

Waiting after a long day....



Bailey and Tyler Walterscheid wait "at the flagpole" in front of Sacred Heart Catholic School for their grandmother Fran Jones to pick them up after school. Also leaning on the pole, waiting for his ride is Jacob Miller. Sacred Heart School had their first full week of classes, while most local districts don't start till next week. Janie Hartman photo

Muenster Board readies District for school year

By Janie Hartman
Last minute preparations were made at the Aug. 12 meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees for the Aug. 24 start of the school year.

The 2009-10 Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, and Teacher Handbook were all approved.

The Maintenance and Operating tax rate and Interest and Sinking rates were both approved. The M&O rate of \$1.04 per hundred, and I&S of 1268 cents per hundred remains unchanged from last year.

In other action, the Board approved a \$2,000 increase

in each budget for baseball and softball, but took no action on the basketball court in the playground area. The Board also gave Superintendent John Kaufman the option to decide the investment options for the school.

Board members were informed of the 2009 TAKS scores and the District's Exemplary rating by the State, and requirements for keeping official minutes. The Texas Education Code section 11.0621 imposes that "minutes do not have to reflect a detailed description of the board's deliberation, but they must include the verbatim motion that was made

and the vote." Additionally, the "minutes must also specifically address the board's acceptance or rejection of the superintendent's recommendations regarding hiring professional employees."

Prior to the meeting, members present did a walk-through of the junior high building to assess any needs and to prioritize what's needed for immediate attention and what needs to be done in the future.

Reports given included:
• Lou Heers, elementary principal, noted an enrollment of 253 in grades PreK-6. Last year at this

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County adopts budget, proposes .45 tax rate

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court had no public input at the two public hearings held on Monday, Aug. 17. Hearings were conducted seeking the public's opinion on the County's proposed FY 2009-10 budget and on the proposed tax increase.

Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell expressed displeasure at the wording "proposed tax increase." He noted that it suggests Commissioners Court proposed to increase the tax rate when in reality Commissioners Court did not increase the tax rate from last year's rate. "The County got an increase in revenue, we did not increase the tax rate," stressed Commissioner Hollowell.

Commissioners Court approved a proposed tax rate of \$0.45 per \$100 property valuation, which would increase the revenues to the County. They were unanimous in the vote to do so.

Taxpayers who did not have a change in the appraised value of their property would not see an increase in the amount of taxes they pay to the County this year over last year. Judge Roane explained, "The County is

worth this much this year, which is more than it was last year. The overall revenue is increased this year, not the overall rate."

Prior to holding the public hearings, Commissioners Court addressed adoption of a District Court archive records fee in an amount not to exceed \$5. County Judge John Roane explained that it is a fee that can be collected by the district clerks for the preservation and restoration of District Court records. The Court was unanimous in adopting the fee. It will be added beginning in the new

fiscal year. A special fund must be created for the archives fee. County Auditor Shelley Atteberry requested an amendment to the proposed budget setting a revenue line of \$3,000. This was approved.

A cell phone allowance of \$900 per year for the District Judge and the County Court At Law Judge was approved.

With the addition of the amendments, the Final Budget for FY 2009-10 was unanimously approved.

The operating budget ap-

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Deadline nears for Community-wide Garage Sale sign up

The Muenster Chamber of Commerce is planning its Annual Community-wide Garage Sale for Saturday, Sept. 12. Deadline to sign up and be listed on the map is Tuesday, Sept. 1. Come by the Chamber office, 1000 E. Division in the Hillcrest Center to sign up, or call the Chamber at 759-2227.

It is very important for all who plan to participate to sign up. Their \$10 fee helps pay for advertising the event and creating a map of all locations. If everyone pays the fee, more advertising can be done in the surrounding area.

County initiates action to roadmap

By Janet Felderhoff
At its July 27 meeting, Cooke County Commissioners Court contracted with Allison, Bass & Associates, L.L.P. for professional services regarding the implementation of the extension of Chapter 258 of the Texas Transportation Code.

As explained by Commissioners Leon Klement and Gary Hollowell, several

years ago a problem arose in a Texas County where a landowner claimed ownership of a road in that county. It was fenced off by the person making the claim. That county's only recourse was to take the land owner to court.

This could cause a multitude of problems if people across the State decided to try to claim part of the coun-

ty's network of roads as their own.

This led to the State Legislature adopting HB 1117, the County Roadmap statute, which provides for counties to formally adopt their existing county-maintained roads and prevents property owners from fencing off these roadways. There was a limited time for counties to

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Lindsay's painted church gets repairs and a facelift



What started as filling cracks in the walls and a repainting job, has turned into a big mess in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. Major water damage was found, which is now being replastered and painted. Darrell Mayo of Plano and his crew of nine or 10 workers will also restore some of the art

lost (covered up) during the extensive interior refinishing in 1987. The extended work has closed the Church, with services being held in the Centennial Hall.

Janie Hartman photos

Obituaries

Sales tax collections drop in Cooke County

By Janet Felderhoff
Reports filed by the Texas Comptroller's office indicate a decline in the sale of goods in Cooke County. To date in 2009, a total of \$3,612,544.91 was collected by the five cities in Cooke County. That was a drop of 23.19% from the total (\$4,703,370.19) reported collected in July 2008. For the month of July, the payments sent to Cooke County cities

totalled \$464,989.94, a drop of 16.52 from July 2008. In July, the payment sent to Muenster was \$26,561.24, a drop of 9.54%. Muenster's total payments to date this year of \$197,382.42, was a drop of 12.65% from the total in July 2008. Gainesville's July 2009 payment was \$418,143.39, a drop of 17.17% from July 2008.

Lindsay's July payment of \$8,021.87 was an increase of 2.10% from July 2008. Its total payments to date in 2009 of \$58,899.02 was a drop of 2.79% from the total at that time the prior year. Oak Ridge received \$6,637.71 in July, which was a drop of 11.88%. Valley View's July payment of \$5,625.73 was a drop of 24.36%.

Elaine Dadderio 1942 - 2009

Memorial ass for Elaine Antonie Friske Dadderio of Thornton, Colorado was held Saturday, Aug. 15 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Muenster at 11 a.m. with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Elaine died at the age of 66 on Aug. 6, 2009 at the Denver Hospice Care Center in Aurora, Colorado.

Tanner Dadderio and Carter Herne. Grandchildren carried up the Offertory Gifts. Eucharistic ministers were Toni Deweber, Bret Walterscheid, Monica Laux, Betty Ann Flusche, and Viola Romer.

Survivors include her mother Dolores Friske of Muenster; sister Gwen Trubenbach of Muenster; sons George and John Dadderio; daughter Sonja Herne; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three nieces; and many extended family members.

Elaine truly enjoyed her grandchildren, always doing things with them and taking them places. She was talented in sewing and made her daughter's clothes and doll clothes. She loved to garden and raise beautiful flowers. She had a lovely sense of humor. Her faith in God was strong, and she instilled that faith in her family.

They also told how Elaine was always delighted to see the first snow - teaching her children and the neighborhood kids to make snow angels and snowmen. She loved going to the mountains for all of the snow sports. Elaine often remarked how she felt so peaceful and close to God in the mountains and snow.

and Elsie Dowd Buck, J.W. was raised in the Illinois Bend area. There, he attended the earlier grades of school and continued school in Saint Jo. He married Mary Imogene Paschal on Sept. 13, 1941. They resided in the Illinois Bend area until moving to Vega, Texas where they lived some 60 years before returning to Saint Jo about four years ago.

Mr. Buck, while in Vega, owned and operated Jay's Garage and Parts House for about 45 years. He was a life-long member of the Church of Christ where he was involved in church activities, including being an elder, doing church maintenance, and singing. He was a devoted Christian, and a dedicated, loving husband, father, and grandfather and a friend to many. He really enjoyed helping the needy or just helping a friend.

J.W. was always involved with civic activities. In Vega, he was mayor, school board president, and served as a volunteer fireman and as a volunteer with the ambulance service.

J.W. served in the U.S. Army in an anti-aircraft battalion from August 1944 to June 1946.

Survivors include wife Mary Imogene Buck of Saint Jo; daughter and husband Melody and Dennis Barkley of Gordonville; sons and wives Billy D and Kay Buck of New Braunfels, Denzil R. and Lyn Buck of Georgetown, and Donald K. and Sandy Buck of New Braunfels; brother and wife: Carlton and Gilda Buck of San Marcos and Jerry and Olga Buck of Pasadena, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Kenneth Buck.

Pallbearers were Gary Pollard, Jay Pollard, Kris Buck, Kit Johnson, Keith Buck, Kyle Buck, Paul Buck, Doak Hunter.

Jerry Fette dies

Jerry Fette of Waco died early Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009. His funeral will be held at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Waco at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. Rosary will be held at Wilkerson Hatch Funeral Home in Waco at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21. Visitation will follow.

An old farmer's advice

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

Aug. 18, 1944
Ralph "Babe" Schumacher, 17, dies from injuries sustained in wreck two days earlier; Billy Seyler is recovering from injuries received in the same wreck. Jacob Pagel home damaged by lightning. Elfreda Luke to receive BS degree at North Texas State in Denton. Cpl. Cecil Cole, reported missing in war, is now listed as casualty of war. New Arrivals: Johnny to Mr. and Mrs. John Ezell; Anna to Urban and Theresa Flusche.

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 21, 1959
Seventeen Benedictine Sisters from Jonesboro, Arkansas arrive for the new school year at Sacred Heart School. The Ray Wildes tour Hawaii as guests of Chevrolet. Leoba (Mrs. George) Mollenkopf breaks leg, but

it's not keeping her from her job at the telephone office! New Arrivals: Marlene and Sharlene to Maurice and Geneva Pagel; a daughter to Victor and Frances Sicking. Newest addition to Muenster Telephone staff is Alvina (Mrs. Joe) Voth. Albert and Dora Henscheid celebrate 35 years of marriage.

25 YEARS AGO

Aug. 17, 1984
Louis Stephenson hired as Germanfest coordinator. Diamond Fuhrmann, 61, injured in tractor accident. Ben and Gertrude Voth celebrate 50th anniversary. Wedding: Betty Ann Trubenbach and Don Flusche. Cody Sicking has appendectomy. Gary Fisher presents insurance talk to Beta Kappa Club. New Arrivals: Audrey to Monte and Janet Barnhill; Susan to John and Dolores Stark.

DPS rolls out several new vehicle inspection designs

Starting Aug. 1, Texas vehicle inspection stickers feature a western cowboy motif. Various images of cowboys will appear on different types of inspection stickers. The new stickers are rolling out over the next several months across the state.

Heselmeyer, director of Vehicle Services for the DPS.

Texas issues 10 different inspection certificate designs, dependent upon factors such as the age of the vehicle, whether it is designated as a commercial vehicle, and whether emissions testing is required.

Inspection certificates issued in previous years will remain valid until their listed expiration dates.

"We wanted to present a new certificate design that was immediately identifiable as being Texan," said JoJo

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take advantage of this opportunity. That time came and went and an extension was approved to Sept. 1, 2011.

HB 1117 was addressed at schools provided for county commissioners. While attending such a school, some of the Cooke County commissioners became curious to see if Cooke County had taken any action. They discovered that nothing had ever been done, and so they contacted a firm of attorneys familiar with the process to see what was involved.

In a letter from Allison, Bass & Associates addressed to County Judge John Roane it stated, "This legislation was passed originally in 2003 to provide a procedure to permanently establish pre-1981 county roads. This is very important for counties with less than a 50,000 population."

Commissioner Hollowell noted that from his perspective, many years ago when people first began to settle in Cooke County, routes were established by horse-drawn buggies and wagons. Eventually, vehicles became the primary mode of transportation. There was a need for roads wide enough for two vehicles to pass. Property owners moved their fences back to allow for roads wide enough to accommodate two vehicles.

Counties provided maintenance for these roads to ensure access and egress to

property owners along the established county roads.

"As a result, the county was granted a prescriptive easement to maintain the roadway between fences," said Commissioner Hollowell. "The county doesn't own any right of way; property owners own to the center of the roadway. The value of that portion of their property has been discounted for taxing purposes."

There are several steps that must occur before a county can complete the Chapter 258 Roadmap Program to ensure the existence of its county roads. These include publication in the ad valorem tax statement of a list of roads presently in the County maintenance inventory, production of a definitive map of these roads for public inspection, and newspaper notice of a public hearing to be held to receive objections or protests to any road claimed by the County as a county-maintained road.

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Psalm 23:6

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	MISD & LISD 1st day of school Muenster 4-H organization Mtg. 6 pm SHHS Pack 664 Cub Scout Parents Night 6 pm SH cafe.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Opening Religious Ed Mass 7 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 30, 2009	Monday, August 31, 2009	Tuesday, September 1, 2009	Wednesday, September 2, 2009	Thursday, September 3, 2009	Friday, September 4, 2009	Saturday, September 5, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.		Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Muenster KC meeting 8 pm Religious Ed Class 7 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP board mtg. 10 am, Stanford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cooke County Antique Tractor & Machinery Show, Lindsay

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James and Kim Huckaby of Myra announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Megan Renae Huckaby of Muenster to Adam Thomas Bayer of Muenster. Adam is the son of Tom and Joyce Bayer of Muenster and the grandson of Tony and Sis Klement and Louise Bayer, all of Muenster, and the late Martin Bayer. Megan is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Etta Boggs of Myra and the late James D. "Huck" and Tommie Joyce Huckaby. The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Era High School. She is currently employed by Dr. Victor Agarwal as a receptionist. The future-groom graduated from Muenster High School in 2002. He attended North Central Texas College and TSTC in Waco. He is employed by Cooke County Electric Cooperative as a lineman. The couple has chosen Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 as their wedding day. The ceremony is planned for 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville with Rev. John Hare officiating.

Wisdom crowned District 3 Miss Texas Farm Bureau

Andi Wisdom, a Crowell High School senior, was recently crowned District 3 Miss Texas Farm Bureau. The contest was held Aug. 3, at Holliday High School.

The young ladies were judged on appearance, poise, personality, and speech. Andi was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for winning the pageant.

She will go on to compete for the 2009 Miss Texas Farm Bureau title at the State contest in Fort Worth on Dec. 5. She will also be

competing for an additional \$1,500 scholarship.

Andi is the daughter of Foard County Farm Bureau members Rocky and Gina Wisdom of Thalia. Her grandparents are Dennis and Norma Hofbauer of Muenster, and Dorothy Wisdom of Thalia and the late Jake Wisdom.

A special note is that Andi's grandmother Norma Jean Walterscheid Hofbauer was the 1956 District 4 Texas Farm Bureau Queen.



Melanie Ann Bartush and Richard William Molinaro III, both of Dallas announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Melanie is the daughter of John and Lanie Bartush of Muenster. Richard is the son of Richard and Kathy Molinaro of Friendswood, Texas. They plan to be married on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas. Father Jerry D. Godwin and Pastor Richard B. Starr, grandfather of Richard, will officiate. Miss Bartush is a graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Muenster, and the University of North Texas in Denton with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Speech Language Pathology. She is employed at Integra Hospital of Plano as a speech language pathologist. She works in the Day Neuro Program doing speech and cognitive therapy with individuals who have experienced a brain injury. Mr. Molinaro is a graduate of Friendswood High School and the University of North Texas in Denton with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Design. He is working for Content Pilot as the senior graphic designer. After the wedding, Melanie and Richard will make their home in Dallas.

Quilt Show coming Aug. 29 to Montague

A quilt show will be a part of the Wild Fire BBQ Cook-off and Festival in Montague on Saturday, Aug. 29. The quilt show is a part of the fun and festivities happening on the square.

The show will open at 9 a.m. and close with the awarding of a people's choice award ribbon at 4 p.m.

If you would like to display a quilt, it must be dropped off on Friday, Aug. 28 between 4

and 6 p.m.

Also on display will be a raffle quilt to be given away that day. The patriotic-themed quilt was pieced and donated by Shirley Rutherford of Bowie and quilted by Debbie Mathews of Montague. Quilt tickets are available at the Bowie Sewing Center, at the quilt show, or you may call Betty Miller at 940-964-2360 or Mathews at 940-894-3039.



Norma Hofbauer and granddaughter Andi Wisdom

Meeting Notice

Gainesville Christian Women Connection
Gainesville Christian Women Connection will hold its September luncheon meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville. The event time is 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the catered lunch is \$10. For reservations, call Nancy at (940) 612-2811 by Monday, Aug. 21.

The special feature will be

Vicki Robertson from CASA and Beth Denison from VISTO, who will give information about their agencies and how they serve the communities.

Darla Mitchell will be the special musical guest. Keynote speaker Jackie Musgrave is a former pageant winner. She shares her story of the best and worst calls she's ever received and how to deal with both.

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Muenster Knights of Columbus prepares to mark its 100th year

**By Dan Hamric
Publicity Chairman**
The year 2010 will mark the 100th year of the Knights of Columbus in Muenster, Texas. Many celebrations will be held in 2010, the largest being the kickoff Centennial Celebration to be held Jan. 16.

A series of articles will be appearing in the *Muenster Enterprise* explaining how the Knights of Columbus fraternal organization came into existence, formed its goals, and how it grew nationally to the international prominence it now has achieved. Focus will be on the first 99 years here in Muenster, featuring founding members, former Grand Knights, top projects, the role the KC Council has played in the church and community, and countless other bits of information that warrant mentioning.

At this time, all members of the local KC Council 1459 are banding together to make the 2010 celebration the most successful venture of its kind in the history of Muenster. Hence, any items/articles/remembrances, etc. will be gratefully accepted from the entire community and area to be used in future articles.

The next few paragraphs will be information and facts as to how the Knights of Columbus began (obtained from the Supreme Council in New Haven, Connecticut with permission to reprint). But before that, one last local note. The German Fun Run (now called the "Germanfest" Fun Run) is making a quilt using every T-shirt since its

inception in 1976. We are missing one year, 1994, and are in dire need for someone to step forward and donate his/her 15 year old shirt! You will be rewarded with a free entry to the 2010 race which will be very special! (I may be reached at 759-4056 or hamric@ntin.net).

The Knights of Columbus, the world's largest lay Catholic organization marked its 125th anniversary March 29, 2007. Founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, along with a few parishioners in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, the group has grown to an international organization of more than 1.7 million members.

The K of C has not only remained true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, but also included patriotism as a fourth principle by which its members are to be defined. The organization is renowned for its dedicated support of both church and country. Its affiliates, known as councils, are largely parish-based and provide regular support to their local church and community.

Despite the worst economic downturn in decades, the Knights once again broke records for charitable and volunteer service.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2008, total charitable contributions reached \$150,036,865 - exceeding the previous year's total by more than \$5.1 million. Knights also volunteered 68,783,653 hours of service - an increase of 87,885 hours compared to the 2007 total.

During the past decade, the Order has donated more than \$1.325 billion to charity and provided nearly 626 million hours of volunteer service support of charitable initiatives. Among these contributions was \$10 million in relief assistance to Gulf Coast residents and Catholic organizations affected by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Other prominent charities annually supported by the Knights are Special Olympics and the Wheelchair Foundation.

Its charitable work also includes substantial support for the Catholic Church in Rome. The K of C funded the restoration of the facade of St. Peter's Basilica during the 1980s, and annually underwrites the cost of the satellite TV broadcasts of liturgical celebration from Vatican City, including the Christmas Midnight Mass. The organization has also established a \$20 million endowment called the Vicarius Christi Fund. The annual proceeds are provided to the Pope in support of his charitable initiatives.

In its dimension as a fraternal benefit society, the Knights of Columbus provides its members a variety of life insurance products for the financial stability of their families. One of the most highly rated insurance companies in North America, the K of C has more than \$61 billion of life insurance in force and consistently earns the industry's highest independent rankings for fiscal management and ethical business practices.

The Knights of Columbus has also been actively involved in American public policy initiatives. Before and throughout World War I, the Knights ran "Army Huts" - facilities that provided recreation, snacks, and comfort items to the troops near bases and near fronts. The huts - whose motto was "Everyone welcome. Everything free." were a predecessor to the USO.

In the 1950s, it was the Knights of Columbus that led the effort to have the words "under God" added to the Pledge of Allegiance. The organization continues to speak out on important social issues today, especially human life matters. Among the many notable Knights over the past 125 years were: Babe Ruth, Connie Mack, Joyce Kilmer, Vince Lombardi, Al Smith, John F. Kennedy, Sargent Shriver, and Ron Gaudry.



Dorothy Hartman presented door prizes to Russell Moronko (above) and Rose Sicking (at right) of her hand made afghans at the recent John and Helena Hartman family reunion. Courtesy photos



Hartman clan holds reunion

Over 215 Hartman descendants attended an extended John and Helena Hartman family reunion on Saturday, July 25 at the Muenster City Park. Relatives attended from all over the state of Texas, plus Nevada, New Mexico, California, Michigan, and West Virginia.

Dolores Swirczynski of

Mineral Wells, the oldest grandchild of John and Helena, gave the welcome and led the prayer before a noon barbecue meal. While some family members visited, others took advantage of the swimming pool to cool off.

A drawing was held to give away two afghans, handmade by Aunt Dorothy Hart-

man. Winners were Russell Moronko of Huttman, Texas, and Rose Sicking of Muenster.

Cooper Hartman, 8 month old son of Tony and Misty Hartman, was the youngest in attendance. The best aged cousin was Hilda Sicking.

Ginny Vogel Sherrill of Fort Worth celebrated her birthday that day and was honored with the Birthday Song.

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Keys to keeping your cool

As temperatures soar, people need to remember to stay cool and hydrated if they are going to be outside.

"In the past, the typical people who used to get in trouble were the ones who couldn't fend for themselves - the very young and the very old," said Dr. Paul Pepe of UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Now, young men and women who work in super-cool office environments during the week and then spend the weekends playing outdoors are getting into trouble because their bodies haven't had a chance to adapt to the hot weather."

Dr. Pepe offers these tips to stay safe:

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting and light-colored clothing.
- Try to exercise early in the morning or later in the evening.
- Stay in a well-ventilated area, even if you're working indoors.
- Water, water. Too much sugar and caffeine is not good, especially outdoors.
- Avoid alcohol - a cool beer or mixed drink might sound good but it only dehydrates you more and impairs your ability to know that you're getting into trouble.
- Use a buddy system so that you can keep an eye on each other.

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County Agent Report

by Wayne Becker

Fall Fest - Local Gardening Seminar, Sat., Sept 12

The Cooke County Master Gardeners are pleased to announce their plans for the 2nd annual "Fall Garden Fest". This program is a half-day seminar that addresses a local gardening interests and issues. The theme for this year is "Going Green".

Three exciting speakers will cover a variety of topics that will help to make your home landscape a greener place.

First, we are pleased to present a local expert, Ashley Hartman, speaking on "Edible Plants in the Landscape." Ashley is the horticulture instructor at North Central Texas College. Everyone that has participated in her classes or has heard her speak quickly becomes a fan of her enthusiastic presentation style.

Next, Roger Sanderson, from the Heard Museum will speak about "Using Native Plants in the Landscape". Native plants can help us reduce inputs like fertilizer and pesticides, while helping to increase our success rate at planting time. Roger is involved daily with native plant restoration projects and is very knowledgeable on both plant varieties and

plant establishment. Finally, Dr. Doty Woodson will be speaking about "Resource Efficient Plants and Landscape Practices". Doty is somewhat of a North Texas celebrity. She gained notoriety as a horticulture expert while working as a County Extension Agent in Tarrant County. She is currently a water resource specialist for the Texas Agrilife Extension Service at the Urban Resource Center in Plano. Doty's knowledge and excitement will make learning about useful landscape practices and adapted plants in the Cooke County area a joy for all that have horticultural interests!

The Fall Garden Fest is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be held at the North Central Texas College's Little Theater. There will be an excellent assortment of breakfast snacks, door prizes, and a noon meal. It is the Cooke County Master Gardener's annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. We look forward to seeing you there!

Dates To Remember
August 27 - TDA Pesticide, Private Applicator Training and Testing; Cooke County Library 8 a.m. - Call for reservation 940.668.5412

"I migliori anni" for students studying in Italy

The year 2009 will definitely be "i migliori anni" for a group of North Central Texas College students recently returned from a summer of study abroad in Italy.

It was the second straight year that NCTC professors Pat Ledbetter and Jane England have headed up the College's Study Abroad program which allows students to earn up to six hours of transferable credit while traveling and studying in Italy.

"And again this summer, it was a resounding and unqualified success—i migliori anni, the best year yet," Dr. Ledbetter said. "For students and instructors alike, it was truly an unforgettable experience."

Dr. Ledbetter explained that students participating in Study Abroad chose to take one or two of three classes offered—World Literature, which she taught, or World History and Art Appreciation, both taught by England.

Students attended classes at the NCTC Corinth Campus for the first three weeks of the semester and then spent the next nine days traveling to Verona, Venice, Assisi, Florence, and Rome, Italy. Once back in Texas, students completed their course work and turned in research/writing assignments

that incorporated personal experiences, information and photos from the tour.

In addition to the site visits arranged by EF Tours, the company handling all travel arrangements and accommodations, professors Ledbetter and England guided the participants through the Uffizi Gallery in Florence and the Capitoline Museum in Rome.

Extras also included a gondola ride in Venice; a trip by water taxi to the island of Murano, famous for producing hand-blown glass for over 1000 years; and an evening bus tour of Rome to see the Coliseum, St. Peter's Basilica, and other sites.

"International study is an effective and exciting way for students to fulfill their degree requirements while gaining insight into the dynamics of other societies," England said.

"The 10 days I spent exploring Venice, Florence, and Rome gave me so much more than surface knowledge and a fun time," commented one of the student travelers. "While I was there, I learned Greek and Roman history and how it has shaped our world today. I experienced a new culture that consists of very friendly, stylish people."

"I made lasting friendships with an amazing group of people. But most of all, I was given an opportunity to

see a part of the world that was foreign to me. The trip has opened me up to trying new food and visiting new places and motivated my desire to go back as soon as I get another opportunity."

It's a learning opportunity and experience that others will be able to take advantage of next summer too.

Due to the success of the 2008 and 2009 sessions, Dr. Ledbetter announced, NCTC is already developing course offerings and travel opportunities for the 2010 Study Abroad in Italy program.

For more information, contact Jane England at 940-498-6244 on the Corinth Campus, or Pat Ledbetter at 940-668-4325 on the Gainesville Campus.



PICTURE POSTCARD MOMENT—Posing in front of the Roman Colosseum are this summer's participants in the 2009 Study Abroad in Italy program sponsored by North Central Texas College. Pictured left to right are: Chelsea Reedy of Denton, Michael Adams of Little Elm, Maurice Robeson of Alvord, Amber Todd of Tuttle, OK, Kelley Gorman of Denton, Breanne Gonzales of Lewisville, Professor Jane England, Anne Walterscheid of Muenster, Charlene McGinnis of Denton, Phillip Pierce of Aubrey, Professor Pat Ledbetter, and Brandon Gorman of Denton.

New items at Muenster Public Library

Fiction/non-fiction titles

Horse Soldiers by Doug Stanton, *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout, *Master Your Metabolism* by Jillian Michaels, *Dead Until Dark* by Charlaine Harris, *Bryson City Secrets* by Walt Larimore, *Mr. and Miss Anonymous* by Ferm Michaels, *Black Hills* by Nora Roberts, *Hope Chest* by Wanda Brunstetter, *Stranger in the Night* by Catherine Palmer.

Junior Fiction/Non-Fiction

Project Sweet Life by Brent Hartinger, *Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Warner, *Clues in the Shadows: a Molly Mystery* by Kathleen Ernst, *Cry of the Loon: a Samantha Mystery* by Barbara Steiner, *Lady Margaret's Ghost: a Felicity Mystery* by Elizabeth Jones, *Tangled Web: a Julie Mystery* by Kathryn Reiss.

Easy/Easy Non-Fiction
Where is the Cake Now? by T.T. Khing, *Three Little Tales* by Eric Kimmel, *Mar-*

ley Goes to School by John Grogan, *Goodnight Moon 1 2 3* by Margaret Wise Brown, *Fancy Nancy Tea Party* by Jane O'Connor, *Goldilicious* by Victoria Kann, *Baby Bear, Baby Bear What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, *I Am God's Paintbrush* by Sandy Sasso, *Roger the Jolly Pirate* by Brett Helquist, *How the Moon Regained Her Shape* by Janet Ruth Heller, *Froggy Rides a Bike* by Jonathan London, *You Can Be My Friend* by Lauren Child, *It's Raining! It's Pouring* by Polly Peters, *Clorinda* by Robert Kinerk, *Night at the Museum* by Milan Trenc, *Step by Step Crafts for Summer* by Kathy Ross, *Really Big Things* by Michael Teitelbaum.

TAX RATE

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proved was \$17,983,968. The amount designated to Interest and Sinking (I&S) was \$820,305.00; Permanent Improvement (PI) was \$1,555,000.00; Farm to Market Roads & Lateral (FM & Lateral) \$205,000.00; and Road and Bridges \$5,818,356.00.

Judge Roane remarked that the FY 2009-10 budget does not include any type of across the board raises for County employees. At an earlier meeting, the Court

had agreed to look into the possibility of a 2% salary increase. After looking at the numbers, they came to the conclusion that for the good of the County, it wasn't possible this time.

The second and final public hearing on the proposed tax rate is set for Monday, Aug. 24 at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom now located at 100 East California, 2nd floor, Suite 214 (Board Room).

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SCHOOL



Students and teachers at Sacred Heart Catholic School are into the routine of daily school life after a week of classes under the belt while most area students will have their first day of school on Monday, Aug. 24. Above - SHCS Preschool teacher's aide Susan Yosten escorts some of her students to waiting parents after school. Janie Hartman photo

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time the number was 255. She was proud to report the Elementary is an "Exemplary" campus and how the dedicated teachers and staff's hard work paid off. Heers also noted past and upcoming workshops, training, and orientation dates.

• Brandon Peavey, high school principal, reported an enrollment of 149 in high school and 82 in junior high. With orientations held, a student assembly will be on Aug. 24 to review policies and procedures for the new school year. He also noted that 55 5th and 6th grade students attended the Summer Band Camp, and the Hornet Marching Band has been working on the season's upcoming routine.

• Technology Director Jeff Prensall reported that 12 Ag/CAD computers are repaired and ready to use. Eleven laptops, a wireless router, and five TI-89 calculators have been ordered for the Special

Ed Department through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act monies. Also, the MISD website has been updated.

• Coach Allen Cross reported 39 students participating in football "two a days." Cross Country has 17 participants.

Delinquent tax collections for June amounted to \$9,196.90, and \$13,594.41 for July.

Additions to MISD staff

Information received for last week's MISD back to school story was not complete. The following were left off of the employees list:

- Library aide/Bus driver - Barbie Barnhill;
- Bus drivers - Shana Haverkamp, Tom Gressett, Pat Walterscheid, and substitute driver - Darren Walterscheid.

Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

applications will be sent home with each student of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

If you think you qualify financially, you must fill out one form per family to apply for free and reduced price lunch and breakfast.



Correction

In an article in last week's *Muenster Enterprise*, Daniel Waneck, Ag teacher at Muenster ISD, who was recognized for commitment to agricultural science, was incorrectly identified as Daniel Womack. Our mistake, Mr. Waneck! We really weren't trying to give you a new name!



April Teachers and Students of the Month shown with the principals at Muenster ISD are, from left, front row - eighth grader Abby Walterscheid, sixth grader Mikaela Lamar, and senior Jordanne Hellman; back row - JH/HS Principal Brandon Peavey, Math teacher Dana Hess, sixth grade Language Arts teacher/JH-HS cheer coach Jennifer Walterscheid, and Elementary Principal Lou Heers. MISD photo

Texas Oil and Gas Statistics

June permits to drill
The Commission issued a total of 842 original drilling permits in June 2009 compared to 2,444 in June 2008. The June total included 685 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 23 to re-enter existing well bores, and 134 for re-completions. Permits issued in June 2009 included 230 oil, 157 gas, 422 oil and gas, 28 injection, one service, and four other permits.

May crude oil completions
Texas preliminary May 2009 crude oil production averaged 894,716 barrels daily, up from 894,639 barrels daily average of May 2008. The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for May 2009 is 27,736,202 barrels, up from 27,733,807 barrels reported during May 2008.

June oil and gas completions
In June 2009, operators reported 506 oil, 1,183 gas, 37 injection, and six other completions compared to 432 oil, 813 gas, 17 injection, and three other completions during June 2008.

Total well completions for 2009 year to date are 9,683, up from 7,759 recorded during the same period in 2008. Operators reported 705 holes plugged and zero dry hole in June 2009.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF AUG. 24 - 28 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corn dogs, French fries, baked beans, peaches, animal cookies.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, hot rolls.

Wed. - Pork rib sandwiches w/barbecue sauce, chips, apples, vegetable sticks, cookies.

Thurs. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Pepperoni pizza, lettuce salad w/dressing, vegetable sticks, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.

Breakfast Menu
(Same menu each week)
Mon. - Sausage and biscuits.

Tues. - Breakfast pizza.

Wed. - French toast sticks and sausage.

Thurs. - Breakfast burritos.

Fri. - Scrambled eggs and toast.

Assorted cereal and milk served every day.

SACRED HEART
Mon. - Pizza, green salad, mixed fruit.

Tues. - Ham, black-eyed peas, applesauce, cornbread.

Wed. - BBQ sandwich, baked beans, carrot sticks, peaches.

Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, strawberries/bananas, garlic bread.

Fri. - Ham and turkey sandwich w/trimmings, potato wedges, oranges.

LINDSAY ISD
Mon. - Cheese pizza, corn, lettuce salad, pears.

Tues. - Chili dogs w/cheese, baked beans, fresh fruit.

Wed. - chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, pineapple, bread.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, peaches, breadstick.

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

ERA ISD
Mon. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, potato wedges, trimmings, fruit mix, pickle spears.

Tues. - Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, gravy, strawberry applesauce, roll.

Wed. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, corn, pears, wacky cake.

Thurs. - Chicken fajitas, shredded cheese, bell pepper and onion, pinto beans, cornbread, pineapple.

Fri. - Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, breadstick, peaches, ice cream.

Breakfast Menu
Mon. - Cereal, oatmeal, toast, juice, fruit.

Tues. - Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice.

Wed. - Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice.

Thurs. - Waffles, eggs.

Fri. - Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice.

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2009 Property Tax Rates in MUENSTER HOSPITAL

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for MUENSTER HOSPITAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$680,020
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$680,020
Last year's tax base	\$405,015,120
Last year's total tax rate	0.167900/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$680,020
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$420,801,516
= This year's effective tax rate	0.161600/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$680,020
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$420,801,516
= This year's effective operating rate	0.161600/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.174500/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.174500/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If MUENSTER HOSPITAL adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.161600 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by \$ 309,584.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	1,605,805

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 201 N. Dixon, Gatesville, TX 76240.
Name of person preparing this notice: Doug Smithson
Title: Chief Appraiser
Date prepared: July 28, 2009

SPORTS



Above, Muenster's defense gangs up on an Alvord runner. Below - Coach Allen Cross and staff watch a running play in the Hornets scrimmage at Alvord last week. Muenster travels again this Friday, in a practice tangle with Perrin Whitt and Ponder in Ponder. Janie Hartman photos



The Sacred Heart Tigers prepare for their final scrimmage of the season, the Lindsay Knights this Friday evening in Muenster. Janie Hartman photo



LINDSAY LADY KNIGHT VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Knights brought home the 3rd place match of the Collin County Spikefest Gold bracket.

In the first round, Lindsay defeated Detroit by scores of 25-27, 25-16, 26-24. Brenna Mlinar led the team with 41 assists. Kristin Martin and Kaylee Murphree each had 17 kills, with Martin also getting 16 digs and 6 blocks. Jordan Fleitman was credited with 2 aces.

In the semi-final match, the Lady Knights came up short against Commerce 25-22, 16-25, 13-25. Mlinar led assists with 16, Martin 12 kills and 8 blocks. Alyx Ethington 9 digs, and Taylor Atkins 3 aces.

In the final game, Lindsay defeated the Melissa Lady Cardinals by scores of 25-20, 25-21. Making the stat sheet were Mlinar with 2 aces (AC), 5 digs (D), and 24 assists (A). Martin had 11 kills (K), 3 blocks (B), and 6 D;

and Murphree 13 K, 3 B, and 6 D to lead the team. Atkins added 2 K and 3D; Fleitman 7 D, 2 A; Ethington 3 D; Katie Nortman 4 D; and Allison Metzler 2 K.

Also contributing to the first round victory were Katie Arendt and Jessica Thurman.

On Tuesday, Lindsay varsity lost to Paradise by scores

of 22-25, 25-20, 25-10, 16-25, 9-15. Mlinar had 28 A, Atkins 13 D, Martin 11 K, and Murphree 15 K and 10 B.

In the second match, the Lady Knights were victorious over Texoma Christian 17-25, 25-14, 25-16, 25-21. Leading Lindsay were Mlinar with 33 A, Murphree 16 K, Martin 14 K and 11 D, Atkins 10 D, and Fleitman 4 AC.

SUB-VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

JV

The Lindsay JV team went to 1-4 this past weekend. On Friday, they lost to Commerce by scores 16-25 and 8-25.

On Saturday, the Lady Knights participated in the Howe JV Tournament. The opening match with Celina saw Lindsay fall by scores of 14-25 and 10-25.

In game two the Lady Knights defeated Farmersville 25-23 and 25-23.

In the consolation game, Lindsay lost to Van Alstyne in close matches 17-25, 25-11, 22-25.

Lindsay won one, lost one in a duel match on Tuesday with Texoma Christian and Paradise. In game one, the Lady Knights defeated Texoma by scores of 25-13, 21-25. Round two was a loss to Paradise 21-25, 21-25.

Freshman

The freshman volleyball

team fell short on Friday against 3A Commerce, losing both games, 27-29, 22-25. "Both games were very close and came down to serving at the end," noted Coach Don Neu. "Unfortunately, they made a few more serves than we did."

On Saturday, the freshmen participated in the Howe Tournament, playing Celina, Farmersville, and Gainesville. Lindsay dropped all three matches.

The team lost two games to Paradise on Tuesday, 18-25, 15-25.

Don't forget to contact the Chamber if you're having a sale during the Community Wide Garage Sale. Be a part of the event. Give your support. Don't steal from others!

New season hunting, fishing licenses now on sale

Texas hunting and fishing licenses for 2009-10 went on sale Aug. 15. Sportsmen are reminded all current Texas annual hunting and fishing licenses (except for the year-to-date fishing license) expire Aug. 31.

Most fees for recreational hunting and fishing licenses have increased by 5%; resident hunting licenses now cost \$25, while the Super Combo all-inclusive license costs \$68. There is no increase in price for any of the required stamp endorsements or the \$48 Annual Public Hunting permit.

Non-resident hunting licenses increase by \$15 from \$300 to \$315, which also reflects a 5% hike.

The resident freshwater fishing package costs \$30 and the saltwater fishing package is \$35.

Effective Sept. 1, the resident lifetime fishing and hunting licenses will increase to \$1,000 and the lifetime combination license increases to \$1,800.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issues 2.1 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through the agency's 28 field offices, more than 65 state parks, and at over 1,500 retailers across Texas.



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Horsman at Nationals

Cassie Horsman and her basketball team Texas Express 2016 took a trip to the AAU Nationals at the Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida in July. The team placed 11th at the competition. They played teams from Louisiana, New York, Georgia, Connecticut, Maryland, and more. The team consisted of under age 10, 5th grade girls.

Lady Knights on Softball All-State Team

Three members of the Lindsay Lady Knights softball team were selected to the Texas Sportswriters Association's All-State Softball Team.

Making 1st Team Outfield was Alyx Ethington. Taylor Atkins was named 2nd Team Pitcher, and Rose Hermes was 3rd Team Outfield.

The Lady Knights advanced to State, ending the season as 1A State Semi-Finalist in June.



Linda Flusche photos

The Muenster Knights of Columbus and the Muenster Jayces competed in a softball game last week with the KCs winning the contest by a score of 12-7. The KCs will make a donation to the KC's organization choice, which has not yet been determined.



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Third CWT herd retirement in nine months to remove 87,000 cows, 1.8 billion pounds of milk

Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) announced that it has tentatively accepted 294 bids in the third herd retirement it has conducted in the last nine months. The 86,710 cows and 1.8 billion pounds of milk accepted in this round, combined with CWT's previous two herd retirements, equal a total production capacity of 4.8 billion pounds of milk being removed since December 2008.

This is the second-largest herd retirement since the farmer-funded self-help program started in 2003. The previous retirement round completed in July removed a record 101,000 cows and 1.96 billion pounds of milk. "These two summer 2009 herd retirements, combined with the USDA's recent price support increases, should result in very positive movement in dairy farmers' milk prices," said Jerry Kozak, president and CEO of National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), which administers CWT.

Farmers in 38 states submitted a total of 312 herd retirement bids last month to CWT. This eighth CWT herd retirement in the past six years was also the first to feature a maximum ac-

ceptable bid threshold of \$5.25 per cwt. It was also the quickest herd retirement following a previous round, which is an indication "that there is still an interest on the part of our members to use CWT to remove more cows, even though the program has been very active in 2008 and to date in 2009," noted Kozak. This round is removing 3,104 bred heifers. Kozak said that "CWT stands ready to conduct yet additional herd retirements later this year in order to help address the severe supply-demand imbalance that has depressed farm-level milk prices. We intend to use all the resources at our disposal to help farmers deal with this severe economic crunch that they're confronting," he said.

Starting next week, CWT field auditors will begin visiting the 294 farms whose bids were accepted, checking their milk production records, inspecting their herds, and tagging each cow for processing. All farmers will be notified no later than Aug. 31, as to whether their bid was among those accepted.

Once CWT field auditors inspect and accept the herds offered as part of the bid-

ding process, farmers have 15 days in which to send their animals to a processing plant. CWT will again provide each farmer the NMPF animal handling guidelines for the proper culling and transporting of dairy cattle, Kozak said.

Producers whose bids are accepted in this herd retirement will be paid in two installments: 90% of the amount bid times the producer's 12 months of milk production when it is verified that all cows have gone to slaughter, and the remaining 10% plus interest at the end of 12 months following the farm audit. If both the producer and his dairy facility - whether owned or leased - do not become involved in the commercial production and marketing of milk during that period.

Cooperatives Working Together is being funded by dairy cooperatives and individual dairy farmers, who are contributing 10 cents per hundredweight assessment on their milk production through December 2010. The money raised by CWT's investment is being apportioned between two supply management programs that strengthen and stabilize the national all milk price. For more on CWT's activities, visit www.cwt.coop

Early weaning beef calves during drought conditions

Traditionally, calves are weaned at six to seven months of age. During drought, forage is generally limiting and early weaning should be considered as a management tool. Time of weaning will have impacts on cow and calf performance as well as health and productivity of the native range or pasture.

Advantages of early weaning

Improved cow body condition. Lactating cows can lose body condition due to the increased nutrient requirements associated with lactation. When drought conditions exist, this situation is usually made worse by lack of forage in drought stressed pastures. By weaning early, the cow's nutrient requirements for lactation are eliminated and cows are able to maintain or increase body condition prior to the fall and winter feeding period.

Improved calf performance

During a drought, calves may not be able to successfully compete with cows for adequate forage. By weaning early and providing a highly nutritious diet, calves can reach their growth potential. Early weaning, coupled with feeding a high concentrate diet, has resulted in increased quality grade at slaughter, according to research conducted at several universities.

Improved conception rates

Weaning early can result in improved conception rates, provided the calves are weaned during the breeding season. This would require weaning calves at a very young age (calves need to be weaned at 45 to 105 days of age to allow increased conception rates). When weaned early enough, cows have a greater opportunity to rebreed in an optimum time frame and an increase in conception rate can be expected.

Improved forage availability for the cow

Early weaning reduces the cows dry matter intake and also eliminates the demand on the forage from the calf. Consequently, the cows remaining on the pasture have access to more forage and demands on the pasture are reduced, which can enhance sustainability and forage production in the future.

Disadvantages of early weaning

Increased attention to management is required. Early weaning requires greater attention to proper health, nutrition, and management practices.

Increased cash costs

Weaning calves earlier will result in increased cash costs for the rancher or cattle producer. Instead of pasture and their mother's milk, early weaned calves will eat high quality grains, hays, protein supplements, and/or commercially prepared feeds. In addition, beef cattle producers must have facilities to feed calves or a custom backgrounder or feedlot to do this work.

Reducing nutrient requirements of the cow herd

Lactation represents the greatest nutrient demand for cows during a year-long production cycle. Lactation increases demand for energy, protein, and other nutrients. One of the simplest ways to reduce nutrient requirements is to wean the calf. This practice can cut nutrient requirements by one-third to one-half depending on milk production of the cow. Early weaned calves can achieve adequate rates of growth if given access to a high quality ration. By the time calves are three to four months of age, they are consuming significant amounts of forage. At six to seven months of age, calves will consume approximately half the amount of forage as a mature cow. Following weaning, dry cows will eat less forage than lactating cows, further reducing demand placed on the pasture. By removing the demands of lactation, acceptable pregnancy rates and calving season length can usually be maintained.

Producers may consider early weaning only a portion of the herd. In that case, logical candidates early weaning are cows nursing their first and second calves. These animals have nutrient requirements for growth in addition to maintenance and lactation.

The nutrient requirements for lactation and growth are given higher priority than the need to reproduce. By removing the demands of lactation on nutrient requirements, growth and reproduction will receive a greater proportion of the nutrients available. Producers may also consider early weaning for cows that are in thin or poor condition.

How early can calves be weaned?

Calves have been successfully weaned as early as two months of age. However, this is not practical under most ranch conditions. Weaning March and April born calves in late July or early August is generally preferable to earlier time frames.

Special health considerations

To ensure the health and well-being of early weaned calves, beef cattle producers must provide an excellent health and vaccination program. Be sure to work with your local veterinarian to properly design a health program which will work on your ranch. The following are general recommendations to follow:

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Summary

Drought conditions are a periodic occurrence in the northern Great Plains. Early weaning is one management option which should be considered during drought. Early weaning will be more successful and less stressful when adequate attention to nutrition, health, management, and facilities is considered. Early weaning should be considered as part of a normal drought management strategy.

Provide protection from flies

- Provide a good quality trace mineral and vitamin (A, D, E) supplement to all calves.

Consider using growth implants. They will increase weight gain and improve feed efficiency. Do not implant potential replacement heifers.

- Provide access to adequate quantities of good quality, clean water. Clean watering equipment on reg-

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TDA market recap

For the week ending Aug. 15, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions were mostly steady to \$4 higher compared to a week earlier. However, auctions in the drought area were mostly steady to \$4 lower with increasing numbers of light-weight feeders coming to sale. Fed cattle were \$1 higher following a slight increase in wholesale beef prices.

Corn and grain sorghum prices declined on prospects for large crops in the Midwest, and wheat prices remain under pressure from large global supplies.

As for futures markets, fed cattle were higher while feeder cattle, cotton, wheat, corn, and lumber were lower.

Topsoil moisture remains in mostly very short to adequate supply statewide. Field preparations for fall wheat seedings are underway in many areas.

Corn harvest is 53% complete and grain sorghum is 58% harvested, both ahead of the normal pace. Peanuts are pegging on 98% of the acreage with the crop in mostly good condition.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.25-1.33; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.05-1.25; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.11-1.27; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.11; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.24; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-99; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 99-1.11; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-99; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 98-1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-98; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 92-98; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-92.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.09-1.21; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.09; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 98-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-98; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 95-1.09; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-95; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 91-97; Nos. 2 & 3, 72-91; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 86-93; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-86.
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FRESH Beef Cutlets LB. \$2.99	JIMMY DEAN - CROISSANT, BISCUIT OR MUFFIN Meal Size Sandwiches 13.6-18.4 OZ. \$4.99
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ASIAN GOLD PEELED AND DEVEINED Cooked Shrimp 41/50 COUNT, 2 LB. \$11.99	OSCAR MAYER FUN PACK Lunchables 10.15-12.45 OZ. \$1.99
FISCHER'S FULLY COOKED SMOKED German Style Sausage LB. \$2.79	OWENS REGULAR Sausage & Biscuits 12 OZ. 2 \$5
BALL PARK REGULAR OR BUN LENGTH Meat Franks 1 LB. 2 \$4	OSCAR MAYER SELECTED VARIETIES Deli Creations 4.9-7.12 OZ. 2 \$5
BALL PARK SELECTED VARIETIES CHEESE OR Beef Franks 15-16 OZ. 2 \$5	MAMA ROSA'S ALL VARIETIES Mini Mama's Pizzas 4 CT. 2 \$5
FISCHER'S MARKET SLICED Roast Beef LB. \$3.29	GOURMET DINING SELECTED VARIETIES Stir Fry Dinners 28-32 OZ. \$4.99
MARKET SLICED VIRGINIA OR Honey Ham LB. \$2.99	CHICKEN NUGGETS, CHICKEN STRIPS OR POPCORN CHICKEN Fast Fixin \$5.00

**On Friday Afternoon, Saturday, & Sunday,
We Have Homemade Pies with
Homemade Pie Crusts!!!**

Fresh Produce

ROCKY FORD Cantaloupes 2 \$4	JUICY Valencia Oranges 5 \$1
FRESH CRISP Celery 2 \$1	TROPICAL KiwiFruit 5 \$1
SEEDLESS Watermelons EACH \$4	BUTTER LETTUCCES, HEARTS OF ROMAINE, OR BABY LETTUCCES BLENDS Dole Salad Blends 5-10 OZ. 2 \$5
FRESH White Onions 2 \$1	
NEW CROP Black Plums \$1	
FRESH BUNCH Green Onions 2 \$1	
FRESH GREEN Broccoli Crowns \$1	
TROPICAL Coconuts EACH \$1	
FRESH Bartlett Pears \$1	
SUPER SELECT Cucumbers 3 \$2	

**We Have Local
Produce!
Our Selection Varies
from Week to Week.
Check Us Out.**

Dairy & Frozen Foods

SHURFINE ASSORTED VARIETIES Ice Cream HALF GALLON ROUNDS 2 \$6	ASSORTED BREAKFAST BISCUITS OR CROISSANTS Jimmy Dean 13.6-18.4 OZ. \$4
LAND O LAKES FAT FREE Half & Half 16 OZ. 2 \$3	SELECTED VARIETIES Birds Eye Voila! 22-23 OZ. \$4
KEY LIME, STRAWBERRY & CREAM, OR CHOCOLATE DREAM Sara Lee Pies 34-37.5 OZ. \$6	WEIGHT WATCHERS SELECTED VARIETIES Smart Ones Entrées 6-11 OZ. 2 \$5
	SELECT VARIETIES FISH FILLETS OR FISH STICKS Gorton's Fish 18.2-19 OZ. \$4
	ASSORTED VARIETIES Shurfine Dip 8 OZ. 4 \$3
	SHURFINE BUTTERMILK OR BUTTER FLAVOR Jumbos Biscuits 5 CT. 5 \$5