## Cooke County Commissioners wrestle with budget issues

Monday's regular meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court rolled over into an afternoon session as Commissioners Newsoners Commissioners hashed out issues in the proposed FY2007-08 Budget. The Proposed Budget that finally got approval was not unanimous. Commissioners Virgil Hess, Al Smith, and Gary Hollowell cast votes of approval, while Judge Bill Freeman and Commissioner Steve Key voted no.

Judge Freeman is the County's budget officer. He said in a telephone interview that he was not comfortable with some of the changes made in the Proposed Budget, thus his no vote. As the County continues to grow, so does the need of services. One issue was the salary increase issue. He noted that the County has to be competitive with its salaries to draw and retain good employees.

Commissoner Key echoed that sentiment. He felt the salary increase should be 5%. "I feel very strongly about the 5% increase for employees." he commented. "Right now we have to compete with the private sector for County road hands." He said that they can drive heavy equipmenmt for the oil industry at better pay rates. Also, the EMS and other departments train employees and then have them leave for better pay in counties to the south. Two other areas that Key expressed concern over was a nurse for the Jail and salaries in the DA's office.

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Judge Freeman noted that the budget he presented was fundable without a tax increase due to the new growth. He said that he will likely support the budget when the final vote is taken in August. Several changes were made to the Proposed Budget that was presented to the Court. The first draft called for seven new employee positions. Those were two new Sheriff's deputies, a human resource department, internal technology department (IT), part-time help for County Clerk's office, parttime help for District Clerk, and help for County Auditor that would start three months into the fiscal year.

Commissioner Hollowell felt that the IT position would be better contracted out.

Commissioner Hess expressed concern that there were several positions being



Representing Keep Muenster Beautiful at the Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Convention held recently i San Antonio included, from left, front - MaryLee Alford, Elaine Schilling, Bailey Walterscheid, Lor Walterscheid, Abby Walterscheid, Anne Walterscheid, Dana Walterscheid, Sara Walterscheid, back Dale Schilling, Lisa Miller, Samantha Wimmer, John Walterscheid, Jerry Walterscheid, and Betty Ros Walterscheid. Not pictured are Carl Alford and Wade and Rhonda Walterscheid. KMB phot

## Keep Muenster Beautiful group sets their sights on 2008 prize

See BUDGET pg. 2 was held July 10-13. ster city ballpark. Her efforts and dedication earned her

first place in the Ruthe Jackson Youth Leadership Scouting category. (See complete award story next week).

Muenster took third place in the Governor's Community Achievement Awards for Category 2 (population 1001-3500). Munday won the first place Landscape Award of \$65,000. Somerville took second place. These awards were presented during a formal dinner reception with entertainment and a silent auction.

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Muenster also came home with the Award of Excellence.

KMB President Elaine Schilling remarked, "For 40 years, passionate Texans have given of their time, talent, and treasure to Keeping Texas Beautiful. The conference allowed individuals from all over the state to share ideas, swap stories, and express their passion in beautifying their cities. The session gave new affiliates, board members, coordinators, and city leaders the information and tools needed to 'make a difference' in our big state."

Training sessions included Waste in Place, Managing Your Community's Yard Trimming, Captivating the Classroom: How to Get Environmental Education into Schools, Keeping Those Butts Off the Ground, and Get Your Compost Cookin'.

Platinum sponsorship for the four-day event was Coca Cola and the Dow Chemical Convention. The Keep Muenster Beautiful Board of Directors hopes to see many local people there. They remind everyone to support their efforts by attending KMB's annual membership meeting on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 6:45 p.m. in the Cooke County Electric Cooperative's meeting room.

## Did you get yours in the mail?



### Saint Jo "Cowboys Up" for parade and 50th rodeo celebration

Saint Jo "Cowboys Up" for parade and the parations of the annual Saint Jo Rodeo and Parade accelerated this week as cowboys and spurs to be ready for a special 50th anniversary celebration of the event, which will take place Aug. 3 and 4, in Saint Jo.

On Monday, Nortex Communications, which provides cable television services to a contact Dale Lyons at 580-276-5606 for munications, which provides cable television services to saint Jo. Ridging Club press and improvements and sparse acrost U.S. Hwy. 82 in Saint Jo.

Working cowboys continued repairs and improvements to the rodeo area this week, making it ready for two nights of fast-paced action with bareback and saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, calf roping, and bull riding. Other events will include ranch bronc riding, team roping, and wild cowmilting. For younger buckarnos, there will be a kids' calf scramble, a mechanical bull, and a donkey race.

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rade, a barbecue dinner will be served free to uniformed, mounted parade participants, and available to the public for a nominal charge.

Organizations and individuals desiring to participate in the parade may contact Bill Harris of the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce at 940-995-2432.

## All this rain is for the birds!



This usually dry creek filled with water from all the recent rain is located a few miles northwest o Muenster. The standing water drew some unusual visitors. Blue herons and white herons seem content to spend their days prowling this area in search of food. The herons normally frequent ponds and smal lakes in the area. They are hard to view up close since they take flight when people approach.

#### BUDGET .....cont. from pg. 1

for the proposed tax rate. The first is 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 20 and the second on Friday, Aug. 24.

The hearing for the Proposed Budget is set for Aug. 20 during the regular meeting of Commissioners Court. Copies of the Proposed Budget as approved Monday are now on file in the County Clerk's office so that the public may view it before the hearing on Aug. 20. "Nothing is set in stone yet," noted the Judge.

Cooke County's health insurance gained approval from Commissioners for renewal with Texas Association of Counties (TAC). County Auditor Shelley Saunders said that the County is to receive a renewal question of \$200 per to the County and para Callaway to the Cooke and other items damaged in the flood.

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Entering into an interlocal agreement for Cooperative Purchasing for Actuarial Shared Services with North Central Texas Council of Governments in regard to GASB45 was discussed and approved. It will cost the County \$4,500 and without the cost is estimated at \$15,000. It deals with retirement benefits for employees.

"Ill go on record saying it is a dumb, dumb law," stated Judge Freeman. "Evryone who works for Cooke Countyright now will not retire."

"In other business, Commissioners Court:

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• Approved renewal of TAC public officials Professional Liability Coverage Contract.

• Accepted a grant check from Wal-Mart Foundation for the Cooke County Library in the amount of \$1,000. It will be used to purchase

signature for timely return prior to the Court date.

• Ratified the County Judge's signature on Net Data contract.

• Approved renewal of maintenance agreementfor District Clerk's microfilm reader. Cost is \$480 per year. The machine is 10 years old. A service call is over \$200 per hour plus a \$550 service charge.

## Informed and empowered consumers are able to lower their health care expenses





KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Rapidly rising health care costs are an enormous burden on families, individuals and businesses. Nationwide health spending rose almost 80% between 1997 and 2005, and is projected to reach \$4 trillion by 2015. As chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, I recently invited academics, business leaders, and my fellow senators to a roundtable discussion to examine the challenges facing our health care system. We all agreed that to address our health care crisis and reduce costs, consumers must have the freedom and ability to make informed choices. Rapidly rising health care

and ability to make informed choices.

Americans are smart shoppers—we make dozens of economic choices every day, on everything from cars to cereal. We appreciate the value of quality service and competitive pricing, and we take these factors into account as we decide which products to buy. Unfortunately, the same information is not always available when shopping for health care, and often consumers are not afforded a real choice.

For too long, breaking the code to insurance pricing has been a near mystery to most people. Consumers need this information as they compare and choice between a vailable health plans. As a result of an executive order, health insurance providers are now making detailed pricing information available to their customers. Such transparency helps Americans make informed decisions and select options that lower their health care costs.

Many Americans are forced to visit only doctors covered by their health plans or are

barred from important treatments not approved by their insurance company. I championed the creation of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) to give Americans more freedom in managing their health care expenses. Instead of simply paying a traditional insurance premium, HSA participants contribute to a tax deductible savings account reserved for health-related expenses. Consumers spend only what they need from these accounts, and do not waste money on insurance benefits they may never require. They can decide for themselves how to spend their money, on the doctors and treatments they choose. HSAs are coupled with high-deductible insurance policies that provide a safety net in case of catastrophic injury or illness. These and other consumer-driven options give consumers ownership of their health budgets, and follow the person, not the job.

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I also strongly support the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit, which uses a market-driven approach to deliver great savings for seniors and the federal government. The program gives seniors many more options because it allows providers to design a wide array of benefit plans. Participants can then compare plans and make their choices based on price and the type of medicine covered. As a result, over 80% of Medicare Part D enrollees report that they are satisfied with the program, and participants are saving an average of \$1,200 per year on their drug expenses.

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#### DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
July 24, 1942
Albert Kubis sustains four bruised and broken fingers when his car and a binder being moved by Hubert Felderhoff were in an accident together. New Arrivals: Ferd to Mr. and Mrs. JJ. Haverkamp; Charles to Mr. and Mrs. JJ. Haverkamp; Charles to Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Martin. R.L. McNelley is named chief of Muenster Volunteer Fire Department. Loretta (Mrs. J.B.) Wilde is elected treasurer of the Catholic State League of Texas, the first time in the organization's 44 year history that a woman has been elected to hold this office.

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July 26, 1927
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50 YEARS AGO
July 28 AGO

# Earth Day Conference is set for Aug. 16 at the Grayson County College-Van Alstyne Campus. Local Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates and Texoma Council of Governments are excited to offer this opportunity to provide information to elected officials and residents of the region about the importance and advantages of improving their community environment and providing the tools to do so. The conference will highlight recycling, conservation, and environmental enforcement issues. Sponsors, vendors, and organizations will be able to meet elected officials and residents of the Texoma Region and surrounding areas and share their products and information about their organization. The schedule for the event includes registration and exhibits from 8-9 a.m., 9-9:45 the City of Van Alstyne's Welcome and Keynote Speaker, 10-3 concurrent sessions on Beautification, Education, and Enforcement, including a distinguished panel of speakers emphasizing the efforts of Discount Tire & Brake Free Rotation No Matter Where You Bought Your Tires! Alignments 700 N. I-35 Access Road

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4				Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7-9 pm at Muenster pool	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP Board mtg. 10am Stanford House Muenster Museum Garage Sale	
Sunday, August 5, 2007	Monday, August 6, 2007	Tuesday, August 7, 2007	Wednesday, August 8, 2007	Thursday, August 9, 2007	Friday, August 10, 2007	Saturday, August 11, 2007
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	City Council mtg. 7:30 pm			Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Muenster Hist, Comm. mtg. 8am at Rohmer's C of C mtg. noon Rohmer's Private Applicators Pesticide Training & Licensing 8am-4pm Cooke Co. Courthouse KMB membership mtg. 6:45pm Cooke Co. Co-op		

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Carolyn Fuhrman 1936 - 2007

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The message for Catholics, indeed for all people of conscience, is unmistakably clear: "Abortion and euthanasia are thus crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection." We can in no way cooperate with a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, nor can we "take part in a propaganda campaign in favour of such a law, or vote for it" (no. 73). On most issues in political dispute, people of intelligence and good will can legitimately disagree. Not so with abortion, euthanasia, and other laws that deprive our weaker brothers and sisters of the fundamental right to life. We can never, never cooperate with the taking of an innocent life.

by Rev. Richard John Neuhaus

Carolyn Blanche Fuhrman, age 70, passed away surrounded by family on Wednesday, July 11, 2007.

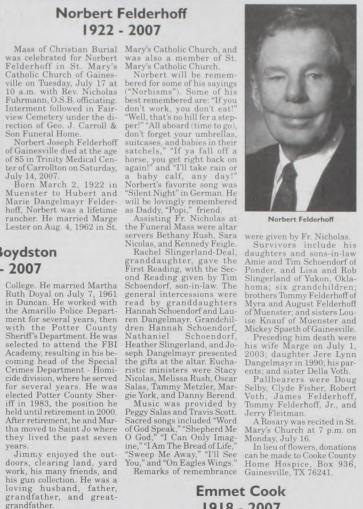
She was born Sept. 3, 1936 to Ethel and Robert Brinker in Abilene. She spent her childhood in Lubbock and San Antonio where she graduated from Incarnate Word High School. Carolyn received her degree from the University of Texas, and taught elementary school for 10 years. She was a parishioner of Holy Rosary Parish, where she taught religious classes. She was a member of the American Association of University Women and a Brownie leader.

Carolyn is survived by her devoted husband of 49 years, Gerald of Houston; son Glenn and his wife Katherine of Temple.



Memorial donations can be made to MD Anderson Can-cer Center, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, or the charity of your choice.

#### Norbert Felderhoff 1922 - 2007



#### Jimmy Boydston 1943 - 2007

#### **Emmet Cook** 1918 - 2007

Emmet E. Cook, age 89, died July 14 at his home in El Paso. Services were held at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in El Paso and Military Funeral at Ft. Bliss in El Paso.

He is survived by his son Emmet, Jr. and two daughters and three grandchildren. He had two stepdaughters, Fay Hamric of Muenster and Connie Gibson of Marble Falls.

Emmet was born in Fort Worth in 1918. He was a



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- G&H Backhoe 2 loads gravel (10 mile radius)
- 9. G&H Backhoe 2 loads top soil (10 mile radius)
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- 11. Duane Schilling 3 round bales Prairie hay
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  14. Terri Klement "Mary Kay" gift basket
  15. Kathy Grewing 3' tall handmade "Raggedy Ann & Andy" dolls
  16. Brown Motor Company "Keyin Harvick" model race car "Che
- 16. Brown Motor Company "Kevin Harvick" model race car, "Chevy" cap, gas engine oil change
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  Portable DVD/CD Player Gerrie Walterscheid

- \$100 Trade Pecan Shop (Bob & Eileen Vogel) \$100 Cash Farm Bureau Insurance (John Bartush)
- 10. \$100 Savings Bond Catholic Life Ins. Muenster

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## LIFESTYLE

#### Fish Fry benefit set for Aug. 25

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A benefit for Donna Schroeder Larussa will be held Aug. 25 in the Centennial Hall in Lindsay. Donna was diagnosed with cervical cancer this past April, and about a year ago, Donna, her husband Tom, and their five children were diagnosed with Lymes Disease.

The benefit is to raise money to help offset the cost of the medical care they must all receive.

Fund raisers include a fish fry meal for a donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages three to 10; a silent auction; a possible live auction; and a raffle drawing with tickets currently being sold by family members.

The event begins a 5 p.m., with the meal being served at 5:30 p.m.

Items are being accepted.

with the meal being served at 5:30 p.m.
Items are being accepted for the auction. Please call Alberta at 668-8311, Kathleen at 665-0439, or Saprina at 668-6594 if you can

Attention

Muenster Public Library Summer readers

The End of Summer party will be Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Library Meeting Room

#### Grandparents

If becoming a grandmother was only a matter of choice, I should advise every one of you straight away to become one. There is no fun for old people like it! ~Hannah Whithall Smith

#### Justin Felderhoff earns Eagle Scout rank

Justin Felderhoff, son of Floyd and Marcy Felderhoff of Montgomery, celebrated receiving the rank of Eagle Scout at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony held on March 3 at St. Mary's Church in Plantersville after the 5:30 Mass. He is a member of Troop 472.

Justin has participated in Cub Scouts, becoming a Tiger Cub in first grade at St. Anne's Catholic School in Midland and continuing Cub Scouts in Montgomery with pack 907. He bridged over to Boy Scouts in sixth grade, joining Troop 143, and continuing his Scouting experience with Troop 472.

Justin's Eagle Scout project was to design, plan, and coordinate the construction of a 3' by 42' concrete sidewalk in a J design that was placed on the west side of St. Mary's Hall as a choir room door entrance. The design was to provide a safe walkway from the existing sidewalk to the parking lot during inclement weather and a section on the west side of the hall. Justin was assisted by fellow troopmen and also coordinated effort with the St. Mary's Men's Club. Justin completed his Board of Review on Oct. 10, 2006. John Tryon served as Justin's Eagle Project counse-



lor.

Justin earned 27 merit badges. Special awards include the 50 miler (twice), Troop and Council Junior Leadership Training Red Cross canoe certification, Order of the Arrow, and Ad Altaire De and Pope Pius XII religious awards.

Positions held include: scribe, librarian, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, senior patrol leader, and troop guide. Justin has participated as a Cub Scout at

day camps.

He has also attended various troop camps and outings including: Camp Strake, Camp Pioneer and El Rancho Cima, High Adventure Camp, Sid Richardson High Adventure Base, Northern Tier High Adventure Base and Bahamas Sea Base, Live aboard programs on the U.S.S. Lexington and Sea Wolf Park, Lone Star Flight Museum and Schlitterbahn.

Mass was celebrated with fellow scouts participating, including Hayden O'Brien, Caleb and Josh Welsh, John Welsh, and Zach Goodlander. Special guests included his family Floyd, Marcy, and Chelsea Felderhoff, grandparents Henry and Betty Felderhoff and Celine Bartel, George, Bernice, Geordan, and Mathew Spaeth, Jeff, Lorene, Malynn, Blair, and Tate Dudley, Terry, Shy'Ann, and Dalton Bartel, Matt and Adrienne Bauer, Wand O'Brien and family, John and Sherry Waitz and family, Karl and Cindy Waitz and family, Ed and Leesa Hoff and family and members of the St. Mary's Men's Club.

Sending congratulations were Kewin and Linda Felderhoff and family, and Mickey Spaeth.

Participating in the Eagle

Scout Court of Honor were Troop 472 Scoutnaster David Christy, ASM Terry Goodlander, ASM Ed Hoff and Leesa Hoff and Leesa Hoff and the Marine and Lengh Scout Association He is a member of the National Eagle Scout Association. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Parish.

Justin will be a senior at Montgomery High School. He is a member of the National Eagle Scout Association. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Parish.

Justin also participated in the Aggie Eagle program held by the A&M Corps of Cadets. During the banquet, he was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship for attending.

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4. Stay away from windows

### Hartman earns Master's

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Kristine Hartman, daughter of Tim and Janie Hartman, graduated with a 4.0 grade point average from Capella University on June 30 with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree.

Kristine is a 1998 graduate of Muenster High School, and



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#### Keep Muenster Beautiful members attend





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State Reep Texas Convention . in San Antonio



The Keep Texas Beautiful State The Keep Texas Beautiful State Convention was not only educational, but fun for all ages. Above left, Lisa Miller and Samantha Wimmer with the KTB Trash Busters; below, Bailey and Tyler Walterscheid enjoy John Maverick's "Eco Show". Above, a Keep Texas Beautiful homemade craft doll.

KMB photos

## Muenster Museum fundraiser to be this Friday and Saturday

The Muenster Historical Commission, caretaker of the Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum, is conducting a garage sale fundraiser this weekend in Lindsay.

The project began when the owners of the closed Upscale Consignment building wanted the property cleaned up with all the items removed. The Muenster Historical Commission took on the job as a fundraiser. "We did this once before with the Truebenbach Estate and made good money for the Museum," commented Janie

The sale begins Friday, July 27 at 8 a.m., continuing Saturday at the same time. The location is on Hwy 82 on the east end of the business strip in Lindsay.

Hartman noted that all items left in the store will be sold at garage sale prices. For example, adult clothing, which includes everything from business suits to formal

dresses to coats, all for a dollar per piece, and children's clothing, from infant to youth are selling for 50¢ a piece.
There is also a large selection of books, with all paperbacks on sale for 10¢ each, children's books 10¢, and hardback books only a quarter each.

#### **Every parent** should know

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### Walters come from afar for reunion

meal.

The golf tournament on Friday had 20 participants. Winning the first place trophy were Allen and Matthew Everette and Mandy and Nate Newhalfen, all of Champaign, Illinois. A tour of Muenster was another ac-

The descendants of John and Susanna Trachta Walter gathered on the second weekend of June for the Walter Family Reunion which is celebrated every other year. Relatives arrived from near and far. Illinois, Arizona, Vermont, and Texas were represented. Italy, Japan, and Turkey brought relatives from abroad.

Early birds began arriving and the festivities started with an assembly at Doe's on Thursday evening to share a meal.

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karaoke, dancing, and watching the sun set over the prairie.

Saturday morning found the hardy participating in the 3/1-mile walk/run. First place ribbons were awarded to CJ Hellman, Christy Richburg, and Hayden Hess. At the noon potluck meal in the Lindsay Park, new members of the Walter clan were recognized as well as Romana Bayer and Agnes Walter who died since the last reunion. Available at the reception table were Walter genealogy books, Walter recipe books with updates, and collage photo of the 10 Walter children taken at a reunion several years past. The afternoon held many activities. The children played games, including a pinata bust and bounce house fun. Trophy winners of the horseshoe tournament were Shane Clark and Mike Walter.

Visiting, meeting new family members, sharing a meal, and family photos were highlights of the afternoon.

#### Summer pet safety tips

• Never leave your pet In the car: In 70 degree weather and above, it takes only minutes for the temperatures in your car to escalate to triple digits. Leaving the window open an inch does not provide adequate ventilation. Many states are passing laws that prohibit leaving your pet alone in your automobile. So if your car is parked, please make sure to remove your pet from the car.

#### Dates change for Texas August Sales tax holiday, May added

The date for the annual lists, can now be purchased sales tax holiday has tax free during the sales tax holiday. and Sungard for August to the third weekend of August. Backpacks, a standard item on many kids' school supply day of August," State Company has been supply and sungard for the annual lists, can now be purchased troller Susan Combs said. "This year, the date is Aug. 17-19."

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Combs also announced that, starting in May 2008, energy-efficient appliances will be exempt from sales tax during the three-day Memorial Day weekend. Certain appliances with a federal Energy Star rating will be tax-free, including washing

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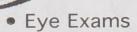
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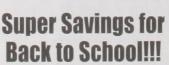






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kMB carries out many projects, some of which are the community wide garage sale, fall and spring planting days, Make a Difference Day, the Great American Cleanup, and Earth Day. Your manpower is needed to make these things happen.

Kay Broyles, a KMB Board member, has coordinated and designed the 2007 membership brochure, and with the help of the Muenster Enterprise, 1500 copies were completed.

A group of young to semiold volunteers showed up on Sunday, July 22, to fold, stuff, staple, and sort the informative pamphlet. Please read the pamphlet and consider what talents you could offer to your town through Keep Muenster Beautiful.

Opportunities for your help exist in schools and education, public awareness, litter prevention and clean up, illegal dumping and enforcement, beautification and property improvement, and solid waste management.

Dues are \$10 for family or individual, and \$25 for business or organization. Dues may be sent to KMB, Box 327, Muenster, TX 76252.

KMB depends on its members to keep the organization strong and to Keep Muenster Beautiful!

#### Stay cool tips

Keep lights turned

KMB mass mails letters



Mailing out a Keep Muenster Beautiful newsletter earlier this week included volunteers Lauren Miller and Keith Bezner (at left); and Austin Miller, Rhonda Walterscheid, Carla Zwinggi, Bailey Walterscheid, and Lisa Miller pictured below.



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#### Students make National Honor Roll

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achieving high school and middle school students. Those students included: Zachary White of Muenster, a student at Sacred Heart Catholic School. Achievements include 4-HAward, Duke Talent Search, High Honor Roll, National Student Athlete Day Award, Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, perfect attendance, science fairs, 4-H, computer club, drama club, math club/team, music club, church choir, school play/musical/variety show, baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, skiing, soccer, tennis, track, newspaper.

Ashley Hess of Lindsay, a student at Lindsay High School. Achievements include High Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students, community volunteer, church youth group, National FFA, pep squad/club, basketball, cross country, powder puff football, Pep Club.

Elizabeth Martin of Lind-

ball, cross country, track, class officer.

Joe Otto of Lindsay, a student at Lindsay High School. Achievements include Honor Roll, National Honor Society, community volunteer, church youth group, Science Club, teacher's aide, Language Club, church choir, stage crew, basketball, tennis, class officer, Student Council, class representative, yearbook, Spanish Class Award, Computer Science Class Award, First Team All Area tennis player, Science Club president, Science UIL team member, Spanish Club president, National Honor Society vice president, Spanish, Computer Science, Jon Sweeney of Lindsay, a

nual/club, basketball, cross country, powder puff football, sp Club.

Elizabeth Martin of Lind-by, a student at Lindsay High

Students and High School Students, community, powder puff football, softball, track group, National FFA, Science Club, courter, drill earn, school play/musical/variety show, cross country, powder puff football, softball, track weight lifting, World History, a student at Lindsay High

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# SPORTS







Muenster athletes taking part in summer workouts included, top - Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Matt Flusche, Dillon Bayer, and Garrett Walterscheid, with Jared Flusche and Charlie Womble in the background. In the lower pictures, Colton Steelman leaps through the course, while Aaron Flusche and Eric Hellman work the weights.

#### Texas Football makes its predictions for 2007 season

Texas high school football has once again arrived with the Dave Campbell's 2007 Texas Football magazine titing the news stands.

In Class 1A, District 11, Texas Football sees the District playing out with the Collinsville Pirates leading the way. The Valley View Eagles are predicted to finish 2nd, followed by the Lindsay Knights, Muenster Hornets, and Sain Jopanthers.

The Hornets of Muenster finished last season 7-5, 3-2 in District, and made the Area round of the playoffs. There are only three returning starters, juniors Matt Plusche, Coery Reynolds, and Crabtree. The Hornets lost 12 players to graduation. The magazine noted Charles Womble as the player to watch, with Flusche, Reynolds, and Grabtree as team and Paul Crabtree. The Hornets lost 12 players to graduation. The magazine noted Charles Womble as the player to watch, with Flusche, Reynolds, and Grabtree as team of the magazine noted than the has a small sense to players from a JV squad that the hase a small sense to players from a JV squad that the have growing players from a JV squad that the have growing players from a JV squad that the have growing players from a JV squad that the have growing players from a JV squad that the have growing players from a JV squad that the have growing players from a JV squad that the have growing players from a JV squad that the starters, juniors Matt in its credited for 115 tackles and Grabtre steam, and 50 tackles last season. The magazine noted that he has a small senior than the players from a JV squad that the starters, juniors Matt in its credited for 115 tackles and carrett Hennigan.

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Coach (Charles) Boles sees the Tigers as having another strong showing in 2007." Quarterback Nolan Hart-man returns, with Josh Yos-ten and Colby Richey. Defen-sively, Hartman has 113 tack-les and Richey six intercep-tions.

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Players to watch are Yosten, Richey, and Hartman.
Dylan Flusche is the top junior noted. Other prospects
named were Colt Spruill,
Zach Zanchetta, Tyler Rohmer, Jordan Reeves, and
Chris Marshall.

Senior Tiger team members are Stephen Davis, Nolan Hartman, Shane Hennigan, Jordan Reeves, Colby
Richey, Tyler Rohmer, Colt
Spruill, and Josh Yosten.

Covenant Christian Academy Cougars "will again be
strong and riding high coming off an unbeaten State
Championship season." Prospects include Jeffrey Hyde,
Justin and Austin McCrary,
and running back Adam
Smith.

Other teams in the District
are Fort Worth Calvary, Amarillo San Jacinto, and Watauga Harvest.

Other local teams in Class
2A are Callisburg and S&S in
District 14, and Nocona, Alvord, and Chico in District 9,
Gainesville is in District
8AAA.



Lady Hornets also took part in the summer workouts. Above - Jackie Klement spots for Leaha Smith. At right, above - Erin Endres helps Shaina Felderhoff; below - Taylor Klement, Laura Heers, Amanda Dangelmayr, and Cathy Aston enjoy watermelon on the last day of the program.

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#### Hunters urged to beat the rush, buy licenses early

New hunting and fishing licenses for 2007-08 will be available beginning Aug. 15, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging hunters to buy early and avoid the rush heading into the Sept. 1 dove season opener.

"If you wait until the Friday before the dove season opener, you're probably going to be standing in line to buy a license," said Tom Newton with TPWD's licensing section. "Last year, we sold nearly 350,000 licenses during the four-day period around the opening weekend of dove season. It takes an average of five minutes to process a license sale transaction, so it's likely there will be delays if you wait 'til the last minute."

Newton said a little planning could save hunters a lot of time in the checkout line. We average less than 20,000 license transactions a dayduring the two weeks prior to the dove season opener and five or six times that number on the days around opening weekend."

Sportsmen are reminded all current annual hunting and fishing licenses (event and the read and available beginning Aug. 15, and the Texas Parks and wildlife leep for either option and a major credit card is required."

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A last-minute license purchase rush is probably inevitable in some areas of the state, TPWD officials say, particularly along the 1-35 corridor where many dove hunters descend. Fortunately, there are other license buying avenues available. "Hunters who need to purchase a license at the last minute or those who don't want to stand in line have a couple of options," said Newton. "They can also purchase licenses online through the TPWD web site (http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/) or by

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USDA released its annual Acrage report and it appears that high corn prices have elicited an even higher than expected acreage response from the nation's crop farmers.

USDA increased its estimate was over 2.3 million acres higher than the average of analysts' pre-report estimates. Should the normal 92% of acres be harvested and the current trend yield of 150.3 bushels per acre wield of 150.3 bushels per acre hold, this acreage would provide a record corn crop of million acres 19.88 billion bushels and stocks would be roughly 1.4 billion bushels, million lower than the average of analysts' pre-report estimates. Should the average of 150.3 bushels per acre will of 150.3 bushels per acre will on acres below the average of analysts' pre-report estimates. Should the fower than indicated by the prospective Plantings report. The estimate doybean acreage fell to 64.081 million acres (15.1%) fewer than last year and just over three million acres (15.1%) and average of analysts' pre-report estimates. Should the average of 150.3 bushels per acre will of 150.3 bushels per acre will on acres below the average of analysts' pre-report estimates. Should the average of analysts' pre-report estimates and the current trend yield of 150.3 bushels per acre will on acres (19.1%) and were than indicated by the prospective Plantings report. The estimate was over 2.3

Estimated soybean acreage fell to 64.081 million acres (15.1%) fewer than last year and just over three million acres (15.1%) and were than indicated by the prospective Plantings report. The estimate was over 1.3.

#### Cow slaughter trends, and livestock marketing information

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Lingering drought at the onset of 2007 combined with severe drought in a few regions this summer pulled U.S. cow slaughter levels well above a year ago during late spring and early summer.

In addition, extremely high feedstuff prices have resulted in cows going directly to slaughter rather than into short-term feeding programs. However, cow slaughter has moderated recently and could

ter was at 286,000 head, 47,000 head or 20% higher than 2006's and 17% above the prior five-year average. FI dairy cow slaughter in May was up 9,900 head or 24% compared to last year but down 1% from the 2001-2005 average.

In the second week of June, FI cow slaughter was estimated at about 130,000 head, essentially unchanged from a year ago. For that week, U.S. beef cow slaughter was 1.3% above 2006's while dairy cow slaughter declined about

beet cow staughter was above 2006's while dairy cow slaughter declined about 1.4%.
Unless weather conditions improve, severely dry conditions in the Southeast and West regions of the U.S. will further contribute to beet cow slaughter numbers this summer; however, on a national basis, total cow slaughter is expected to decline in the second half of the year.

#### AG BRIEF

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Has your soil been tested?
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grow, whether it is a vegetable garden, an ornamental
bed, a field crop, or a pasture,
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highly recommended that you
take a soil sample prior to
applying fertilizer. Adding
fertilizer without first testing
your soil is like taking medicine without knowing if you

#### Operation Cow Thief

TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief provides rewards to citizens who provide informa-tion leading to the arrest and/ or Grand Jury indictment of individuals for theft of live-stock or related property. An informant may remain anonymous by giving a pseudonym and may be paid by cashier's check made out to the bearer. The toll-free phone line at 1 (888) 830-2333 is monitored 24 hours a day.

need it. Your soil already has some of the nutrients needed for good plant growth, such as nitro phosphorus and potassium. It is important to find out how much of each nutrient is present.

Soil testing takes the guesswork out of how much fertilizer to use. Knowing how much of what type of fertilizer to apply is an extremely valuable piece of information. Applying too much fertilizer is an unnecessary expense and may cause excessive nutrient run-off, which will pollute our streams and lakes. Sometimes, like in the case of a vegetable garden, too much fertilizer (nitrogen) can cause excessive foliage growth of some types of plants. This limits the blooms, thereby limiting vegetable yield.

Testing often involves taking small samples from several places in your yard and garden. The soil is analyzed, and you receive a lab report that lists the amounts of each nutrient in each sample. Because of local differences, some parts of your property may need regular applications of fertilizer, while other areas may need few or no applications. Soil tests should be conducted at least every three years.

Are you applying pesticides wisely?

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least every three years.

Are you applying pesticides wisely?

Although removing weeds, insects, and other pests by hand is safest for the environment and your health, pesticides, if properly used, may pose only a minimal risk. The key is doing your homework before you start treatment.

Correctly identifying the pest and the extent of plant damage is the first step. Many plant problems are not caused by insects or disease but are related to temperature extremes, water-logging or drought, damage caused by lawn mowers, or overuse of chemicals. Many plants can withstand a certain level of insect damage, and delaying pesticide treatments may provide sufficient time for natural predators to become effective.

Indiscriminate use of pesticides can have harmful consequences.

Pesticides can eliminate natural predators, contaminate groundwater, and promote chemically resistant pests.

To reduce these risks, learn

Indiscriminate use of pesticides can have harmful consequences.

Pesticides can eliminate use of 412 to register.

Aug 14 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Meeting, NCTC Little Theatre, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 20 - Agriculture Waste Disposal at Martindale Feed Mill, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

around your home.

Integrated pest management (IPM)

Texas Cooperative Extension is a firm supporter of a concept called integrated pest management, or IPM. It is simply a systematic approach to controlling pests in your landscape. Although the use of non-chemical controls is preferred, chemicals may be used selectively if nothing else works.

Weeds can be controlled by hand pulling or hoeing. Insect damage can often be minimized by mechanical methods such as traps and barriers, hand-picking, or spraying with water. Cleaning up dead leaves and debris removes potential homes to pests.

Using natural predators to control pests is another method; you can release into your garden beneficial insects and micro-organisms such as Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) that feed on pest insects.

When you have no other choice, try to find nontoxic or low-toxic chemicals such as insecticidal soaps. Follow directions carefully, and mix only the amount you need.

Dates to Remember
Aug 6-8 — Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course at College Station.

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