

Area set to celebrate Independence Day

A 4th of July Blow Out is planned for Saturday, July 4 beginning at 6 p.m. The event will be held three and one half miles south of Muenster just off of County Road 360 and FM 373. All proceeds benefit the Myra Volunteer Fire Department.

Admission is \$5 per person and includes food, an air show, and live entertainment by Scotty Thurman and Pump Jack Mary. There will also be a raffle.

The City of Saint Jo, the Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department, and the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce invite you to come join them for a fun family event celebrating the 4th of July.

The fun run starts on the city square at 8 a.m. The volleyball and horseshoe tournament start at 9 a.m. at Bogges Park.

Things start to rock at 6 p.m. in Bogges Park with music, parades, games, and contests for all ages, and the FIREWORKS.

This July 4th celebration has a long and wonderful history. Saint Jo hopes that you will plan to make it a part of your family tradition as well.

Gainesville will have its annual July 4th fireworks show in Leonard Park on Saturday. It is free to the public. Fireworks display begins at dusk.

As you celebrate this national holiday, remember what it is that we are celebrating.



Happy July 4th

It's not too late to go shopping for the Independence Day holiday. Not for hot dogs, beer, fishing supplies, or firecrackers, but for an American Flag.

It's time to display the Stars and Stripes to honor everyone who sacrificed so much to win our freedoms. But don't take Old Glory down after the weekend, keep the flag flying every day to honor our service men and women who will not be home enjoying a hot dog and cold drink with their families this 4th of July. Flags will fade and tear, but replacements are not that expensive to see the red-white-and-blue flying everyday.

We are still at war and we have people to honor who are defending "truth, justice, and the American way." So go out and get an American Flag of your own, if you don't already have one flying. It's a positive message that doesn't cost much when you consider the price others have paid, and are paying, for the privilege to fly the colors of this great country of ours.



Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe shows the fire truck they hope to replace soon with a brand new truck. This truck has been having a lot of engine problems. Janie Hartman photo

Muenster VFD forges ahead with plan to purchase new fire engine

By Janet Felderhoff
Residents of Muenster and the surrounding area are fortunate to have a hard-working volunteer fire department that cares about the community and people it serves. The MVFD is also fortunate to have a community that supports its efforts to keep reliable and up-to-date equipment.

The Muenster volunteer firemen have known for some time that they would soon have to replace one of the older trucks. This year, they voted to replace the Department's 1985 E1 truck.

According to Muenster VFD Chief Herbie Knabe, the Department purchased the 1985 E1 engine used in 2000 to replace a 1958 fire engine that had many problems. It was purchased with money raised during their annual fundraiser.

Chief Knabe recalled that in 1999 an ISO (a government group that inspects city and rural areas to determine insurance rates) inspection determined that Muenster was required to have a standby engine. Thus the purchase of the 1985 E1 engine.

Then in 1987, the City of Muenster was forced to buy a new fire engine (120) be-

cause the 1958 was out of date. The new 1987 model could not be taken out of the City limits since the City is required to have an engine ready to fight fires at all times.

"The 1985 model had been a good (fire) engine, but we have had some problems with the engine," Knabe noted. "Some have said why not put a new engine in it. The problem is age and the cost of going from a throw away Detroit engine to one that will work."

The Department has applied for grants for the last four years with the goal of getting the government's financial assistance with the cost of a new fire truck. They have not received any grant assistance so far and have decided not to wait any longer.

Knabe said that the chassis is bought and the body is now being built. The fire truck will be allowed to go anywhere needed to fight fires, both in and out of the City limits of Muenster.

Stronger recovery seen with Swing Bed Program at Muenster Hospital

By Janet Felderhoff
Many words of praise have been uttered in regard to the Swing Bed Program now in place at Muenster Memorial Hospital. Its purpose is to assist patients in their recovery from an accident, illness, or surgery in a facility close to home.

Swing Bed is sometimes referred to as Skilled Nursing. This special program will only be found in small hospitals (less than 100 beds) such as the Muenster Hospital.

The family of one patient had high praise for Muenster Hospital and the care given to their mother Leta Mae Reeves. Mrs. Reeves had a massive stroke in March. Her daughters Doris J. Reeves Hamer and Pat Erlandson said it was devastating to their entire family.

The sisters remarked, "Mother was our rock of stability. When we were told by

the doctors in Harris Methodist Hospital that the possibility of any major recovery was grim, and for much needed care, we should be looking toward placing mom close to our residences."

Thus began the search for a suitable facility. They started by telephone and then personal inquiries, acquiring a list of care facilities. They noted that MMH's Swing Bed was mentioned several times. After speaking with Swing Bed Coordinator Adelia Wilson, they decided to place their mother in Muenster.

"Mother entered the Hospital by ambulance with oxygen and very limited swallowing ability," the daughters recall. "She could not sit alone or look from side to side. Her right side was completely paralyzed. With the wonderful care she received, she now is sitting alone, feeding herself, and

"We have an excellent staff that's very seasoned, very well experienced in all that they do. We have outpatient, Home Health, and Swing Bed."

"It's a pleasure to watch the patients progress in the length of time that we get to work with them."

"I look forward to watching Muenster Hospital grow and grow in the future."

Becky Jones, occupational therapist at MMH, said, "I think the thing that I like most about the Swing Bed Program is the patients who come here have a pretty quick stay, and then they get to go back home and be independent. That's very rewarding as a therapist instead of having to send them to long-term care assisted living."

Adelia Wilson coordinates the Swing Bed Program for Muenster Memorial. Her duties include visiting other facilities to build relation-



Muenster Memorial Hospital offers a Swing Bed Program to patients who qualify. The hospital experience is made better by the combined efforts of the entire staff. An important part of that team are, from left, Occupational Therapist Becky Jones, Director of Rehab Amy Davis, and Swing Bed Coordinator Adelia Wilson, all of whom work together to generate the best plan of care for the patients. Janet Felderhoff photo

Ball battle builds better bounce



Campers at the You Gotta Have Heart Hoop Camp compete in a ball handling game "In the Box" as Sacred Heart Coach Jon LeBrasseur watches for a winner. Pictured from left are - Karla Fernandez, Kinzie Hess, Madison Hesse, Kylie Hess, and Peyton Reiter. The camp held this week had approximately 40 attending. See Sports for more camp pictures. Janie Hartman photo

swallowing with little difficulty.

"There are little words that can express our gratitude to the nurses, therapists, and food preparators the entire staffing at the Muenster Hospital. We made the right choice."

Examples of those who qualify for care in the Swing Bed Program are patients who have an orthopedic surgical procedure requiring physical or occupational therapy, and stroke patients who may transfer from acute care into the swing bed to receive physical, occupational, and/or speech therapy after at least a three days in an acute care setting, and patients who have received three days of acute care and still require long-term skilled nursing services due to the necessity of administering IV medications.

The Rehabilitation Department at MMH is staffed with therapists with more than 40 years of experience among them. Director of Rehab Amy Davis observed,

ships and educate the staff on what they have to offer at Muenster Memorial Hospital. She checks to make sure patients meet criteria and arranges the patients' admission into the program. Once a week, the patient and/or family meet together as a team with the physician, nursing, therapy, dietary, and all departments having anything to do with the patient's care and discuss the patients progress, goals, and plans for discharge.

"To see a patient's quality of life improve through the care and therapies they receive in the MMH Swing Bed Program is the most rewarding part of my job," commented Wilson. "To be a part of the growth and increased interest in our hometown hospital is a very exciting thing."

MMH Administrator and CEO Lynn Heller commented, "As we all know, our health care system in our country is under great scrutiny. Our government leaders See SWING BED, pg. 2

Obituaries

Lewis C. Rigler 1914 - 2009

Retired Texas Ranger Lewis Calvin Rigler died at the age of 94 on June 25, 2009 at Muenster Memorial Hospital after a long battle with cancer. Rigler was the second oldest living retired Ranger.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 29 at First Baptist Church in Gainesville, with Rev. Don Yeager officiating. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday at George J. Carroll Funeral Home.

Lewis Rigler was born Aug. 7, 1914, in Lorena, Texas, to John William and Sadie Willie Rigler. He was six years old when his father died of typhoid fever, leaving a wife and four children with no means of support. Lewis was sent to live and work on an uncle's farm outside Lorena.

In the memoir he wrote more than 60 years later, Rigler described sitting at the edge of the cotton field many mornings, waiting for the first light to begin picking. In spite of the hard work, he kept up with his schoolwork, graduating from high school in 1931, and always dreamed of a better life. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933, then enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1935. He met and married Leah Machacek, a surgical nurse, left the Army, and began studying veterinary science at Texas A&M College.

When the first of his three sons was born, he left college and began his training with the Department of Public Safety in 1941. He served as a State Trooper in Grand Prairie until he received an appointment to the Texas Rangers and was assigned to Company B in Gainesville in 1947.

After 23 years of marriage, Leah died in 1960. Rigler thought he would never marry again, but he met a young lady named Joyce Tucker Tempel and her five young daughters, and that changed his mind. They married in 1963, he adopted five girls, and he said raising his daughters kept him young.

Rigler was active in community and business affairs, including Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, director of the North Texas Bank, and longtime member of the Former Texas Rangers Association.

He retired in 1977 from the Department of Public Safety, but never stopped being a Ranger. He was always blessed with the camaraderie of a fine group of Texas law enforcement officers and associates.

Dallas Morning News columnist Kent Biffle wrote of Rigler, "You won't peg Lewis Rigler right off as a man who wore a Texas Ranger badge for three decades. He shuns big hats, tall boots and clenched-teeth conversations. Five-nine with a paunch, Ranger Rigler once broke his wrist in a fall from a Shetland pony."

After retirement from the Rangers, Rigler entered the field of investment and business consultation and remained active, going to his office six days a week, until poor health forced his retirement in 2007.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Janette and Dorothy, brother Linville, and his first wife.

Rigler is survived by his wife of 46 years Joyce Tucker Tempel Rigler; eight children and their spouses Steve and Connie Rigler, Mike and Joanna Rigler, Erik and Judyth Rigler, Lynda and Jim Hacker, Charlotte and Mel Barnes, Patti and Rick Mercer, Diane Rigler, Janet and Mark Brazelton; 18 grand-



Lewis C. Rigler

children, 15 great-grandchildren, and special cousins.

Pallbearers were grandsons Michael Mercer, Jacob Ranger Blount, Steven R. Rigler, Blaine Rigler, Matthew Murrell, Trevor Rigler, Jimmy Hacker, Cody Brazelton, and Tommy Vaughn.

Honorary pallbearers were William Sullivant, Belvin Harris, Dr. James Cole, Phil Adams, Van Knight, Robert Martindale, Richard Klement, Everett Marler, and Dr. Edd Advincula.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lewis C. Rigler Scholarship Fund at North Texas Central College, 1525 W. California, Gainesville, Texas; The First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 214 S. Denton Street, Gainesville, Texas, or the charity of one's choice.

Joyce Price 1935 - 2009

Funeral services for Joyce Richey Price of Gainesville were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 27 in Clement-Keel Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Melton Pledger officiating. Burial followed in New Rest Haven Cemetery in Gainesville. Joyce died at the age of 74 on Thursday, June 25, 2009 in Denton Regional Hospital. Pallbearers were Bobby Richey, Billy Richey, Johnny Richey, Scott Reed, Tim Richey, Don Hunter, and Jason Hunter.

Born in Sivells Bend on Jan. 7, 1935 to Fred Robert and Dorothy Wyatt Richey, Joyce married Richard Price in Ponca City, Oklahoma on April 14, 1982. She was of the Baptist faith. She was a cook for Era ISD, and at one time was employed by Linda Jo Shoe Company. Joyce loved to crochet.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law Donna and Carvin Moseley of Forestburg, and Vickie and Tim Hess of Muenster; sons and daughter-in-law Sonny and Denise Barnes of Gainesville, and Marc Barnes of Nocona; brothers and sisters-in-law Robert and Velma Richey of Moss Lake, and Larry and Linda Richey of Sivells Bend; sisters Margaret Reed of Wichita Falls; uncle T.C. Wyatt of Winnsboro; and nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband Richard in 2002, her parents, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to Solaris Hospice, 3201 Teasley Lane, Box #10, Denton, TX 76210.

SWING BED

are trying to figure out how to decrease the cost of health care, and at the same time, increase the access to health care. While they ponder how to do that, the folks at the Muenster Memorial Hospital, Muenster Home Care, and the Family Health Clinic are very busy working to increase the availability of health care locally at a reasonable price. A few years ago, our hospital made a commitment to bring to the community a new focus of delivering health care. Our role is not to do complex procedures; large medical centers and specialists are best left to most of those services in which they excel. Our role, as I see it, is to provide good primary care and good rehabilitation. Where the medical centers excel in complex medical issues, we excel in primary care and rehabilitation at a high level.

"One key area is our Swing Bed Program that has been a great success because of the people here. We have employees who have a heart of service, and a sincere dedication to care for the needs of the patients. Our Swing Bed Program helps people of all ages to recover from a wide range of physical needs. It is a privilege for me to work with the employees and physicians that we are blessed to have here in Muenster, and it is very much a joy to serve

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it. *Thomas Paine*

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the wonderful people in this wonderful community." If you or a member of your family finds that swing bed care is something that you qualify for, more can be learned about MMH's Swing Bed Program by contacting Adelia Wilson at 940-759-6162.

Precinct #2 submits road report

By Janet Felderhoff
The road reports for Cooke County Precincts 1, 3, and 4 were included in last week's Commissioners Court story. The report from Precinct #2 was not received until after the news deadline and is now presented.

Precinct #2 Commissioner Steve Key reported that to the best of his knowledge, the roads, bridges, and culverts in Precinct #2 are in fair to good condition.

Key estimated that the amount of money required for road upkeep in the next fiscal year will be \$1,400,000.

The number of traffic control devices in the precinct defaced or torn down varies daily and replacement of signs is ongoing.

No new roads are projected to be opened in the coming fiscal year. According to Commissioner Key, planned improvements include, "Repair of potholes on CR 219, CR 211, Nealy Trail, North Shore Lane, Prairie Grove Road, West Lone Oak Road, and Hemming Road." He estimated that during the next fiscal year it will require approximately \$100,000 in materials to do that work.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING DATE - JULY 6, 2009

The following is the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, July 6, 2009.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
 2. Opening prayer.
 3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on June 1, 2009.
 4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
 5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Consider and take any needed action in regards to drilling new City Water Well, including approving fencing contractor.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Discuss and possibly act on contracting with the Cooke County Tax Appraisal District for assessment and collection of property taxes.
 2. Consider and act on approving purchasing of Kubota tractor and mower.
 3. Review and approve repairs to swimming pool; approve adjustment to budget.
 4. Receive quarterly police activities report.
 5. Consider and act on approving sale of alcohol by Muenster VFD for their BBQ fund raiser in City Park on August 8, 2009.
 6. Schedule FY2009/2010 Budget workshop meeting date.
 7. Discuss and take action on rescheduling September meeting date due to Labor Day Holiday.
 8. Review and act on monthly bills.
 9. Receive report on City projects and activities.
 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the follow: Texas Local Government Code: 551.074-Personnel Matters.
 11. Adjourn.

Brenda Simpson, City Secretary

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, July 5, 2009	Monday, July 6, 2009	Tuesday, July 7, 2009	Wednesday, July 8, 2009	Thursday, July 9, 2009	Friday, July 10, 2009	Saturday, July 11, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	City Council Mtg. 7:30 pm	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. C of C lunch mtg. 12 Rohmer's SH Alumni & Supporters Mtg. 7:30pm SNAP	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Hist. Comm Mtg. Sam Museum Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7-9 City Pool	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP Luncheon 11:30 am Stanford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Ruth Hess Memorial Golf Tournament ABBA 2nd Chance Parking Lot Sale 9-2
		Muenster Swim Program, levels 1-5 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, City Pool				
Sunday, July 12, 2009	Monday, July 13, 2009	Tuesday, July 14, 2009	Wednesday, July 15, 2009	Thursday, July 16, 2009	Friday, July 17, 2009	Saturday, July 18, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	VFW mtg. 7:30 p.m. MMH Aux. mtg. 5 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. MISD Board mtg. 7:30 p.m.	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.
		Muenster Swim Program, Level 7 -- 7 - 8:30; Level 6 -- 8:30-10 Level 1-5 -- 10 & 11, City Pool				

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Fetsch earns BS in Geography degree

Christine Ann Fetsch, a 2005 graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic High School, graduated from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma on Saturday, May 16. She received a Bachelor of Science in Geography degree from the School of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences (A&GS).

A commencement ceremony was held on Friday, May 15, in the Gaylord Family football stadium. President David L. Boren and keynote speaker, David McCullough, addressed 4,000 graduating students, faculty, and family members. The ceremony concluded with a fantastic fireworks display.

On Saturday afternoon, friends and family joined together on OU's historic Campus Corner at Toto's Italian Restaurant. At 7 p.m., the Convocation with presentation of diplomas ceremony began in the Paul F. Sharp Music Hall for the 100 graduates of A&GS. A reception was held afterwards in the Molly Shi Boren Ballroom where parents and friends had the opportunity to meet A&GS professors and staff.

Christine began classes in June 2005. During her freshman year, she worked as a student employee, joined OU's Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society, and participated in OU's Student Chorus. In spring '06, she chose to study the German language, joined the German Club, and eventually completed five semesters, allowing her to know the language, history, and culture on the intermediate level.

After summer 2006 classes, she obtained an IT position with the OU College of Law. During the 2006-07 school year, Christine enjoyed taking her first Meteorology classes at the newly constructed National Weather Center (NWC) located at OU. The NWC is a joint partnership between the U.S. government and OU. It contains offices for NOAA's National Weather Service, the National Severe Storms Laboratory, the Oklahoma Climate Survey (OCS), the School of Meteorology, and more. In March '07, Christine was employed at the NWC as an OCS Mesonet Operator. The Mesonet is a NETWORK of weather reporting stations on the MESOScale. There are approximately 120 stations across Oklahoma that report current temperatures, rainfall,

wind speeds, etc. every five minutes.

After learning more about the field of Meteorology, she decided the major was not specific to her interests. In January 2008, she transferred her credits into Geography. Her first semester in Geography enabled her to obtain an internship in the field. In summer 2008, she qualified as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Intern for Chesapeake Energy in Oklahoma City. In the oil and gas industry, GIS analysts electronically map where a company has mineral rights to the land. Returning for her last year at



Jordan Gattis proudly announces the engagement and approaching marriage of his mother Stephanie Dawn Gattis to Cory Lynn Knabe. Stephanie is the daughter of Gary and Teresa Gattis of Pampa, Texas. She is a graduate of Pampa High School and studying to become an event coordinator. Cory is the son of Linda Knabe of Muenster and the late Gilbert Knabe. He is a graduate of Muenster High School and the University of North Texas. He is currently the co-manager of the Carrollton Walmart. Attendees for the couple will be bridesmaids Hollie Koehn, sister of the bride, Mary Knabe, sister of the groom, Kim Prost, Anita Carter, and Leah Rodriguez, flower girl Haven Barton-Knabe, groomsmen Brian Knabe, brother of the groom, Ricky Gattis, brother of the bride, Greg Fisher, Bradley Fisher, and Joey Martin. Cory and Stephanie plan to be married on Saturday Aug. 1, 2009 in Frisco.



Together with their parents, Melissa Metzler of Era and Eric Felderhoff of Ponder would like to announce their upcoming nuptials. Melissa is the daughter of Karl and Kathy Metzler of Era. She is a 2004 graduate of Era ISD and graduated in 2009 from Midwestern State University with a Bachelors of Nursing. She is currently employed as a nurse at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. Eric is the son of Mark and Terrye Felderhoff of Ponder. He is a 2003 graduate of Fossil Ridge High School and graduated in 2007 from University of Texas in Austin with a Bachelors of Civil Engineering. He currently works for Linbeck Construction in Fort Worth. The couple plans to wed at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2009 at Immaculate Conception Church in Denton with Monsignor Charles King officiating. After they wed, the couple plans to reside in Ponder.



Christine Fetsch

Sidewalk sale to benefit ABBA Women's Center

The Second Chance Resale Store is having a sidewalk sale on Saturday, July 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit ABBA Women's Center. Clearance items will include clothing, household goods, furnishings, small appliances, home decor, toys, books, videos, DVDs, and CDs.

The store is located at 214 N. Taylor and E. Broadway in Gainesville. Regular business hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and first Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 668-2777.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO June 30, 1944

Fire at Main Hotel causes estimated loss of \$4,000; second floor almost totally demolished. Alphonse Felfel wounded in action in France; he was shot through the arm, with the bullet missing the bone. Joe Hess sustains rifle wound in leg in Italy. New Arrival: Carole to James and Sally Flusche.

50 YEARS AGO July 3, 1959

Eight post lights installed outside Sacred Heart Church. Moisture measure for June is 5.70 inches. Obituary: Rose (Mrs. Theo) Miller, 59. Jimmy Lawson is dismissed from Baylor Hospital after double hernia surgery four days earlier. New Arrivals: Stephen to Joe and Viola Schmidtkofer; Ronald to Freddie and Betty Neu. Wedding: Elfrieda Block and Leo Wagner. Hofbauer's Food & Locker advertises six cans corn for \$1, four cans lemonade for 29¢, and two cans shoestring potatoes 19¢.

25 YEARS AGO June 29, 1984

Muenster sewing plant reopens under the name Frybrant Industries, Inc.; expects to employ 25 by year's end. Shane Wimmer, 13 year old son of Larry and Pat Wimmer, gets movie roll as extra in *The Jesse Owens Story*. Oklahoma man indicted for theft of pickup of Matt Sicking. Weddings: Vickie Muller and Monty Brouse; Diane Haverkamp and Samuel Zimmerman; New

Arrivals: Crystal to Robert and Linda Lutkenhaus; Shawn to Glenn and Jeanie Hess; Daniel to Tommy and Mary Henscheid.

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Say it isn't so!

New Arrival

Cameron

Mark and Melinda Cameron of Roanoke joyfully announce the arrival of their daughter Maleina Faith Cameron on Friday, June 5, 2009 at 8:15 a.m. in Baylor Hospital of Grapevine. Maleina weighed 6 lb. 13 oz. and was 20 inches in length. Welcoming their new baby sister is two year old Marissa Genavia and 11 month old Makenna Elise. Proud grandparents are August and Paula Fleitman of Muenster and Rosa Millan of Arkansas and the late Harold Cameron.



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KEEP MUESTER BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE MONTH for June was awarded to the home of Willie and Margie Wimmer. The Wimmers' yard on North Cedar Street in Muenster features many blooming plants and trees. The front yard offers only a glimpse of the many botanical wonders that one finds in the inviting backyard. There are 18 hanging pots, 25 large containers, and more than 200 bedding plants in various beds around the yard. Hanging baskets are planted with ferns, airplane plants, purslane, Swedish ivy, moss roses, and coleus. Pots contain a mixture of plants including sweet potato vines and diamond frost. There is a raised bed herb garden filled with lavender, bronze fennel (for butterflies), thyme, rosemary, and marjoram. Sixty geranium plants brighten one flower bed. Other raised beds contain dahlias, hostas, curly leaf geranium, button chrysanthemums, coleus, ferns, such as sword and foxtail, coral bells, and trailing petunias. Trees and shrubs include Texas Mountain Laurel, forsythia, snowball, Carolina jasmine, wisteria, crepe myrtle, Bradford pear, and Chinese pistachio. There is a bed with a mix of cross vine and roses. Many little garden creature statues make their homes in the Wimmer garden. Margie enjoys collecting the statues and her variety of plants from garden nurseries everywhere she goes. To nominate a yard for Yard of the Month honors, call any member of Keep Muenster Beautiful or the *Muenster Enterprise* at 759-4311.

Necessities for a butterfly garden

Provide flowers
Dense "clusters" of small flowers such as zinnias, marigolds, tithonia, buddleia, milkweeds, verbenas, and many mint family plants generally work well.
Plant good nectar sources in the sun!
Your key butterfly nectar source plants should receive full sun from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Butterfly adults generally feed only in the sun. If sun is limited in your landscape, try adding butterfly nectar sources to the vegetable garden.

No to insecticides!
Insecticides such as malathion, Sevin, and diazinon are marketed to kill insects. Don't use these materials in or near the butterfly garden or better, anywhere on your property. Even "benign" insecticides, such as *Bacillus thuringiensis*, are lethal to butterflies (while caterpillars).

Feed caterpillars.
If you don't "grow" caterpillars, there will be no adults. Bringing caterpillar foods into your garden can greatly increase your chances of attracting unusual and uncommon butterflies, while giving you yet another reason to plant an increasing variety of native plants. In many cases, caterpillars of a species feed on only a very limited variety of plants. Most butterfly caterpillars never cause the leaf damage we associate with some moth caterpillars such as bagworms, tent caterpillars, or gypsy moths.

Wilde family enjoys trip to California

On June 3, Marcy Wilde flew out of Dallas with her daughters Jan Cain of Muenster, and Tina Womack and her daughter Hailey Womack of Nocona. They were on their way to San Diego, California for a long-awaited trip to her youngest daughter Renee Martin's home. The remaining daughter, Joni Sturm of Muenster, flew to San Diego the next day to join in the vacation. Renee and Tom Martin's daughter Meagan was graduating from high school. Marcy had already attended Hailey's graduation from Nocona High School the previous Friday. This was the first trip the Wilde girls were able to enjoy together.

While at Renee and Tom's home, the women relaxed and enjoyed the cool California weather, including nightly trips to the Martin's hot tub! The events for the week included hanging out by the Martin pool, shopping, and a day at the beach. One day was spent strolling along the sidewalk around Mission Bay where Tom's sister Kathy Shipley lives. After taking in Renee's youngest daughter Carly's seventh grade Theater Arts play, the family enjoyed dinner together.

On Friday, June 5, Meagan graduated from Granite Hills High School as an Honor Student. She graduated 16th out of a class of over 600 students. Many family members enjoyed the weather in the outdoor set-

ting, watching Meagan receive her diploma. The next day, Renee and Tom hosted a party at their house for both graduates. Over 50 friends and family members joined in the festivities of Mexican food and reuniting of the Wilde family and the Martin family. Pictures were taken of the two girls with a cake congratulating them.

Meagan plans to go to the University of California at Santa Barbara in the fall. Hailey received a music scholarship to Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, where she will march in the marching band in the fall, and participate by playing the oboe for the symphonic band in the spring.

Before the Wilde group could leave for Dallas, Marcy's son-in-law Tom and grandson Steven packed a care package for them consisting of home-grown oranges and tangerines. It was difficult leaving after just a week in California, but plans were being made to make another trip soon.



Megan Martin and Hailey Womack

Save water

Water accountability
Make sure your home doesn't have hidden water leaks. Do a quick check by reading your water meter before you leave for a few hours (as long as the house is empty when you're gone). If your meter doesn't have the same reading when you return, you probably have a leak.
For additional water (and money) saving tips and to find out how water savvy you are, visit SaveWater-America.com. For each visitor who takes the water savings quiz, Kohler will donate \$1 of product to Habitat for Humanity.

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Texas' August sales tax holiday will get bigger

Great news for back-to-school shoppers. For the first time since it began in 1999, the annual August sales tax holiday will include many school supplies.

"A lot of families look forward to saving their hard earned money during the sales tax holiday weekend," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Now they can make their back-to-school budgets stretch even further because more than two dozen school supply items will be tax-free."

House Bill 1801 identifies school supplies priced less than \$100 that will be exempt from state and local sales tax for the tax-free weekend. Pens, crayons, calculators, notebooks, rulers, scissors, and lunch boxes are a few of the items on the list. The full list can be found below.

These items are in addition to school backpacks and most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 that are already tax-free the weekend of Aug. 21-23.

The Comptroller's office is sending information to retailers about implementing the expanded sales tax holiday.

Tax-free school supplies

Binders, legal pads, blackboard chalk, lunch boxes, book bags, markers, calculators, notebooks, cellophane tape, paper (loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, construction paper), compasses, composition books, pencil boxes and other school supply boxes, crayons, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pencils, folders (expandable, pocket, plastic, manila), pens, glue, paste and paste sticks, protractors, highlighters, rulers, index cards, scissors, index card boxes, and writing tablets.

Local Girl Scouts complete work on Horse Sense badge

Girls Scout Troop 4614 visited the home of John and Mary Dangelmayr to complete requirements for their Horse Sense badge.

Mary stressed that safety above all is important when working with horses. The troop learned about different types of tack and how to care for it, safety rules to use on and off the horse, the difference between walk, cantor, and gallop, and how to hold a horse for a farrier.

Different careers for horse lovers were discussed. The Girl Scouts learned that Mary was a past Girl Scout and loved horses at an early age. Her horse hobby became a career now as she works for a veterinarian.

The Scouts enjoyed the afternoon grooming and riding the horses. Those participating included Lora Walterscheid, Mikaela Lamar, Traci Vogel, and Rachel Hare.



Photos by Janie Hartman



Have a Safe & Happy 4th of July!!!

The Muenster Volunteer Fire Department

is now soliciting donations for their annual fundraiser & auction set for August 8. If you wish to donate, call Bert Walterscheid at 736-6203 or Delanne Walterscheid at 759-4785 or any MVFD fireman.



Mary Dangelmayr, at right, teaches Girl Scouts, from left, Lora Walterscheid, Mikaela Lamar, Traci Vogel, and Rachel Hare about horse care and safety. Courtesy photo

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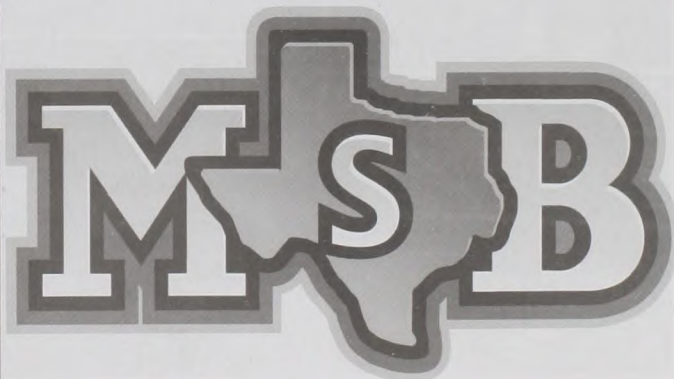
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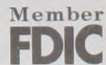


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SPORTS

Baits and lures for farm pond fishing

Lazy days spent fishing a farm pond are some of the best times afield. Many old-timers got their start this way, while today's kids often follow suit and catch their

first fish from a pond. Stock your tackle box with a few well-worn favorites and you can also catch farm pond fish this summer.

"I always try to keep a good supply of some type of plastic worms," said Andy Mowrey, an avid farm pond angler and stream restoration biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "I also like the good old-fashioned topwaters like Hula Poppers and Jitterbugs. Also, I keep some kind of jig-and-pig or crankbait; something that moves faster than a plastic lure."

Southwestern District Fisheries Biologist Eric Cummins keeps topwaters in his tackle box when targeting bass in farm ponds. "A buzzbait in white and chartreuse or a Pop-R are always a good bet," Cummins said. "If the fish are willing, I always go the topwater route for bass." As summer progresses, many farm ponds become inundated with moss, or filamentous algae. Anglers should change up their lures when fishing these ponds.

"You can use plastic worms or a 'do-nothing' worm if the farm pond has a lot of vegetation," Cummins suggested. "As the name implies, it's not weighted. You work it slowly and can hook it a variety of different ways to give it the action you're after. It will help keep you out of the moss."

Cummins again recommends chartreuse and white for these baits. "You can go

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Ignoring the heat, chiggers, ticks, and mosquitos last Saturday, archers competed in the 3D Archery Shoot on Bartush land near the Red River. Courtesy photo



The Muenster Knights of Columbus defeated the Lindsay KCs 30-22 in last weekend's Kraut Klassic ball game. At left, Wes Wimmer at bat, below, Oogie Pagel. Above, Muenster accepts the winning trophy. Courtesy photos



Dove seasons set for Texas hunters

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service SRC (Service Regulation Committee) has approved the 2009-10 Texas dove season, including a 70-day season, and a 16-day early teal season.

Additionally, the SRC approved moving the Texas South Zone dove season opening the Friday nearest Sept. 20, but no earlier than the 17th. This year the season will open Sept. 18.

Texas dove season in the North and Central Dove Zones will run from Tuesday, Sept. 1 through Sunday, Oct. 25 and reopen Saturday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 9, with a 15-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves.

The South Zone dove season will run Sept. 18 - Nov. 3, reopening Dec. 26 - Jan. 17 with a 15-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves.

Possession limit is twice the daily bag for all migratory game birds except light geese, which currently does not have a possession limit.

The Special South Texas White-winged Dove Area will open to white-winged dove afternoon-only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two full weekends in September running from Sept. 5-6 and 12-13 and reopen when the regular South Zone season begins on Friday, Sept. 18 through Tuesday, Nov. 3 and again from Saturday, Dec. 26 through Wednesday, Jan. 13. The Special White-winged Dove Area season takes four of the allowable 70 days, so when the regular season opens, this area must close four days earlier than the rest of the South Zone. The daily bag limit is 15 birds, not more than four mourn-

ing doves during the first the general season opens, two weekend splits and two the aggregate bag limit will white-tipped doves. Once be 15.

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Twenty-two Muenster girls attended TABC Camp at Southwestern University in Georgetown June 13-15. All three teams with players from Muenster went undefeated during regular game play. Macie Pagel, Bailey Klement, and Morgan Eldridge were members of the Championship team in the JuCo Division. The other two teams took second place overall in their division. Receiving the Miss Hustler award were Amber Walterscheid, Adrian Rohmer, Lauren Rohmer, Kristen Reiter, Kyla Haverkamp, and Cassie Horsman. Walterscheid and Reiter also won the Lay-Up Award, and Rachel Hare the Hot Shot Award. Also attending were Peyton Sanders, Abby Pagel, Sydney Huchton, Kendi Bayer, Hannah Bayer, Shelby Sicking, Tressa Jones, Morgan Flusche, Brianna Rohmer, Katie Pagel, Claire Schneider, and Allie Walterscheid. Courtesy photo



Lady Hornet Champs - from left, front - Tara Atkins, Kyla Haverkamp, Morgan Flusche, Katie Pagel, Rachel Hare; Back - Coach Shawn Flusche, Kassie Dangelmayr, Coach Randy Reiter, Kristen Reiter, Kaylee Hennigan, Coach Ron Dangelmayr, Brianna Rohmer, Claire Schneider, and Makayla Moster.

Young Lady Hornets take first

The Lady Hornet 2015 softball team won the ASA District 13 Class C Championship for the 12 and under age division. The tournament was a double elimination tournament. Their first game was played Saturday, June 6 in Denton at 9:30 a.m. and the girls lost to the Sanger Lady Rangers. If the girls were to lose one more game, they would be eliminated from the tournament, so the pressure was on! They played two more games Saturday. The first

was at 2 p.m. against Decatur Fire, and the second at 8 p.m. against the Pilot Point Lady Cats. Muenster was victorious in both games. In order to get to the championship game, the girls had a long day cut out for them on Sunday. They needed to win all three games which were played back-to-back. The Lady Hornets began their first game at 8 a.m. playing against Bridgeport Thunder and came out with another win. Next, at 9:30 a.m., the Highland Lady Rockets were eliminated

from the tournament with a loss against the Lady Hornets. The third game of the day began at 11 a.m., with the Lady Hornets facing the team that handed them their first loss, the Sanger Lady Rangers. The Lady Hornets played with all heart and walked away with a win that put them in the championship game. The start time for the seven-inning, no time limit championship game was 12:30 p.m. The Lady Hornets took on the Flower Mound Hurricanes who had played only one game at 9:30 that morning. Muenster won the game by a score of 13 to 5 and brought home the tournament championship!

PONDS

crazy and use pinks and such, but usually I keep it simple," he said. Catfish are farm pond favorite, and good baits can be as close as the refrigerator. Mowrey recalls hooking a monster blue cat on a piece

of hot dog as a kid. Cummins uses chicken livers, worms, and grasshoppers. "If you dare, you can use stink baits," Cummins said. "But that comes at a price." Head to the water early in the day as the weather

warms up this summer. The fish are biting and the best fishing hole may be as close as your favorite farm pond. Author Hayley Lynch is an award-winning writer for Kentucky Afield magazine. She is an avid hunter and shotgun shooter. The Fishing Wire

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Fishing River Crappie

Finding crappie in rivers can be a whole lot easier if you remember these tips: Crappie rarely challenge the main flow of a river, preferring to use eddies, slack water, and cover that breaks the current. Crappie will spawn out of current in areas that warm quicker than the main flow with peak spawning at 66 to 70 degrees water temperature. Vertical cover that extends from the river bottom to above the surface is nearly always good holding places for crappie in rivers with heavy current. The heavier the current the wider the cover must be to hold them. In rivers with slower current, trees, brush, and stumps become more important as crappie holding areas. Crappie will almost always use the down-current side of cover. To catch crappie in rivers, you have to find them first and these tips should help.

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FARM AND RANCH

Food prices likely to climb again

Consumers will pay more for their food in 2009 than in past years, but the higher tab will be less than the jump seen at cash registers last year, according to a recent story on MeatingPlace.com.

"Prices on average at grocery stores and restaurants are predicted to increase above the historical average, but nowhere near where they were in 2008," said Ephraim Leibtag, an economist in the food markets branch of USDA's food economics division.

The consumer price index for food is expected to rise between 3% and 4% in 2009, compared with a typical annual increase of 2% to 3% over the past decade, Leibtag said. It rose 5.5% in 2008.

The cost of food consumed away from home is expected to rise 3.5% to 4.5% in 2009,

while both beef and pork prices are projected to rise 1.5% to 2.5%, and the price of poultry is expected to increase 2% to 3%.

Among the culprits behind 2008's spike in prices were higher costs of commodities including corn, wheat, and soybeans; higher energy and transportation costs; and increased U.S. exports due to a weaker U.S. dollar and growing global demand, said

Leibtag, speaking on a conference call to clients of Janney Montgomery Scott.

Since last year, food commodity costs have come down from the summer's highs, energy prices are also down, and domestic and global demand have weakened, Leibtag said. While food commodity prices are down 22% from their 2008 peak, they are still up 38% since January 2006, he noted.

AG BRIEFS

Use a 45 to 90 day calving season to help you closely observe cows to assist with delivery problems when necessary. Remember - every calf saved adds income.

Leaving residue on the surface of the field controls wind and water erosion.

One ton of corn residue left in the field contains about 17 pounds of nitrogen, four pounds of phosphate, 50 pounds of potash, and three pounds of sulfur.

All types of thistle weeds should be sprayed in the early stages of growth for best control.

Long line at the Market



In on trailers - out in coolers. Trailer loads of livestock lined up on East 3rd Street and down Oak Tuesday morning waiting to unload at Fischer's Meat Market. Twenty-five beef were processed on that day. The norm is 18 beef and 10-12 hogs. Tuesdays and Thursdays are slaughter days at Fischer's. The local meat market is one of few in north Texas that process meat for individuals, and the largest. Janie Hartman photo

TDA market recap

For the week ending June 27, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were mostly steady to \$3 higher per hundred-weight, but some late-week sales were as much as \$3 lower, especially on calves weighing less than 500 pounds. Finished cattle prices were steady.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle, finished cattle, and cotton were higher, while wheat, corn, and lumber were lower. Most of the state recorded little or no rainfall last week, while parts of North Texas had up to two inches of rain. Record or near-record high temperatures were also reported in many locations.

Wheat harvest progressed to 70% complete compared to 79 on average by this date, with the crop reported in mostly very poor to fair condition.

Grain sorghum planting is nearing completion in the High Plains. The crop is maturing quickly in South Texas and the Upper Coast. Pastures were reported to be in mostly very poor to fair condition across the state because of the hot, dry weather.

COUNTY AGENT REPORT

Cooke County Beef Cattle Association Annual Meeting

The beef cattle industry is a very important part of the local economy.

In 2009 estimates have valued the industry in Cooke County at \$45.2 million! Beef production is segmented by cow/calf production, stocker operators, and feeding/finishing. Whichever segment you participate in, the Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association (CCBCIA) hopes to offer something to you. CCBCIA is a non-profit organization, associated with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. It is composed of independent cow/calf producers and agri-business representatives with a vested interest in the beef industry. The organization works to enhance the beef industry in Cooke County and surrounding area.

July 18 is the date that has been set for the 2009 annual meeting. This meeting is part of an increased effort by CCBCIA to offer real and visible services to area cattlemen.

Producers and spouses are invited to attend and enjoy an evening of camaraderie, food, and education. Area businesses with a stake in the cattle industry are sponsoring the night, and will be on hand to exchange information and ideas with participants.

The agenda for the night is as follows: 5:30 visit booths and social time; 6:45 brisket dinner; 7:00 vaccinations, Dr. Glenn Rogers (Pfeizer);

7:45 Trichomoniasis update, Bobby Crozier, (TAHC Supervisor); 8:05 business meeting.

If you are interested in the cattle industry, you are invited to attend! Please RSVP to 940.668.5412 by July 14. **Agricultural webcourses available for small acreage landowners**

The small acreage landowner is a growing segment in Texas agriculture. Per Ag Census statistics, 38% of all farms and ranches in Texas are ranked under 50 acres in size. The small acreage farm or ranch owner may have purchased their small acreage operation for many reasons - retirement, a source of alternate income, or to impart a life-style change. Small scale farmers/ranchers many times have arrived in the enterprise with the need for education concerning enterprise choices, basic production guidelines, as well as advice on marketing strategies and agricultural legalities. One characteristic also typical of small scale farmers/ranchers is that they have hurried schedules in many cases, but are considered very technically astute.

With the growing success of University level distance learning opportunities, the same webcourse access is now provided for adult learners in non-degree seeking courses. The Small Scale Web-Based Program is targeted to small scale farmers/ranchers in need of agricultural courses to address some of the most common small acreage en-

terprises and problems. The courses are completely asynchronous (can be completed in time available) but at the same time, interactive. The courses will be conducted using the Moodle course management system. The fee for taking the webcourses is low at \$50 per course for the introductory courses. Interested small acreage landowners may visit the Small Acreage Landowner Webcourse website at <http://grovesite.com/tamu/RI> or "myspace" page at <http://www.myspace.com/smallfarmprogram> for more information on the courses currently available and the course schedules. Registration can be done directly at <http://agrilifevents.tamu.edu/>. This educational opportunity is being offered through Texas AgriLife Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System. Courses will be added during the 2009 year, so save the link and check back frequently.

Courses being offered are: The Beef Cattle Management Course (6 week course) July 27 - Sept. 4, Oct. 5 - Nov. 13, and Jan. 4 - Feb. 12, 2010.

The Resource Inventory Course (4 week course) July 6 - July 31, Sept. 14 - Oct. 9, and Nov. 30 - Dec. 30.

The Pasture Management Course (5 week course) July 6 - Aug. 7, Aug. 14 - Sept. 14, and Nov. 2 - Dec. 4.

The Introduction to Enterprise Budgeting Course (3 week course) July 20 - Aug. 7, Sept. 28 - Oct. 16, and Jan. 11 - Jan. 29, 2010.

Dates to remember

July 18 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Association Annual Meeting, Gainesville K of C Hall - 5:30 p.m.

July 28 & 29 - Farm Service Agency and Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Workshop, Call 940.665.4397 for appointment.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.32; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.05-1.15; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.31; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.10; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.04-1.16; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.04; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 99-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-99; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 95-1.03; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-95; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 92-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-92.	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame \$800-\$1020; Medium Frame \$600-\$775; Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame \$1,000-\$1,240; Medium Frame \$600-\$975; Baby Calves: Holstein: \$35-\$60 Cross Breeds: \$50-\$255; Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 230-270: 48-52; US #2, 220-280: 44-48.	Ewes (per lb.) Stecker: 35-43; Thin: 15-25; Fat: 20-30. Bucks (per lb.) Thin: NT; Fat: 30-35. Barbards (per head) Lamb: \$20-\$45; Ewe: \$35-\$65; Bucks: NT. Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$15-\$40; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$65; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$85. Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs., \$85-\$125. Nannies (per head) Stecker: \$40-\$85; Milk Type: \$40-\$85; Slaughter: \$45-\$100; Thin: \$20-\$40. Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeder: \$100-\$120 Slaughter: \$90-\$110. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT, 3/4 Nanny: NT Full Nanny: \$65-\$115 1/2 Billy: NT, 3/4 Billy: NT, Full Billy: \$100-\$115
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.02-1.11; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.02; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 97-1.11; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-97; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 92-1.14; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-92; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 90-99; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-90; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 90-96; Nos. 2 & 3, 72-90; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 83-92; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-83.	Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs.: \$50-\$80; 25-90 lbs.: \$15-\$45. Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 or less: 28-34; Light wt., 400-500: 30-36; Med. wt., 500-600: 34-38; Heavy wt., 600+: 34-38. Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: 03-05; 200-300 lb.: 05-07; Light wt.: 10-17.	Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 1.00-1.20; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs. 1.10-1.25; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 90-115.

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