Proposed wind farm whirls waves of controversy

By Janet Felderhoff
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1) Placement of the turbines will cause a drop in the tax base and slow economic growth to the area. Turbines are placed in two rows. Huge cranes are required to place the heavy nacelles atop the 260-foot towers. These require very wide level clear-cut paths to get to them. He 260-foot towers. These require very wide level clear-cut paths to get to them. He 260-foot towns. These require very wide level clear-cut paths to get to them. He 260-foot towns. These require very wide level clear-cut paths to get to them. He 260-foot towns. These require very wide level clear-cut paths to get to them. He 260-foot towns. These require very wide level clear-cut paths to get to them. He 260-foot towns. These require very wide level clear-cut paths to get to them. He 260-foot towns. These require very wide level clear-cut paths to get to them. He camed this takes a 60-foot wide swath.

2) 90% of oil consumed in the U.S. is used to make motor oil, aviation fuel, etc. Only 19% of the oil goes into electrical generation.

3) Wind turbines generation during two post wind turbines was only 16.8% of capacity. Dial said that the ERCOT report stated that the 16.8% average may be too optimistic because it fails to cognize the intermittency of wind turbines was only 16.8% of capacity. Dial said that the ERCOT report stated that the 16.8% average may be too optimistic because it fails to cognize the lease



ments at Monday evening's meeting hosted by North Texas Wind Janet Felderhoff photo

Audience members were eager to Resistance Alliance.

Dell said that the nacelles on the wind turbines have caught on fire. He wondered, "Who has the equipment to reach up nearly 400 feet and put this out?"

Muenster Volunteer firefighter Ben Bindel inquired as to what caused the fires on turbines. Dell said that lightning, bearings, lack of maintenance, and age were causes. Another audience member said that he thought that lightning strikes were a problem with the first wind turbines, but thinks it may not exist any longer. A way of grounding them may have been incorporated, he said.

Wind Resistance member

Jack Schoppa commented that he feels that the proposed 65 to 100 turbines for Wolf Ridge is just phase one. He's heard that they will stretch from the Red River to as far south as they can go with them. He said that he's gotten reports that the company has been poking around at Camp Sweeney, Woodbine, Era. "And if you live in the south part of the county, don't think that you shouldn't be concerned."

Schoppa told a person who purchased property south of Saint Jo not knowing about the wind turbines. He went across Saint Jo and was in the process of buying a 150-

acre plus piece of property. Upon learning of the wind farm, he backed out of the deal and wished he hadn't bought the other property. "Even though the wind turbines are not here, they are already affecting our property values," he noted.

A Saint Jo area property owner said that he bought land there about a year ago, but would not have had he known about the wind turbines coming. He would have gone south, he said.

Another man said that Cooke and Montague Counties are in competition with areas such as Fredericksburg and Nacogdoches.

Schoppa said that the energy companies would be asking for tax abatements and he hoped that officials would not give them. He said, "They will do things the first few years, as Joe mentioned the first three years are very profitable for them so they will give a lot of money to the people in the area. Especially to the people who own the land and get a wind mill, and to the schools and to the city, but as that government money

VFW Auxiliary wins three 1st places at State

VFW Ladies Auxiliary 6205 was awarded two 1st lace plaques for Excellence a Publicity at the annual tate Convention which was eld in Corpus Christi on une 28 to July 1. One plaque ass for the Most Outstanding Overall Publicity and one as for the Most Outstanding Statewide Americanism bublicity. The Auxiliary also eceived a 2nd place citation ward for Most Effective Published Articles on all the National VFW Auxiliary programs.

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According to Frances
Bayer, president of the Auxiliary, these awards are a result of the cooperation of the
Muenster Enterprise and the
Nortex Communications System, and also the diligent reporting of the Auxiliary sec-



trict attended the meeting to assist with selection of an employee health plan. Referring to last year's claims, Clark "That's excellent if they do it right. They can tell you on a statistical basis if something abnormal happened in a certain location. They can pick up a disease that is transmitted by water supply much faster than anybody clse would, and time is of the essence in those kinds of things. It is all in the level of the details."

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Director of Radiology Michael Kent, R.T. and Dr. Edd Advincula observe the installation of Muens Memorial Hospital's new Siemens Dual-Slice CT Unit. Janie Hartman phot

Muenster ISD ready for new school year

Muenster ISD
By Janie Hartman
Baseball and softball for Muenster High School was discussed at the July 19 regular meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees. Several parents were present requesting the District "maider adding the two sport activities to the Hornet athletic lineup. There was lots of discussion and past history, but no action was taken.

The Board also discussed capital improvement projects, including a cafetorium and additional classrooms in the commons area of the high school. A called meeting was

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Parent Handbook, and the Teacher Handbook. Team Clean got the custodial bids for the next school year.

Brian Heidaker's resignation as the new shop teacher was accepted. Then the Board hired Tiffany McGrath to teach the class. Also hired was Amy Binder as a coach and health teacher.

Reports given included:

Technology Director Jeff Presnall reported Muenster ISD has a new website address. The address is www.muensterisd.net. The new site will be unveiled by the first day of school. Also, price quotes for 16 new computers for the Ag and CAD classrooms are being taken. The new computers for the Ag and CAD classrooms are being taken. The new computers for the primary grade classrooms have been installed, and new e-mail accounts have been set up for five more new teachers.

**Athletic Director Monte Endres noted that athletes and coaches have continued to work throughout the summer preparing for the upcoming school year. The football and cross country teams will begin practice on Aug. 7. A meeting is being planned at the start of the season to discuss the expectations of the players, parents, and coaches. The time and date are to be announced.

In her elementary report, Principal Lou Heers gave a current enrollment for the next school year of 263. The annual orientation for grades 3-6 will be Monday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m. at the Band Hall/Auditorium, Pre-K through 2nd grade will have "Howdy Night' on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 6 p.m. in the Auditorium. At both events, teachers will go over their classroom expectations and hand out information.

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School principal, gave a pro-

jected student enrollment for 2006-07 at 260, 88 in Junior High and 172 in High School. In July, several students represented MISD at the State FFA Convention with Ag Director Dan Waneck. The new Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, and Teacher Handbook are complete. Also, several teachers have been remediating students in specific TAKS areas of need in preparation for upcoming exams.

*Justin Bell, new band director, noted that "the overall focus for the Muenster Band program is to train students to operate with excellence in all situations and areas of life. In order that we may achieve this purpose, we will use the marching band as our vehicle to reach our objective." Mr. Bell also listed several new standards he is expecting from band members, including operating with excellence at all times; precision; dedication; and the behavioral expectation is that of young adults. July 11 was the first optional rehearsal held to give students an opportunity to regain playing condition.

Jim Robertson, attorney at law, gave reports for May and June showing the ad valorem property taxes paid to Muenster ISD were \$39,977.64 and \$23,454.78 respectively.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division submitted the 2005 School District Summary worksheet. MISD had a taxable value of \$152,426,257 after the loss to the homestead exemption. Muenster's taxable value was found valid by the state and the local value was certified. Singlefamily residences, \$71,938,502 and rural real estate \$50,161,948, were the highest on the local tax roll value.

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of stay of 7.43 days.

The ER logged 1,441 patient visits. Home Health made 5,314 visits during the fiscal year. There were 70 observation room days. Outpatients logged were 4,564.

Confirmation was received Tuesday afternoon that MMH would get the 4.5% loan from the Department of Agriculture through Key Financial Company to finance the purchase/lease of a new CT scanner. The Board approved a 60-month loan at 4.5% interest. The loan will be for between \$226,000 and \$250,000, with payments of \$4,000 plus a month.

The new scanner will arrive none too soon. The old unit, with more than 300,000 slices performed on it, quit working the week before. That is more than the average life of such equipment. A new Siemens Dual-slice CT unit is expected to arrive after July 21.

The staff of the MMH Family Health Clinic compiled a wish list. It contained every item that needed to be done and others need to be done of the things need to be done and others need to have a price put to it and then the necessity determined.

One request is to have a designated kitchen/break room for the Health Clinic omployees. Now they, must eat at their work place. This could be a health issue.

There were no history and physical reports, charts or anothe day of the meeting, said Mr. Heller. Everything was current in all three categories. "That is very hard to achieve." That is were hard the achieve men the first of the achieve in recognition of the achieve ment, the Board passed a resolution. It stated, "Congratulations to the health information management department, the business office, the Clinic employees on a good job."

In other business, the MH Board:

Heard report that MMH was re-designated a Level IV Trauma Hospital. Diane Neu and Renate Pagel were complimented for th

north of Muenster near the Shiloh church that was being bought for over \$4,000 an acre and the buyer was aware of the windmills. Felderhoff said that land values are getting so high that locals can't afford to buy land to keep it in their fami-lies.

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Renny Riement said that he lives and farms in the southern part of Cooke County. He said that Cooke County is in danger of becoming like Denton County. He recalled that in the early "60s Denton had family farms, but as the parents died, land values got so high that the children couldn't afford to buy it and so kept selling it off.

"This county will look like Denton in four years," he warned. "Just keep going, You are going to look just like Denton. This land is bringing four, five, and six thousand dollars an acre back where it is pretty.

"A clear cut road is nothing like people living every five acres. You will completely redo your environmental situation because then they won't put up with the deer and wildlife that people put up with right now. They move out there, they want it to be like it was in town with paved roads, you better have plenty of water, and you better be nice to them." He said he knows farmers in Denton County dealing with those problems now.

Klement said he feels property values are too high now. People in agriculture can't compete. Klement said that farmers such as him are environmentalists. He remarked, "We terraced all our land. We put fences up, fixed the lots. While everybody else talked about it, we took the soil in this county from 1930 to now and made it better. I don't like somebody to come up here and tell me how good somebody else is."

As Klement exited the building another audience member said. "I agree with you!"

you!"
Ronnie Felderhoff remarked that people had been encouraged to do their own research on the wind turbines, so he did. He said he had many friends in southwest Texas, so he asked how many dead birds they had seen under the windmills there and was told none. They told him that the deer

fight report any livestock problems.

Felderhoff continued, "I checked with the appraisal districts and the people who do the appraisals out there. Since 1999 land values have done nothing but go up in most cases.

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"As far as the money that the state and federal government is spending to build these things, they aren't getting a dime. They are getting a tax credit. They have to make income before they can write this off. The tax credit is 14% of the cost of it. If they put a \$1.7 million generator up, they get to write 14% off of the taxes that they have to pay. Plus they get accelerated depreciation."

Another point Felderhoff brought out was a point made by a man he spoke with who does appraisals on wind towers. He told Felderhoff that an oil lease would decrease property values a lot more than a wind farm.

The federal government is requiring power companies to get 20% of their energy from renewable sources.

Felderhoff asked that they not put out ads with misleading information. He referred to an ad depicting birds being killed by the wind turbines. Another person in the audience said that in Norway wind turbines were killing white-tailed eagles. He claimed that in a great deal of Europe they had quit putting up wind turbines because they are environmentally unfriendly and don't pay for themselves.

Bob Knauf, a member of the Cooke County Appraisal

erator," he said. "The value wouldn't go down because it is ag value. Property values might go down with a wind generator across from it, but the land used for agriculture wouldn't change in value because of one." He added that FP&L would have to pay

population there was actually thriving because the landowners could now afford to feed them. Hunting lease values have gone up and they didn't report any livestock problems.

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property taxes on the wind about that being the case with transmission lines.

Dial concluded, "I ask you to give this very considerate and deliberate thought. If wind turbines come, in my think time that couldn't be done. Legislation would have to be passed to allow it. Knauf said that he didn't know beauty that we all enjoy."

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Muenster Museum Open 1- 4pm	MISD orientation - grades 3- 6 - pm			Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Historical Commission mtg - Muenster Museum - 8 am	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP membership luncheon 11:30 am Stanford House	Fireman's BBQ & Auction City Park - 6 pm

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chairman; VFW National Home, Janet Barnhill, chairman; Seminar, Mid-Winter Roundup, and the State Convention. She was also required to participate in community activities and State required programs.

All quarterly audits had to be in on the set date. Agnes Hesse is chairman of this committee.

Another award was the Hospital program which received a 3rd place for Most Outstanding Overall Participation. Hilda Sicking is chairman.

Other award citations for participation were: Membership Award, 100% before Dec. 29, 2005, Mary Lee Hennigan and Ethel Hesse, chairman; Safety Programs (6), Linda Knabe, chairman; Americanism, 100% participation, Frances Sayer, chairman; and Colors, of which there are found all other State officars, elective and appointive, The Colors, of which there are found when the same of the Work (marching with American flags) during the 2007 Mid-Winter and State Convention. This is her 6th time to have this assignment.

VAN SLYKE CEMETERY

HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION will be held July 29, 2006, 9:00 a.m. at Van Slyke Cemetery. This was a Gold Award Project for Girl Scout Troop 1081. Everyone is welcome to attend. n or directions contact Cecilia Fuhrmann (940)665-6863.

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Kathryn Harris 1941 - 2006

Kathryn Marie Harris of Saint Jo died at the age of 65 in Nocona General Hospital on Friday, July 21, 2006. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m on Sunday, July 23 at McCoy Funeral Chapel with C.E. Cole officiating, Burial followed in Mountain Park Cemetery.

Born Feb. 15, 1941 in Crane, Texas to Joe and Emma Louise Dickens, Kathryn attended school in and graduated from Kermit, Texas high school. On Feb. 23, 1960 she married Thomas Henry Harris in Monahans, Texas. They lived their early married life in Kermit, but moved around briefly to Odessa, Farmington, New Mexico, and Amarillo, following the oil field industry. They then moved to Saint Jo where they lived the rest of their lives.

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Kathryn was an avid foot-ball fan, rarely missing TV broadcasts of Cowboy foot-ball, and loved watching her children and grandchildren playing football and other school sports. An outdoor per-son, she enjoyed tending and watching the cattle and other farm animals. She was a lov-ing wife, mother, grand-

Kathryn Harris
mother, and great-grandmother.
Survivors include her
daughter Nancy Sudderth;
sons and daughters-in-law
Jeff and Carol Harris, and
Billy and Sandy Harris, all of
Saint Jo. Also surviving are
seven grandchildren and six
great-grandchildren.
Preceding her in death
were husband Thomas "Tom"
Henry Harris on July 16,
2006, and her parents.
Pallbearers were Jeff Harris, Billy Harris, Scott Harris, Christopher Harris, Jesse
Harris, and Reed Sudderth.

Cecilia Schilling

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OBITUARIES

Mass of Christian Burial for Cecilia Lanora Schillings 4, of Muenster was held at 10 a.m. July 24 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Muenster. Rev. Kyle Walterscheid celebrated the Mass. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Centerry under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Cecilia died at St. Richards Villa on Thursday, July 21, 2006 at 10:05 p.m.

Born Nov. 22, 1921 in Lindsay, Public School in 1939. She lived on the family farm with her parents and five brothers.

Cecilia married Joe Trubenbach in St. Peter's Catholic Church on Aug. 30, 1942. They moved to a farm five miles north of Muenster where they raised cattle and agrain. They were parents of four daughters and one son. Joe died on Sept. 29, 1976. Cecilia married Carl' Boobie Schilling on May 18, 1879 in Muenster She was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, Catholic Daughters, and the VFW Auxiliary.

An excellent cook, Cecilia was known for her fried chicken and sweet rolls, which she generously gave for funerals and other occasions. She had been a cook for Muenster Public School, several different restaurants, and the hospital Her last employment was with The Charm Shop in Muenster. Survivors are her husband Boobie Schilling of Muenster, and Sons-in-law Charlotte and Alfred Hermes of Lindsay, Doris and Wayne Klement and Joie and Jerry Reed of Muenster, and sons-in-law Charlotte and Alfred Hermes of Lindsay, Doris and Wayne Mayne and Mary Kay Trubenbach of Muenster, but we all agree that cooking was her best!

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A Letter to the Editor:

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Jessamy Sicking is one. Reception honors Mother Mary John Seyler. Pope John Paul II appoints Father Joseph P. Delaney as next bishop of Fort Worth Diocese. Fire department called to mobile home blaze at the Powell Ranch - mobile home is total loss, but livestock harn is

By

Fr. Daniel

McCaffrey

Lee Buddy Muenster, TX 76252

Letter to the Editor:

Did you know Florida oppos
Power & Light has NO wind turbines in Florida?
A current economic engine

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J. Hunter Betts Saint Jo, Texas

McCoy Funeral Home Muenster, Texas

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- 2. The ease of mind should be considered in that all arrangements are completed prior to death of the person on which the plan is written. All personal information can be accessible, easing the burden of having to try to find it at the time of death.
- 3. Insurance is good to have, but it does not freeze prices. It is unforeseeable to guess at prices 20, 30, 40 years from now, or even longer; however, with a pre-paid funeral plan, prices will remain as they are today. In the past 20 years, prices have about doubled. This is almost a surety for the future.
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- 5. Especially important is the need for younger people to consider a pre-planned funeral service now. The price will certainly rise as time goes by, and may be many, many times today's price. For example, a \$6,000.00 plan today could easily cost many times that price at an elderly age.
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IFESTYLE

Britain, Grewing exchange vows in Sacred Heart Church

Diane Nicole Britain of Forestburg became the bride of Randy Stephen Grewing of Muenster on Saturday, July 8, 2006 at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Muenster. Father John Ohner, OSA officiated for the Mass and double ring yows. The date of their marriage was chosen because the groom's parents were married on that date in 1978.

Parents of the bride are Alan and Norma Britain of Forestburg, She is the grand-daughter of Marcy Switzer of Muenster and the late Charles Switzer, and Jimmie Britain of Forestburg and the late Johnny Britain, A 2001 graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and at Charles Switzer, and Jimmie Britain of Forestburg and the late Johnny Britain, A 2001 graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the Late Johnny Britain, A 2001 graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Johnny Britain, A 2001 graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Johnny Britain, A 2001 graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Johnny Britain, A 2001 graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Johnny Britain, A 2001 graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Johnny Britain, A 2001 graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Johnny Britain, A 2001 graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Johnny Britain, A 2001 graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Steve Grewing. The groom graduated from Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Steve Grewing The groom graduated from Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Steve Grewing The groom graduated from Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Steve Grewing The groom graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Steve Grewing The groom graduated from Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Steve Grewing The groom graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Steve Grewing The groom graduated from Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Steve Grewing The groom graduate of Muenster High School in 2000, and the late Steve Grewing The John Sch

Scott and Gina Smith of Sherman and Brad and Marcia Scarbrough of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of heir daughter Christin Hill Smith to Justin Blaine Howard of San Antonio. Howard is the son of Mary McGill of San Antonio. Miss Smith a graduate ef Sacred Heart High School and St. Mary's University of San Antonio. She is employed by Study Hall Learning Center as a seacher for the two year olds. Mr. Howard is a graduate of St. Mary's San Antonio and is completing his graduate degree in International Development at St. Mary's. He is employed by Study Hall Learning Center as a seacher for the two year olds. Mr. Howard is a graduate of St. Mary's University in San Antonio and is completing his graduate degree in International Development at St. Mary's. He is employed as a guest pecialist at San Antonio Meistra St. Mary's. He is employed as a guest pecialist at San Antonio in Merson Study Hall Learning Center of the two year olds. Mr. Howard is a graduate of St. Mary's Christin and Theme from St. Elmo's Fire, "Songs presented by Doug, Christi, and Linda included "Somewhere My Lary's Catholic Church in Sherman. Father Jeremy Myers will officiate. Laids of honor are Sara Rogers and Melissa Stevens, both of Sherman.

The Most of the Night" of Mary Description of Uenster. Best man is Brian Mulligan of Mesa, Arizona and the roomsmen are Javi Luna of Corpus Christi, Andrew Murgia of San Intonio, and Jordan Smith of Sherman.



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Grewing

cousin of the groom, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Holly Mullins of Muenster, bride's cousin, Mendy Gieb of Muenster, friend of the couple, Kristen Hess of Muenster, friend of the couple, Jennifer Schierer of Lewisville, friend of the bride, and Shannon Grewing of Muenster, groom's sister. Flower girls were Jessica Britain, Michelle Britain, and Alexia Britain, bride's nieces. Bridesmaids wore Alfred Angelo gowns in China Blue, with the style being chosen by each bridesmaid. The flowers they carried were smaller versions of the bride's bouquet.

Michael Grewing of Austin served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Jared Britain of Forestburg, bride's brother, Chris Grewing, John Yosten, and Debbie Bradford, all uncles and Lindsay, groom's cousin, and Craig Grewing and Aaron Grewing, both of Muenster and groom's RECEPTION

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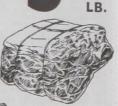
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Heitk mper revisits area from M nster

By Janet Felderhoff
It has been 16 years since
Astrid Heitkämper first
stepped into her experience
as an exchange student at
Sacred Heart High. She came
from Münster, Germany
where she attended a Catholic school. There were five
other students in the group.

Astrid lived with Bill and
Charlotte Dangelmayr and
their family during her time
in Muenster. Astrid has kept
in touch with her new friends
in Muenster with letters and
photos through the years.

The Dangelmayrs went to
Germany to visit Astrid and
her family. Charlotte always
urged Astrid to return to
Texas for a visit. Astrid had
the opportunity recently. She
was on holiday in Canada
and decided to include a visit
to her "Texas family".

At ages 16-18, cowboys,
skyscrapers, and wide-open
spaces greatly impressed
Astrid and her friends on
their first visit. Astrid remarked that many things
seem the same. She was
amazed that one of the people
who picked her up a the airport, now a 16-year-old girl,
turned out to be someone she

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years Astrid Heitkämper of Münster, Germany made another Muenster, Texas. Above Astrid, at right, and Charlotte ayr see that many things are the same, such as the Heidelberg ich is still used in printing at the Muenster Enterprise, photo of Astrid was printed in the Enterprise in 1990. Bill ayr is briefing her in the basics of horseback riding.

Top photo by Janie Hartman



Hayes Carll to open Nocona Nights season

Exciting entertainment slated for Saint Jos Rodeo and Parade

The Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual rodeo parade with the theme of "The Texas Cowboy". It will be held Saturday, Aug. 5 beginning at 6 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded in three categories at the parade: Riding Clubs, Floats, and Individual Entries. Prizes are: Riding Clubs and Floats - 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50; Individuals - 1st \$75, 2nd \$50; 3rd \$25.

J.C. Donnell is this year's Grand Marshall. Born in Hardy, Texas and raised in Gladys, Texas, he spent his entire life farming and ranehing in this area. He and his wife Mary Nell were married in 1933 and raised their family in the Saint Jo area.

Not only was J.C. in catle business, in the 40s he was one of the original owners of the rodeo in Forestburg, and put on shows in Forestburg, and put on shows in Forestburg. Saint Jo, and Muenster. Among awards he has received are "Most Progressive Farm Family" and "Outstanding Conservation Farmer". He has served as mayor of Saint Jo.

Entry forms for the parade are available at Saint Jo. Farm and Ranch and should be sent by Aug. 3 to Suzanne and David Lawson, P.O. Box 428, Saint Jo, TX 76265. Call 940-995-7261 for further Why do I need to lime my lawn, and how often does it need to be done?
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Muenster Memorial Hospital's staff, employees, and Board enjoyed an evening of fun and food with their families Tuesday at the Muenster City Park. Entertainment included music by Danny Lovelace and Dr. Edd, who are pictured above, and a poem about Muenster by Dr. Henry Hewes, at left tow of his canines. This annual summer event is hosted by the MMH Auxiliary.

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By Elfreda Fette

For July 2006

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July birthdays honored a resident, Mary Moster, on July 28. There was the monthly birthday party on July 4. Cake and cold drinks were served. Patriotic music was played.

Home Hospice of Cooke County was here on July 6 for the "Red Hat Ladies" group. The theme was "Blowing Bubbles". All the ladies enjoyed blowing bubbles, and getting snacks and drinks. On Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. Bonny Prescher entertained to a full house. Residents, staff, and friends enjoyed the music; many clapped and sang along. He will be here every month on the second Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to attend.

On Thursday, July 13, Kathy Kirby with Home Hospice of Cooke County was here for the new men's group, "Romeos". The group ate brownies and visited about activities they would like to do. Aso on Thursday, July 13, residents and activity directions.

do.
Also on Thursday, July 13, residents and activity director Becky Fleitman-Newton made banana pudding for "Baking Time". Everyone enjoyed watching and helping. After it was finished, all loved eating it.

ating it. On Thursday, July 20, resi

TTC-35 faces problems of today, tomorrow

By Mike Behrens, TxDOT Executive Director Human memory is often se

Some people remember something from their past quite clearly. Others — sometimes those involved in the same event — have no recollection of it at all.

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A case in point: America's 48,000-mile interstate highway system, authorized by a stroke of President Dwight Eisenhower's pen in 1956 — a half-century ago.

Our 3,200 miles of interstate in Texas now make highway travel safer and easier. The new road system also brought unprecedented economic growth to the state.

Even so, we recall that lively and intense public debate helped create the good that came with the interstate highways. Many property owners did not want to sell their land for a new highway. Some cities fought the interstates. Others saw the system as governmental folly and a colossal waste of tax money — or worse.

Over the intervening de-

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Over the intervening decades, the interstate system got built and America prospered with improved mobility, better safety, and a stronger economy.

Today, we take this system for granted, having largely forgotten the controversy that came with it. But major growth of the interstate system in Texas, for all practical purposes, stopped in the 1970s. Since then, population and traffic have outpaced the state's road system.

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One of the great lessons learned from the development of the interstate system is the importance of planning. It is never too early to plan for the future, particularly when you're talking about Interstate 35.

Already, some 45% of the state's population lives within 50 miles of 1-35. More people come to live and work in this narrow band of Texas every day. The Trans-Texas Corridor, and the TTC-35 component that will parallel 1-35, is the best solution to the problem. Private-sector funding of this Texas-owned facility makes it feasible. It will relieve traffic congestion and expand economic opportunity along its path. Further, the Trans-Texas Corridor will provide a route for evacuations ahead of storms when the time comes.

Texans always have a seat at our planning table. With a new round of public hearings on the TTC-35 segment now underway, we invite all Texans with a stake in this exciting project to attend the meeting scheduled for their area. We want your input. You can find the dates, times and locations of meetings on our Web site www.txdot.gov. Note: Cooke County's meeting date is past, but written input is accepted until Aug. 21.

dents looked at pictures of birds and learned a little about them. It was decided bird feeders and bird houses should be made in activities to go outside the residents' windows.

windows.

The week of July 24 to 28 has been "At The Beach Week". Monday was "Sunglasses Day"; Tuesday was "Beach Hat Day"; Wednesday was "Hawaiian Shirt Day"; and Thursday was the "Beach Party".

coming to Forestburg

The 26th Annual Forest-burg Watermelon Festival will be Saturday, Aug. 19. The parade will begin at 10:30 at the Forestburg school building. This year's theme is "Forestburg Honors Area Schools: Past and Present."

Trophies for the parade will be presented in the following categories: Judges Trophy—Best All Around, Floats, Riding Clubs, Individual Horse Rider, Commercial or Business, Antique Farm Equipment, and Miscellaneous.

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Last fall, the volunteer organization RSVP partnered with Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to adapt the Fathers Reading Every Day program for use at the Buster Cole State Jail. Known as FRED, the program is designed to encourage fathers to read to their children.

In the fall of 2005, 12 offenders were selected and permitted to participate in a pilot program with RSVP volunteers. Over a four-week period, the male offenders recorded a variety of children's books once a week. Books

FRED seeks books

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included classic fairy tales, Dr. Seuss stories, and cortemporary selections such as Dora the Explorer and Clifford the Big Red Dog.

The audio-recordings and corresponding books were mailed to the offender's child' children on a weekly basis. This activity allowed participants to remain active in their children's lives while in jail, reinforce positive parenting skills, and encourage reading and learning to their child/children.

Offenders were chosen based on a number of factors which included: completing parenting classes while incarcerated, the term of sentencing, as well as good behavior status.

Fathers Reading Every

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Fathers Reading Every
Day allows offenders to reenter the family in a positive
way, as well as reestablish or
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children and custodial parent.

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In a post-survey of the participants, the offenders expressed the benefits of participating in the pilot project.

Several communicated that the program allowed them to:

* Connect with their child and let child know that they are loved.

* Bond with their child.

* Strengthen relationship with child.

* Elevate their child's self-esteem.

* Emphasize the importance of reading and education.

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Fathers Reading Every Day is a program of Texas Cooperative Extension. The project will continue this fall at Buster Cole State Jail. Persons interested in volumteering for the program must apply by July 31 and may contact Judy Fullylove at 903.813.3587 for an application or more information. Fullylove can also be contacted via email: jfullylove@texoma.cog.tx.us. The program will gladly accept donations of gently used or new children's books, 90-minute audio-cassette blank tapes, or cash donations.

New treatment for macular degeneration can improve

vision

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.

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Lucentis was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and is now available for physicians, primarily retina specialists (specially-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

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Zero tolerance for Texas kids

By Marc A. Levin
Texas may be known for its
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There are many similar ses every year in Texas. For ample, a Katy eighth-ader was suspended for sees sing a pencil sharpener that wo inch folding blade. Woodlands seventh-grader is expelled and sentenced 45 days of juvenile detenin for accidentally leaving 8 Boy Scout knife in his ket pocket. In response to such outges, legislators in 2005

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In response to such outages, legislators in 2005
assed House Bill 603 claring that, before expelling a
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rudent engaged in the conruct; a student's disciplinary
istory; a disability that subtantially impairs the
rudent's capacity to appreci-

ate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct. However, at the behest of school lobbyists, the legislation was watered down from its original wording, which would have required these factors to be considered. State Rep. Rob Eissler (R-The Woodlands) and other lawmakers have vowed to strengthen this legislation next session.

In addition to expulsions, lawmakers must also address the excessive number of removals to Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEPs), which now have over 100,000 students. Remarkably, these programs must provide only two hours of daily instruction, compared to the standard seven hour school day. Because school districts receive full state funding for these students, there is no excuse for providing them with only a half day or less of instruction.

Due to minimal state oversight, there is no data on whether DAEP students are learning, whether their behavior is being corrected, and how many end up in the juvenile or adult justice systems. The campus rating system does not apply to DAEPs. Although DAEP students' performance cannot be fairly compared with regular campuses, DAEPs should be rated relative to similar programs.

compared with regular campuses, DAEPs should be rated relative to similar programs.

Finally, state legislators must restrict school districts', issuance of criminal citations in school for routine disciplinary violations that are not otherwise criminal offenses. State Rep. Harold Dutton (D-Houston) successfully defended an eight-year-old girl in Municipal Court who was issued a Class C misdemeanor for chewing gum in class. Many judges say they now feel like vice principals, as they are being inundated with thousands of similar cases.

While students who endanger their classmates must be removed from school and, when necessary, prosecuted, those who make honest mistakes can benefit more from in-school restorative programming than from removal, expulsion, and legal action. Parent-teacher conferencing, school-assigned community service, school-based teen courts, and better teacher training in discipline and special education issues are among the solutions.

It is time to turn off the spigotin the school-to-prison-pipeline and tell Texas schools to stop passing the buck and the paddle.

Marc A Levin is director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.



A colorful swallowtail butterfly seeks outside the Muenster Enterprise.

First Aid

tips

Bee & wasp stings
The first thing you need to
do is remove any stingers remaining in the skin as
quickly as possible. Eyebrow
tweezers are great for getting
them out. Then, put some ice
on the skin to start providing
relief. A good idea is to place
a cloth between the ice and
the skin to avoid freezing the
skin. After the pain subsides,
wash the sting with soap and
water and place an antibiotic
ointment on the sting site.

If the pain continues, you
may want to take ibuprofen
(such as Advil or Motrin) or
acetaminophen (Tylenol). If
it's more of an itch rather
than pain, you may want to
take an antihistamine such
as diphenhydramine
(Benadryl) or a non-sedating
one such as loratadine
(Claritan).

Red ants

If you somehow step into a
pile of red ants, you're going
to want to treat the bites the

Red ants

If you somehow step into a pile of red ants, you're going to want to treat the bites the same way as a bee sting except you won't have to worry about removing the stinger.

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Sunburn
This shouldn't happen if you use sunscreen with a SPF of at least 15-30 and reapply often. But if you somehows scorch your skin, cool it down with a cool shower. Then apply a lotion that contains aloe vera. Topical steroids (such as 1% hydrocortisone cream) may also help reduce the pain and swelling.

Depending on the severity of the sunburn, you'll likely start peeling sometime within a week. There's really nothing you can do to prevent sunburned skin from peeling as it's part of the healing process. But lotion may help relieve some of the itching.

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Lawnmower safety tip

When using a lawn wer for the first time in a son, have it serviced to ure it's working properly

ACT exam registration deadline is August 18

The next ACT test will be administered on Sept. 16. College-bound high school students who wish to take the exam must register by Aug. 18 - the deadline for having the registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of Aug. 25, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org, or registration forms can be picked up at high school guidance counseling offices.

The cost is \$29 for the traditional ACT and \$43 for stu

IRS tax tips

It may not be high on the list of wedding planning activities, but there are a few, simple steps that can help keep tax issues from interrupting newly-wedded bliss. There are some practical things to attend to when the honeymoon's over and you get your feet back on the ground. Report any name change to the Social Security Administration, so your name and social security number will match when you file your next tax return. Report any address changes to the U.S. Postal Service—they'll forward your mail and let IRS know. You may also

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Green Team member Tori Dyess lets a low pitch go by. Paige Herr is the hindcatcher for the Red Team. Janie Hartman photo



Changes in mine land reclamation guidelines benefit quail

New alternatives for reclaiming mined lands in Texas means thousands of acres of new quail habitat could be realized each year, according to wildlife biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

A cooperative effort between TPWD

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A cooperative effort between TPWD and the Railroad Commission of Texas has paved the way for mined lands to be reclaimed into habitat that would support quail and other upland grassland bird species. Texas currently has 13 operating mines and six mines going through the reclamation process. There are about 55,000 acres of mine land reclaimed annually in Texas.

Quail are considered by wildlife officials to be a keystone indicator species of the health of grassland ecosystems. When their numbers fall, other species that inhabit those ecosystems follow in a domino effect. A diverse cooperative, working under the umbrella of the TQCI, is making landscape level conservation progress to help ensure the dominos won't topple.

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Amanda Felderhoff competes in Iron Girl Texas Triathlon

Muenster native Amanda Felderhoff participated in the inaugural RYKAIron Girl Texas Triathlon on July 23 in Irving. This women's only Sprint Triathlon (500 m Swim, 20K Bike, 5K Run) drew almost 600 participants, racing through the scenic Las Colinas area in picture perfect weather. Special awards were given to professional athletes and age group champions.

A post race celebration, lots of giveaways, custom finisher medals, and music made this a special race day. Amanda was a strong competitor, finishing 84th overall, 77th among all age group divisions, and 6th in her specific age group. Her strongest event was the 5K Run, in which she finished 39th overall.

Iron Girl provides women with a competitive platform; one that showcases seasoned at the daughter of Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff.

TPWD Game Warden Field Notes

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

It's some kind of animal, and someone killed it—On June 20, a Cherokee County game warden received information from his partner about a deer carcass that had been dumped on a county road. The game warden proceeded to contact a local county constable, who had the person in custody for illegal dumping of televisions and the deer carcass. The game warden interviewed the Jacksonville man, who said he found the deer on his property and just wanted it off his property. The game warden went to the subject's house and found quartered deer meat in the freezer. The subject told the game warden the meat was from a butchered cow. He later confessed that he did not shoot the deer but let his friend clean the deer at his house. The game warden and constable made contact with the friend. He confessed to shooting the deer, but said he thought the deer was a goat. Cases pending.

The toughest call a game warden gets — As marine safety enforcement officers, game wardens responded to a boating accident calls and numerous drownings. The most difficult of those cases to work are the ones involving children. In

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Landowner protections crucial in growing Texas

By Billy Howe

State Legislative Director
We are all aware that Texas
is growing and will continue
to grow. The projections of our
state doubling in population
over the next 50 years have
been pounded into our brains.
It is no secret that with more
people you need more water,
roads, electricity, schools, etc.
The good fortune of a vibrant and growing economy
is putting the agricultural
landowner and the state on a
collision course that cannot
be avoided.
Can the landowner stop a
transmission line or highway? The odds are against it.
Can the landowner get better treatment for losing their
property to so-called

ter treatment for losing their property to so-called 'progress?" I don't know, but we are sure going to try.

In 2000, it came to the attention of our organization that the City of Sweetwater had condemned property for groundwater. However, they didn't want to actually pay for the groundwater.

An then, in 2002, an agent for the City of San Angelo was threatening surface water right holders with condemnation if they didn't sell to the city.

city.

Could we pass a new law prohibiting the condemnation of water? No, not in a state that is 80% urban. But, we were able to pass legislation that provided more compensation and a lot of justified obstacles before water could be taken. This strategy can work on other condemnations.

The legislature is sensitive to private property rights. The legislation to address the Kelo decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, S.B. 7 by Sen. Kyle Janek, passed almost unanimously in both chambers. The bill has been criticized by some "property rights" groups, but to be quite frank, from the Texas Farm Bureau perspective, those exemptions don't directly affect agricultural or rural land. In that sense, S.B. 7 provides a great amount of protection for our members. So first, we must communicate to the legislature that although condemnation has become routine, it is a traumatic event for the landowner. The taking of someone's property should not be taken lightly by anyone. And, if the current process doesn't require the property owner to be treated fairly and with respect, then perhaps the process needs to be re-evaluated.

Secondly, one of the main areas of contention is compensation. Is a one-time payment of fair market value enough? If my property is condemned by an investorowned utility for a transmission line that will generate millions in revenue, why doesn't the current eminent domain process recognize that value? If I can't replace the property I have worked 20 years to improve with a payment based on fair market value, how is that fair? Why shouldn't I receive replacement value for my property?



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Aflatoxin in Baled,
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Some samples collected this year from fields north of Dallas destined for hay production have been positive for afatoxin. Kernel samples from a composite of several ears from each of the two fields measured 590 ppb and 1700 ppb. Specific analysis of two representative dried corn plants still standing in a field near Frisco were used. Kernels from the plants measured 2200 ppb and 1400 ppb. These kernels accounted for about one-third of the plant weight. If cattle feed on stalks and leaves of the hay, as well as kernels, then their intake of aflatoxin is associated only with the kernels. However, this dilution may be insufficient to allow for certain feed uses, particularly dairy feed.

Without measurements, one can not be sure of the

certain feed uses, particularly dairy feed.

Without measurements, one can not be sure of the amount of aflatoxin contamination in corn cut for hay. In some fields where few of the plants made ears containing kernels, the amount will be lower. Adding to the uncertainty is the

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potential for further shall accumulation after baling if the kernel moisture content is not below 16%. In the Frisco sample, the moisture contents of the two kernel samples were 23% and 34%. Aflatoxin can continue to accumulate as kernels dry down, to moisture contents as low as 16%.

Ears sampled from the Frisco field were small. Most had insect damage and visible mold, but not all had the lightgreen, fuzzy growth of Aspergillus flavus, the fungus that produces aflatoxin. However, kernels without visible A. flavus growth can still have aflatoxin.

Occasionally corn that is made into silage can have high levels of aflatoxin also. The aflatoxin will not increase during storage, but it will not decrease either. The process of ensilage does not break it down. With silage there is usually very minimal time for the fungus to grow and produce aflatoxin in the kernel. Generally, ensiled corn should be okay, but there are very occasional reports of aflatoxin in silage.

Finally, do not forget the potential risk for high nitrate levels in hay made from drought-stricken corn.

Dates to Remember:

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"If it's still this hot and dry in August and you need a break, want to learn something that could help your operation, enjoy visiting with friends, and appreciate Tom Chadron, Nebraska, who is also a representative of Elanco Animal Health, will close the day by reflecting on his comments and telling how these inputs.

the market outlook and discuss international trade issues.

• Anne Anderson, who has a vast array of experiences from numerous segments and is currently a managing partner of AucMar Partners, will reflect on "Can I Produce What the Consumer Wants?"

• Bob Kropp, from Oklahoma State University's Animal Science Department, will give an overview of information/data inputs (EPDs, dollar values, source verification, etc.) available and will moderate the panel, which will close the day by reflecting on his comments and telling how these inputs affect their operations.

In addition to the top-notch information, attendees can enjoy a ribeye steak at lunch and visit the trade show featuring more than 35 vendors. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day and you can even get your boots shined.

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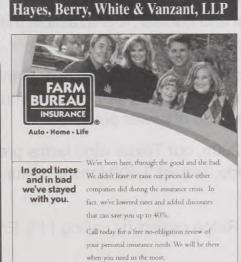
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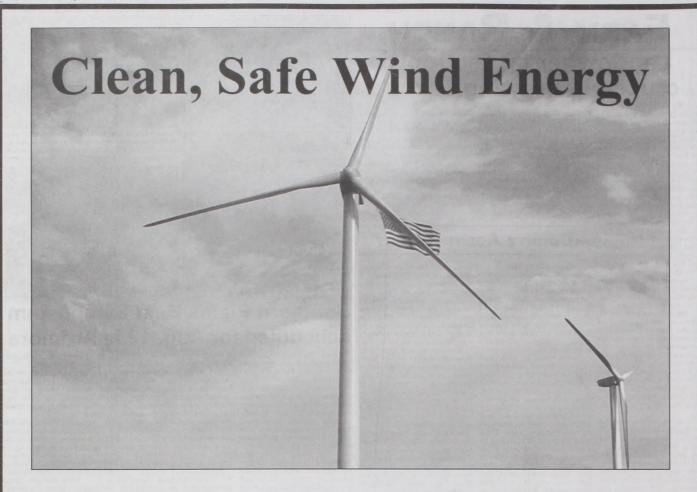
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