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Charlotte, Bill, and Shawn Dangelmayr look over the Cooke and Montague county maps to see the proposed location of the Wolf Ridge Wind Energy Farm. FPL Energy hosted an Open House last Thursday to discuss the construction of the wind facility project. Janie Hartman photo

## FPL Energy held open house to promote local wind farm

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
If you were inquisitive about the installation, operation, or almost anything else about wind generators, the open house hosted by FPL Energy was the place to satisfy your curiosity. It was held Thursday, Aug. 17 in the Muenster ISD gymnasium.

There were maps of Cooke and Montague counties, scale models of the trucks and other equipment used to bring in the huge pieces of the wind generators, visuals on the inside and outside workings, and people to try to answer questions.

FPL Energy is the company studying the feasibility of installing approximately 100 wind turbines in western Cooke and eastern Montague counties. The huge machines

use the power of wind to generate electricity. Wolf Ridge Wind Energy Center is the name of the proposed project.

Mary Wells, community outreach manager for FPL Energy, couldn't say definitely that the Wolf Ridge Project would become a reality. She stated, "It's getting close, but we have work to do. We'd like to line up a few more landowners. There's other work we need to do. It is in the late stages of development is a fair way to represent it."

Should the project be given the go ahead, Wells said that work could start as early as the end of this year. Once a project is decided on, the behind the scenes work begins. This includes ordering the equipment necessary to install the large turbines.

"The first thing that people can see is we will have heavy equipment coming into the project area and begin to put in high quality gravel roads

on the land where we need to put the turbines," Wells explained. "They will see equipment that will be drilling foundations. (That is if the location is visible from the road.)"

Laying the cabling is the next step. Wells said that each wind turbine has cabling coming down from the generator at the top. It carries down electricity that is being made at the top to cabling inside the tower. This cabling goes underground and along the entire length of the road that FPL installs with a trench beside the road. A large collection cable there collects the generated electricity.

"The collection cable runs the entire length of the project, collecting all the electricity as it goes and then it goes to our onsite substation," Wells continued. She said people will see work going on at the substation. After that

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## MMH Board proposes lower tax rate

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Improving finances at Muenster Memorial Hospital provided an option for its Board of Directors to lower the proposed tax rate for 2006. Last year's rate was set at \$0.20998 per \$100 valuation on taxable property. The 2005 tax base was \$240,672,508, which should have generated \$505,364 in operating taxes.

Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) reported that the effective tax rate for 2006 was \$0.194100 on \$260,253,937 (total after subtracting value of new property) and should bring in \$505,211 in operating revenues for the District. MMH Administrator Lynn Heller

said that amount would move the District into a larger taxing entity.

Currently MMH is considered a small taxing unit and has a different process under the Tax Code than larger units. A small unit is one that proposes a tax rate for the current year that is \$0.50 or less per \$100 of taxable value and would impose taxes of \$500,000 or less from the current total value for the unit. Both of these conditions must exist for an entity to be exempt from the notice and publication requirements of larger units.

Heller calculated the tax rate that would bring the tax revenues to under \$500,000. He said a rate of \$0.1921

would bring in \$499,000. Taxes on the \$9 million of new construction does not count towards the rollback, effective tax rate, etc. "We could set the rate at \$0.1921 and on the regular appraisals we'd bring in \$499,000, but effectively it would bring in about \$517,000," Heller explained.

To bring in about the same as last year's tax rate, Heller said the tax rate could drop below 19 cents to \$0.1899 and with new construction they could still bring in about \$512,000.

At first the Board members felt that 0.1921 would be the lowest that they could go. John Aytes remarked, "I want to get down below that 19 cents. If we can't do it on

0.1899, bringing in \$512,000, it is not going to make any difference if we bring in \$517,000. The \$5,000 difference is not going to save us or break us or anything else. Just for PR purposes, I'd like to see it below 0.19."

"This is kind of an unusual opportunity that we can keep it below \$500,000, but still probably collect \$512,000. We'd still collect more taxes by dropping the rate than

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## Upcoming KMB Rain Dance draws interest

KMB is actually holding an old fashion street dance at the MSB Stage in the Muenster City Park on Sept. 9. The proceeds will be used to buy trees that will be planted around the shoreline of the new lake. "I'm calling it a

Rain Dance because it might help" said Gary Fisher project chair, "and if it rains us out, I'm fine with that."

"Donations started rolling in even before ticket sales began," said Fisher. "This is a project that will benefit the community forever and people are happy to contribute."

"We are doing this a little different by offering advance ticket sales for a Dance Pass which also is a raffle ticket." Those who buy the Dance Pass in advance participate in the specific raffle items on their ticket. "We threw together a quick group of donors like MSB, Klement Ford, Gehrig Hardware, Hennigan Auto, and Sue Fisher for the

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## Muenster Library needs more community support

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Reading enriches the lives of many. It can take you to exciting places and on all sorts of adventures right from your home. Children who are read to and read do much better in school, according to statistics.

Muenster is very fortunate to have an excellent library with books of all sorts, videos, computers, and special programs for children. Five years ago, a beautiful new building located on Elm Street was donated to the City of Muenster. The Bettie M. Luke Public Library has already been operating for five years!

During those five years, the library's hours of operation have been extended, computers made available to the general public, volume of materials offered has increased, reading programs have been instituted, the meeting room made available to various civic groups, and the number of patrons increases steadily.

With expansion comes increased expenses. Utility bills have risen significantly.

There is a need for updated computer as the ones there currently are beginning to require expensive maintenance and replacement. The newest are five and seven years old.

The Library does receive some funding from Cooke County and from the City of Muenster, but that amount covers only a portion of the facility's operating expenses. Fundraising efforts are relied on to cover the remaining costs. These include volunteers working the Germanfest gates, donations from individuals, and small grants from foundations. It has become critical that the Library increase its funding sources or face the possibility of cutting back on services.

Muenster Library's Friends and Board are asking you, the public, to become members of the Friends of the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Library Support Group. Your contributions will be used to help maintain the Library services and provide patrons with comfortable facilities in which to enjoy them.

Contributions are tax

deductible and can be made payable to The Friends of the Muenster Public Library and sent to Box 707, Muenster, TX 76252. Attn.: Nancy Walter. For more information, contact Nancy at (940) 759-2712. See related ad on page 9.

## Parish plans farewell for Fr. John

Join in a show of appreciation and bid farewell to Fr. John Ohner for six years of dedicated service to Sacred Heart Parish.

There will be a gathering in the Sacred Heart Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 2 after the 5 p.m. Youth Mass, and again between the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, Sept. 3.

Refreshments will be available. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It is sponsored by the committees of Sacred Heart Parish.



The Muenster Hornets rush the Alvord quarterback, causing a fumble in the backfield during Saturday's scrimmage with Alvord. The Hornets travel to Whicita Falls this week to scrimmage the Petrolia Pirates. Janie Hartman photo

## MISD Trustees hear wind farm presentation

**By Janie Hartman**  
Mary Wells, a representative of Florida Power and Light (FPL), attended last week's Muenster ISD Board of Trustees monthly meeting and gave a presentation on the Wolf Ridge Wind Energy Center. She noted that over the initial 20 year life of the project, it is expected to pay between \$35 - \$45 million in property taxes to the school and county. "If you take the middle of that range, \$40 million - that averages about \$2 million a year shared by Cooke and Montague counties," she commented, adding that the amount to each county depends on the number of wind turbines in each county.

"Under Texas law, as I understand, 75% of that property tax payment goes to the school districts in which the project will be located. That would be Muenster and Saint Jo," Wells added. "We can, therefore, estimate an average of about \$750,000 a year to each of the two districts, keeping in mind that it depends on the number of wind turbines located in each school district. The project will significantly increase the tax base."

"There are lots of rumors going around and lots of

incorrect information," Wells told the Board. "I'd like to share with you a couple of other points about the proposed wind facility." Wells noted that the life expectancy of the Wolf Ridge Wind Energy Center is no less than 20 years. "If at the end of that 20 years, the landowners and we (FPL) want to continue operating the wind facility, we can continue. If, however, either the company or the landowner wants to end the deal, it ends."

She added that at the end of the facility's life, FPL will remove the equipment and haul it away. The foundation will be removed to a depth of three or four feet, the hole filled with local soil, and replanted with local grasses. If the landowner wants the gravel roads removed, that will also be done and replanted with local grasses. If the land is cropland, the soil will be deeply tilled so that it is not compacted, to ensure it is returned to its original productivity.

Wells also said that the wind turbine blades do not have lights on them and most have no lights at all. The FAA dictates the lighting requirements and it is not every turbine.

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## VFW 60th birthday celebration

The Muenster VFW #6205 and the Ladies Auxiliary are extending a reminder for the celebration of their 60th birthday. A steak buffet dinner is set for Saturday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. in the VFW Hall in Muenster. Cost of the meal is \$6 per person.

To attend the steak dinner, you must RSVP by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25. Call 759-2921 and leave your name and the number of people who will eat. There is an answering machine, so you can call anytime.

To round out the evening, Doug Martin and the Rustlers will provide music from 8 p.m. to midnight for \$5 per person.



The Sacred Heart Tiger defense takes care of a Highlands runner in last week's scrimmage. The Tigers host Rockwall Christian this Friday in a practice session. Janie Hartman photo

# OBITUARIES

OOPS!

## Clifford Trueebenbach 1943 - 2006

Mass of Christian Burial for Clifford Frank Trueebenbach of Muenster was held Friday, Aug. 18 at Sacred Heart Church. Fr. John Ohner, OSA celebrated the Mass. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Clifford died in a Gainesville nursing home at 4:37 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006.

A Rosary service was held at the funeral home at 7 p.m. on Thursday. It was led by Carla Zwinggi.

Born July 18, 1943 in Muenster, Clifford was one of seven children of Andrew and Margaret Stoffels Trueebenbach. He spent most of his life on a farm near Muenster, where he enjoyed tending his livestock, mostly goats, hogs, and cattle. He was a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law Vicki and Roger Polson of Mansfield; sons and daughter-in-law Floyd and Tammy Trueebenbach of

Muenster, and Charles Trueebenbach of Garland; brothers Giles Trueebenbach of Muenster and Andy Trueebenbach of Gainesville; sisters Jane Fleitman of Gainesville, Celine Bartel of Muenster, and Laurie Gould of Denton; and four grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his son Christopher Trueebenbach; and his brother Allen Trueebenbach.

Assisting Father John in the Mass of Christian Burial were altar servers Sylvan Walterscheid and Mikayla and Mikenzie Fleitman. Lorine Dudley gave the First Reading, and the Second Reading was given by Kim Hesse. Dana Dudenhoefler read the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory gifts were presented by Garrett and Avery Trueebenbach and Hope Polson.

Eucharistic ministers were Carol Grewing, Alvin Hartman, Carla Zwinggi, Chuck Bartush, Kathy Vogel, and Imelda Rohmer.

Music ministers were Ruth



Clifford Trueebenbach

Felderhoff and Christy Hesse. Sacred Songs included "Amazing Grace," "Be Not Afraid," "Eagle's Wings," and "How Great Thou Art."

The eulogy was presented by Tammy Trueebenbach.

Pallbearers were Tim Bartel, Terry Bartel, Mark Fleitman, Kody Trueebenbach, Ray Stewart, and Phil Mullins.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County.

## Eugene Schmitz 1923 - 2006

Eugene "Gene" Schmitz, age 83 of Thackerville, Oklahoma, died in Ardmore, Oklahoma of natural causes at 1:57 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006.

Military graveside services under the direction of Clement-Keel Funeral Home are set for Friday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Cemetery of Muenster with Fr. Don Brennan OSA of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville officiating.

Visitation was held Thursday, Aug. 24 from 5 - 6 p.m. at Clement Keel Funeral Home in Gainesville.

Gene Schmitz was born April 3, 1923 in Muenster to Henry and Caroline Gormann Schmitz. He married Imogene West Barker in Marietta, Oklahoma on July 30, 1947. A Veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II, he was an oilfield laborer and was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife Imogene Schmitz of

Thackerville; sons Ken Schmitz of Pique, Ohio, Jerry Schmitz of Gunter, Robert Schmitz of Grand Terrace, California, and Jim Schmitz of Myra; stepsons Richard Barker of Marietta and Shelly Barker of Thackerville; a sister Magdalena Thomasson of Hays, Kansas; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two brothers, and two sisters.

## Odelia Detten dies at 100

Odelia Detten died at the age of 100 on Aug. 22, 2006 in St. Richard's Villa. Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 24 in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster. Graveside services were set for Friday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. in Amarillo at St. Francis Cemetery. The complete obituary will be in next week's Enterprise.

## Gerald Wachsman 1928 - 2006

Gerald "G.J." Joseph Wachsman of Wichita Falls died at the age of 78 on Aug. 15, 2006 after battling with cancer. Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 18 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Wichita Falls. Mass was celebrated by his brother-in-law Fr. Nicholas Fuhrmann OSB, with Fr. Ivan Koch concelebrating. The Rite of Committal followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home.

Gerald was born May 28, 1928 to Hardy and Mary Kocks Wachsman in Windthorst. He served in the United States Navy, returning home in 1947. He married Tillie Fuhrmann on Nov. 25, 1948. Gerald worked for many years as plant manager at Notre Dame High School and retired in 1992. He was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Gerald was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Survivors include his wife of

57 years, Tillie Wachsman; sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Donna Wachsman, Randy and Leesa Wachsman, Les Wachsman, Alan and Jody Wachsman, and Jeff and Diane Wachsman; daughters and sons-in-law Cindy Kouri, Janice Lawson, Gloria and David Brasier, and Judy and James Garrett; eight sisters; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers; a daughter Reni Wachsman; granddaughter Nevin Knowles; and son-in-law Eddie Kouri.

Assisting in the Funeral Mass were Brother Louis Fuhrmann with the Readings, and Mother Lucy and Sister Rita, friends of the family, with the music. Eucharistic ministers included four of his sisters, Anita Frerich, Vivian Stevens, Marion Stank Bason, and Patricia Kiehl.

Remarks of Remembrance were given by Brother Richard, and Barry Macha.

Pallbearers were Jeff DeMontel, Eddie Cluley, Barry



Gerald Wachsman

Macha, Michael Otto, John Pennartz, and Steve Frerich.

Local relatives include sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Rose Stoffels, Theresa Huchton, Mickey and Benny Haverkamp, all of Muenster, and Joe and Marie Fuhrmann, Tony Fuhrmann, and Marge Fuhrmann, all of Lindsay.

Cards may be sent to the family at 5017 Lakeshore Drive, Wichita Falls, TX 76710, or memorials to Subiaco Abbey, 405 N. Subiaco Ave., Subiaco, AR 72865.

## The Ghost of Enron

To understand the current "wind farm" craze, look no further than the late Ken Lay



and his Enron Wind subsidiary, touted prior to exposure of their fraud and bankruptcy as "the world's only fully-integrated wind power company". In 1999, lobbyists for Enron Wind and others helped push Senate Bill 7 through the Texas Legislature, taking the first steps in "deregulating" our electric bills to the mercy of their "free market", and requiring that utilities purchase 2,000 megawatts of their expensive and unreliable "renewable" energy.

Wind power, however, did not die with Enron. It lives today, promoted by powerful corporate and financial interests, feeding off federal tax credits and accelerated tax write-offs. General Electric (GE) purchased Enron's wind turbine manufacturing business, while Florida Power and Light (FPL) and others purchased Enron's wind farm projects and adopted their business model. All now push for expanded tax credits. They succeeded last year in extending the inflation-adjusted 10-year federal production tax credit (now \$.019/kWh) to projects starting-up through 2007, and in raising the "renewable" energy purchase requirement in Texas to over 5,000 mega-watts by 2015.

In pursuit of the tax-subsidized high-returns, FPL industrial wind projects are now threatening to destroy the scenic areas of Cooke and Montague Counties north of D-FW, as they have in southern Taylor County near Abilene, where outraged ranchers and landowners have filed a lawsuit seeking damages. Monstrous wind projects destroy our environment, while pretending to be saving it.

Is wind power the "clean and free" energy solution claimed by its promoters? Is it going to replace a single fossil fuel or nuclear plant? The answer, unfortunately, is "No". The basic problem is that Low Wind = No Electricity. Our wind is too low to produce any electricity up to 35% of the time. Unpredictable, unreliable wind generated electricity can never exceed the amount of our grid's instantly available, conventionally-powered back-up reserve capacity (12.5% of peak load demand), or brownouts and blackouts would result. The lights would go out whenever the wind died down. It can never be more than a grossly inefficient and expensive, minor player in meeting our electrical needs. The money would be better spent on cleaning-up our reliable coal plants, building new and safer nuclear plants, improving the efficiency of air conditioners, lights, and industrial equipment, and promoting conservation. But that would be hard work for only modest profits. Wind power is a feel-good, phony solution to our very real energy and environmental problems that remain unaddressed. For Enron, it was just another opportunity to manipulate the legislature, to restructure the system in order to loot the public.

We can't look to our federal, state, or county governments to save us from these cynical pseudo-environmentalists. There are presently no regulations governing their activities in Texas. No hearings, no permits, no set-backs, no requirement that they tell the truth. Our only hope is to educate our neighbors to the facts about wind power, the squandering of investment capital, and the destruction wrought to our quality of life by these needless and irresponsible projects.

Please help, before it's too late. We know you love this area as much as we do.

### The North Texas Wind Resistance Alliance

P.O. Box 184, Saint Jo, TX 76265  
[www.northtexaswindresistance.com](http://www.northtexaswindresistance.com)

Please come to our meeting this Saturday afternoon at 4 PM, Upstairs at the Center Restaurant, Muenster, TX

## DAYS GONE BY.....

### 65 YEARS AGO

Aug. 22, 1941

FA "Wimpy" Kathman takes over Purity Bread route. The Andy Hofbauers move into new home. New Arrivals: Gilbert to Joe and Mary Knabe; Charles to Tony and Loretta Wimmer; Joaline to George and Elizabeth Mollenkopf; Walter to the Buddy Fettes. Albert and Bill Henscheid and the Leo Henscheids are vacationing in Colorado and Idaho. Vincent Luke goes to San Diego to work in bomber plant. Milk receipts at FMA reach 43,000 pounds daily. Every second, this nation goes \$277 farther in the red.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 24, 1956

Golden wedding celebrated by Joe and Maggie Swirczynski. Frank Fleitman and Kenny Otto are co-captains of Sacred Heart Tigers; Hubert Richey and Dickie Cain are co-captains of Muenster Hornets. Obituary: David Bezner, age 2,

son of William and Margaret Bezner, fatally injured in home accident. New Arrivals: Gerald "Jerry" to Gerald and Verena Metzler; Wanda to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pels; Bryan to Walter and Genevieve Huchton. Teresa Kaiser attends Chevrolet accountants' meeting. Anna Grace Fette receives nursing diploma. Janie Weinzapfel earns Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Aug. 21, 1981

Jim Robertson is new county judge. Weddings: Lisa Krahl and Steven Hughes; Mechal Reid and Rex Harrell. New Arrivals: Debra to Danny and Janet Voth; Chad to Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff; Jason to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hess. Birthdays: John Schmitz, 95; Julia Fleitman, 3; Samuel Fleitman, 12. Obituaries: Sparkman Vann, 73; Gertrude Schumacher, 82.

## 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, August 27, 2006	Monday, August 28, 2006	Tuesday, August 29, 2006	Wednesday, August 30, 2006	Thursday, August 31, 2006	Friday, September 1, 2006	Saturday, September 2, 2006
Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm C of C Golf Tourney - Turtle Hill - 8 am SHY, Jr. - Faith & Fun Night - Kickoff - 7-8:15 pm SH Parish Town Hall mtg. after 8 am Mass			Religious Ed classes - 7-8 pm SHY - Faith & Fun Night - Kickoff - 8-9:15 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP Board mtg. 10 am Stanford House	Antique Tractor/Farm Machinery Show - Lindsay - 11 am Farewell social after 5 pm Mass for Fr. John
Sunday, September 3, 2006	Monday, September 4, 2006	Tuesday, September 5, 2006	Wednesday, September 6, 2006	Thursday, September 7, 2006	Friday, September 8, 2006	Saturday, September 9, 2006
Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Antique Tractor & Machine Show - Lindsay Farewell Social after 8 am Mass for Fr. John Yosten family reunion Com. Center cafeteria	LABOR DAY - Fly Flags	MMH Aux. mtg. 7 pm	C of C Board mtg. 5:30 pm Religious Ed classes 7 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP membership Luncheon mtg. 11:30 am Stanford House	Myra VFD B-B-Q Cookout 5-9 pm Myra City Park Muenster C of C Archery Shootout 10 am Community-Wide Garage Sale 8 am - ? KMB Rain Dance - City Park

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**CAPITOL COMMENT**



**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**  
U.S. SENATOR

**Medicare brings new benefits.** It is crucial that every Texan understands how best to take advantage of Medicare and, in particular, the new prescription drug coverage known as Medicare Part D. I have long fought for more comprehensive coverage for seniors in Texas, and Medicare now provides more benefits that allow people to lead healthier, longer lives without having to make difficult financial choices for health care.

Since Jan. 1, 2006, Medicare beneficiaries have enjoyed access to prescription drug coverage. Before this change, Medicare paid for costly operations and potential complications but did not pay for preventive medicine. Increasingly, illness can be treated with medication instead of invasive surgeries, and the Medicare Prescription Drug benefit provides seniors affordable access to those drugs.

Over 38 million people are already using the new prescription drug plan, including 2.5 million Texans. More than 90% of Texas Medicare beneficiaries now have prescription drug coverage. According to a recent survey by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, people who have looked into the available plans are generally satisfied with their plans by a seven-to-one margin and want to

stay with them.

Actual costs for Medicare Part D have been well below the estimates. Competition from private plans has reduced the projected cost to taxpayers by \$11 billion over the next five years, while the average premium for beneficiaries in 2006 is less than \$24 a month. These unexpected savings are the result of price negotiation, low-cost coverage for generic drugs and discounted brand-name drugs.

Medicare Part D has another window for signing up or changing plans this year. From Nov. 15 to Dec. 31, Medicare beneficiaries can sign up for the prescription drug benefit or change their plan according to their current needs. Everyone with Medicare is eligible for this coverage, regardless of income and resources, health status, or current prescription expenses. These plans cover both brand-name and generic drugs.

As with other insurance, seniors pay a yearly deductible and a monthly premium, which varies by plan. Seniors also pay a portion of the cost of prescriptions. The amount varies depending on which drug plan they choose. Some plans may offer gap coverage and additional drugs for a higher monthly premium. Currently, there are 47 different prescription drug

plans available for Texans. If a senior has limited income and resources, he or she may qualify for extra help.

I recently met with Dr. Mark McClellan, the administrator for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A native Texan and graduate of the University of Texas, Dr. McClellan cares deeply about educating Texans on how to best take advantage of Medicare Part D. He and his staff offer a variety of ways for seniors or family members to learn more about which option works best to meet their needs.

A wealth of information is available by calling 1-800-MEDICARE, including customer service representatives who can offer personalized information. The website [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) offers comprehensive information, including detailed coverage of each drug plan and a special new feature to help visitors customize the site to cater to their specific needs. And this fall, Medicare representatives will be visiting communities across Texas to help educate the public as the next sign-up date approaches. Counselors will be available at these events to assist citizens in choosing an appropriate plan. The most important consideration in choosing a plan is determining how comprehensive it needs to be.

**Texas drought reaches milestone**

Texas has been hot and dry for months, and a recent drought assessment by Texas Forest Service confirms what most farmers, ranchers and firefighters have already seen.

Thanks to persistent hot, dry weather, the average Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) for the state has now climbed into the top 3% of the historical average drought readings, according to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with Texas Forest Service.

"This situation does not bode well for agricultural interests or firefighters in the state," declared Spencer. "In recent history there have been only two other years that the average state KBDI index reached this same level: 1998 and 2000. In both of these years, Texas experienced severe summer fire sieges."

The average drought index value for the state has

continued to climb, even though recent rains have lowered the KBDI drought index for counties in the Texas Panhandle and Trans-Pecos regions. The continued climb of the drought index shows how extremely dry the rest of the state is getting, said Spencer.

Information about fuel (vegetation) dryness across the state is available on the Internet at <http://webgis.tamu.edu/tfs/rawsd/dryness.png>. KBDI drought averages for counties can be accessed at [http://webgis.tamu.edu/tfs/kbdi\\_daily/kbdicounty.png](http://webgis.tamu.edu/tfs/kbdi_daily/kbdicounty.png). A 30-day precipitation deficit map available at [http://www.tamu.edu/tic/precip\\_def\\_map.jpg](http://www.tamu.edu/tic/precip_def_map.jpg) also helps visually portray why and where drought conditions are most severe in the state.

"As hot and dry as it is, it

doesn't take much of a spark to start a wildfire, and it doesn't take much wind to increase the risk of home losses and the danger to firefighters and residents alike," said Gary Laco, wildfire prevention chief for Texas Forest Service.

"It is absolutely imperative that everyone – and I do mean everyone – take every possible precaution to prevent wildfires from occurring," Laco stated.

The fire prevention chief urged strict compliance with outdoor burning bans and proper disposal of smoking materials. He also said that use of welding and grinding equipment around dry vegetation should be avoided if possible and closely monitored for accidental fire starts. Even driving through tall, dry grass and weeds should be avoided, as hot catalytic converters could ignite wildfires.

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what we collected this year, so I'd be all for that," observed Administrator Heller.

Board Member Danny Walterscheid asked about the amount of tax money left this year. Heller said about \$430,000.

Heller then added, "Total available cash \$579,000, and this is just the operating account and the escrow account. Less our accounts payable, this is as of today, net available cash \$470,000. Last Aug. 15, that same figure was \$159,000. That's a swing of \$310,000. On Aug. 15 '04, that figure was a negative \$307,000. That's a swing of \$777,000. Aug. 15 '03, that same number was \$65,000 and that's a \$404,000 difference."

Heller reminded the Board, "When we go through these kind of numbers and this surplus, file away in the back of

your mind that come November we'll be paying Medicare back a pretty good chunk of money."

Board members discussed that a lower tax rate would show the public that the Hospital is coming around and that the Board is trying to hold down tax rates. "I think that the attitude is different here with the Board and everybody, that there is an obligation to the taxpayers," Heller said. "Sometimes (in) other places the attitude is the obligation is more to the entity than to the taxpayers. It is a balance that we have to find."

With that, the vote was unanimous to set the proposed tax rate at 0.18990.

In September, the actual rate will be voted on. The meeting will be posted announcing the date and time of the meeting at which it will

be set.

"It's time to get serious about recruiting a new physician to Muenster," noted Mr. Heller. Dr. Edd is an internal medicine specialist for adults, Dr. Hewes, a surgeon, and the Hospital would be seeking a family practice doctor.

The Clinic's two FNPs, Melissa Trubenbach and Yvonne Ambrose, see most of the children. "They are doing an outstanding job," commended Heller.

In reviewing the Medical Staff meeting report, it was noted that they hope to add a capnography machine to the Emergency Room equipment. It measures oxygen and other gases for patients in the ER. According to Renate Pagel, Director of Nurses, the machine is quickly becoming standard care.

"We've talked before about doing little fundraisers for different things," said Heller. He suggested advertising that they plan to purchase the machine and that they are accepting donations and memorial gifts for the purpose of purchasing it.

"I've had different people express an interest and tell me that people would be willing to contribute to those types of things, especially if they know what it is for," Heller commented.

The 2006-07 budget was amended for \$30,000 to cover the potential expense of paying for the recruitment of a new physician.

In other business the MMH Board:

- Welcomed Scouts Brad and Ryan Henscheid who attended to fulfill one of their requirements in attaining the Communication Merit Badge for Boy Scouts.

- Agreed the September meeting will return to the usual 7 p.m. as opposed to the 8 p.m. summer meeting time.

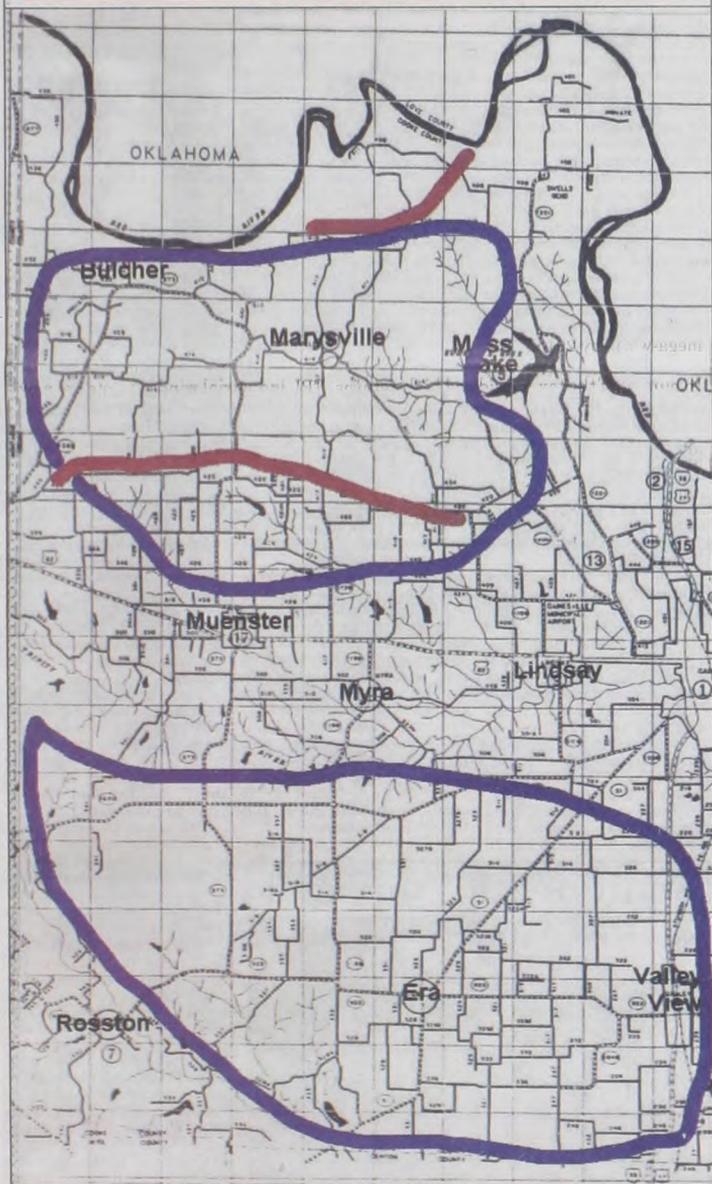
- Accepted Bad Debt Write Offs totaling \$28,543.

- Heard that the auditors were working at MMH. Board members were invited to call and set up a time to ask them any questions they might have.

- Approved RCAD using the 2005 reserves in the amount of \$68,842 to pay the balance of pictometry equipment. The balance due in 2007 is \$48,516. The remaining balance, if all entities agree to the proposal, would be credited to the entities for the fourth quarter invoicing.

- Heard that CT scanner is in operation and seven tests were done that day.

**Wind Turbine Locations?**



**Florida Power and Light phase one wind turbine project area in red.**  
**Areas where wind turbines may be located in future phases are in blue.**  
This map represents only the western half of Cooke County. We believe FP&L is considering areas in eastern portions of the county as well but we do not have specific locations at this time. Also, FP&L maps do show where wind turbines may be placed in western Montague County as well.

If you believe wind turbines will cause you to experience diminished use and enjoyment of your property, as well as, decrease the value of what you own and stifle economic growth in the Muenster area YOU can be a part of keeping this from happening. We urge you to attend our meetings.

Next meeting is Saturday, August 26, at 4:00 p.m. at The Center Restaurant in Muenster. All are welcome to attend.

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Above with the 2006 Ford Ranger to be given away for a hole in one at the Chamber golf tournament Sunday, August 27th are l to r: Gregg Wolf, Ben Bindle, Mark Klement, John Yosten and Kirk Klement. Deborah Wood photo



## FPL Energy open house

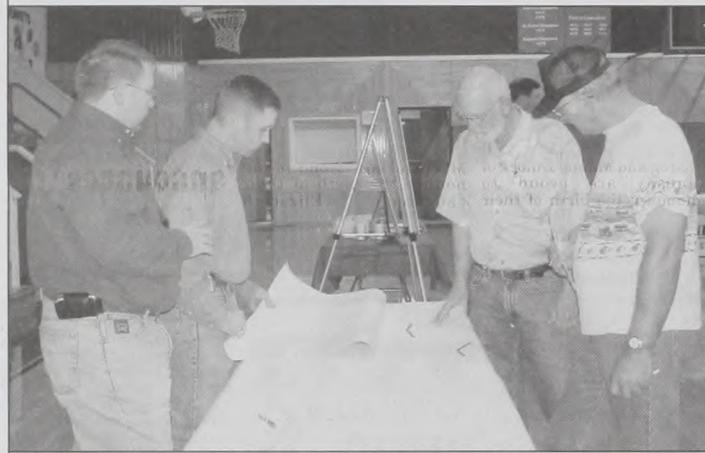
At FPL Energy's Open House last week, above left, Jeff Cooney of Lone Star Trucking demonstrates to Sharlene and Charlie Schilling how wind turbines are transported, using a scale model.



At left, Janis Sneed of Northwest Cooke County tells Collie Powell and Don Miller of FPL her opinion of the Wind Farm.

Below, Josh Dean and Robbie Buster of Hillard Energy view maps of the proposed Wind Farm with John Sickles of Saint Jo and Bob Knauf of Muenster.

Janie Hartman photos



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"As far as I know there are no commercial wind facilities in Florida or anywhere in the Southeastern part of the country. Wind facilities are built where the wind is and the Southeast just doesn't have the wind."

The Board then went over reports, including:

- Technology - Jeff Presnall noted Muenster ISD's new website address is [www.muensterisd.net](http://www.muensterisd.net). Parents are encouraged to register for an account to receive e-mail alerts and tailored information for their child's or children's age group(s). "The online district calendar, along with individual teacher calendars will be of great use for parents trying to schedule around their children's numerous school activities and involvements," the report added.

Also the Ag and CAD classrooms have received 15 new computers, and the Math department 150 Texas Instruments 83 Plus graphing calculators to "better prepare our students for the new state testing requirements for next year."

Presnall also reported that Muenster ISD has been approved for a \$8,021 of e-Rate funding from the Schools and Library Division of USAC for the 2006-07 school year. This is a 50% reduction in various telecommunications costs for the District.

Student e-mails will be added for 3rd through 12th grades. Technology TEKS require the teaching of e-mail beginning in the 3rd grade. Goggle.net will provide safe, filtered e-mail for \$1.17 per student. Kay Hickey and Lisa Walterscheid will coordinate student e-mails.

- Athletic - Monte Endres noted that football and cross country workouts began Aug. 7. Thirty-nine boys reported for the football team. The first regular season game will be Sept. 1 when the Hornets host Archer City.

Endres also reported that a survey was handed out for parents of students in Grades 3 through 6 to test the amount of interest in adding softball and baseball to the District's athletic program. At the time of the report, the count was 110 for and four not interested.

- Elementary - Principal Lou Heers reported 262 students in Pre-K through 6 as of Aug. 11, with new students still arriving. Orientation for Grades 3 through 6 was attended by 150 students (89% attendance rate) with their parents. At "Howdy Night," 94 of the 115 students enrolled in Grades Pre-K through 2 attended.

Also, the Elementary Student Council, under the direction of Jim Van Vleet, will be holding election of officers on Friday, Aug. 25.

- Junior High/High School - Curtis Eldridge stated that student attendance was 242. Eldridge also listed 16 items that teachers reviewed at staff development meetings, including handbooks, TAKS, textbooks, UIL, safety, health, protection, and more.

- Band - Justin Bell, band director, was present and reported on the summer band

camp.

Other reports:  
\* The District received \$8,190.38 in collected delinquent taxes in July.

\* TAC Energy Solutions began working with Muenster ISD to determine the potential for an energy savings program called Performance Contracting, a way for the District to make capital improvements without budgeting additional money. TAC collected 12 months of Muenster ISD electric, natural gas, and water bills, entered the data, and compared with facilities of similar size and weather conditions. Using the square footage of 119,000 square feet, Muenster did not show potential for significant energy savings, not enough to fund improvements.

\* A presentation of security cameras was given by Ordermatic Corporation for the junior high/high school campus for a cost of \$26,744.58. No action was taken.

\* A presentation was given to compare TAKS scores with other local districts. Muenster scored among the top schools in the area, with high grades in Reading/ELA, Math, Writing, and Social Studies. Science had a score of 89, and 87 in SDAII (Special Ed students). Muenster's score totaled 563, compared to Lindsay with a 568 total, Callisburg 523, Era 512, Nocona 510, Valley View 498, and Gainesville 462. These numbers are based off the TEA Accountability scores for 2006.

\* No action was taken on a resolution expressing official intent to reimburse cost of agricultural project from proceeds of tax-exempt obligations.

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the big equipment is brought in.

Companies such as Lone Star trucking the blade and tower sections to the turbine site. Cranes are used to lift the heavy pieces from the truck and set it on the ground. The turbine's foundation is then poured and allowed to cure. When the foundation is ready, cranes are used to lift pieces of the tower section to assemble it. That's when people will really notice something going up.

"That whole process from the initial starting by putting in the gravel road to operation is four to six months," she noted. A project the size of Wolf Ridge, she felt would take six months. If conditions are right, a turbine can be built in a single day, she said. They come in eight or nine big sections that are then assembled on the site.

"Kids who have erector sets get the concept," related Wells. "The foundation is sitting there waiting for us, and there is the first section, the second section, the third section, and then the cell that's in four large pieces. We assemble the blades on the ground. You have three blades being connected to a hub. The hub has three sockets in it and the blades go in there and are bolted on. A crane then lifts the whole thing up into the air."

Wells said that a massive

## KMB.....

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ticket/raffle. "We have donations for other drawings that evening at the park from Muenster Telephone, George Spaeth, and more continue to come in," said Fisher.

You can buy an advance "Dance Pass" from the Muenster Chamber office, GNB Muenster Branch, Muenster State Bank, and First National Bank of Saint Jo, Muenster Branch. The Student Council at both schools play an active part in KMB and they also have tickets for sale. Contact Brad Endres, Megan Felderhoff, Taylor Torcellini, or Kristin Miller.

Currently two bands have donated their time. People may be familiar with Willie Kickit, a popular area band playing Classic Rock and Country. Another newly formed Muenster group playing is Only in Texxxas. "These local teens have built quite a following," said Fisher. Band members are Tony Koessler, Matt Beaver, Kyle Endres, and Jerrod Flusche.

Coolers, picnic suppers, blankets, and lawn chairs are all welcome.

Submitted by Gary Fisher

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# LIFESTYLE

## Klement and Charles united in double ring ceremony

Kimberly Carol Klement of Muenster and Cory Stephen Charles of Muenster were united in holy matrimony on May 13, 2006. Fr. John Ohner OSA officiated the double ring ceremony at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Parents of the bride are Roy and Carol Klement of Muenster. She is the granddaughter of Tony and Sis Klement, and Trudy Felderhoff, all of Muenster, and the late Vince Felderhoff. The bride graduated from Muenster ISD in 2002 and received her Associate degree in Radiologic Science in 2005 from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. She is employed by North Texas Medical Center as a radiologic technologist.

The groom is the son of Earl and Donna Charles of Muenster, and the grandson of Julianna Grewing of Muenster and the late Steve Grewing. A 1998 graduate of Muenster ISD, he is employed as an HVAC installation technician by Hesse-Schniederjan Heating and Air Conditioning.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride wore a two-piece strapless designer gown. Hand-sewn swarovski crystals and seed pearls adorned the top of the bodice, and a scalloped edge trimmed the bottom of the bodice. The A-line white satin skirt had an organza overlay. A cathe-

dral-length organza veil was held in place by a crystal and pearl tiara. She carried a bridal bouquet designed by Patsy Dangelmayr, her aunt. It included fresh red and ivory roses, with the bride's crystal rosary entwined, and stems wrapped in white satin ribbon.

### ATTENDANTS

Polly Klement of Justin, friend of the bride and cousin of the groom, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Megan Hennigan of Muenster, cousin of the bride, Holly Hartman of Muenster, Krystal Hale of Muenster, and Candace Cheaney of Gainesville, all friends of the bride. They wore Alfred Angelo, tea-length, Claret-colored gowns with ivory ribbon around the waist, and carried flowers that were smaller versions of the bride's bouquet. The bouquets were made by Janet Fisher and Alice Walterscheid, bride's aunts.

Flower girls were Natalie Dangelmayr, cousin of the bride and groom, and Taylor Knabe, cousin of the bride. Ring bearers were Dane Huchton and Kolby Klement, both cousins of the bride. All are from Muenster.

Serving as best man was Darrell Charles of Muenster, brother of the groom. Groomsmen included Ryan Klement and Brandon Klement of Muenster, brothers of the bride, John Klement of

Muenster, bride's cousin and groom's friend, and Gary Muller of Muenster, groom's friend.

Ushers were Waylon Hess, Barry Fleitman, and Paul Swirczynski, all of Muenster, Christopher Grewing of Lindsay, and Shane Sparkman of Dublin, California.

Mass Readings were given by Michelle Hennigan, cousin of the bride, and Trisha Endres, future sister-in-law of the couple. Debbie Brittan, Robert Klement, and George and Shelia Kleinert, Godparents of the couple, carried up the Offertory Gifts. The Unity Candle was given to the couple by the bride's uncle and aunt Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr.

Mass servers were Kalyn Dangelmayr, cousin of the bride, and Craig and Aaron Grewing, cousins of the groom.

Music was provided by Ruth Felderhoff, pianist, and Jack White and Christy Hesse, vocalists. Songs included "How Beautiful," "Sunrise, Sunset," "Father Make Us One," "Ave Maria," and "One Bread, One Body."

The Church was decorated with white and ivory rose flower arrangements. White satin bows adorned the pews.

### RECEPTION

Following the ceremony, a reception, given by the parents of the bride and groom, was held in Sacred Heart Community Center for about 350 guests. Rohmer's Restaurant catered the chicken fried chicken meal, and music was provided by Barry Otts. The cheese table was done by Ed and Ginny Schneider. Aaron Klement announced the bridal party. Ashley Klement and Mattie Hartman, friends of the bride, registered guests.

Beautiful arrangements of fresh roses and alstromeria flanked by pillars of Boston Ferns were the centerpiece for the main table, which was set by Patsy Dangelmayr. Fresh multicolored alstromeria and candelabra served as centerpieces for the other tables, with candles in



Mr. and Mrs. Cory Charles ...nee Kimberly Klement ...

hurricane globes at the ends of each table.

The bride's cake was four-tiered, with the two square bottom tiers and two round top tiers. It held white icing with scalloped edges and was topped with red spray roses. The two-tiered chocolate groom's cake had a bottom layer with white icing and chocolate swirls and a top layer with chocolate icing and white swirls. Chocolate covered strawberries topped the cake, with two strawberries decorated as a bride and groom.

Cake cutters were Janie Hennigan, Joyce Bayer, and Janet Fisher, bride's aunts. Serving the cake were Madison Knabe, Sydney Huchton, Kendi Bayer, Brittany Pagel, Shelby Dangelmayr, Kalyn Dangelmayr, Sadie Stoffels, Shelby Simpson, and Cassie Dangelmayr, all cousins of the bride.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was held at The Center Restaurant for approximately 45 guests.

After a wedding trip to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, the couple is residing in Muenster.

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Smith

Marshall and Janelle Smith of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their first child. Their son Zachary Charles Smith was born on Monday, Aug. 14, 2006 at 2:14 p.m. in Denton Presbyterian Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. and measured 19 1/4 inches in length. Zachary's grandparents are Charles and Mary Smith of Forestburg and James and Clara Hellinger of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Agnes Hellinger of Lindsay and the late Pete Hellinger, Sr., and the late Henry and Rose Hess.

Kennedy, all of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Freddie and Marjorie Dulock, Delton and Elaine Winters, and Ruth Muller, all of Gainesville, and Gene and Gladys Kennedy of Lindsay.

### Walter

Mike and Melissa Walter of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Lexie Ryan Walter on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006. Lexie was born in North Texas Medical Center at 1:02 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 1 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length.

### Hess

Brian and Danna Hess of Muenster are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Halle Elizabeth Hess. Halle was born in North Texas Medical Center on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006 at 1:39 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 12 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. She joins her sister Erin Claire Hess, age 10. Grandparents are Dan and Fay Hamric and Leo Hess, all of Muenster, and the late Mary Lou Hess.

### Dulock

Greg and Mandy Dulock of Lindsay are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Maya Catherine Dulock on Friday, Aug. 11, 2006. She was born at 6:32 p.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton weighing 7 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length. Mandy is also welcomed by a sibling Rory Dulock, age 14 months, and grandparents Bill and Diana Dulock and Wayne

## Town hall meeting set for SH Parish

A town hall meeting for Sacred Parish will immediately follow the 8 a.m. Mass this Sunday, Aug. 27. The purpose of the meeting is to reveal the one, three, and five year goals for the various ministries of Sacred Heart Parish. The meeting will be over in time for the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

## NCTC Chorale announces schedule

Welcome to the North Central Texas Chorale, which begins rehearsing on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. in the First State Bank Performing Arts Center on the NCTC campus in Gainesville. The fall concert will be "A Tribute to the English Choral Tradition," and it will be held in the Sacred Heart Church in Muenster on Nov. 3.

For all who enjoy singing, there is a "chair" waiting for you. If you are a tenor, there will be a "throne." Questions? Call Director Dr. Michael Linder at 727-8189.

## REUNION

### Yosten family

The Yosten family reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 3 in the Sacred Heart Community Center cafeteria. It will begin in the morning around 10 or 11. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and drinks. Also, bring old pictures if you have them.



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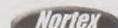
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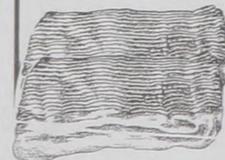
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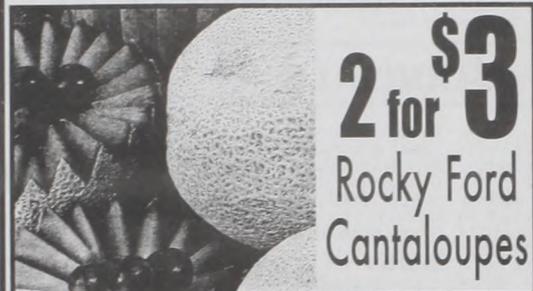
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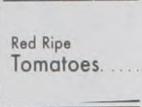
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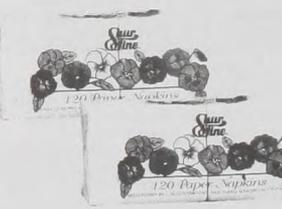
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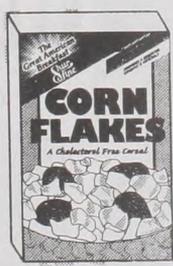
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# Sr. Francesca Walterscheid marks 60th Jubilee at OLV

Sister Francesca Walterscheid of Our Lady of Victory (OLV) Convent in Fort Worth celebrated her 60th Jubilee on Aug. 12, 2006. Ten Jubilarians from Our Lady of Victory Convent were honored at a solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin Vann and Father Michael Olson at 2 p.m. in Saint Andrew's Catholic Church in Fort Worth. The Sisters renewed their vows in front of many family members and friends. A reception followed the Mass in Saint Andrew's Parish Hall hosted by the Auxiliary of the Sisters of Saint Mary.

The former Helen Walterscheid, daughter of the late August and Anna Walterscheid, joined the convent on Sept. 8, 1946. She attended college at OLV and then began a long career of teaching and administration in Catholic schools and at OLV Convent. Her teaching assignments were Wichita Falls, Saint Ignacius School and Holy Name School in Fort Worth, then to Hollister, California, Saint Maria Goretti School, Arlington, Texas, then back to Hollister, this time as a principal.

She was asked to go back to OLV to be Mother Superior for the next five years, followed again by teaching five years at Saint Cecilia's in Dallas. In 1978 she began her



Sister Francesca Walterscheid

work at Our Lady of Victory Infirmary in Fort Worth where she presently works. During her career, she made several trips to Belgium, where the Sisters of Saint Mary Namur has its Mother House.

Many family members were present to help Sister Francesca celebrate. Her brother, Leonard and his wife Betty Walterscheid, niece Cindy and her husband Denny Granum, all of Grand

Junction, Colorado, and nephew, Mike Walterscheid, of San Diego, California, surprised Sister Francesca by making the trip to Texas to help her celebrate. Her sister-in-law, Lillian Walterscheid from Muenster was also present. Many nieces and nephews and their families also attended: Rudy, Martha, Raegan, and Kristian Koesler, Mary Alice Bayer, Melissa and Lauren Trubenbach, Leon, Christi, Bridgette, and Elliot Klement, Karl and Monica Koesler, Fred, Elaine, Evan, and Andrew Koesler, all of Muenster; Denise Bayer of Nocona, R.J. Carroll of Arlington, Andrea Klement of Waxahachie, Larry, Gretchen, Michael, Brian and his wife Chelsea Kostyniak of Arlington, and Ed Kostyniak of Denison.

Following Sister Francesca's reception, the group moved to La Playa Maya Restaurant for a dinner reception hosted by Larry and Gretchen Kostyniak, celebrating the recent marriage of Brian and Chelsea Kostyniak. Their wedding and reception was held at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas on July 28, 2006. Everyone enjoyed an evening of visiting before the relatives from Colorado had to return home.

# MEETING NOTICE

## Brown Bag Book Review

The Monthly Brown Bag Book Review will be held Thursday, Sept. 7. It begins at 12:10 p.m. in the NCTC Gainesville Library Lyceum. Patsy Wilson will review "Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee" by Charles J. Shields.

## Cooke County Republican Women

The Cooke County Republican Women will hold their fall kickoff meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 401 N. Dixon, Gainesville. Speakers introducing the political season will be Drew Springer, candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 4, and Steve Key, Candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 2. They will both speak on campaign issues and a short question and answer session will follow. Voter registration information will also be available for the important election on Nov. 7.

Men and women are welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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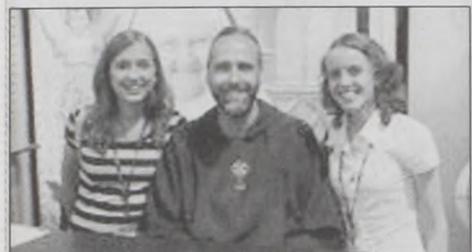
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Jacqueline Flusche and Mary Cochran of Sacred Heart Parish in Muenster met with Franciscan priest, Fr. Francis Mary Stone, MFVA at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of EWTN. Fr. Francis hosts EWTN's Life on the Rock, the only international Catholic TV program aimed at teens and young adults. Life on the Rock can be seen live every Thursday night. Twenty-five years ago, Mother Angelica was an ailing 57-year old nun when she founded EWTN in her convent's garage with less than \$200. EWTN is now the world's largest religious media network. More than 7,000 people from throughout the United States attended the recent celebration in Birmingham. Kevin McCarron / The Maximus Group photo

# Banquet recognizes 4-Hers achievements

The Cooke County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held at First United Methodist Church in Gainesville on Aug. 19. There were 23 Lindsay and Muenster 4-H members honored for their accomplishments.

Randi Reed, one of the 2005 Gold Star winners, served as mistress of ceremonies. Those from Lindsay receiving special awards include: Kelly Laux for Senior Winning Beef Dish, Jewels of 4-H Kelli Reed for five years and Randi Reed for 10 years, Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

was Johnathan Zimmerer, Leadership Award - Johnathan Zimmerer, Extension Education 4-H Scholarship - Johnathan Zimmerer, Randal Paclik Memorial Scholarship - Johnathan Zimmerer, Intermediate Helping Hands Award - Benjamin Zimmerer, Bronze Star Award - Benjamin Zimmerer, Danforth "I Dare You" Award - Kelly Laux, Gold Star Award - Johnathan Zimmerer.

The 2005 Gold Star Picture was presented to Randi Reed's parents.



COOKE COUNTY 4-H BANQUET - Pictured from Lindsay are: from left, front row - Benjamin Zimmerer, Christopher Klement, and Rose Wyrick; Standing - Kelly Laux, Johnathan Zimmerer, Randi Reed, Clayton Williams, Kelli Reed, Derek Ogletree, Paige Dill, and Amelia Wyrick. Not pictured are Philicia Vogel, Amelia Haverkamp, Kourtney Vogel, Victoria Vogel, Cade Hess, Megan Schumacher, Claire Williams, and Jason Schumacher. Muenster participants were Crystal Fuhrmann, Amber Fuhrmann, Cletus Fuhrmann, and Abe Fuhrmann. Courtesy photo

## Keep cool!

**Living in the Heat.** Slow down. Reduce, eliminate, or reschedule strenuous activities such as running, biking, and lawn care work when it heats up. The best times for such activities are during early morning and late evening hours. Take cool baths or showers and use cool, wet towels.



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Clinton and Debbie Endres of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Trish Endres to Darrell Charles of Muenster. He is the son of Earl "Deuce" and Donna Charles of Muenster. The couple plans to wed on Oct. 12, 2006 at 3 p.m. in St. Theresa's Catholic Church in South Lake Tahoe, California with Msgr. Murrrough Wallace officiating. Miss Endres is a 1998 graduate of Sacred Heart High School. She is a rural carrier associate for the U.S. Postal Service. Mr. Charles is a 1996 graduate of Muenster ISD and a 2001 graduate of the University of North Texas. He is co-owner of Absolute Pools. Attendants for the couple will be Karri Bindel and Cory Charles. After their marriage, they will reside in Muenster.

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## Use these moisture management tips for landscapes and gardens

"As we all know, 'normal' summertime conditions are typically hot and dry," says Steve Upson, horticulturist at the Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma. "Whether you live in the city or the country, the cost of keeping your garden and landscape watered continues to escalate."

To get the most out of irrigation dollars, Upson suggests adopting some of the following moisture management strategies.

Select drought-tolerant plants when installing or replacing plants in the landscape. Trees such as golden raintree, bald cypress, fruitless mulberry, bur oak, Osage orange, Chinese pistache, and western soapberry are a few trees that tolerate dry locations. Shrubs that tolerate dry conditions include Chinese and yaupon holly, crape myrtle, juniper, and nandina.

"Remember to pay close attention to watering all newly planted trees and shrubs," Upson said. "Contact the Noble Foundation Ag Helpline at (580) 223-6500 for an extensive list of drought-tolerant plants."

Schedule irrigation based on plant requirements, not calendar date. Several factors influence plant water requirements, including the age, size and type of plant material. Watering based on a particular day of the month inevitably leads to over-watering young, small-sized plants and under-watering larger, more mature plants. "Irrigating based on need is best for the plants and reduces waste, thereby saving money," Upson says.

Base wetting depth on rooting depth. Frequent, shallow watering does not encourage deep rooting. Light sprinklings often only wet the soil to a depth of less than 1 inch. Most plant roots go much deeper. When irrigating turfgrass, wet to a depth of six inches. Wet vegetable garden, orchard, and landscape plantings even deeper. Depending on the water intake rate of the soil and the delivery rate of the irrigation system, six or more hours might be required to achieve a deep soaking.

To avoid wasting water, match water application rate to the intake rate of the soil. As a rule, finer-textured clay soils take in water slower than coarse-textured sandy soils.

"If you experience excessive puddling and/or runoff when operating your in-ground sprinkler system, adjust the system controller to make shorter, more frequent applications. For portable hand-move sprinklers, simply reduce the flow rate," Upson says.

Use drip irrigation where possible. Drip irrigation is the water delivery system of choice for garden and landscape beds. Drip is more efficient than sprinkle because the water is applied at ground level instead of through the air, where much of it is lost to evaporation.

"Water saved is money saved," Upson said. "There also is less incidence of foliar disease with drip irrigation because the foliage remains dry."

If sprinkle irrigating, do so during the early morning hours. This allows time for foliage to dry out before nightfall. Also, wind is typically lower during the early morning hours, reducing the amount of water loss caused by evaporation and overspray.

Decreasing the rate of

nitrogen fertilizer applied to turfgrass will decrease the growth rate, which in turn reduces the water use rate of the grass. Applying a slow-release nitrogen fertilizer also will reduce the growth rate of the grass. Because moisture is necessary for roots to utilize mineral nutrients, there is no need to fertilize a lawn during the summer months if it is not being irrigated.

Improve the moisture-holding capacity of garden and flowerbeds by incorporating organic materials such as compost or peat moss. Greater water-holding capacity allows for extended intervals between irrigations. Apply a mulch layer to landscape plantings and garden. Organic or plastic mulch applied at the base of the plants creates a barrier to evaporation reducing water loss from the soil. Compost-based mulches have an advantage over plastic film mulches because they serve as a slow release source of nutrients upon decomposition.

In case of water rationing, prioritize what receives irrigation. Generally speaking, ornamental

plantings (flowers, shrubs, and vines) are more expensive to install and replace and more prone to drought stress than warm-season lawns and should receive priority when water is in short supply.

"Don't forget about your trees," Upson adds. "Try to give them a good soaking once every two to four weeks."

For more detailed information on moisture management, refer to the publication "Efficient Use of Water in the Home Landscape and Garden" at: <http://www.hpwd.com/conservation/efficientuse.pdf>.

Steve Upson is a horticulture specialist in the Agricultural Division of the Noble Foundation.

## Smart watering

Recycle your grass clippings back into your lawn by using a mulching mower. You'll not only conserve water, you'll save time while mowing. Toro

## Course scheduled for Master Gardener training certification

Texas Cooperative Extension is once again hosting a training for individuals interested in becoming Master Gardeners. The Master Gardeners are a group of individuals that have an interest in horticulture and in their community. They agree to be volunteers for Texas Cooperative Extension, assisting the community by providing education and community service relating to horticulture. A personal

commitment to the Master Gardener program enables a person to continue to receive specialized horticultural training and to participate in numerous group trips and activities.

The training will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 20 and continue every Wednesday for nine weeks, ending on Nov. 15. Classes will be held at Cooke County Electric Cooperative. During this time, participants will receive training on plant growth and

development, soils, water and plant nutrients, environmental horticulture, managing plant health, home fruit and nut production, vegetable and herb gardening, landscaping, and lawn care. Cost for the course is \$125.

Persons interested in the program should contact the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Cooke or Montague county at (940) 668-5412 or (940) 894-2831, respectively.

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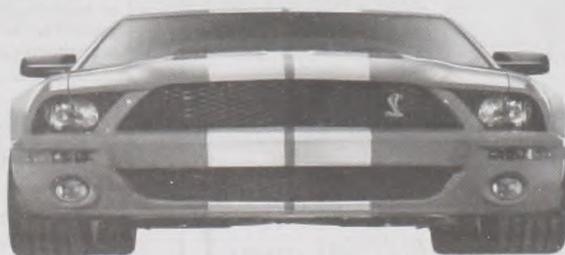
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By ELFREDA FETTE

The week of Aug. 13-18 was "1950s Week." On Monday, residents discussed the history of the 50s, such as prices of items, Presidents of those years, and significant events that occurred. On Tuesday residents enjoyed music from the 50s while socializing and playing kickball. Popcorn and *Treasure Island* (made in 1950) were enjoyed on Wednesday. The movie was chosen after the residents finished reading the book *Treasure Island*. Residents also enjoyed trivia about the 1950s on Wednesday which included questions about music and history. On Thursday, Activity Director Becky Fleitman-Newton decorated the dining-activity room in a 1950s theme. Residents enjoyed a "Lunch From the 50s," which included hamburgers, trimmings, and French fries. Becky also served root beer floats for dessert. She was wearing her "poodle skirt" made by her mother. Zula Lawyer, administrator, grilled the hamburgers. That afternoon there was a Sock Hop with toe-tapping 50s music, games, and socializing.

On Friday, Aug. 18 residents learned the history of the airplane. Earliest trials of flying were discussed, and pictures were shown.

On Sunday, Aug. 20, residents enjoyed church in the morning and Bingo in the afternoon.

Monday, Aug. 21, residents met to discuss current events and take exercises at 1 p.m. Because they are quite aware of the daily news, they try to keep abreast by open discussions. Topics discussed included: Saddam's 2nd trial; the cease-fire in the mid-east; John Mark Karr's arrest for JonBenet's murder; police and a state trooper shot during standoff, shooter kills self; high energy and health care costs and solidly growing economy; Tiger Woods.

Future events include: Bible Study and crafts with the Bowie Church of Christ, Aug. 29; "Build Your Own Sundae" Aug. 31; monthly Rosary on Sept. 1 with Janie Thurman and Alma Wolf.

Also, all of us wish "Good Luck" to the Muenster Hornets and Sacred Heart Tigers on the upcoming football season.

## Riley celebrates 4th with Cars

Riley Matthew Stewart, son of Ray and Shirley Stewart of Muenster, celebrated his fourth birthday with a party on Sunday, Aug. 13. The theme of the party was Disney's *Cars*. Guests enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings. Cake and ice cream were also served.

Koesler, and Brittany Wann; Sabrina and Jaxon Truabenbach, and Clay Sims. Riley's actual birthday was Aug. 14 and he celebrated at Chuck E. Cheese with his parents and brother Logan.



Riley Stewart

Those attending the party were Riley's parents; his brother Logan; grandparents Red and Carol Henscheid, Rick and Darlene Stewart, and George and Laurie Gould; great-grandmother Evelyn Koesler; aunts, uncles, and cousins, Shaw, Kyla, Stephanie, and Jordan Henscheid; Brenda and Jimmy Green, Tiffany and Colby Richey, and Kalyssa Pollard; Rhonda, Randy, Chance, and Lucas Rhoades; Mike, Kim, and Jacob Hesse; Alyssa Stewart; Kody and Laura Truabenbach; Doris, Chuck, Kristina, and Tony

## Braeden turns one

Braeden Michael Hacker celebrated his first birthday with a swim party. The celebration was on Saturday, Aug. 6 at the home of his grandparents, Chuck and Vicky Fisher. Guests enjoyed a hamburger and hot dog lunch followed by cake and ice cream. Braeden enjoyed his own special cake that he fed himself! After lunch, gifts were opened and pictures taken, and the kids enjoyed an afternoon of swimming. Braeden's actual birthday is

Aug. 5. Attending the party were his parents Sally and Maurus Hacker; big brother Nathan; big sister Chloe; grandparents Vicky and Chuck Fisher and Lynn and Maurus Hacker; great-grandparents Dan Haverkamp, Evelyn and Diamond Fuhrmann, and Polly and Clyde Fisher; aunt Jessica Fisher; great-aunts Laurie Fisher, Julie Walford, and LuElla Fuhrmann; cousins Madison and Ben Walford; Erin and Nate Hesse; Curtis Hesse; and friends Mel and April Walterscheid, Amber, Cole, Allie, and Kody.



Braeden Hacker

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## Results of Forestburg Festival announced

The 26th annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival Parade opened the 2006 Watermelon Festival Aug. 19. Leading the parade and carrying a banner honoring Schools-past and present were Shane Reynolds and Daniel Dirikson of the Forestburg FFA.

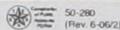
There were 40 registered entries in six categories and many non-registered participants. Winning entrants were: The Judges trophy for being best-all-round entry was awarded to the Forestburg

Methodist Church float with half of the float depicting school in the early 1900s and the other half with modern computers; the Schools - past and present trophy went to the Miller family's "The New Harp School 1800-1900s; Antique automobile trophy went to Chris Martin's "General Lee"; Clay County's Pioneer Days Ambassadors giving notice of the 75th Pioneer Days won the commercial division; Miss Jamie Tully of Forestburg and reigning 2005 Clay County Pioneer Days queen

won the individual rider trophy; Denton's Jim Wetzels 1947 Massey Harris farm tractor was selected Best Antique Farm Equipment; the Miscellaneous trophy went to Lynne Tracy of Bonita with her mini-cart and mini-horses entry.

Judges for the parade were Donna Faglie, Linda Oliver, and Scott Hollman. Assisting Parade Director Charles Edwards with registration and lining up entries were Dick Ellzey, Raymond Wood, Charles Cook, Gayle Edwards, and Philip and

Veronica Greanad. Sixteen contestants entered the 42 Tournament. Contestants drew for their playing schedule. Players were rotated so that no one played with the same partner twice. After six rounds of play, Doyle Dickerson of Alvord had won 36 hands and won 1st place. Nina Henderson and Agnes Brandon, both from Rosston, tied for 2nd with 35 wins. Nina won the draw and took the 2nd place trophy, and Agnes got 3rd.



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The \_\_\_\_\_ Muenster ISD \_\_\_\_\_ will hold a public

meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30p, August 30, 2006 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ MISD Board Room, 139 East 7th Street

Muenster, TX 76252

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.2900	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.1420	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters		

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	6.2	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase	or	10.4	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	5.2	% increase	or		% (decrease)

#### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 185,230,519	\$ 205,005,428
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,391,603	\$ 4,772,870
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 163,309,439	\$ 173,489,546
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,386,904	\$ 4,427,013

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

#### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 2,314,974

\* Outstanding principal.

#### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.4100	\$ .1342 *	\$ 1.5442	\$ 4,344	\$ 3,475
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.3090	\$ .1246 *	\$ 1.4336	\$ 4,496	\$ 3,475
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.2900	\$ .1420 *	\$ 1.4320	\$ 4,491	\$ 3,966

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1,544.20	\$ 1,430
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,312.27	\$ 1,215.50
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (96.77)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.4549. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.4549.

#### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 49,743.75



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## Dance team prepares for Friday nights



The Sacred Heart Red 'N Motion Dance Team has been getting ready for the 2006 season, working on several dances and drills to be performed at halftime of the Tiger games. Janie Hartman photo

## Catholic students of Diocese to attend All Schools Liturgy

Intense planning is underway for the largest gathering of Catholic School students in the history of the Diocese of Fort Worth during the All Schools Liturgy set for 11 a.m. Aug. 30 at the Fort Worth Convention Center Arena.

Diocese of Fort Worth Catholic Schools Superintendent Don Miller compared the planning effort to a finely-tuned military operation, as principals reviewed the color-coded arena seating assignments, bus schedules, and transport charts. The movement to one central location of some 6,000 students, grades one through 12, and 600 school staff members from as far away as Wichita Falls, is nothing short of symphonic orchestration. Not only are students and staff scheduled to attend and experience this historic event, said Mr. Miller, but parents, clergy, area Catholics, and community leaders will take part as well.

Bishop Kevin Vann will be main celebrant of the Mass which will be concelebrated by many of the priests of the Diocese of Fort Worth. The Catholic school principals of the diocese have divided up



Don Miller, superintendent of Catholic Schools, Molly Helmlinger, associate superintendent, and Tessa Ross, school consultant, are pictured finalizing plans for the All Schools Liturgy scheduled for Aug. 30 at the Fort Worth Convention Center Arena.

assignments for the liturgy, ranging from the choirs, cantors, and lectors, to offering special gifts.

Using the theme "We Are Called," each student and staff member is being asked to write down one way in which they are called to make a difference in the world. These expressions of service will be put in a common basket and offered during the Mass.

With Bishop Vann completing his first year as the third

bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, a renewed energy is being felt within the Catholic Schools, whose students are numbered among some 2.3 million Catholic school students nationwide.

"This is an excellent opportunity for our students to understand that they are a vital part of a larger Catholic community," said Mr. Miller. "We want to effectively demonstrate for them the interconnectedness of their schools in the Church's mission."

For more information about the All Schools Liturgy, call the Catholic Schools Office at 817-560-3300 or visit the diocesan website: [www.fwdioc.org](http://www.fwdioc.org)

## LUNCH MENUS

### WEEK OF AUG. 28 - SEPT. 1 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corny dogs, lettuce salad w/dressing, pinto beans, carrot sticks, pears, blueberry muffins.

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

Wed. - Sub sandwich, chips and salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, lettuce salad w/dressing, oranges, pudding.

Thurs. - Salisbury steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, lettuce salad w/dressing, peaches, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburger w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, lettuce salad w/dressing, oven baked French fries, applesauce.

### SACRED HEART

Mon. - Cook's choice, bread.

Tues. - Beef spaghetti, green beans, garlic toast, mixed fruit.

Wed. - No classes.

Thurs. - Pork chops, rice, broccoli w/cheese, applesauce, wheat bread.

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

### LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken crisps, cheese sticks, pinto beans, lettuce salad, Spanish rice, pineapple.

Tues. - Fiesta salad w/corn chips, ranch style beans, pears, chocolate cake.

Wed. - Turkey sandwich w/trimmings, potato chips, fresh fruit, jello.

Thurs. - Beef tips over rice, green beans, carrots, peaches, batter bread.

Fri. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

### ERA ISD

Mon. - Lasagna or fish sticks, green beans, tossed salad, sliced peaches, breadstick.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, sliced pears, hot roll.

Wed. - Chicken/chili crispito, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, sugar cookie.

Thurs. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, fruit mix, cinnamon roll.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, potato wedges, pickle spears, ice cream.

## Be heat sensitive

- Do not leave children in a closed vehicle, even for a few minutes. This is a "No-Brainer." Temperatures inside a closed vehicle can reach 140°F-190°F within 30 minutes on a hot, sunny day. However, despite this common sense rule, deaths from heat occur almost every summer when someone leaves their child in a closed vehicle.

- When outdoors, protect small children from the sun, their skin is sensitive.

- Help your pets keep their cool. It will "feel" as hot for them as it will for you. As with children, do not leave your pets in a closed vehicle. Be sure your animals have access to shade and a water bowl full of cold, clean water. Dogs don't tolerate heat well because they don't sweat. Their bodies get hot and stay hot. During summer heat, avoid outdoor games or jogging with your pet. If you would not walk across hot, sunbaked asphalt barefoot, don't make your dog walk on it either. (Dogs can also get blisters on their paws from hot pavement.)

## Commercial Steer Program kicks off

The Cross Timbers Commercial Steer Program is a curriculum geared toward teaching the fundamentals of successful cattle production to area students. The program is open to all students from elementary through high school involved in the FFA or school agriculture programs from Clay, Jack, Montague, and Cooke counties.

Students will be guided through the program by local

producers, vets, and ag teachers. Along with cash awards for record keeping, participation, and evaluations, there will also be a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to the overall winner of the year's program.

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## Rising motorcycle deaths a National and Regional problem

Motorcycle fatalities across the nation have increased for seven straight years during a period when helmet usage has dropped significantly.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Motorcycle Traffic Statistics for 2004 in the South Central States of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas show the deadly effects of operating a motorcycle without a helmet and riding impaired with or without a helmet:

- \* Motorcycle fatalities make up 8.0% of the Region's total traffic fatalities (531 of 6,486). Per vehicle mile traveled in 2003, motorcyclists were about 32 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a crash.

- \* In the South Central Region, approximately 61% of all motorcycle fatalities were not helmeted. NHTSA estimates that helmets are 37% effective in preventing crash deaths.

- \* Louisiana is the only state in the Region that has a helmet law for all motorcycle riders (passed in 2004).

- \* Regionally, 47% of all operator fatalities were not tested and/or the BAC results are listed as "unknown."

- \* Regionally, 31% of the known Blood Alcohol Concentrations (BAC) for operator fatalities were above 0.08.

- \* Of those tested for alcohol, Texas (40%) and Oklahoma (36%) had the highest percentage of intoxicated operator fatalities (BAC > 0.08).

- \* In the Region, 31% of the operators killed were not properly licensed.

# SPORTS



Sacred Heart quarterback Nolan Hartman (above) kept this hike and got in a long run to the endzone in the Tiger scrimmage against The Highlands last Friday. At right, Tiger quarterback Nathan Berend calls the play in the huddle. Janie Hartman photos

## TIGERS

### SOAP NIGHT

It's Soap Night at Tiger Field this Friday night.

A request for laundry and/or shower soap is the admission to the scrimmage between Sacred Heart and Rockwall Christian. Boxes will be at the gate to donate the soap to the Tigers.



The Sacred Heart Tigers scrimmaged The Highlands Friday evening. Above, the Tiger defense wraps up the ball carrier. At right, Colby Richey takes off down field after a completed pass. Janie Hartman photos



The Muenster Hornet defense took the challenge handed to them Saturday in a scrimmage with the Alvord Bulldogs, as Chad Endres takes care of a runner. Janie Hartman photo

## Hunter safety education course offered

There will be a hunter safety education course on Aug. 26 and 27 at Cooke County Electric Co-op from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be presented by Jim Lundberg, game warden, and Jim Gehrig. The cost to attend is \$15 per person.

## Archery Shootout Sept. 9-10

Muenster Chamber of Commerce and Red River Taxidermy and Archery have teamed up to host an Archery Shootout in Muenster on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10. Grounds open at 10 a.m. both days.

A Traditional Bow Event takes place on Saturday. Rules are no sites and one shot per target. A Compound Bow Event is Sunday. Its rule is one shot per target. California start applies both days. Kids receive a prize just for entering the competition. Entry fee is \$15 per individual, 12 and under are free. T-shirts will be given for both events.

For more information, contact Margie Starke at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce (949) 759-2227 or email chamber@ntn.net.



The Hornets worked on their running game in a scrimmage with Alvord. Above, Garrett Hennigan, and below, Paul Crabtree, carry the ball for gains. Janie Hartman photo



## Coming next week

Extra pages of sports coverage made possible by the advertising supporters

## LEGAL NOTICES

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO: A MINOR CHILD. Defendant: Greetings, NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you." You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 235TH DISTRICT COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, Texas at the courthouse of said county in GAINESVILLE, Texas. Said petition was filed on the 9th day of January, 2006 in this case, numbered 06-013 on the docket of said COURT, and styled, IN THE INTEREST OF SHAILEE LIANN WILKINS, Plaintiff vs. A MINOR CHILD, Defendant(s) The nature of Plaintiff's demand is TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRADLEY WILKINS AND THE CHILD THE SUBJECT OF THIS SUIT IN IS THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD AND SUCH TERMINATION IS REQUESTED The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at GAINESVILLE, Texas this the 17th day of August, 2006.

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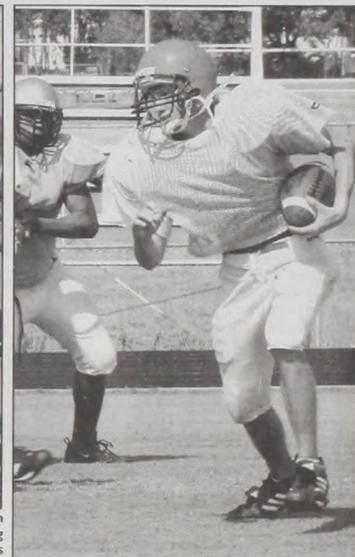
## TPWD Game Warden Field Notes

The following is an excerpt from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

**Could be they had too much to drink** — Three game wardens stopped a boat on Lake LBJ early in the evening of June 9 and observed 38 empty beer cans in the boat and an extremely intoxicated operator. The subject could not figure out how to put on a suspender PFD and had it on backwards with the collar over his forehead. After assistance from the wardens, the suspect was taken to the bank where he performed poorly on the SFSTs and was transported to Llano County Jail. The passenger was arrested for public intoxication after he was observed to have difficulty just standing in the boat. The operator, the passenger, two dogs (apparently sober), boat, trailer, and vehicle all ended up in jail or impound.



The Muenster Hornet Junior Varsity team scrimmaged a tough Alvord squad Saturday morning to kick off the 2006 season. Janie Hartman photos



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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration for the Estate of Audrey K. Betts, Deceased, were issued on July 18, 2006, in Cause No. 16109, pending in the County Court at Law, of Cooke County, Texas, to (John J. Feldt, Attorney at Law. The office address of the Administrator is 16603 Town Lake Court, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77059, and the mailing address of the Administrator is John J. Feldt, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 890428, Houston, Texas 77289. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 21st day of August, 2006.  
John J. Feldt, Attorney at Law  
State Bar Number 06889900  
P.O. Box 890428  
Houston, Texas 77289  
Telephone (281) 990-0078  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
On August 9, 2006, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. requesting its consent to the assignment of license of Station KZZA(FM), Muenster, Texas (106.7 megahertz), from Entravision Holdings, LLC to Liberman Broadcasting of Dallas License Corp. The officers, directors, and members holding more than a 10% interest in Entravision Holdings, LLC are: Walter F. Ulloa and Entravision Communications Corporation. The officers, directors and shareholders owning more than a 10% voting interest in Entravision Communications Corporation are: Walter F. Ulloa, Philip C. Wilkinson, Paul A. Zevnik, Univision Communications, Inc., Jesse Casso, Jr., Darryl B. Thompson, John F. DeLorenzo, Michael S. Rosen, Esteban S. Torres, Jeffrey A. Liberman, John F. DeLorenzo and Christopher J. Young. The Assignee, Liberman Broadcasting of Dallas License Corp., is a wholly owned subsidiary of Liberman Broadcasting of Dallas, Inc. which, in turn, is a wholly owned subsidiary of LBI Media, Inc. LBI Media is wholly owned by LBI Media Holdings, Inc., which is owned by LBI Holdings I, Inc. LBI Holdings I, Inc. is owned equally by Lenard Liberman and Jose Liberman, who votes the shares held through 3 trusts. Lenard Liberman, Jose Liberman and William Keenan serve as officers and/or directors of each of the aforementioned companies. A copy of the application, amendments, and related materials are on file for public inspection during regular business hours at: Suite 500, 5307 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
TO: CORA NEWMAN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, Defendant.  
Greetings,  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 235TH DISTRICT COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, Texas at the courthouse of said county in GAINESVILLE, Texas. Said petition was filed on the 4th day of August, 2006 in this case, numbered 06-400 on the docket of said Court, and styled, JOHN WALTER PATRICK, Plaintiff vs. CORA NEWMAN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, Defendant(s).  
The nature of Plaintiff's demand is DECLARING THAT THE DEED TO CORA NEWMAN ABOVE DESCRIBED IS INVALID AND UNENFORCEABLE, ORDERING IT REMOVED FROM THE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY MADE THE SUBJECT OF THIS LITIGATION AND QUIETING TITLE TO THE ENTIRE 16 ACRES TRACT IN THE PLAINTIFF'S ENTITLED.  
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at GAINESVILLE, Texas this 7th day of August, 2006.  
PAT PAYNE, District Clerk  
235TH DISTRICT COURT  
COOKE County, Texas  
By: /s/ Susan Hughes, Deputy

# FARM & RANCH

## Forage producers should focus on nutritive value and quality

Forage producers who want the best silage, hay, or grazing should remember that quality and nutritive value are related, but not necessarily the same thing, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"Nutritive value is what we read in the lab analysis," said Dr. Larry Redmon, Extension forage program leader, at a recent workshop in Plainview. "Forage quality encompasses nutritive value, but goes a step further to include the livestock component."

"Do they prefer it over other feed? Is their intake good? Do they gain well on this feed? These three things are the livestock component of forage quality."

The "official" nutritive value from a lab analysis can affect market value and livestock performance, he said. As managers, forage producers have more control over nutritive value than overall quality.

"There are three ways we can affect nutritive value," Redmon said. "We can choose a different forage. We can change our soil nutrient status. Or we can harvest our chosen forage at a different growth stage."

Annual forages are more nutritious than perennial forages. Cool-season forages rate higher than warm-season forages, and legumes rate higher than grasses.

"If we rate them for digestibility, from top to bottom, legumes are No. 1, cool-season annuals are second, cool-season perennials are third, warm-season annuals are fourth, and warm-season perennials come in fifth," Redmon said.

Nitrogen is the No. 1 soil nutrient in the forage nutrition equation, he said. It enables plant growth and production of amino acids that help determine crude protein.

When deciding when to

harvest, producers should remember that "maturity is the eternal enemy of forage nutritive value," Redmon said.

"Harvesting when the forage is young yields the highest nutritive value. Wait until a later growth stage and it has less nutritive value. As a forage matures, the good 'tasty' components in the plant cells shrink because the cell walls thicken to support the plant as it grows."

If the weather looks "iffy" at harvest time, it's best to postpone cutting until better curing weather is forecast, Redmon advised. Rain will leach carbohydrates out of cut forage lying on the ground, reducing its total energy content.

"The most important thing we can do to preserve quality and nutritive value after cutting and curing is put it in the barn," he said. "A good hay barn will pay for itself in three to five years by protecting your forage from the elements."

A laboratory analysis that confirms nutritive value is

also a good marketing tool, he said. Labs typically analyze forages for crude protein, net energy, fiber digestibility, and vitamin/mineral content.

Net energy is often expressed as total digestible nutrients or in vitro true digestibility. Fiber digestibility, which affects total digestibility and energy, is expressed as acid detergent fiber and neutral detergent fiber.

"Neutral detergent fiber is associated with dry matter intake...how much they eat," Redmon said. "Acid detergent fiber is associated with dry matter digestibility. Both are valuable ratings, but in-vitro true digestibility is probably the best value/rating for comparing total nutritive value."

"It is a better measure of both digestibility and energy," he said.

More information on forage selection, production, harvesting, and quality is available online at <http://forages.tamu.edu>. Redmon is at 979-845-2846 or [redmon@tamu.edu](mailto:redmon@tamu.edu).

## Linked Deposit Program for drought-declared producers

Farmers and ranchers in primary disaster-declared counties who suffered crop and livestock losses from drought may be eligible to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Linked Deposit Program for assistance.

Producers eligible for the Linked Deposit Program must have suffered an agricultural loss in a county that has received a primary Presidential or Secretarial Disaster Declaration from a natural disaster. Eligible producers must have a loan approved by an eligible

lender who then will submit the completed application to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority for approval. If approved, the bank's loan rate would be reduced to an interest rate that is established at the time of closing. The maximum loan amount financed for disaster relief under the Linked Deposit Program is \$250,000 per applicant.

For more information call (800) TELL-TDA or visit the web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us) under Programs by "Linked Deposit."

## COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER  
CEA - AG/NR

**Humus improves soils**  
Humus helps transform sterile dirt into fertile soil. Derived from organic matter of all kinds, humus is the life support system of soil. The presence of humus among mineral particles and air spaces enables soil to nurture plants two ways. Humus creates a loose structure that simultaneously holds moisture and drains well. Humus also creates an environment that supports living organisms that convert soil nutrients into a form plant roots can use, building soil fertility. In short, humus brings soil to life.

In nature, humus is constantly introduced into soil as plant debris, dead animals, and other organic matter that decomposes on the ground. Through the activity of bacteria, fungi, and other resident micro-life activity, this organic material is reduced by degrees to its soft, spongy essence, called humus. It permeates the top few inches of the soil through rains and the activity of earthworms and other macro-organisms, where it continually revitalizes the soil around plant roots. This natural cycle is repeated over the seasons out in the wild, sustaining the great forests and other natural areas.

Where there is lots of vegetation to decay and enrich the soil, such as in woodland areas, the soil is rich in humus and very fertile. Where there is little or no vegetation to provide the organic debris, such as at the seashore or in the desert, the soil has little or no humus and is lean, infertile.

In developed areas, such as residential yards and gardens, where the natural vegetation has been removed or disturbed, this natural decay cycle is disrupted. Organic matter such as leaves, dried plant parts, prunings, animal remains, manures, and other debris is routinely removed before it can recycle into the soil. Intensive planting of crops, turfgrasses, and ornamental plants rapidly depletes soil of its existing humus content. Bare soil in garden beds is exposed to the harsh effects of sun, wind, and hard rains,

which further reduce its humus content and destroy its structure and fertility.

To grow plants successfully gardeners must emulate nature and constantly renew the soil by adding the depleted ingredient, humus. Humus, added to soil can improve a variety of problems. There is no such thing as perfect soil. Every soil has problems in structure, texture, and/or chemistry that compromise its ability to nurture plants. Fortunately, the addition of organic matter, or humus, can mitigate many of these problems.

Adding organic matter can loosen compacted soils. Good soil is loose and crumbly because it has lots of air spaces. Plant roots are able to penetrate soil deeply for extended drought resistance and stability. Air is also essential to the micro-life that lives on its organic content and processes its nutrients to create fertility.

Typically soil in a home landscape is compacted, the air compressed from it by the weight of foot traffic, construction, mechanical yard care equipment, and harsh weather. Spread a mulch of some organic material on bare soil in beds and under trees and shrubs year round. Dig in compost, peat moss, or the like into garden beds when planting to improve aeration.

Sandy soil has large particles with large air spaces between them. Therefore, it drains so quickly that it dries out quickly. Also, water-soluble nutrients leach out rapidly before the plants can use them. Humus incorporated into sandy soil acts like a sponge, absorbing and holding moisture and any nutrients dissolved in it. Replenish the humus content of sandy soil at every opportunity.

Clay soils are so thick because they have small particles with correspondingly small air spaces between them. They tend to stick together and cause water to fill up the air spaces. Since moisture does not drain from this soil well, plant roots rot. Adding humus to clay soils discourages the small particles from sticking so tightly. They aggregate into larger clumps, creating larger spaces that drain more easily and hold air to improve soil texture.

The acidity or alkalinity of soils, expressed as pH, affects how accessible their nutrients are to plants. Reduced acidity (pH higher than 8.0) inhibits the uptake of iron, boron, copper, and other elements necessary for plant health. Excessive acidity (pH lower than 6.0) discourages plant absorption of other nutrients. Alter pH levels by adding either sulfur to increase acidity or limestone to reduce acidity in amounts indicated by soil test results. Because humus buffers soil against changes in its pH, adding lots of organic matter to the soil will help maintain desirable pH levels.

Soil rich in humus is alive. It supports active microorganisms to process nutrients and harbors beneficial macro-organisms such as ants and ground spiders that prey on soil-dwelling pest larvae and eggs. Humus creates a soil environment that supports beneficial nematodes and also bacteria such as milky

spore that homeowners introduce into lawns to combat white grubs. Many other resident microbes attack and control disease pathogens that lurk in the soil. Topdressing and mulching lawns and gardens with organic material such as chopped leaves, compost, or shredded bark products discourages soil pest problems.

Soil becomes sterile over time as its humus content is reduced by hot weather, removal of topsoil, or intense cultivation without replacement of organic matter. The number and activity of micro-organisms in the soil is depleted. In their absence the production of nutrients in the soil is severely curtailed and it becomes sterile.

While fertilizer provides nutrients to plants, it does not solve a soil fertility problem. Supporting resident micro-life in the soil is the long-term solution. Topdressing lawns and perennial beds with humus and incorporating it into cultivated soil every year provides a home for these organisms so they can assure soil fertility.

**Dates to remember:**  
Aug. 30 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association meeting, NCTC Little Theatre.  
Sept. 14 - Preparing for the Unexpected, NCTC Little Theatre, 7 p.m.

Sept. 20 - Master Gardener Training Course, Cooke and Montague counties, Cooke County Electric Co-op, Wednesdays, 9-4.

Oct. 12 - Fall Forage Festival, Gainesville Civic Center, 5:30-9:00 p.m. (3 CEUs).

## Trucking restrictions suspended for emergency hay delivery

Gov. Rick Perry has directed the Texas Department of Transportation to temporarily waive certain trucking restrictions to allow the emergency delivery of hay to Texas farmers and ranchers harmed by on-going drought conditions.

In a letter to Ric Williamson, chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, Perry said the U.S. Department of Agriculture has estimated a 77% loss in hay production in Texas, and Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and the Texas Farm Bureau have asked for help in expediting delivery of hay to Texas.

His letter directs TxDOT to suspend the permitting requirements and legal height restriction for round hay bales, and associated permit fees, for carriers transporting round bales of hay. The suspension of those requirements will expire Oct. 31.

To ensure the safety of the traveling public, Perry said TxDOT must require loads exceeding 14 feet in height to contact TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division to receive expedited routing. All other legal requirements, including licensing, registration, insurance, and safety, remain in place.



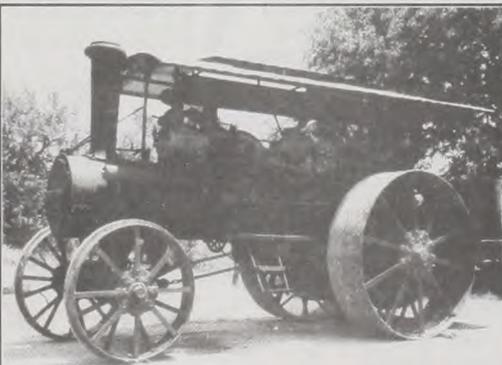
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<p><b>Feeder Steers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.33-1.66; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.10-1.33; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.31-1.55; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.00-1.31; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.20-1.48; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 95-120; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.11-1.21; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 80-111; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.03-1.10; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 80-103; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 1.02-1.05; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 80-102.</p> <p><b>Feeder Heifers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.22-1.40; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.00-1.22; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.27; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.13-1.26; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 95-113; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.04-1.19; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 80-104; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 92-110; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 75-92; 800 lbs. No. 1, 85-105; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 80-85.</p> <p><b>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)</b> Slaughter Bulls (Yield Grade #1, 2, 3) 1.15-1.25; Light wt. 50-55; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 44-53; Cutter, 20-44.</p>	<p><b>Stocker Cows (per head)</b> Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$700-\$845; Medium Frame: \$500-\$700</p> <p><b>Cow/Calf Pairs (calves up under \$750)</b> - Large Frame \$850-\$980; Medium Frame \$600-\$850; Baby Calves: Holstein/NT: \$102-\$120; Cross Breed: \$110-\$270.</p> <p><b>Barrows &amp; Gilts (per lb.)</b> US #1, 230-270: 55-64; US #2, 220-280: 48-55.</p> <p><b>Feeders (per head)</b> 100-175 lbs.: \$40-\$80; 25-90 lbs.: \$25-\$35.</p> <p><b>Sows (per lb.)</b> Feeder, 400 or less: 30-45; Light wt., 400-500: 32-34; Med. wt., 500-600: 32-34; Heavy wt., 600+ : 32-34.</p> <p><b>Boars (per lb.)</b> 300 lb. up: 07-11; 200-300 lbs.: 15-25; Light wt.: 25-35.</p> <p><b>Sheep (per lb.)</b> Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 50-90; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 50-90; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 50-85.</p>	<p><b>Ewes (per lb.)</b> Stocker: 35-44; Thin: 15-25; Fat: 30-40.</p> <p><b>Bucks (per lb.)</b> Thin: 30-40; Fat: 30-40.</p> <p><b>Barbados (per head)</b> Lambs \$15-\$35; Ewes \$15-\$60; Bucks \$40-\$80.</p> <p><b>Goats (per head)</b> Kidd: 20-35; \$15-\$45; 35-50 lbs.: \$30-\$60; 55-75 lbs.: \$45-\$70.</p> <p><b>Yearlings (per lb.)</b> 75-120 lbs.: \$70-\$115.</p> <p><b>Nannies (per head)</b> Stocker: \$60-\$100; Milk Type: \$40-\$85; Slaughter: Thin: \$15-\$40; Fat \$40-\$85.</p> <p><b>Billies (per head)</b> 120 lbs up</p> <p><b>Broilers: NT</b> Slaughter: NT</p> <p><b>Boer Goats (per head)</b> 1/2 Nanny: NT, 3/4 Nanny: \$65-\$90; Full Nanny: \$80-\$120.</p> <p><b>Full Billy: NT, 3/4 Billr: NT</b> Full Billy: \$55-\$170.</p>
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