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TTC asked to steer clear of Cooke County

By Janet Felderhoff
The presence of law enforcement officers lent evidence that there was some concern over the response of the hundreds gathered in the Gainesville Civic Center Monday evening. Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) hosted an open house from 5-6:30 p.m. and a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed Trans Texas Corridor (TTC).

The TTC is a super highway planned for improving international, interstate, and intrastate transportation of goods and people. It is the vision of those promoting TTC that it may include separate lanes for passenger vehicles, and large trucks, freight railways, high-speed commuter railways, and infrastructure for utilities including water lines, oil and gas pipelines, and transmission lines for electricity, broadband, and other telecommunication services.

Where the TTC will run is not definite. The favored route at this time goes through the eastern part of Cooke County. A warehouse district that will accompany the chosen route's point of exit from Texas reaches into western Cooke County, possibly taking up much of the Gainesville and Lindsay areas, and touching within miles of the eastern edge of the Muenster community.

Many said that they knew nothing of the project. It was first introduced to the public in February 2004. Monday's meeting was the fourth public hearing held in the Gainesville Civic Center for this area.

Cooke County Fire Marshal Jody Henry had people at the door to keep a close count on how many were inside, and when the counter clicked to the maximum allowed, nobody else went in until someone left. Less than 500 were allowed to be in the

Civic Center at a time. At one point at least 130 waited outside the doors hoping to get inside.

A second meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 14 with Open House from 5-6:30 p.m. and the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at North Central Texas College Lions Field House, which is located at 1525 W. California. Those who did not attend Monday's event are urged to go Friday, as this will be the last opportunity to ask questions of the TxDOT officials.

Dieter Billek, P.E., Advanced Project Development Director of the Texas Turnpike Division, conducted the information session and public hearing.

In a video presentation, Billek showed that roads would have crossovers, but several roads may be funneled to a single access road for the crossover. He gave no indication that these would be conveniently located or the distance that would have to be traveled to get to the access road.

Public hearing

Each person who signed up to speak was allowed three minutes. TxDOT listened to and recorded via a court reporter every comment. No questions were answered or comments made by TxDOT during this part of the meeting.

A few of the many comments follow.

Cooke County Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox expressed several of the concerns of County residents. Those included moving cemeteries, splitting school districts, transportation to schools, and more. He said, "I am opposed to the TTC coming through this County." He said he felt that if you happened to be on the wrong side of the corridor it would be a hindrance to get anywhere. He feared that it might take driving 20 miles to cross over the TTC. Law enforcement



At left, Ben Coker of TxDOT Wichita Falls District office, center, distributes information Monday afternoon to the many Cooke County residents who didn't get into the public hearing of the proposed Trans Texas Corridor. Another meeting opportunity is scheduled for this Friday, July 14 beginning at 5 p.m. Below, TxDOT's open house and public hearing drew a large crowd of concerned Cooke County residents. They filled the Gainesville Civic Center to capacity and many were turned away, but will get another chance to get in this Friday when another event is scheduled for NCTC's Lion Field House with open house from 5-6:30 p.m. and the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Janet Felderhoff photos



and EMS were other strategic services that he felt would be hindered by the TTC.

Carol Rose of Gainesville and owner of Carol Rose Quarter Horses spoke on behalf of the horse industry in Cooke County. Her ranch is located right in the center of the dark blue line depicting the preferred corridor path.

Rose said that "there are about 13,800 horses in Cooke County and many are within the dark blue areas. She estimates that constitutes about \$200 million spent in Cooke County each year by

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City raises fire school payments

By Janie Hartman

The Muenster City Council, after much discussion, awarded the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department firemen who attend Fire School a raise for expenses. The City paid, and has paid in past years, the tuition fee for the firefighters, and \$425 each for fuel, room, and meals. Also a \$250 bonus was offered upon completion of the class. This agreement has been in effect since 1996.

Councilman **Bob Walterscheid** noted that all those expenses have gone up the past 10 years and that the firemen should get some kind of raise. "Everything they do is for the community," Walterscheid added.

It was noted that having certified firemen helps cut down the cost of insurance for the City, and that the volunteer firefighters who attend the school give up a week of work pay or their vacations.

Chris Yosten, City water and sewer superintendent, added that the firemen attend Fire School to benefit the City, not themselves.

Councilwoman **Jewel Otto** noted that the City is spending \$4,300 to send four firemen to the school and that if they drive together, share rooms, and eat economically, \$425 should cover the cost.

City Manager **Stan Endres** added that the firemen who attended the past two years have not requested the \$250 incentive bonus for completing the class.

In an anonymous vote, the

Council agreed to increase the expense payment from \$425 to \$100 a day for six days, or \$600 per fireman, and still offer the \$250 bonus when the course is completed. Attending the Fire School at College Station this summer will be **Bert Walterscheid**, **Charlie Schilling**, **John Forshee**, and **Drew Springer**.

Another major discussion at the meeting was the rejection of the bid submitted for the Mesquite Street project, which came in at \$45,000 over the cost.

Endres explained that a Texas Community Development Grant of \$125,000, to be used for drainage improvements, was awarded to Muenster. The Mesquite Street project would rechannel a good portion of the water by putting in a 8' wide by 4' high by 50' long culvert under Mesquite at 5th Street, then two "driveway" culverts on the east side of Mesquite to carry the water south. Recent price increases affected the bid. "We had only one bid. We still have time to re-bid," Endres said, recommending the City drop the specs from 8' to 6' and reduce to 40' length.

A 36' round culvert and a 25' driveway culvert are now in place. The 6x4' would still double the size of runoff. The Council rejected the bid as submitted and will have engineers resubmit for bids with amended size. "I know there are better things we could spend the money on, but it's one of those things, if

you don't do it the government way, you don't get any money," Endres added.

The Council approved the Inter-jurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement presented by the Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) Governing Body. "It's been verbal in the past," Endres noted. "We'd be there if another city needed help. This is just a written agreement."

The agreement was developed to ensure effective coordination of response with all agencies, cities, and counties in the Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson County region, to ensure effective coordination of response activities including deployment and application of personnel and equipment in response to events that exceed the capabilities of an individual jurisdiction.

The agreement gives Muenster control over availability. The requesting party would oversee the event and Muenster's supervisor would have control over the Muenster group. Transportation, food, and lodging expenses would be reimbursed by the requesting party. Muenster is not responsible for civil liability, but must furnish their own insurance. "Sounds clean to me," said **John Pagel**. "We control availability and we may need help some day."

In other news business, the Council:

• Approved renewing property tax collection contract with Attorney **Jim Robertson**. At no cost to the City,

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County departments warned to watch budget spending

By Janet Felderhoff

"Budgets are made to follow," counseled County Judge **Bill Freeman** at the Monday, July 10 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court. "I cannot, as budget officer, budget this County if you continue to go back to the well and pull money out. It makes it impossible for me to try to figure for next year's budget if I know you all are going to back starting in July and putting extra money in."

It was a request by two of the County extension agents, **Phyllis Griffin** and **Wayne Becker** that prompted the Judge's remark. They were facing shortages in their travel budgets and hoped to either get assistance from the Court or be on record showing that there were no funds to support travel in the next months until the new budget

period begins Oct. 1.

In reviewing the positive changes to Cooke County 4-H, **Griffin** noted that her year-end report indicated rising numbers enrolled in the organization. In 2000 there were 280 and last year it was 395. "Senior members, which is an amazing thing here, even in the State of Texas, when I first started there were 47 senior members and as of last year we had 95," she said. Senior 4-H members are those who are 14 years of age or older. She said that the outside activities were what kept them interested.

Becker added, "Keeping kids in 4-H at the senior level makes them eligible for the many scholarships that they are able to get through 4-H." Time, travel, and being in the different spots facilitate a 4-H member being awarded a

scholarship, he said.

According to **Becker** his shortage in travel funds came as a surprise since he'd previously had no problem. This year a Dairy Judging team made the national competition in Wisconsin and he also took a team to Houston where they won scrambles.

Another factor is that there are no ag specialists in Dallas, especially for forage, and so he goes to Stephenville and Overton for assistance.

"I think it was money well spent," reflected **Becker**. "I don't think it was squandered away."

The amount being requested by the Extension Agents was about \$2,700. That would get them through September. **Becker** is not short yet, but has a conference he must attend since Cooke County is hosting it. **Griffin** has shortages.

Judge Freeman said that they might be very selective in where they chose to go next year since there is no fund planned to cover additional travel expenses. Directing his comment to all elected official and department heads, **Judge Freeman** said, "You need to look at your budgets every month or so and see where you are at so you can judge ahead and you don't fall short and all of a sudden with three months to go, you have no money to finish it."

As explained by the Judge, the only way that they can go back to the Fund Balance after the Budget is set would be to declare an emergency. There are only certain reasons that an emergency can be declared. Money can be moved from one area to another within the Budget.

According to County Auditor **Shelly Saunders**, the only area of the County Budget that money could be transferred from Capital Improvements. That is one place that

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Fletcher presents dire outlook for Cooke County

By Janet Felderhoff

Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator **Ray Fletcher** didn't have an optimistic report at the Monday, July 10 Commissioners Court meeting. He was updating the Court on conditions around the County in regard to drought, weather, and wildfire danger. Things have not improved since the Court placed a ban on burning in unincorporated areas of Cooke County.

According to **Fletcher's** information, the KBDI index means for Cooke County is now 594 and is moving up fast. The high count is 655 and the low is 435. The low spot is a small area in the southeastern part of Cooke County.

Temperatures are predicted to be in the high 90s to 100s this week, he said. "The drought boundary shows us to be in extreme drought,

which is one level from the highest right now," **Fletcher** explained. "Our outlook through September shows the drought to persist or intensify now. There doesn't appear to be any end in sight."

Fletcher warned that on low humidity days, such as last Friday when the humidity was in the teens, even a 15 mph wind could spark fires reminiscent of last winter's wildfires.

With that, the County's Emergency Management Coordinator recommended that by the next Commissioners Court meeting (July 24), the Court consider putting in place some precautions such as not welding unless certain circumstances are in place, etc.

County Judge **Bill Freeman** stated that he would check on the rules concerning

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Muenster's annual swimming lessons in full swing at pool



Volunteer instructor **Kaitlin Hesse** works with **Andy Boles** at the Muenster Pool as the first week of swimming lessons were being held. Swimmers from all over the area take advantage of the swim instructions being offered.

Janie Hartman photo

TTC

the horse industry. Milton Ward, owner of Gainesville Livestock Auction, worried about the affect on agriculture should the TTC be routed through Cooke County. "Agriculture is still big business in this County,"

he said. Some of his worries were how farmers and ranchers would get vet services to their place, haul feed and fertilizer, truck crops, or get support to dairies. Kris Martin of Gainesville said she owns no land. She

feels that the people are not being given all the facts and this concerns her. B.C. Lemons who lives in the southeastern part of Cooke County delivered his message both visually and verbally. He had Strayhorn

campaign stickers all over his clothing. Lemons said, "TxDOT and the officials have told us what they are going to do for us. Now it is time for us to tell them what we are going to do for them! Now is the time for us to vote these politicians out of office and kick them down this road they are talking about building with, Gov. Perry in front of them." This drew loud audience applause. He said the November election would be the time to show that we don't want the TTC.

Bob Smith of Bob Smith Coachworks noted, "It makes no sense. Why go northwest to go northeast?" He was referring to the way the proposed road curved to go into Cooke County and would have to curve after the Red River to hook up with highways in other states.

Should TxDOT decide to have the TTC go through Cooke County, it would have far reaching and profound affects on all who reside here. If that is of any concern to you or your family, now is the time to make your voice heard. After a final decision is made will be too late.

The most recent map supplied by TxDOT depicting the two preferred routes of the TTC is on display at the Muenster Enterprise office. Information on what to do to get your opinion known to TxDOT, and how to contact state and federal officials, is also there for those who wish to take action either for or against the TTC.

The deadline for submitting your written comments is Monday, Aug. 21, 2006. They must be submitted or postmarked by that date.

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Robertson gets 15% of the amount of delinquent taxes collected. Only about \$4,400 in back taxes hasn't been paid to the City, not including three present lawsuits.

• Approved sale of alcohol in the City Park by Muenster VFD for their barbecue fundraiser on Aug. 12.

• Set Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m. as budget workshop meeting date.

• Walterscheid noted that the Cooke County Emergency Management Team wants five Muenster members for their response team, and classes will be held in Muenster.

• Budget summary report included that sales taxes have increased each month and the Appraisal District increased the City property tax value \$8 million.

• Approved monthly bills, a total of \$96,957.69. Discussion noted that the City is spending "a whole lot more"

on the Lakeside Meadow (Sicking housing addition) project, where two houses obtained permits from the City, and that the swimming pool attendance is "way down", with private parties bringing in more than regular attendance.

The quarterly activities report from the Police Department noted that 36 tickets were issued. Police Chief Bob Stovall was asked if the Department still uses the drug dog. Stovall noted that the dog has sniffed out several drug related incidents recently, and monthly school visits will start soon. Muenster ISD pays \$1500 for each dog visit. Endres noted that to this point, the dog has not cost the City anything. Donations have covered all costs.

Endres gave reports on City projects and activities, including:

- Two new City employees,

Casey Davidson and Rick Hennigan, have been hired.

• Employee Gary Hacker will be on leave of absence for active duty in the National Guard.

• Received check for payment of Main Street traffic light.

• Ninth Street project is underway.

• City replaced chain link fence around pump jack in City Park. Constant climbing on fence to retrieve volleyballs broke the fence down. The new fence is two feet taller. There is (and has been) a gate access into the area.

Old business approved was the amending ordinance outlining charges for retail food inspections, and the TXU Ordinance regarding quarterly payments of yearly franchise.

Mayor Henry Weinzapfel was absent. John Pagel officiated the meeting, with all other councilmen present.

Fletcher

implementing welding rules as far as the burn ban versus a declaration of disaster.

"There was some issue about whether the Court had the authority to ban fireworks here on the 4th of July," commented Judge Freeman. "The only authority that the county judge has to ban fireworks that can be upheld by the Commissioners Court is to declare a disaster such as come counties did. Parker County did it, Tarrant County and Collin County did

it, and now they are all defending a federal lawsuit. Over in East Texas there have been a few lawsuits filed. In southwest Texas the district judges down there have overturned the orders saying there was no disaster. Therefore the county judge did not have the authority.

"I would not take it on myself during the 4th of July holidays to declare a disaster and put the County in a position where we would be spending tax dollars to defend a federal

lawsuit or even to defend a state lawsuit when in fact there was no local disaster that allowed me to issue that order."

Judge Freeman added that there is specific legislation that allows the banning of missiles with stick and rockets with fins. "That's the only authority the Commissioners Court has at this time to regulate fireworks," he said. He speculated that in the next Legislative session the issue would be addressed.

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extra money currently exists.

It was voted 4-1 to transfer \$2,600 from Capital Improvements to the Extension office to be distributed between Becker and Griffin's departments for travel expenses. Judge Freeman voted no.

Commissioner Smith, who made the motion to transfer the money, remarked, "I can promise you that I probably wouldn't make that same motion next year."

Tom Schalk, with Schalk and Smith, Certified Public Accountants, gave the County its annual financial report for FY 2004-05. It was once again an unqualified report. Schalk noted, "It is of the highest level that we can issue."

Schalk commented, "Historically Commissioners Court has been, in my estimation, the most conservative and fiscally managed around here."

Judge Freeman inquired if that meant that they were cheap. Schalk said, "It means you're conservative."

Commissioner Bill Cox wondered how Cooke County stood in comparison to other counties. Schalk said, "Cooke County has always been very fiscally sound. Of course, you have to keep your thumb on it just like you have, otherwise balances are going to start dwindling. Then if you come into some kind of an emergency or something, it's gone. I've seen it happen a lot."

Commissioners approved the prepared report.

The holiday schedule for 2007 was approved as follows: New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 15; President's Day, Feb.

19; Good Friday, April 6; Memorial Day, May 28; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 3; Veteran's Day, Nov. 12; Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22 and 23; Christmas Eve, Dec. 24; Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Cimarron Gathering, LP requested, at their expense, permission to install a 10-inch steel pipeline for a low pressure gas gathering system across CR 426, approximately 2.65 miles north of the intersection of FM 373 and CR 426 in Precinct #4. Also, the same request was made in Precinct #3 for CR 351, approximately 2.41 miles northwest of the intersection of Hwy. 82 and CR 351 and 0.54 miles north of that location. Approval to bore under the roadways was granted, but not for any use of the right of ways.

In other business Commissioners Court:

• Authorized Judge Freeman to research items needed for election procedures and purchase them with remaining HAVA Grant funds before the deadline. There is \$121,096 remaining in the fund.

• Approved purchase of a 32 kw generator that comes on automatically when needed for EMS substation on Rice Ave. The cost is \$114,804. It will be used to generate electricity for that facility and keep the two County radio channels functioning. Less expensive generators will be bought for the other two EMS substations. The radio system is not located at either of these. Commissioner Hess suggested checking out Army surplus stores.

• Rescinded the previously accepted bid for a new belly dump trailer for Precinct #2. Commissioner Cox decided to make due with the old one.

• Approved request by Mountain Springs Water Supply, at their expense, to install a two inch casing for a one inch water line located on CR 220 approximately 4/10 of a mile west of the intersection of FM 3496 and CR 220.

• Approved final plat of Woolfolk Addition, lots 1-4, located off of Hwy. 82 East and CR 123 in Precinct #1.

• Approved annual road reports for Precincts #1, #2, #3, and #4.

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			<i>Sacred Heart Catholic School Uniform Store Open 4p.m. - ?</i>			
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OBITUARIES

Bertha Hamric

1914 - 2006

Bertha Elizabeth Hamric of Muenster died at the age of 91 on Thursday, July 6, 2006 in Denton Regional Hospital of heart failure.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, July 10 in Sacred Heart Church with Father John Ohner, OSA officiating. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery. A Rosary service led by Imelda Rohmer was held at 7 p.m. Sunday in McCoy Funeral Chapel. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Born Dec. 31, 1914 to William and Elizabeth Wieler, she was the youngest of nine children. She completed school at Muenster Public. On Nov. 18, 1933, she married Robert Ervin Hamric in Shawnee, Oklahoma. They lived most of their lives in Muenster, and were the proprietors of Hamric's Men's and Boy's Wear for more than 50 years. Bertha was an avid gardener and enjoyed keeping her yard in beautiful condition. She loved playing golf, picking up the sport at the age of 60 and playing until the age of 88, often three or four times a week with friends. A prized possession was a trophy she

received for making a hole-in-one.

Bertha was very active and vital in the Muenster community, serving on the City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Muenster Historical Society, PTO, and the first Germanfest planning committee. She was also the first president of Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. For a number of years, she volunteered at St. Richard's Villa. In 1999, she was recognized for all her volunteer work by being chosen Cooke County Citizen of the Year.

On the occasion of her 90th birthday, Bertha was presented with a plaque congratulating her on her birthday and thanking her for the many years of service she had given to the Muenster Community and the State of Texas. The plaque was presented by State Representative Rick Hardcastle.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law Dan and Fay Hamric of Muenster and Burt and Peggy Hamric of Houston; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband on June 27,



Bertha Hamric 1970; her parents; her siblings Rosie Roewe, Mary Felderhoff, William Wieler, Anna Shelton, Emma Billingsley, John J. Wieler, Gertrude Shelton, and Catherine Hellams.

Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial assisting Father John were altar servers Butch Fisher, Chuck Bartush, and Alvin Hartman.

Grandson Bob Hamric gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by granddaughter Danna Hess. Another granddaughter, Lisa Hamric, read the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by great-grandchildren Casey Hamric, Katy Hamric, Erin Hess, Amanda Hamric, and Mike Hamric, Jr. Remarks of remembrance were given by grandson Mike Hamric.

Eucharistic ministers included Bob and Linda Sepanski, Dennis and Kathy Hess, Theresa Mae Walterscheid, Sandra Reeves, and Imelda Rohmer. Music ministers were Isaac Davis, Christy Hesse, and Don and Barbara Rohmer.

Pallbearers were Joe Roewe, Ronnie Felderhoff, Jim Hellams, Bill Hellams, Leroy Billingsley, and Mike

Newbill. Honorary pallbearers were Arthur Felderhoff and Dale Felderhoff.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in the name of Bertha Hamric can be made to the Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

July 11, 1941

Muenster Cheese Plant has been notified that all cheese shipped from here will go to Britain. Urban Endres wins top honors at motorcycle races. Son of the Joe Hesses, 18 months old, recovers after swallowing kerosene oil. Wedding: Alphonse Vogel and Judy Hyosky. Frank Bernauer regains consciousness almost two months after motorcycle accident. Ad for Luke Garage & Service Station offers "With Each Oil Change, Your Car Greased 25¢," with Paul Yosten and Lee Jennings as workers.

50 YEARS AGO

July 13, 1956

About 800 attend dedication of Muenster Swimming Pool. In connection with the dedication, Aquamaid contest winners were: junior division - Judy Cain, Ann Luke, Carolyn Cain; senior division - Virginia Otto, Jeanette Haverkamp, Norma Klement, Jimmy Joe Endres, son of Donald and Dorothy Endres, is recovering from burns received when he pulled a pan of hot starch on himself. New Arrival: Allen Michael to Bernard and Adeline Sicking. Wedding: Lynette Walterscheid and James Harris.

25 YEARS AGO

July 10, 1981

Ramon Luke is Naval aviator. Jim Biffle to play tennis for Cooke County College Lions. Wedding: Kathie Fisher and Tim Herr. New Arrivals: Bobby to Herbert and Debbie Fisher; Daniel to the Kevin Hackers; Lydia to Chris and Sandy Felderhoff; Brandon to Roy and Carol Klement. Birthday: Candise Abney, 5.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

As some are aware there is an area that runs from Sivelles Bend to just west of Nocona along the Red River all the way down to Comanche, Texas, that is filled with some of the most beautiful rolling hills and valleys, lakes and springs in the state. In this area there are numerous small ranches and farms that in many cases represent the 401k's for their owners. Their property has steadily increased in value since the late 1950s at a rate more than double the gain of the stock market. Now I hear that TURBINES ARE COMING. It appears from all my research that a few absentee land owners are willing to risk this steady increase in value for placement of turbines on their land. Yes, they will be paid, and paid handsomely in some cases, with tax dollars, tax dollars from all the little farms, ranches, and homes of the little guys that grew up and want to continue to raise their families in this pristine area. Our tax dollars will be used to upgrade roads to support their tremendously heavy equipment that will be used to rape our land and pollute our scenic views along with forcing our wild game to move on. Many of our small ranches supplement the family income with their hunting and fishing leases. What do you suppose will happen to these? They have our neighbors sign non-disclosure agree-

ments for turbine leases, but if we decide to sell our land we must abide by the disclosure laws of the state and let any prospective buyers know that the TURBINES ARE COMING. These agreements are with limited partnership corporations / which in layman's terms means we are left with suing vacant land owners which in many cases are big lawyers on big retainers.

Twice in the last 60 days I have personally encountered turbine land scalpers. People looking to buy land for turbines. This money comes from outside the state and even outside the country. Investment money is being poured in, to rape us of our land, scenic views, and our tax dollars as well.

Recently I have traveled to New Mexico/Oklahoma to view these turbines. What I found there was turbines placed on land that has not increased in value or price over the last 20 years. Most of the land sold for the \$500/\$800 per acre price. Not much was growing on this land, but even there the little guys that made their living off tourist dollars got the shaft. Tourists won't come for the horseback rides and the hunting leases that disappeared along with the game that used to roam the area.

So unless all us little guys stand up and say NO, NOW THE TURBINES ARE COMING!!!!

Louis Harvill
Gainesville, Texas

To Whom It May Concern:

Cooke County, City of Gainesville, Lake Kiowa, Moss Lake, and Sivelles Bend need to wake up.

We have industrial wind turbines coming to this county that are totally unregulated. Meaning they can be built across the fence from your property or on top of your home. These turbines are four times taller than your water tower. They make noise, are unsightly, and will reduce our property values.

Federal tax dollars are used to build these giants and the profits will go to electric companies in Florida. These companies have requested that our county tax dollars be used to improve county roads to the tower sights and they will ask for tax abatements. The cement pad for these towers is 14 feet diameter by 28 feet deep.

These turbines are not a good idea and are certainly not a good idea in the wrong place. They do not create jobs and they will not reduce our dependence on foreign oil. It's been rumored that the electric companies even get to have a greater emissions tol-

erance if they have wind farms.

This company is from Florida, but they are not putting turbines in Florida, why not? It's time for our county commissioners to research wind farms, where do they need to be and regulate them. They should never receive our tax dollars or tax abatements just to generate profit for the energy companies and no jobs.

Just as we must support those fighting the Trans Texas Corridor battle which could turn most of Cooke County into an industrial warehouse facility, we must also support those fighting this Fortune 500 Company trying to clutter our horizons with huge, whirling industrial wind turbines.

To learn more, please visit northtexaswindresistance.com and attend one of their meetings.

Joe O'Dell
Gainesville, TX

Editor's Note: According to Cooke County Commissioner Virgil Hess, no company has made any requests regarding improvements to county roads.

A Letter to the Editor of the Muenster Enterprise and Janet Felderhoff:

Janet - Thank you again for all your efforts to present the big picture of what so many of us face here in our beloved Cooke County. Local efforts to save our county would not have been able to advance so quickly and with so much strength without your journalism efforts to inform the people.

As we delve deeper into the related topics shrouding the Trans Texas Corridor, we

do experience a grief process in multi-faceted dimensions which begin with anticipated personal and emotional loss, with anticipated loss of our community way of life, with the realization that so many elected state and federal officials are indifferent and even deaf to our appeals for assistance, and with the realization that within the very heart of our county, in Gainesville, dwells those who through their positions and influence in city government have invited much of this

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LIFESTYLE

Wells, Mesker united in matrimony at Pagosa Springs, Colorado

The marriage of Heather Renee Wells of Bowie and Eric Lee Mesker of Pagosa Springs, Colorado was held Saturday, May 27, 2006 at 1 p.m. in an outside wedding at his grandparents' place in a beautiful setting on a hillside overlooking Echo Lake near Pagosa Springs. Heather's uncle Rev. Micah Wells blessed the double ring marriage.

Daughter of Ruth and Cal Wells of Bowie, the bride is also the granddaughter of Mildred Walterscheid of Muenster and the late Ervin Walterscheid, and Curtis (Nubbin) and Mona Wells of Bowie. She is a graduate of Bowie High School, and attended Master's Commission in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She also attended NCTC in Bowie and Corinth. She is furthering her study in youth ministry and is employed by Pagosa Dental as a dental assistant.

The groom is the son of Mark and Michele Mesker of Pagosa Springs. He is the grandson of Ron and Valerie

Halvorson, Carl Deilgat of San Diego, California, and Dennis and Sonja Mesker of San Diego. He is a graduate of Pagosa High School and is employed by the family business Paint Connection.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was wearing a strapless, candlelight satin gown with braided bodice. A band of beads accented the bodice top and the hem of the dress.

For tradition and sentiment, she wore her grandmother Walterscheid's earrings and her grandmother Wells' pearl necklace.

Serving as maid of honor was the bride's sister Audra Wells of Lewisville. Bridesmaid was Amber Mesker of Denver, Colorado, sister of the groom.

Matt Mesker of San Diego was his brother's best man. Groomsman was Josh Mesker of Pagosa Springs, brother of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception in a tent at the wedding location included dinner



Mrs. Eric Lee Mesker
...nee Heather Wells ...

and a dance for approximately 100 guests hosted by the parents of the bride. Reception assistants were aunts Sara Myers, Grace Walterscheid, and Karen Wells.

Decorations were in the bride's chosen colors of taupe and orange. The three layer bride's cake was decorated in taupe, orange, and white.

Groom's cake was chocolate with raspberry filling.

After returning from a wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple is residing in Pagosa Springs.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Ramon's Mexican Restaurant in Pagosa Springs on May 26.

CASA offers training session for volunteers

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a non-profit volunteer agency will be training volunteers to become CASA Guardians Ad Litem for children in the care of the State of Texas due to abuse and/or neglect. Appointed by the District Judge, CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) are trained volunteers who befriend the child and speak on his behalf in Court and within the foster care system.

In order to become a CASA volunteer, an individual must have a clear criminal history, a clean record with CPS, have

good references, be over the age of 21, and have a schedule that will allow the volunteer to give approximately 10 to 15 hours each month in working a case. Some flexibility in schedule is necessary. Individuals must then complete 30 hours of training provided by CASA and be selected to be sworn as a Guardian Ad Litem for the children. Training is scheduled to begin in early fall.

If interested, contact the CASA office in person at 900 N. Grand, Suite 101, Gainesville, or by telephone at 665-2244.

MEETING NOTICE

Keep Muenster Beautiful
Keep Muenster Beautiful held its membership meeting on Thursday, July 13. The meeting began at 6:45 p.m. at Cooke County Electric.

Yard care note

What is the most effective way to kill ground ivy?

Control is most effective in the early spring, before the plants have gotten too big. Rake and mow early in the season. You can dislodge creeping Charlie's rooting stems from the ground with a rake. After raking, make sure to mow your lawn at a low setting, and then rake up and dispose of the stems (severed stems can re-root). Another way to rid your lawn of creeping Charlie is through the use of weed killers.

Yardcare.com

McDaniels receive Keep Muenster Beautiful s Yard of the Month



Robert and Judy McDaniel, 1054 N. Elm, were recognized by Keep Muenster Beautiful for their colorful well-kept yard that is filled with blooming plants despite the Texas summer heat and dry weather. A wishing well featured in the backyard is filled with climbing morning glories and other flowers. There are also petunias, moss roses, and rose bushes. In the front, the porch holds patriotic items and a rustic bench. Front yard plants include Texas sage bushes, lilies, zinnias, snap dragons, and moss roses.

Janie Hartman photo

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NEW ARRIVALS



Lainey Grewing

Grewing

Gary, Kelly and big sister Josey Grewing of Valley View are proud to announce the birth of Lainey May. She was born Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at Denton Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. Grandparents are Doris and Henry Grewing, Jr. of Gainesville, and Mike and Judy Stillman of Ridgefield, Washington. Great-grandparents are Marie Reiter of Muenster and the late Buddy Reiter, June Stillman of Vancouver, Washington and the late Robert Stillman, and Alexander and Margaret Sheridan of Ocean Park, Washington.

Yosten

Jeff and Valerie Yosten of Gainesville proudly announce the birth of their son Bruce Sawyer Yosten at North Texas Medical Center. Bruce was born Monday, July 3, 2006 at 12:14 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.



David Walterscheid

Walterscheid receives Pigott Scholarship

Local student David Anthony Walterscheid was recently awarded a \$10,000 scholarship award for the Fall 2006 academic year from the Paul Pigott Scholarship Foundation. All winners are dependents of employees at Paccar/Peterbilt Motors Company.

Walterscheid, son of Jeannene and T.J. Walterscheid, graduated as the class salutatorian from Sacred Heart High School on May 19. While in high school, he participated in Robotics/Engineering, football, baseball, golf, track, and basketball. He was a TAPPS state qualifier in academic meets all throughout his high school career. David served as president of the Student Council, was also on the Principal's Honor Roll consistently, as well as a member of the National Honor Society.

He has been accepted to Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Yard care

How do I rid my lawn of grubs?

The easiest way is to use a product designed to kill lawn insects. This should be applied between July and September, when grubs are the most susceptible to insect controls. Yardcare.com

Welcoming him is his sister Ava Yosten, age 3. Grandparents are George and Maurine Erwin, and Gene and Linda Yosten, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Buddy and Dorothy Yosten of Muenster.

Cheaney

Chad and Michelle Cheaney of Gainesville joyfully announce the birth of their first child, daughter Caylee Raychelle Cheaney. Caylee was born in North Texas Medical Center on Thursday, July 6, 2006 at 6:14 a.m. She weighed 6 lb. 13 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. Grandparents are Hal and Shirley Cheaney of Taylor, Arkansas and the late Raymond and Frankie Jo Prescher. Great-grandparents are Joe Wimmer of Muenster, and Elizabeth Cook, Irene Fox, and Agnes Prescher all of Gainesville, and the late Peter Prescher.

Kasperek receives Science - Mathematics scholarship

Lori Kasperek has been awarded an NSF Robert Noyce Science and Mathematics Scholarship in the amount of \$7,750 for the year 2006-07. The scholarship is dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Robert M. Noyce, the scientist credited with the invention of the integrated chip.

Lori is working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics. She served as a supplemental instructor for the UNT Learning Center, and has provided help to sev-

eral youth group organizations. She is serving as an orientation leader this summer, and will be working as a peer advisor for UNT Housing and Residence Life in the fall. She plans to graduate in the spring of 2008.

She also achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the 2006 spring semester, with her name being placed on the President's List.

Lori is the daughter of John and Peggy Kasperek of Lindsay, and a 2004 graduate of Lindsay High School.

APART seeks vendors

Come to the Health Fair & Craft Show hosted by All Partners for Accessibility Reaching Texomans (APART) on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Sherman High School. The event is in honor of APART Awareness Day and Trenell Walker Day, which in 2004

was recognized by the City of Sherman. Health technology vendors and creative craft vendors are needed to assist with the phenomenal event. For more information contact, chair Jan Bishop 903-482-5152 or co-chair Jeri Waterloo 903-465-4394.

Nathan celebrates second birthday

Nathan Hartman, son of Tony and Misty Hartman, celebrated his 2nd birthday on May 20 at Tom and Debbie Hartman's house. The theme of the party was Cars. Everyone enjoyed watching Nathan open presents and eating cake and ice cream. Nathan's Car cake was made by Stephanie Heady.

Those attending the party were his parents; grandparents Tom and Debbie Hartman and Wayne and Tudor Klement; Jeff Klement and Lauren Hayes; Kami Klement; and Craig and Mattie Hartman. Family friends attending were Coy Fisher, Ashley Walterscheid, Corey, Megan, Dawson, and Riley Anderle, and Charles and Jane Barknecht.

Nathan's actual birthday was May 18 and was

celebrated by bringing doughnuts to his friends at daycare.



Nathan Hartman

Olivia turns 2!

On Saturday, June 24, Olivia Grace Felderhoff celebrated her second birthday. Her parents are Gus and Britt Felderhoff of Scottsdale, Arizona.

One of her favorites was the theme of the day with balloons and cake decorated in the "Dora" theme. Swimming followed by a dinner with cake and homemade ice cream was enjoyed by Olivia, her parents, her grandmother Loretta Felderhoff and great-uncle Gary Droll of Muenster, and aunt Shawn and uncle Troy Goll of Scottsdale.

Greetings were sent by grandparents Greg and Jackie Cleveland from Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Olivia Felderhoff

Smart watering tip
Sweep your sidewalks and driveway rather than hosing them down. **Toro**

LETTER

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intrusive and abusive Trans Texas Corridor plan to come our way through their membership in and commitment to the mission set forth by the North America Super Corridor Coalition (NASCO).

It is my hope that citizens in Cooke County will continue speaking out against the destructive plans that are unfolding, not only in Cooke County, but in the State of Texas and in the United States as well. I encourage every citizen to search out information and to speak out about what is taking place. If these global plans are not stopped, what is planned in the State of Texas and in the United States will forever alter our way of life and the freedoms that we cherish.

Thank you to the *Muenster Enterprise*, and to you Janet, for exhibiting a genuine concern for the well-being of all citizens of Cooke County. May the Lord abundantly bless you and everyone who reads these words.

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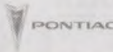
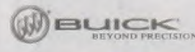
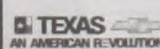
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Muenster Hornet Cheerleaders at camp were, from left, front - Mike Valliere, Melissa Cox, Jackie Klement, Amanda Dangelmayr; back - Jessica Walterscheid, NCA instructor, Lauren Haverkamp, Sam Endres, Laura Heers, Alison Miller, Lia Heers, and Lindsey Watson. Courtesy photo

Muenster cheerleaders earn various honors at TCU camp

The Muenster Varsity Cheerleaders and Mascot attended a National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) camp June 17 through 20 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

The Hornet Cheerleaders attended cheer and chant classes along with jump, stunt, and dance classes each day. They performed these cheers and chants at nightly evaluations earning six superior ribbons and one excellent ribbon. The squad's spirit, strong teamwork, and positive attitude earned a spirit stick each night of camp as well as a spirit stick to take home.

On the final day of camp the squad competed for the Champion Chant and Top Team Awards. The squad was the recipient of the National Championship Bid allowing them to compete at Nationals in Dallas in December.

Head Cheerleader Jessica Walterscheid attended a daily captain's class on responsibility and leadership within the squad. Out of over 30 captains, Jessica was honored with the Leadership Award given to the head cheerleader who best possessed the skills to be a successful squad leader.

Several other cheerleaders were also recognized for their cheerleading abilities. The Hornet cheerleaders were honored with six All-American nominees. They were Jessica Walterscheid,

Melissa Cox, Laura Heers, Samantha Endres, Lauren Haverkamp, and Lia Heers. Melissa Cox and Laura Heers were named to the All-American squad and are now qualified to perform at the Hula Bowl in Maui, Hawaii and the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida.

Michael Valliere, "Buzz" the Hornet Mascot, had a very successful camp. He earned two superior ribbons for his evaluations, received the Mascot Leadership Award, and was named an

All-American Mascot. Michael was also honored with a trophy for being the Best Mascot at camp.

MHS Cheer Coaches Lisa Pagel and Jennifer Walterscheid received their coaching certificates after attending daily classes and participating with the squad.

The Hornet squad recently conducted a cheerleading mini-camp at the Muenster Park. A complete listing of all awards will be in a future issue of the *Muenster Enterprise*.

Project Graduation 2007: The Tradition Starts Here

The Saint Jo High School Senior Class of 2007 and their parents are proud to announce "Project Graduation 2007: The Tradition Starts Here". This will be Saint Jo High School's FIRST Project Graduation. Project Graduation 2007 is a parent sponsored drug-free, alcohol free lock-in event to be held the night of the Senior graduation.

Project Graduation's goal is to keep students safe on what is known to be one of the more dangerous nights in their life. It is a safe alternative to "party hopping" and it gives parents peace of mind knowing that their son or daughter is celebrating in a safe yet fun environment. It is the last time the seniors can be with their classmates in an all-night celebration of music, dancing, karaoke, food, fun, games, prizes, and so much more.

Project Graduation 2007 is sponsored and funded solely by senior parents with fundraising events to be held throughout the school year. Project Graduation 2007 raised their first funds with the Ice Cream Freeze-Off on July 4 at Boggs Park. Jana Gaston of Trailtown Café, along with another group, won Taster's Choice Award with their Chism Chiller. The prize money for Taster's Choice Award was \$150. Team Arendt, Kristie and Mindi, won third place with their Ginger Pecan. The prize money for 3rd place was \$100. Team Admire, Sharon

Admire and Haley, also competed in the Freeze-Off with G.I. Jane.

Project Graduation will be having a garage sale in Saint Jo on Saturday July 15 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The fundraiser will be held at the old service station on Hwy. 82 next door to Trailtown Café. If anyone has any items they wish to donate to help Project Graduation, items can be dropped off at the location on Thursday and Friday.

Project Graduation 2007 will host a "Senior Send In" swim party on Aug. 19. All seniors and their parents are invited to attend this bash to send the seniors into this exciting school year! All will enjoy swimming, a cookout,

and sharing of ideas for a successful year ahead.

Project Graduation will happily accept tax-deductible donations. Project Graduation will also accept any items for the garage sale, for raffles, or ANYTHING anyone might want to offer to help make Project Graduation a Success!

Also, Senior parents who have not been contacted need to contact the following: Dana McCrary, president, 995-9474; Kristie Arendt, secretary, 995-2674; Shandi Clark, treasurer, 995-2361; Pam Pendergraft, publicity/advertising, 995-3132. Participation needs to be 100% to make this a great success.



The Muenster Kiwanis Club presented its annual \$500 scholarship to two local high school graduates. Presentation was made by Kevin Sebade and Debbie Knabe (left) to Mark Gehrig, Sacred Heart graduate, and Kelly Endres, Muenster High graduate. Courtesy photo

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SPORTS

Johnathan Zimmerer wins 2nd at Nationals

Johnathan Zimmerer of Lindsay was selected to represent Texas on the smallbore rifle team at the 4-H National Shooting Sports Games in Rapid City, South Dakota. Johnathan caught a charter bus on Saturday, June 24 for a week of competitions and fun in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

He returned home with an individual award of 2nd place overall high individual, the smallbore team 3rd place award, and a 1st place win for Texas. The Texas team consisted of 36 youth from all over Texas who were selected to represent Texas from an extensive application and



Johnathan Zimmerer

shooting experience process. The nine teams of four members competed in recurve archery, compound archery, muzzleloading, shotgun, air rifle, air pistol, hunter decisions, smallbore pistol, and Johnathan's contest smallbore rifle.

The National Shooting Sports Games have been held each summer for the past six years. Texas has won the overall 1st place each year including this year. The 4-Hers were honored to return to Texas with the 1st place traveling trophy on Saturday, July 1 for the 7th year in a row.

Johnathan competed in the smallbore rifle three team events including: the silhouette competition which are metal animals spaced from 40 meters to 100 meters away; the CMP contest which is shooting in three positions at 25 and 50 yards with a

three position slow fire and rapid fire sections; and the three position contest in which Johnathan shot at targets that were 50 yards away in three positions - kneeling, standing, and prone.

While in South Dakota, the teams were able to tour the Black Hills including Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, and Bear Country.

Johnathan will be home for a break, and then he will be traveling to Camp Perry, Ohio where he will be competing in the National Rifle Association Smallbore Competitions, and participating in a shooting clinic with collegiate coaches. Johnathan is representing the Texas Rifle Association and will shoot on the Gold Team. Also attending and competing in this event on the Silver Team is Benjamin Zimmerer, his younger brother. The boys will be coached by their father Michael Zimmerer.



Orange Team pitcher Emily Hellman. Janie Hartman photo



Diego Rocha lines up the swing for a hit. Janie Hartman photos

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Muenster team wins tournament



The Muenster Lady Hornets won the Prime Time Sports Tournament held in Arlington on July 1-2. The Lady Hornets beat Midlothian, Greenhill, Santo, and Wichita Falls High Schools. Team members are, from left, front - Jordan Ledbetter, Samantha Endres, Laura Heers, Shaina Felderhoff; back - Sandy Endres, Megan Felderhoff, Rebecca Grewing, and Lia Heers, and Coach David Felderhoff. Not pictured is Alison Miller. Courtesy photo

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Ryan Los, a member of the Walterscheid Meat Company Little League team, was not available for the picture or included in the information received with last week's team picture.



At left, Brennon Riley scoops up the ball in front of Kagen Dangelmayr in the Red team's infield. Above, Yellow coach James Hennigan gives Collin Knabe instructions at the plate. Janie Hartman photos

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Respectfully submitted,
s/Russell Duncan, P. C.
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Attorney for the Estate

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FARM & RANCH

Study shows you can have your (beef) fat and eat it too

A recent Texas Agricultural Experiment Station study indicates cattle fed longer on certain diets will produce beef with more of the "good" kind of fat.

Dr. Stephen Smith, Experiment Station professor of animal science in College Station, said the study showed the longer cattle were fed corn, the more monounsaturated - and less saturated - fat they produced. Monounsaturated fats are currently viewed as being healthier than other dietary fats, Smith said.

In the U.S., eight-month-old cattle are given a predominately corn diet until they are slaughtered at about 1,200 pounds. With adequate rainfall and good pasture, producers sometimes "background" their cattle on pasture until they are 1 year old, Smith said. After that, they are fed a corn-based diet until they weigh about 1,200 pounds.

"We've always had more corn in this country than we can consume, so we feed it to our livestock," he said.

U.S. consumers "like cattle young and marbled well," because of flavor, he said. Studies have found, however, the marbling and trimmable fat from cattle that are too young is high in saturated fats and trans fats, he said.

Japan, on the other hand, feeds cattle more grass and forage in the beginning. Calves are weaned at eight or nine months of age; producers then gradually increase the amount of grain in the diet until they are 28 to 30 months of age.

"They do it in steps," he said. "At the end, they feed corn concentrate."

For the study, 16 American

Waygu and 16 Angus steers were purchased as weaned calves. Eight from each breed were fed a high-energy corn-based diet. Eight were fed a diet of coastal Bermudagrass hay supplemented with a corn-based diet. The cattle were fed to 16 to 20 months of age (U.S. endpoint) or 24 to 28 months of age (Japanese endpoint).

The study tested three factors: breed type, diet, and slaughter-age endpoint. Of the three, endpoint had the greatest effect on the adipose tissue lipid composition, Smith said. Lipids are organic compounds and include fats.

In an earlier study, researchers found the breed type did not affect marbling scores or the U.S. Department of Agriculture quality grades for Angus and Waygu steers. The corn-fed steers had higher marbling scores than hay-fed steers of both breeds, Smith said. Steers raised to the Japanese endpoint had higher marbling scores and USDA quality grades than those raised to the American endpoint.

In the latest study, the corn-fed Angus steers raised to the Japanese endpoint "accumulated adipose tissues lipids that were remarkably unsaturated," according to the report.

Also, the adipose tissue "contained higher concentrations of oleic acid and other monounsaturated fatty acids, regardless of diet or endpoint," it said.

"We're not sure that the trans fat in beef, trans-vaccenic acid, is completely bad for you," Smith said. "We need a human study (to determine that). It may be

completely benign."

Smith and the other researchers theorized when Angus and American Waygu steers were fed to the normal U.S. standards, the amount of monounsaturated fatty acids and cholesterol of the adipose tissue - the connective tissue that stores cellular fat - would be similar. The amounts would differ when fed to Japanese standards, they also theorized.

But they were proved wrong. Both breeds of steers produced more marbling and less trans and saturated fat the longer they were fed.

Waygu cattle contribute only a small percentage to U.S. beef production. However, these results indicate that typical domestic cattle such as Angus can be raised to produce fat with a healthier composition, Smith said.

But what about completely grass-fed cattle? They have leaner carcasses, he said.

"The problem with (grass-fed cattle) is the U.S. consumer isn't accustomed to the flavor," Smith said. "It's very strong, and it's something we're just not accustomed to. And the other is that the fat that's produced from grass-fed cattle is higher in saturated fats and trans fatty acids."

Cattle fed longer on corn will have a better flavor, more marbling, and monounsaturated fats. But there is a trade-off.

"There are more calories there," he said. "There's no question about that, and if you're watching your calories, grass-fed beef is lower in fat. And I can't argue with that."

The study was published in the international journal Meat Science this summer.

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COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER
CEA - AG/NR

Planning for winter forage

No doubt feeding hay this year is going to be expensive. Feeding hay during the winter or during other periods of reduced forage growth dates from at least 750 B.C. in Great Britain and even earlier for Middle Eastern countries using alfalfa. Hay will probably never be completely eliminated from livestock production systems, but reducing the amount required can positively influence most producer's, bottom line.

*** Stockpiled Forage** - If we get some late summer moisture, one alternative to feeding hay would be the use of stockpiled forages. Stockpiling is the process of allowing forage (warm or cool-season) to accumulate in the pasture for grazing at a later time. There can be significant savings when using stockpiled forages compared to traditional hay feeding, especially this year. Of course if the drought conditions persist, there probably won't be any forage to stockpile. The savings from stockpiled standing forages are realized because producers can forego the expense of baling the forage, hauling the hay to the barn or other storage location, and then hauling the hay back to the livestock at a later date.

*** Cool-Season Forages** - Another alternative to the use of hay would be the use of cool-season forage pastures. Many Texas producers have overseeded bermudagrass pastures with cereal grains, ryegrass, and/or clovers for many years with good success. Animal performance is generally good to excellent and the cost of fresh forage relative to animal performance is usually less than that of hay and supplements or supplements alone. For late winter calving cows, annual ryegrass may be the only cool-season pasture required. It is critical, however, to remove the ryegrass crop prior to the onset of warm-season grass growth. Ryegrass competition for sunlight, moisture, and nutrients can delay warm-season grass growth or even kill the warm-season grass. Most winter-feeding programs in Texas and across the southern U.S. involve some sort of hay plus supplement strategy. The supplements are usually either range cubes or

molasses-based, urea supplements. These products are very expensive winter feedstuffs.

Equally expensive is continuous stocking of small grain pastures with late winter calving cows. The least expensive method for late winter calving cows usually involves annual ryegrass and some limit-grazing program until the rapid growth phase takes place in early spring. In a limit-graze system, livestock are allowed to graze fresh forage on a limited basis (2 hours/day, every other day, etc.) and spend the remainder of their time on dormant grass pasture. Sometimes animals may also receive a limited amount of hay, which depends on the class of animal and amount of dormant forage in the pasture. This stretches the availability of cool-season forage produced and requires less acreage to be established per animal fed.

Producers who use bermudagrass can successfully overseed (direct drill) cool-season annual combinations such as small grains, ryegrass, and/or clovers into the dormant bermudagrass sod. The cereal grain is usually drilled into the short bermudagrass sod and ryegrass may be dribbled into the exposed seed furrow

using the same drill or broadcast into the pasture as a fertilizer topdressing to the cereal grain. Grazing can usually begin by December and continue through May until bermudagrass initiates growth. The best uses of small grains is with fall calving cows which are limit-grazed, or utilizing it for winter stocker calves.

Regardless of whether a cool-season annual or perennial forage grass is used for winterfeeding, it is critical that producers pay close attention to basic production fundamentals. Soils where the cool-season forages will be established should be sampled and fertilizer applied according to soil test recommendations. Without proper fertility, the forage produced can become very expensive.

Dates to Remember:
July 25 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Meeting, NCTC Little Theatre, 6:30p.m. (Please RSVP by July 21 to 668-5412);

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