

Sheriff Compton appeals to Salary Committee

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton sought another avenue of achieving an increase in his salary for the 2004-05 budget year. He appealed to the County's Salary Grievance Committee. A hearing was held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16 with six of the Committee's nine members present. The Sheriff also had a number of supporters in the audience.

County Judge Bill Freeman is chair of the Grievance Committee, but has no vote in the decisions they are asked to make. Grievance Committee members are men and women who served on the Cooke County Grand Jury the previous year. Names are drawn at random at the beginning of each year. They are asked to serve on the Salary Grievance Committee for County officials, but may turn it down if they wish.

Those present who agreed to serve were Danny Nortman, Wilson Stinnett, Woodrow Williams, Raymond Sandmann, Danny Wolf, and Danny Akin.

Those who had agreed to serve, but weren't at the hearing were Marjorie Priest, Kevin Block, and John Koonce.

County Judge Bill Freeman informed those present that Section 152016 of the Government Code requires the County to allow any elected official or precinct officer to aggrieve their salary if they don't agree with what Commissioners Court sets the salary at, he said.

According to the statute, the official must state his desired salary change in writing. The hearing must be held before the County holds its public budget hearing. If six or more of the Committee members vote to recommend the increase in the officer's salary or personal expense, the Committee shall submit its recommendation to the Commissioners Court in writing. If six to eight members vote to recommend the increase, the Commissioners Court shall consider the recommendation at its next meeting. If nine members vote to recommend the increase and sign the recommendation, the Commissioners Court shall include the increase in the budget before the budget is filed. The increase takes effect in the next budget year.

Sheriff Compton had requested of Commissioners Court during budget

hearings a number of improvements for the Sheriff's Department including salary increases for the deputies as well as himself and the employment of several more deputies. These were not approved.

The Sheriff then submitted the required letter requesting a Salary Grievance Committee hearing. He asked for a salary of \$60,000 this year. His current salary is \$41,562. A five percent salary increase was approved for all County employees for the coming Budget year. That would bring Sheriff Compton's salary to \$43,640 plus benefits. That is an \$18,400 salary increase request.

Committee members were invited to ask questions of

anyone they might request, but had none. Sheriff Compton then presented his reasons for the increase request.

He said they were two pronged. When he sought and won the position of Sheriff, the salary was less than \$40,000 per year. He had a retirement salary from the DPS and found it acceptable.

Since that time, he said that the Sheriff's Department has added 11 employees. He has taken over as the local rabies control authority and is responsible for every animal bite in the County occurring outside the City limits of Gainesville. An environmental section has been added to his list of supervision. The dispatch has been changed and the

jail staff expanded by six members. Dispatch for all fire and EMS calls in the County now go through the Sheriff's office. The County population is growing. There are currently 120 prisoners in custody. When he first started, that number was as low as 40 or less at times. Forty of them are housed out-of-county.

"As you can see there has been a steady increase on responsibilities placed on the Sheriff's office in the last seven years," Compton pointed out. "Also one of the things that the Sheriff has to face is the responsibility going along with all this. It puts him being responsible for the criminal investigation division, the records division, for all 911 calls outside the city limits of Gainesville and every

wireless 911 call. He's responsible for every ambulance that's dispatched anywhere in the County. He's responsible for every volunteer fire call that goes out into the County. He's responsible for the jail. He's responsible for a police patrol to cover the entire county. With all of these things involved, I believe that adds up to a job description that is worth \$60,000."

The Sheriff distributed packets to the Committee. They contained letters from a number of citizens expressing their support for his request. He said he had nothing to do with soliciting the letters.

Another thing the Sheriff used to support his request was a copy of the City of

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Cafeteria to get new appliances

By Janie Hartman
The Muenster ISD Board approved the purchase of a new stove and oven for the cafeteria, paid the architectural services on the new field house, and approved budget amendments at the Aug. 11 regular monthly meeting.

Clyde Steelman, Muenster ISD superintendent, presented a request from the District's Food Service Department for a new stove and oven. The current stove was a W.W.II Camp Howze hand-me-down and is in need of replacement. An oven was requested because of the new nutritional requirements to eliminate fried foods. Approximate cost for the oven and stove is \$10,000.

Also approved was the total payment of \$831.08 to Huckabee and Associates for the new field house.

The Board received reports from Jim Robertson that \$8,402.58 and \$10,567.86 were paid to MISD for delinquent taxes in June and July. Also the Cooke County Appraisal District announced their appraisal and collection budget allocations.

Muenster ISD has a \$1,968,664.41 2003 tax levy (will be revised Oct. 1, 2004). Their appraisal cost for 2004 was \$39,576.30, raised to \$42,467.93 for 2005. The District's collection allocation was \$10,886.12 in 2004 and will be \$11,552.23 in 2005.

There was a reimbursement of \$5,195.57 from UIL for the girls basketball team's participation at the State tournament. Steelman noted that the athletic department's revenue for the 2003-04 school year was approximately \$36,000. Also

the enrollment on the first day of school, Aug. 11, was 553 students.

Other reports given: Technology director - Seventeen computer systems were repaired, upgraded, or overhauled this summer; the District's phone system is maxed out and in need of major upgrade; the bell system should be repaired, but is in dire need of being replaced; and the correct address for the school's website is www.escll.net/schools/Muenster.

Athletic director - Thirty girls are running cross country and 40 boys reported to football.

Elementary principal - Current enrollment in grades Pre-K through 6 is 283; 100% of the elementary teachers attended the "Technology Academies" by Jeff Presnall; and teachers worked on vertical alignment and analyzed

TAKS data to determine areas of strengths and weaknesses.

High school principal - Enrollment in grades 7 through 12 is 272, with 187 in high school; Lisa Hettler will work with students who need assistance with TAKS; Phil Newton noted the extra work by office, maintenance, and custodial staffs for getting the campus ready for opening day.

In other business discussion, the Board considered the proposed Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate. Next year the District will receive new Existing Debt Allotment moneys to help decrease the I&S rate; discussed a date for public hearing on M&O tax rate. At this point, the Board is not considering increasing the tax rate previously published. The tax rate will be considered at the Sept. 8 meeting.

Future considered by the Lindsay ISD with tax rate

By Janet Felderhoff
Impose a tax rate that will just cover the 2004-05 Lindsay ISD budget and gymnasium bond obligation, or take the road of higher tax rate that will result in more state aid two years from now. That was the dilemma faced by the seven members of the LISD Board of Trustees Monday night. The group struggled with the state formula for school finance.

At the invitation of Superintendent Metzler, Dr. David Brewer, deputy executive director for the Region XI Education Service, walked those attending through a power point presentation explaining school finance. He also indicated how different tax rates would impact Lindsay.

Metzler said that the Board needed to consider how the tax rate adopted would impact LISD for the next two years. "This second year of the biennium, you set your tax rate and your local effort and then for the next two years, the State uses that to decide just how much state aid you can get per student," Metzler remarked to the Board.

"The concept of this school finance system is very simple, but it is based on a multitude of factors," Dr. Brewer explained. "It makes it very efficient, as it delivers dollars to children in 1,031 different school districts in this state."

A graph showed state and local funds contributed to school districts. Until about 1973 the split was about 50-50. After that the local contributions became increasingly larger than that of the State. Since 1999-2000 school year the State put no new money in the system. He said this was enabled to happen because the appreciated value of property on the tax rolls of public schools was such that the decision of local boards to provide quality education funded all of the mandates that the Legislature put out for them, he said.

Schools are capped at a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of property valuation for maintenance and operation of school districts. According to Brewer many school

districts have reached that cap and can't go any higher. School districts in rural areas, including Cooke County, still have some capacity to increase due to the conservative nature of the districts. Also stable growth helps them.

The concept behind the current system is that each child is entitled to a substantially equal program regardless of where he or she lives. The wealthier the district, the more capable it should be of providing the education and should have less need of State assistance.

A district's effort in setting the tax rate and collecting the taxes are used to judge how much enrichment or guarantee above the minimum State contribution that district will receive from the State.

There are three categories of school districts - the poor, gap, and rich districts. He explained how districts could get more money from the State by raising taxes until the cap is attained. "The State says if you put forth the effort, we'll match that," Brewer noted.

For every penny of tax effort above 86 cents, which is the basis for getting the basic program, you get \$27.14 per WADA (weighted average daily attendance).

Brewer said there are three main variables - how many students; wealth; and effort. These can change from year to year. Using Lindsay info, Brewer calculated that Lindsay generates \$15.28 per penny per WADA student, which means the State kicks in \$11.86 cents per penny per WADA. "In other words, every time you put in \$1, the State puts in 77 cents. That isn't a bad return on your investment," Brewer stated.

Due to a shortfall in money in 1989, the State set up a funding cycle that takes the last year of each biennium, required school districts to estimate what their enrollment would be for the next two years, and appropriated money to fund those programs and students in place the last year of the biennium, Brewer explained. This, based on enrollment and tax

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Muenster Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Barbecue and Auction drew a large crowd Saturday in the Muenster Park (above). Cool temperatures brought the crowd out early. At right, Smokey the Bear greets Charlotte Klement and her granddaughter Abby Walterscheid. Below Auctioneer Herky Biffle, right, assisted by fireman Bert Walterscheid, encourages the crowd to bid higher. At left, John Fisher fills his plate with barbecue and side dishes. Scott Wood photos



Annual Muenster Volunteer Fire Department Barbecue, Auction, and Raffle

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

Judge Freeman, you can pat yourself on the back more than any judge I have ever heard. Judge Freeman, you never do speak on the people of this county, and how the citizens are just getting by paying their bills. Judge Freeman, all you care about is being in the black with all the excess money the county has in cash & cash invested. Judge Freeman, I wish you would tell the citizens of Cooke County the truth about the bonding company? The truth is that the bonding company knows they will receive every penny owed to them. The bonding company knows Cooke County will not default on the bond, because the citizens of Cooke County will continue paying thru the nose due to increases on taxes, plus property valuation increases. So you see, Judge Freeman the

bonding company can-not lose, just the citizens of Cooke County. Now, Judge Freeman, let's talk about that one-cent (penny) that you reduced from the citizens tax rate. What a break. You made it sound like you were our savior. Judge Freeman, you did-not inform the citizens of Cooke County of any property valuation increase prior to the jail bond. You would have killed "The Goose That Lays The Golden Egg". And, so the tax appraisal district raised my valuation on my properties on an average of 40% or more. What a savior you are Judge Freeman. Judge Freeman, go back patting yourself on the back, and next year you can play catch-up by raising our taxes by two-cents.

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From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cier

I believe it was in the early 30s when Charlie Bernauer would drive his cousin out to visit my older sister. Charlie's cousin did not drive, so Charlie was more or less in command of the time to go. He and I would go into Muenster, but we usually would wind up in Frank Schenk's old store - drug store, cigars, 22 cal. ammo, shotgun shells, you name it.

Schenk kept a slot machine that acted as a lure to boys like us. We would usually have a few nickels which the one-armed bandit would soon gobble up. This night though, was different. Each time it would pay off a little more than Mr. Schenk thought it should, he would reach to the back of the machine and do some adjusting. It was really

paying off in the man's favor, but it seemed that Mr. Schenk wanted it all.

In a few moments it would pay 20 nickels, a dollar - every four or five coins that were played paid 20 nickels or jackpot.

Mr. Schenk was getting desperate. Charlie kept playing and soon the house owed Charlie several dollars.

Well, Schenk turned his machine to the wall, and declared it out of order. But he still owed Charlie three or four dollars. He offered him some of the vilest smelling cigars, which were eventually accepted. Charlie said he would get something for them.

Anyway, we had a lot of fun, but I don't think Mr. Schenk did.

Typewriter is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO

Aug. 18, 1939

Burglars get \$350 loot from Jim's Station. Rev. Henry Felderhoff of Abilene is visiting here. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Walterscheid are vacationing in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Arnold Henschel is substitute at Fischer's Market while Norman Luke is gone on vacation to San Francisco World's Fair with his parents, the Joe Lukes and his sister, Alma Marie. Pat Hennigan is managing a service station in Saint Jo. Aileen Hoehn, student nurse, spends time with her parents, the A.T. Hoehns. The Northern Lights were seen here by Muenster residents, a rare and spectacular sight.

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 20, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. John Walter observe 50th wedding anniversary. Men in Service: Marine PFC John David Meurer receives overseas assignment; also leaving are Eugene Luke, Maynard Williams, Billy Ray Stoffels, and Delmar Sewell; Johnny Fisher

returns to Fort Hood. Wedding: Marilyn Miller and Randolph Bayer. Sister Bernice Trachta is on duty at Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio. Mrs. Earl Cole, Betty Cole, Mrs. Tony Gremminger, Mrs. Joe Luke, and Mrs. C.B. Fowler attend bridal shower for Sue Ann Teague. Billy Ben Boyles, Wilfred Klement, and Gene Walter are back in Muenster after working in the harvest fields in Washington State.

25 YEARS AGO

Aug. 17, 1979

Dick Ferber is named to head next year's Germanfest. Robert Fetsch receives Ph.D. in Guidance Education. Weddings: Lora Rohmer and Thomas Hennigan; Monnie Arrington and Rusty Reid. Elizabeth Neu is 108 and her nephew John Schmitz is 93. Alvin and Joanie Hartman have returned from a 15 day trip to five European countries. Henry Hennigan family holds reunion. Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Klement attend graduation of their daughter, Joan Schleicher at TCU.

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effort during the last year of that biennium, is what drives that appropriation cycle.

If nothing changes in State requirements, the decisions LISD makes for 2004-05 will impact funding potentially available for the District during the next two years. The taxes collected by LISD in 2002-03 established the maximum availability of State funding the District could access during these two biennium, he said.

CPTD value of \$105,318,397, last year's tax roll now certified, will be used to determine the State's contribution this year. The number of students and the tax rate are variables. Since CPTD value is higher than last year's, Lindsay is expected to take care of a larger portion of its school finance. About \$82,000 will be backed out, said Brewer. The CPTD value times 86 cents is this year's local share, he said. State aid could be the same, less, or more depending on the other two variables - number of students and tax rate set.

The Comptroller determines with audits whether a district's CPTD is set high enough. That is to keep all districts on an equal basis. This could result in lost state aid.

Brewer displayed figures using different tax rates to show the various optimum state aid possible.

With this new information, the Board turned to considering this year's tax rate.

"There's a couple of things to keep in mind about the tax rate," advised Metzler. "This District, even with what the tax rate has been the last several years and I would say it's probably been over the last four years, this money has been saved to a total of a half million dollars. Last year it was built into the budget, but in the past it was mainly surplus. Even though that money was being saved at a rate of \$100,000 a year, the overall District budget and per pupil expenditure was still quite a bit below, not only the state average but, almost anybody's average."

"I don't think we had an artificially high tax rate just to put money away. We were living at a rate of expenditure per kid that statewide and area wide was pretty reasonable and yet we were still saving money."

Metzler said that part of that was because after the

gym bond issue failed last time, the Board perceived that as one of the things people expected them to do. So they saved money for the project in whatever way they could.

"We have a budget that a \$1.32 tax rate will support this year," said Metzler. "The question is how to make sure that we get everything out of the State that we can the next two years. That's what we looked at tonight. The \$1.32 as far as this year will meet the need. What does it do to us as far as the future, that's what we have to decide tonight."

The superintendent said that a tax rate had to be decided on at the meeting so that it could be published this week. A Public Hearing will be set for the budget and tax rate. The budget must be approved prior to adopting the tax rate. The budget must be set before the end of August.

Asked his opinion of what was best, Metzler suggested a tax rate of at least \$1.42, less 10 cents for the I & S rate. How that \$1.42 was divided would be up to the Board. The funds would be used for maintenance & operations (M&O) and Interest & Sinking (I&S) for bond payments.

Lloyd Reiter said that they would have to generate about \$120,000 for bond payment.

Danny Nortman questioned the simplicity of that, wondering why other schools didn't do it. Metzler explained that a lot of schools are at the \$1.50 cap and need every penny of that to meet budget needs such as salaries, building maintenance, etc. Damian Krahl said, "If we can do that, it's really the best of both worlds."

Metzler said that to get EDA the District would have to show that it was taxing itself to pay I&S.

Brewer explained, "The year that you become eligible, you have to have made an I&S payment. It

doesn't say what the source of the funds are. But, once you have made a payment then you have to start meeting the local share requirement. If you pay your I&S payment out of M&O, you transfer your money and make your I&S payment out of M&O, you've made an I&S payment. That drives up the stakes. Then if you think you are going to get state aid the next year, you have to tax an I&S tax rate to at least meet your local share of the total cost of that. You have to tax to meet your local share of that or have fund balance in that year ending the I&S account. The year that you are going to draw state aid, tax weight is important on I&S."

Metzler suggested at least a nickel in the I&S since the bond just passed and people would wonder what was going on. The Board said that if people questioned it, they could attend the Public Hearing and they would gladly explain their actions. People were expecting a 10 cent I&S tax because that is what they were told would be needed to fund the gym bonds. It was noted that many would be expecting a tax rate of \$1.36 plus the 10 cents. Last year's tax rate was \$1.36, but less is needed due to an increase in appraised property values.

"We know that a \$1.32 (tax rate) will support this budget, but we also know that this budget was created on the safe side. Line item by line item, it was created on the safe side," remarked Nortman.

In a unanimous vote, the Board approved a proposed tax rate of \$1.375 for the M&O and .05 for the I&S for a total rate of \$1.425. They set the Public Hearing is set for Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Cooke County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson attended the meeting. He presented the CCAD's proposed budget for 2005. He said

that it had only two significant changes. They are longevity pay for employees and replacing a 1988 pickup.

Lindsay's share of the CCAD Collection Budget showed an increase of \$500 and the Appraisal Budget for Lindsay's portion was up \$2,100 from last year. Lindsay's share of the \$805,174.00 Appraisal Budget is \$30,898.29. The share of the total proposed 2005 Collection Budget is \$8,405.02. The Board unanimously approved the CCAD Budget.

Metzler reported that the District's old phone system had failed. A new system is installed. There will soon be voice mail for teachers and staff. When it is installed parents will be notified with instructions on how to use the system.

Principal Larry Smith reported that on the first day of School, Aug. 16, there were 498 students enrolled. The projected number was 502. He said those who didn't show were elementary students whose parents had the District.

In other business the Board:

- Met with architects from Callahan and Freeman to make more decisions on the new gymnasium.
- Approved 2003-04 audit engagement letter with Hess & Rohmer, P.C.
- Contracted with ESC XI for Business Support. With the retirement of Marilyn Cox Seger, the Service Center will temporarily do LISD's payroll and finances.

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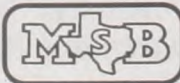
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<p>Sunday, August 29, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Rally for Catholic Educato 5 PM Community Center</p>	<p>Monday, August 30, 2004 MISD early dismissal 3PM</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 31, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 1, 2004</p>	<p>Thursday, September 2, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, 1-4 PM</p>	<p>Friday, September 3, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM</p>	<p>Saturday, September 4, 2004</p>

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Obituaries

Henry Kuhn, Sr. 1902-2004

By Elfreda Fette
After more than a century of living, Henry Kuhn, Sr., a native of Lindsay, passed from this life to his final eternal reward on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004 at Texoma Healthcare Center in Sherman, at age 102.
He was born on July 15, 1902 in Lindsay to the late Fred and Barbara Kuhn and attended schools in Lindsay.
On Jan. 27, 1931, he married Allie Loerwald in St. Peter's Church. They purchased the Kuhn family farm in the late 1940s, where they made their home and shared a long life. She preceded him in death on Oct. 11, 2001, after 70 years of marriage.
They were members of St. Peter's Catholic Church and he belonged to St. Peter's Society, and was a lifetime farmer and carpenter. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, neighbor, and friend, and will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.
Survivors are his children, Henry "Red" Kuhn and wife Doris of Gainesville, Dub Kuhn and wife Linda, Linda Barentine and husband Dink, and Vickie Kuhn, all of Sherman. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews,

and good friends and neighbors who will treasure his memory.
Preceding him in death were his wife, all of his siblings, and his grandson, Jason Barentine.
The evening before the day of the funeral, a Rosary service was held at Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Chapel in Gainesville at 7 p.m., led by Father Ron Scheible.
Participating in the liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, officiated by Father Ron in St. Peter's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. were altar servers Sara Stoffels and Savannah Stoffels.
First and Second Readings were given by a grandson, Brett Kuhn, who also read the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by his 16 great-grandchildren.
Eucharistic ministers were Joe Bezner, Harold Nortman, and Pam Hoberer. Music ministers were Mildred Lawson, accompanying on the accordion, and the Angels of Mercy Choir of St. Peter's Church. Sacred music included "Amazing Grace", "My Hands Belong to You, Lord", and Mr. Kuhn's favorite "One Day At A Time".
A meditation with



Henry Kuhn, Sr.

"Remarks of Remembrance" was read by Brett Kuhn, grandson. He recalled favorite memories, emphasizing the 21 years when Easter egg hunts were hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuhn, Sr. for all the grandkids and great-grandkids; grandsons hauling hay, and seeing him sitting in his rocking chair, smoking his pipe, and reading the newspaper.
Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery of Lindsay was directed by Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were five grandsons, Brett Kuhn, Kyle Kuhn, Danny Barentine, Kevin Barentine, and Greg Kuhn, and a friend, Gary Beyer.
A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral; some who came from a distance. Among them were Al and Marianne Kuhn from Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.

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Gainesville's pay scale for police officers. It started out with cadets receiving \$23,168.52 a year. A sergeant investigator's yearly salary is \$43,848.01 (more than the Sheriff's salary will be in the new budget year); a captain's is \$50,206.52; and the assistant chief of police gets \$60,726.51 (more than the Sheriff is asking for).
"I took this job because I wanted to try to improve the sheriff's office and I feel that I have," Compton remarked. He noted he would have the job for the next four years. At some time he will not be serving as sheriff.
He said that there are numerous qualified individuals living in the county and driving to the Metroplex to work as police officers because they make more money. The current salary won't attract as large a pool of qualified candidates to choose from when electing the next sheriff. Raising the salary would attract more qualified candidates.
Committee members asked for information on the salaries of sheriffs in surrounding counties of like size. Cooke County was grouped in counties with a population of more than 25,000 but less than 50,000. Judge Freeman said Cooke County is probably at the high end of that bracket. There were 36 counties listed. Their sheriff's salaries ranged from a high of \$60,000 in Hardin County to a low of \$32,249. The Judge read all counties and the salary each pays to give an idea of the average. The salaries are all from a year ago.
Danny Nortman asked for a history of the salary increases for the Sheriff's salary. He was told that

since Compton has been sheriff, it has been what all the other County officials get. Judge Freeman said that in about 1985 there was a blanket adjustment or salary restructure done for all County officials.
"The situation of each county can be extraordinarily different. Every county has an individual personality. Our county is situated in the growth corridor. People are moving in, especially to the eastern part of the county on a regular basis. This places us in a unique position as opposed to some of the other counties that are of our size. Cooke County is astride main corridors like I-35 and U.S. Hwy. 82. I-35 is the NAFTA highway."
Asked about the way the salary could be considered, Judge Freeman said that the full amount requested had to be considered. A partial increase could not be recommended.
The committee asked whether Commissioners Court had considered the Sheriff's request. Freeman said that the Sheriff had presented a similar appeal during the budget workshop. The County Judge and County Auditor prepared the budget and present it to Commissioners Court. The only commissioner to comment on the Sheriff's request before the proposed budget was approved was Phil Young who asked about adding deputies that the Sheriff had requested. He was the only one to vote against the proposed budget.
"The mentality of the Court is to single one official and give a substantial increase without considering increases for all officials would be tough to do. I think that is the rationale of the Court. I don't think the Court is saying the Sheriff is not worth \$60,000 a year," noted the Judge.
Ruth Ann Dodson asked

to speak. She said that she had spoken to a number of people. "The feeling that we have is because of 9-11 and because of all the other additional activities that's brought on a county sheriff by uncontrollable factors like 9-11, it has brought a great deal of responsibility to our sheriff's department," she remarked. She added that the new jail would take additional effort to staff and get up and operating. She pointed out that the growing population had brought more problems such as more drug busts, meth labs, etc. These put additional burden on the Sheriff. She asked that they look into giving the Sheriff an increase as he requested to compensate for the workload added since 1997.
Due to rules about open government the six Committee members weren't allowed to go into executive session. They could discuss it, but it had to be in open session. They were reminded that there was no middle ground on the salary request, although they could recommend a higher salary, they could not recommend less.
Sheriff Compton assured the Committee before they voted that no matter what they decided he would continue to serve the County, doing the best job that he could possibly do.
The Committee vote was four no and two for. Yes votes came from Williams and Akin. Voting no were Nortman, Wolf, Sandman, and Stinnett.
After the hearing, Nortman commented that he felt there should be a better way for such hearings. He wasn't comfortable being unable to deliberate in closed session and felt that a suggested compromise should be allowed. The rules are set by the state, not the county. After the hearing, the citizens thanked the sheriff for his efforts in the County. One man said, "I think you're the best sheriff we've ever had."

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Lifestyle

Bezner, Garza exchange double ring vows July 17 in Temple

By Elfreda Fette
The wedding of Julia Clara Bezner and Michael Anthony Garza was held in St. Luke's Catholic Church of Temple on July 17, 2004 at 3 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Brian and Nancy Bezner of Temple, and granddaughter of Clara Endres of Muenster and Laurie Bezner of Hurst, and the late Ed Endres and the late James Bezner. She is a graduate of Temple High School and Tarleton State University and is employed as a geography teacher in Temple High School.

The groom is the son of Beatrice Ramirez of Belton and Mike Garza of New Braunfels, Texas. He is the grandson of Pat and Mary Ramirez of Troy, Texas and John and Sophia Garza of Rogers, Texas. He is a graduate of Belton High School and Temple College, and is employed as a granite fabricator by Granite By Design of Killeen, Texas.

The Nuptial Mass, with double ring ceremony, was celebrated by Father Louis Pavlicek of Georgetown,

assisted by Deacon Jerry Klement of Temple.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride was wearing a formal wedding gown of antique cream, designed by Maggie Sottero, featuring asymmetrical, off-the-shoulder, wrap style with elegant beading. Her ivory veil held sequin trim. She wore an antique gold cross and chain belonging to her maternal grandmother, Clara Endres. She carried a bridal bouquet of two dozen hot pink roses.

ATTENDANTS

Maid of honor was Leslie Bezner, sister of the bride, of Carrollton. Bridesmaids were Emily Bezner, bride's sister of Temple; Victoria Garza, groom's sister of Belton; Allison Ruth and Nicole Morrow, both of Temple; Jaima Abercrombie and Felisha Reyes, both of Houston; Christine Park of Oklahoma City; and Veronica Perez of Marlin.

The best man was Zac Johns of Belton, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Marcus Garza, brother of the groom of Belton; Adam Johns of Belton; Jake

Bezner, bride's brother of Denton; Jason Bouvier, Michael Bouvier, Sean Moore, and Scottie Lewis all of Temple; and Shawn Armstrong of Austin.

Ushers were Alec Garza, groom's cousin of Temple, and Craig Sanford of Belton.

The flower girl was Kiara Johnson of Temple and the ring-bearer was Christopher Perez of Marlin.

Candlelighters were Michaela Garcia, groom's cousin from Troy, and Makenzie Cline of Temple.

Also participating in the liturgy of the Nuptial Mass were Scripture Readers, Joel Phillips of Denton, cousin of the bride, and Mary Ramirez of San Marcos, cousin of the groom.

Eucharistic ministers were Clinton and Debbie Endres, bride's uncle and aunt of Muenster; Terri Mejia, groom's aunt of Temple; Katie Haffner, and Margit Wyers of Temple; and Armando Aguirre of Belton.

RECEPTION

A reception, dinner, and dance were held in the VFW Hall in Temple for 400

guests, hosted by the bride's and groom's families.

Presiding at the guest book were Ashli Bezner of Lewisville, bride's cousin, Kristi Fernandez of San Marcos, and Elizabeth Garcia of Troy, both cousins of the groom.

Program attendants were Courtney Hartman and Katie Flusche of Muenster, cousins of the bride.

The bride's cake consisted of five stacked layers, alternating flavors of white, red velvet, and chocolate, with light yellow icing with white designs, topped with rose petals of hot pink, orange, and yellow.

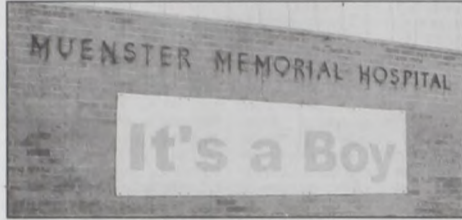
The groom's red velvet cake was iced in chocolate, and was shaped like a pair of standing cowboy boots.

Reception assistants were Natalie, Victoria, Erin, and Taylor Endres, all cousins of the bride from Muenster; Andrea Garcia of Troy, cousin of the groom; and Kameron Mihatsch of Temple.

Since returning from their wedding trip to the island of St. Marten, the couple is residing in Temple.



Mrs. Michael Garza ... 'nee Julia Bezner ...



When a new baby is born there, Muenster Hospital proudly proclaims it with this announcement sign. Courtesy photo

MMH and staff anticipate baby deliveries with new doctors

A six-pound baby boy was born Sunday evening at Muenster Memorial Hospital. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Dr. Karla Cox came to Muenster last summer with the intent of setting up a family practice that would take care of all the needs of the patient, from baby to grandpa. Regulations and good medical practice guidelines require a second physician be available to help with the baby and with the mother if needed. Until Dr. Bonnie Carter arrived this month, MMH had to depend on coverage from Nocona to help with deliveries.

Now that Dr. Carter is here, they plan on working together and are excited about building a great Family Practice here in Muenster. The two physicians are making plans to do everything possible to make the experience of doctor visits as pleasant as possible. They are taking care with the décor in the clinic to create a pleasant atmosphere for patients of all ages.

They are making plans to have classes and other things to have informed OB patients. The possibilities include childbirth classes

and infant CPR. "We are excited about this new team and look forward to many deliveries at the hospital," said MMH administration.

Notice

The September Brown Bag Book Review will be held on Thursday, Sept. 2, at noon in the Library Lyceum at North Central Texas College - Gainesville Campus.

Patsy Wilson will review the book, *Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Lane celebrates second

Lane Warren, son of Brenton and Jennifer Warren of Hurst, celebrated his second birthday with family and friends at his home on Sunday, Aug. 8. His actual birthday is Aug. 5. His birthday cake was decorated in a Finding Nemo theme, and everyone enjoyed watching Lane open his gifts.

Attending the party were his grandparents Mark and Linda Fuhrmann and Eddie and Teresa Warren. Aunts and uncles in attendance were Matthew and Leah Fuhrmann, Chris, Clint and Kyle Fuhrmann, and Scott and Mere Powell. His cousins Morgan and Madison Powell also joined in the birthday fun. Other family and friends who were there included Jan Fox, Joel Fox, Sharon and Kennedy Tate, Russell and Amanda Knief and Riley.

Unable to attend were Mamie Spain, Ray and Lou Voth, Marcus and Catherine Fuhrmann, Matt and Sara Johnson and James, Sasha, Dayton, and Zach Eagle.



Lane Warren

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Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The MUESTER WATER DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2005 on August 30, 2004 at Muenster City Hall at 8:00 A. M. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Bob Bauer, Wayne Grewing, Pat Stelzer, Milton Knauf
AGAINST the proposal: NONE
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: NONE
 Gene Walter

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.3592 /\$100	.3284 /\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.0308 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-.1 %
Average appraised value	\$ 70,000	\$ 80,000
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$ 70,000	\$ 80,000
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 251.44	\$ 262.72
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 11.28
and percentage of increase (+/-)		.045 %

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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Magdalene and Raymond Zimmerer

Raymond and Magdalene Zimmerer honored on 65th

By Elfreda Fette
To celebrate the 65 years of marriage of Raymond and Magdalene Zimmerer, their children honored them with an anniversary celebration at their home on Sunday, May 23, 2004. All their children were present, including Ray and Ida Zimmerer of Gainesville, Richard and Delores Zimmerer of Grapevine, Pat Zimmerer and friend, Val Tabor of Denton, and Cliff and Charmaine Zimmerer of Tampa, Florida. Also present were many of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

During the happy day, with all its joys, conversations recalled the wedding when a Nuptial High Mass on a Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. was

celebrated by Father Francis Zimmerer, assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church and cousin of the groom, officiated. The men's choir sang the Mass of the Angels, accompanied by Anthony Luke at the pipe organ.

The bride wore a white taffeta, floor-length formal wedding gown, and a fingertip veil held in place with real rose buds. She carried white roses and lilies.

Her sister Armella Flusche was maid of honor. Norbert Zimmerer of Lindsay was best man for his brother.

Breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. A family reunion was held during the afternoon.



Muenster Library Director Jody Thomas, left, and volunteer Terri Barrett, recognize winner Alex Turner. Courtesy photo

Sterling swims into fourth

Sterling Grace Dominica Republic, Jackie Walterscheid celebrated her fourth birthday with a dolphin swimming party at Emler's swim school in Arlington. The celebration was held on her actual birthday Sunday, July 25. Guests enjoyed swimming in the indoor pool, eating pizza, cake and ice cream. Videos and pictures were made throughout the party. Sterling received many nice gifts from all of her guests.

Attending her party were her parents Jennifer and Darren Walterscheid; big sister Kimber Louise; grandparents Judy and Jim Vernor of Arlington and Pat Walterscheid of Muenster; aunts, uncles and cousins Jill, Jimmy, Jamie, and Jacqueline Vernor of Arlington; Jeffrey, Christy, Lilly, and Leo Vernor of San Antonio, Brenda and Frankie Leon of The

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Sterling Walterscheid

Library concludes reading program

On Saturday, July 31, approximately 50 folks celebrated the end of the Muenster Public Library's 2004 Summer Reading Program with cookies and lemonade at a party sponsored by the Friends of the Library Board. This year, more than 150 area children participated in the eight-week program which featured free ice cream cones from the local D.I. and the Sonic for every 20 books read, Tuesday morning storytimes, puppet shows, and guest readers. More than 60 kids read at least 20 books and received Texas Reading Club Certificates signed by Governor Rick

Perry and Peggy D. Rudd, the State Librarian.

Each child attending the party received two books, a door prize, and a chance at winning the special door prize, a limited edition Texas State Bear, donated by the Crafty Olde German Gift Shoppe. Alex Turner of Saint Jo was the lucky winner of the State Bear.

"Our energetic volunteer Terri Barrett set a goal this year to make the library a very 'kid friendly' place for the summer. The attendance totals were way up from last year, with

almost 300 kids and parents attending the Pre-School Storytimes, so we know she succeeded," said Library Director Jody Thomas. "Without Terri, there would be no Summer Reading Program. She provides the craft materials and directs the kids during craft times, lines up guest readers and puppeteers, keeps track of attendance records, and even donates many of the award items for the party." The puppet shows were written and performed by the following youth volunteers: Caitlyn Barrett,

Ashton Barrett, Heather Harrison, Julia Tripodi, Corey Pumphrey, Lia Smith, Katie McAden, Matthew McAden, Taylor Klement, and Ally Trubenbach.

Storytime readers included Jacqueline Flusche, Dana Knight, Katie McAden, Taylor Klement, Ally Trubenbach, Megan Rohmer, Lisa Pagel, and Lisa McAden. Craft helpers were Stacie Knabe, Carlynn Barrett, Heather Harrison, Melissa Thomas, Shelby Anderson, and Jessy Anderson.

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New Arrival

Fuhrmann

Richard and Carrie Fuhrmann of San Antonio and their children Matthew, Jill, and Zachary announce with joy the birth of Daniel Stephen on Saturday, July 3, 2004 at 1:11 a.m. weighing 8 lb. 5 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. The grandparents are Leon and Sandra Fuhrmann of Muenster and Elmer and Katherine Greene of San Antonio. Great-grandparents are Edward and Aileen Cler of Muenster, and Irene Wilson of San Antonio.



Daniel Fuhrmann

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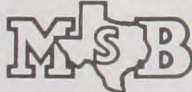
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Shana Haverkamp has been with Hess Furniture for 6+ years. Terri Hess works part-time. Steve (Shaw) Henscheid and Chuck Koesler help out with moving the furniture to their desired destinations. Kim would like to thank all her customers for their patronage and to Muenster State Bank for their generosity. "Come by and see us. We're getting a new look."



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Bindel shares hair with Locks of Love

Briana Bindel, 11 year old daughter of Ben and Tina Bindel, got a very special hair cut. She cut her hair for Locks of Love. Locks of Love is a not-for-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 with medical hair loss. These custom-fitted hair prosthetics are provided free of charge or on a sliding scale.

"I was letting my hair get long, so I could help some other kid with cancer," Briana said.

The organization began in 1997 and has helped over 1,000 children.

Thousands of bundles of donated hair arrive from around the country. Children comprise over 80% of the donors. Donated hair is evaluated

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Monetary donations to Locks of Love are tax deductible. Donated hair that is not suitable for use in children's hairpieces may be sold at fair market value to offset the cost of manufacturing.

Briana, a 6th grade student at Muenster ISD, had Melissa Walter of The Permanent Solution cut her hair.



Melissa Walter cuts Briana Bindel's hair for Locks of Love. Courtesy photo

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When callers dial 2-1-1, they are directed to an area information center, which is run by a community group and staffed with certified information referral specialists. Each center has a database of services available in the area, including state services, food pantries, career services, after-school

programs, counseling services, and many other nonprofit resources. The centers are constantly expanding their databases.

To reach 2-1-1 Texas, just dial 2-1-1 or visit www.helpintexas.com for a list of area information centers and other ways to find services, hotlines, and more. Callers using a cell phone may need to call an area information center directly, and the local phone numbers are available on the Internet site. New technology soon will allow all cell phone users to access 2-1-1 directly.

Lunch menus

WEEK OF AUG. 23 - 27

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Chili dogs, pinto beans, coleslaw, oranges.

Tues. - Ham, cheesy potatoes, green peas, fruit cocktail, bread.

Wed. - Beef spaghetti, corn, green salad, peaches, garlic bread.

Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes/gravy, carrots, cake.

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

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Burritos w/cheese and chili, Spanish rice, beans, peaches, blueberry square.

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

Wed. - Sub sandwiches w/ham and cheese, chips and salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, bananas, animal cookies.

Thurs. - Popcorn chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onion, French fries, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Pepperoni pizza, corn, lettuce salad, fresh fruit, bread.

Tues. - Tacos w/trimmings, pinto beans, Spanish rice, applesauce, bread.

Wed. - Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, mixed vegetables, peaches, bread.

Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, carrots, lettuce salad, pineapple, bread.

Fri. - Barbecue on a bun, oven fries, carrot/celery sticks, pickle wedges, ice cream.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken spaghetti or mini corn dogs, green beans, tossed salad, breadstick.

Tues. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, corn, tossed salad, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

Wed. - Turkey pot pie or steak fingers, broccoli and cheese, tossed salad, sliced peaches, rice krispy treat.

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

Fri. - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, potato chips, orange half, pickle spears, ice cream.

KMB prepares for a money year

Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB) works to improve the appearance of the community, instill pride, and provide a positive impact on the economic development and prosperity of the community. KMB is eligible every three years to win the big prize of \$65,000 in beautification, which helps to accomplish these goals. Previous prizes won in 1999 and 2002 beautified the first and second blocks of Main Street on Texas Department of Transportation right-of-way property. Muenster is now eligible to win the big Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) to continue Muenster beautification projects.

It takes a great deal of work from community volunteers and the KMB Board and committees to

win the GCAA. On Aug. 12 KMB held its annual membership meeting where new Board members and officers were elected. In attendance were Leah Vinson, Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman, Scott Figueiredo, Stephanie Bierschenk, David Bright, Joe Bright, Juanita Bright, Cathy Otto, Margie Starke, Kay Broyles, Steve Broyles, MaryLee Alford, Carl Alford, Mary Bartush, Tara Swirczynski, Kristi Schneider, Sean Fuhrmann, Ted Otto, Zach Zanchetta, and Mayor Henry Weinzapfel.

President Juanita Bright called the meeting to order and Steve Broyles gave the treasurer's report. MaryLee Alford passed out KMB membership applications, KMB committee sign-up sheets, and forms to gather ideas from the Community for Keep Muenster

Beautiful". Alford also informed everyone that members of Keep Muenster Beautiful are welcome to review the "books", including the minutes and treasurer's reports at any time.

Board members re-elected are MaryLee Alford, Carl Alford, and Steve Broyles. Stephanie Bierschenk and

Kristi Schneider were nominated and elected to the Board to serve three-year terms. Youth representatives nominated and elected to the Board by acclamation are Ryan Fuhrmann and Leah Vinson, both of whom are juniors at MISD, and MISD senior Tara Swirczynski. Sean Fuhrmann continues

president, Kay Broyles; president elect, Kristi Schneider; vice president, Tara Swirczynski; 2nd vice president, Sean Fuhrmann; treasurer, Steve Broyles; and secretary, MaryLee Alford. Other Board members continuing their three-year terms are Juanita Bright, Kay Broyles, Deanna Hellman,



KMB members and Board meet to plan a successful year in hopes of winning another Governor's Community Achievement Award. Courtesy photo

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to serve on the KMB Board as a senior youth representative from MISD. Stephen LaChance is a senior representative from Sacred Heart serving on the KMB Board this year.

KMB is looking for another senior and two juniors from Sacred Heart interested in serving as youth representatives on the KMB Board this year. The membership voted to add "president elect" to the slate of officers to ensure the next president is in line and groomed to govern during his/her time of service in the following year. Officers for 2004-05 elected to the Board are:

Scott Reed, Margie Starke, and Scott Figueiredo.

Mayor Henry Weinzapfel was presented with the "Gold Star" award from Keep Texas Beautiful on behalf of the City of Muenster. He was also presented with a signed and personalized first edition KTB Christmas ornament as Mayor for his personal support of Keep Muenster Beautiful. Juanita Bright was presented with a signed and personalized first edition KTB Christmas ornament in appreciation of her service as president during 2003-2004.

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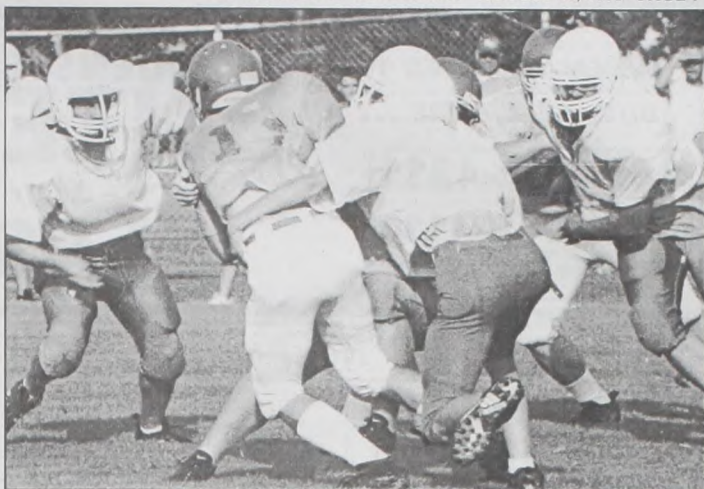
Muenster's junior varsity defense pulls down an Alvord runner in Saturday's scrimmage. Janie Hartman photo

Friday Night Scrimmages

Muenster
vs
Aubrey
Aubrey - 5 p.m.

Sacred Heart
vs
Overton
Mesquite - 6 p.m.

Lindsay
vs
State School
Lindsay - 6 p.m.



The Tiger defense gang up on an S&S ball carrier. Sacred Heart's defense controlled the scrimmage, allowing the Rams little yardage. Janie Hartman photo



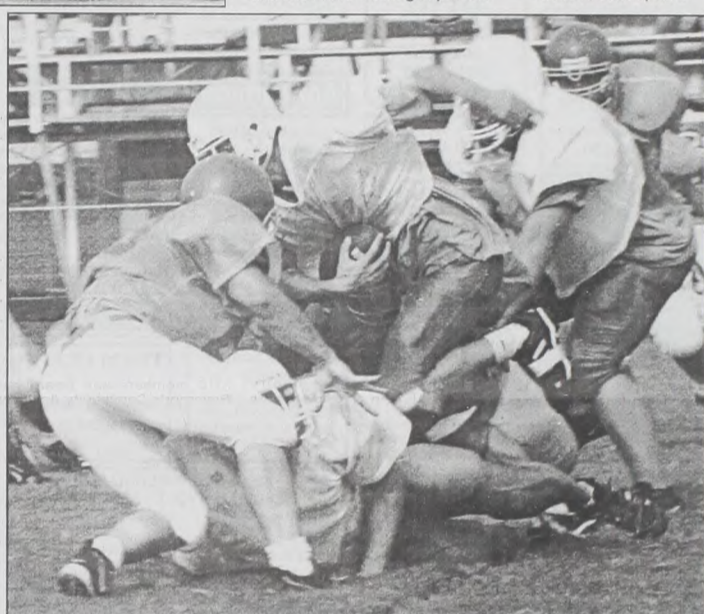
The Muenster offensive linemen open a hole in the Alvord line for the Hornet runner in Muenster's opening scrimmage last Saturday morning. Janie Hartman photo



A Muenster running back gets in a good run to the wide right sideline with a Bulldog in pursuit. Janie Hartman photo



The Lindsay quarterback is given plenty of time to get off a pass behind the Knight offensive blockers in last Friday's scrimmage with Prosper. Janie Hartman photo



The Sacred Heart offensive linemen open up a hole for the Tiger runner in the Tiger scrimmage with the S&S Rams Saturday morning. Janie Hartman photo



The Knight defense put pressure on a Prosper ball carrier, causing a fumble. Janie Hartman photo

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(Published on August 20, 2004.)

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rule of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Telephone 512-463-6791.

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County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
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Test helps identify fertile bulls

By Steve Byrns
TexasA&M Ag Program
It's been said that "a bull is half the calf crop." In reality, that varies a lot more than many realize, said a livestock specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension.

A bull that is a fertile and active breeder may sire 80 or more calves in a season, whereas a less fertile bull will sire only a few or even none, said Dr. Bruce Carpenter. A good bull offers genetic merit, but fertility is paramount to getting those genes into the herd.

Carpenter, who is based at Fort Stockton, said the need becomes even greater in single-sire herds where the fate of an entire calf crop from 25 or more cows may depend on only one bull.

He said the "Repro Test," recently demonstrated at Texas A&M's Beef Cattle Short-Course in College Station, may help worried cattlemen get a bit more sleep.

"The Repro Test detects a protein in bull semen called 'fertility associated antigen' or FAA," said Carpenter. "All else being equal (semen quality, healthy bulls, etc.) FAA-positive bulls are 16 percent to 19 percent more fertile than those testing negative for the protein."

"FAA positive bulls settle more cows and they do it earlier in the breeding season. The benefit of FAA positive bulls even helps with artificially bred females, because research has shown they require fewer services to become pregnant."

Until this year, Carpenter said, the fertility antigen test was tedious and required a three-day laboratory procedure. The Repro Test, however, can be conducted "chute-side" with results being ready within 20 minutes.

"The new test uses a lateral flow cassette, which looks like a home pregnancy test," said Carpenter. "Cassettes cost about \$30 each, but a bull only needs to be tested once for FAA in his lifetime (after puberty). The trait is believed to be moderately heritable in male offspring."

The test does not eliminate the need for annual bull exams and fertility tests, he said, but it does add accuracy to the conventional breeding soundness exam.

"The FAA test is not a cure-all," said Carpenter. "There are many factors that can and do affect a bull's fertility. Breeding soundness exams, while not perfect, are still the best way to predict an

individual's fertility. Exams must be done each year before breeding season. Annual exams are necessary because things like semen quality can change, or a bull may get sick or injured, compromising his breeding potential."

According to Carpenter, the fertility associated antigen, formerly called heparin binding protein, was identified 15 years ago at the University of Arizona by Dr. Roy Ax.

"His lab did all the early basic research, literally at the molecular level," Carpenter said. "When it came time to evaluate live breeding animals, much of that research was conducted on Texas ranches. Texas A&M scientists collaborated with Dr. Ax's lab to conduct some of the large-scale breeding trials necessary to prove the test's effectiveness."

"To-date, 600 bulls and 15,000 cows have been evaluated. Their research findings leave little doubt about the desirable qualities of FAA positive bulls."

For more information contact an Extension office or visit www.reprotest.us

Fall Armyworms

We are beginning to hear reports of large numbers of armyworms in the county. The weather has been just right for them to thrive. Outbreaks of the fall armyworm usually follow wet seasons, especially during the summer and early fall. These caterpillars can cause major damage to many crops, both in the field and around the house, including corn, small grains, grain sorghum, and grasses. The tiny larva begins feeding immediately after hatching on the shell of the egg from which it hatched, but soon attacks plants near the surface of the soil. The larvae grow rapidly and within 2 or 3 days begin to devour the plants.

Fall armyworms are the larval form of a moth. The moth is about 3/4 inch long and approximately 1 1/2 inches across its outspread wings. The forewings of the male are grayish and have a mottled appearance, with an irregular white spot near the tip. The female's forewings usually are duller than those of the male. The hind wings of both sexes have a pinkish-white luster, bordered by a smoky-brown band. The moth lays eggs at night in clusters of 50 to several hundred, preferably on blades of grass and frequently on lawn grass. The eggs hatch in 2 to 4 days. The larva becomes full grown in 2 to 3 weeks at which time it burrows into the soil 1 to 2 inches and pupates, where it remains for about 8 to 10 days and emerges as an adult. There may be five to ten generations annually.

Weed Control Recommendations in Wheat

Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Texas Cooperative Extension small grains specialist, has some weed control recommendations for producers planting wheat this fall. "Weeds may be controlled in cropland through cultural, mechanical, and chemical means. Use these methods judiciously - individually or in combination - to manage weeds effectively without causing economic loss or environmental harm."

"Selecting the proper management strategy(ies) to implement depends largely on the target weed(s) and the infestation level. Also, the timing of mechanical measures depends in large part on the crop type."

Considerations for cultural and mechanical

weed control:

- * Use weed-free seed to protect against weed infestations in the row and to prevent the introduction of new weed species or herbicide resistant weeds.

- * Clean harvesting equipment thoroughly before moving from one field to the next, or require it of custom harvesters before they enter the field.

- * Before planting in conventional tillage systems, use mechanical tillage to remove initial weed flushes, thereby reducing or eliminating the potential for continued infestation.

- * Rotate crops that physically out-compete certain weeds, resulting in their gradual decline.

- * Remove light or spotty infestations of weeds by hand hoeing or spot cultivation to prevent weed seed production and the spread of rhizomes or roots.

- * Exercise caution when plowing perennial weeds, being careful to prevent the transport and spread of plant parts to other areas of the field.

Strategies for managing herbicide-resistant weeds:

- * Employ integrated weed management strategies. Use herbicides only when necessary, and combine their use with mechanical, cultural, or biological methods.

- * Rotate or mix herbicides with different modes of action.

- * If possible, rotate crops where herbicide rotations are feasible.

- * Scout fields regularly to look for resistant weed populations.

- * Control the weed escapes (treat the same as a newly established invasive species).

- * Plant weed-free wheat seed.

- * Clean tillage and harvest equipment to prevent the spread of resistant species.

Chemical Recommendations

Amber (DF), Finesse (DF), and Trifluralin 4 EC are labeled to prevent various weeds when incorporated into the soil pre-planting. Amber, Finesse, Glean FC, Hoelon 3 (EC), and Maverick Pro are labeled as pre-emergent herbicides for control of some weeds in wheat. When deciding if any of these choices are right for you, always read label instructions, know what weed you are targeting, when to apply, herbicide residual, and if there are grazing or other restrictions associated with the herbicide.

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Future Events:

Aug. 28 - 2nd Annual Cooke County Equine Farm Tour * Meet at NCTC Equine Facilities 1:00 p.m.

Sept. 8 - Texas Beef Quality Producer Training (BQA) levels I & II, Decatur Civic Center

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Tuesday, Aug. 17, the Market conducted the sale of 351 goats, 168 sheep, and 117 hogs. The numbers from last week were 373 goats, 69 sheep, and 89 hogs respectively.

Feeder Steers (per lb.)	Stocker Cows (per head)	Ewes (per lb.)
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.50-1.70; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.30; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, \$800-\$1090; 1.32-1.60; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.24; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.22-1.29; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.22; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.24; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.08; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.08-1.22; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.16; Crossbreds: \$190-98-1.12; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-275-98. <td>Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$550-\$800; Medium Frame: \$500-\$800; Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1230; Medium Frame: \$800-\$1000; Holstein Baby Calves: \$75-110; Crossbreds: \$190-275-98. <td>Stocker: 60-70; Thin: 30-45; Fat: 55-65; Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 50-75; Fat: 50-65; Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$20-\$50; Ewes: \$30-\$55; Bucks: \$75-\$340; Goats (per head) Kids: 20-\$35; \$15-\$40; 35-\$55 lbs. \$25-\$60; 55-75 lbs. \$45-\$85; Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs. \$75-\$125; Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$55-\$175; Milk Type: \$40-\$130; Slaughter: Thin: \$25-\$45; Fat: \$55-\$85; Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up: Breeders: \$75-\$145; Slaughter: \$60-\$170; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: \$55-\$100; 3/4 Nanny: \$55-\$100; Full Nanny: \$85-\$175; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy: \$80-\$165; NT: Full Billy: \$80-\$165.</td> </td>	Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$550-\$800; Medium Frame: \$500-\$800; Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1230; Medium Frame: \$800-\$1000; Holstein Baby Calves: \$75-110; Crossbreds: \$190-275-98. <td>Stocker: 60-70; Thin: 30-45; Fat: 55-65; Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 50-75; Fat: 50-65; Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$20-\$50; Ewes: \$30-\$55; Bucks: \$75-\$340; Goats (per head) Kids: 20-\$35; \$15-\$40; 35-\$55 lbs. \$25-\$60; 55-75 lbs. \$45-\$85; Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs. \$75-\$125; Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$55-\$175; Milk Type: \$40-\$130; Slaughter: Thin: \$25-\$45; Fat: \$55-\$85; Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up: Breeders: \$75-\$145; Slaughter: \$60-\$170; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: \$55-\$100; 3/4 Nanny: \$55-\$100; Full Nanny: \$85-\$175; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy: \$80-\$165; NT: Full Billy: \$80-\$165.</td>	Stocker: 60-70; Thin: 30-45; Fat: 55-65; Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 50-75; Fat: 50-65; Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$20-\$50; Ewes: \$30-\$55; Bucks: \$75-\$340; Goats (per head) Kids: 20-\$35; \$15-\$40; 35-\$55 lbs. \$25-\$60; 55-75 lbs. \$45-\$85; Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs. \$75-\$125; Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$55-\$175; Milk Type: \$40-\$130; Slaughter: Thin: \$25-\$45; Fat: \$55-\$85; Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up: Breeders: \$75-\$145; Slaughter: \$60-\$170; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: \$55-\$100; 3/4 Nanny: \$55-\$100; Full Nanny: \$85-\$175; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy: \$80-\$165; NT: Full Billy: \$80-\$165.
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200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.24-1.40; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.09; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.22-1.38; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.22; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.29; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.15; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.09-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.09; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.03-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.03; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 92-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, 71-92; Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter: Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2: 1.00-2.00; 0.50 lbs. 5950-80; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 53-6150; Cutter: 25-53. <td>US #1: 230-270; 55-59; US #2: 220-280; 50-55; Feeder (per head): 100-125 lbs. \$55-\$85; 25-90 lbs. \$25; Sows (per lb.) Feeder: 400 or less: 20-50; Light wt. 400-500: 40-50; Med. wt. 500-600: 42-48; Heavy wt. 600+: 45-48; Boars: (per lb.) 300 lb. up: 05-17; 200-300 lbs.: 10-25; Light wt.: 20-30; Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs. \$1.00-\$1.10; Light lambs: 40-90 lbs. \$95-\$1.10; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs. 85-\$1.05. <td>120 lbs-up: Breeders: \$75-\$145; Slaughter: \$60-\$170; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: \$55-\$100; 3/4 Nanny: \$55-\$100; Full Nanny: \$85-\$175; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy: \$80-\$165; NT: Full Billy: \$80-\$165.</td> </td>	US #1: 230-270; 55-59; US #2: 220-280; 50-55; Feeder (per head): 100-125 lbs. \$55-\$85; 25-90 lbs. \$25; Sows (per lb.) Feeder: 400 or less: 20-50; Light wt. 400-500: 40-50; Med. wt. 500-600: 42-48; Heavy wt. 600+: 45-48; Boars: (per lb.) 300 lb. up: 05-17; 200-300 lbs.: 10-25; Light wt.: 20-30; Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs. \$1.00-\$1.10; Light lambs: 40-90 lbs. \$95-\$1.10; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs. 85-\$1.05. <td>120 lbs-up: Breeders: \$75-\$145; Slaughter: \$60-\$170; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: \$55-\$100; 3/4 Nanny: \$55-\$100; Full Nanny: \$85-\$175; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy: \$80-\$165; NT: Full Billy: \$80-\$165.</td>	120 lbs-up: Breeders: \$75-\$145; Slaughter: \$60-\$170; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: \$55-\$100; 3/4 Nanny: \$55-\$100; Full Nanny: \$85-\$175; Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy: \$80-\$165; NT: Full Billy: \$80-\$165.

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