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## Keener death ruled probable suicide

Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall reported that he received a call about 6 a.m. Thursday, July 3. When he arrived at 424 Sylvan Lane in Muenster, he found Mark Wayne Keener, 33, hanging from a tree on the east side of his trailer home.

an incident, the area is treated as a crime scene and possible homicide. Justice of the Peace John Roane was called to the scene and ordered that an autopsy be performed.

According to Chief Stovall the preliminary autopsy report attributed the cause

of death to be by hanging and suicide. He said that it will be several weeks before the final autopsy report is completed.

There was no suicide note left by the victim. His girlfriend, who also resides at 424 Sylvan Lane, found the body and reported the death.

Stovall said that in such

## City votes to pay off sewer plant improvement debt

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
By a vote of 5-0, the Muenster City Council voted to take out a \$150,000 loan to pay off the balance of the sewer plant expansion project debt. It will be repaid with monies from the Section 4-B sales tax.

The expansion project included construction of a chlorine contact chamber. This is a large concrete box with a chamber that allows the effluent to pass through exposing it to chlorine gas before release. This eliminates the use of the lagoon holding system and its problems. Problems include leaks, mosquitoes, odors, and pump problems.

The City's new policy of charging a \$50 fee to reserve the pavilion in City

Park was confirmed. This is in addition to a \$50 security deposit. The security deposit will be returned if there are no damages and the area is properly cleaned. This policy is currently in effect.

Cost estimates were reviewed for a pump station for the bathrooms in the Muenster State Bank Stage dressing rooms. Costs were estimated at \$3,000 to \$5,000. No action was taken.

It was agreed to change the September 1 meeting date to September 8 due to the conflict with Labor Day.

In other business the City Council:

- Accepted Fiscal Year 2002 audit report from Stephen Gilland.
- Reviewed quarterly Police Activities report.

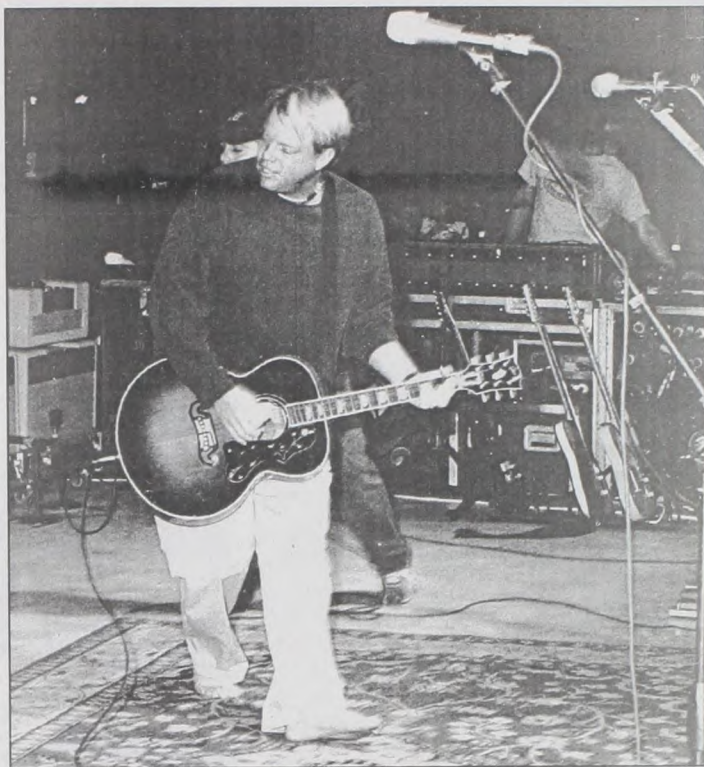
- Contracted with the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) for tax appraisal service, but not for tax collection.
- Paid bills totaling \$90,572.92.

The City Council tabled the following agenda items:

- Correction of water flow problems in the Cedar and Maple Street alleyway.
- Request from Muenster Water District regarding trespassers on lake property.

• Consider and act on park street improvements.

The full Council was present for the meeting. Members are Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, and Aldermen John Pagel, Stan Endres, Joey Anderson, Troy Sicking, and Jewel Otto.



Country recording artist, Pat Green was the featured entertainer at Muenster's first Music Fest Saturday night on the new MSB Stage in the park. Sponsored by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, the concert was a fundraiser for the Chamber and the Sacred Heart rectory renovation project. About 3000 tickets were sold and Chamber officials feel confident that all expenses were covered and there will be profits to share. Watch for more details and photos next week in the *Muenster Enterprise*. Dave Fette photo

## Fire destroys mail!

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Anyone who placed mail in the outside collection box at the Muenster Post Office after 5:30 p.m. July 3 and up to 6 a.m. July 4 will likely find that his or her mail is never delivered. A fire was set in the box sometime after the regular pickup at 5:30 p.m. All mail in the box was reduced to ashes.

Mail dropped in the box between 6-9 a.m. July 4 was recovered. There is a list of recovered mail at the Post Office for those who are concerned that their mail might have been burned. Those who suspect that

their mail was destroyed should contact their collectors or personal recipients.

Cause of the fire is not known. Local and federal authorities have been notified and an investigation is ongoing.

Postmaster Amy Beall noted, "Tampering with the mail or collection boxes, locks, or contents is punishable by a fine or imprisonment." Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall said it is a federal offense.

A new outside collection box was put in place Tuesday, July 8.

## UPS alert!!

There has been a huge purchase, \$32,000 worth, of United Parcel Service (UPS) uniforms on eBay over the last 30 days. This could represent a serious threat as bogus drivers can drop off anything to anyone with deadly consequences! If you have any questions when a UPS driver appears at your door, they should be able to furnish valid I.D. Additionally, if someone in a UPS uniform comes to make a drop off or pick up, make absolutely sure they are driving a UPS truck.

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In Mangay, Africa, Sister Roberta Hesse views the new land site given to the sisters for a convent and apostolic activities. See related photos on page eight. Courtesy photo

## Out of Africa: Sister Roberta Hesse reports

The following is a first person account by Sister Roberta Hesse of her experiences in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In this note, I want to share with you a few experiences of my trip to Congo January 24 to March 25, 2003.

It is you, the people of Muenster and your extended families and friends who made a big part of the trip possible. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hanson of Denton provided the Advantage Miles to and from Africa.

Entering the airport at Kinshasa, the capitol of Congo, was the easiest entry I ever made! In a matter of minutes security check was complete and then I found my Congolese. There was joy, laughter, and even tears after five years of separation.

I stayed a few days with the sisters in Kinshasa and they flew to Kikwit. Here I learned that the hospital where I was to help update the pharmacy, was now being reclaimed by the government. After the Ebola virus, the government asked the Bishop of Kikwit to take it over. He did, and this is how we were asked to help update the pharmacy. Now, everything is on hold. I spoke to the Bishop about

the donations given for the pharmacy. He permitted us to give them to our new mission in Mangay.

We started in Mangay ten months ago, where the pastoral, educational, and health needs are so great. I was able to visit this mission and then understood why the sisters had made such a great effort to be there, despite the shortage of personnel.

The tiny community of four sisters in Kikwit, all in different apostolates, held a special interest for me. Work has begun in Kikwit on building a formation center for prospective sisters. We were able to get some building material to begin making cement blocks. We have molds to make these blocks by hand. Two men with three sacks of cement and sand do what is considered a day's work. We had 1,488 blocks at the last count. My time ran out before we could receive all the necessary permits, so the construction was put on hold. You would not believe the courage and bravery of our sisters in this situation and many others.

At a Sunday Mass in Kikwit, the diocesan center, 18 men were ordained deacons; their priestly ordination will normally follow in six months. The Cathedral was packed for

the four-hour liturgy which included the singing and dancing unique to Congo and Kikwit. What hope there is for the future!

Djuma and Sia held so many familiar people, so many memories. Seeing so many young sisters, including aspirants, postulants, novices and temporary professed, filled my heart with great hope for the future. Although the needs in the schools, hospital, center of nutrition, orphanage, and pastoral work cannot all be met, yet the courage and faith of so many made me ashamed of my own doubts.

Thanks to the help of the Protestant Mission in Kikongo, the sisters arranged for me to travel, first on a small plane and then on a river boat, to visit Fatundu and Kingala. Our Congolese sisters are active there in schools and parish work. From Fatundu I was able to proceed to Kingala, thanks to a doctor who drove there in a jeep.

I was permitted to go to Africa. I wanted to give, but I know that I have received much more than I could ever have given.

Sister Roberta is now living at Our Lady of Victory Center, 909 W. Shaw, Fort Worth, TX 76110.



Hind catcher Paul Crabtree tags Tanner Herr out at home in last weeks Little League All-Star game. Umpire Billy Morris made the call official. Please see page 9 for more all-star action pictures and story. Janie Hartman photo



# Hall supports passage of death tax repeal

Rep. Ralph Hall (D-TX) voted with the majority in the House of Representatives recently to permanently repeal the estate or "death" tax. The House approved the measure by a vote of 264 to 163.

8, legislation that makes permanent the estate tax repeal, which is currently scheduled to expire at the end of 2010. "This bill is an outgrowth of the bill Congress enacted two years ago - and will give families and small-business owners the assurance they need for

long-term financial planning," Hall said. "Many families have been forced to sell their farms or small businesses to pay the death tax - or they have paid life insurance premiums so these taxes could be paid when the owners die," Hall said. "I'm pleased that we are finally putting an end to this punitive tax."

"This bill also benefits employees of small businesses who would lose their jobs if the business had to be sold. It creates a positive economic climate for business owners that could spur investments in business expansion and, in turn, create new jobs," Hall noted.

"We must now encourage the Senate to address this issue and eliminate the sunset provision in 2010," Hall added. "It is my hope that a House-Senate Conference would make repeal of the estate tax both permanent and immediate."



Jim and Linda Vogel, pictured with their grandchildren Chance and Chasity Cameron, won the July Keep Muenster Beautiful Yard of the Month Award. The Vogels make their neighborhood more beautiful with an abundance of colorful flowers in a variety of planters and beds.



Work continues in the Muenster Junior High School building, part of the recent bond package. Improvements include replacing the roof over the west classroom wing, replacing heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems and duct systems. Other improvements include an electrical upgrade, the replacement of the dropped acoustical ceiling and gymnasium roof and adding a fire alarm system to the complex. The MISD board of trustees met Wednesday night to also consider replacing the roof of the band hall. Janie Hartman photo

## Cooke area host families needed

Foreign high school semester program students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are See EXCHANGE, PG 4



Deb Klement was allowed in her classroom this past week to begin re-organization. New paint and carpet will greet students when they return to Muenster ISD next month. Janie Hartman photo

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<p>Sunday, July 13, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM VFW Auxiliary meeting, 1PM Bible School Swim Party, 7-9PM, City Park</p>	<p>Monday, July 14, 2003 Swim Lesson Week 2 VFW meeting, 8PM</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 15, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice / MMH Board meeting, 8PM / Storytime Muenster Public Library, 10:30AM / Milo Variety Plot Tour, 6PM, north of Era</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 16, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Thursday, July 17, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM</p>	<p>Friday, July 18, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM</p>	<p>Saturday, July 19, 2003 Muenster Jaycees Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament, Turtle Hill Golf Course, 2PM start</p>
<p>Sunday, July 20, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM</p>	<p>Monday, July 21, 2003 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8PM</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 22, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice Storytime Muenster Public Library, 10:30AM</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 23, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Thursday, July 24, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Kiwanis Family Swim Night, 7-9PM, Muenster Pool</p>	<p>Friday, July 25, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM</p>	<p>Saturday, July 26, 2003</p>

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## Marjorie Lester Felderhoff 1927-2003



Marjorie Lester Felderhoff

by Gary L. Droll  
Marjorie Lester Felderhoff passed away on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at her residence following a lengthy battle with cancer. She was 76 years old.

Marge was born on January 22, 1927 in Gainesville to Kenneth Clay and Bedie Burkhart Lester.

On August 4, 1962 she married Norbert J. Felderhoff, son of the late Hubert and Marie Felderhoff of Muenster.

Marge graduated from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in English. She began her teaching career when she was 17 years of age in the Gainesville School System. She taught school for over 20 years. Upon her retirement from teaching she began her second career in real estate.

Marge was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, a past member of the Gainesville Garden Club and was active in the Republican Party of Texas. She was also actively involved in the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Marge was a member of St. Mary's Church in Gainesville and participated in a Ladies Thursday Bridge Club.

A Rosary Service led by Rev. Don Brennan, O.S.A. was held on Friday, July 4, 2003 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel. A Family Rosary was also held at the funeral home at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, led by Alan Zimmerer, a family friend. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, July 5,

Rev. Nicholas Fuhrmann, O.S.B. who knew Marge well as a parishioner during the time he was Pastor at St. Mary's.

Altar Servers for the Mass were Joe Felderhoff, Alvin Hartman and Sylvan Walterscheid. Music was provided by Ruth Felderhoff, Christy Hesse and Emily Klement.

Following the services, a meal was provided for the family and guests at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Attending in addition to family, friends and relatives were members of the Apostolate for Family Consecration from St. Mark's of Denton.

Marge is survived by a brother, Don Lester; daughters and sons-in-law Amie Felderhoff-Schoendorf and Tim Schoendorf of Denton, TX; and Lisa Felderhoff-Slingerland and Rob Slingerland of Yukon, OK; also by grandchildren Rachel Slingerland-Deal and Heather Slingerland, both of Yukon, OK; Lauren Dangelmayr of College Station; Joseph Dangelmayr of Muenster; and Hannah and Nathaniel Schoendorf both of Denton.

She was preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Jere Lynn Felderhoff-Dangelmayr in 1990 and her parents.

Funeral services were handled by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County, PO Box 936, Gainesville, TX 76241 or the American Cancer Society.

2003 at 10:00 a.m. followed by Burial Services at Fairview Cemetery.

The Funeral Mass was conducted by concelebrants Rev. Don Brennan, O.S.A. Pastor of St. Mary's Church and Rev. Nicholas Fuhrmann, O.S.B. from Subiaco Abbey, Arkansas, a previous Pastor at St. Mary's. The First Reading from Isaiah 25: 6-9 was given by daughter, Lisa Slingerland. The Second Reading from Romans 8: 14-23 was given by daughter, Amie Schoendorf. Rev. Don Brennan, O.S.A. read the Gospel and presented wonderful remarks about our Faith and the life of Marge. General Intercessions were given by granddaughters, Lauren Dangelmayr and Rachel Slingerland Deal.

The Final Commendation and Remarks of Remembrance were given by

## Ida Ann Rohmer 1915 - 2003



Ida Rohmer

by Elfreda Fette  
Mass of Christian Burial was held for Ida Ann Rohmer of Fort Worth on Monday, July 7, 2003 in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor.

She was a native of Muenster and the daughter of John Alois Rohmer and Mary Helen Hesse Rohmer. She died on Saturday, July 5, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. at age 87 in Muenster Memorial Hospital of complications of a stroke.

Ida Rohmer was born on Aug. 20, 1915. She received her early education at Sacred Heart School in Muenster. She graduated from LVN training in Fort Worth on March 15, 1964, resided in Fort Worth, and was a nurse in the Harris Hospital Emergency Room for many years and was also employed at Trinity Oaks Hospital in Fort Worth. She was a member of Saint Patrick's Cathedral Parish in Fort Worth. Since February 1998 she has been a resident of Greenbriar Mansion in Fort Worth.

Survivors are sisters and a brother-in-law, Sister Fidelis Rohmer OSB of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Sister Romana Rohmer OSB of Pocahontas, Arkansas, Loretta Spaeth of Longview, Dorothy and Morton Wright of Irving; and brothers and sisters-in-law Alfred (Johnny) and Florence Rohmer, and Maurus and Pat Rohmer of Muenster, and Victor Rohmer of Gainesville; and sisters-in-law Agnes Rohmer and Marjorie Rohmer of Muenster; one aunt Theresa Hesse of Gainesville; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Preceding her in death were her parents, and brothers Joseph, Lawrence, Emil, and Tony Rohmer.

A family Rosary was held at McCoy Funeral Home on Saturday evening, led by the brothers and sisters. On Sunday afternoon at the funeral home, Rosary Service was held at 4:00 p.m., led by the brothers and sisters. Vigil and Wake were held at 7:00 p.m. led by Sister Romana Rohmer

OSB; and a family Rosary on Monday morning was held at the funeral home, led by the brothers and sisters.

Participating in the special funeral liturgy for the Mass of Christian Burial with Father John Ohner OSA, pastor, were altar servers, Jeff Schniederjan and John Rohmer, both great-nephews of Ida, and Joshua Yosten, a friend.

Readings were given by Becky Spaeth, a niece, including the First Reading, Isaiah 25:6-10; the Second Reading, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, and the verses for the Responsorial Psalm. Father John Ohner OSA read the Gospel, John 6:37-40 and gave the Homily.

Sister Romana Rohmer OSB read Prayers of the Faithful, referring to Ida's tender care of the sick during her nursing career. Dorothy Wright and Loretta Spaeth, sisters of Ida, presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar.

Eucharistic Ministers were Agnes Rohmer, Bill and Laurie Rohmer, Imelda Rohmer, and Regina Pels. Music Ministers were

Dave and Pam Fette and Nicole Rohmer, singers, Rose Ganzon flutist, and Ruth Felderhoff organist. Sacred music included "For You Are My God" at the Entrance; "Psalm of the Good Shepherd"; "Give Me Jesus" at Offertory, sung by the group; "Here I Am, Lord" sung at Communion by Nicole Rohmer, a great-niece of Ida; and the Meditation Hymn "Ave Maria" sung by Pam Fette. The Recessional hymn was "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Pallbearers were David Rohmer, Cody Truabenbach, Carl Wright, a godson, Alan Spaeth, Greg Rohmer, and Terry Rohmer. All are nephews.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorial donations sent to Sacred Heart Church or the Sacred Heart Trust Fund, 714 N. Main St., Muenster, TX 76252.

Among relatives who attended from out of town were Sister Fidelis Rohmer OSB, Sister Romana Rohmer OSB, Loretta Spaeth and Linda Robinette of Longview; Victor Rohmer; Morton and Dorothy Wright and James Wright, all of Irving; Michael, Wanda, Angela, and Kathryn Wright of Southlake; Carl, Ester, and Heather Wright of Lubbock; Everett, Becky, and Michael Spaeth of Dallas; Alan Spaeth of Dallas; Cody Truabenbach of Denton; Steve, Kim, Nicole, and Michelle Rohmer of Coppell; Rita Tucker of Wichita Falls; Sister Francesca Walterscheid of Fort Worth; Sister Roberta Hesse of Fort Worth; Ramie and Evelyn Hesse of Denison; Suzanne Williams of Fort Worth, Eileen Georgia of Dallas.

## Mark Wayne Keener 1970 - 2003

Graveside services were held for Mark Wayne Keener of Muenster on Saturday, July 5, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at Mountain Creek Cemetery in Montague County. He died July 3, 2003 at his residence at age 33. Rev. Keith Rodgers officiated for the graveside service, and McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo directed burial.

Mark Wayne Keener was born March 3, 1970 in Atlanta, Texas to Clifford Clinton Keener and Shirley Odell Holt Keener. He worked as an operator for Hacker Brothers Well Service.

Survivors are a daughter, Mercedes Ti Ann Marie Keener of Muenster; his mother Shirley Keener of

Muenster; two sisters LaVonna Blankenship of Eastland and Shelia Holloway of Saint Jo; and two brothers Jack Keener and Robert Keener, both of Muenster; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his father; and one son, Mark Wayne Keener, Jr.

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# Opinion/Editorial

## The spirit of Independence Day

By Don Rohmer

I hope you enjoyed your Independence Day holiday. Mine was wonderful. The weather was almost perfect, I saw lots of friends and relatives, and our neighboring city of Saint Jo capped the day with a wonderful fireworks display.

My only problem was a nagging thought that refused to go away.

It occurred to me that, just as we wouldn't think of not attending church services on Christmas and being reminded of the struggles of Mary and Joseph to bring Christ into the world, on Independence Day we ought to think about the struggle of our nation's founders to bring about the freedoms we take for granted. On some TV show I had heard that when the signers of the Declaration of Independence pledged "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor," they felt almost certain that the outcome would be their death by hanging.

So I thought about what I ought to do besides visiting, eating and drinking, and watching fireworks. Maybe read the U.S. Constitution, or parts of the Federalist Papers, or some other such historic documents. Since no such documents were readily at hand, I tried to recall something from my school-day history classes.

The first thing I remembered was Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death." Well, he seemed to be passionate about liberty. What else could I remember? Oh yes, Thomas Jefferson's "The

price of freedom is eternal vigilance." Now there was something to think about. Are I and my fellow citizens doing what Jefferson said would be necessary to maintain our freedom?

The more I thought about that, the more uneasy I became. What can we do to be vigilant? Read newspapers? Watch the news on TV? Arguably the most important pillar of democracy is a free and vigorous press. Are the contemporary media doing a good job of keeping us informed about the issues we need to be aware of when we exercise our right to vote? Seems to me that we hear plenty about murders, kidnappings, and forest fires and other disasters, but very little that is of any help in the voting booth.

It seems that even if our press is still free, it has become irrelevant. A train wreck, even as far away as Italy or Russia, will certainly get reported, but for information about what our politicians are up to, we pretty much have to rely on what they tell us in their campaign advertisements. Shouldn't journalists be looking into things and reporting their findings? Where are the reports? A typical "in depth report" on TV features a spokesman for each side of an issue. As each side tells its story, what quickly becomes obvious is that one side or the other has to be lying. But the "journalists" producing the "report" make no effort to look into the issue and find out who's telling the truth. What a waste of the viewers' time.

Small wonder so few people watch those shows.

Something else I remember from history classes is that our nation's founders placed a lot of importance on freedom of the press. They seemed to feel that an informed public is vital to the survival of a democracy. When you think about it, who could argue with that premise? On the other hand, who could argue that the American public is well informed? I don't remember the percentage of survey respondents who said their only source of news is late-night comedians. I just remember that the percentage was shocking. If I'd thought more about it, I shouldn't have been shocked. Maybe they should even be commended for not wasting their time on TV news programs, which can best be described as "mayhem and fluff."

However, the apparent fact that the media have abdicated their responsibility does not excuse us from our duty as citizens to keep ourselves informed. But how can we do that?

Do any of you readers have ideas for things we can do to stay on top of what our elected representatives are doing? If so, in the spirit of July 4, how about sharing them? Hopefully, we can generate an ongoing discussion that will help enlighten us all.

Please send your ideas to The Idea Exchange, c/o Muenster Enterprise, P.O. Box 190, Muenster, TX 76252.

## From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cier

The first sentence of the First Amendment to our Constitution, taken from *World Book Encyclopedia*, reads as follows: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This is a plain statement that should be easily understood, especially by the members of our Supreme Court, who are expected to be more than well educated.

Many of the original settlers of this country, some of whom wrote our Constitution, left England because it had a Church established by the State, and while they were not required to belong to that Church, they found they

could prosper more if they did. Better, or more well-paying jobs went to members first.

After quarreling with the Pope over his right to divorce his wife, Henry VIII declared himself head of the Church of England, and for many years there were severe religious struggles that divided the people.

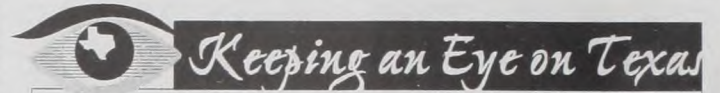
It was not until 1558 that Queen Elizabeth I declared the Church of England independent, with the Archbishop of Canterbury more or less accepted as Primate of England.

After the New World was discovered, many English people seeking a place where they could have religious freedom, came to this country to live, and build a new nation.

Eventually they fought a war to finally attain this goal and have the freedom they wanted so badly.

Now, with a few dissatisfied individuals complaining about things that really don't do them any harm, and with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) - an organization that I used to think wanted to uphold our Civil Liberties - and some of our courts, we are having religious persecution in some instances.

It seems that some of our learned judges and the ACLU can read most anything they like into our Constitution that has served us so well, for well over 200 years.



### Fill 'er up with trash

The city of Arlington formed a \$3 million partnership with a private company to convert trash into electricity. When trash decomposes, it creates methane gas, which scientists can capture and recycle for energy production.

Arlington teamed up with Midland-based Renovar Energy Corp., to produce a methane gas recovery system at the Arlington Landfill. City leaders say the system could save Arlington \$75,000 annually and improve air quality.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the city of Arlington.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

To the person who wrote me the hate note and demanded that I go back to where I came from: You were right about only one thing in your note; Muenster was clean before I moved here but there was room for improvement.

My comment to you is that Muenster has many people in the community who've worked hard to keep it clean and beautiful for years before I came and now there is a non-profit organization of many members working to keep Muenster beautiful. I didn't come here to take credit for the work the people in the community do to keep Muenster beautiful. In fact there are about 30 people in this community who will attend the Keep Texas Beautiful conference this week to accept their 1st and 2nd place State awards for what they've done to clean up and beautify Muenster. I don't take their credit. I wanted so much for them to be recognized for their work that I nominated them for the awards they will receive for the work they did. Newspapers will not publish articles submitted without the author including his/her name and mailing address with the article. I happen to be the Chairman of the Public Awareness Committee for Keep Muenster Beautiful and that is why you see my name on the articles submitted by Keep Muenster Beautiful. Have you noticed the new beautiful planters, flowers, trees, antique lighting and

sidewalks on Main Street? All of these new things that add beauty to Muenster are there because the community and members of Keep Muenster Beautiful work hard all year long to win the Governor's Community Achievement Awards, which pay for these beautiful improvements. To win there are things this community must do better than any other community in our population category; this includes public education through Postal Patron brochures mailed to everyone in the community. I'm very proud to be a part of the community and believe with all of my heart that Muenster is filled with loving, caring and giving people who are "Muenster Proud" of what Keep Muenster Beautiful has done for this community. I have no intention of honoring your demand for me to leave. I also believe you are a nasty exception of what Muenster folks are like. You're a coward for not including your name or return address on your note but I think perhaps you didn't because you recognize that by sending such a nasty note you committed a hate crime. You also committed a Federal crime by using the United States Postal Service to commit your hate crime.

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## Ghost of Saddam, as strong as the real thing

By Bobby Eberle

The official war in Iraq began, not with tanks rolling across the desert or precision-guided bombs dropping on Republican Guard divisions, but rather with a "decapitation strike" designed to take out Saddam Hussein himself. The importance of such a strike is even more apparent now than it was when the "official" fighting first ended. The Iraqi regime did not have an organized and stable chain of command. Cut off the head, and America would win easily. However, it is not enough simply to cut off the head -- you must also find it. As the coalition is learning on the streets of Baghdad, the ghost of Saddam is proving to be as powerful a force as Saddam himself.

With President Bush holding a meeting in the Oval Office, the word was given to launch the "decapitation strike" against Saddam Hussein. From the beginning of the war, it appeared that strike had accomplished its goal: the elimination of Saddam Hussein and his sons. The Iraqi military was in disarray, and there was no apparent central authority from which military orders were being given. From a military perspective, Saddam Hussein was dead, and U.S. and coalition forces cruised in record time, from the borders of Iraq to the streets of its capital city of Baghdad.

However, even during the conflict, the ghost of Saddam began to make his presence known. There were video tapes shortly after the war began; there were reports of Saddam and his sons calling secret meetings; and there was footage released showing Saddam Hussein walking among a cheering crowd, pumping his fist and rallying the onlookers. In each of these instances, varying levels of confidence were displayed stating that the tapes were prerecorded, staged, or that the person in question was not actually Saddam Hussein.

With the end of the fighting, it is now apparent just how strong the ghost of Saddam really is. Reports from inside Baghdad suggest that support for the coalition is there, but that many of the people still live in fear of Saddam Hussein. What if he's still alive? What if he's simply hiding and waiting for the coalition to leave? Such questions exist not merely for an academic analysis. The ghost of Saddam is genuinely affecting the reconstruction efforts in Iraq. Those who might be more supportive are withholding that support until "proof" can be obtained that Saddam is dead or that he has been captured. They want to see him in a cell or for his ghost to be "busted."

Those who are hostile to the coalition are likely emboldened by the fact that their leader, although deposed, is still out there encouraging them to slay Americans.

This past weekend, a new audiotape, purportedly of Saddam Hussein, was broadcast by Al-Jazeera television. In his video announcement, Saddam (or his ghost) promised "days of hardship" for the Americans. Saddam even joked about the efforts of American forces to find weapons of mass destruction. The voice on the tape encourages Iraqis to not cooperate with coalition forces and suggests that future operations are upcoming.

Commenting about Air Force One, as he was traveling with the president, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said that the CIA will do its "usual assessments" to determine if the audio tape is truly that of Saddam Hussein. Fleischer said that the administration doesn't know if Saddam is dead or alive. "Regardless, he's out of power," Fleischer added.

Out of power? Yes. Out of influence? No. The release of the tape came one day after Paul Bremer, head of the reconstruction efforts in Iraq, announced a \$25 million reward for information leading to the capture of Saddam Hussein or confirmation of his death. A \$15 million reward was also offered for information leading to the capture of either of his two sons.

The issuance of a sizable reward for the head of Saddam Hussein and the lack of confirmation by the White House that he is dead underscore the seriousness of the situation and show the power of Saddam's "ghost." The longer he is out there, the longer the attacks on U.S. soldiers will continue. In order to bring closure to this dark chapter of Iraq's history and to build an Iraq that represents all of the Iraqi people, Saddam must be caught or his death must be confirmed. Segments of the Iraqi population will not embrace the American liberators if those Iraqis are still living in fear. The ghost of Saddam is haunting the countryside of Iraq, and it must be removed.

Bobby Eberle is President and CEO of GOPUSA (www.GOPUSA.com), a news, information, and commentary company based in Houston, TX. He holds a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Rice University.

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## Adam and Alma Wolf celebrate golden wedding

by Elfreda Fette

Adam and Alma Wolf celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 5, 2003, hosting a noon meal at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Gainesville. They were married in St. Peter's Church in Lindsay on July 9, 1953. Officiating for the Nuptial High Mass that day were the late Father Alcuin Kubis, bride's uncle, Father Francis Zimmerer, bride's cousin, and Father Conrad Herda, pastor, and Father Raymond Burchler.

Attendees were bride's cousin Virginia Zimmerer Hess, bride's cousin Jeanette Zimmerer Popp, and Joann Wolf Hermes, flower girl and groom's cousin, Janie Kubis Thurman, flower girl and bride's sister, and Walter Wolf and Hans Schroeder.

Adam Wolf is the son of the late Adam A. and Mary Wolf. Alma is the daughter of Catherine Kubis and the late Albert Kubis.

Their children and grandchildren are Darlene and Alan Miller and Eric, Bryan, Clint, and Alison of Muenster; Randy and Kim Wolf and Lauren and Michael Osburn of Southlake, Texas; Margie and Lyle Klement and Lance, Tyler, Rae Ann, and Leslie Joe of Bokchita, Oklahoma; Trisha Klement of Moore, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Jarrod Klement of Norman.

Oklahoma; Tim and Denise Wolf and Madison and Dillon of Prosper, Texas; Phil and Cindy Wolf and Nicholas and Adam of Leo, Texas; Karen and Ron Dangelmayr and Amanda, Shelby, and Kassie of Muenster; Sharen and Chris Aston, and Krystal, Justin, and Cathy of Muenster.

For the celebration, the hall was decorated with white table cloths, fresh miniature yellow mums and white daisies. An old-fashioned juke box provided music throughout the day.

Margie Klement welcomed guests, offered a prayer, and invited all to enjoy a bountiful barbecue and fried chicken feast prepared by the Smokehouse in Lindsay. A double-ring replica of the original wedding cake was cut by Rita Dixon and Janie Thurman. Cake servers were Rae Ann Klement, Amanda, Shelby, and Kassie Dangelmayr, and Madison Wolf.

Guests were registered and given name tags by Lauren Osburn, Krystal Wolf, and Alison Miller. Randy Wolf then brought out grandchildren with letters to unscramble a gift from the honor couple's children - an Alaskan Cruise!!

Eric Miller and Trisha Klement then gave a history of 50 years of family together, after which all grandchildren came forward

to share their lasting memories of Grandpa and Grandma. Darlene Miller gave some closing remarks.

As guests visited and reminisced, conversations frequently turned to the original wedding day when Alma became the bride of Adam on Thursday, July 9, 1953.

(from the Muenster Enterprise July 17, 1953) "Majestic daisies and greenery banked the altar in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay..."

"The bride wore a gown of star white French lace and tulle over white slipper satin, designed with molded bodice, covered buttons down the back, and a scalloped edge illusion yoke and long, petal point sleeves... Scalloped lace extended over the bouffant tulle skirt... Delicate lace panels drifted to the hem of the gown that just tipped the floor... Her illusion veil fell from a crown of seed pearls... She carried an orchid and stephanotis bouquet over a white prayer book... After Mass the couple placed a bouquet of Majestic daisies at the Blessed Virgin's Shrine.

"An all-day celebration followed. Breakfast was served at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Paul Arendt. Dinner at high noon for 150 guests was served in the home of the bride's parents. A reception and

buffet supper in the Lindsay Hall was followed by a dance."

A large number of relatives and friends attended the golden anniversary celebration. Among them were a special guest, Catherine Kubis. Also Paul and LuAnn Kubis of Houston, Buster and Maria Kubis of Longview, John and Fran Wolf of Wimberly, Texas, Deana and Micah Halbert of Paris, Texas, Steve and Donna Felderhoff of The Colony, Gayle Wolf, Roger and Diane White, Debbie Leonardi of Denton, Carol

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Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wolf  
.....on their wedding day, July 9, 1953

## Surprise party for 85th greets Aileen Hoenig

A surprise 85th birthday party was held for Aileen Hoenig on Sunday, July 6, at her Muenster home on Pecan Street.

Among the approximately 60 well-wishers at the 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. gathering were Aileen's numerous friends and neighbors, as well as members of her immediate and extended families. Included were Aileen's great-grandson, Kody John Hermes, son of Kurt and Amy Hermes of Lindsay (Amy being a granddaughter of Aileen's), and great-granddaughter Stephanie Hoenig, daughter of Aileen's grandson Bryan Hoenig of Gainesville.

Refreshments included birthday cake, punch and soft drinks, along with a vegetable tray, fresh fruit, cheeses, and summer sausage.



Aileen Hoenig

Aileen's actual birthday is June 25, at which time she was the recipient of various gifts from her children.

## York gets first-hand glimpse of surgery

Christopher York is spending his summer in Houston at the Michael E. DeBakey Summer Surgery Program. He was one of 30 premed students chosen nationwide to get a glimpse of a career in surgery long before they will ever pick up a scalpel.

Each participant is assigned a Surgery Faculty member/mentor at a specific institution affiliated with the Baylor College of Medicine. Much to his delight, Christopher was assigned to Dr. Casselli, a world renowned cardiothoracic surgeon who took over Dr. DeBakey's position when he retired. The students become part of the surgical team by participating in rounds, surgery, and conferences.

Chris has already seen heart by-pass surgeries, aortic aneurysm repairs, and rare surgical techniques used on patients flown in from around the world. Since Chris knew how to suture from a previous summer research job at Stanford University, Dr. Casselli allowed him to suture some of the dermal (skin) sutures on closing a chest.

Other activities include a human anatomy interactive class with cadavers, and a brown bag lecture series two days a week. Faculty conducts the lectures in a relaxed manner, with plenty of opportunities for the students to ask any questions they may have.

One of the highlights for Chris this summer was to actually meet the 94-year-old Dr. DeBakey. He gave

the lecture on the "History of Vascular Surgery" and then posed for pictures with the students. He also told the students that by virtue of the fact that they were in this program he was assured that each of them has what it takes to be a great doctor; that they just have to trust and use their own abilities.

Chris recently received a congratulatory letter from his academic advisor, Fidel G. Fernandez, Ph.D. During the 2003 Spring semester he made a perfect 4.00 GPR on courses applicable to the Biomedical Engineering curriculum while enrolled as a full-time student at Texas A&M University. He informed Chris that was an enviable record of which he should be proud, as he was one of only 35 Biomedical Engineering undergraduate students to do so.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) recently informed Chris that he had been nominated for membership. The NSCS at Texas A&M University was chartered to specifically honor and encourage students who have excelled early in their academic careers. Chris will be inducted in the Fall 2003 semester.

Chris was also recently informed that he has been selected as the recipient of a 2003-2004 Academic Excellence Award. According to the terms of the Isham and Jack Beasley Scholarship, he will receive a minimum \$1,000 award for the coming academic year.

Happy 25th Anniversary, Jim and Diane Grewing



Christopher York and Dr. Michael E. DeBakey

## Cheer lock-in a hit!

The Sacred Heart Varsity Cheerleaders held a Cheerleading Lock-In June 26-27 for students in preschool through eighth grades. The young cheerleaders were divided into three different age groups, and each group learned two cheers, two chants, and a dance. They also learned proper technique for jumps and stunting.

"I was so impressed with the children's ability to learn so many things in so little time-they learned their cheers, chants, dances, jumps and stunting in less than four hours! The performances they put on for their parents the next morning were excellent," said Kate Sepanski, head cheerleader. "The Sacred Heart Cheerleaders have not held a lock-in in about five years, so it was especially fun to put on for the kids-I really think that they had a great time."

While attending the lock-in the students enjoyed popsicles, pizza, fruit, cupcakes, popcorn, and movies, and homemade cinnamon rolls. The students were also awarded spirit sticks for their enthusiasm and effort, as well as individual awards.

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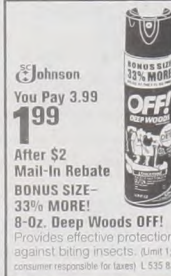
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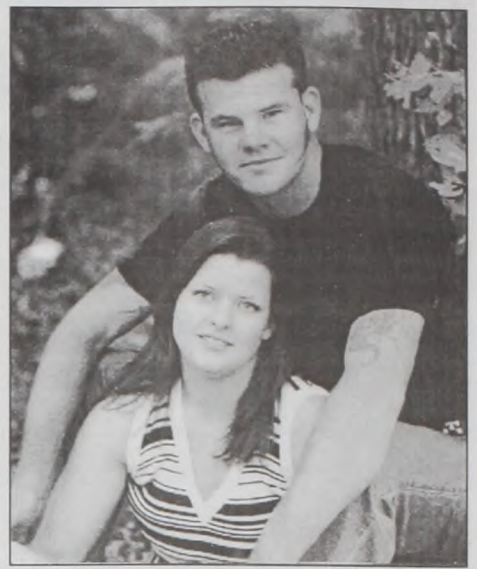
From left, Amber Fuhrmann, Teresa Greathouse, Roxanne Lozano and Crystal Fuhrmann.

## Bridging over ceremony held for Girl Scout troop 1081

Girl Scout Troop 1081 held a bridging over ceremony from cadette to senior girl scouts on the 28th of June at the Arnold Fuhrmann home. The decorations held a red, white, and blue theme to commemorate patriotism. Those bridging over included: Amber and Crystal Fuhrmann, Roxanne Lozano, and Teresa Greathouse. The welcome was read by Crystal Fuhrmann, the Girl Scout Pledge and Pledge to the American and Texas flag was led by Teresa Greathouse. Amber Fuhrmann highlighted past activities including the troop's hike through the mountains in Lawton, Oklahoma and

spotting a raccoon by the lake. Also being group leaders at Lake Ray Roberts and catching bugs and making their own lunch in the great outdoors. Cooking, baking, and tasting were always interesting, but pillow making was an all time favorite for the troop preparing for a sewing marathon, making lap top quilts for the nursing home as the Silver Award Project. A closing prayer was led by Roxanne Lozano and after the ceremony, fruit punch was served along with cheese, crackers, ice cream, and cake. The girls are now working on their Girl Scout Gold Award. Troop leader is Jeanne Greathouse.

Submitted by Amber Fuhrmann, Secretary



Michele KriSha Shaw of San Marcos and Jeffery Wayne Felderhoff of San Marcos will be married on Saturday, July 19, 2003 at Cola Vista Country Club in Bass Drop. The ceremony will be held at 6:00 p.m. Her parents Michael and Sharon Shaw of Helendale, California, have announced their engagement and approaching marriage. Miss Shaw is a 1996 graduate of Silver Lakes Christian Academy in Silver Lake, California. She is an assistant manager at Liz Claiborne in San Marcos. The future groom is a 1996 graduate of Muenster ISD and is currently attending Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He is employed at Home Depot in New Braunfels. Jeff is the son of Mike Felderhoff of Denton and Pam and Gary Knabe of Muenster.

## Blue Grass group coming to Saint Jo opry July 12

The next Saint Jo Opry is set for Saturday, July 12 in the school auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The sponsors are pleased to announce the guest appearance of Jeff Clarkson and a Blue Grass Revival band. Clarkson is from Henrietta and is a top musician. The rest of the group are from the surrounding area and are, no doubt, exceptionally talented musicians.

The Country Cut Ups will begin the show and then Clarkson and the "Blue Grass Revival" group will follow with their performance. "For those who enjoy fast-paced blue grass music, this should be an enjoyable experience," sponsors say.

Anyone seeking reserved seating for groups can call 940-995-2443 or 940-995-2586 during business hours Monday-Friday.

## Smart Snacks

Trail mix made from dry cereal, pretzels and dried fruit. Courtesy of OHS WIC



Dorothy Yosten holds the guide rope that holds up the Century Plant growing in her yard. The plant was placed in the Yosten flowerbed 10 years ago, and has bloomed for the first and last time. It can take up to 70 years to bloom. The tall stem takes several weeks to grow from the center of the plant, than blooms yellow flowers. All of the plant's energy goes toward the stalk's growth, the plant than dies, spreading seeds around the area. Janie Hartman photo

## New Arrival

### Davis

Kelly and Karen Davis are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Lynn Davis. She was born July 4, 2003 at 8:50 a.m. at Denton Community Hospital. She weighed 9 lb. 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches in length. Sarah was welcomed home by her brothers Joseph, Andy, Stephen, Isaac, Michael, Aaron, Mark, and Thomas. Her grandparents are Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann of Lindsay, and R.D. Davis of Saint Jo.

### TXU Energy Safety Tips: Before a storm

Reduce potential flood damage by raising floor-level water heater, furnace and electric panel.

## Texas A&M names honor students

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2003 spring semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours or first semester students taking at least 12 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period. A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours or 12 hours for first semester students. Among those recognized were: John Paul Flusche of Muenster who is working towards a Bachelor of Business Administration as Distinguished; and Kristen Nicole Knauf of Muenster who is working towards a Bachelor of Science Sociology to the Dean's Honor Roll.

## First State Bank hosts benefit bake sale July 11

Friday, July 11, the First State Bank will have all kinds of baked goodies available. This baking is provided by the employees of the Gainesville Convalescent Center as the first fund-raiser of the current year. It will raise funds enabling the Center to assure that each resident has a nice gift for Christmas. By planning ahead, every resident receives a special item from the facility employees. You are invited to come by the First State Bank, 801 East California in Gainesville on the 11th and pick out your favorite dessert.

## Ropin', buckin', ridin' & shootin' in Nocona!

Nocona Chisholm Trail Rodeo presents fast-paced rodeo excitement, an old west gunfight, a parade, and an evening to kick up your heels and dance-dance-dance. The approved United Pro Rodeo Association Nocona Chisholm Trail Rodeo begins Friday, July 11 at 8 p.m., and will conclude Saturday, July 12. Dale Lyons is bringing an old-time rodeo to Nocona. Both two-and-a-half hour nightly shows will be jam-packed with bulls, livestock, and patriotism. An "Old Western Shoot

Out" is scheduled for 3:30 Saturday afternoon. Gunsmoke will fill the otherwise fresh Nocona downtown air, when Ole' Doc Curly attempts to thwart the "hole-in-the-wall-gang's" plot to rob the ole' Nocona bank established in 1880. What happens after that remains to be seen. Just make sure to put on your bullet-proof vest.

After the bank robbers are jailed, shot, or kicked a few times, the Nocona

Chamber of Commerce rodeo parade will begin. More than 100 entrants will participate. Every child will want to see the Nocona Chamber of Commerce's 30 foot-plus helium-filled bucking dragon balloon.

After the final rodeo Saturday night, you will want to put on your dancing shoes when "Dealers Choice" tunes up and promises to give everyone an old western country dance.

## Fun, safe summer activities

**Puddle Jumping**  
Make pretend "mud puddles" by covering different sizes and shapes of cardboard with aluminum foil. Place them in the house or outside in the yard and have the children jump over or run around the puddles. Courtesy of OHS WIC

## Meeting Notice

The Cooke County Chapter 1049 AARP will be meeting at the Stanford House from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11. All persons aged 50 and over are invited to attend this meeting and consider the benefits of AARP.

Make plans to attend this lunch meeting. Contact Shirley Rector at 940-665-2826, ext. 24, if you need more information on the meeting.

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## Notice

The Bible School Swim Party, which was canceled due to rain, has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 13 from 7-9 p.m. in the Muenster City Park. It is for all students, teachers, and helpers at the Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School.

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## Here's to you, Dad and Mom! Happy 25th Anniversary



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Love, the Kids

The Family of Marge Felderhoff would like to express deep thanks and send prayers to all who have shown concern, offered prayers, and helped the family in many other ways throughout the past several months of Marges' fight with cancer.

These many kind expressions of sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance.

Thank you again and may God send many graces and blessings to you all!

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Sacred Heart Red 'N Motion Dance Team held dance camp June 23-27. There were 28 girls participating. Andrea Bonin choreographed the dances. She hopes to have a career as a dance choreographer. The girls learned five new dances,

which they say, are very original and exciting. They hope to have some awesome half-time performances at the Tiger football games this fall. Officers are Christine Fetsch, Laura Taylor, and Kim Hess. Denise Sweeney is their sponsor.

Dave Fette photo

## Teen artists can win cash, scholarships for college

Talented performing, visual and literary artists entering their senior year of high school should apply to Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS) by Oct. 1, 2003 for the chance to share in an awards package valued up to \$900,000. Just by completing the application process artists become eligible for \$3 million in scholarship opportunities made available for ARTS applicants by arts colleges across the U.S. Cash scholarship awards range from \$100 to \$25,000. The final application deadline is Oct. 1, 2003. The deadline for submission-audition materials is Nov. 1, 2003. The ARTS program is also the official nomination process for the selection of the U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts. ARTS applications may be obtained through high school art teachers, by visiting [www.ARTSawards.org](http://www.ARTSawards.org) or calling 1-800-970-ARTS. ARTS is the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts' (NFAA) annual, core program through which exceptionally talented actors, dancers, filmmakers, classical, pop and jazz musicians, photographers, visual artists, vocalists and writers are identified and rewarded. Eligible artists must be high school seniors or 17 or 18 years of age.

## Dostart graduates with honors from Cal Poly

Zach Dostart, grandson of Mary Sicking of Gainesville, and nephew of Cliff and Kathy Sicking of Muenster, and Bryan Sicking and Bill and Rhonda Sicking of Myra, graduated with honors from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California, on June 14.

Zach received a Bachelor of Science in Economics, with a Minor in Finance. Zach was handed his degree by the Dean of Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business Administration, who commended Zach for an article he had written in the *Mustang Daily* college newspaper and the book *Likewise in Life* that he had written in high school.

While at Cal Poly, Zach held various officer positions in the Cal Poly Undergraduate Law Association, the Economic Student Society, and the Financial Management Association.

Zach was also a three-year starter on the Cal Poly Men's Lacrosse team. Zach, who was named a High School All-American when he graduated from La Jolla High School in 2000, played a pivotal role as the Cal Poly team moved from prior lackluster seasons to finish with its first winning season in a decade his freshman year. Zach's last two years at Cal Poly saw the team compete in the national tournament in St. Louis, Missouri, finishing 12th in the nation his second year, and 9th in the nation his third year.

Following the graduation ceremony, Zach's parents, Paul and Joyce (Sicking)

Dostart, hosted a dinner for the graduate, his brother Sam, and 19 high school and college friends who drove to the California central coast town of San Luis Obispo to share in the joy of the occasion.

This August, Zach will enter Pepperdine University School of Law, in Malibu, California, commencing a joint program of the Pepperdine Schools of Law and Business leading to both the JD and MBA degrees in four years.



Zach Dostart



Blake Meek studies his lines before having to perform in front of his fellow "students" at the Lindsay Theater Camp.

Janie Hartman photo



A theater arts camp is being held this week at the Lindsay City part under the direction of Craig Hertel. The group above rehearses their lines. Below, Sarah Camp, at right, instructs another group at camp. The camp concludes with a performance Friday night.

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## Childhood obesity affects on in seven

One out of seven children and adolescents in the United States is obese, according to an article in the April 9, 2003, issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*.

A measurement called Body Mass Index (BMI) is used to identify overweight and obesity in children and adolescents. This provides a guideline for weight in relation to height and has gained acceptance as the standard measure. BMI is defined as weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters. BMI can also be obtained by dividing the weight in pounds by the square of height in inches and then multiplying by 703. A child with a BMI at or above the 85th percentile of his or her peers is considered "overweight." One with a BMI at or above the 95th percentile of his or her peers is considered "obese."

According to a report published in *JAMA*,

severely obese children and adolescents have lower health-related quality of life than their peers who are healthy and similar quality of life as those diagnosed with cancer. Obese children and adolescents are teased about their size, have trouble playing sports and suffer physical ailments linked to their weight. Obese youngsters are more likely to miss school than healthy, normal-weight kids.

The April 9, 2003, issue of *JAMA* reported that the growing obesity epidemic among children and

adolescents may be responsible for an unexpected increase in the number of children with hypertension (high blood pressure).

A report published in March 2003 in the *New England Journal of Medicine* stated that 25 percent of obese children and 21 percent of obese

adolescents tested by Yale researchers were glucose intolerant and at high risk for developing diabetes.

A report published by the American Academy of Family Physicians in February 1999, states the best way to significantly affect the prevalence of obesity is to prevent it.

According to an article in the November 6, 2002, issue of *JAMA*, a review of school-based obesity interventions found that strategies aimed at younger children had better long-term results than those focused on adolescents, which may suggest that eating and physical activity behaviors are more difficult to change as children get older.

A report published in the October 27, 1999, issue of *JAMA* concludes that reducing television, videotape and video game use may be a promising, population-based approach to preventing childhood obesity.

## Robertson garners top scholarship

Jordan Ray Robertson, 17, has enjoyed an extremely busy - and successful - senior year at Willis ISD High School, earning accolades in academics, sports and citizenship. On Thursday, May 15, Robertson arrived at the zenith of his high school career when he was awarded a total of \$263,000 in scholarships at the Willis ISD Senior Award night.

Tim Walsh, senior class principal, made the announcement of Robertson's achievements, reading off an impressive list of scholarship awards: a full four-year scholarship for Naval ROTC to Texas A&M; a full four-year ride for the Air Force ROTC to any qualified university; Texas A&M Corp of Cadet scholarship; Oklahoma State University scholarship; and scholarships from the Lake Conroe Rotary Club and the Willis High School Interact Club. Explaining that the 2003 graduating class of 245

students had been awarded nearly \$1.2 million in scholarships, Walsh said that "this young man personally accounts for almost one quarter of that total."

Active in sports his entire high school career, as a senior, Jordan has been captain of the Willis High School cross-country and swim teams; has been a member of the state qualifier cross-country team; and, has been a regional qualifier for both swim and track events. In addition, he was a National Honor Society member, elected as a senior class officer, and was chosen as the Willis High School "teenager of the year." Rep. Jim Turner also nominated Jordan to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

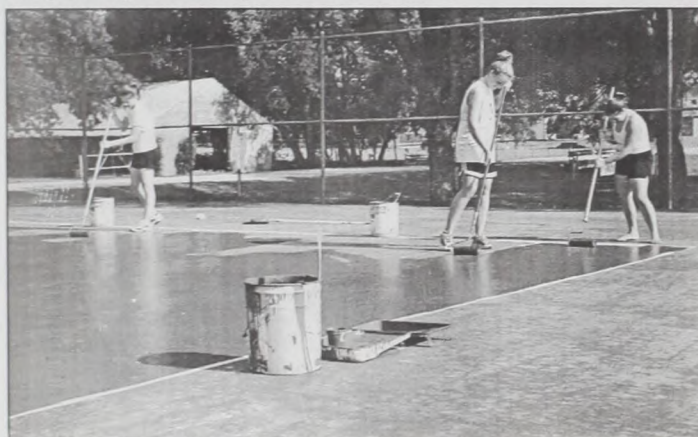
Jordan has numerous relatives in the Muenster area. He is the nephew of Don Ray Moon, Marysville and Tom and Mary Binford, Gainesville. He is also the grandson of the late Jordan

and Wilma Richey Rogers of Dumont, Texas.

Jordan has chosen the four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship, and will begin classes in the electrical engineering school at Texas A&M University in August.



Jordan Robertson



Lindsay's FCCLA members are painting the Lindsay City Park tennis court surfaces as a community service project. Shown are, from left, Lori Kasperek, Christy Hess, and Lynzee Loch. Also assisting in the project, but not pictured are Melissa Fuhrmann, Kendall Odell and Loretta DeBorde, sponsor. Janie Hartman photo



## OHS WIC class to teach how to make physical activity fun for kids

One out of seven children and adolescents in the United States is obese, according to an article in the April 9, 2003, issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*. This alarming trend is at least partly due to children spending increasing amounts of time on sedentary activities such as watching television, playing video games and instant-messaging their friends on computers.

Beginning in July, the quarterly nutrition classes taught at the Outreach Health Services (OHS) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinic in your area will address ways to prevent obesity in children. Five core messages will be covered in the classes:

- Stay active
- Turn off the TV
- Reduce portion sizes
- Eat meals at regular times
- Drink more water

Ideas for fun ways to get your child to be more active will be offered during the class, which is called "A Healthy Body Suits Me: Bring the Outside In." OHS WIC staff will teach it. (For class dates and times, call your local WIC clinic (940) 668-1292.



In the top photo students in Mangay welcome Sister Roberta Hesse to their school. Above, five new babies at the Mangay maternity ward. Below, in Kikwit, children playing in the street in front of their homes create hats and glasses from palm leaves.



## Gardening Tips & Techniques

You can make a tumbling composter using a plastic garbage can with a sturdily attached lid. Just poke holes in the sides for aeration, and roll the can to mix the compost. Courtesy of ARA



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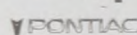
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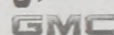
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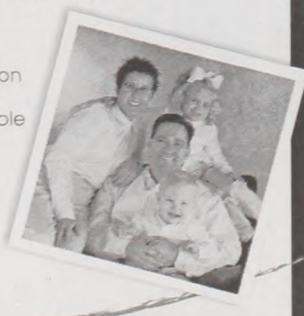
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# Sports

## Little League All-Star Game concludes season

The Muenster Little League baseball teams concluded the 2003 season last Wednesday July 2 with the annual all-star game.

Saint Jo was the league champion with a perfect 8-0 season. The Muenster Jaycees finished 2nd at 6-2, followed by Fischer's Market 5-2, Sonic 1-6-1, and Walterscheid Meat 1-7. On July 2, 26 12-year-olds from these five teams met on the field for the all-star game.

Shane Wiley's team from Saint Jo and Brian Herr's Jaycees started the rosters for the two teams. The remainder of the players were then "drafted." After six innings of play Shane's team (Team 1) took a slim 11-10 win over Brian's team (Team 2).

Team 1 consisted of Trent Rodriguez, Chad Reynolds, Derek Wiley, John Terrilli, and Austin Neely of Saint Jo and "drafted" members Ben Walterscheid, John Monday, Paul Crabtree, Ryan Bartush, Kirk Felderhoff, Richey Sweeney, Jeff Schniederjan, and Ethan Orsburn.

Team 2 consisted of Brett Morris, Tanner Herr, Jared Flusche, Matt Flusche Taylor McGrew, Dylan Flusche, Mitch Hesse, Jordan LaChance, Joe Hesse, Tom Torcellini, Josh Sicking, Matt McAden, and

Don Stalling. Earning runs for Team 1 were Wiley, Terrilli, Reynolds, Neely, Walterscheid, and Monday.

Team 1	3	1	0	4	0	3	11
Team 2	1	0	2	1	1	5	10

Finding home on Team 2 were Morris, Herr, J. Flusche, M. Flusche, LaChance, Sicking, and Stalling.

## Jaycees host 16th annual Ruth Hess golf tourney, July 19

The Muenster Jaycees will hold their 16th annual Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 19. 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, door prizes, and a meal served after the tournament.

Please call early. First 36 teams accepted. For more information call Brian Herr at 759-4911, 759-4512, or 759-2376.

## Campbell's high school football report published

In Texas, high school football fans know when the season really starts - when Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine hits the news racks. Campbell has been giving his pre-season predictions since 1960.

"Hallettsville Sacred Heart, which lost a lot of talent from last year's title team and Muenster Sacred Heart, should face a challenge from Colleyville Covenant..." starts the story on the TAPPS 2A 11-man teams.

In District 1AA, the Muenster Sacred Heart Tigers were picked to lead the league of five. The Tigers return 16 lettermen, losing nine and having six returning starters from an 8-3 playoff team, 4-1 in district.

Players to watch include defensive tacklers Adam Krahl and Clayton Truebenbach, linebackers Andy Davis and Kevin Walterscheid, and running back Chris Hoedebeck. Coach Charles Boles is noted calling Krahl the best defensive lineman in TAPPS 2A.

The Colleyville Covenant Crusaders lost only four lettermen and return nine starters from an 11-2 playoff team that finished the season undefeated. The Crusaders had several key losses at graduation and "will depend on quarterback Jake LaMar" who had 1,400 yards of total offense last season.

The Dallas Tyler Street Crusaders are picked third in the district with 16 lettermen returning from an 8-4 playoff season. They lost only four lettermen. Quarterback Austin Alburts threw for 1,073 yards and 13 touchdowns, and also led the team defensively with 54 tackles.

The Blazers of Irving Highlands lost only two

starters from a 5-5 season in their first varsity season "and could challenge for the playoffs this fall."

"Even though Denton Calvary (Academy) struggled on the field, the Lions boasted all-state talent" in five players, all of whom return. Denton lost only four players and return 20 lettermen.

Also noted in TAPPS was the 2002 review, which saw the Tigers fall to Hallettsville 15-13 in bi-district. The other Sacred Heart team went on to defeat Dallas Tyler Street 17-0, then Colleyville Covenant 36-3 in the championship game.

Coach Kris Hogan moved from Muenster to Grapevine Faith Christian and "finds the cupboard pretty bare." The Lions have only three lettermen/starters returning from a 3-6 season and are listed to finish last in a five-team District 2AAA.

TAPPS 2A consists of three districts. District two is led by the Waco Texas Christian Stars, and district three the Indians of Hallettsville Sacred Heart.

The Petrolia Pirates, defending class A state champions, are picked for a return performance as the leader of district 11A. Petrolia lost two pre-district games by a total of four points before a commanding 191-40 district score and a 223-82 playoff score, the final a 39-18 state win over Celeste.

Petrolia returns nine starters, but will have to make do without five all-stars and coach Scott Ponder, who resigned and moved to Wichita Falls Rider. Zach Howell will move to quarterback and "the Pirates will try to get the ball into (David) Nelson's hands." Nelson and Tyler Shoemaker are returning all-state

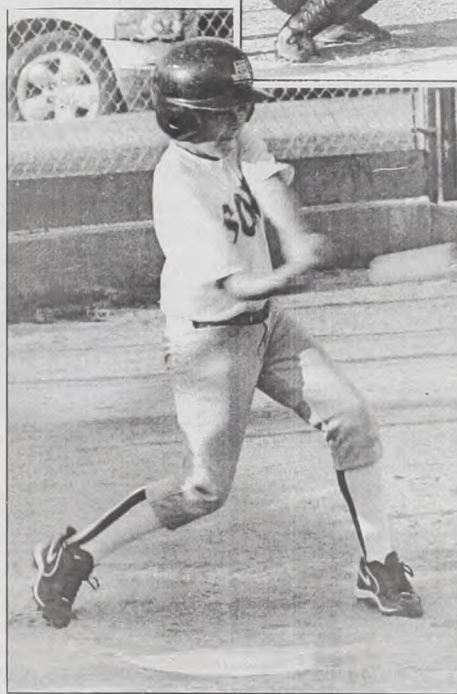
selections.

The Lindsay Knights lost 11 lettermen and return eight starters from last year's 4-6 season. Lindsay returns their quarterback, full back, and top receiver. Mark Schreiber had 77 tackles and "will anchor the defensive line."

Players to watch include quarterback Sam Hellinger, defensive tackle Schreiber, and fullback Keith Dieter. Top juniors are Trinity Otto and Bradley Anderle, and other prospects are Matt Brennan, Garrett Jones, and Alan Trammell.

The Muenster Hornets lost 13 lettermen and return 10 from a 6-4 season. The Hornets' key loss was running back Cody Cory.

"Muenster should be stronger because it returns most of its offensive and defensive lines" notes the article. Players to watch include seniors, linebacker Cameron Walterscheid, tackle and end Jared Ledbetter, tackle John Sturm, guard Kyle Endres, and defensive end Kirk Hartman. Top junior is Justin Wolf, with Nathan



Action from the All-Star game. Top, Josh Sicking rounds third base. Also pictured, coach Jack Flusche, umpire Casey Walterscheid and third baseman Jeff Schniederjan. Above, Matt Flusche pitches; above right, Mitch Hesse waits his turn at bat. At right, Brett Morris swings at the first pitch of the game. Hind catcher is Paul Crabtree. Below, Tom Torcellini at bat and below right Jordan LaChance gets ready. Janie Hartman photos

Sicking, Sean Fuhrmann, Clint Miller, and Daniel Russell all listed as other prospects.

The Collinsville Pirates lost Ty Jones and Cody Melton and return only five lettermen from last season's 7-3 season.

Saint Jo lost seven two-way starters but return several all-district selections from an 8-3 playoff season. Justin Sutton, Michael Smith, Darrin Reeves, and Kyle Brewer will lead the Panthers.

The Hornets of Era are counting on transfer player Billy Kyle Johnson to lead their offense. Era had a winless district last year, winning only two games. Fourteen starters return and six were lost. Chance Huddleston will be the Hornet quarterback and Jon Jarrell "will anchor the defense."

Other area teams listed include Callisburg and Valley View in District 12AA. The Wildcats are

named 4th in the six team district, while the Eagles are placed last. "The Wildcats, who proved last year it's when you win that matters, not how often, will have a strong senior class." Valley View has "lack of size and depth."

The Gainesville Leopards, division 1 regional finalist, are noted for lack of depth in the offensive and defensive lines, but are still the leaders of district 9AAA.

## Saint Jo rodeo and parade Aug 2

"The Historic Chisholm Trail" is the theme for the 46th Annual Rodeo and Parade in Saint Jo. This year the parade is sponsored by the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce and begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, and winds its way through historic Saint Jo. Jerry Ann Portwood Taylor, a member of the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, will be the 2003

Grand Marshall. All area organizations, businesses, individuals, and riding clubs are invited to enter. Cash prizes will be awarded in the amounts of \$100 for 1st place and \$50 for 2nd place in the floats and riding club categories. A Bar-B-Q dinner will be served to all riding clubs in uniform and the prizes will be awarded during the rodeo on Saturday evening.

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Yes, the firearm industry is out more than \$100 million to defend itself, but it has chosen to defend itself and, in return, is making it easier for all legitimate businesses to concentrate on products and profits rather than defending themselves against lawsuits with no real merit.

As a nation in 2003, we've removed a middle-eastern despot from his two decade rule over - and against - his own people. True to form, some Americans choose to exercise their right to protest that action. I applaud their conviction, despite our disagreement on the issue. That is my right. To me, the core issue of all our struggles - lies in the inalienable right of any American to stand for his or her belief. For me, that's worth the price tag for defending the firearm industry - or liberating Iraq. What you believe is your right. If we agree to disagree, that is fine with me. Where I get heartburn is when you believe that you are so much "more right" than me that you have the right to tell me my opinion doesn't matter. While I strongly disagree with liberal attempts to use the courts to, in effect, impose their values on the rest of us, I will defend their rights as Americans (not as black, white, native, naturalized or otherwise modified Americans - but as simple Americans) to take their position free of fear of persecution, prosecution or martyrdom. I still hold my naive belief in the "greater good" but Dick Nixon and Spiro Agnew, along with Bill and Hillary Clinton, have disabused me of the last vestiges of the end justifying the means.

I no longer subscribe to my idealistic college boy belief that the American Civil Liberties Union must uphold - at all costs - the rights of people considered "mad dogs" by society. One quiet gentleman has helped shape my life with his very simple expression that "it's always right to do right and it's never right to do wrong." To date, I have yet to see that disproved.

So what's the point of this column? It's my feeble attempt to remind you, regardless of your station in life or your core beliefs (or absence thereof), that July 4, 2003, was far more than a three-day holiday, fireworks celebrations, picnics, or family gatherings.

We should cherish that simplicity, revel in it, but never take it for granted.



# Agriculture Briefs

**COOL would be expanded to include poultry and goat meat** under new legislation introduced May 22 by U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-TX. Currently, poultry and goat are the only two types of meat that are not required to be labeled under country-of-origin requirements included in the 2002 Farm Bill. "The apparent intention of the provision was to give consumers information about the origin of the meat they buy in their local grocery store," Thornberry said. "Yet there are a number of serious questions about the law that need to be addressed, and not treating meats equally is one of them. We should not play favorites. If we are going to mandate labeling for some meats, we should treat all meats the same." The legislation (H.R. 2270) has been referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

—Office of U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry

**The Waggoner Ranch will be sold.** On April 25, Judge Tom Neely of the 46th District Court in Vernon, Texas, ordered liquidation of the W.T. Waggoner Estate after a 12-year dispute over division of the assets among families of the estate. Electra Waggoner Biggs, daughter of E. Paul and Helen Buck Waggoner, filed a lawsuit in 1991 seeking the liquidation. She died in 2001. The ranch — the

largest in Texas under one fence — covers 520,000 acres in six counties.

—Fort Worth Star-Telegram

**An historic free trade agreement between the U.S. and Chile** was signed June 6, the first between the United States and a South American country. When fully implemented, the FTA will eliminate bilateral tariffs, lower trade barriers, promote economic integration and expand opportunities for the people of both countries, said U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Zoellick.

Under the agreement about three-quarters of both U.S. and Chilean farm goods, including beef and beef products, will be tariff-free within four years; all tariffs and quotas will be phased out within 12 years. U.S. farmers' access will be as good or better than the European Union or Canada, both of which already have FTAs with Chile. Zoellick said that without this agreement, U.S. farmers face higher tariffs than farmers from Canada or the EU.

—Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

**Scientists have cloned a mule**, the first equine to be cloned. The project was partially funded by Don Jacklin, president of the American Mule Racing Association. He hopes the cloning technique can be used to pass on the genetics of champion racing mules. A cross between a horse and a

donkey, mules are sterile, so winning animals cannot be bred. The researchers at the University of Idaho in Moscow hope to use the mule-cloning technique to produce identical copies of champion jumpers and show horses. Despite several efforts around the world, equines have proven particularly tricky to clone. The Idaho team was successful after five years of work and 305 implanted embryos.

**\$110 million to promote U.S. agricultural products overseas** will be allocated to 65 U.S. trade organizations for fiscal year 2003 under the Market Access Program. The largest allocation, \$10,138,190, goes to the U.S. Meat Export Federation, followed by \$8,406,098 to Cotton Council International. The USA Poultry and Egg Export Council is allocated \$4,709,601, and the Texas Produce Export Association receives \$72,053. Examples of activities conducted with MAP funding include consumer promotions for retail products, seminars and workshops to educate overseas customers about agricultural biotechnology and food safety, training and assistance to foreign processors and manufacturers on the utilization of U.S. product ingredients and market research.

—USDA

# County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker  
CEA - AG/NR

As we get further into Summer we are seeing some new insect problems developing. This past week some area farmers have reported finding headworms in their milo crops. Corn earworm and fall armyworm moths lay eggs on leaves or grain heads of sorghum. The eggs then hatch and the larvae become a problem. These larvae feed on developing grain.

Begin inspecting sorghum grain heads soon after flowering and continue at 5-day intervals until hard dough. To examine grain heads for corn earworms and fall army worms shake randomly selected grain heads vigorously into a five-gallon bucket, where larvae can be seen and counted easily. This technique permits detection of even small larvae which are commonly overlooked with just a visual inspection of the head.

Because many young headworm larvae die naturally, do not apply insecticide until they are at least one inch long. The economic injury level is about 1 to 2 larvae per head. Other factors to consider before application of pesticide include stage of maturity of the grain, and openness of the seed head. Those varieties with an open head encourage higher mortality rates for the headworm larvae.

Another insect that milo producers need to be on the lookout for is the sorghum midge. The sorghum midge is a small, fragile-looking, orange fly, with a yellow head, brown antennae and legs, and gray, membranous wings.

Sorghum planted and flowering late is especially susceptible to midge. It is estimated that any fields flowering after June 30 need to be scouted for this insect during the flowering stage. It is best to check fields during the morning while the temperature is around 85 degrees. At this temperature the midge are the most active, crawling on or swarming around the milo head. An adult midge only live one day, therefore, daily checks during flowering are recommended. They usually come in from outside the field and are most abundant along the edges of the milo patch.

Insects to watch for that may begin causing problems in other areas of the county include the pecan nut casebearer and the mosquito.

The casebearer has begun its second generation hatch and is moving toward Cooke County. Pheromone traps can be used to monitor adult activity of this generation. Usually we don't need to treat the second generation but the orchards should be monitored just in case.

The mosquito carries the West Nile Virus. Last year Cooke County had 17 reported cases in horses. Knowing the problems this disease can cause, I urge you to make sure you do all that you can to eliminate

breeding grounds for the mosquito, by not allowing water to pool in your yards. I also urge you to ensure that your horses are current on their West Nile vaccinations.

Many programs are in the making currently, on the county, district, and state levels. Those producers that are able to attend some of these should be able to learn quite a lot of new information.

A tour date for the milo variety trial plot has been set for Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. The plot is located 3 miles North of Era, on CR 321, East off of Hwy. 51. Local seed dealers and their agronomists will be on hand to tell about their variety and answer questions. 1.5 CEU's will be provided for those needing credit hours for pesticide licenses.

On July 16, a meeting will be held to discuss the reorganization of the Cooke County Cattlemen's Association. This meeting will be held at the Cooke County Fairgrounds at 7:30 p.m. The immediate reason to re-form this organization is to either govern a local replacement sale, and/or preconditioned sale, or to help direct the North Texas Cattle Improvement Association, which conducts a preconditioned sale twice per year.

The Cooke County Cattlemen's Association could be an organization run by local beef producers both large and small. Local ranchers are strongly encouraged to attend. A strong county association could aid in marketing Cooke County as a prime area to acquire cattle for the feedlot or the cow calf producer.

Other projects the association could undertake are limited only by the involvement of the cattlemen and women of the area.

August 4-6 are the dates set for the 49th TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course and Industry Trade Show. This event has established itself as the state's focal point for annual beef cattle education and training. The conference has grown to more than 1,200 participants annually. Beef quality issues, forage workshops, beef nutrition, genetics, profitability, and research are all areas that information will be provided in. Contact the Extension office for an agenda and registration form.

For those interested horse farm management, a seminar will be hosted by Texas A&M University-Commerce and Texas Cooperative Extension from August 12-14. The course is designed to discuss many of the management issues that face owners of horses on small acreage, including horses in stalls horses on pastures, and hay and nutrition of horses. This is an intensive three 9 hour day course.

Again call the Extension Office for more information. 940.668.5412

Dates to Remember:  
\* July 15 - Milo Tour, 6:00 p.m., CR 321

\* July 16 - Cooke County Cattlemen's Association meeting, 7:30 p.m. Cooke County Fairgrounds

\* August 4-6 - TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course, College Station TX

\* August 12-14 - Horse Farm Management Seminar, Commerce TX

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**PLANTED ACREAGE**  
Based on the results of a June survey, planted acreage increased for Upland cotton, but acreage estimates for most other row crops have decreased or are unchanged from last year according to the estimates released.

**Upland cotton** acreage for 2003 is estimated at 5.8 million acres, up 4 percent from last year but 3 percent less than 2001.

**Sorghum** planted acreage is expected to total 3.0 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 2.5 million acres, down 2 percent from 2002.

Planted acreage of **corn** is estimated at 2.0 million acres, down 2 percent from 2002; harvested acreage, at 1.75 million acres, is down 4 percent.

Acreage planted to **soybeans** is estimated at 230,000 acres, which is unchanged from last year.

Planted acreage of **winter wheat**, at 6.6 million acres, is up 3 percent from last year. Harvested acreage, at 3.6 million acres, is up 33 percent from last year's crop.

Texas' harvested acreage for **all hay** is estimated at 5.54 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

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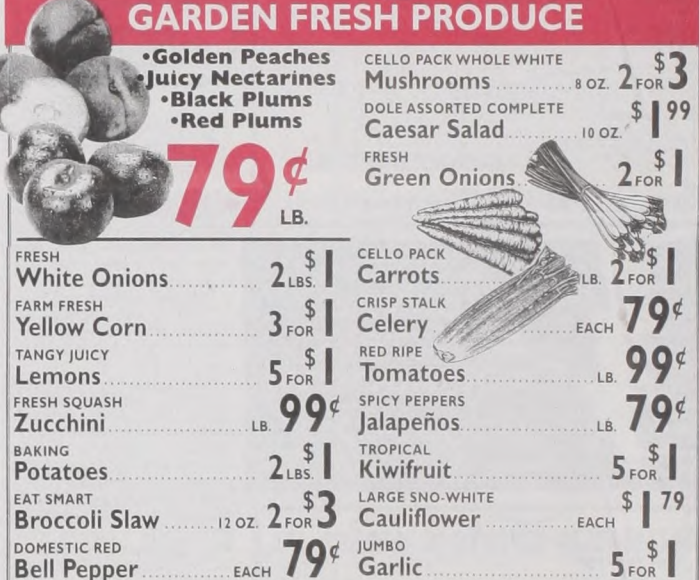
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