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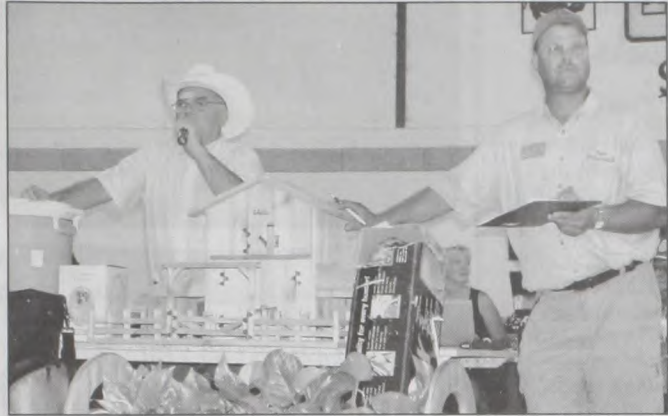
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Muenster Firemen pleased with annual fundraising event



Auction items were hot at the annual Muenster Volunteer Firemen's BBQ benefit Saturday evening at the Muenster City Park. Milton Ward and Bert Walterscheid are shown watching for bidders in the crowd. The benefit brought in enough profit that the Fire Department exceeded their goal towards a new engine (pumper truck) to be used in the country and city. Deborah Wood photo

Cooke County ups Road & Bridge tax designation

By Janet Felderhoff
County Commissioners have a slightly more comfortable budget to work with this coming year as far as road and bridge work goes in each precinct. The tax total charged per \$100 valuation is broken into several categories, with Road & Bridge being one of them. The total dollars collected from the Road & Bridge tax is divided by four, with equal amounts going to each of the four precincts in the County. The commissioner of that precinct then determines how he will spend that money on road and bridge work.

"My recommendation is that we go back to the 10.5 cents on Road & Bridge," said County Judge Bill Freeman. "That is a cent and a half more than last year, but it actually figures out to 2.51 cents more for \$100 valuation than you got last year."

Judge Freeman continued his explanation by telling commissioners that if the tax rate remained at .09 cents as it was last year, it would generate 1.1 cents more this year than last year.

Commissioner Al Smith inquired if that would bring the Road and Bridge back to where it was before they cut the .03 cents from it before building the County Jail. The .03 cents was placed in the General Fund. Judge Freeman said that there has been growth for three years. "I think you might be a little bit better off than you were then," he remarked.

Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox said to the Judge, "Last year you promised that you would put some back in this year and you did it. Road and Bridge has suffered and this is a good move to get some of it back."

Commissioners were unanimous in setting the proposed Road & Bridge tax rate at 10.5 cents per \$100 property valuation.

Commissioners have not been able to get oil or asphalt from Southern Asphalt, the company that holds their bid

contract. A fire on Aug. 1 shut the plant down. They sent a letter explaining that they would be back in business in two to four weeks and offered to extend the contract for the amount of time that they were shut down. Commissioners weighed the options of extending the contract or canceling and going out for bids again. It was decided that it would be best to extend the contract. By the time bids were advertised and awarded, Southern Asphalt should be back in business. Also bids would likely be at much higher prices to the County.

Bids were opened and read on various pieces of used equipment advertised by Precinct #4. There were numerous bids and items up for bid. Awarding the bids was tabled until the next meeting to allow time to evaluate them and determine which bids were the highest.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess said that work on the Courthouse is nearing completion. The contractor is out of time and over on his contract. A walk around was done for the exterior of the Courthouse to point out all of the flaws and a punch list was made. A punch list is being assembled for all of the windows. They should be completed by the end of this week.

The contractor will have the opportunity to work on the punch list. After that is completed, a second walk through will be done. "On the smaller items, they will repair them while we watch," commented Hess. They will have an opportunity then to correct any more large items noted.

Hess then asked the Court to give Judge Freeman the authorization to purchase and have installed a sprinkler system for the Courthouse lawn and turf grass for the lawn. Hess expects it to cost under \$10,000. He anticipates installing the sprinkler system as soon as the contractor completes all of the punch

list items. After the sprinkler system is installed, a hybrid buffalo grass lawn will be put in.

A re-dedication of the Courthouse is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14.

Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell reported that 108° temperatures proved to be too much for the type of air conditioning units installed in all of the new EMS substations, which are metal buildings. It was voted to purchase larger units that are more energy efficient. Partial credit will be received on the three units being exchanged. Cost for the three new ones will be \$6,096.

One of the County's ambulances is out of commission due to a broken frame. It was inspected and said not to be fixable. There was no patient on board when the break occurred and it did not cause an accident.

Judge Freeman said that he authorized the purchase of another ambulance with bond money. "I checked and it is legal," he noted.

It will be another two to three weeks before the new ambulance is delivered. EMS Director Bob Harbin said that they would still be an ambulance short for that time and suggested leasing an ambulance for \$75 a day from Frazier Built Ambulances until the new one comes.

Commissioners Court authorized Judge Freeman to sign a lease agreement for the temporary ambulance.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Opened sealed bids for vending service for the Cooke County Courthouse and other County facilities. Two bids were received. Gary's Snacks of Gainesville bid a 5% commission, excluding taxes. Coca Cola Company offered a 15% commission on power aid, juice, and energy drinks, and 30% commission on cokes and water. Coca Cola's bid was accepted. The bid on snacks was denied and snacks will be re-bid.

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Residents voice more wind farm concerns at latest Commissioners meeting

By Janet Felderhoff
By petition and verbal accounts, residents of Cooke County expressed concern over the numerous wind generators that Florida Power and Light (FP&L) proposes to erect in Cooke and Montague counties. There were 10 people who signed up to speak during the Public Comments agenda item of the Monday, Aug. 14 Cooke County Commissioners Court meeting.

Jack Schoppa opened by presenting signed letters opposing the proposed industrial wind farm. He said that FP&L has stepped up all of its activity in this area. Schoppa told of landowners being contacted as close as 1.9 miles west of the Muenster city limits.

Schoppa urged members of the Court to attend the meeting being hosted Thursday evening by FP&L. "Ask good hard questions," he said. "If you ask good, hard questions, judge by the answers that you get. We want you to learn all that you can."

Paula Foust attended with

her two children. She and her husband live in rural Cooke County where they moved to raise their children. She said they were very happy here until they learned that FP&L planned to build a huge turbine near their home.

Foust worried about potential health risks since some people are reportedly adversely affected and there are no health studies that have been done.

Wayne Klement of Muenster said that he would like to continue to watch the sunset from his home four miles north of Muenster without seeing wind turbines.

Janis Sneed, a resident of northwest Cooke County, told of her visit to Weatherford, Oklahoma to check out FP&L wind farm facility there. She said that comparing that area to this area is like apples and oranges. It is flat, no hills, mostly wheat fields, and most people live in town. She said one person told her they spend their time inside watching television and

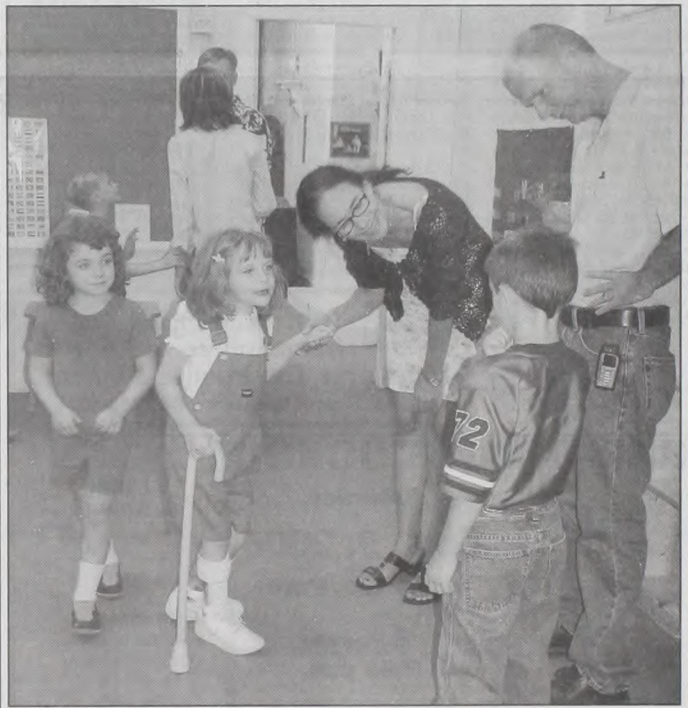
aren't bothered by the wind generators.

Sneed spoke to people around Henderson. She comments, "They are the ones out there living it. One of the first things that every one of them said was about the roads." Sneed said that the residents claimed that FP&L claimed that they would fix the roads, but so far haven't. Some roads could only be traveled at 10 mph according to some she spoke with.

Jeanne Greathouse said that she and her husband had purchased property at Moss Lake for retirement. She didn't look forward to seeing lights from the wind generators. Greathouse said that the Commissioners Court is the voice of the people in Cooke County. "I beg you to please do your best as elected representatives to do everything in your power to stop this desecration of our land," said Greathouse.

A petition with more than 100 signatures was presented by the wind turbine opponents.

Sacred Heart Montessori Preschool and Primary hold Open House



Sacred Heart Catholic School Kindergarten/First Grade teacher Barbara Davidson introduced new student Ian Kintz to classmates Patricia Nasche and Harper Crisp at the Open House Monday night. Sacred Heart classes began Wednesday morning. Also pictured is Ian's father, John Kintz. Deborah Wood photo

Prayer service to focus on law enforcement officers

By Janet Felderhoff
Everyone is impacted in one way or another by those who choose to manufacture, sell, or use illegal drugs. Law enforcement officers are dealing with the results of illegal drugs on a daily basis as they do their job of upholding the law and protecting people and their property.

Arms Around the County, an interdenominational prayer ministry, recognizes this and has scheduled a prayer service on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Gainesville. It is co-sponsored by Cooke County Friends of the Family. All local and County law enforcement agencies are invited to the service, as is anyone who would like to take part.

Besides praying for law en-

forcement personnel in Cooke County, those who attend will hear first hand what types of things are occurring in Cooke County and what it is like to be a law enforcement officer. One Voice Choir of St. Mary's in Gainesville will perform. Refreshments and fellowship follow the prayer service.

Arms Around the County began in December 2004. It is open to members of all churches in Cooke County. The group meets twice a month on Thursday from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Gatherings are held at different churches around the County.

The purpose of Arms Around the County is to support the efforts of the communities within the County by praying to stop the drug

running, the killing, and the chaos that drugs are causing in families. It is their belief that prayer is the foundation for any permanent change. They urge everyone to join them at their meetings to pray for the District Attorney's office, County and city judges and their staffs, police forces and their staffs in the County, Cooke County Sheriff and his personnel, and the various fire departments.

Another purpose is to pray for those who are addicted. There is a list of those who are brought to their attention and the progress of each is followed. Each person is given a code name.

If you would like more information, contact Kaye King at 665-0177.

Sacred Heart School holds dedication



Students, faculty, family, and friends gathered around the front of Sacred Heart Catholic High School Wednesday morning, the first day of classes, to dedicate the school year to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Principal Chad Riley led the ceremony of prayer and songs. Janie Hartman photo

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

Aug. 15, 1941
Campaign begun to save old rags and paper for Defense. Teresa Kaiser is substituting as bookkeeper at the cheese plant while Joe Horn is on vacation. New Arrival: Dorothy to Leo and Lillian Appel. Softball comes to the front as this community's principal diversion. Tony Trubenbach is the owner of a new Ford deluxe tudor. P.J. Rollman celebrates his birthday with a sheephead session; Robert Yosten scored high and John Felderhoff scored low.

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 17, 1956
Work begins on four lane highway entering Muenster from the east. Jerry Vernon, former Arkansas Razorback, to coach at Sacred Heart School. Obituary: W.M. Trubenbach, 78. Ella Starke

graduates from St. Anthony's School of Nursing. Dickie Cain is attending auctioneering school in Iowa. New arrivals: Vickie to Dan and Patsy Haverkamp; Dolores "Dolly" to Robert and Rosalee Bayer. The Lee Toothakers return from trip to Colorado.

25 YEARS AGO

Aug. 14, 1981
City purchases building on Main Street to use for library. Weddings: Karen Luttmer and Gordon Gehl; Arnold Yosten and Kathy Powell. New Arrivals: Jessica to David and Nancy Bright; Patrick Jr. to Patrick and Vickie Fleitman. Eula Grace Cain is recovering from broken foot. Obituary: Derek Hess, 1 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Hess, of drowning accident. Lucas Hartman turns 2.



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The Family of John Henry Fette would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the kindness and sympathy shown to us during our time of sorrow. Thanks not only for the food, flowers, and Masses, but also for the donations to the Hospital Auxiliary, Sacred Heart Trust Fund, and to St. Leo's Food Pantry. Thanks also to the Altar Servers, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Catholic Daughters, the Knights of Columbus, and to the Class of '58 (especially for the memories). Special Thanks to Father Pat for performing the service and to Mac McCoy for helping us with everything, especially the long distance trip to bring John home. We would also like to thank Ed Otto for getting the tree for us to plant in memory of John and for working so hard with his crew in the heat to get the yard in for the busy weekend we had. As you all know we had two big events, the passing of John and Kate's 90th celebration. We thank everyone who did so much to help with both! The people in Muenster are truly extraordinary!!



May God Bless All of You,
Judy Fette
Amy & Tim Fleming
Anna & Victor Chu
Anna & Bill Tilger
Ron Fette
Duke & Ruthie Fette
Carol Fette
Pat & Larry Wimmer
Doyle & Debbie Hess
& Families

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• Heard report from Director of Cooke County Library Jennifer Johnson Spence, including that the new microfilm machine is already being used a lot. June has had the highest patron use this year with 7,591 items checked out. July had 6,688 items checked out. A grant is being applied for that would provide a storyteller during National History Month.

• Approved moving \$6,500 from the miscellaneous items to salary line to cover the Library's part-time help. Although 30 hours a week was approved in the last budget, only 20 hours was actually allowed for in the budget. Since it was a mistake, the adjustment was made.

• Appointed Jeri Hassell to the Cooke County Child Welfare Board, Place 8.

• Approved renewal of Public Officials Liability Coverage Insurance through the Texas Association of Counties (TAC).

• Approved renewal of Law Enforcement Professional Liability Coverage Insurance through TAC.

• Approved Precinct #2 Commissioner Cox's appointment of Ernie Brinkley to the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission.

• Approved contract with Schalk & Smith PC for 2006-07 fiscal year audit.

• Accepted \$50,000 from Horseman's Ranch Subdivision for the paving of a portion of CR 115 in Precinct #1.

• Approved preliminary plat for Horseman's Ranch Subdivision, Phase 1, Lots 1-17, located off of CR 115 in Precinct #1.

• Amended Precinct #1 budget amendment to reflect the \$50,000 from Horseman's.

• Approved \$50,000 to Pre-

cinct #1 contingency line item in case work on CR 115 isn't completed in this fiscal year which ends Sept. 30.

• Approved request by Woodbine Water Supply at their expense, to install a two inch casing for a 3/4 inch fresh water line running east and west under CR 219, approximately .7 mile south of FM 678, located in Precinct #2.

• Approved request by Mountain Springs Water Supply at their expense, to install a two inch casing for a 3/4 inch water line using a two inch casing by way of a bore crossing under the road at CR 265, located in Precinct #2.

• Approved request by Mountain Springs Water Supply at their expense, to install a 3/4 inch water line using a two inch casing by way of a bore crossing under the road at CR 265 approximately two miles east of the intersection of Burns City Road and CR 265, located in Precinct #2.

• Approved request by Mountain Springs Water Supply at their expense to install 3/4 inch water line using a two inch casing by way of a bore crossing under the road at CR 220 approximately 7/10 of a mile west of the intersection of Clark Road and CR 220 in Precinct #2.

• Approved Public Employee Honesty Bond for the District Clerk.

• Approved Sheriff's Office and Jail employee bonds for Justin Patterson, deputy, and Deborah Sabela, jailer.

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- Myra Volunteer Fire Dept. & Community Luncheon Co. \$200 Savings Bond
- Guaranty National Bank \$150 Cash
- Muenster State Bank \$125 Cash
- Muenster Livestock Commission \$100 Savings Bond
- First State Bank \$100 Cash
- First National Bank \$100 in Cash
- Garrettsville Livestock Market \$100 in Trade
- Shawn Walter Automobiles 2 Steak Orders
- Rohrer's Restaurant \$20 Gift Certificate
- The Center Restaurant \$25 Gift Certificate
- Center Brothers Restaurant

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| Sunday, August 20, 2006 | Monday, August 21, 2006 | Tuesday, August 22, 2006 | Wednesday, August 23, 2006 | Thursday, August 24, 2006 | Friday, August 25, 2006 | Saturday, August 26, 2006 |
|--|--|---|--|----------------------------|--|--|
| Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SH Alumni's annual parent/teacher social - 2pm - Community Center | VFW Aux. Mtg. - 7:30 pm Cub Scout Sign-up - 6pm Community Center Cafeteria | Prayer Service - City law enforcement - 7 pm - First Baptist Church - G'ville | Religious Ed classes begin - 7-8 pm | Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm | Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Deadline to RSVP for VFW meal - 5 pm | VFW #6205 60th anniversary celebration steak buffet dinner - 6 pm - VFW Hall |
| 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 | | | 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 | Antique Tractor/Farm Machinery Show - Lindsay - 11 am |

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Senator Estes supports much needed funding for state parks

State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) said he plans to help get the Texas Senate focused on providing adequate funding for the state parks system.

"I intend to do everything I can to make sure we accomplish meaningful and lasting financial support for our state parks system when the 80th Legislature convenes in January," said Estes, whose 18-county North Texas district includes a half-dozen of the state's 114 state parks.

"These parks are important to the nearby local communities and the state as a whole. Parks have a significant economic impact on our local communities, and studies have consistently shown that Texas parks are a major tourist draw, especially in rural Texas," said Estes, who serves as chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs and vice-chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

"This situation has been developing for many years. All state agencies have been asked to do more with less funding, and state parks were no exception. In fact, the dedicated staff of our state parks have done an incredible

job of keeping the parks open and accessible to the public in spite of stagnant or decreased funding. I commend them for their ability to make do with the resources available, but duct tape and baling wire can keep things going only so long. The Legislature must put more money into the state parks system," Estes said.

Statement on Alaskan pipeline shutdown

Railroad Commission Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones issued the following statement on news of the BP Alaskan pipeline shutdown:

"About 400,000 barrels a day of crude oil from Alaska is expected to be lost to the market with the shutting down of the BP pipeline. Even though Texas is the nation's leader in the production of oil and natural gas, we have no single pipeline upon which we are so dependent. In other words, Texas should never experience a stoppage of this magnitude.

While vigilantly maintaining pipeline safety and protecting the environment, the Railroad Commission of Texas and I, as its Chairman, are committed to ensuring the reliability of our oil and gas producing infrastructure so that our sister states can rely on Texas to continue to take a leading role in the domestic contribution to the oil and gas demands of our great nation.

"Our wonderful state parks are heirloom possessions of our culture which must be maintained and passed down to future generations," stated Estes. "The next legislative session will have many funding needs, but I hope all Texans will agree that our state parks and historical sites are too precious to lose."

Nobody wants to shut down a line unexpectedly, particularly the industry, and I'm confident that Texas crude oil lines, on the whole, are sound.

"The Railroad Commission has environmental authority over the crude oil lines in the state, and if there is a suspected problem with those lines, we can take action. A few years ago, a company was having an unusual number of corrosion leaks, and as a result, the Commission's pipeline safety group did a special investigation and inspected lines that were otherwise not under our safety jurisdiction.

There is pending rulemaking at the federal Department of Transportation to regulate these low stress pipelines in high consequence areas and environmentally sensitive areas. Looking at our data, this will take in almost all of the low stress pipelines we've identified, but we retain the authority to step in if needed and won't hesitate to do so."

The Railroad Commission of Texas regulates the state's oil and gas industry, the intrastate pipeline industry, the coal and uranium mining industry, and the alternative fuels and research division.

OBITUARIES

Louise Trubenbach 1916 - 2006

Mass of Christian Burial for Louise Catherine Schmitt Trubenbach, age 90 of Myra, was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 in Sacred Heart Church. Rev. John Ohner, OSA, pastor, and Rev. Joseph Meledom of Valley View celebrated the Mass. Services were under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Louise died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006 in Denton.

A Rosary service was held at 4 p.m. Friday at the Funeral Home led by nieces Theresa Walterscheid and Joann Pagel. The Vigil at 7 p.m. was led by Fr. John.

Survivors include daughters Mary Biffle of Muenster, Kathy Whitt of Sanger, and Rita McCorkle of Columbus, Ohio; son Loyd Trubenbach of Muenster; 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; brother Leo Schmitt of Wenatchee, Washington

Preceding her in death were her husband Alois on Nov. 22, 1989; daughter Judy Trubenbach on Nov. 19, 1935 in Sacred Heart Church. They owned, lived, and worked on a farm/ranch near Myra and were the proud parents of five children.

Louise was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, Saint Anne's Society, Catholic Daughters, Sunshine Club, and Altar Society. She loved making pies and cakes, traveling and being with her children, grandchildren, and

great-grandchildren, and having all the neighborhood children "drop-in" for her handouts of chocolate milk, ice cream, and cake. They called her "Gramma Weez". Neighbors and friends loved and respected her. She was a particularly good mother, one who really cared for her family.

Participating in the Mass of Christian Burial with Fr. John and Fr. Joseph, were altar servers Garrett Walterscheid, Lindsey Whitt, and Katie Arnold, all great-grandchildren. The First Reading was given by Anne Little, Responsorial Psalm was read by Teresa Whitt, Jean Walterscheid gave the Second Reading, and Amy Sims read the Prayers of the Faithful; all are granddaughters. Offertory Gifts were presented at the altar by Austin Little, Rachel Blythe, Elizabeth Sterling, Caleb Sims, and Jason Arnold, all great-grandchildren.

Eucharistic ministers were Melinda Walterscheid, Peggy Walterscheid, Lorena Taylor, Bret Walterscheid, Toni Deweber, and Theresa Walterscheid.

Music ministers were Christy Hesse and Ruth Felderhoff. Sacred songs included "Be Not Afraid," "I Am the Bread of Life," "Remember Me," "Servant Song," and "How Great Thou Art."

The eulogy was given by granddaughter Lisa Walterscheid. The poem "Safely Home" was recited by Toni Deweber, granddaughter.

Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Pallbearers



Louise Trubenbach

were grandsons Richard Blythe, James Whitt, Matt McCorkle, Kim Walterscheid, and Glenn Walterscheid; great-grandsons Collin Walterscheid and Dustin Walterscheid, and grandnephew Ron Trubenbach.

Memorials may be made to Children International, P.O. Box 219413, Kansas City, MO, or to the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library.

Clifford Frank Truebenbach dies at age 63

Clifford Frank Truebenbach, age 63 of Muenster, died at 4:37 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006.

Funeral Mass is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Sacred Heart Church. A Rosary service was held on Thursday at 7 p.m. in McCoy Funeral Home. The complete obituary will be in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

Wind power could help light the rest of Texas

State Rep. David Swinford said he has a powerful proposal that could prove profitable for one area and shed some light in others.

Wind machines are gaining attention as a renewable energy source because they don't use water or oil, Swinford said. He was guest speaker at the North Plains Research Field 2006 Ag Day near Etter, hosted by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Cooperative Extension.

A major problem hindering use of Texas' wind power is lack of transmission lines, he said.

The Texas Panhandle, served by the Southwest Power Pool, has the highest wind factors for the state, but the lowest population, he said. The rest of Texas, served by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, has the people, but not enough electricity for projected needs.

Transmission lines between Southwest Power Pool and ERCOT, as it is commonly called, cannot exist, because they are set up on two different grids, Swinford said.

But that doesn't mean power generated by Panhandle winds can't be used in the Dallas metroplex or Austin and San Antonio homes, he said.

In Carson and Moore counties in the center of the Panhandle, the wind factor is 44, Swinford said. The wind factor is determined by the percentage of time the wind is expected to be able to make electricity. The state average wind factor is 35.

"All of our wind is in the 42 to 44 percent range," he said. "The area near Perryton could generate 11,000 megawatts per hour if they had transmission lines. The White Deer farm is the No. 1 wind energy place in the state."

"We have more wind capacity in the Panhandle than they have in the rest of the state put together," Swinford said.

So why aren't there more wind machines churning out the power?

For supply reasons, a power company doesn't want more than 12% of the power being generated by wind, Swinford said. While it seems the wind blows constantly, it doesn't, so coal or natural gas is needed for stability of a supply.

Xcel Energy, the power company serving the Texas Panhandle, is the No. 1 power company using wind in the nation, Swinford said. When

all the planned wind farms are built in the Xcel service area, it will have reached its maximum 12% for the transmission lines here.

"So we have to get some way to hook our wind to a line out of the Panhandle, because we're done," he said. "We don't have the people to justify more production up here."

His proposal is to build transmission lines from the ERCOT region near Vernon to the Panhandle and then back south to near Big Spring.

This would allow many different parts of the Panhandle to build wind farms and tie into the transmission lines. That power could be sent to different parts of downstate Texas, Swinford said.

Building the transmission network would cost about \$1 billion, which would have to be paid for by ERCOT customers, he said. A company such as American Electric Power could build the transmission line and then amortize it over the next 40 years.

"But because wind has no fuel costs or power costs, it cheapens the overall electricity to the customer," Swinford said.

He explained that ERCOT customers may see a \$2 or \$3 per month reduction in their bills, even though they have to pay for the transmission line, because the electricity is cheaper. ERCOT's natural gas fuel cost used to generate electricity was \$4.5 billion in 1999 and has risen to \$12 billion in 2005.

"Transmission costs last for a lifetime and don't reoccur, while gas costs are burned up every year," Swinford said.

A study of statewide electricity needs through 2015 indicate 38,000 megawatts of additional electricity will be needed, he said. "Some of that can come from wind energy."

And benefits can be found on both ends, Swinford said. For landowners, a profitable wind farm can net \$50,000 to \$60,000 per section per year. It requires no use of valuable water and has no added fuel costs.

If the wind energy industry was allowed to develop to its full potential in the Panhandle, he said, estimates put its economic impact at \$14 billion over a 10-year period.

"We have to remember increasing transmission lines may be difficult," Swinford said, "but increasing fuel costs are automatic."

Time for sports page squares! Be ready to be hit up!



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Questions To Ask Representatives of Florida Power & Light

1. Would FP&L place wind turbines in Montague and Cooke counties without the massive tax credits and accelerated write-offs it receives to shelter its other income? Did this tax avoidance scheme allow FP&L to pay no net federal income taxes for the past four years ending Dec. 31, 2005, even though it reported over \$4 billion in pre-tax net income for that period? Will FP&L abandon the project or sell their interest when the tax credits and incentives expire?
2. Is the contract with FP&L directly, or with one of its limited liability corporations? Is this legal entity a "cut-out" that could fold and vanish in the night, or be sold or abandoned?
3. If FP&L's liability is limited, is the landowner liable for any Private Nuisance or property value damages, awarded by a Court to neighboring property owners?
4. Does FP&L guarantee that it will remove at no cost to the landowner all wind turbines that for what ever reason fail to generate electricity for six months, or even a year? Who will? What about the foundation?
5. What guarantee will FP&L make that the placement of turbines will not destroy our property values, and repel buyers who have been willing to pay a premium for land in Montague and Cooke counties because of its scenic beauty and rural tranquility?
6. Can a landowner who has contracted with FP&L for the placement of turbines on his/her land sell the surface without first offering it to FP&L?
7. Will the landowner be required to allow unlimited and unrestricted access to the land by FP&L employees?
8. If the landowners' royalty check for the sale of electricity is less than the estimate FP&L is suggesting, what will be the minimum amount of money FP&L will guarantee to pay the landowner?
9. Hasn't FP&L actually bought homes from people who have suffered clinically debilitating health problems because they lived close to turbines? Did FP&L pay their medical bills too?
10. Isn't it true that FP&L has been operating in secret in this area for over a year, and has not held any public hearings on the proposed project, nor performed any environmental, ecological, economic, hydrological, avian, or wildlife habitat impact studies?

Isn't it a fact that the US Environmental Protection Agency has sited FP&L numerous times for polluting the nation's air, ground, and water supply, as well as, illegally dumping radioactive waste?

Can a landowner who has signed a contract with FP&L and a short time later learns the company failed to disclose certain pertinent facts have the right to cancel the contract? FP&L has the right to cancel by giving 30-days notice, why can't the landowner?



North Texas Wind Resistance Alliance

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LIFESTYLE



Mark Gehrig of Troop 664 in Muenster spent part of the summer finishing his Eagle Scout Service Project, refurbishing the two front doors of Sacred Heart Elementary School. Assisting him included Jacob Bayer, Kirk Felderhoff, and Ryan Felderhoff. Courtesy photo

Fun Run is new event at Watermelon Festival this weekend

The 26th Annual Forestburg Watermelon Festival and Homecoming is Saturday, Aug. 19. The theme is "Forestburg Honors Area Schools: Past and Present." The Festival will feature: a parade at 10:30 a.m., with Olin and Clarice Merrett serving as Grand Marshalls; Bar-B-Q lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; children's activities from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; a quilt show after the parade; pioneer/schools picture display until 2 p.m.; games at the Rodeo Arena beginning at 1:30 p.m.; live music; "42" tournament beginning at 3:30 p.m., and other table games; Fire Department open house all day;

booths with crafts. There will be a rodeo Friday and Saturday nights starting at 8 p.m. The rodeos will benefit the Forestburg FFA. An added feature to this year's Festival is a Fun Run beginning at 8 a.m. at the new Forestburg Sports Complex. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$10 for the one mile event, with participants receiving a free T-shirt and water. For more info on the Fun Run, contact Sharon Browning at 940-964-2323. Free watermelon will be served all day at the rodeo grounds. So, go to Forestburg and join in the fun.

C.C. Friends of Family name raffle winners

Alicia L. Woodard, executive director of Cooke County Friends of the Family, credited the people of Muenster with giving strong support to Friends of the Family by donating to its annual raffle. It is their main fundraiser for the year. She commented, "And because of the support that we received, we cleared over \$12,000! The employees at the Muenster Hospital/Clinic were very supportive and I appreciate their receptive nature in supporting crime victims." Winners were listed as follows:

- Grand Prize of a trip for two to Hawaii - Daren and Kari Hutcherson of Cooke County;
- Second Prize of a new Sony Vaio Laptop - Dave Sanders of Gainesville;
- Third Prize of a \$500 savings bond from First State

Bank - Mary Smith of Forestburg;

- Fourth Prize of a \$500 Savings Bond from Guaranty National Bank - Julian Smith of Gainesville;
- Fifth Prize of \$100 Savings Bond from American Bank - Jason Callahan of Dallas;
- Sixth Prize of a \$100 Savings Bond from American Bank - Don Hellman of Muenster.

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*

NEW ARRIVAL

Robison

Kaylee Price and David Robison of Muenster announce the birth of their son, Brice Steven Robison, on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006. Brice was born in North Texas Medical Center at 2:39 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 5 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. He joins a brother, Damian Yosten, age 3. Grandparents are David and Peggy Robison of Lake City, Florida, Eileen Robison of Tampa, Florida, Tex and Nancy Pagel of Muenster, and the late Dale Price. Great-grandparents are Harry and Harriet Scoggins of Muenster, the late Zora Mahan, Margart Oliver of Illinois and the late George Mowder, and the late Marion and Catherine Robison.

COLLEGE NEWS

University of North Texas

The University of North Texas has named its honor students for the Spring 2006 semester, recognizing students for academic performance. To make the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better out of a possible 4.0 while completing at least 12 semester hours. Muenster student earning a place on the Dean's List is Bridgette Klement, majoring in art education. She graduated from Muenster ISD in 2004. Bridgette is the daughter of Leon and Christi Klement of Muenster.

Lawnmower

safety tip

* Use proper techniques for lifting, carrying and bending when removing objects from the yard.

Area residents attend Catholic Life Insurance Convention

Nearly 800 Catholic Life Insurance members and their families met July 28-29 at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk in San Antonio for the fraternal life insurers 90th convention. Rick Stewart, Lonnie Henschel, Delanne Walterscheid, Steve Hennigan, Ryan Bayer, and Charlie Schilling represented the 970 member Muenster Branch of Catholic Life Insurance as delegates to the convention. During the two-day meeting, delegates heard reports

given by the chairman of the board, the president, the treasurer, and the audit committee chairman reflecting the impressive growth of the organization since the last convention and reaffirming Catholic Life's financial strength. Delegates elected four individuals to serve on the eight-member Board of Directors. Sixtus Laskowski of Stockdale, James Persyn of San Antonio, Lawrence

Shimek of Garwood, and Kenneth Littles of Palmer were each elected to a four-year term. They will join Mike Decker of San Angelo; Jeanette Haecker of Converse, Tommy Sladeczek of Jarrell, and Frank Janacek of League City on the Board. Following the convention, the Board of Directors met and elected Frank Janacek as chairman, Kenneth Littles as vice chairman, and Jeanette Haecker as secretary.

St. Anne's holds enrollment

The enrollment of new members for Saint Anne's Society was held in Sacred Heart Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9. Father John Ohner led the prayers and gave a blessing to the new members. They each received a Confraternity of Christian Mother's Prayer Book and a blessed medal of St. Anne. Following the ceremony, new and old members enjoyed food and fellowship at a reception in Sacred Heart Community Center.

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At the Saint Jo Rodeo, the Saint Jo Riding Club donated \$1,000 to the Volunteer Fire Department. At left, Ancil Thurman, Club president, gives BJ Brawner the donation. At right, Thurman gives scholarships to Arlie Bayer, Casey McAden, and Jerrod Flusche. Courtesy photos



Boys sought for Cub Scouting

Boys in Grades 1 - 5 who are interested in Cub Scouting should attend the Cub Scout sign up. It will be held Monday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center cafeteria. Race to Cub Scouting! It's fun at every turn!!



New Saint Anne members for 2006 are, from left, Rita Bayer, Kathy Vogel, Anne Hesse, Carolyn Bayer, Jennifer Bayer, and Jeannine Flusche. Not pictured are June Bartush, Christel Vogel, Melanie Hesse, Ann Boles, Amy Anderle, and Lynn Hacker. Courtesy photo

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SAINT RICHARD'S VILLA NEWS

BY ELFREDA FETTE

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, residents had a sing-a-long. They sang church and patriotic songs.
On Wednesday, Aug. 9, Bonny Prescher was here to sing.
On Thursday, Aug. 10, residents had a "smores" party. They made and ate smores.
On Friday, Aug. 11, the residents made fruit salad and enjoyed eating it, and visiting with one another.
On Monday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m., residents enjoyed coffee in a group, with a discussion of current events. Included in the discussion were topics

such as: the Lebanese/Israeli situation; the terrorist plot discovered by British Police to blow up 10 planes scheduled to fly to the U.S.; Sri Lanka government and rebel fighting; the Dallas Cowboy victory. Following the discussion, residents did exercises. Juanita Bright, singing favorite old songs and playing the piano, is an occasional treat always enjoyed and always appreciated.
Future events include: Bingo on Aug. 19; chocolate chip cookie making and a sing-a-long on Aug. 22; monthly wine-tasting and cheese social on Aug. 25.

Sterling celebrates 6th

Sterling Grace Walterscheid celebrated her sixth birthday with an Animal Planet swimming/slumber party. The celebration was held on Saturday, July 29. Guests went swimming first at the Muenster pool, then they had hot dogs and cake at the park. The Animal Planet cake was made by Stephanie Heady.
The special elephant piñata was directed by Sterling's cousins Frankie, Hunter, and Jackie. The cousins enjoyed making the piñata spin and go all around. Finally, Sterling broke the piñata and everyone raced for the candy!
Videos and pictures were

made throughout the party. Sterling received many nice gifts from all of her guests. The party then continued at Sterling's house with lots of playing, movies, popcorn, and late night giggles, and maybe a few shut eyes!! The slumber party was a success with donuts in the morning for everyone.
Attending her party were her parents Jennifer and Darren; big sister Kimber Louise; grandparents Judy and Jim Vernor of Arlington and Pat Walterscheid of Muenster; aunts, uncles and cousins - Jill and Jacqueline Vernor of Arlington; Brenda and Frankie Leon of the Dominican Republic; Carla, Stevie, Jackie, and Hunter Klement; and Godparents Staci and Tim Bartel, all of Muenster. Friends from Muenster attending were Bailey Anderle, Natalie Chism, Morgan Eldridge, Alaina Kubis, Macie Pagel, Paige Saucer, and Claire Schneider.



Sterling Walterscheid

Sterling celebrated her actual birthday on July 25 with a trip to Sherman to see the movie *Cars*, and have lunch at Cici's. Attending the movie and lunch with her was her mother, sister, aunt Brenda, grandmother Pat, and cousins Frankie and Hunter. She shared a special giraffe cake made by her mother that night with her family.

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

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

| | Last Year Adopted | This Year Proposed |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.360800/\$100 | \$0.353440/\$100 |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | -\$0.007360/\$100 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-) | | -2.04% |
| Average appraised value | \$99,694 | \$100,237 |
| General exemptions available (excluding senior citizens or disabled person's exemptions) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Average taxable value | \$99,694 | \$100,237 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$359.70 | \$354.28 |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-) | | -\$5.42 -1.51% |

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

Treatment for wet macular degeneration can improve vision

About 15 million people in the United States are affected by an eye disease called age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Many of the more than 1.7 million people with the advanced form of this disease have lost the ability to drive, read, or even recognize family and friends. AMD is a leading cause of central vision loss in people over 55. The advanced form of AMD affects nearly 93,000 people in the state of Texas.
There are two forms of AMD, dry and wet. While all cases begin as the dry form, it is the wet form that accounts for about 85% of all AMD-related blindness. People with wet AMD often have gray or dark spots that block the center of their vision.
Wet AMD can result in sudden and severe central vision loss and worsens rapidly without treatment. However, a new drug has the potential to improve or maintain vision in many patients with wet AMD. The drug is called Lucentis. In key clinical trials, nearly all patients (95%) treated with Lucentis maintained their vision, and more than one-third of patients' vision improved by three lines or

more on an eye chart.
Lucentis was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and is now available for physicians, primarily retina specialists (specialty-trained ophthalmologists), to treat patients with wet AMD.
"During the Lucentis study program I could tell things were gradually getting better," said Ted Johnson, a patient with wet AMD. "The distortion was gradually disappearing; the blips and the horizontal lines disappeared; the gray area in the center of my vision was getting lighter."
Lucentis is a prescription medication given by injection into the eye. Lucentis has been associated with detached retina and eye infection and should not be used in patients who have an infection in or around the eye. Increases in eye pressure have been seen within one hour of an injection. Serious side effects related to the injection procedure were uncommon and included cataract and inflammation inside the eye.
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Wed. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, bananas/strawberries, garlic bread.

Thurs. - Steak fingers, potatoes/gravy, corn, peach cobbler, bread.

Fri. - Hoagies w/trimmings, potato rounds, brownies.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Burritos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches, lettuce salad, animal crackers.

Tues. - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes w/gravy,

corn, lettuce salad, pears, hot rolls.

Wed. - Chicken patty on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, lettuce salad, bananas, chips and salsa, carrot sticks, chocolate chip cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, lettuce salad, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, oven baked potato tots, lettuce salad, carrot sticks, beans.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Soft tacos w/trimmings, refried beans, Spanish rice, applesauce.

Tues. - Grilled chicken melt w/mozzarella, baked beans, pineapple, banana pudding.

Wed. - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, bread.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, coleslaw, pears, garlic bread.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

ERA ISD

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

Tues. - Chicken patty or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, hot roll.

Wed. - Crispy tacos, trimmings, pinto beans, chocolate pudding.

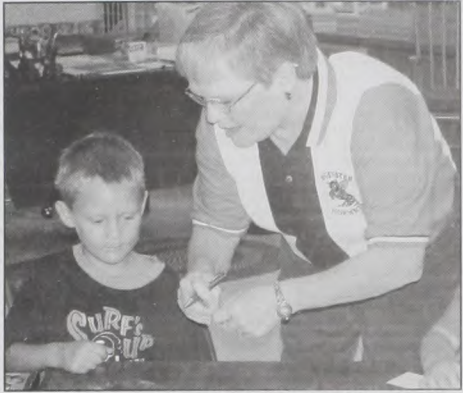
Thurs. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, corn, tossed salad, fruit mix, chocolate chip cookie.

Fri. - Steak sandwich, trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

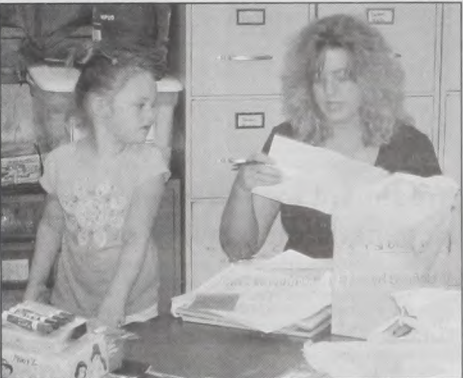
Playground ready for kids



Workers put the finishing touches around the new playground equipment at Sacred Heart Catholic School in preparation for the new school year. Deborah Wood photo



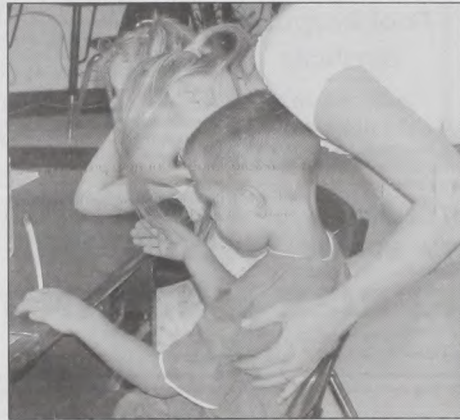
Brenda Gann welcomes Colby Klement to Kindergarten on the first day of school at Muenster Elementary last week Friday. Janie Hartman photo



Michelle Sandmann takes care of "paper work" for daughter Sadie during Open House at Muenster ISD Elementary Tuesday night. Janie Hartman photo



Sacred Heart Kindergarten and First Grade students, parents, and teachers met at Monday night's Open House in preparation for the first day of school. The animals that make their homes in the classroom were a favorite of the kids. Deborah Wood photo



Lane Baldwin gets a good-bye hug from his mother Tanya on the morning of the first day of school. Lane is a Kindergarten student at Muenster Elementary. Janie Hartman photo

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College & Career Corner

By Rose Rennekamp

No one road to success

You may have seen one of the many news stories this spring about what a tough year it was for college admissions—how more students were denied admission or wait-listed than ever before. But what may have been lost in some news reports is that the “worst year in college admissions” affected just a very small percentage of students applying to only the most selective colleges and universities.

Many students, and their parents, believe that to be successful, they have to go to one of those “Big Name” universities. While it’s true that students at elite universities get a great education; make important connections with students, staff and alumni; and can hang a diploma in their office that has the “big name” seal of approval on it, students who go to smaller, less-selective colleges and universities often enjoy the same kinds of things, only with a different seal on their diplomas.

One of the richest, most successful men in the world, investor Warren Buffett, graduated from a state university. His alma mater, the University of Nebraska, is a great school, which obviously gave him a fantastic education—but it’s not an elite university.

What’s important for students, and their parents, to realize is that with more than 3,500 two-year and four-year colleges and universities out there, it’s pretty hard to believe that anyone could only be happy at one, single

school. My son recently graduated from a university that I never would have considered for him, that is, until he told me during his senior year in high school that it was on his “top 10 list.”

Students need to do some research to fill out their own top 10 lists. Start out with a broad college search. You can search for free at www.actstudent.org. There you can narrow down colleges by how close they are to home—or how far away—by average GPA, even by major. If students are relatively certain what they want to study—business, computer science, or education, finding a school that offers a strong program in that major can be more important to them than the prestige of a certain school that may not even offer the major they’re considering. Students can ask someone working in the field that interests them which schools offer a good foot in the door when starting that career. It’s a great way to find out about some colleges you may never have considered.

To figure out which of the schools on their list will be the best fit, students should visit the colleges’ websites and try to talk to people who have gone to those schools. Many schools now even offer current students by email, phone or Internet message board to answer the questions of prospective students. Visiting a college in person can also be a very important step in finding the right fit. A woman I know was all set to go to a large, state university a few hours from home, until she went to visit for the weekend. She says she

just never felt comfortable there, so by Saturday afternoon, she told her mom that she was ready to leave. She went home, and started a whole new list of potential colleges. She ended up at a smaller, private college, and was very happy with her choice.

Sometimes it’s hard to remember as a parent that

the university you’ve always imagined your son or daughter attending may not even make it on their short list, but in the end, there isn’t one single path to success. Getting a great education and making contacts for future careers happens at colleges big and small, public and private, regardless of how “prestigious” they may be.

Healthy lunch items

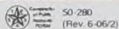
Add vegetables, such as lettuce, tomatoes, or green peppers to a plain turkey or tuna fish sandwich for a colorful crunch. Instead of heavy mayonnaise, try flavoring the sandwich with a squeeze of lemon juice for some added zest.

Brown bag baby carrots or celery sticks for a crunchy

snack packed with essential vitamins and nutrients.

Replace donuts and cupcakes with a natural, fat-free treat, such as a banana. A banana offers the sweet taste that your child craves, but, unlike traditional desserts, will provide your child with essential nutrients including fiber, Vitamin C, Vitamin B6, and potassium.

Please note that the budget and tax meeting notice published in last week’s edition contained errors. The following notice has been updated to correct those errors. Please disregard the former.



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 | \$ 6.2900 /\$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 | \$ 173,489,544 |
| 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 |



FLYING FLOWER - This delicate blue and black butterfly feasted on flowers during a recent summer morning. With the 100 plus degree heat and lack of sufficient rain, butterflies are some of the more colorful things in nature these days.
Deborah Wood photos



First Aid tip

Jellyfish stings

Nothing ruins a day at the beach worse than jellyfish stings. A sudden downpour would be more welcome. But if you find yourself stung by the tentacles of these floating blobs, your best treatment is to rinse the affected area with salt water. Don’t use fresh water because it will further activate nematocysts – which are the stinging cells – and worsen the reaction. It would be better not to rinse the skin at all than to rinse it with fresh water.

It’s also important to remove any tentacles still on your skin. Be sure and wear protective gloves or use tweezers. Then treat the area with white vinegar to help decrease symptoms. Over-the-counter pain medications such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen will also help ease the pain.

To prevent the poison from spreading in your skin, try to keep the affected area still. For example, if you’re stung on the foot, avoid walking.

Doctor’s Approach Dermatology Center

IRS tax tips

All employees have income tax withheld from their pay, right? Not necessarily. You may be exempt from withholding if:

- you can be claimed as a dependent (usually on a parent’s return),
- your total 2006 income will not be over \$5,150,
- your unearned income (interest, dividends, etc.) will not exceed \$300, and
- you had no income tax owed for 2005.

You’ll still have to pay Social Security and Medicare taxes, but skipping unnecessary income tax withholding will put more money in your pocket now. Read Form W-4

carefully before filling it out for your employer.

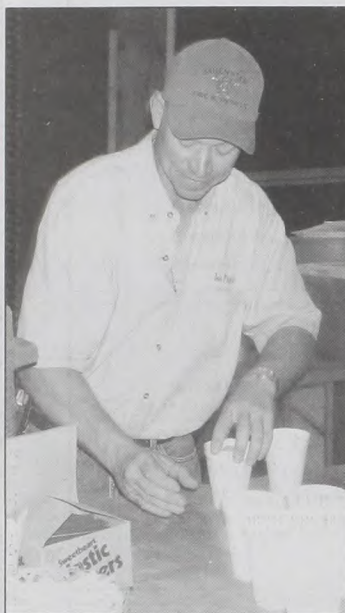
If customers tip you, those tips are taxable. You must keep track of the amounts, include them on your tax return, and—if they total \$20 or more in a month—report them to your employer by the middle of the next month.

Check-out IRS Publication 531, Reporting Tip Income, IRS Publication 1872, Tips on Tips (for food or beverage industry workers), and Form W-4, Employee’s Withholding Allowance Certificate (with worksheets to figure how many allowances to claim).



Photos by Deborah Wood

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department's annual fundraiser



Filling ponds with well water can kill fish

Landowners seeking to replenish their drought-depleted farm ponds with well water could kill their fish if they're not careful, said an expert with Texas Cooperative Extension.

"We can kill fish with well water that's perfectly good to drink," said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Extension fisheries and wildlife specialist.

Because of the ongoing drought, water levels of many of Texas' estimated one million farm ponds are dropping.

With dropping water levels, the surface area of a pond is also likely to shrink, Higginbotham said. And when the surface area — the area of water exposed to the air — shrinks, then the pond water's ability to absorb oxygen is reduced as well.

Even during a normal summer, the most likely cause of fish death is oxygen depletion, Higginbotham said. The hot, windless days often experienced in summer reduce the ability of ponds to absorb and hold oxygen. Also, cloudy days in summer can slow down photosynthesis of aquatic plants, which release oxygen, compounding the problem.

"Oxygen depletion problems account for about 85% of all fish die-offs in Texas farm ponds," he said.

But with reduced surface areas, the risk is increased, Higginbotham said. Many pond owners know this, and have been calling asking about adding water from their wells.

But though the pond water may be muddy and green,

the well water is clear and clean, it's still not a good idea to rush in, he said.

"There are two issues — quality and quantity of the well water — that must be taken into consideration," he said.

The most critical is quality. By "quality," Higginbotham meant a difference in quality between the pond and well water.

"Either a too large of a change in temperature or pH can shock the fish and result in fish death," he said.

With pH, a change of more than one unit, either up or down, can endanger fish, if occurring in a short period of time. With temperature, a quick change of 10 degrees or more, also either up or down, can put the fish at risk, he said.

Which leads to the second consideration: quantity, Higginbotham said.

"If we've got a garden hose running into a pond, then the change in (water) quality is going to be small over a long period of time, particularly in a larger pond," he said. "The fish will have time to adapt."

"But with a 6-inch line pumping at fire hose quantities into a fairly small pond, the change in quality will happen much more quickly. It's not just the change; it's the rate of change."

Even if the pH is similar, a wholesale temperature change can also result in

fish death, Higginbotham said.

Such a wholesale change can happen naturally during the summer if a period of high temperatures is followed by a heavy rain, he said. This is because ponds can become stratified. The top stratum of water will be warmer because warm water, like warm air, rises. The lower strata, including the bottom stratum, remains cooler. Moreover, dead organic matter will build up at the lowest levels. Deprived of oxygenated water, this organic matter will remain in a kind of stasis, not decaying, he said.

But a cool rain or strong wind from a summer thunderstorm can cause the pond to "turn over" as the now-cooled top layer sinks and mixes with the warmer lower layer. This causes the dead organic matter to be brought to the surface, he said.

With the dead organic matter now exposed to oxygenated water, a natural decay process can proceed at a vigorous rate, and so reduce oxygen levels that results in fish kills.

Pumping large amounts of cool water into the surface of a stratified pond can duplicate the process of "pond turnover," he said.

But even if pH and temperature of the pond water and well water are similar, it's still possible to deplete the level of oxygen if the landowner isn't careful, Higginbotham said.

This is because well water has no appreciable absorbed oxygen whatsoever, he said, and it may have a high level of carbon dioxide.

To remedy this, Higginbotham advised "breaking up the well water" before letting it enter the pond. Breaking up the water — agitating it and exposing more of its surface to the air — can be done by various methods.

The simplest is just to let the pond water run over some balled-up hardware cloth on its way to the pond's surface. More complicated methods, he said, involve dropping the water from a series of boxes arranged in stair-step fashion.



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SPORTS



The Sacred Heart Tigers (above and at right) will meet their first opponent Friday night as they host a scrimmage with The Highlands. Janie Hartman photos



Practice continues for the Muenster Hornets (above and at right) for the scrimmage Saturday morning. Janie Hartman photos

Participants wanted for 3rd Annual Muenster Chamber Golf Tournament

Turtle Hill Golf Course is the location of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce's Third Annual Golf Tournament. It is planned for Sunday, Aug. 27 with an 8 a.m. flight time.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is \$60 per person or \$240 per team. The first three places will be paid per flight. Mulligans are \$5 and those purchasing will have an opportunity to win prizes. A free fantasy golf game (scratch off card) will be given to each participant with prizes presented to the top three winners. Other prizes include Closest to Pin,

Longest Drive, Longest Putt, and Closest 2nd Shot, etc.

Klement Ford is sponsoring four Hole In Ones, with the grand prize being a 2007 Ford Ranger pickup truck on Hole #11, and a trip for each of the remaining three holes (#4, #8, and #13). Trips are three day/two night vacation package to The Peabody Memphis; four day/three night vacation package to Treetops Resort; and three day/two night vacation package to The Breakers Palm Beach.

For more information or to enter, call 940-759-2227.



Texas hunting and fishing licenses now on sale

New hunting and fishing licenses for 2006-07 are now available and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is reminding customers that all current annual hunting and fishing

licenses expire on Aug. 31.

Although there are no changes in license requirements this year, hunters need to keep in mind a couple of key requirements — hunter education

certification and game bird stamp.

In addition to a hunting license, all wingshooters will need to purchase a game bird stamp.

The white-winged dove

stamp and waterfowl stamp were combined last year into a single Migratory Game Bird Stamp (\$7), which will be required to hunt all migratory game birds, including ducks, geese, white-winged doves, mourning doves, white-tipped doves, sandhill cranes, woodcock, snipe, rails, coots, and gallinules.

The turkey stamp was replaced by the Upland Game Bird Stamp (\$7), which will be required to hunt all non-migratory game birds, including turkey, quail, pheasant, chachalaca, and lesser prairie chicken.

Anyone who purchases the Super Combo license package automatically gets these needed stamps.

In addition to the migratory stamp endorsement, Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is required of all migratory game bird hunters. HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of sale only after the purchaser answers a few brief migratory bird questions. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified to hunt migratory birds and these new stamp changes are automatically included in all lifetime licenses.

Any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 who is at least

17 years old must pass the hunter education training course to legally hunt in Texas or obtain a hunter education deferral.

The deferral option allows people 17 years of age or older a one-time only extension to complete the state's hunter education requirements. The individual must purchase a hunting license and then may purchase the "Deferral Option # 166, and must be accompanied by someone 17 years old or older who is also licensed to hunt in Texas. The accompanying individual must have completed hunter education or be exempt from the requirements (born before Sept. 2, 1971). The extension is good for one license year, by which time the person with the deferred option needs to complete a hunter education course.

This option is not available to those who have ever received a conviction or deferred adjudication for lack of hunter education certification. They still must take the course before going afield.

Lady Knights begin volleyball season

The Lindsay Lady Knights started another new program this school year - volleyball. Last season the girls began softball. After scrimmaging Nocona, the Lady Knights hosted the Lady Longhorns of Forestburg Tuesday night.

In varsity action, Forestburg won the first set 21-25. Lindsay came back with a 25-14 win, then fell 22-25. The fourth round gave the Lady Knights a 25-17 win to tie the game. Forestburg took the victory with a 12-15 final win.

mage. The JV will begin playing at 10 a.m., with the varsity playing at 11 a.m. Collection boxes will be at the entrances.

on power lines and pastures with bright yellow sunflowers. They track the bird's swift, erratic flight with imaginary shotguns.

This year, hunters have had a fairly light pre-season workout and can anticipate an average dove season, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

This year's dove call count index, which measures dove breeding population changes, shows a decline statewide from last year's surveys. Continued dry conditions throughout the core dove range in Texas for the second consecutive year is the main reason for the drop in doves, calling during the surveys, with the southern region of the state seeming to have been hit the hardest.

Dove season in the North Zone is set for Sept. 1-Oct. 30, with a 15-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves; the Central Zone runs Sept. 1-Oct. 30 and reopens Dec. 26-Jan. 4, with a 12-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves; and the South Zone is set for Sept. 22-Nov. 12, reopening Dec. 26-Jan. 12 with a 12 bird bag but not more than two white-tipped doves. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.

"The whole team did a good job for being our first real game," commented Coach Donald Neu.

In junior varsity action, the Lady Knights won the first set 25-21, fell 20-25 in the second, but took the win with a 25-11 score in the final. "All played well together as a team," noted Coach Robyn Hess. "They improved in the serving and setting areas."

Next action for the varsity Lady Knights will be the Nocona Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 19.

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 The applicant proposes to inject oil and gas waste into the
 Strawn formation Trubench, W. M. Lease, Well Number 6.
 The proposed injection well is located 2 miles Southwest of
 Muenster, TX the Cooke County Regular Field, in Cooke
 County. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the sub-
 surface depth interval from 1600 to 1624 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code,
 as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as
 amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division
 of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
 Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they
 are adversely affected or requests for further information con-
 cerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in
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TO: CORA NEWMAN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, Defendant-
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 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 peti-
 tion was filed on the 4th day of August, 2006 in this case, num-
 bered 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
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 PLAINTIFF ENTITLED.
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 ing to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make
 due return as the law directs.
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 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

Texas drought losses estimated at \$4.1 billion

Estimated drought losses for Texas have reached \$4.1 billion, eclipsing the \$2.1 billion mark set in 1998, Texas Cooperative Extension economists reported.

Crop losses are estimated at \$2.5 billion and livestock \$1.6 billion, according to the report. The current drought equals the multi-year dry period of the 1950s and could go down as the worst ever without substantial rainfall by the end of the year, according to Extension officials.

"The financial impact will be a major setback because of rising input costs, especially energy prices (to agricultural producers)," said Dr. Carl Anderson, professor emeritus and Extension economist. "Irrigation costs have soared and will cut cash flow from irrigated crop production substantially."

"Most of North Texas, East Texas, and the Coastal Bend were in various stages of drought since May of last year, and hay supplies were depleted maintaining livestock over the summer and winter," said Dr. Travis Miller, Extension agronomist. "Much of the corn and soybean crop has been harvested for silage or hay; pastures are bare and hay barns are empty. Much of the hay being fed is from out-of-state or along the upper coast, which has received favorable rains. Livestock water supplies are disappearing and ranchers are unable to sustain herds with purchased hay and dry tanks."

Rural areas are being hardest hit, Anderson said, with projected economic losses at \$8 billion when the agribusiness impact is included. This includes businesses that provide equipment and services to farmers and ranchers, including machinery sales, supplies, and other production needs, Anderson said.

The driest regions of the state are the Panhandle, Southern High and Rolling Plains, Northeast Texas, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. "If it rained now, it would be too late for the main crops," Anderson said.

Statewide, cotton, corn sorghum, and soybeans have been rated 48 to 58 percent in poor to very poor condition for several months.

"That's very indicative of production levels around half a crop," Anderson said. "Much of the corn in Central Texas has been made into silage or hay and most of Northeast Texas soybean crop has been cut for hay to supply dairy operations in desperate need of forages. The irrigated peanut and rice crops are the only crops rated mostly in good to fair condition."

More than \$1 billion of the current losses come from cotton, Texas No. 1 cash crop, Anderson said.

"Because of dry soil, much of the cottonseed planted failed to germinate," he said. "The 2006 winter wheat crop fell to 35 million bushels, the lowest level since 1971 and two-thirds below 2005 production."

Only 1.4 million acres of wheat were harvested, the smallest acreage since 1925, Miller said.

Cattle producers are facing some of the toughest times ever, Anderson said, due to lack of hay and available

forage on pastures. "Three-fourths of the land in range and pasture is too dry to produce much grazing or hay that is harvestable," he said. "Without rain soon, livestock herds will face further liquidation."

At biggest risk are the state's cow herds, Anderson said. Rising hay and supplemental feed costs are forcing many ranchers to liquidate herds and lack of water has forced some to sell out completely.

"Cattle sales are up sharply from a year ago," Anderson said. "The reduction in herd size will curtail beef supplies for several years. Also, the lack of adequate nutrition for cows means a smaller calf

crop next year." However, land values continue to increase mainly due to purchases for recreational and hunting purposes, Anderson said. But the drought will "stress wildlife sources and reduce the amount and quality of wild animals and birds," he said.

"Wildlife management programs are critical to maintaining the recreational value of land used for outdoor recreation during drought years," Anderson said.

Agricultural lenders are reporting fewer loan repayments and greater demand for loan renewals and extensions from a year ago, according to the Second

Quarter 2006 Survey of Agricultural Credit Conditions by the Federal Reserve Bank. Producers are collecting insurance based on individual coverage on dryland crops and many cow-calf operators have taken out larger loans because of higher feed costs.

"Others have sold their herds due to limited water and forage," Anderson said. "High energy prices have substantially increased production costs to further stress an already depressed production environment. Some crop and cow-calf operators can't financially withstand more losses and will be forced to seek other jobs or business alternatives."

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER
CEA - AG/NR

Anticipated pecan weevil emergence in 2006

Research shows that the pecan weevil adults typically emerge from their soil cells (4%-10% beneath the surface) from mid-August to mid-September to mate and oviposit in pecan nuts (emergence can be monitored by using a number of different emergence cages, checking dropped nuts in August for feeding punctures, etc.). Successful management strives to prevent adult females from successfully laying eggs in the developing kernels (nuts still in the water stage are not yet susceptible to oviposition, but as they transition through the gel stage, kernel development beginning at the tip allows eggs to be placed in them).

There is a three to five day period from when the adult emerges from the soil to when they can successfully begin to lay eggs in susceptible nuts. Emerging weevils should be killed before oviposition begins and carbaryl is the standard pesticide used for this purpose. The residual of carbaryl is about 10-14 days and, if pecan weevils continue to emerge from their soil cells following an initial treatment, a second or even a third treatment may be needed to prevent economic damage from occurring.

A major problem occurs when summer drought conditions result in soils becoming very hard during August. The problem is worst in clay soils and least in sandier soils because the sandiest of the latter do not harden sufficiently to delay pecan weevil emergence. Research shows that soil hardness greater than 60 kg/cm² will result in a drought delay in pecan weevil emergence; the soil is just too hard to allow the adults to

move from their soil cells to the surface. This soil condition is easily determined by checking the soil beneath the tree canopies in your orchard or grove. Make certain to check numerous locations due to variations in soil type.

Orchards under flood irrigation should already be sufficiently watered to have soils with sufficient friability to allow normal weevil emergence. Orchards/groves with no irrigation and some clay in their soils are likely to have weevils delayed when drought conditions occur in August and this condition will remain until rainfall or flooding is sufficient to soften these 1-2%.

What kind of a year is 2006? Producers at risk should check their soil hardness to confirm this and then monitor pecan weevil emergence, and nut development to ensure needed treatments are made at the correct time to prevent damage.

White Grubs Control
The extreme temperatures and drought this summer have left many landscapes too dry and parched—even for some insect pests. White grubs, for example, generally do not survive well when the soil is very dry.

But if you've worked hard this summer to keep the grass green and growing, you may actually be giving pests a break. Besides keeping your grass happy, irrigation can make the grubs happy too.

Gardeners who irrigate their lawns, and who have had grub problems in the past, may want to consider treating now for these pests. July would have been the ideal time to treat for white grubs using one of the new grub-killer products, but it may still be acceptable to do so now. The two active ingredients, imidacloprid (found in Bayer Season-Long Grub Control and similar products) and halofenozide (Scott's Grub Ex and similar products) both provide excellent control when used early, before grub damage becomes evident.

So don't wait any longer. Spread grub killers with a drop-type spreader and make sure to water thoroughly after application with at least an inch of water. For more information about grubs and grub control see <http://teebokstore.org/pubinfo.cfm?pubid=205>

Dates to Remember:
Aug. 17 - Private Applicator Pesticide License Training, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 668-5412 to reserve a spot.

Texas crop and weather report

August 1

Losses continue to mount throughout the state as extreme heat and lack of rainfall have destroyed up to two million acres of cotton.

Seventy percent of the soybean crop in North Texas has already been baled. Much of the corn throughout the Blacklands region in Central Texas and south of Victoria has been lost or has had exceptionally low yields due to drought. And it's no secret we've lost a whole lot of forage. We've seen record numbers of light-weight calves go to the feedlots, and ranchers continue to cull herds to get numbers down to meet available forage. There's very short supplies of hay and very little has been made. It doesn't look good for this winter.

A good hay cutting can still be produced if we were to get favorable rains, and rains this fall would help producers grow winter pastures for grazing, reducing the need for hay, which is in very short supply.

August 8

In a word, "dismal" would describe much of the state as high temperatures continued to suck soil and water supplies dry.

A band labeled "severe" or "extreme" curves in a north-south pattern from the Panhandle to the southern tip of Texas on the most recent drought map from Texas Water Info.net, prepared by the Texas Water Development Board. Only 13 counties along the upper Texas coast are showing slightly wet on that map,

with a mere one inch excess over normal amounts. Most of the state is suffering a two to four inch deficit.

Even an uncommonly large amount of rainfall in the El Paso area - as much as 15 inches - earlier this month did not bring the region to normal.

Drought is the leading hazard in economic losses each year in the nation, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Office of the Chief Economist.

Extension offers Texas producers a variety of online decision tools at <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu/drought.htm/>

August 15

Drought and higher-than-normal temperatures prevailed across the state this week, according to reports from Texas Cooperative Extension officials.

"Wildfire conditions are extreme in most of the counties with local volunteer fire departments staying very busy," said Galen Chandler, Extension district director in Vernon. "The situation is bleak for our agricultural producers across this region, and prayers are certainly in order to receive significant rainfall over the next three or four weeks."

Jose Pena, district Extension director in Ulvade, said, "Only about 4 inches of rain have been received in since mid-October, compared to a long term average of about 19.3 inches for the same period. The last 305 days have been, by far, the driest period in over 100 years of records."

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| Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.50-1.82; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.50; 300-400 lbs. lbs. No. 1, 1.33-1.62; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.33; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.17-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-117; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.11-1.24; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.16; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.03; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 96-1.14; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-96 | Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy tested, 3 to 9 year-olds - Large Frame: \$700-\$820; Medium Frame: \$500-\$700 Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. Large Frame: \$850-\$950; Medium Frame: \$600-\$850 Baby Calves: Holstein: \$45-\$65; Cross Breeds: \$75-\$285 | Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1: 230-270; 55-63; US #2: 220-280; 45-55 | Ewes (per lb.) Stocked: 40-55; Thin: 10-35; Fat: 30-45 Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 40-45; Fat: 35-45 Barbados (per head) Lamb: \$10-\$35; Ewe: \$10-\$50; Bucks: \$40-\$160 |
| Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.29-1.47; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.29; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.19-1.38; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.19; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.11-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.11; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.04-1.16; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.04; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 84-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-84; 700 lbs. No. 1, 82-1.04; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-82 | Feeder Heifers (per head) US #1: 215; \$35-\$85; \$25-90; \$25-\$45 | Sows (per lb.) Feeder: 400 or less: 30-40; Light wt.: 400-500: 30-35; Med. wt.: 500-600: 30-35; Heavy wt.: 600+: 30-35 | Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs. \$15-\$45; 35-55 lbs. \$25-\$60; 65-75 lbs. \$40-\$70 Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs. \$70-\$120 Nannies (per head) Stocked: \$45-\$90; Milk Type: \$35-\$75; Slaughter: Thin: \$15-\$45; Fat: \$40-\$85 Bills (per head) 120 lbs-up Brooders: \$50-\$125; Slaughter: \$40-\$85 |
| Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2: 200-250 lbs. No. 50-61; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 44-52; Culler: 20-44 | Bears (per lb.) 300 lb. up: 01-09; 200-300 lbs: 15-25; Light wt.: 25-35 | Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs. 65-75; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs. 60-75; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs. 50-65 | Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: \$75-\$95; 3/4 Nanny: \$75-\$95; Full Nanny: \$75-\$140 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: \$75-\$125 |

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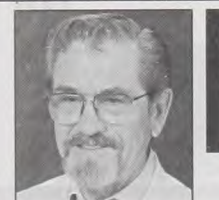
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