie Lutkenhaus



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Clarke, Spaeth exchange vows June 8 in St. Peter's Church

by Elfreda Fette
Mr. and Mrs. John David Spaeth are on a wedding trip to Florida, and a cruise to Nassau, Bahamas. When they return they will be at home in Gainesville, Texas.
They were married on June 8, 2002 in a Nuptial Mass in St. Peter's Catholic Church at 5:00 p.m. celebrated by Father Eugene Luke OSB with double ring vows.
The bride is the former Michelle Lee Clarke of Gainesville, daughter of Jim and Carolyn Clarke of Ellinwood, Kansas, and Jim and Sue Rohrig of Salina, Kansas. She attended the University of North Texas. The groom is the son of David and Lou Ann Spaeth of Lindsay. He attended the University of North Texas and is employed by Cooke County Electric Cooperative.
Presented at the altar by her father, Jim Clarke, the bride was wearing an elegant white matte satin gown, with re-embroidered lace tulle overlay, designed A-line, with spaghetti straps, and a chapel-length train edged with satin trim. For sentiment and tradition,

for "something borrowed" she wore her mother's high school graduation ring.
ATTENDANTS
Brenda Clark of Lindsay, groom's sister was matron of honor.
Bridesmaids were Mary Hudson of Haworth, Oklahoma, Lisa Wettstein of Douglasville, Georgia, Jerri Codner of Wichita, Kansas, and Dawn Clarke of Copperas Cove, Texas, sisters of the bride.
They were attired in A-line, strapless, peri blue identical gowns and carried small bouquets of peach roses.
Flower girls were Sara Clark of Lindsay, groom's niece, Savannah and Alleigh Wettstein of Douglasville, Georgia, nieces of the bride. Ring bearer was Collin Clark of Lindsay, groom's godson.
Kenny Jones of Gainesville, friend of the couple, was best man.
George Spaeth of Gainesville, groom's brother, Jason Clark of Lindsay, groom's brother-in-law, Zack Schumacher of Lindsay, a friend, James Clarke of Copperas Cove, bride's brother, were

groomsmen.
Ushers were Michael Henry of Gainesville, groom's cousin, Ryan Schroeder of Lindsay, and Greg Dulock of Lindsay, friends of the groom.
Altar servers were Tanner Henry of Lindsay, and Kristen Alexander of Lindsay, friends of the couple.
Wedding music was presented by Patsy Henry, organist, and Kelly Wimmer and Janelle Colwell.
Liturgical Readings at the Nuptial Mass were given by Alvin Fuhrman of Muenster, Kimberly Henry and Danelle Davy of Gainesville.
Center aisle pews in church were marked with white pew bows.
RECEPTION
A reception and dinner followed in Centennial Hall of Lindsay hosted by David and Lou Ann Spaeth, parents of the groom, for 300 guests. Dinner, served buffet style, was catered by Rohmer's Restaurant. Music was provided by David Muller.
The bride's table held an arrangement of peach roses, lighted candles, peach satin



Mr. and Mrs. John Spaeth ...nee Michelle Lee Clarke ...

fabric, photos of the couple, and the bridal portrait.
The white, angel food wedding cake was four tiered; the chocolate angel food groom's cake was two-tiered.
Reception assistants were Mary Allison, Mark Menzie, Ashley Clarke, Miranda Hudson, and Deidre Hudson.
Decorations in the reception area included peach and white tulle draping, white lattice work, miniature white lights throughout. Guest tables held arrangements of peach roses, lighted candles on tables, ivy and tulle runners.
The rehearsal dinner was held at the home of David and Lou Ann Spaeth, catered by John and Karen Cook of The Wooden Spoon, and attended by the wedding party and their guests and all of the immediate family.



Around 235 students attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 14th annual Middle School Band Camp that was held June 23-26 in Weatherford. Each of the students performed in one of four concert bands and participated in various activities during the four-day camp. Among the students attending from Muenster were, from left, Craig Grewing, Ricky Grewing, John Crabtree, Paige Winters, and Dillena Hundt. Courtesy photo

DARRELL CAMPS OUT!

On June 29, Darrell Hermes, son of Doug and Susan Hermes, celebrated his 6th birthday with a camp out at his house. Four friends enjoyed water balloons, slip 'n' slide fun, fishing, sandbox playing, and tent sleeping. Darrell's cake theme was "construction work," and hot dogs were served to the campers.
Darrell's actual birthday is July 3. Family members attended this party for cupcakes, punch, and gift opening.



Darrell Hermes

Meeting Notice

Cooke County AARP, Inc. Chapter 1049 will hold a meeting on July 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Stanford House in Gainesville. This is the Chapters' 30th anniversary.

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Positive parenting class begins July 9

To help parents and caregivers improve their parenting skills, two Positive Parenting class series will be held. Evelyn Yeatts, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences will lead the classes provided by the Texas Cooperative Extension.
A morning class series begins on Tuesday, July 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. It will continue July 16 and July 23.
For those parents who cannot attend the morning class, evening classes will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. also on July 9, July 16 and July 23. It is a six-hour series so participants need to attend all three weeks to complete and benefit the most.
Both the morning and evening classes will be held in the Cooke County Courthouse basement Room B-4. Those attending the

night class should be there promptly by 6:00 p.m. and enter the South basement door.
The curriculum is intended especially for the use with parents of preschool and elementary school age children, however, the points are important for any age. The lesson topics include a variety of parenting tools including: Setting Limits, Use of Consequences, Communication and Listening Skills, Dealing With Anger and other discipline tools for more effective parenting. A short segment will be included each week on Healthy Eating for Children. Handout materials will be provided for parents to refer to and use.
For more information or to register call Evelyn Yeatts, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences at (940) 668-5412.

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RECIPE from pg. 9

3 sausage links (all beef)
1/4c onions (chopped)
Salt & pepper optional:
jalapenos, salsa, cheese, cooked potatoes (small cubed).
Scramble eggs and add onions (salt & pepper to taste) fold in small cubed cooked potatoes near the end of cooking. Set aside. Cook all beef sausage chunks. When cooked, add egg mixture. Heat taco shells in microwave 20 seconds. Spoon mixture into shells. Can be topped with cheese, salsa and or jalapenos.

DiStefano is Baylor College of Medicine grad

Michael Charles DiStefano, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charlie DiStefano, and grandson of Wilfred and Pauline Reiter, graduated from Baylor College of Medicine on Tuesday, May 21, 2002 with a degree in Doctor of Medicine. The commencement was held at Jesse H Jones Hall at 7:00 p.m. in Houston.
Prior to the commencement ceremony, Baylor College of Medicine held a luncheon in honor of the new graduates for the family members to begin the graduation celebration. Attending the luncheon were Michael's parents, Charlie & Peggy (Reiter) DiStefano, sister Julie Kennemer, and Grand parents, Wilfred & Pauline Reiter.
Later in the afternoon, a dinner celebration was hosted by Michael's parents in his honor at Birraporetti's Restaurant.



Michael DiStefano

DiStefano, sister and family Julie and Phil Kennemer and their son William, grandparents Wilfred and Pauline Reiter. Also attending the dinner celebration and commencement ceremony were uncles aunts, and cousins, Paul and LuAnn Kubis, Cheryl and Jim Drozd, Amy Drozd, Nathan Drozd, Paul and Susan Reiter and family Daniel, Brent, Michelle and Blake Reiter, Chris and Sandy Felderhoff, Lydia Felderhoff, Kelly Felderhoff. In mid June, Michael will begin his three-year residency at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Attending the Dinner celebration and Graduation commencement ceremony were Michael's parents, Charlie and Peggy

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Tune marries Fenton on June 29, 2002

Kathie Lynn Tune and Joseph Mattison Fenton were married in an 11:00 a.m. ceremony on June 29, 2002 by Justice of the Peace John Roane. The bride is the daughter of Ellen Cate of Howe and the late R.L. Cate. The groom is the son of Margaret Fenton of Muenster and the late Donald Fenton.

The bride is a 1973 graduate of Howe High School and a 1991 graduate of International Business School of Sherman. The groom is a 1970 graduate of St. Benedict's College and is employed by the City of Denison.

Following a honeymoon in Missouri the couple will reside in Muenster.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fenton

Musical theater campers enjoy success

July 24-28 was an exciting and eventful week for students enrolled in the second annual Musical Theater Camp hosted by Jessica Koesler and Elizabeth Fette. Fourteen students, grades 3 through 8, arrived Monday morning at the home of Chuck and

dance number, *Would You Like to Swing on a Star*. The evening concluded with a melodrama entitled *Melodrama at Mayfair Meadows*.

"All their hard work paid off and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performances," said Elizabeth Fette.



Student actors and actresses pose for a final picture at the close of their Friday night performances. The students were all enrolled in the Musical Theater Camp sponsored by Elizabeth Fette and Jessica Koesler. Pictured are, from left, back - Jessica Koesler, Richie Sweeney, Kristin LeBrasseur, Brandy Dangelmayr, Kaitlyn Felderhoff, Lisa Miller, Kristina Koesler, Kara Felderhoff, Heather Fette, and Elizabeth Fette; front - John Nystrom, Josh Biffle, Laura Sweeney, Allen Fette, Emily White, and Alley Trubenbach. Courtesy photo

Doris Koesler prepared for a week of singing, dancing and acting. After auditioning on Monday, the students spent the rest of the week playing a variety of theater games, learning basic acting and singing techniques and preparing for a performance for their parents and friends on Friday evening.

After a week of rehearsals and hard work, the students enjoyed a hot dog lunch and swim party at the Koeslers' home and then went to prepare for their evening performance. That evening at 5:30 p.m. the students performed for their parents in a wonderful barn generously provided by Jack and Jenny White.

The students presented a short play entitled *The Dolls* followed by a song and

Jessica Koesler added, "The week was so much fun and Elizabeth and I want all the students to know how proud we are of all of them. Good job guys!"

Also assisting with the camp were Kelly Fetsch, Patrick Knapp and Tony Koesler.

Gardening Tips

In combination with mulch, some people choose to put down a barrier, like plastic, over the ground to further prevent weeds. Keep in mind, however, that weed seeds from other areas of the yard may still blow onto the barrier and start a new crop of weeds. For maximum protection, consider applying a weed preventer over the barrier.

Courtesy of ARA Content

NCTC

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As proposed by administration, the new college budget totals \$21.5 million, up by about \$2.1 million or 11.3 percent over the current year. Included are proposed salary increases for NCTC faculty, staff and administration amounting to about four percent for most employees and additional equity adjustments for some.

Raises also are included for adjunct faculty to make the college more competitive in recruiting quality part-time instructors from among a pool drawn from by

the community colleges in Dallas, Tarrant and Collin counties

community college of truly regional scope and significance, and with our service area's strategic location right at the heart of some of the most dynamic population growth in the country, I can see NCTC eventually becoming one of the largest multi-campus districts in this region, perhaps even surpassing some of the big districts in the Metroplex."

Texoma Cattle Women meet at Branding Iron

July 11 meeting will be held at the Branding Iron Restaurant, located in Durant, OK. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. If you would like to eat, please arrive earlier so you can order your meal before the meeting starts. The members are going to car pool so please contact one of the members below for the meeting place and ride.

Beef Gift Cert may be purchased at the Security Bank of Whitesboro (903) 564-3535, ask for Craig of Commerce Rodeo and Falco. These certificates can be used at many local stores for the purchase of a beef product, and at local restaurants for the purchase of a beef dinner. They are used just like a cashier check. There is no extra cost to you for the purchase of the Beef Cert. If you want a \$20 Beef Certificate you only pay \$20. They make great gifts, and if you think ahead, a great stocking stuffer for Christmas.

Texoma CattleWomen (903) 665-4608 Era, Betty Stone (903) 965-4282 Bells, and will be selling their Beef Cookbooks, bumper stickers, and T-Shirts. They will also be handing out free copies of their beef recipes, membership brochures at

the Re-Grand Opening of the BAR S Ranch Store in Sherman, keep reading your newspaper for the time and location.

Check out your local grocery stores you may see one of the Texoma CattleWomen presenting a Beef Demonstration in late July early August. Stay tuned for more information.

July 18, 19, & 20, the Texoma CattleWomen set up a table/booth at the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce Rodeo and participate in the Grand Entry Saturday night. Come on by and support your local organizations.

For further information please call Trudy Lucas from Howe (903) 476-5565 or one of the following members: Kelly Collums (940) 665-8092 Debra Connolly (580) 443-9597 Laurie Lewter (940) 665-6254 Gloria Klement (940) 759-2912 Muenster, Ann Knight (903) 665-4608 Era, Betty Stone (903) 965-4282 Bells.

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School



Sacred Heart Dance Team, Red 'N' Motion, prepares for the upcoming football season with their summer dance camp. Girls learn all their routines at camp and then continue to prepare with

vigilant practice for each game's performance. Here, the girls are learning a pom-pom routine. **Dave Fette Photo**

SH Red-N-Motion completes camp

The week of June 24-28, choreographer Ann Scalf and her two assistants Francie and Libby taught 31 girls from Red-N-Motion dance team. The girls learned a prop/kick routine to "New York, New York," two pom-pom routines to "The Way You Make me Feel" and "Move it Like This," a jazz routine to "We're Dancing," and a military drill/high kick to "Coming to America." On Friday they entertained family and friends showing off their newly learned dances. All the girls received certificates of accomplishment. Awards were given to: Outstanding Freshman - Angela Cox; Outstanding Sophomore - Christine Fetsch; Outstanding Junior - Amy Trevino; Outstanding Senior - Lilly Nasche; Miss High Kick - Kim Hess; Miss Congeniality - Christina Weinzapfel; Hardest Worker - Sarah Whitecotton; All Around Girl - Crystal Hess. Officers this year are Captain Jana Truebenbach, Lieutenant Katie Cox, and Lieutenant Andrea Bonin. Coaching Red-N-Motion this year is Cheryl Mollenkopf.

MHS Cheerleaders hold annual camp

The Muenster Varsity Cheerleaders hosted their 20th Annual Mini-camp June 24-28 for all 1st-8th graders. This year 112 girls attended the camp including 4 junior high squads, Muenster, Era, Valley View, and Sivells Bend.

Each day the campers learned the latest cheers, chants, and dances from NCA and were also taught the correct techniques for jumps and stunting. On Thursday, a hot dog and swim party was provided for all campers at the Muenster Park from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Special guests of honor included former cheerleaders from the past 20 years. JoAnn Pagel, the cheerleading sponsor and Stephanie Richey, the head cheerleader, started the Muenster Cheerleading Mini-camp in 1982. The tradition still continues. The camp is still run the same way it was 20 years ago.

Many awards were given out. Each day, campers who showed the most spirit were awarded a spirit stick and on the last day got to keep and bring it home. The camp concluded on Friday in the Muenster ISD gymnasium with many competitions. Among these competitions were the All-

American try-outs. All-American nominees included Brooke Walterscheid, Michelle Sicking, Lana Heers, Allison Pagel, Emily Hellman, Jamie Lee Salisbury, Michelle Henscheid, Kelsey Hermes, Lia Heers, Delana Sicking, Shelby Hess, Lauren Haverkamp, Jenni Luke, Shaina Felderhoff, Jackie Klement, Natalie Valliere, and Jordanne Hellman from the elementary division. From the junior high division were Jessica Walterscheid, Allison Teafattiller, Laura Heers, and Lindsay Watson from Muenster, Whitley Harrison, Sarah Arend, and Lacy Mercer from Era, Hannah Davidson, Katie Tatum, and Courtney Boatner from Valley View, and Anna McCourry, Abby Skinner, and Heather Shelby from Sivells Bend. Winners were Emily Hellman and Sarah Arend.

Each grade level also performed a cheer and chant for their parents while Junior High squads competed in the Top Team and Champion Chant competitions. The Top Team winner was Muenster Junior High and the winner of the Champion Chant was Era Junior High. Other

junior high awards given out were the TEAM award given to Sivells Bend, most improved - Valley View, the motion award - Muenster, and the stunt award - Era.

Each squad also votes on a squad who they think showed the most spirit throughout the week. Muenster Junior High was the recipient. Sarah Arend was also awarded the dance award.

Elementary awards were as follows: Jump award - Lauren Haverkamp, Dance award - Delana Sicking, Motion award - Lia Heers, Most Improved - Brooke Walterscheid, and Most Spirited Camper - Lana Heers.

The girls will once again be able to perform the material they learned at a pep rally and football game to be announced later.

Reading with school age kids

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Future cheerleaders work on their moves and chants at the Muenster Cheerleading Mini Camp. Above - from left, Ashley Hammer, Destin Fleitman and Madison Dugger; below - participants include Katie McAden, Lauren Haverkamp, Jenni Luke, Sara Walterscheid and Delana Sicking. **Janie Hartman Photos**



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Annual Ruth Hess Tourney is July 20

The Muenster Jaycees will hold the 15th annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 20. The tournament date has been moved up one week due to conflicts. The event will be at Turtle Hill Golf Course with a shotgun start at 2:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers in four flights, close to the pin on all par 3s, and men/women's longest drive. The entry fee of \$240 per team includes green fee, 1/2 cart cost, tee-shirt, and door prizes. A meal will be served at Turtle Hill after the tournament. BYOB. For more information call Brian Herr at 759-4911 or 759-2376.



Muenster's Michelle Bayer gets to second base defended by Jennifer Neal and Lori Kasparek. Photo by Janie Hartman

Get tickets early for Ranch Roundup

It's time to saddle up for the 22nd annual Texas Ranch Roundup, Aug. 16 and 17 in Wichita Falls. The great American West is alive and well, and there is no better way to see, hear, feel, smell and taste it than to attend the "original" ranch rodeo. This year, working hands from ten historic Texas ranches will compete for braggin' rights.

The event benefits the West Texas Rehab Center, the West Texas Boys Ranch, and the North Texas Rehab Center. Over the past 21 years, the Roundup has raised over \$1.5 million for the organizations, helping make a difference in thousands of lives throughout Texas.

The fun starts Friday, Aug. 16 at 9 a.m., with Saturday activities beginning at 8 a.m. Tickets for the main evening events went on sale June 1. Admission is available at the door. For more information, call the North Texas Rehab Center at 940-322-0771.

Don't be left high and dry on your first boating expedition

A 32-year-old Dallas man laughed recently as he talked about the first time he tried to back a 17-foot bass tracker boat into the water. He lined up the trailer with the ramp. All he had to do was go straight back about 50 feet.

But before he knew it, the boat ended up perpendicular with the truck.

"I had to leave and go practice ... it took about 30 minutes to an hour," he said.

Luckily, no one was waiting to launch but he said he's seen many a boat ramp at the start of boating season clogged by a new boater trying to maneuver into the water.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens have seen a lot of boaters try and go out for their first run of the season and for one reason or another, fail.

Either they back their truck right into the water, they forget to put fresh gasoline in the boat, forget to put the plug in the boat or a whole host of other slip-ups. Some say boat docks at the end of May, beginning of June bring a whole new meaning to the phrase, "comedy of errors."

But for the anxious boater ready to put in and take off for a relaxing day with

friends in the sun, these incidents are no laughing matter.

Wardens say there are steps each boater should go through before taking their craft out for the first time.

"It's mostly common sense and being prepared to go," said Alfonso Campos, assistant chief of marine enforcement for TPWD. "It seems like things always go

wrong on those first trips out."

"If boaters spend just a little time getting ready to go, they'd have a lot less problems when they get there," Johnston said.

For more information on boating safety laws, boater education classes, lakes and accidents, visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat/boat.htm>.



Sara Whitecotton takes an unsuccessful swing. Hind catcher for Lindsay is Marley Howe. Photo by Janie Hartman



Enjoying a dip at the Muenster Pool, these boys share a float, temporarily, before tipping over into the cool water. Janie Hartman Photo



A high pitch to Debra Yosten allows Lindsay's Robin Neu to get to home plate for the score. Janie Hartman Photo

It's big-time volleyball at Spikefest in Addison

Registration deadline for volleyball fans wanting to play in the 13th Annual Spikefest is Tuesday, July 9. Spikefest, the world's largest amateur event of its kind, will hold court July 13-14 at Greenhill Sports Complex in Addison. Nearly 3,000 players of all ages and skill levels are expected, and a new 5-on-5 division will be introduced alongside the traditional 3-on-3 level of play. To register for Spikefest, call the toll-free hotline: 1-888-3-V-O-L-L-E-Y or visit www.spikefest.com, where online entries are accepted. Team registration deadline is Tuesday, July 9.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Lindsay ISD will hold a public meeting on July 8, 2002, starting at 6:00 pm, in the High School Library to involve parents and community members in the application process for federal education funds for the 2002-03 school year. At this meeting, district staff will present a brief explanation of the application process and seek public input for the use of such funds. Any person unable to attend, but wishing to participate in this process, should contact the Principal's Office at 940-668-8474, prior to July 15, 2002 for information.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for the construction of F.M. 371 Line Relocation Project (Labor Only) will be received by the Woodbine Water Supply Corporation until: Thursday, July 18, 2002 at 1:30 PM.

Information for bidders, form of bid, plans specifications, and forms of bid bond, performance bond, and payment bond, together with other contract documents, may be examined at the offices of Biggs & Mathews, Inc., 2500 Brook Avenue, Wichita Falls, Texas 76701, (phone - 940-766-0156). Copies may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$35.00 (plus shipping if necessary). Bids should be mailed to Woodbine Water Supply Corporation, P. O. Box 1257, Gainesville, Texas 76241 prior to bid time.

The major items to be installed are:
10,580 LF 8" PVC Pipe, 5,860 LF 4" PVC Pipe, 20 LF 2 1/2" PVC Pipe, 40 LF 2" PVC Pipe, 960 LF 3/4" Copper Service tubing, 13 Gate Valves (8" & 4"), 140 LF Boring & Casing, 48 Service Taps, 15 Rockwell Couplings (8", 4", 2 1/2", & 2")

This will be a **LABOR ONLY** contract. All materials will be provided by the Owner.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities or minor defects in the bidding.
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If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest Bidder whose evaluation by Owner indicates to Owner that the award will be in the best interest of the Project. The Owner reserves the right to determine the best interests of the Project based on Owner's first-hand experience with or knowledge about Bidders and may award the contract based on a preference because of such experience or knowledge.
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TDA awards \$37,230 to Muenster Milling

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced recently that 23 projects designed to increase the sales of Texas agricultural products have been awarded matching fund grants through the Texas Department of Agriculture's GO TEXAN Partner Program (GOTEPP).

The combined cost of the projects is approximately \$37,230, including the amount contributed by each grantee and the matching funds provided by GOTEPP. Promoted products will include a diverse array representing Texas food, fiber, horticulture and livestock.

Muenster Milling Co., Muenster was awarded \$37,230 to promote the company's new line of all-natural horse feed and lamb and rice dog food through

brochures and radio advertising. Muenster Milling has more than 70 years experience in the pet food industry. The Texas-made pet foods include grains from local farmers and other Texas products. Lamb and rice dog food products are also currently being developed.

GOTEPP is a matching fund program open to producers, commodity groups, cooperatives and small businesses that are members of GO TEXAN, the Texas Department of Agriculture's unified campaign marketing Texas agricultural products. The program is designed to help offset the cost for promoting Texas agricultural products. Project amounts include the total cost, including the matching contribution from GOTEPP.

Color influences buying

Imagine this: A photograph of a 2-inch-thick steak, grilled to perfection, medium rare, with just a hint of red still showing in the middle, so tender it can be cut with a fork ...

Hungry yet? Why? It's not a real steak, just a photo of one, it has no fragrance or texture or taste. According to researchers at Texas A&M University, sight plays a key role.

When choosing which meats to purchase, consumers don't rely on their senses of smell or taste or feel, they go with what their eyes tell them. "Color is the primary factor influencing the fresh meat purchasing decisions of consumers," said Dave McKenna, research assistant in the meat science section, department of animal science at Texas A&M.

"Consumers relate meat color to freshness," he said. "Because of that, the meat industry is very cognizant of conditions that can adversely affect color."

The best color depends on the kind of meat. When shopping for meat, consumers want uncooked beef to be bright cherry-red, pork to be reddish-pink, and lamb to be pinkish-red, McKenna said.

Muscle fibers contain varying amounts of myoglobin, the main muscle

protein responsible for color," McKenna said, "with beef muscles containing higher concentrations than pork muscles."

"Myoglobin concentrations increase with an animal's age; thus, the lean from older animals tends to be darker in appearance than lean meat from younger animals."

Myoglobin itself can be divided into three categories, he said:

- Oxy-myoglobin: the predominant form found in normal, brightly-colored meat;
- Deoxy-myoglobin: bound to water, it has a purplish color and is most often seen in vacuum-packed meats; and
- Metmyoglobin: the oxidation of the iron portion of myoglobin; causes meats to turn brown.

When meat in a retail case turns brown, McKenna said, it most often "is a result of prolonged exposure to ultraviolet light from fluorescent lights, temperature fluctuations in retail cases, and bacterial growth."

Individual muscles (in the meat) will accumulate metmyoglobin, thus discolor, at different rates.

"It is not unusual for meat cuts with multiple muscle groups to discolor unevenly."

Other color differences in

Pass It On!!!

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

Guys -- We as cattle producers are very passionate about this. McDonald's claims that there is not enough beef in the USA to support their restaurants. Well, we know that is not so.

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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When mom said, "Drink your milk, it's good for you," she knew what she was talking about. A 10-year study of the effects of dairy consumption on obesity and type 2 diabetes shows that, like the commercials said, milk does a body good.

Of the 3,157 young adults who participated in the study, overweight participants with higher consumption of dairy products had a 72 percent lower chance of developing type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

The study was printed in the April 24 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"We observed a substantial reduction in the odds of insulin resistance syndrome over the 10-year period with increasing ... dairy intake," the study's authors said.

Over the last three decades, milk consumption has decreased as the government, nutritionists and health advocacy organizations have recommended low-fat diets. But at the same time that dairy consumption has gone down, the prevalence of obesity and type 2 diabetes has increased, according to the study.

The six doctors and professors who authored the new study said that other reports have already suggested that dairy products may have good effects on body weight in children and adults and may decrease the risk of coronary heart disease, stroke and hypertension. But, they said, none of the earlier reports ruled out other dietary or lifestyle factors, like exercising and eating more fruits and vegetables, as the reason for the good news.

The researchers wanted to see if some people could reduce their risk of getting type 2 diabetes just by consuming more dairy products. They made adjustments for other factors so they could isolate the effects of dairy consumption alone. What they found in their Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults, or CARDIA, study was that overweight participants with increased dairy intake showed a "consistent reduction" in the group of risk factors, called insulin resistance syndrome (IRS), that can lead to type 2 diabetes and heart disease. The association between dairy intake and IRS was "much weaker and less consistent in normal-weight individuals."

Reports show that dietary fiber also helps reduce IRS. But the researchers said there was no evidence that high fiber consumption or any other lifestyle or dietary factors played any role in their study results.

They also wanted to see if the study participants would get the same benefits just by taking calcium supplements or other nutrients. They found that the intake of calcium and other nutrients alone did not explain the reduction in IRS, while there was a direct relationship between dairy consumption and lower risk of type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

The study participants were black and white adults between the ages of 18 and 30. The study results were similar regardless of race or gender. The researchers identified dairy products as any items that were either 100 percent dairy, such as milk, or included dairy as one of the main ingredients, such as dips made from sour cream.

the same cuts of meat might cause unnecessary consumer confusion.

Some cuts of meat show a naturally irregular color, McKenna said, which is nothing to worry about. "Most color irregularities are related to the water-holding properties of the muscle," he said.

"Stress conditions, whether long- or short-term, are typically responsible for irregular colors in muscle," McKenna said.

But consumers don't have to stress about differences in the supermarket's meat case. Most of these differences are within the range of normal and don't affect the taste or nutritional value of the meat.

For more information about meat, visit <http://meat.tamu.edu>

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner
SUSAN COMBS

Without water, Texas agriculture would dry up. That's why farmers and ranchers across the state take water availability very seriously, and they are doing everything they can to stretch what they've got and find new sources in unlikely places. Drip irrigation, drought-tolerant plants and other innovative approaches are becoming the name of the game in agriculture today.

Still, some areas of Texas are facing their sixth drought in seven years and temperatures are rising. Drought has spread east along the Gulf Coast, and evaporation rates are reducing the positive impact of any rain that does happen to fall.

This lack of water in South Texas has been exacerbated by Mexico's mounting water debt to the United States. Under a 1944 treaty, Mexico owes us 1.5 million acre-feet of water, but we've been hard-pressed to see a drop.

Since 2000, the Texas Department of Agriculture has spoken loud and clear on this. The water in question is being used for the sole purpose of irrigating more than 200,000 acres of farmland in the Rio Conchos Basin in Chihuahua, and this is creating a devastating economic impact on the Valley economy. A loss of \$1 billion and 33,000 jobs is a very big deal, and in the last 10 years, Mexico has nearly doubled its irrigated farmland at our expense.

Against all odds, thousands of Texas farmers and ranchers are doing what they can to look for water in new places. But Mexico must own up to its debt and stop hoarding water that rightfully belongs to Texas producers.

Ag Briefs

Controlling horn flies can save you \$10 - \$20 or more per calf. Face flies are annoying and spread pinkeye, but not as harmful to profits as horn flies.

U.S. soybean acres will be reduced 2% from last year to 73 million acres.

Ag Briefs

Sioux City Stockyards closed March 28, another victim of a changing farm economy and the ongoing shipping evolution. During a brief time in the 1970's the Iowa stockyards was the world's largest. During its 115 year history, millions of hogs, cattle and sheep passed through its pens, and during the early '50s it employed about 8,000 people. The yards are being razed to make room for another Home Depot.

President Bush signed the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act in to law and, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the passage heralds unprecedented funding for conservation of Texas water, soil, and wildlife.

Almost \$17.1 billion of the \$72 billion appropriation contained in the 2002 Farm Bill will fund conservation programs to benefit individual property owners.

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12 OZ. 12 PK.

Dr. Pepper **2 FOR \$5**



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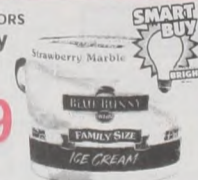


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| WASHINGTON Cherries LB. \$1.99 | FRESH BUNCH Green Onions 3 FOR \$1 |
| CELLO PACK Mushrooms 8 OZ. 99¢ | LARGE Cantaloupe 2 FOR \$3 |
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