

## 2005 Fourth of July Weekend touched by tragedies

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Members of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department spent a good part of their July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend responding to various accidents and fires. At times they hadn't wrapped up one call before another came in and some left one scene to respond to another call.

The first call came on Saturday when they were called in as first responders to a motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 82 west of Muenster. It involved an SUV and a truck. There were two people in the SUV and both had to be extracted with special equipment. CareFlite took them to a Metroplex hospital.

Sixteen firemen worked the accident scene for about an hour and an half. Just as they were completing their duties there, another call came in.

A grass fire was reported on CR 417, which is northeast of Muenster. An estimated 10 acres were burned. Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe reported that the fire started in some hay that had fallen along the roadside and had been there for a few days. He said that it's suspected that this fire was set deliberately.

On Sunday, the MVFD was called at 11:53 a.m. to a possible drowning at 1203 CR 442. Recovery efforts were begun when the firemen arrived on the scene at 12:05 p.m. "They were making hooks out of everything imaginable," Knabe noted. The local department is not equipped with the items to drag a pond or lake.

Calls for assistance were made and more help arrived at 12:45 p.m. After an hour of searching, the body of 25-year old Jaime Olvera Alva was recovered.

This call occupied 17 firefighters for three hours from MVFD. Also assisting with the search or bringing equipment were firefighters from Myra and Moss Lake.

Not long after the MVFD returned from the drowning victim call, they were called out again. This time they were first responders to a motorcycle accident north of Muenster. It occurred at FM 373 and CR 414. "Knabe said, 'The couple did not appear to have life threatening injuries and were transported by Cooke County EMS to

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Muenster Volunteer Fire Department personnel and local citizens attend to victims involved in an accident west of town. Scott Wood photo

### Man drowns in pond north of town

**By Janet Felderhoff**

Jaime Olvera Alva, a 25-year old Hispanic man, drowned in a pond near 1203 CR 442 north of Muenster on Sunday, July 3. He was fishing with his brother-in-law, Luis Jasso of 13622 FM 1630 Muenster, when the disaster occurred. Alva had only been in the U.S. a short time. The pond was on property owned by Ron Trubenbach.

Jim Carter of the Cooke County Sheriff's Department said that there was nothing suspicious about the death. The two Hispanic men were fishing and decided to walk across a peninsula on the pond. It had a lot of debris and they got caught up in it. The one got to shore, but the other was still under water and his brother-in-law was unable to rescue him. The surviving fisherman ran to their vehicle and went to a home nearby to get help.

Cooke County District Attorney Cindy Stormer learned of the situation and being fluent in Spanish, she came to interpret for the rescuers. Stormer's residence is in the neighborhood of the drowning incident.

According to Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe, the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department was called in as first responders at 11:53 a.m. They arrived at the scene at 12:05 p.m. and immediately began rescue efforts. They fashioned hooks out all sorts of items in an effort to find the victim. The Muenster VFD is not presently equipped to drag bodies of water for drowning victims.

Knabe said that from what he understood, the man who drowned could not swim, but the one who survived could swim. "It appeared that they were using a throw net when it was tangled on debris in the water," Knabe said. "Thinking the water was shallow, they both went in to retrieve the net not knowing the depth. They were soon into water over their heads (10-12 feet)."

The recovery effort took about an hour. Alva's body was found at 1:05 p.m. Game Warden Jim Lundberg arrived at the scene after the body was found. He was an hour and a half's drive away when he got the report and headed to Muenster with boats and equipment that could be used to recover the man's body. The game warden said that he spoke with the Muenster Fire Department about plans to build the proper equipment for water rescue, and training for those who would use it. He noted that with Lake Muenster going

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### CareFlite transports two from accident

**By Janet Felderhoff**

Traffic was backed up for over a mile in the westbound lane of Hwy. 82 Saturday, July 2 as a result of a two-vehicle accident. The accident occurred about 2:11 p.m. near CR 351 (milepost 494), which is 2.1 miles west of Muenster.

Involved was a 2003 green Ford Explorer (SUV) driven by Quentin Luther Brown, Jr., age 44, of Clover, South Carolina, and a 1963 blue Ford flatbed truck driven by Jack Dangelmayr, age 48, of Muenster. Brown's wife Donna, age 41, was a front seat passenger, as was Dangelmayr's brother James. Dangelmayrs were hauling a load of sand.

According to a witness report given to Cpl. Mike Linnell of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the truck had traveled onto U.S. Hwy. 82 westbound from a crossover and was traveling in the outside (right) lane at about 40 mph trying to gain speed going down a grade. The Ford Explorer was traveling west at about 70 mph approaching the truck's rear. Brown swerved left to avoid a collision, but his vehicle's right front collided with the back left of the truck. According to Cpl. Linnell, the SUV's passenger side took the brunt of the impact. Neither airbag was deployed.

After impact, the SUV spun 180 degrees onto the center median and came to rest facing southeast. The truck came to rest on the westbound grass shoulder facing west. The Browns were trapped in the SUV. Both Dangelmayrs were uninjured.

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department acted as first responders to the accident. Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe reported that there were 16 firemen at the scene. The couple in the SUV had to be extracted. Linnell said that the Muenster firemen and Cooke County EMS worked to cut the posts of the vehicle to get them out safely.

"The Muenster guys and EMS did an outstanding job keeping them stable while working with the tools and fighting off the heat," commented Cpl. Linnell. "They kept them stable and got them out and on CareFlite." He noted that the firemen's clothing is heavy and it was a hot afternoon, but they worked quickly.

The Muenster VFD spent about an hour and an half at the accident. CareFlite took the Browns to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. According to Linnell, both remain in ICU at JPS.

### Myra Post Office holds special stamp cancellation



Lynda Hacker shows off the refreshments at the Myra Post Office. The Myra pictorial cancellation was held July 1. Cookies and punch were served to all who came in. Everyone who purchased a book of stamps or a Postal Bear was included in a drawing. At closing, the name was drawn and Mrs. Grace McLain won the Postal Bank. Deborah Wood photo

### Gainesville Chamber saddles rodeo

Dodge Rodeo is bringing the horsepower to the Gainesville Chamber Rodeo. So grab your hat, pull on your boots, and head to the Gainesville Riding Club Arena on July 13, 15, and 16. There's going to be a stampede at the Gainesville Riding Club Arena for the events of pro-rodeo.

This year's rodeo is bigger, better, and tougher than ever before. All the excitement of professional rodeo, America's original sport, will be featuring top rodeo cowboys and cowgirls as they "Grab Life by the Horns" to win top prize money and championship titles.

Rodeo week kicks off with the American Bank of Texas Mixer, scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Rodeo Kick-off Mixer will be located in the parking lot of the Bank on the corner of Broadway and Dixon Streets in downtown Gainesville. A special appearance by Rodeo Clown & Funny Man, "Bugs" Poteet, will take place at the mixer as he gets one and all ready for the excitement of rodeo action. Special events throughout

the weekend include the Little Buckaroo and Buckarete Contest to be held Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m. prior to the rodeo events at the Gainesville Riding Club Arena. All you little buckaroos and buckaretes come out dressed in your western wear and compete for great prizes. The ever-popular sheep-riding event will also take place for the little cowboys and cowgirls. Thursday is Kid's Night at the Arena - all kids under the age of 12 get in free.

The Gainesville Chamber Rodeo kicks off on Thursday, July 14, at 8 p.m. Dwane "Bugs" Poteet is the featured comedian. He will be entertaining fans young and old. And when it comes to everyone's favorite event, bull riding, protection is his game along with long time bullfighter, Donnie Smith of Mount Pleasant.

Rodeo is the sport of sports for cowboys and cowgirls alike. The 19th Annual Gainesville Chamber Rodeo will feature the seven classic events: Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Barrel Racing, and

Bull Riding. Contestants from all over the region and some international competitors come to Gainesville for the excitement of rodeo action and to compete for lots of prize money. Gainesville's Rodeo is one of the top produced rodeos each year, and the added money the contestant's vie for entices some of the best cowboys and cowgirls in the sport.

To experience the best rodeo action allowed by law, come out and see the Gainesville Chamber Rodeo on July 14, 15, and 16. While you're there, you can "Grab Life by the Horns" with the horsepower of a new Dodge when you visit the Dodge rodeo display at the rodeo.

Grab your tickets now at one of these ticket outlets: Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, American Bank of Texas, GNB Financial, First State Bank, First American Bank, and Gainesville Factory Shops, or participating Rodeo queen and princess contestants. For more info on the Rodeo contact the Chamber at (940) 665-2831.

### Lindsay Board works on 2005-06 details

**By Janet Felderhoff**

Lindsay ISD's Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, June 28. They spent a good deal of time discussing the preliminary budget for the 2005-06 school year. No final action can be taken until the State Legislature completes

its business on school finance. The search has begun to find an administrator to replace Jerry Metzler who has accepted a position with the Education Service Center.

Superintendent Metzler announced that the Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department had donated an AED and training for staff members.

Another tour was made on the gymnasium under construction and of the parking lot. Late August is when the gym completion is anticipated. Change orders presented by Ron Hamm of FabCrete were considered. Approved were change orders

for the lock system, scoreboard, and louvers for approximately \$3,600.

Rick White, who was hired as an assistant coach and social studies teacher, requested that his private school experience be included in his salary scale. That would be an additional two steps. Metzler recommended that the Board approve the request for the additional four-year service credit for his private school employment at Notre Dame High School. Approval was unanimous.

Coach John Erwin reported that the softball team had been accepted into a district

for play for 2005-06. Work on the softball field is expected to begin soon.

Monica Parkhill reviewed the preliminary TAKS results for grades K-12. Strengths, weaknesses, and plans for improvements were discussed.

In other business the Board:

- Approved the 2004-05 audit engagement letter with Hess and Rohmer, P.C. for a cost of \$13,905.

- Approved transfer requests for one student to each of the following grades: 7<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and kindergarten.

### Ribbon cutting held at Cler's Teahaus



The Muenster Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Cler's Teahaus into the local business community with a ribbon cutting Wednesday morning. Attending were (l-r): Renee Knabe, Dolores Mau, Linda Knabe, Armella Cler, Kevin Henley, Mike Smith, Henry Weinzapfel, Neil Hesse, Margie Starke, Peggy Grewing, Kirk Klement, Debbie Cler, Joey Anderson, Carolyn McPherson, Amy Henley, Don Rohmer, and Robert Weinzapfel. Janie Hartman photo

# Crime addressed at County budget hearings

The District Attorney's office has been extremely productive in the past six months, especially in reducing the pre-trial felony jail population. This list was 91 felons in early January. It is 42 pre-trial felons now. This is a reduction of 49 prisoners at \$44 per day (cost to house prisoners), which amounts to \$2,156 per day that the District Attorney's Office is saving Cooke County taxpayers (\$767,536 per year savings).

Gainesville police advise there have been no drive-by shootings in Gainesville since the prosecution of Bill Cason in March (several others were convicted in association with the Christopher Riley murder and are now in Huntsville; John Kevin Roberts, Jason Gilpin and Bill Rowland). Prior to that trial there were three to four drive by shootings in Gainesville per week.

District Attorney Cindy Stormer presented statistics at recent budget hearings that indicate that the District Attorney's office is preparing on more than seven times as many cases for trials as were prepared in the same time period in 2004. She stated

that 336 cases have been disposed of in the first six months of 2005 (354 were disposed of in all of 2004).

Stormer's charts indicated that 27 cases set for trial in the first six months of 2004 (average of 4.5 per month) 197 cases set for trial in the first six months of 2005 (average of 32.8 per month).

There has been a 64% increase from 2004 in the number of cases filed by police.

The District Attorney's office has tripled the number of indictments (96 in the first six months of 2004; 292 in the first six months of 2005).

The statistics presented indicated that the District Attorney's Office has:

1. Disposed of twice as many cases;
2. Tried more than twice the year trials;
3. Tripled the indictments;
4. Prepared on more than seven times as many cases for trial.

Even moving cases at this record setting pace; the dispositions are staying even with the number of cases that the police are filing, making it impossible with current resources to overcome the backlog of over 700 cases.

Most of those criminals are out of jail, on bond, awaiting trial. Stormer stated, "The jail is as full (for the most part) because of all the people that were out on bond for years are now convicted and awaiting transport to Huntsville, for example, Jeffrey Wheeler convicted last week of DWI from 2002 and is now in jail awaiting transfer to a Substance Abuse Punishment Facility. It is currently a 45 day wait in our jail after conviction before transport to Huntsville." Stormer stated that the District Attorney's office is getting criminals off the streets of Cooke County and to Huntsville in record numbers, with approximately 200 sentences to the Texas Department of Corrections having been obtained this year alone, but went on to state that she would like an additional prosecutor to deal with the backlog and the drug problem which is causing an increased workload. Stormer claimed that an additional prosecutor would actually save the taxpayers money by allowing the cases to be moved to faster. She stated, "Delays always cost more and work in favor of the criminal."

You can have a 1000 bed jail facility and a police officer behind every tree, but until you expend some resources to allow the District Attorney's office to do our job appropriately, to get those criminals to Huntsville where they belong, we'll still be in the same situation."

Sheriff Compton's budget presentation confirmed the statistics that District Attorney Stormer presented. He further presented statistics showing that Cooke County leads other counties of comparable size in the area of drug offenses (286 in Cooke to a 162 average in other counties); weapons violations (50 in Cooke County to a 16 average in other counties); driving while intoxicated offenses (326 in Cooke to a 251 average in other counties); and offenses involving drunkenness (648 in Cooke County to 295 in other counties). Compton stated "The District Attorney's Office is doing an excellent job in getting these criminals to Huntsville."

The statistics that Compton presented further showed that Cooke spent \$2,183,402 in road maintenance, while counties of comparable size spent an average of \$1,003,169 on road maintenance. Counties of comparable size have an average of two narcotics officers in their county, while Cooke County has none working for the Sheriff's Office.

Spectator Sharon McCormick addressed the Commissioner's Court after Sheriff Compton's presentation and requested that the Court give strong consideration to the requests being made in the area of law enforcement, especially in light of the very serious drug problem in Cooke County and the resulting burglaries, and concluded saying, "Roads are nothing if we are dead." Those in attendance applauded.

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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

AGENDA  
MEETING DATE - JULY 11, 2005

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, June 11, 2005.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
  2. Opening prayer.
  3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on June 6, 2005.
  4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
  5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Discuss changing rates for water purchases. Take action as necessary.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Open bids for vehicle shed. Consider and act on accepting lowest qualified bid.
  2. Consider and act on curb replacement on Sixth Street along Sacred Heart High School.
  3. Consider and act on audit engagement letter for fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.
  4. Consider and act on Settlement Agreement between TU Electric Delivery and the Steering Committee of Cities served by TXU Electric Delivery.
  5. Consider and act on Park Board recommendation regarding request for use of City park.
  6. Consider and act on approval of budgeted item regarding tree trimming in City park.
  7. Consider and act on adopting resolution allowing MIDCO to borrow funds for Muenster Water District lake project.
  8. Receive quarterly police activities report.
  9. Review and act on monthly bills.
  10. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
  11. Adjourn.

- NOTES:**
1. The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this agenda.
  2. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, when it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.
  3. People with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact Micallee Matson at 759-2236 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
- This is to certify that I, Micallee Matson, posted this agenda on the outside bulletin board by the front door of City Hall at 1 pm on July 5, 2005.

*Micallee Matson*  
Micallee Matson, City/Secretary

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Muenster Memorial Hospital for treatment." Information was not available as of press time as to the names of those involved in the motorcycle accident.

The holiday weekend concluded with a grassfire call at about 10 p.m. to CR 316 just northwest of Muenster. Someone shooting off fireworks is thought to be the cause of the fire.

Knabe remarked, "Because of current laws and Muenster

Fire Department being classified as first responders, we cannot transport patients." CareFlite, EMS, or first responders due to the new HIPAA laws do not release names of those involved in accidents. Also Knabe noted that, "Any time a patient is flown by CareFlite, it is done after a call by an emergency medical attendant that the patient's life is in danger and the so called golden hour in the medical service."

## Drowning ...from Page 1

in, they were likely to need such equipment in the future.

Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis pronounced the death and had the body sent to Dallas for an autopsy. Judge Lewis was out of town Tuesday and Wednesday and could not be reached for more details.

There were 17 Muenster firemen who spent three hours at the drowning scene. Volunteers from Myra and Moss Lake aided either by assisting with the search or bringing equipment for use in the search effort.

## Summer display at Museum



Brides and weddings of the past continue to be a special summer exhibit at the Muenster Museum. Items on display include a collection of dolls wearing wedding dresses from the past centuries. Janie Hartman

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!						
Sunday, July 10, 2005	Monday, July 11, 2005	Tuesday, July 12, 2005	Wednesday, July 13, 2005	Thursday, July 14, 2005	Friday, July 15, 2005	Saturday, July 16, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM CASA benefit dinner & concert 5 PM G-ville VFW	Red Cross swim lessons 9 AM to Noon City Council mtg. 7:30 PM VFW mtg. 8 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	C of C breakfast mtg. 7:30 AM Rohmer's	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7-9 pm City Pool Muenster Historical Comm. mtg. 8 AM Muenster Museum G-ville Chamber Rodeo 8 PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	
Sunday, July 17, 2005	Monday, July 18, 2005	Tuesday, July 19, 2005	Wednesday, July 20, 2005	Thursday, July 21, 2005	Friday, July 22, 2005	Saturday, July 23, 2005
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# OBITUARY

Dear Editor,

Twenty-eight years ago on July 4 (1977) I left Muenster after 21 1/2 years of Benedictine service in my beloved Sacred Heart parish, school, and community (1956-1977), and am continuing in the Lord's work here at Subiaco Abbey (1977-2005).

In the Old Testament of the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 25, one is instructed to commence a jubilee upon completion of the cycle of forty-nine years (seven times seven years). As of January 2005, I have dedicated this 49th year as a special time of Thanksgiving to God for his abundant blessings bestowed upon me through the years.

I've requested of my superior, Abbot Jerome Kodell, O.S.B., for permission to close this jubilee year of Thanksgiving with a visit to Muenster this coming November during Thanksgiving week to attend Sunday Mass on Nov. 20, as well as the parish Thanksgiving dinner/picnic where I hope to see many of you in attendance at this annual homecoming event.

May the Lord continue to bless all of you.

Love and Prayers,  
Brother Thomas Moster,  
O.S.B.  
Subiaco Abbey



From My Side Of The Fence  
BY ED CLER

When my dad was in the business of selling and delivering Texoma Oil products, gasoline was shipped to Muenster in a railroad tank car. It was up to the agent to get it in his storage tanks.

Dad had one of the old style pumps that was activated by a push and pull wooden handle about five feet long. He would hire two men to transfer the products into his storage tanks. They usually spent a day pumping off a car, taking turns on the pump.

When Dad took an order, he would back his old Model-T truck to the loading dock, and the gasoline and kerosene was run into ten gallon cans that he had to haul to the farms, etc., and carry to the customer's storage - usually 55 gallon barrels.

This was hard work when compared to more modern methods. Now-a-days the fuel is delivered to the agent by tank-truck, and pumped onto the agent's storage by truck.

When these guys get an order, the fuel is pumped or run into a tank truck, which then pumps it into the customer's storage, while the driver and the customer have a little chat.

Too, the trucks now are air-conditioned and heated. The driver can listen to a radio in comfort, with the windows closed - less noise and wind. Well, that's progress.

Hay is now put up in large round bales, that can be stored outside, untouched by human hands - now that's really progress.

Manufacturers are always building machines that introduce novel and easier ways of doing things. God bless them.

405 N. Subiaco Ave. celebrated in first-class style on the 3rd largely because of the generosity of three individuals. Hoss Knabe of Ponderosa Pools and Weldon Vogel of WASCO Steel. Hoss was kind enough to pay for all the fireworks, 40 outstanding minutes, and Weldon paid for all the food and the band, great burgers and hot dogs. In addition, Weldon allowed his land to be used in the wee hours of Monday.

P.S. It is always a joy to hear from one and all: my mailing address is listed above. Although I do not have a "personal" e-mail address, I can receive e-mail here at the abbey via subiac@centurytel.net

Letter to the Editor,  
Great Citizens make a Great Community.

What a wonderful 4th of July weekend we had here in Muenster. The spirit of liberty and freedom was

Another contributor to the evening was Mark Jacobson of Rosston who amazed all with an incredible air show. Not only did this generosity provide an afternoon and evening of entertainment, but it provided the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department with a donation of more than \$2,500. Next time you see these three individuals, tell them how much you appreciate them for helping to make Muenster GREAT.  
Drew Springer  
Muenster, TX 76252

## Obeta Vanlandingham

1920 - 2005

Funeral services for Obeta Vanlandingham, age 85, of Saint Jo were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6 at McCoy Funeral Chapel in Saint Jo. Graveside service followed at 4 p.m. in Fairmont Cemetery in Hollis, Oklahoma. Obeta died in Bowie at 11:35 a.m. on Sunday, July 3, 2005.

Obeta was born April 22, 1920 in Montague, one of eight children of Jim and Cora Bell Roan Grimes. She married Rossie Lee Vanlandingham on July 7, 1939. They were the parents of six children. Obeta devoted her life to raising their children by herself after the death of her husband in 1956. She attended South Side Baptist Church in Bowie. She really enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved farming, raising and caring for livestock, gardening, walking, square dancing, and attending musicals.

Survivors include: daughters Sandra and husband George Baker of Saint Jo, Darla and husband Jerry Baker of Arlington, Teresa Perkins and fiancée Craig Martin of Fort Worth; a sister Wanda Caballero of Alameda, California; brothers Doyle and wife Bula Grimes of Amarillo, Marrion and wife Ethel Grimes of Wheeler, Texas, Clell and wife Mary Grimes of Santa Clara, California, and Kenneth and wife Pauline Grimes of Wichita Falls. Also 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, two sons, two sisters, and her parents.

## Cooke County Outstanding Citizen

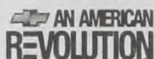
Beginning in 1986, Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) chose to recognize individuals who made outstanding contributions to the region. The Governing Body appoints a committee of board members to consider the selection of a citizen from each county, who has dedicated volunteer time and resources to his or her community. The honoree may be involved in either public nonprofit organizations or private sector business. This is an opportunity to recognize the impact of one individual whose life has truly made a difference for the Texoma Region.

This year's honorees were recognized at the Annual Awards meeting held June 16. Outstanding Citizens were Mary Jo Graham for Cooke County, Jimmy Doyle for Fannin County, and Bill D. Benton for Grayson County. Members of the Outstanding Citizens Committee for Cooke County were James Graham, Maria Vega, and Troy Idom.

Mary Jo Graham is a lifelong resident of Cooke County, and has spent her adult life serving others in her family and her community. She attended Gainesville schools, graduating from Gainesville High School and what is now North Central Texas College. She has twin sons and five grandchildren.

She has taught religion classes at St. Mary's for a number of years; had a part in forming the Cooke County Families in Action (part of Ross Perot's Texas War on Drugs program); is a member of St. Mary's Altar Society; presently working on a history book about St. Mary's 125 years of existence in Gainesville; worked diligently on/for the building of the playground at Leonard Park; served on the MHMR Board; is an ambassador for the Chamber of Commerce; serves on the Morton Museum Board; served on Cooke County and the City of Gainesville separate sesquicentennial boards; during school she volunteers to read to little ones; is active in Arms Around the County (action group involved in prayers, drug/alcohol abuse); weekly checks on a number of "shut-in" people in the community; and willingly serves when asked.

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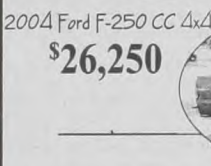
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## DAYS GONE BY..... by Elfreda Fette

### 65 YEARS AGO July 5, 1940

School merger election fails by four votes. This month's issue of Farm and Ranch magazine pays tribute to the progress and cooperative spirit of Muenster, along with views of the town's outstanding buildings. Flood at Clear Creek sweeps away 100 foot Freemound Bridge; traffic between Muenster and Forestburg is cut off, and must go by way of Saint Jo. Dora Weinzapfel enters nurses training in Fort Worth. David Trachtas, employed in oil field work in Illinois, is visiting his parents, the Henry Trachtas. Little Johnny Fisher sustained severe cut

on his arm when he fell on discharge; Sgt. First Class C.C. Blanton, husband of the former Eva Muller, is transferred to Georgia; M. Sgt. Billy Eberhart was hospitalized for five months with back fractures sustained in a faulty parachute accident. New Arrivals: Marlene Rose to Albert and Anne Herr; Mark James to Eddie and Marge Schmitt; Kathleen Ann to Joe and Anna Mae Bezner, Jr.; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Schmitz.

50 YEARS AGO  
July 8, 1955  
Muenster Swimming Pool is finished, but surroundings need lots of work. Men In Service: David Endres enlists in Navy, with training in Illinois; Mike Driever is promoted to Corporal; Pfc. Roger Wolf is radar mechanic in Fort Hood; Clyde Muller is promoted to Corporal; Pfc. John David Meurer is on leave, visiting his parents; Richard Knabe receives

25 YEARS AGO  
July 4, 1980  
City water line goes dry. The previous plan of voluntary rationing is still in effect. The home of

Kenneth and June McDougle is named "Yard of the Month" for July. Wedding: Connie Walterscheid and Glenn Grewing. Muenster area is enduring a "plague of grasshoppers". The thermometer shows scorching temperature of 113 degrees.

### Prevent accidents

Remember the 4-to-1 rule. For every 4 feet of ladder height, the bottom of the ladder should be 1 foot away from the wall or object it is leaning against. For example, a 16-foot ladder should have its base four feet from the wall. UL safety experts

### Lightning safety information

Exceeding the number of fatalities are the estimated 600-700 lightning survivors that are left with debilitating health effects each year. "While about 90 percent of those struck by lightning survive, they frequently have permanent after effects such as chronic pain, brain injury and thought processing problems," said Dr. Mary Ann Cooper, professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Illinois. NOAA

# LIFESTYLE

## Sandmann and Sparkman exchange vows in St. Peter's Church

By Elfreda Fette

Adrienne Marie Sandmann became the bride of Jordan Sparkman in a traditional double ring ceremony in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay on June 18, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. officiated by Father Ronald Scheible OSA and Pastor Larry Eberhart of Family Life Church.

The bride is the daughter of Leslie and Marilyn Sandmann of Gainesville, and the granddaughter of Charles and Mary Neu and Julius and Marie Sandmann. She is a 2001 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 2005 graduate of Midwestern State University, and received her degree in Dental Hygiene.

The groom is the son of Marty and Sharon Sparkman of Valley View, and the grandson of Tom and Patsy Sparkman and Dan and Marjorie Cason. He is a 2000 graduate of Living Heritage Academy and is employed by Dave's Electric as an electrician.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride was wearing an elegant satin ivory designer gown, by Private Collections, designed strapless with lace and crystal embellishments at the top, and an apron skirt front,

which opened to more lace and crystal embellishments at the bottom. The back of the gown was corseted and had a chapel length train.

She also wore an ivory cathedral length veil edged with pearls and bugle beads, held by a tiara with rhinestones inset into the silver bead piece.

She carried a round bouquet of cezanne pink tipped and sophie light pink roses, with an ivory sheer ribbon braided around the stems.

For tradition and sentiment and "something old", she had a penny in her shoe from the year she was born.

### ATTENDANTS

Renee Sandmann of Gainesville, bride's sister, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Lindsay Sparkman, groom's sister of Valley View; Ashlie Privett of Gainesville, friend of the bride; Jennifer Bengfort of Gainesville, cousin of the bride; and junior bridesmaid Brianne Sandmann of Gainesville, sister of the bride.

They wore rose colored designer gowns, by Eden, strapless, of matte satin, and A-line, accented with an ivory belt at the natural

waistline, adorned by a satin rose. They carried a small, round bouquet of Vandella cream roses and stems braided with sheer ivory.

Flower girl was Abby Walterscheid of Muenster, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Ryan Neu of Gainesville, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Dathan Sparkman of Valley View, groom's brother.

Groomsmen were David Walters of Valley View, friend of the groom; Scott Sparkman of Valley View, uncle of the groom; and Jonathan Bengfort of Gainesville, cousin of the bride. The junior groomsman was Aaron Sparkman of Valley View, cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Rick Sparkman of Valley View, uncle of the groom, and Donald Neu of Gainesville, uncle of the bride.

Wedding music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, organist, and vocalists Christy Hesse and Roger Dieter. Violinist was Edmond Chan. Songs included "The Rose", "How Beautiful", and "Father, Make Us One", and organ music "Canon in D" and "Trumpet Voluntary".

Church decorations included tussy mussies

with small bouquets attached to pews, and flower petals scattered down the center aisle.

### RECEPTION

A reception followed in Centennial Hall for 250 guests.

Presiding at the guest book were Danette Ramaekers and Juliann Wolf, both friends of the bride.

The bride's table was decorated by pink tulle and flower balls placed at the front of the tables, with votive candles and flower petals scattered on the tablecloths. A backdrop covered in tulle and suspended flower balls were behind the main table.

The bride's cake was made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. The groom's cake was made by Roger Dieter. Both cakes were placed in a tulle-covered gazebo.

The hall was decorated with candelabra, tulle and flower balls, and white lights.

After returning from a wedding trip to Galveston, the couple is residing in Gainesville.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Texas Roadhouse Dutchman Banquet Room, two days preceding the wedding.



Mrs. Jordan Sparkman ...nee Adrienne Sandmann ...

## CASA to host Max Stalling concert at Gainesville VFW

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of North Texas, a volunteer agency that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children, will host Max Stalling, a well-known Texas country music artist, at a dinner and concert on Sunday, July 10 at the Gainesville VFW.

The dinner will begin at 5 p.m. and will be provided by Tony Arterburn and Rodney Overholt. The benefit concert will begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at American Bank of Texas, First State Bank of Texas, Robertson Law

Office, and the CASA Grand, at 900 N. Grand, Gainesville. All proceeds will go to CASA of North Texas for the benefit of the children

Leonard Walterscheid Muenster native Leonard Walterscheid recently had heart surgery that included bypass and valve replacement. Cards will reach him at 2722 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

Did you know? Coca-Cola was originally green.



Max Stalling

## Nocona gears up for rodeo weekend

The 53rd Annual Nocona Chisholm Trail Rodeo Round-up, sponsored by the Montague Boot Company of Nocona, opens its chutes Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9 at the Nocona arena. The rodeo begins each night at 7:30 p.m. with a mutton bustin' followed by a variety of rodeo events.

"Ranching & Family Heritage" serves as the theme for the community parade on Saturday at 4 p.m. featuring the Santa Rosa Palomino Club from Vernon. The parade will feature entries from many community families. Following the parade will be a gunfight show performed by local volunteers, and a barbecue.

This year's round-up promises to continue the top quality livestock and events of past years. Events

will include saddle bronc, calf roping, barrel racing, bull riding, bare back, ranch bronc, and team roping. The Palomino Club will also perform pivots and drill at the rodeo. For youth there will be the mutton bustin', junior barrels, donkey race, and a calf scramble. Dale Lyons and Big L Rodeo are again promoting the rodeo, which is approved by the United Professional Rodeo Association (UPRA).

UPRA is in seven states and annually pays out over \$18 million dollars in prize money. Locke Bucking Bulls, headed by Johnny Locke, will also provide bucking bulls for the round-up.

A Saturday night dance featuring Mark Murphey

follows the rodeo. Local scout troops participate in the concessions stands for the two-day event as a fundraiser for local youth events and activities.

Montague Boot Company is the maker of Larry Mahan Boots for Cavenders and other boots and belts which are handcrafted in Nocona.

Tickets for the events are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the gate for adults. Children's tickets are \$3 and \$5, respectively, and children under five are free. Advance tickets are available at Gibbs Drug Store, McNabb Feed Store, and Peterson's Portrait Gallery, all in Nocona.

For more information call the Nocona Chamber of Commerce at 940-825-3526.

### NEW ARRIVAL

#### Acayan

Aileen and Richard Acayan, Jr. of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their first child, a daughter. She was born on Monday, July 4, 2005 at 7:35 a.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lb. and measured 17 3/4 inches in length. They have named her Althea Cassandra Colina Acayan. Grandparents are Richard T. Acayan, Sr. of Houston and Esmeralda B. Caspe of the Philippines and the late Alfonso and Violeta Colina.

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## Adam Vinson takes first in talent search competition

Forestburg resident Stephen Adam Vinson was the winner of the annual Montague County Farm Bureau Talent Search competition held on June 12 in Bowie. He was awarded the first place cash prize of \$140 for his piano solo,

"Moonlight Sonata" by Ludwig Von Beethoven. The next level of competition, Texas Farm Bureau District Talent Search, was held on June 28 in Henrietta where he also won first place receiving a \$1000 scholarship, \$25 Dillard's gift certificate, and a plaque. Adam performed a piano solo entitled "The Giving" by Michael W. Smith, advancing him to the Texas Farm Bureau State Talent Search competition to be held Dec. 3, 2005 in Waco. State finalists will be

competing for a \$2500 first place scholarship, additional monetary scholarships, and prizes.

Adam is a 2005 Muenster High School graduate and the son of Montague County Farm Bureau members Dr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Vinson. He is currently employed by Flying V Land and Cattle Company and is enrolled for the fall 2005 semester at Baylor University.

Farm Bureau is a member owned organization recognized as the voice of agriculture at local, state, and national levels. In addition to supporting all areas of the farming industry, Farm Bureau provides multiple annual scholarship opportunities for the youth of Farm Bureau members nationwide.



David and Diane Riley of Idalou and Jean Tomlin of Lubbock are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Roxanne to Eric Geiser. Eric is the son of Robert and Candace Geiser of Irving. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Joyce Stoneking and Paul and Roxanne Crooks of Lubbock and Jerry and Laffell Riley of Wolforth, Texas. She is a student at Texas Tech University. Grandparents of the future groom are Arlene Geiser of Dallas and Cecilia Wimmer of Muenster. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Finance and is part owner in West Texas Real Estate Resources in Lubbock. The couple plans to be married on Saturday, July 23, 2005 at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Lubbock.

## Cooke County BPW installs 2005-06 officers

Cooke County Business & Professional Women (CCBPW) installed 2005-06 officers in June at the Wooden Spoon Restaurant in Lindsay. Tina Freer, BPW Texas president for 2005-2006, was present to perform the installations.

Freer had previously served BPW Texas as president-elect, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, and state treasurer. She said the theme for the following year is courage, for yesterday, today, and tomorrow. She said the sunflower represents the courage to change because it grows tall, is beautiful and strong, it faces the sunlight, and it doesn't notice shadows.

Kim Walterscheid was installed as CCBPW president, beginning a second consecutive term. "I am so proud to have been a member of Cooke County Business & Professional Women since 2000. The organization does so many wonderful things for women. On the local level, I've made so many friends who have become wonderful support for me and the other members. In this

organization you can have fun while making a difference."

Kay Aldridge was installed as vice president, Mary Huneycutt of Schalk & Smith returns as treasurer, and Linda Roller of American Bank returns as secretary.

The mission of Business and Professional Women (BPW/USA) is to achieve equality for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. It is a "women helping women" organization whose membership is open to all individuals. By working together on matters pertinent to women, members have the opportunity to develop valuable leadership and communication skills through educational programs, seminars, networking, and mentoring.

Cooke County BPW was established in 1940. CCBPW meets the second Thursday at noon and fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. For information call Ms. Hare/membership chair at 940-665-1793.

## Saint Jo Opry set for July 9

All country music fans are invited to the Saint Jo Opry on Saturday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium in Saint Jo. Guests scheduled to appear on stage include Vicki Lyons of Graham, Jerry Reynolds of Forestburg, JC Maughan of Prairie Point, Jeff Clarkson of Henrietta, and Kim Cullar of

Henrietta. Admission is \$2 for adults, and children 12 and under are free. Donations from the Opry are given to local and area Volunteer Fire/EMS and other nonprofit organizations. Concessions will be available. For more information contact David or Brenda at 940-995-2178.



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## NSCS welcomes new member Whitney Neu

Whitney Brooke Neu of Gainesville accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).

Whitney will be honored during a campus ceremony in the fall at Texas A&M University.

NSCS is a highly selective, national, nonprofit honors organization. Membership in NSCS is a symbol of outstanding academic achievement, and a doorway to jobs, scholarships, service opportunities, and a unique community of scholars.

Whitney is also a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society at Texas A&M in College Station. She was recruited as a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. Whitney is a 2004 graduate of Lindsay High School and the daughter of Ronnie and Becky Neu.



Whitney Neu

## Mike Jones inducted into Texas Auctioneer Hall of Fame

Mike Jones, CAI, GPPA, has been inducted as the 22nd member of the Texas Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame. Jones, 46, is one of the youngest to receive the honor. Currently serving as president of the 7000 member National Auctioneers Association, Jones was presented into the Hall of Fame by friend and mentor Joe E. Small, CAI at the organization's 48th annual convention held Saturday night, June 18 in Austin.

Jones started his auction career in Gainesville in 1978 at the age of 19. The president of Mike Jones Auction Group, Inc., based in Dallas, conducts auctions throughout North America specializing in real estate, commercial and business assets as well as high profile fundraising events. Jones annually conducts charity auctions at the Super Bowl and the Cattle Baron's Ball in Dallas, the nation's largest fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Additionally, he conducts fundraising events for numerous area private schools.

Jones and his wife Lori also own and operate the Texas Auction Academy where he trains future auctioneers. Jones is a member of the Greater Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce.



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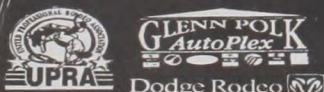
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# SCHOOL

## New teacher education degree available to NCTC students

Teacher education, until recently the exclusive domain of four-year colleges and universities, will soon be among the options available to students at North Central Texas College.

Maurice Robeson, vice president of instruction, announced this week that NCTC will be offering an associate of arts in teaching (AAT) degree beginning this fall. The program, being offered by a growing number of public two-year colleges statewide to help ease the teacher shortage, consists of lower-division courses intended for transfer to baccalaureate programs that lead to initial Texas teacher certification.

Although the AAT degree was designed for transfer purposes, Robeson pointed out, it also meets the No Child Left Behind requirements for paraprofessionals, that is, teacher aides, tutors, and others. Substitute teachers can also benefit from the education courses in the AAT curriculum.

"The AAT degree, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, is designed for transfer to Texas public universities that offer the applicable baccalaureate degrees leading to initial teacher certification," said Emily Klement, dean of the NCTC Bowie Campus who is serving as coordinator of the new program.

NCTC had already been offering some courses in the AAT curriculum on a pilot basis, but the full degree program will be in place this fall. Initially, it will focus on early childhood through fourth grade (EC-4) and fourth through

eightth grade. Additional tracks, including EC-12 degree options, will be available in the future.

"This new degree program is especially notable in that it gives students field experience beginning with their freshman year," said Klement. "In the past, that's something that usually did not happen until the last semester or two preceding graduation from a four-year program."

By allowing students to go ahead and get field experience much earlier in the program, they have an opportunity to actually get a taste of what it's like to be a teacher, to find out if teaching is really what they want to do.

"Unfortunately, many students have spent four full years preparing to become a teacher, only to discover during 'student teaching' in their final semester or two that it's not really what they expected and not a career they want to pursue."

The AAT degree covers the traditional core curriculum as well as education courses. Among the courses included in the curriculum are Fundamentals of Math I and II; Introduction to the Teaching Profession; Introduction to Special Populations; Family, School, and Community; and Child Growth and Development.

The courses are listed in the NCTC fall class schedule under "education." They will be offered during the evening hours at all three campuses this fall, and some daytime offerings will be available at Corinth.

The degree will include a total of 60-66 hours of coursework, depending

upon options chosen, with most of those courses (42 or more credit hours) coming from the core curriculum. The degree must include six hours of education classes that integrate a field experience. The remaining 12 credit hours are chosen from a variety of specialized courses that meet degree requirements.

"All these courses are part of the AAT degree plan that was approved by the Coordinating Board last July," Klement reported. "Again, the intention is to have this degree transfer seamlessly in its entirety to the state's public universities."

Dr. Rey Garcia, executive director of the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) in Austin, called the program "a new pipeline for Texas teachers." "This new degree creates a well-defined pathway for tomorrow's teachers," Dr. Garcia said.

For more information on the AAT degree at North Central Texas College, contact Emily Klement at 940-872-4002, or Kevin Davis, chair of the Social Science Department at 940-498-6243.

## Beef scholarship available

Twenty scholarships of \$1500 will be awarded to youths pursuing careers in the beef industry by the National Cattlemen's Foundation and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. The program identifies and encourages talented and thoughtful students who have demonstrated a commitment to a career in the beef industry, either through classes, internships, or life experience. Graduating high school seniors or full-time undergraduate students enrolled at a two-year or four-year college for the 2006-07 school year are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must submit a letter of intent, a 750-word essay that identifies a key issue confronting the beef industry and suggests a solution, and two letters of recommendation. A full description of the scholarship program and submission requirements can be found at the National Cattlemen's foundation website: [www.nationalcattlemensfoundation.org](http://www.nationalcattlemensfoundation.org) or by calling 303-850-3347.



Building windchimes, above, are from left Jeremy Hess, J.T./Smith, and James Dangelmayr, assisted by Matt Hesse; at right, Justin Nasura takes a dive; below, shooters Ben Redder, Clayton Rohmer, and C.T. Beecham. Janie Hartman photos



## Miller and Hess earn TILF scholarships

Kristen Nicole Hess and Clint John Miller have been awarded scholarships through the Texas Interscholastic League

Kristen, daughter of Brent and Mary Hess and a 2005 graduate of Muenster High School, was awarded the Leta Andrews

Scholarship, sponsored by Whataburger Inc. & Southwest Shootout Inc. in the amount of \$1,000, payable the first year of her higher education. She plans to attend the University of North Texas in Denton. Kristen participated in UIL for four years in Spelling.

Clint, son of Alan and Darlene Miller, has been awarded a Spalding Sports Worldwide Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, payable the first year of his higher education. He is a graduate of Muenster High School and participated in UIL in Mathematics as a sophomore and Number Sense as a junior. Clint plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock.



Clint Miller



Kristen Hess

## Acme Cleaners now in Muenster



l-r, Joe Myrick, Lora Hennigan, and Jeff Myrick

Joe and Jeff Myrick, owners of Acme Cleaners are now providing service in Muenster. Their new pick-up and delivery service is located at Lora's Flowers and Gifts in Old Theatre Mall in Muenster.

The Myrick brothers bought Acme Cleaners in

December of 2003 and have been in business for the past eight years in Dallas and have decided to move back home. Joe is currently living in Lindsay, and Jeff here in Muenster. They also have locations in Whitesboro, Sherman, Denison, and Pottsboro.

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# SPORTS

## Changes in deer regulations could affect hunting plans

Although the season is still months away, many Texas hunters are starting to make deer hunting plans. Changes to hunting regulations this year could affect those preparations, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

State wildlife biologists have been working to simplify and restructure regulations governing deer seasons to manage resources more effectively and to enhance hunter opportunity without adversely impacting deer populations. Following is an overview of those changes and the counties affected. For additional information, hunters are urged to review regulations in TPWD's Outdoor Annual available in August.

**Elimination of Aggregate Bag Limits** — The Department in 1989 implemented what is popularly referred to as the "aggregate bag limit" rule, which designated a number of one-buck counties, primarily in the eastern third of the state, from which, in the aggregate a hunter could take no more than one buck. For example, if a hunter took a buck in Nacogdoches County (one-buck bag limit), that hunter could not take another buck in any other county affected by the aggregate bag limit rule.

At the time, the Department's intent was to prevent the over harvest of buck deer in regions of the state where populations were low or hunting pressure was high with respect to abundance. In 1999, to increase hunter opportunity, the Department separated the aggregate one-buck counties into two zones divided by Interstate Highway 35, allowing a hunter to harvest a buck from each zone. Harvest and population data from counties on either side of the I-35 dividing line, counties that by their proximity to each other were the likeliest to incur greater buck harvest, indicates no significant deviation from historical trends over the period from 1999 to the present.

The Department is therefore eliminating the aggregate bag limit, meaning that a hunter could take the statewide personal bag limit of three bucks by taking one buck in each of three one-buck counties. A similar provision applied to counties with a two-buck bag limit (i.e., a hunter could take one buck in two, two-buck counties, or two bucks in a single two-buck county, but could not take a third buck in another two-buck county). The Department's concern in this case was that hunters would focus on taking a third buck, which could lead to an unwanted decline in doe harvest. Analysis of harvest data indicates that this concern may not be as pressing as originally thought; therefore, the aggregate two-buck bag limit is being eliminated as well. Therefore, this portion of the new section is necessary to reduce regulatory complexity.

**Buck Harvest Restrictions** — The new regulations also alter the take of buck deer in Austin, Bastrop, Brazoria, Caldwell, Colorado, De Witt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Lavaca, Lee, Matagorda, Victoria, Waller, Washington, Wilson, and Wharton Counties. Hunting pressure in the Post Oak Savannah ecological region has been excessive for more than 30 years. Hunter-harvest survey data collected by the Department indicates that this area has some of the highest hunter densities in the state.

In 1971, the Department instituted a one-buck bag limit in an effort to reduce pressure on the buck segment of the population. Although the one-buck bag limit successfully redistributed hunting pressure, it did little to reduce overall buck harvest. Department data indicate that prior to 2002, 80% of the buck harvest in these counties was comprised of bucks younger than 3.5 years of age.

In response to requests from concerned landowners and hunters in the area, the

Department in 2002 implemented what at the time were called "experimental" antler restrictions, which defined a legal buck as a buck with at least one unbranched antler (typically a spike buck), a buck with at least six antler points on one side, or a buck with an inside spread of 13 inches or greater. The rules were designed to protect the majority of bucks in the younger cohorts until those deer could reach a level of physical maturity.

After three years under the experimental rules, the department's intensive survey effort indicates that the percentage of harvested bucks younger than 3.5 years of age had dropped from 80% to 29% and the percentage of harvested bucks 3.5 years of age and older increased from 20% to 71%.

These data also show a decline in the harvest of spike bucks and an increase in the harvest of bucks with an inside spread of 13 inches or greater, which means that one effect of maintaining a one-buck limit under the antler restrictions is that hunting pressure is deflected from the spike-buck segment of the population, which is undesirable. The new regulation implements a two-buck bag limit, one of which must have at least one unbranched antler, and redefines a legal buck as a buck having an inside spread of 13 inches or greater or at least one unbranched antler. The six-points-or-better criterion in effect prior to this rulemaking is eliminated, as Department data clearly indicate that the 13-inch-or-better standard is sufficient by itself to protect younger bucks.

Eliminating the 6-points-or-better criterion simplifies the regulation, while resulting in a negligible decline in mature-buck harvest. By adding a second buck to the bag while requiring at least one buck to have an unbranched antler, the Department intends to encourage the harvest of spike bucks which Department research has indicated are less likely to develop into lawful bucks.

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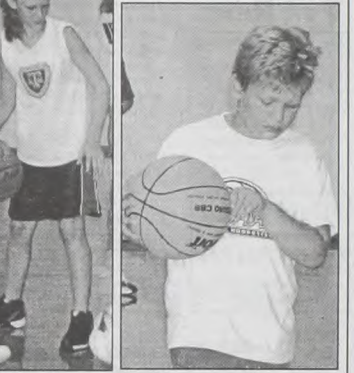
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Above, Seth Flusche throws the ball in home. At right, The Red and Yellow teams give running high fives.



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