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Muenster State Bank put the rectory renovation fundraising past its goal of \$240,000.00 with a donation of \$10,000 presented to Sacred Heart Parish pastor Fr. John Ohner OSA by Robert Weinzapfel, Muenster State bank president. Also pictured are Claude Walter, Butch Fisher, Jerry Hess and Joe Bright.



Adopt-A-Road program comes to county roads

that program can be applied to county roads in Cooke County.

The beauty of many a rural road has been marred by trash thrown or blown from vehicles by lazy or careless people. The loveliness of blooming wildflowers along the county's roadways is diminished when bottles, cans, sacks, and other litter lay glaring among them.

Earlier this year Cooke County Commissioners Court approved implementing an Adopt A-County Road Program. It is under the supervision of the Cooke County Extension Service.

According to Extension Agent Phyllis Griffin, the idea of the program came about as a result of the Executive Program Council's decision that trash on county roads was an issue that needed to be addressed in Cooke County. They approached Precinct #2 County Commissioner Bill Cox who researched the feasibility of an Adopt-A-

County Road Program. He found that a similar program exists in Harris county and the Cooke County Program has been set up in a similar manner.

Cooke County's program kicked off in April but is just now ready to be promoted to the public. Several stretches of road have been adopted in Cooke County Precinct #2. "It is the time of the year when organizations are selecting their projects for the year," said Griffin.

The Texas Cooperative Extension-Extension
Program Council (Committee) has set up goals, terms, and conditions that will be followed by sponsors and participating group and group members. Participation in the Program is open to members or employees of civic and nonprofit organizations; employees of private businesses, and families. The group must be located or reside in Cooke County or a county adjacent to which the adopted section is located.

When taking on this Program a group agrees to adopt a section of county road that is a minimum of two miles long, unless the Committee decides a

shorter length is acceptable for a minimum of two years. The Group agrees to pick up litter at least four times a year and at such additional times as required by the Committee. The Group selects the dates of the four required trash pick ups. While conducting litter collection, the Group members must wear safety vests furnished for that purpose and put out traffic control signs alerting motorists of the activity. Groups must conduct at least two safety meetings per year and ensure that all participants attend a safety meting prior to participation.

Signs will be placed at the

participation.

Signs will be placed at the beginning and end of the adopted roadway designating who has adopted it. Sponsors for these signs are being sought. Sponsor names will also appear on the two signs. These cost \$175 for the two. "Not a bad price for a two-year ad," remarked Griffin.

Those interested in adopting a county road or ins sponsoring a sign should contact the Cooke County Extension Office at 668-5412 or e-mailing ccextension@ntin.net for more information.

MSB completes rectory fundraising success story

Muenster State Bank made a Rectory Fundraising donation of \$10,000.00 enabling the community to exceed a fundraising goal of \$240,000.00! A landmark of Muenster, Sacred Heart Parish Rectory, is in need of extensive refurbishment/renovation due to years of minimal care. Based on estimates to refurbish the exterior (\$180,000.00) and some interior refurbishment (\$60,000.00), a goal to raise \$240,000.00 by Aug. 1, 2003 was set. The community of Muenster reached that goal by raising \$246,363.59 by Aug. 31, 2003! The community, businesses, civic and parish organizations worked together to make the goal a reality. All elements of the community deserve a "well done" and should be proud of what the community effort has accomplished. A sampling of the community involvement in this effort consists of 29 businesses, eight civic and parish organizations, several memorials, and use of the city park for the Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Music Festival".

The rectory, built in 1916, is the oldest structure in our community that represents the genesis of Muenster a Catholic community for German immigrants to north Texas. Because of the rectory's historic significance and its unique late Victorian architecture (the only one of its kind in Muenster), Sacred Heart Parish Finance Committee and Building/Maintenance Committee reached a consensus to refurbish/renovate.

This endeavor will enhance Muenster's attractiveness and picturesque nature. It will complement the motifs of many Main Street businesses and will become an additional significant point-of-interest to tourists, passers by such as motorcycle and antique car clubs, and family history buffs.

Fundraising Chronology

Early 2002: the Sacred Heart Finance Committee made aware of the rectory's deteriorated state.

June 2002: Elam Associates of Dallas (one of three bidders) submits bid and is awarded project.

July - December 2002: Informal fundraising via September 2002 garage sale and private donations raised \$18,382.24.

January - February 2003: Formal Fundraising Committee formed under auspices of Sacred Heart Finance Committee.

February 2003: Fundraising begins with "town hall" meeting/presentation to the community.

March 2003 - August 31, 2003: Fundraising plan implementation:

Fundraising Events and Contributions: amily/individual contributions \$159,176.16 Family/individual contributions Memorial donations Business Solicitation Raffle of television, two gift albums, miniature television Concert in Park Total

Total \$217,765.71

Income from other sources:

Beginning Balance \$18,382.24

Parish Garage Sale (May 2003) \$7,906.47

Cook Book \$504.00

Interest from Diocese \$1,805.17

Total Contribution:
August 31, 2003: Fundraising Committee's work completed - committee formally disbanded.

What Remains

Ernie Martin, Sacred Heart facilities manager, has provided an estimated schedule. The subcontract

bidding process is expected to be completed by the end of this month. The construction contract with the architect/construction contractor, Elam Associates of Dallas, will be finalized then reviewed by the Diocese of Fort Worth. The review is a formality and no delays are expected. Construction should begin no later than November and be completed within 120 days (by February 2004). The February 2004 completion date is a worst case scenario and Mr. Ernie Martin expects completion sooner.

Any savings due to the project being completed below cost and/or donated supplies and labor will remain in the rectory fund for use in the interior refurbishment/renovation phase. That phase will begin upon completion of the exterior renovation. Any funds remaining after project completion will remain in the Rectory Fund for future maintenance of the rectory.

Over 100 people directly participated in this endeavor: Palm Sunday solicitor teams, business solicitation team, sign makers, event support, garage sales, etc. To them and the entire community, many thanks for the precious time, talent, and resources donated. Without such generosity our goal would still be a concept and not a reality.

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Although the formal fundraising for the rectory is complete, donations are still gratefully accepted. Funds allocated for the interior renovation are minimal. Send donations to: Sacred Heart Parish, Attn: Rectory Renovation, 714 N. Main, Muenster, TX 76252.
Rectory Fundraising Committee: Joseph A. Bright, Debbie Endres, Claude Walter, Monica Koesler, John D. Bartush, Stacy Forshee, Werner Becker, Jr., Peggy Walterscheid, Scott Felderhoff, "Butch" Fisher, Anna and Kenneth Braziel, Bill Bayer, Ernie Martin.

Submitted by Joseph A. Bright, Fundraising Chairman

Construction going strong at NTMC

A Hard Hat Media Tour was given to the local press last week, of the construction site of the future North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville.

Leading the walk through were Andy Anderson, Gainesville Memorial Hospital (GMH) administrator, Gayla Blanton, GMH director of marketing, Lucy Krahl, GMH liaison, and David Flint of Robins & Morton Construction.

Anderson noted that the project is in the budget and the time line is on schedule. He also stressed that the floor plan of the structure is designed for future expansion to take care of more people. "We are getting it built the way we dreamed it would be," Anderson said.

The following is a press release submitted by GMH:
The Gainesville Hospital District is looking to the future, with a new medical

complex now under construction.

Schematics are now complete for the 125,000 square foot facility, which will house 42 medical/surgical beds, a 6-bed intensive care unit, and a 12-bed women's center. Also included in the new medical facility are a 15-bed outpatient surgery center, an expanded surgical department, a vascular lab and a greatly expanded emergency department.

Other services to be continued within the new facility include: cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, cardiac and vascular diagnostics, therapy services (physical, speech, and occupational therapy, outpatient nutrition and diabetes education), diagnostic imaging (CT, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, mammography, bone density), laboratory services.

The complex will also

include a 20,000 square foot medical office building, which will house the GMH dialysis center as well as offices for several medical specialists.

The approved architectural footprint employs an easily expandable horseshoe type design, with three major public hallways. The

building front utilizes a "medical mall" concept with open public areas feeding into the main corridors. Visitors and patients will find the design easy to navigate, with major departments conveniently located for easy access.

Design features will maintain a clean, open look, utilizing some native stone

and lots of glass.

The complex will be situated on a 52-acre site, located west of the Interstate 35/Highway 82 exchange in Gainesville. A decorative entry will be situated on the south end of the property, off Highway 82, and paved drives will bring patrons onto the campus. A small reservor,

located south of the main building, provides a serene retreat for staff and visitors. The architectural firm handling the \$26.5 million project is Perkins & Will / CRA of Dallas. Construction manager is the Robins & Morton Group. Bob Wallace serves as program manager. Estimated completion of the project is Summer 2004.

Smith brings 25 years education, experience to LISD

By Janet Felderhoff
Lindsay ISD's new
principal, Larry Smith
brings a great deal of
experience with him to the
position. He served as
principal for Callisburg
High School from 1992 until
coming to Lindsay. Smith
was hired this summer to
replace Jerry Metzler who is
superintendent at Lindsay
ISD.



Prior to Callisburg, Smith was principal at Saint Jo High from 1991-1992, Collinsville Schools from 1990-1991; and Saint Jo from 1989-1990. Under his leadership Callisburg High rose from a rating of Significant Gain in Academic Performance in 1995-96 to Rated Recognized from 1996 through 2001-2002, and Rated Exemplary from 2002-2003,

Rotarians hear

District Governor

Besides his 14 years of administrative experience, Smith has taught English, Spanish, and coached in schools including Denton High, Gainesville High, and Strickland Middle School to give him a total of 25 years of educational experience.

In the Spring of 2002 Larry Smith was nominated Principal of the Year by Region XI TASSP.

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In 1992 Smith graduated from Sweetwater High School. He attended the University of Texas on a football scholarship from 1971 to 1973. He transferred to the University of North Texas and played football in '74 and '75. He graduated from University of North Texas in 1977 with a B.A. degree in English and in August of 1981 he earned a Masters of Education from UNT. He also obtained a Midmanagement certification from Texas Women's University in October 1990. Smith's other certifications are in Secondary English and Spanish, Driver's Education, ILT/ILD, and he is a PDAS certified appraiser.

On Sept. 10, 1977 Smith

On Sept. 10, 1977 Smith married Shauna Howard. They have two daughters, Riley and Brooke. One is a junior at UTA and the other a freshman at Texas A&M. His wife is employed at Gainesville ISD.



Julius Hess of Lindsay entered his two antique Farmall tractors for the first time this year in the Cooke County Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show. On the left is a 1953 Super M, originally owned by John Popp. The other is a B model purchased from Bill Gruber about 15 years ago.

Nonprofit leadership training conference

Cooke County Business and Professional Women, Cooke County Friends of the Family, and the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce have partnered to present a conference designed for nonprofit organization boards of directors and employees and other interested persons. The seminar will focus on making a difference in local nonprofit organizations (NPOs) so that they can better serve the Gainesville area. new point was made. In the end the smaller container filled the much larger one. It was magical trickery of major dimensions, but served its purpose as he made each new and critical point to illustrate the total result of accomplishments.

He mentioned the many thrusts and inroads Rotary International is involved in throughout the world and where many needs are still not satisfied. He talked about the Family of Rotary and stated "I commend the club for taking steps to form a 'Sister Club' relationship with another club in another part of the world, in this case either Cozumel or Merida, Mexico."

As he summarized he slowly poured all of the water in the large vessel back into the smaller one, an impossible feat. "But, the results of small tasks performed by Rotarians here can turn to magic in

Keynote speaker for the seminar is Mike McCoy, Senior Program Officer of the Meadows Foundation. His topic is "Presenting Your Nonprofit to the Public, Your Clients, Your Volunteers, and Your Donors." McCoy has worked for the Meadows Foundation for 16 years as a program officer. He received his MBA in Marketing from the University of Texas at Arlington.

There are four workshops scheduled for the evening. The workshops are designed for board members, executive directors, and other volunteers of nonprofit organizations.

"Fundamentals of Serving on a Board" is to be presented by Dr. Joe Pool, Minister for the First United Methodist Church of Gainesville. Pool will present the finer points of the responsibilities of a nonprofit organization's board of directors, both collectively and individually.

"Your Role as an Executive Director" will be presented by Silvia Pendleton, who has served as Executive Director of various organizations in the Fort Worth area. Pendleton will examine the role and responsibilities of both the Executive Director and the Board to create a greater understanding and cooperation.

Judy Smith, CPA with Schalk & Smith, PC in Gainesville, will present "Understanding Financial Information Reports." She will explain the basics of

what every board member should know about the finances of the organization.

The presenter of "Marketing and Fundraising" will be Pam Moorman, Marketing Director for Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County.

Moorman will share guidelines on organizing a fundraising event and other tools to raise money and market the NPO.

Nonprofit organizations are a vital part of our community. There are many NPOs in the Gainesville area that serve the community in various capacities. It is not unrealistic to say that every person has benefited in some way by at least one of these NPOs. Even if an individual has not personally utilized the services of an NPO, a friend or relative probably has. If a neighbor's house burned down, the Red Cross was almost certainly there providing water to the firefighters and assistance to the victims. Maybe a friend found herself in an abusive relationship and found support at Cooke County Friends of the Family. Perhaps a loved one was terminally ill and Hospice of Cooke County was there to help.

The board of directors and executive director of a

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Both have been used in Hess Farms operations. The sho attracted over 1000 visitors Saturday and 200 Sunday, eve with the welcome rain each day. See more photos on pag 11. Dave Fette photo

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City Council Agenda

following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster Ci il to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday. webber 8, 2001

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BAR-B-QUE COOKOUT 25th Saturday, Annual Sent. 6, 2003 RAFFLE Sept. 6, 2003 Myra City Park

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Fifty-six members and guests of the Gainesville Rotary Club were welcomed by Club President Kathy Bauer following a lunch of chicken fried steak. Charles Draper provided the invocation. Mike Compton then led the assembly in reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians included Jerry Chapman from the Denison Rotary Club and Margaret Long of the Sanger Rotary Club. Jo Sanders brought her daughter, Lisa, who is home on leave from the Air Force.

Kathy Bauer introduced ADG Charles Fenoglio, who is Chairman and President of Sanger Bank. He then introduced the speaker and District Governor, Chuck Kurtzman, and his wife Ellen. Before yielding the podium and taking his seat, ADG Fenoglio detailed the Governor's bio, which read like a "Whose Who" of American Industry. He has served two terms as Assistant District Governor. Check Gurtant District Governor. Check Gurtant District Governor Check Gurtant District Governor. He founded the Governor's Challenge Blood Drives, which have collected over 19,000 units of blood. He complimented the Gainesville Club for its contribution of 1,685 units over the last 8 years.

The Governor began his low key program by pouring a very small amount of water from a small obscure container into a much larger clear one. Then he proceeded to relate what Rotary is doing in the world as he poured a small amount of water from a small obscure container into a much larger clear one. Then he proceeded to relate what Rotary is doing in the world as he poured a small amount of water from a small obscure container into a small amount of water from a small obscure container into a much larger clear one. Then he proceeded to relate what Rotary is doing in the world as he poured a small amount of water from a small obscure container into a small amount of water from a small obscure container into a small amount of water from a small obscure container into a small amount of water from a small obscure container into a small amount of water from a small container into a small amount of water from

City Council meeting, 7:30pm VFW meeting, 8pm. Home Hospice Grief Support meeting, 6pm. Revitalizing Your Downtown seminar, 11:28aw-4pm, Nocona Community Center Hornet Booster Club meeting, 7pm, Girls Locker Room

Vednesday, September 10, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center H.Alumni & Friends meeting,

7:30pm C of C Breakfast meeting, 7:30am, Rohmer's Restaurant Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7pm, o MISD Gym Religious Ed Class, 7pm

Thursday, September 11, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM

Friday, September 12, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM

Thursday, September 18, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM

Saturday, September 20, 2003

First Baptist Church

MMH Board meeting, Rate Hearing, 8рм,

Wednesday, September 17, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Cooke Co. Beef Cattle Improvement Assoc. meeting, 7:30pw, Fair Grounds Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7pm See you at the Pole, 7am, MISD Religious Ed Class, 6:30pm with Classes until 8pm

Friday, September 19, 2003 Sacred Heart - NO SCHOOL, In Service Day MISD Homecoming

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Obituaries

Adeline Livingston 1927 - 2003

Paul W Muenster

Muenster.

Dan is survived by his wife; mother, Frances Hudspeth of Gainesville; daughter Kelly Davis of Flower Mound; sons James Hudspeth of Arlington and John Hudspeth of DeSoto; sisters Peggy Hammer of Gainesville and Patsy Barthold of Era; brother Clarence "Dink" Hudspeth of Myra; and three grandchildren, Taylor, Lindsay and Zachary.



Daniel Hudspeth 1939 - 2003

and great-niece Cassie Hale presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar. Eucharistic ministers were Darla Anderle, Dorothy Hartman, Toni Hess, Imelda Rohmer, and Regina Pels.

Music ministers were Christy Hesse and Diane Grewing singers, and Ruth Felderhoff, pianist. Sacred selections included "Center Of My Life" at the entrance, "Psalm 23", "Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled" at Communion, and "Amazing Grace" for the recessional.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Alvin Fleitman, Ray Hoenig, Floyd Koerner, Tim Bindel, Ronnie Wimmer, and Darren Bindel.

Among relatives and friends attending from out of town were Courtney Bindel of Commerce; Betty Kathleen Livingston of Sanger; Leonard and Sylvia Bindel of Goldthwaite; and William and Marcella Koerner, Gary Koerner, Brian and Vicki Bindel, all of Pilot Point; Sid and Linda Newton of Burleson; Lionell and Phyllis Garcia of Lewisville, Ray and Mildred Lindemann of Scotland, Texas; Rita Cottle of Dallas; and many from Cooke County.

Rotary.....

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the Third World Countries," Kurtzman asserted.
President Bauer made some presentations of appreciation and honor for both the governor and ADG before concluding and leading all in reciting the Four Way Test.



The mural depicting the history of the building painted on the side of the old Mineola Printing and Office Supply Building (formerly the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company which was originally an old drug store). This mural had been painted by local high school art students and the Mineola

A fun weekend get-away

Riding the rails to Mineola

By Martha McCool
Some say the difference between a long drive and a train trip is the experience along the way. We were ready!
Boarding the Heartland Flyer at the Santa Fe Depot in Gainesville we were looking forward to an enjoyable weekend get-away to Mineola, (an even smaller town -- population 4,550, just 79 miles east of Dallas).
We arrived in Fort Worth a short time later and transferred onto the Texas Scale with Amtrak

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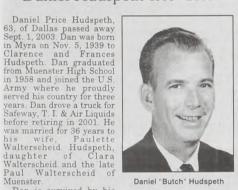
personnel ready to help during this transition.
From the time we boarded the train we were happily avoiding overcrowded high ways, relaxing, enjoying the Texas scenery, eatching up on reading and this family and his in-laws. Sostre said that they especially enjoyed the specially enjoyed the train rollows. Form he time we boarded the train we were happily avoiding overcrowded high ways, relaxing, enjoying the Texas scenery, eatching up on reading and his in-laws. Sostre said that they especially enjoyed the specially enjoyed the speci

Burn ban lifted for Cooke County

By Janet Felderhoff
Unincorporated areas of
Cooke County are no longer
under a Burn Ban. After a
rainy Labor Day weekend,
the Ban was lifted
Wednesday afternoon by
Cooke County Judge Bill
Freeman. It had been
implemented on July 28 by
Commissioners Court when
the KBDI, index, reached
over 600. KBDI index
ranges from 0 to 800 with
800 being a drought
situation.
According to Judge
Freeman, the KBDI index
names around Callisburg are
as around Callisburg are
as 18 Director Bob Harbin
implemented on July 28 by
reported at the July 28
meeting that at KBDI
numbers 600 and over grass
over 600. KBDI index
ranges from 0 to 800 with
soon being a drought

recommends banning all outdoor burning when the KBDI number reaches 500. The recommendation of Cooke County Fire Association is to initiate the burn ban when the KBDI reaches 600.

Residents living in areas that received little rain should take great care in deciding whether and when to burn trash, etc., as the fire danger for them is still great.



Daniel "Butch" Hudspeth

Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Sparkman/Crane Funeral Home in Dallas. The family

received friends there before and after the service between 6 and 9 p.m. Graveside services were set

for 11:00 a.m. Friday, Sept 5 at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Muenster.

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Hall, and McCoy Funeral Home The Family of Adeline Livingston

Attend Your County \ Convention Sept. 8, 2003

Dear Farm Bureau Members,

The Cooke County Farm Bureau invites you to attend the Annual County Convention on Monday, September 8, 2003 starting at 7:00 p.m. at The Dutchman in

All county Farm Bureau members are invited to attend this meeting.

Due to limited seating availability, you are asked to contact either the Gainesville office at 940-665-1763 or the Muenster office at 940-759-4052 prior to Noon on Friday, September 5th to confirm that you

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12 Fast Facts About Proposition 12
1. Proposition 12 is one of 22 proposed
Constitutional amendments that Texas voters will be
asked to consider in a statewide election on
Saturday, Sept. 13.
2. Proposition 12 would validate the Texas
Legislature's work to rein in excessive non-economic
damages in healthcare cases. Passage would save
years of legal wrangling over the comprehensive
lawsuit reform legislation passed during the recently
completed session.
3. Proposition 12 would place limits on hard-toquantify non-economic damages, which account for
more than 65 percent of jury verdicts in healthcare
lability cases.
4. Proposition 12 does not impact economic
damages, which cover medical expenses and lost
income.

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5. Proposition 12 would held keep medical care affordable and accessible for all Texans by giving doctors, hospitals and nursing homes much-needed insurance rate relief.

6. In Texas and other states without non-economic damage caps, doctors pay higher rates for medical liability insurance, which is passed along to patients in the form of higher medical bills.

7. Skyrocketing medical bills.

8. Proposition 12 will help reverse a trend of decreasing healthcare services. A recent statewide survey of physicians found the current liability climate has caused nearly two-thirds to deny or refer high-risk cases and about half to stop providing certain services to their patients.

9. In other states, non-economic damage caps are proven to keep healthcare costs under control for both healthcare providers and for consumers. In addition, Texas employers - the single largest provider of private health insurance in the state-will also benefit from lower healthcare costs.

10. In a recent poll, 71 percent of Texans surveyed said they would support a cap on non-economic damages, signaling they don't want to continue to pay more for less accessible health care.

11. Proposition 12 has the broad-based, diverse support of organizations such as the Texas Medical Association, Texas Alliance for Patient Access, National Federation of Independent Business, Texas Hospital Association, Texans for Lawsuit Reform and Texas Civil Justice League, to name just a few.

12. How can you help? Register to vote, and then be sure to vote on Sept. 13. If you wish to vote early, early voting started Aug. 27 through Sept. 9.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Go Texan Goes All Out

House Bill 1858 has expanded the categories of products that may be included in the Go Texan program, which will allow any Texas industry, not just agriculture industries, to join the program.

For more information, contact Julie at 512-463-7566.

From My Side of the Fence

Ed Cler

Well, the summer is almost gone, and as hot as it was - good riddance.
One can see on the TV, and read in the papers, lots of evidence of rain that fell in deluges in different parts of our country.
Flooding in Kansas washed cars off I-35, as well as ripping out a section of the highway itself. One van was hit by a wall of water that pushed it off the road, causing the death of four children, and the mother is yet to be found.

Heavy rains have fallen all around us, but we are still looking on. So far we have received a bit over a half inch.
I hope that, at least, the farmers and ranchers have had enough rainfall to allow them to properly work their land and to grow the grass they need.

The good people who put on the Cooke County Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show, had at least one rainy day. I understand quite a few people attending, and also a number of the workers were pretty well soaked by the rain. If all this had to happen, I hope there was enough rain to help the farmers and ranchers.

Meanwhile, we'll keep hoping, and watering.

Idea Exchange
By Don Rohmer

As mentioned last time, a reader has submitted a thought provoking book for our consideration. The at
is Noam Chomsky, who made a name for himself by revolutionizing the field of linguistics. Basically,
theory states that the processes a child goes through to learn to speak are too complex to occur without
child being "pre-wired" for language. Language does not develop by chance. Humans are genetically
endowed with a "universal grammar" which is at the root of every human language.

One could argue that Chomsky has achieved his position in linguistics by pointing out what should have been obvious to linguists blinded by the dogma that evolution operates purely by chance, and by faith in behaviorist psychology. Similarly, the more I read of Chomsky's political writing, the more it seems to point out what should be perfectly obvious to everyone.

After reading a summary of Manufacturing Consent, which Chomsky co-wrote with Edward S. Herman i 1988, the question "are the media controlled, and if so, by whom?" seems incredibly naive. The question becomes, instead, "how could the media not be controlled by big business?"

First of all, a few large corporations literally own the media. Back in the days when our country was founded, a profitable newspaper could be established cheaply. As the cost of establishing a media busi has increased, fewer and fewer people have been able to afford it. Today, a few giant corporations dominate the media.

A corporation is anything but a democracy. At every level of the chain of command, a manager or employee who is unable to figure out what his or her boss wants, and deliver it, is out of a job. Is a media company owned by a large corporation likely to report something that displeases the corporation's top bosses?

You might argue that a corporation is controlled by its shareholders. However, over 40% of all common stock (the kind that gives its owner a vote) is owned by the richest 1% of the population. Surely then, the richest 2% own well over 50% of all common stock and therefore control the corporations. (Before the bicrash a few years ago, the richest 1% of the population owned 50% of all common stock.)

Next, the media get their income from advertising. Are we to assume that the people who pay the bills hav no influence over what gets reported? Wouldn't you agree that anyone who would consciously make that assumption would lack the mental capacity to function in society? And the advertisers are — this is startin to sound like a broken record — the mega corporations. Just watch TV for an evening to see who is in

Chomsky describes a series of five "filters" that news goes through before it gets to us, the viewers. Eve mentioned the first two. For an easy-to-follow description of the whole process, get a copy of Chomsky J Beginners, by David Cogswell. This book, published in 1996, also points out how our natural tendencies can make it easy for the media to fool us:

Terrorism. The definition used by American authorities and adopted obediently by the media boils down to It's "terrorism" when they do it, not when we do. Torture, mutilation bombs, men with bayonets herding families into barbed wire pens ... These are not things people like to think about. The fact that we don't want to know about them makes them eate to hide.

I must apologize to the reader who was generous enough to send me a copy of Chomsky's Media Control. The Spectacular Achievements of Propaganda, because I haven't said anything about it. I'll try to get to it next time. He also suggested that I read The Best Democracy Money Can Buy, by Greg Palast, but I haven ordered a copy. Unless Congress repeals the Patriot Act in the next week or so, I'll try to get to a bookston and pay cash.

This open discussion is possible because this newspaper is not controlled by any large corporations. Pleasend your ideas to Idea Exchange, c/o Muenster Enterprise, P.O. Box 190, Muenster, Texas 76252.

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beautifully lit pavilion adjacent to the state-recognized "Iron-Horse Horseshoe Club," (where professional horseshoe competitions take place involving people of all ages).

We had just arrived, and I already felt we had taken a step back in time. Across the road from the train station, there are charming shops and restaurants situated in quaint buildings, probably constructed during the heyday of the railroads.

Pam Trent (former Main Street Director and owner of the historic Hart Magnolia B&B where we planned to stay), and her friend Barbara Musgraves (who was instrumental in Mineola becoming a designated train-stop in 1996) picked us up from the Depot.

As we entered the iron gates leading to the stately Victorian Hart Magnolia

designated train-stop in 1996) picked us up from the Depot.

As we entered the iron gates leading to the stately Victorian Hart Magnolia Bed and Breakfast, we admired the abundance of fragrant flowers and herbs, and the gorgeous and gigantic Magnolia tree that was in full bloom.

The interior and exterior of this exquisite B&B built in 1906, was the splendid result of a 12 year restoration project that the Trents have undertaken. Throughout this well appointed house were fresh cut home grown flowers, and each of the rooms were furnished with antiques. Our bedroom had its private bath with a very old-fashioned user-friendly claw-and-ball freestanding bathtub.

This was one of several grand old B&Bs in Mineola with historic markers. Leave your alarm clock at home! The melodic orchestration of birds sweetly singing will gently prod you awake.

Joining us at breakfast the next morning, were friends of Pam and John Trent, Mineola's Mayor Gordon E. Tiner, Mineola's City Business

Administrator Dion O. Miller, and Mineola's Community & Economic Development Director Mercy Rushing.

"Mineola is not all shops and food places; it has culture and small town charm, where people make the difference. And there is plenty to do or not do in Mineola. It's your choice. Everything you wish to visit in the town is within walking distance; you do not need your car unless you choose to venture a little further outward," said Pam.

"But it wasn't always that way," said Rushing.
"Sometimes you have to reach a crisis situation before people recognize you've been doing something wrong all along. Wal-Mart caused us to think about what our downtown mixture should be," she added.

Today, as a result of the community working together (school children, civic organizations, clubs, and individuals young and old, hand in hand), there is within walking distance, seenic back road trails; adjacent to the tracks, there is a Railroad Caboose and a Railroad Caboose and Art Galleries that feature local artists and well-known potters.

On the side of the old Mineola Printing and Office Supply Building (formerly the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, and before that, an old drug store), we enjoyed a mural depicting the history of the building painted on the building! The mural had been painted by local high school art students and the Mineola League of the Arts.

Within the town we were charmed by a couple of cute specialty coffee shops.

the town, Mineola's Civic Center consists of a 22,000 sq. foot building that includes a 5,000 sq. foot ballroom and four other smaller meeting rooms. This beautifully maintained civic center could seat up to 1,000 people.

As we continued to explore Mineola, it became evident that the folks of this town are involved. "They took nothing for granted and wouldn't take no for an answer (referring to the struggle to get Amtrak to make Mineola a designated Texas Eagle Train Stop); they were persistent, and when they do get something, its a big deal," said Rushing, adding that its impossible to attain success when just the so-called "leaders" take over. Everyone has to roll up their sleeves and get involved, she emphasized.

Noting that Board members take

Throughout the weekend, it became quite obvious to us that the people of Mineola care about and love where they live. They are involved and have fun working together to make a difference.

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Noting that Board members take on the personality and the enthusiasm of its chairperson, Mayor Tiner said that its not just enthusiasm; it's people getting involved in everything from heritage tourism to eco-tourism; "a town must have vision, as well as people with the passion to implement the vision."

Nonprofit ..

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nonprofit organization are the leaders of that NPO. They work together to manage the agency's funds and services. Cooperation and collaboration between the two are essential in order for the NPO to be effective to the community. The conference will highlight the responsibilities of volunteers and employees so that cooperation is second nature and effective service to the community is the first priority.

The Nonprofit Leadership training conference is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the First United Methodist of Gainesville. Cost for the seminar is \$10.00. Although registration was suggested to estimate numbers, walk ins will be accepted. Refreshments will be provided. Call the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, 665-2831, for more information or for a registration form.

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Lifestyle

AWANA Clubs resume

The AWANA Clubs will resume regular meetings on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 5:10 p.m. All AWANA Clubbers, and those interested in AWANA Clubs are encouraged to attend.

AWANA Clubs is a spiritual training program for kids from pre-school through the 12th grade, which is designed to help kids meet Jesus and motivate them to memorize God's Word. AWANA is an acronym which stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, taken from the Bible verse, 2 Timothy 2:15 which says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The AWANA Club is a nondenominational kids' club that provides a

structure for youth to grow spiritually as they pass through the ranks. Uniforms and awards are earned by memorization of Bible verses, and being prompt and prepared.

Clubs are specially adapted for each age level: Cubbies, 3-4 year-old boys and girls; Sparks, K-2nd grade boys and girls; Sparks, K-2nd grade boys and girls; Fals, 3rd-4th grade boys; Pioneers, 5th-6th boys; Chums, 3rd-4th grade girls; Junior Varsity, 7th-8th girls; and boys; Varsity, 9th-12th grade girls and boys.

The AWANA Clubs meet every Sunday evening at First Baptist Church, Muenster. Clubbers are asked to check-in at 5:10 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and will check-out at 7:00 p.m. Leaders and clubbers congregate for the Flag

Ceremony, then divide into their respective clubs for Handbook Time, Game Time, and Council Time for awards, worship, and a Bible message. All young people are encouraged to attend, regardless of their denominational affiliation.

Evening services at First Baptist Church will be held for adults at 6:00 p.m. every Sunday evening, to coincide with the AWANA Clubs. This allows parents the freedom and convenience to come to a weekly Bible Study that is designed just for them as well. All are welcome!

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Baptism

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Baptism of Breanna Mae
Yosten, daughter of
Nicholas and Telisha
Yosten, was held in Sacred
Heart Church on Sunday,
Aug. 17, 2003 at noon,
administered by Father
John Ohner OSA, pastor.

Baptismal sponsors were
Jonathan Yosten, an uncle,
and Valerie Irwin, a friend
of the family.

Attending the special day
with the parents were
grandparents, Monnie Reid,
and James and Susan
Yosten; great-grandparents
Lavonne and Peggy Reid,
Alfons and Mary Ann
Koesler, and Frances
Yosten; and great-grandparents
Gertie Voth. Also uncles,
aunts, and cousins Joe and
Kristy Koesler and
Benjamin; Duane and Mary
Lin Knabe, Diana and
Amanda; Barbara Koesler;
Max Koesler; Carol Luttmer
and Abby, Amy, and Danny;
Jerry Yosten; Chris Yosten;
Ernie and Laneta Martin;
Roxie Russell; Mechel and
Stephanie Harrell; Amanda
and Logan Evans; Yvonne
and Nathan Sandmann and
Caleb. Unable to attend was
Rusty Reid, Breanna's
grandfather.



Breanna Yosten

Lindsay trash on again

Please disregard the trash pick-up notice in last week's paper. IESI has changed their mind and will continue to pick up trash on Wednesday. Any questions, call City Hall at 665-4455.

Wolf graduates from Texas

On Friday, May 16, Sherry Hess Wolf graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree. The hooding ceremony was held at the Fort Worth Convention Center and a reception was held immediately following. Attending the ceremony were Sherry's husband, Scott, and daughter, Shirley Also attending were her parents, Paul and Lillian Hess; in-laws, Walter and Georgia Wolf; brother and sister-in-law, Lambert and Sandy Hess; and friends, Anna Jones, Michaele Ann Bryson, Stephanie Wallace, and Alicia Woodard. Sherry is the granddaughter of Margaret Reiter Schmitt and Dorothy Fisher of Margaret Reiter Schmitt and Dorothy Fisher of and Dorothy Muenster. While attending law school, Sherry was named to

the Dean's List every semester. She was also a staff member of the Texas Wesleyan Law Review from the Fall 2002 During this past Spring, Sherry was an Associate Editor for the Law Review. Sherry was also a member of the Moot Court Honor Society and Phi Delta Phi.

Sherry recently took the Texas Bar Examination in July. She is currently employed as a Legal Intern for the Denton County District Attorney.

Gene Autry nugget
He has one Hollywood
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these areas: radio,
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Grandparents important in child's life

Whether they see them wery day or just once or wice a year, grandparents in the word of the best ways to make connections to their grandparents are far more ikely to grow up to be oring, confident adults; and one of the best ways to make connections with woung children is through clay. Cathy Milota, 61, of Minneapolis, Minn., says the knows that from "It's so fun when you watch kids play, listen and gure things out," says Milota. "It's just such a joy o see their imaginations and creativity come to life." Milota and her husband, Whether they see them every day or just once or twice a year, grandparents enrich their grandchildren's lives in so many ways. They provide stability, share life lessons, and family history, serve as role models and friends.

Numerous studies have shown that kids who have shown that kids who have strong connections to their grandparents are far more likely to grow up to be loving, confident adults; and one of the best ways to make connections with young children is through play. Cathy Milota, 61, of Minneapolis, Minn., says she knows that from experience.

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"It's so fun when you watch kids play, listen and figure things out," says Milota. "It's just such a joy to see their imaginations and creativity come to life." Milota and her husband,

everything orderly.

Play is just one of the ways grandparents can stay connected to their grandchildren. According to Civitas, a not-for-profit communication group that provides educational tools for millions of parents and caregivers, others include sharing family history and culture, reading books together, showing interest in and praising a child's work and play, and telling silly stories.

Even if great distances separate grandparents and grandchildren, you can stay in touch through frequent phone calls, letters, or e-mail. Whatever way you choose, the relationship you build with your grandchildren will benefit them -- and bring you joy --for years to come.

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Notice

The Muenster 4-H Club will hold their first meeting of the season on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. under the Sacred Heart Pavilion.

Koby Hogan, son of Billy and Debbie Hogan, celebrated his first birthday at his home on Friday, Aug. S with a Finding Nemo theme. Koby's actual birthday is Aug. 12. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and cake and ice cream were served. Koby then opened gifts, with the help of his cousins. gitts, with the help of his cousins. Joining Koby and his parents in the celebration were his sisters, Raynee Hogan and Karli Anderle; brother Clay Hogan; grandparents Harvey and Della Schmitt and Rose Woods; uncle and aunt Doug and Vickie Fleitman; greataunt Pat Yosten; cousins Mikayla, Mikenzie, and Michael Fleitman; Dan and Christy Bezner, and Katy and Keith; and Brittany Lawrence.

Koby Hogar

Unable to attend but ending their best wishes ere uncle and aunt were uncle and aunt Stephen and Michelle Schmitt, and Tim and Daniel.

On Sept. 20 at 10:00 a.m. the Valley View Fire Department will lead the 2003 Fall Fest Parade from the school to the town square. Following the parade, the Fire Department will be serving lunch prior to the 1:00 p.m. auction. The Department is raising funds to operate their department - paying insurance, utilities, truck maintenance, and purchasing bunker gear and medical supplies.

Also on tap that day are games, "Kiss the Pig" contest, arts and crafts, and

music.
The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an info booth and games. Funds raised will go to support the Valley View Fire Department. "We're excited to be part of the Fall Fest and to assist in the raising of funds for the Valley View Fire

Department," states Laure Kuykendall, president. "They do great work providing medical and fire service for the Valley View

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The Gainesville Seventh-day Adventist church is offering a cooking class for vegetarians and those interested in vegetarian or plant based cooking. The classes are designed to fill the needs of real people, and show how delicious vegetarian food can be made affordable, attainable, and easy to prepare. Classes go a step beyond cooking and aim to help students add joy and years to their lives. Participants can expect to find helpful lectures and food demonstrations – and samples will be served as well.

Entitled "International Gourmet," classes will be held at the Seventh-day Adventist church at 3411 North Weaver (at the corner of Weaver and Highway 372.) If driving to the location from Interstate 35, attendees should take exit 500. Classes will be held at the Seventh-day Adventist church at 3411 North Weaver (at the corner of Weaver and Highway 372.) If driving to the location from Interstate 35, attendees should take exit 500. Classes will be held at the second class, on Sept. 15 will feature Italian cooking, and the third class, Wolf or adulates from Texas.

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Wesleyan School of Law

Dr. Powell honored with distinguished service award

William D. Powell, DDS, MAGD, received the Academy of General Dentistry's (AGD) Distinguished Service Award during the Opening Session of the AGD's 51st Annual Meeting on Thursday, July 17 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Distinguished Service Award honors a council or committee member who has served the Academy in an outstanding manner by dedicating large amounts of time to assure continuity and integrity in the operations of the AGD, as well as by developing new programs and services to meet the membership's changing needs.

Dr. Powell earned his DDS from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1974. As a member of the Texas AGD, Dr. Powell has forged several new programs, including the Dallas AGD Mastership Program in 1997. His accomplishments and new ideas have earned him the honor of being Texas AGD's president elect.

Dr. Powell also earned a Mastership from the AGD in Tione A Masters

Tioga hosts Gene Autry, The Singing Cowboy, festival

Strolling cowboys, rope tricksters, gunfighters, and pavilion dancers will celebrate the birth of Hollywood's most famous cowboy. Gene Autry, on Sept. 26-27. Gene Autry, the only man in history to accumulate five stars on Hollywood's "Walk of Fame," was born in a small north Texas town called Tioga, on Sept. 29, 1907.
From the very beginning, the Gene Autry Music Festival has resulted in a veritable stampede of people into tiny Tioga.

Friday, 6:00 P.M. TO Midnight, the town will host the Gene Autry Cowboy Ball with casino games, live entertainment, dancing, and auction. This event is a fundraiser for the Tioga Museum and Heritage Association that sponsors the festival. The association is raising funds to build a Heritage Museum to honor Gene Autry, and want to restore the historic home that Autry lived in with his Uncle Cal. Admission is \$100 a person.

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Alvin Fuhrman President and CEO of Nortex Communications presents Megan Lippe with a \$1000 scholarship. Megan, who will attend UNT was selected to receive the first Nortex Scholarship.



Forestburg watermelon festival parade results

The 23rd Annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival Parade opened the 2003 Watermelon Festival at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 16. Leading the parade and carrying a banner honoring the U.S. Military were Roger Bailey, Corey Hayes, and Collin and Carter Bailey. A color guard from Sheppard Air Force Base was next and was followed by the Grand Marshall of the Parade, Veda Brogdon in the rumble seat of Eli Harvill's 1931 Model A Ford Roadster The Forestburg Riding Club served as the host riding club.

served as the nose range club.
Wassie Reynolds assisted by Tony Desmuke announced the Parade. Stewart Hollaway, pastor of the Forestburg First Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Rebecca Hollaway sang "The Star Spangled Banner".

and several non-registered participants. Winners were: The Judges trophy for best-all-round entry was awarded to the Forestburg Baptist Church float; The Glory Girls of Forestburg won the riding club trophy, the float trophy was won by the Uz Hilbillies; antique automobile trophy went to Victor Koelzer's 1929 Ford Model A sedan; the Rosston Volunteer Fire Department won the commercial division; Samantha Reynolds, daughter of Wesley and Danielle Reynolds of Forestburg, attired as the Angel of Freedom, won the individual rider trophy; the antique farm machinery trophy went to Jim Wetzel with a 1949 Case D Tractor; and the miscellaneous trophy went to Beth Ann Hyde of Forestburg, riding "Awesome", a 4-year-old Longhorn steer.

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Judges for the parade were Wanda Green, Dye Mound; Margin Latham, Bowie; and Jim Clark, to be new resident in Forestburg. Assisting with registration and lining up entries were Charles Cook, Don Farrell, and Dorenda and Rick Johnson.

Sixteen contestants entered the first Forestburg Watermelon Festival 42 Tournament. Contestants drew for partners. The tournament was double elimination with the finals being best 2 of 3 games. Kay Aldridge of Rosston and Charles Edwards of Forestburg went undefeated to win the first place trophies. Winning the second place trophies were Marsha Conway and Johnny Moseley of Forestburg.

Destination Dignity: celebration is Sept. 11

During September, Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST) will sponsor their annual Destination Dignity Celebration on Thursday, Sept. 11, 700 p.m.9:00 p.m. at the Sherman VFW, located at Baker and Frisco Road.

Larry Phillips, State Representation will be given by the Mirick Street Jubileers. Lonnie Basinger will provide the music for the dance. MHMRST's Community Relations office, volunteers, and area businesses conduct the Destination Dignity Celebration.

"The event will be a dance with lots of fun, food, and door prizes for anyone who has a mental disability. Everyone who has a mental disability is invited regardless if they are an MHMRST client. The event is a great opportunity for the community to better understand the obstacles people with mental disabilities face and the contributions they make to our community. It is a good opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate their 1900.

Ovarian cancer: until there's a test, awareness is best

September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Ovarian cancer still the deadliest of the gynecological cancers and is often thought of as a silent killer even in the medical community. However, women who are aware of this cancer's symptoms and discover the disease early can fight and defeat this covert enemy.

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 25,400 American women will be diagnosed with ovarian are cancer in 2003, and 14,300 are expected to die from the disease. The five-year survival rate for patients whose disease is detected in a late stages is only 25 percent, yet if diagnosed before the cancer has spread outside the ovaries, a woman's chance for five-year survival rises to 90 percent. Therefore, early recognition of symptoms and early diagnosis can significantly increase the patient's survival rate.

"It is imperative for women to be aware of the risk factors for ovarian cancer," said Afshin Bahador, M.D., director of Gynecological Oncology at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles, California. "Women over the age of 50, those with a personal or yf family history of ovarian, breast, colon or uterine facancer and women who have not had children have an increased risk of the disease."

Right now, ovarian cancer does not have a reliable screening tool, so paying attention to changes in one's own body can lead to the variable Sept. 10. Contact Frieda Davis at 940-627-10. The fireda Davis at 940-627-10. The fireda

September is National early diagnosis that is Ovarian Cancer Awareness crucial for successful Month treatment.

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Decatur will hold a citywide garage sale on
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Muenster High School's 2003 Homecoming Queens' Court Include, from left. Princesses Kelly Endres (sophomore), Emily Terelli (junior), Jessica Walterscheid (freshman) and senior queen candidates Alisha Walterscheid, Kristian Koesler, Christy McAden, and Robyn Hermes. Homecoming will be Friday, September 19.

MISD providing healthy choices

As students returned from summer break, they were surprised to find no carbonated drink machines or snacks that did not meet new federal guidelines available for purchase on campus. According to the Center for Disease and Control (CDC), "There is considerable national

campus. According to the Center for Disease and Control (CDC). "There is considerable national emphasis about obesity in the general population and particularly in children." The CDC has classified obesity as a national epidemic and the Surgeon General has issued a call to action to prevent and decrease overweight and obesity in children.

CDC believes that the increasing consumption of "junk food" and carbonated beverages are the main causes for the increase in obesity and Type II diabetes. The CDC is looking at schools to provide public health strategies and work with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide a healthy school nutrition environment. In January 2001 the USDA issued a policy prohibiting serving Foods of Minimal Value (FMNV). This is a farreaching policy resulting in some major changes in the way schools deal with these foods and the availability of more nutritional foods and drinks. The USDA has directed state agencies to aggressively enforce these requirements and implemented the policy starting with the 2003-2004 school year.

With recommendations om the Muenster from the Muenster Independent School District (MISD) Health Advisory Council, school administrators and the school board have taken steps to make sure the district complies with the policy. In August the District dropped its snack machine contract and purchased two refrigerated snack machines. The athletic department and cheerleaders are each leasing these new machines from the district and are responsible for filling the machines with foods of nutritional value. Each month after a rental fee and expenses are paid these organizations keep 80% of the profit earned. One machine is located in the High School Commons Area and the other is in the Junior High Gym.

The district also removed all carbonated drinks accessible by students and replaced these machines with non-carbonated drinks such as 100% fruit juices, fruit drinks, Powerade, and water. According to Clyde Steelman, MISD Superintendent, "A school may offer carbonated drinks during certain times of the day, but since it would be an added burden for personnel to police the machines, it

was decided to change machines and offer non-carbonated drinks instead. We feel this is a healthier alternative."

Bullies beware: bystanders can come to the rescue

seem lonely.

* Teach your child not to encourage hurtful behavior by laughing or chirping in. One way to help him or her carry this out is to have them remember that today, it may be a bad rumor about

Children who see bullying taking place have a more accurate picture and an understanding of what goes on in their school and how students interact with one another. Here are some ways your child can come to the rescue and help stop bullying:

* Encourage your child and his or her friends to befriend new students since they are particularly vulnerable to bullying. Often bullies "size up" or tease new students until they prove their ability to defend themselves.

* Help your children to be more sensitive to students who are bullied, particularly those who become more withdrawn, sad, angry or seem lonely.

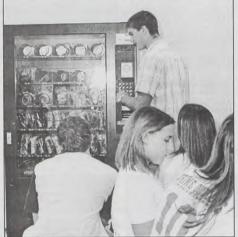
* Teach your child not to encourage hurtful behavior by laughing or chirping in

encompasses school children as well as educational staff and parents. For more information on No Disposable Kids, call (800) 315-8640 or visit the Web site at www.ndk.org

Officers named for SH Letterman's Club

The Lettermen's Club of Sacred Heart High School recently held elections for officers for the 2003-04 school year. Elected to office were Kevin Walterscheid, president; Karen Gehrig, vice president; Kathryn Sepanski, secretary; and Wes Wimmer, treasurer. Club Sponsor is Principal and Athletic Director Jon LeBrasseur.

Club members have been busy selling ads for the football program. Money raised by the club is used to pay for publishing the program and to offset motel expenses for TAPPS state events and for national competitions. Last year the Lettermen's Club also contributed \$6,000 toward the purchase of the school's new bus.



Muenster High School student Micah Webster was a g sport to pose with the healthy snack vending mach Students welcomed the new additions. Dave Fette pho

Lunch Menus LINDSAY ISD Chili dog, baked

Gene Autry nugget Gene Autry purchased first mail-order guitar at age 12 for eight dollars

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lettuce, tomatoes, pears,
cookies.
Thurs. - Chicken fried
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applesauce, ice cream.

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potatoes, broccoli, fruit
salad, bread.

Wed. - Steak fingers,
potatoes, gravy, green
beans, apricot cobbler,
bread.

Thurs. - Chicken
enchiladas, rice, green
salad, jello salad, bread.

Fri. - Hamburgers
w/trimmings, French fries,
apples, ice cream.

mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, sliced pears, hot roll.

Wed. - Corn dog, French fries, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, Missouri cookie.

Thurs. - Ham and cheese hot pocket or steak fingers, green beans, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, jello.

Fri. - Sub sandwich, trimmings, pickle spears, potato chips, ice cream.

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hot roll.



Coach Jon LeBrasseur and the Sacred Heart L officiers.



The Sacred Heart Spanish Club is sending badminton sets to Mexico and Bolivia. Two sets will be going to Felicia Gehrig, a Maryknoli volunteer in Bolivia. Additional sets will be sent to the Casa Hogar Children's Shelter in Mexico for the enjoyment of the 20 destitute children there. Testing out the equipment are Andy Davis, Melissa Thomas, Rose Bartush, and Clayton Truebenbach.

Youth be aware of internet predators

Mon. - Chili dog, baked beans, salad, peaches.
Tues. Tacos w/trimmings, pinto beans, applesauce, iced cake, bread.
Wed. - Turkey and noodles, green beans, coleslaw, oranges, bread.
Thurs. - Pizza, corn, lettuce salad, pineapple, bread.
Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's Internet Bureau has tracked down and arrested three more suspected child predators in Hays County in a little over a week. The men made road trips to meet what they believed to be 13-year-old "girls" for sex.

The girls in question were actually Internet Bureau investigators. The men allegedly made contact with them in online teen chat rooms and enticed them into prearranged meetings at locations near I-35.

The men all have computer industry or telecommunications backgrounds. Arrested were Phillip Joel Ramos, 30, a Verizon Wireless employee from Austin, Michael Edward Kilpatrick, 46, of Houston, a technical engineer for Hewlett-Packard, and Michael A. McDaniel, 43, of Pflugerville, a former Dell Computer employee.

"This willingness on the part of some adults to set users with children deeply offends the sensibilities of average citizens and parents," said Attorney General Abbott. "That's why I am taking great strides to see that the Internet Bureau, with the resources available to us, takes as many of these predators off the street as possible."

Ramos and Kilpatrick

predators on the street as possible."

Ramos and Kilpatrick were charged with attem ted aggravated sexual assault of a minor, while McDaniel was charged with criminal solicitation of a minor. Both are second-degree felonies.

These arrests bring to 14 the total number of suspects taken into custody since

May for attempted meetings with children. The Internet Bureau obtained Hays County grand jury indictments against six of these men on Aug. 7. They await trial.

The Internet Bureau is funded by a grant from Gov. Rick Perry's Criminal Justice Division.

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Sports

Tigers and Era to finish what was started

Heart opened the 2003 season, hosting the Era Hornets Friday night. The opener ended with 3:49 remaining in the first quarter after officials cleared the field because of lightening. Players, coaches, and fans waited for over an hour before the announcement was made.

"The Tigers came out, started off sharp and crisp," noted Sacred Heart Coach Charles Boles. "Seventy-five yards in two plays—then we had to quit."

The eight minute game will be finished on Thursday, Oct. 2 at Tiger Field. Action will continue where it was stopped, with the Tigers having 6 points on the board and Era's offense snapping the ball the first play of the night.

Era took the opening kick, but tackles by Wes Wimmer, Clayton Truebenbach, Adam Krahl, and Andy Davis allowed only a 2 yard gain and forced a punt. The Tigers first possession began on their 38 yard line. Chris Hoedebeck picked up 15 yards on their first run, then quarterback Paull Bartush gave a good fake and a good run for a 47 yard touchdown run. The extra kick was wide for a 6-0 Tiger lead with 9:22 on the clock.

The Hornets began their second drive on their 33, quickly moving inside the Tiger 30 yard line. A fumbled ball, covered by Krahl, turned the ball over to Sacred Heart at the 21 yard line. The Tigers were unable to make any gain and punted to midfield. Two plays later, Truebenbach covered an Era fumble. Sacred Heart threw three incomplete passes, then punted to the Era 32 yard line.

Before the next snap, the officials stopped the game with 3:49 remaining in the first period of play.

SH 6 6 E Individual Stats

Individual Stats RUSHERS: SH, Paul

Bartush, 2/46; Chris Hoedebeck, 1/15; E, Billy Johnson, 1/24; Scott Johnson, 4/10.

Next Action
The Tigers travel to Bells to tangle with the Panthers of District 13A. "They are a very, very big team, a physical team, much improved over last year." commented Coach Boles. "They have all their skill people back from last year. I hope we play well and continue to improve."

Bells returns three main players who missed last season because of injuries and the transfer rule, and have three other players with good hands.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Bells.

Lady Hornets in six mile relay

The Muenster Lady Hornets Cross Country team competed in the Greenhill Six Mile Relay last Saturday in Dallas. The Muenster "A" team of JoAnna Felderhoff, Kallie Gerstberger, Kristen Hess, and Jenna Felderhoff finished in 8th place with a time of 40:33. The "B" team, Stevie Klement, Whitney Watson, Robyn Hermes, and Abby Endres came in 24th

with a 43:30 time.

Muenster competed in the 3A and under division of 43 teams. The "A" team outran teams from Celina, Alvord, Lake Dallas, Sanger, Little Elm, and Krum. The "B" team outpaced the Lady Leopards of Gainesville, who finished 35th.

Also competing as single runners for Muenster were Megan Felderhoff and Emily Terilli.



Daniel Russell (10) eliminates a Throckmorton blocker, clearing a path for Clint Mill (5) for a good gain. Also pictured is Justin Wolf (1).

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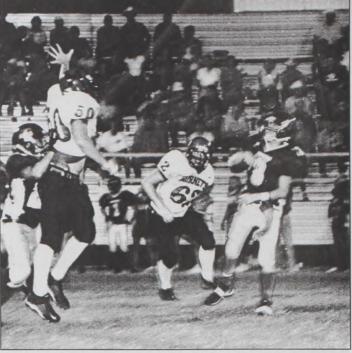
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Jared Ledbetter (50) and John Sturm (62) rush the Throckmorton quarterback for an uncompleted pass. The Hornet defense held the Hounds to 52 yards. Janie Hartman photo

Hornets and Hounds play 1/2 game

The Muenster Hornets took the long drive over to Throckmorton Friday night, only to have their season opener end at half-time when the game was officially called due to lightening. Muenster claimed a 26-0 victory.

"It was good to get started, it was a fun win, and we're looking forward to the next one," commented Coach Monte Endres. "We would have liked to play the second half."

Coach Endres also noted that the team played pretty well, but had too many penalties and too many turnovers. He was pleased that so many fans made the trip.

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Action began with the Hornets kicking, then allowing only a 5 yard return. A penalty on the return A penalty on the return but the Hounds on their · 37 yard line. Throckmorton gained no ground and punted. Muenster took the ball on their 39 yard line. Clint Miller got in a good run, lost the ball, but Daniel Russell recovered it for a 35 yard gain. A run by Mitch Endres and another by Miller set the ball on the 9 yard line. Two Miller runs later and Muenster was in the end zone. The extra kick failed for a 6-0 score with 7:39 on the clock.

Throckmorton returned Jared Britain's 41 yard kick to their 33, then the next play threw an interception to Clint Miller at the 27 yard line. Sean Fuhrmann gained 11 yards, but a flag moved the Hornets to the 13 yard line. Runs by Endres, Russell and Miller got the ball to the 3, where, with 3:59 on the first quarter clock, Endres scored. A fumbled snap on the point after gave Muenster a 12-0 lead.

The Greyhounds' only gains on their next drive

were from the yellow flags. Unable to get into Muenster territory, they were forced to punt on 4th and 10.

The Hornets moved the ball into the second quarter, then punted. Muenster regained possession the next play when Cameron Walterscheid covered a fumbled ball on the Hound 17 yard line. Three plays later, Throckmorton picked off a Hornet pass, but the following play, Daniel Russell intercepted it back on the 36 yard line. Runs by Miller and Endres got the ball to the 9 yard line. Miller then scored again with 7:53 on the clock. Chase Cain's PAT kick was good for a 19-0 score.

The Greyhounds got in their best gain of the game, 30 yards, on their next drive, but a quarterback sack by John Sturm and Justin Wolf, and incomplete passes returned the ball to Muenster on their 29 yard line.

Fuhrmann quickly gained

Muenster on their 29 yard line.
Fuhrmann quickly gained ground on a 27 yard keeper into Hound territory. Endres and Miller got the ball to the 25, then Miller again found pay dirt. The PAT kick was good for a 26-

O score with 2:53 remaining in the first half.

Throckmorton lost yards and punted. Russell got in a 7 yard run before time ran out and the rain dumped on the field.

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13 Passing yds. 7
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1/38 Punts/yds. 2/33
3/0 Fumbles/ost 1/1
7/55 Penalties/yds. 1/5
Individual Stats
RUSHERS: Clint Miller,
15/148; Sean Fuhrmann,
5/35; Derek Endres, 5/29.

Next Action

Muenster will host the Nocona Indians this Friday. Last year the Hornets were swat down, 42-7 by the Indians. "They beat us so bad last year... hope to do better this time," said Coach Endres. "Nocona's team is a good size, not real fast, but always plays a physical game. We want to keep our home winning streak going, six in a row."

Action begins at 7:30 p.m. at Hornet Stadium.

Adult co-ed volleyball starts

According to Carol Gressett, a co-ed group has been playing volleyball in Muenster every year for at least the last 20 years. "Sometimes we play 4 on 4, and at other times we have enough players to form 3 teams and go to rally scoring. Anyone is welcome

and all they need are kneepads and the desire to play," continued Carol.

The group starts team selection at 7 p.m. on every Wednesday in the old MISD gym. Entry is on the east side door, there is no cost, and play generally lasts until 9:30 to 10 p.m.

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Dragons slain by Lindsay Knights

The Lindsay Knights slew the Chico Dragons Friday night with a commanding 42-6 victory in Chico. "Friday night was a night of big plays," noted Lindsay Coach John Erwin. "We had trouble moving the ball on the ground. We are known as a running team, but Friday night we became a passing team." The Knights gained 270 yards in the air to add to their 218 yard ground attack.

"Chico is a well coached team. They gave us trouble moving the ball," Coach continued. "It's nice to get that first win under our belt."

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The Knights booted the opening kick, which Chico fumbled and Garrett Alfrey recovered on the Dragon 18. Lindsay got inside the 10, then fumbled the ball back to Chico. The Dragons got out to midfield before punting on 4th and 15. Two plays later, the Knights scored on a 73 yard pass play from Sam Hellinger to Trinity Otto. Jonathan Rohmer added the point after for a 7-0 score with 7:17 on the clock. Lindsay's defense, led by Matt Brennan, Gary Anderle, Hellinger, Adam Kasparek, and Cody Anderle held the Dragons to 3 yards, forcing a punt. It took Lindsay 10 plays to cover 46 yards. A fourth and four play lost 4 yards and Chico took the ball to a 2nd quarter punt.

Chico took the ball to a zar-quarter punt.

From their 40 yard line, two passes to Keith Dieter and a Dieter run quickly moved the Knights to the 4 yard line. Alan Trammell then found pay dirt. Rohmer's extra kick put the Knights in a 14-0 lead with 10:08 remaining in the first half. alf. Chico took eight plays to

get to the Knight 7 yard line, but two tackles by Garrett Jones set the Dragons back to the 27 and Lindsay's offense took to the field. The Knights struggled and punted, then allowed Chico to run nine plays before the half-time break.

Chico kicked off to start the 2nd half, then recovered a fumble on the return. From the Knight 42, the Dragons took seven plays to find the end zone on a one yard run on 4th and goal. Dieter blocked the extra point kick for a 14-6 score with 8:37 on the clock.

Lindsay returned Chico's kickoff to their 46 yard line. The next play, a Hellinger to Bradley Anderle pass turned into a 54 yard touchdown play. Rohmer's PAT gave the Knights a 21-6 lead with 8:27 remaining in the 3rd quarter.

The Knights regained control after one Chico play, when Brennan covered a losse ball. Nine plays later, the Knights were knocking on the Dragons' door at the 4 yard line. Two unsuccessful plays set up a 30 yard field goal attempt, which failed. A flag gave Chico possession on their 10 yard line. Unable to get the first down, the Dragons punted, setting Lindsay's offense on the Chico 45 yard line.

clock. Rohmer's PAT kick put Lindsay ahead 35-6.

Again it was seven plays and punt for Chico, and again the Knights scored, the final touchdown from a 90 yard run by Alfrey. Rohmer's kick gave Lindsay their 42-6 victory with a minute left to play.

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3/1 Fumbles/lost 2/1
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Individual Stats
RUSHERS: Garrett
Alfrey, 1/90, Alan Trammell,
10/50; Keith Dieter, 8/44.
RECEIVERS: Trinity Otto,
3/124; Bradley Anderle,
2/59; Keith Dieter, 2/58.
TACKLERS: Sam Hellinger,
14; Cody Anderle, 10; Adam
Kasparek, 8; Trinity Otto,
Ryan Dickerson, and Gary
Anderle, 7 each.
TURNOVER
RECOVERIES: Matt
Brennan, Garrett Alfrey.

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Lindsay carried the ball into the final period, assisted by a flag, moving to the 1 yard line. Dieter then scored with 9:47 on the clock. The PAT was good for a 28-6 score.

The Dragons got in seven plays and punted. A 12 yard run by Hellinger, a 40 yard pass to Otto, then a 5 yard gain by Dieter set up the Knights' next touchdown. Trammell scored on a 21 yard run with 5:21 on the



The Lindsay Knights offense line up behind the ball ready for center Jonathan Rol the ball to quarterback Sam Hellinger. Anitra Anderle



A Chico Dragon gets smothered by the Knights' defense in Lindsay's 42-6 season open victory last Friday.

Anitra Anderie Photo

Correction

Lindsay Knight Derick Murray was mistakenly identified in last week's paper. The picture of the quarterback giving the ball to a running back in scrimmage against Sacred Heart mis-named the runner.

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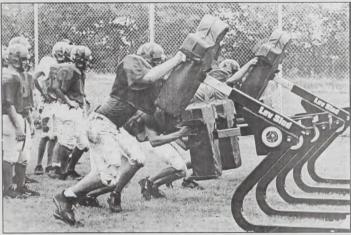
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Thanks to timely rainfall and good wildlife oduction, this fall's

predict.

"Based on the reports I'm getting from the field, this year is shaping up to be a good one across the board," said M.ke Berger, Wildlife division director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "I urge hunters, both veteran and new, to get out and be a part of it."

Hunting plugs about \$3.6

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Hunting plugs about \$3.6 billion into the state's economy, but equally significant is Texas' hunting heritage. Last year, more than one million hunters took to the field in pursuit of game ranging from squirrel to white-tailed deer.

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Based upon recent field tensus, TPWD officials are suggesting the following general outlook for the upcoming 2003-04 hunting seasons in Texas.

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Dove — Hunting prospects for both mourning dove and white-winged dove should be good to excellent, according to Jay Roberson, TPWD dove program leader. While the mourning dove breeding population index in May 2003 showed no change from the previous year, said Roberson, large concentrations have already been noted in South Texas. "This may indicate earlier or larger production of young this year," he noted. "We expect at least a 10 percent improvement in hunter success this year."

As most ardent dove hunters know, success depends largely upon habitat conditions and weather. Heading into the season, conditions are starting to look ripe. Biologists indicate an abundance of wild dove feed available including pigweed, croton, and sunflower in most of the best dove hunting areas of the state.

Fall Turkey — Most of the state had good production for about the third year in a row, according to DeMaso. Fall hunters should see an abundance of jakes, as well as two and three-year-old birds. Statewide fall turkey season should be above average.

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Hunting....

White-tailed Deer —
Texas boasts a whitetail population of about 4 million and most are heading into the fall in good condition. According to TPWD deer program leader Clayton Wolf, timely spring rains resulted in range conditions that helped jump-start antler development in most areas of the state. "White-tailed deer hunting prospects look good for most of the state." Wolf noted. "Most of the state had good soil moisture and forb production from late winter through spring. Antler size per age class should be good to excellent. Body condition should be average to above average, but this late summer dry spell could have some negative impact on body weights if it persists. That won't necessarily be bad for the hunters. Less than optimum forage conditions just prior to and during the hunting season could result in increased harvest success."

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Mule Deer — Increased precipitation throughout much of the Trans-Pecos has done much to improve forage quality and quantity, and cover, according to mule deer program leader Clay Brewer. "These improved conditions should provide for an excellent overall 2003-04 hunting season with numbers and body weights increasing and enhanced antler quality expected." said Brewer. "However, the western portion of the Trans-Pecos continues to experience a long-term dry cycle. Deer

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access to cropland."

Pronghorn Antelope—
As with mule deer, improved climatic conditions should provide for an outstanding pronghorn hunting season in the Trans-Pecos, Brewer predicts. Recent surveys indicate a 24 percent increase of pronghorns from last year. Significant improvements in body weights and horn quality are expected. "Overall, pronghorn numbers are holding and are fairly stable throughout most of the Panhandle region," said Brewer. "While some outstanding quality was

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numbers, body weights, and quality should remain similar to the previous season in this area. Mule deer hunting in the Texas Panhandle should parallel the 2002-03 hunting season with numbers, body weights and antler quality all being good. No significant changes in population and/or antler quality are anticipated for the upcoming season. Despite dry conditions, mule deer should have wintered well as a result of access to cropland."

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Quail — Good production last year and a mild winter through most of the state provided a good spring breeding population, said Steve DeMaso, TPWD upland game bird program leader. "Weather conditions were good for most of the spring, providing a good first hatch," he noted. "As summer has progressed, conditions have remained favorable in some areas of the state and conditions have declined in others. There is still a lot of time between now and opening day. Weather conditions during the hunting season will play a big role in hunting success. Statewide, the season should be above average. Specific areas that should be good for bobwhites are the Panhandle and southern Rolling Plains and South Texas. Other areas should see more bobwhites, but not the level of south Texas and the Rolling Plains. West Texas should provide good opportunities for scaled quail hunters." were good for most of the spring, providing a good first hatch," he noted. "As summer has progressed, conditions have remained favorable in some areas of the state and conditions have declined in others. There is still a lot of time between now and opening day. Weather conditions during the hunting season will play a big role in hunting success. Statewide, the season should be above average. Specific areas that should be good for bobwhites are the Panhandle and southern Rolling Plains and South Texas. Other areas should be good for bobwhites but not the level of south Texas and the Rolling Plains. West Texas should provide good opportunities for scaled quail hunters."

Sports Brief

The USDA has reopened the Canadian border to the importation of hunter-harvested animals. The process does require a permit for meat, head, and hides, and is only permitted at select border crossings. Application forms and additional information can be a accessed at www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/iss*ues/bse/bse.html

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Federal bill introduced to ban horse slaughter for human consumption

The fate of Texas' two norse processing plants is still being considered by the courts and the U.S.

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Attempts to change a long-standing Texas law that prohibits the slaughter of horses for human consumption failed in the 2003 Texas Legislature.

The sentiments of citizens concerned about the treatment of horses outweighed those of concerned horse owners who depend on the plants to humanely end the lives of old and sick horses in a safe, cost-effective manner.

Cost is the crux of the issue. It is not illegal to slaughter horses for use in pet food or as meat for zoos. It is only illegal to slaughter horses for human consumption.

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However, plant representatives say costs would be prohibitive without revenue from sales for human consumption overseas. Horsemeat is shipped to France, Belgium

and Japan where it is considered a delicacy.
There are only two horse-processing plants remaining in the United States - both in Texas. Dallas Crown in Kaufman is French owned; Beltex in Fort Worth is Belgian owned.
The plants have been selling horsemeat for human consumption overseas only — not in the United States. Local district attorneys challenged the practice.

The matter was referred to Attorney General John Cornyn, now a U.S. senator, who ruled in August 2002 that the plants were operating illegally and must shut down or face prosecution.

The plants won a temporary injunction in federal court and have continued to operate. However, the matter is still pending in the courts.

Meanwhile, federal legislation has been filed. HR 857, the American Horse Slaughter Prevention

Act, would "prevent the slaughter of horses in and from the United States for human consumption by prohibiting the slaughter of horses for human consumption and by prohibiting the trade and transport of horseflesh and live horses intended for human consumption, and for other purposes."

The bill was introduced Feb. 13, 2003, by New York Rep. John E. Sweeney and currently has 64 cosponsors.

TSCRA is working to keep the plants open, but it is an uphill battle. A statewide voter survey in May 2003, conducted by Mason Dixon Polling and Research, showed that 77 percent of Texas voters opposed a change in state law to legalize horse slaughter for human consumption.

If you are interested in the outcome of this issue, contact your representative now!

Wayne Becker

CEA - AG/NR



Willie Joe Matthews drives his 1954 John Deere R diesel tractor during the parade Sunday at the Cooke County Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show. The R model was the first diesel built by John Deere starting in 1950.





Leon Fuhrmann of Myra shows off one of his antique tractors



A wagon load of kids enjoy the parade in a different way, as rain fell Saturday at the Coc County Antique tractor Show in Lindsay.

Janie Hartman phot

County Agent's Report

Ranch to Rail

Ranch to Rail
Nominations
Texas A&M University in
conjunction with New
Mexico Cooperative
Extension has announced
its' Ranch to Rail Program.
This is an information
feedback program for Texas
cow/calf producers.
The Texas A&M Ranch to
Rail program is designed to
provide feedback to
ranchers on how their cattle
perform in the feedyard and
the type of carcasses they
produce. This information
will allow producers to
determine whether or not
they are on target or if they
need to alter the genetics of
their herd or possibly
modify their management
system. The purpose of this
program is to provide
feedback to help make those
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Nominations must be received before October 1. When nominations are received, producers will be sent a background information form that must be fully completed and returned before entries are final.

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Only steers will be accepted. Assistance will be provided in coordinating shipment to the feedyards to help reduce freight costs. Steers will be individually identified, weighed and processed upon arrival. It is strongly recommended all steers be vaccinated in accordance with one of the options listed in the Value added Calf Vaccination Management Programs.

Each steer will be assigned a value per hundredweight based upon current market conditions in the feedyard. This figure will be used to calculate theoretical breakevens and the financial outcome of the feeding program.

Animals that require treatment for any illness will be treated according to guidelines established by the feedyard veterinarian. Steers that are not achieving an economic rate of gain will be sold as railers and the proceeds will be disbursed, at the end of the program.

Charges to be assessed each entry at the end of the feeding period include:

a. Processing fee;
b. Medicine costs;
c. Feed cost;

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d. Trucking costs;
e. The above items will be financed at the prevailing interest rate;
f. Livestock inspection

financed at the prevailing interest rate;
f. Livestock inspection fees;
g. County property tax;
h. Texas Cattle Feeders Association Dues (40e/Head);
g. Beef Check Off (\$1.00/Head).
Entries will be marketed when individuals reach the weight and condition regarded as acceptable by the industry. Individual weight will be determined at this time. This weight will be adjusted by a 4% shrink for calculation of feed yard performance.
The cattle will be sold on a carcass basis using premiums and discounts for quality grades.
Feed yard performance information to collected
*Treatments for illness
*Average Daily Gain;
*Total Cost of Gain;
*Calculated Feed Efficiency;
*Net Return.

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*Net Return.
Carcass information to be oblected -

Carcass Weight;
% Kidney, Pelvic and
Heart Fat;
USDA Yield Grade;

Ribeye area; USDA Quality Grade; Fat Thickness. At the conclusion of the

feeding period, feed yard performance data, carcass information and a theoretical breakeven analysis will be provided on each consignment.

A Field Day may be held during the feeding period in late February or early March. Date is to be determined. For additional information or to request nomination forms contact your local County Extension office.

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Herbicide Program September 8 for Hay Producers. Estes Chemical Company will be providing a hamburger lunch for those wishing to attend a Plateau herbicide demonstration plot in Era. Plateau is used to control unwanted grassy weeds in Bermuda, including Dallisgrass, Johnsongrass, and Sandbur. The Program will begin at noon, in Era, at Mike Graves' Farm and Ranch. One CEU will be given to those needing it for their pesticide applicators license.

Dates to Remember: 9/08 - Hay Producers Plateau Herbicide Demonstration Plot and Hamburger Social, Mike Graves Farm and Ranch, Era, 12:00 p.m.

9/17 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Meeting, Cooke County Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.

• First American livestock arrives in Cuba. A shipment of livestock, including 140 cattle arrived in Cuba July 25 under a 2000 exception to the long-standing U.S. trade embargo. American agricultural products can be sold to Cuba as long as transactions are done in cash or by financing from a third country. The Jeroey and Holstein cattle were from Homedale Farms in St. Charles Minnesota.

Japan increases import tax on U.S. beef

Japan slapped "emergency" tariffs on U.S. beef and pork imports Aug. 1 that raises the duty on chilled beef from 38.5 percent to 50 percent until March 31, 2004. The Japanese government said the tariff increase was a response to a jump in imports during the April-June quarter.

The increase was triggered by a Japanese law, based on World Trade Organization rules, that calls for an automatic increase of its tariff if there is a 17 percent year-on-year increase in beef imports.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman said the "import tax on U.S. beef is both unnecessary and unwarranted." She said recent trade patterns are a result of changes in consumption following the 2001 outbreak of BSE in Japan. Imports levels dropped 40 percent and are just now returning those seen from 1999-2001.

Last year the U.S. exported more than \$500 million worth of chilled beef to Japan.

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Congress considers downer rules

New rules for downer livestock are being considered by lawmakers in Washington, D.C.

Congress is considering a bill that would require humane euthanasia of nonambulatory livestock and make it unlawful for these animals to be passed through inspection for human consumption.

Introduced June 19 in the House and Senate, the Downed Animal Protection Act (H.R. 2519/S 1298) directs the secretary of agriculture to create additional regulations providing for the humane treatment, handling and disposition of cattle, sheep, swine, goats or equids unable to stand or walk unassisted when in locations covered by the law. Those locations or entities are stockyards, market agencies, dealers, slaughter facilities and establishments that are

are stockyards, market agencies, dealers, slaughter facilities and establishments that are covered by the Federal Meal Inspection Act. The law does not apply to non-ambulatory animals on farms or ranches.

If the bill is passed, downer livestock that are conscious cannot be moved and must be euthanized or rendered unconscious before they are moved and then euthanized.

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